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## TURN UP THE HEAT THIS SUMMER WITH YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER!

*Publisher*  
**Lori Cornell**

In our quest to expand our reach and relevance, we are extremely proud in this edition to announce our brand new "Party in the CHQ" section of your weekly Chautauqua Gazette! Beginning this week, we are launching an in-print and online "Summertime Go-To Guide for all the Hottest Bars & Bands" in Chautauqua County. We will work hard to be your summer source as you plan your week and head out for some fun.

Why the quest? Since first buying this beloved community newspaper from its esteemed founder Stacey Hannon two years ago, I've had scores of well-meaning readers suggest: "You should make the Gazette like the old Nite Line," a prominent Jamestown-based entertainment publication from yesteryear that specialized in giving readers the most comprehensive glimpse of local entertainment. I wasn't opposed to incorporating such a concept into our existing community news format, which showcases local organizations, events and small businesses - but, like everything on our to-do list, I

knew it would be a project.

I recently hopped online to check my Nite Line facts, and interestingly enough, A.I. told me this: "Nite Line Magazine, formerly a local print media and magazine publisher located at 192 Falconer Street in Jamestown, NY, was dissolved and is officially recorded as permanently closed. If you are looking for current, localized community news coverage or events in the same region, you may be interested in other active local publica-

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## THE MAGIC IN MUSIC

*Featured Writer*  
**Marc Scapelitte**

Music often ebbs and flows with the contours of our life, narrating each phase as we are drawn in by different artists who match our energy in those moments. Whether it was the angsty rock that fueled a rebellious and confused teen and young adult, the deeper progressive music I explored in my late 20s as a developing musician, the downtempo flavors of my spiritually contemplative time, or the nostalgic '80s and '90s rock that brought the big kid back out in me, I've always embraced music as a complement to my emotional voice. As a Gen Xer '80s kid, I was fully immersed in the pop music of the time, as most of us were. There was something about the dramatic, yet upbeat and exploratory energy artists were putting into the music, making it a magical time to be a kid. Although every generation had music that was equally nostalgic, I can whole-



heartedly (with a tinge of bias) say that the '80s were entirely unique, as if the world stood still for a decade to experiment with something before moving on. With that said, if you had told me that I'd be a musician who would go on to play over 1,000 shows with over 20 bands, I would have said you're completely out of your mind. Why would I have doubted you? Well, growing up, I was a massive

introvert. Yes, I liked getting into things, but it was usually all done with me, myself, and I. I found comfort in my own thought processes and imagination, but I never really dared to project that outward to anyone else. The thought of putting myself out there, be it creating art that others could see or hear, or just being the

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**Live Music With Shawn**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**  
Splash | Bemus Point  
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## TUESDAY, JUNE 9

**Memory Café: Karen Hewes Suber**  
**12 PM**  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)

**Zeke's Music Trivia | 6 PM**  
The Empty Pint | Lakewood  
For Info: [lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events](http://lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events)

**Trivia Tuesdays | 7 PM**  
Labyrinth Press Company  
Jamestown  
For Info: [labpressco.com](http://labpressco.com)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 - SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**Juice Box One Act Play Writing Competition | 7 PM**  
Lake Shore Center for The Arts  
Westfield  
For Info: 716-224-2135 or [lakeshorecenterforthearts.com](http://lakeshorecenterforthearts.com)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 - THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**Live Music With Shawn**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**  
Splash | Bemus Point  
For Info: [splashbemus.com](http://splashbemus.com)

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

**Dunkirk Farmers Market**  
**9 AM-2 PM**  
45 Cliffstar Court | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-338-2460 or [dunkirkfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:dunkirkfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

**Jamestown Mobile Market**  
**11 AM-1 PM & 1:30-2:30 PM**  
Prendergast Library (11)  
Silvertree Seniors - Anderson Manor (1:30)  
Jamestown  
For Info: [jfmny.org](http://jfmny.org)

**Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild - Quilts of Valor | 6 PM**  
5 Corners Community Church Busti

**Movies at The Reg: To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar | 7 PM**  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11

**Cardio Drumming**  
**9 AM-9:45 AM**  
Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk  
For Info: (716) 366-7530

**Jamestown Mobile Market**  
**11 AM-12 PM & 12:30 PM-1:15 PM & 2:30 PM-3:30 PM**  
The Chautauqua Center (11) Silvertree Seniors - Methodist Gardens (12:30)  
Chautauqua Opportunities (2:30) Jamestown | For Info: [jfmny.org](http://jfmny.org)

**Forestville Farmers Market**  
**1 PM-5 PM**  
Main Street | Forestville  
For Info: 716-934-8534

**Thursday Trivia Night | 6 PM**  
The Empty Pint | Lakewood  
For Info: [lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events](http://lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events)

**Cabana Sam's - Dave Arian**  
**7 PM**  
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving  
For Info: [sunsetbayusa.com](http://sunsetbayusa.com)

**The Village Casino - Jamie Smith**  
**7 PM - 10 PM**  
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point  
For Info: [bemuspoincasino.com](http://bemuspoincasino.com)

**Open Mic Night | 9 PM - 12 AM**  
The Wine Cellar | Jamestown  
For Info: [TheWineCellarFacebook](http://TheWineCellarFacebook)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**Live Music With Nicholas Nasibyan**  
**6:30 PM - 9:30 PM**  
Splash | Bemus Point  
For Info: [splashbemus.com](http://splashbemus.com)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

**Bemus Point Farmers and Artisans Market | 9 AM-3 PM**  
Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point  
For Info: [bemuspoinnty.org/farmers-market](http://bemuspoinnty.org/farmers-market) or 716-338-2460

**Jamestown BPU Hot Dog Sale**  
**10:30 AM-2 PM**  
92 Steele St | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-661-1680 or [brobbins@jamestownNY-BPU.gov](mailto:brobbins@jamestownNY-BPU.gov)

**Jamestown Mobile Market**  
**11 AM-12 PM & 12:30-1:30 PM**  
TRC Community Health Center (11)  
Silvertree Seniors - Carlson (12:30) Jamestown  
For Info: [jfmny.org](http://jfmny.org)

**Southern Tier Brewing Co - 2AM**  
**6 PM-9 PM**  
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood  
For Info: [lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events](http://lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events)

**Movies at The Reg: The Celluloid Closet | 7 PM**  
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts  
Jamestown  
For Info: [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)

**Music on The Stoop - Marley Oh! | 7 PM**  
Labyrinth Press Company  
Jamestown  
For Info: [labpressco.com](http://labpressco.com)

**JTown Pride Comedy & Drag Dance Party | 7 PM**  
Wicked Warren's | Jamestown  
For Info: [tinyurl.com/comedydragdance](http://tinyurl.com/comedydragdance)

**Sunset Bay Beach Club - Silent Disco | 8:30 PM**  
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving  
For Info: [sunsetbayusa.com](http://sunsetbayusa.com)

**The Village Casino - Queen of The Beats | 9 PM - 1 AM**  
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 13

**Jamestown Farmers Market**  
**9 AM-1 PM**  
Third Street & Pine Street | Jamestown  
For Info: [jfmny.org](http://jfmny.org)

**Westfield Farmers & Artisans Market | 9 AM-2 PM**  
Moore Park | Westfield  
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**Jamestown Pride Festival**  
**9 AM-3 PM**  
Downtown Jamestown  
For Info: [JamestownPrideFacebook](http://JamestownPrideFacebook)

**Dragons and Fairies Festival**  
**10 AM-4 PM**  
Audubon Community Nature Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: [auduboncnc.org](http://auduboncnc.org)

**Sunset Bay Beach Club - Country Jamboree | 1 PM**  
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving  
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**Jamestown Pride Variety Show**  
**4 PM**  
Wicked Warren's | Jamestown  
For Info: [JamestownPrideFacebook](http://JamestownPrideFacebook)

**The Heatwave Pride Drag Show**  
**6 PM**  
Labyrinth Press Company  
Jamestown  
For Info: [labpressco.com](http://labpressco.com)

**Chautauqua County Historical Society Annual Gala Fundraiser**  
**6 PM-8 PM**  
McClurg Museum | Westfield  
For Info: 716-326-2977 or [CCHSMcClurg.org](http://CCHSMcClurg.org)

**Southern Tier Brewing Co - The Cause | 6 PM-9 PM**  
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood  
For Info: [lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events](http://lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events)

**After the Radio: | 7 PM - 9 PM**  
Raven & Thorn | Fredonia  
For Info: [ravenandthorn.com](http://ravenandthorn.com)

**Pride After Dark: Burlesque & Drag Revue | 8:30 PM**  
Sneakers | Jamestown  
For Info: [JamestownPrideFacebook](http://JamestownPrideFacebook)

**The Village Casino - Two Towns**  
**9 PM - 1 AM**  
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point  
For Info: [bemuspoincasino.com](http://bemuspoincasino.com)

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

**Juneteenth & Pride Sunday Service**  
**8 AM & 10 AM**  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
Jamestown  
For Info: [stlukesjamestown.org](http://stlukesjamestown.org)

**Cassadaga Farmers Market**  
**8 AM-11 AM**  
Ames Commons | Cassadaga  
For Info: 716-595-3007

**Falconer Farmers & Artisans Market | 11 AM-2 PM**  
32 W Main St | Falconer  
For Info: 716-665-4400 or [clerk@falconerny.gov](mailto:clerk@falconerny.gov)

**Dark Romance Book Club**  
**4 PM - 6 PM**  
Raven & Thorn | Fredonia  
For Info: [ravenandthorn.com](http://ravenandthorn.com)

**Southern Tier Brewing Co The Swamp Yankees**  
**4 PM-7 PM**  
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood  
For Info: [lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events](http://lakewood.stbcbeer.com/events)

**Live Music With Shawn**  
**6 PM - 8 PM**  
Splash | Bemus Point  
For Info: [splashbemus.com](http://splashbemus.com)

**Trivia With Chris | 7 PM - 9 PM**  
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## LOCAL MUSIC

### Trivia

1. What 2000s-era band featuring Charity Nuse shared the name of a Frank Zappa song?
2. Smackdab featured Matt Baxter, Dan Witherspoon, Mark Cooper, Jonny Johnson, and Ryan Ecklund. What other band, sans Johnson, had the same lineup?
3. What popular horn-driven cover band derived its name from a saying involving being inebriated in the bathroom?
4. What long-tenured band featuring Nany Salva, Tony Piazza, Darrin Payne, and the late John Oberg shares its name with a popular pranking schoolyard game?
5. What longtime national mega-rock band played in Jamestown on August 2, 1983 at the Melody Inn?
6. What '90s band featuring Kev Rowe, Neill Crabtree, and Ryan Seekings is also equivalent to 8,640 cubic inches?
7. Which '90s/early 2000s jam band featured Ryan Melquist, Matt Clark, Colin Shaffer, Ryan Ecklund, and the late Jeremy Kinnear?
8. What long-tenured metal band, started in 1995, features Chris Lee, Anthony Piazza, and Erik McCray?
9. Finish the name of this popular current Jamestown cover band: "We Speak \_\_\_\_\_"?
10. Which band is composed of high school teachers, cut-off jean shorts, and the initials UBR?

1. Big Leg Emma 2. The Audience 3. Porcelain Busdrivers 4. Two For Flinching 5. Metallica 6. 5 Cubic Feet 7. Atica 8. Desecrator 9. Canadian 10. Uncle Ben's Remedy

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# Faith Matters

## FAITHFUL FUN



*Featured Writer*

**Rev. Tara Eastman**

Pastor, First Presbyterian  
 of Warren, PA

A few summers' ago, I attended a Music, Art, Spirituality and Justice Festival called the Wildgoose Festival. For many years, attending this event was on my list of: "Someday I want to go to." The year following the pandemic of 2020, my spouse Ian and I were inspired to stop waiting for someday and take steps to attend the event. After attending our first Wildgoose, we have attended every summer. It has become a time for us to lean into a spiritual practice I like to call, being *faithful to fun*. How can faithfulness to fun be a spiritual practice, you ask?

Fun, in the context of a spiritual practice, falls into a Biblical principle of sabbath or rest. Consider just two of many examples in scripture on the importance of sabbath or rest: 1. In the creation accounts of Genesis (Chapter 1), God rests on the seventh day. 2. In Exodus (Chapter 20) rest is listed in the ten commandments as an essential spiritual practice.

In the field of theology, there are ongoing conversations regarding rest as essential for physical, psychological, spiritual health of people and society. Author and theologian Tricia Hersey, known as *The Nap Bishop*, understands rest, "a form of resistance and names sleep deprivation as a racial and social justice issue." For more on her work, go to: <https://thenapministry.wordpress.com/>

To inspire you to make plans for a Summer of faithful fun here are two ways I learned more about the blessings of rest.

**Practicing Fun** At the Wildgoose Festival, one of my favorite annual events is the Silent Disco. The premise of silent disco is clever. After nightfall, the

dance tent opens and each dancer is given headphones that have three music channels. The dancer can click between the channels at will and the headphones change color in response to the channel. This change in color is a clue for fellow dancers. Those on the same channel sometimes gather together to create a dance huddle. Or the dancers can choose to stay solo in their dancing regardless of the music they are listening to. As I was new to Silent Disco, the host handed me headphones, gave me directions, and sent me to the dance floor.

I danced up to a group of people and even though we'd never met before, we laughed and danced like dear friends. Silent disco invites all the dancers to enjoy the music, experience the joy of community and have some needed and necessary fun.

**Practicing Pride** Another space where I experience the spiritual gift of faithfulness to fun, is in taking part in annual community Pride events. A few years ago, I worked at a church tent at Pride Jamestown offering a rock painting activity, *Love Rocks*. All day long, guests would come up to paint a rock and talk about how much it meant for a church to be at Pride offering love and support. The church art tent became a place of rest, connection and a source of faithful fun.

Through Silent Disco and Pride, I have learned that being faithful to fun offers: renewal, playfulness, acceptance, community and abundance. This summer, I invite you to seek rest and fun as sacred assignment! May your Summer of 2026, be filled with faithfulness to fun, renewal and caring for all of God's beloved children.

**Question to Ponder:** What rest or sabbath do you, your family and your community need most?

**Chosen Name**

*Where is the light by which you long to be seen?*

*In colors that shimmer and glimmer in the in-betweens.*

*Wonder and whimsy fire the flame of what's true.*

*You are blessed and beloved.*

*All of you.*

*Open the door.*

*Release your pain.*

*Sunlight streams through prisms.*

*Rainbows echo your chosen name.*



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# One Hundred and Fifty-Four Sonnets



Contributed by  
**Paul Leone**

It was much like running a marathon. A matter of endurance, but even more so, a matter of ego. You start off strong, confident. You breeze along, seemingly effortlessly, breathing easily, high on the oxygenation. Along about midway you begin to wonder. To adjust your pace. Doubt creeps in. Whatever possessed you to take this on? Toward the end you are limping, staggering, proceeding on dwindling momentum, until the finish finally appears, as if in mirage, within reach. Eventually, you arrive with an exhausted flourish. One Hundred and Fifty-Four Sonnets! The Bard did it. I can do it! I am his freak. He will motivate me. That initial resolve (so naive) will test my Will.

My first sonnet, that experiment in form written years ago, practically wrote itself. Then I discovered my very first muse, she of the red lips and beauty. My own Dark Lady. I have long esteemed the Bard's one hundred and fifty-four sonnets. My Dark Lady, her identity, like his, unrevealed, was and is an ideal and a torment. An obsession unobtainable. Yet, even so, what did

she gift me? She allowed me to indulge in FANCY despite REASON's caution. Indeed, the conflict between reason and fancy, so much a theme of Shakespeare's work, prose and poetry, is a major theme of my one hundred and fifty-four sonnets. Shakespeare, with reasoned perception, defined love as a form of madness. I am perfectly in accord. That I identify myself with the Bard, of course with broad tongue-in-cheek, is a vain conceit I admit to, but I qualify my vanity by insisting it is a humble vanity. I balance my pride with considerable self-deprecation (also with tongue-in-cheek). I proceeded in the endeavor always with the understanding that the Bard was looking over my shoulder.

Most but not all of the One Hundred and Fifty-Four Sonnets reflect specific Shakespearean text. Each of the major plays, particularly the tragedies, is addressed. Shakespeare Freak that I am, I return repeatedly to the text for inspiration. I marvel at the psychological depth of such characters as Falstaff, Hamlet, Iago, Lady Macbeth. What may not be so much understood, except by Shakespeare scholars, is the political content of his work. I began my sonnets in 2016 when the succeeding decade roiled implacably and without mercy. Such is the anger and angst I experienced (and continue to experience) that I felt compelled to divert from the whimsical to the dark. I called on another muse, my Dark Muse, to inspire my anxiety. A proper balance, I hope.

The thing about a marathon, once you complete the first, you, perhaps foolishly, contemplate the next. So this week now I enjoy the privilege of placing my sonnets before the public.

## Turn Up the Heat this Summer with Your Community Newspaper!

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tions such as the weekly Chautauqua Gazette."

So, here we go. In partnership with our community, we are thrilled to step up, to once again expand and to continue doing our best to serve YOU. Each weekly edition through Labor Day, we will now feature all of the top participating entertainment venues within the centerfold section of this newspaper. These venues will also be featured on page two of our weekly events schedule and highlighted for your easy-planning convenience. Additionally, we have created a new link on our website where you may access this complete listing anytime with a corresponding one-stop shop on our social media sites.

Even more importantly than our efforts to promote the fun you need and deserve, we endeavor to support all those small business owners who work very hard to provide the inviting venues for us to enjoy said entertainment. We welcome the summer for some extra relaxation and Vitamin D replenishment. Meanwhile, most bar and restaurant owners work harder than ever during this season-of-fun on our behalf. They help drive our "choose local" energy and fuel our tourism economy. They are uniquely, and largely, responsible for creating the summertime vibe that keeps locals and visitors alike loving Chautauqua County.

Bar and restaurant owners are also the primary supporters of our thriving local music scene. Local bands, music festivals, and outdoor musical performances experience bolstered success because of our strong base of restaurants and bars. Night life in Chautauqua County is a credit to their commitment and ingenuity.

As we kick off our Party Page, we are excited to feature bands on the local circuit. This week, we are proud to especially highlight two musicians who are near and dear to our Chautauqua Gazette hearts. One, arguably represen-

ting our strong legacy and the other, our promising future: Marc Scapelitte and Ben Cornell!

**Marc Scapelitte** - a longtime, beloved local musician - is also a mathematics and music teacher, mobile app/web developer...AND our Chautauqua Gazette digital genius! We are so fortunate to share his story on this week's cover page. It's a story of a quintessential Jamestown son who has continued to reinvest his time and talents in our community. He is as humble as he is great.

And please pardon my unabashed mom-moment, as we also feature my own son and rising musical star, **Ben Cornell**. At just 21 years old this past weekend, he has found quick stardom with his college band, Friend of a Friend, at Miami University of Ohio. The band rose to packing Miami's largest concert venue to the tune of several thousand each weekend to hitting the road on the college circuit tour and now recording their first album available on Spotify, YouTube and all your favorite streaming services. But what makes my largely self-taught son so special, in my humble opinion, is that he sprang from the shoulders of some of the local greats like Marc, in the creative trenches of Infinity Performing Arts, and on the stages of his supportive church families at First Covenant and Bemus Point Methodist. In Chautauqua County, most know Ben for the local band he founded with his high school buddies, NuJuice, and he's back this summer to bring his sound to any venue that wants to host him! Please check out more Ben details on page three of this edition.

The moral of the story: this summer, please go out. Have fun. Support our local business owners working hard on your behalf. Support our local bands - seasoned and budding musicians alike. And as always, thank you, for making the Chautauqua Gazette your go-to for all things community. We appreciate your partnership, love and loyalty. Read on. Party on!

Author Events:

## Paul Leone

Paul Leone shares selections from One Hundred and Fifty-Four Sonnets: Fairy Queen, featuring romantic, whimsical, and humorous works inspired by William Shakespeare.

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The June 10th meeting of the Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild will have a special program; the Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor will be awarding quilts to 7 area veterans. Our program schedule is slightly different due to this presentation. Our refreshments/social time will be held 6:00-6:20 in the fellowship hall of the Busti 5 Corners Community Church. We will then be holding the ceremony at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Following the presentations, we will hold our monthly business meeting in the fellowship hall. We will have greeters at this meeting to help our guests know where we will be and to also assist with operating the lift for those needing to use it. Limited parking is available at the church as well as in the lot behind the Busti Fire Department which is across the street from the church.

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7	8	9 OLN 11:00am	10 NF 6:30pm	11 @BAT	12 @GEN	13 NIA 6:30pm
14 ELM 6:30pm 4:00pm	15	16 @NEW	17 OLN 6:30pm	18 NF 6:30pm	19 NIA 6:30pm	20
21	22	23 @NF	24	25 BAT 6:30pm	26	27 NF 6:30pm
28 @NF	29	30 @NF				

- Tuesday, June 2 - 6:30pm**  
\$2 Night - \$2 Hotdogs, Beer & Bleacher Tickets  
Presented by: The Resource Center
- Tuesday, June 9 - 11:00am**
- Wednesday, June 10th - 6:30pm**  
Bark at the Park  
Presented by: Purina
- Saturday, June 13th - 6:30pm**  
Kids Carnival Night - Bounce Houses, Games & More!  
Presented by: AffinityOne FCU
- Sunday, June 14th - 4:00pm & 6:30pm**
- Wednesday, June 17th - 6:30pm**
- Thursday, June 18th - 6:30 pm**  
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Presented by: Live CHQ
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Youth Baseball/Softball Night  
Presented by: Logistics
- Thursday, June 25th - 6:30 pm**  
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Presented by: Logistics
- Saturday, June 27th - 6:30 pm**  
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## Jamestown Container Companies Acquires Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp.

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Jamestown Container Companies

Jamestown Container Companies announced the acquisition of Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp., further expanding the company's footprint across New York State.

Founded in 1956, Jamestown Container Companies is a family-owned packaging manufacturer specializing in custom corrugated packaging, retail packaging, displays, and packaging supplies. The acquisition of Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp. strengthens Jamestown Container's ability to serve customers throughout Central New York while continuing to provide responsive service, high-quality products, and innovative packaging solutions.

"This acquisition represents an exciting step forward for our company," said Joseph R. Palmeri, Chief Operating Officer. "Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp. has a strong reputation for quality, reliability, and customer relationships over many years. We are proud to welcome their customers into the Jamestown Container family."

Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp. was known for its commitment to craftsmanship and customer service. Jamestown Container plans to build upon that legacy while investing in continued growth, operational efficiency, and expanded capabilities for customers. Customers of Syracuse Corrugated Box Corp. will continue working with familiar contacts through the transition.

"Syracuse Box was started in 1969 by my dad, Richard Wilde and his business partner, Wyman Caruthers. The business was the foundation of our family for many years," said John Wilde, former part-owner of Syracuse Box. "When we decided to sell, we liked that Jamestown Container was a family business and shared the same principles of respect for employees and customers. It was a natural fit."

The acquisition also aligns with Jamestown Container's long-term strategy of strategic growth throughout the region while maintaining the values of a family-owned independent manufacturer.



"Our companies share many of the same core values — dedication to customers, commitment to employees, and pride in delivering quality work," said Bruce Janowsky, Chief Executive Officer. "We believe this partnership creates exciting opportunities for the customers we serve."

### About Jamestown Container Companies

Jamestown Container Companies is a family-owned packaging manufacturer headquartered in Falconer, New York. Since 1956, the company has provided custom corrugated packaging, packaging supplies, foam solutions, displays, and contract packaging services to customers throughout the Great Lakes region. Jamestown Container Companies operates multiple facilities across New York and Ohio and is committed to delivering innovative, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible packaging solutions.



## CHAMBER CORNER

### Importance of Connection

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**Daniel J. Heitzenrater**

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
President and CEO

**Our mission is to build vital connections.** It's the first line in our mission statement and something we put into action each day through our work. One of the best examples of this is our Small Business Sit-Downs that we hold throughout the county. These informal meetings that have taken place in coffee shops, bakeries, the backroom of a retail store, and in a laundromat, among other venues, provide opportunities for small business owners/managers to get out of their business and learn about the business community they exist in.

The agenda is loose. The chamber will provide updates on our event schedule and other initiatives, and then we'll ask a question to prompt discussion amongst those at the table. The questions range from, "What's a challenge you're currently experiencing?" "What are your Third Quarter goals?" This month our question is, "What does sustainable success look like for your business?"

Maybe you come into the meeting and have detailed thoughts on the question. Maybe the question isn't something you've considered for your business yet. But ideally the question

builds connection among the business owners in the room. Perhaps a fellow business owner has experienced your struggle and has experience on how you can navigate it. Maybe you have a thought on how another business can achieve the goals they have set out when they don't have a clear vision to get there.

When we invite business owners into the same room it's to build connections. Vital connections. The people in the room may be the people that help level up your business, navigate through a problem, or maybe just become your new customer.

Our upcoming meetings are: June 10th - 4:00 PM at the Backstage Laundrette (34 Erie St, Mayville). June 11th - 8:30 AM at the CHQ Chamber Office (300 N Main St. Jamestown). June 22nd - 4:00 PM at the Falconer Public Library (101 West Main St. Falconer). June 23rd - 4:00 PM at CK Natural Fruit Juice (148 North Portage St. Westfield). And June 25th - 9:00 AM at the Hanover Town Hall (68 Hanover St. Silver Creek).

Another way to connect is our Business After Hours (BAH) networking events. The next BAH is this week at 3 Lakes Cafe in Cassadaga on Thursday June 11th from 5:00-6:30 PM. These events are free for members to attend (up to two people) and \$10 for non-members.

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## The Many Colors of Galaxies: YOU Can Help NASA Decode the Cosmos



"Red-shifted galaxies over one billion light-years away"

### Contributing Writer

**Andy Felong**

Public and Media Relations  
Martz-Kohl Observatory

How do galaxies grow and change over time, and how can we tell from just a few lines of light? On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 7:30 p.m., the observatory will host Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) astrophysicist and PhD candidate Sadie Coffin for a presentation titled "The Many Colors of Galaxies: YOU Can Help NASA Decode the Cosmos."

During the talk, Coffin will explain how the lines in galaxy spectra serve as records of the Universe's history. These unique light patterns are the closest thing we have to a time machine looking back at the early cosmos. By identifying these spectral features, astronomers can measure the key properties of distant galaxies. This data allows researchers to track exactly how those galaxies interact, evolve, and form stars over time.

Coffin's research combines spectroscopy with citizen science through \*Redshift Wrangler\*, a NASA-funded initiative she designed, launched, and leads as part of her doctoral dissertation. The project utilizes volunteer classifications to study distant galaxy systems. Coffin will explain why professional astronomers need the public's help, how collaborating with volunteers benefits cutting-edge research, and how anyone can contribute to major discoveries in astronomy right from home.

"Having spent five years researching galaxy evolution, I am incredibly passionate about participatory science and expanding public access to real research," says Coffin. "Projects like \*Redshift Wrangler\* prove that big-science discoveries don't have to stay locked away in academic labs. By collaborating with volunteers to analyze galaxy light, we are making astronomical research more open and accessible."

Sadie Coffin is a fifth-year PhD can-

didate in Astrophysical Sciences and Technology at RIT, where she works with Dr. Jeyhan Kartaltepe to study galaxy evolution. Her dissertation centers on the intersection of spectroscopy and participatory science, a field she has worked in for five years. A dedicated science communicator, Coffin frequently leads community outreach events and delivers engaging research talks to the public. She is a recipient of the prestigious NASA Future Investigators in Earth and Space Science and Technology (FINESST) award for her work using citizen science to identify galaxy pairs, and she served as a NASA/AAPS Citizen Science Leaders Series Fellow working to expand the role of public participation in astronomical research.

This talk will be broadcast on our big screen at the Martz-Kohl Observatory and is also available to join online via Zoom. We encourage you to join us in person at the observatory to virtually meet Sadie Coffin and participate in our always-lively Q&A session following the talk. If the weather permits, we will conclude the evening with guided tours and viewing opportunities through our premier telescopes. Please remember to dress for the elements; while our classroom is heated for your comfort, the observatory domes are not.

For more information and the Zoom link, please visit: [martzobservatory.org](http://martzobservatory.org)

The Martz-Kohl Observatory is managed by the Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of amateur astronomers. The association is committed to observational astronomy, with a particular emphasis on educational outreach, citizen science initiatives, and the enjoyment derived from stargazing. The observatory is located at 176 Robbin Hill Rd, Frewsburg, NY 14738.

## To Wong Foo and The Celluloid Closet to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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**RegLenna Center  
for the Arts**

Patrick Swayze, John Leguizamo and Wesley Snipes star in **To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar** (Wed., June 10 at 7 p.m.) about three drag queens on the cross-country road trip of a lifetime. On their way to Hollywood for a drag queen beauty pageant, Vida (Swayze), Chi Chi (Leguizamo) and Noxeema (Snipes) get stranded in the tiny Midwestern town of Snyder'sville. Determined to make the best of a bad situation, the "girls" set out to repair the broken hearts, broken dreams and broken nails of the small-town residents during one wildly outrageous weekend. **To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar** is rated PG-13 and is 109 minutes long. The screening is presented in partnership with Jamestown Pride and

will feature a fabulous pre-show in the lobby starring Sabrina White and Co. beginning at 6 p.m.

**The Celluloid Closet** (Fri., June 12 at 7 p.m.) is an exuberant, eye-opening movie serving up a dazzling hundred-year history of the role of gay men and lesbians have had on the silver screen. The film assembles fabulous footage from 120 films showing the changing face of cinema sexuality, from cruel stereotypes to covert love to the activist triumphs of the 1990s. **The Celluloid Closet** is rated R and is 102 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Ryan Gosling in the spring sci-fi hit movie **Project Hail Mary** (June 17 at 7 p.m.), Anne Hathaway and Meryl Streep in **The Devil Wears Prada 2** (June 24 at 7 p.m.) and Hugh Jackman in the family comedy/mystery **The Sheep Detectives** (June 27 at 4 p.m.)

## NRG Energy Announces Transition of Dunkirk Site to Support Community Revitalization

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NRG Energy, Inc

NRG Energy, Inc. announced the completion of a transaction to transfer ownership of its Dunkirk Generating Station and associated assets to Genover, a firm focused on responsibly redeveloping legacy industrial properties. This transaction represents an important step forward for the Dunkirk community and the continued evolution of the site.

For decades, the Dunkirk Generating Station was part of the fabric of this community – powering homes and businesses across the region from the 1950s until its retirement in 2016. NRG has been proud to be a part of Dunkirk's history and remains committed to supporting the future of the site.

Over the years, NRG has worked closely with local and state leaders, who share a common goal of seeing the site return to productive use. We are grateful for the leadership and partnership of the City of Dunkirk and the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency, including Vince DeJoy and Mark Geise, whose ongoing engagement and commitment have helped advance a constructive path forward.

"This is an important step for Dunkirk and builds on years of collaboration," said Matt Pistner, SVP, President of NRG Wholesale. "We care deeply about this community and are proud of the role the facility played here. We appreciate the partnership of state and local leaders and share their commitment to seeing the site redeveloped in a way that benefits the region."

With this transaction, Genover will lead the next phase of future site planning, preparation, and redevelopment. Genover looks forward to closely working with City of Dunkirk and Chautauqua County officials to thoughtfully identify future redevelopment efforts.

"Today's announcement is such an encouraging step forward," said State Senator George Borrello. "I am hopeful this site can once again become a productive part of the community and a contributor to the local economy, something that is desperately needed.

This has the potential to mark the beginning of a new chapter for Dunkirk and Chautauqua County, and I appreciate the efforts of everyone involved in helping move this project forward."

"I'm very pleased that all of the hard work the CCIDA, County, City of Dunkirk, and other stakeholders contributed to getting the NRG plant back into productive use has finally resulted in something very meaningful and positive," said County Executive PJ Wendel. "We are very excited to work with Genover and will continue to contribute to and push for a project that benefits the City, County, and region to the greatest extent possible."

"Today's announcement marks a meaningful milestone for the City of Dunkirk. This site has been part of our community's identity for generations,



and its transition opens the door to new opportunities for growth and investment. We appreciate NRG's long-standing partnership and their commitment to ensuring a responsible

handoff. We look forward to working with Genover as they begin planning the next chapter for this property, one that supports jobs, strengthens our local economy, and reflects the priorities of the people of Dunkirk," said City of Dunkirk Mayor, Kate Wdowiasz.

This step reflects a shared focus on responsibly transitioning legacy infrastructure to support productive reuse, economic development, and long-term community value through collaboration among industry, government, and local stakeholders.

### About NRG

NRG is a leading provider of electricity, natural gas, and smart home solutions to eight million customers across North America. The company operates a customer-first platform supported by a diversified supply strategy and the safe, reliable operation of approximately 25 GW of power generation. NRG plays a meaningful role in competitive energy markets and our innovative team is creating the flexible and affordable solutions that households and large businesses need today and in the future. Visit [nrg.com](http://nrg.com) for more information, and connect with us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and X.

### Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

## When the Sun Goes Down: Seniors Redefining Nightlife



### Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

For many folks, the word "nightlife" conjures up images of crowded dance floors and live music though for a growing number of seniors, nightlife means something a little different. It might be an evening concert in the park where the songs are as familiar as old friends, a community theatre performance, a card game or a gathering of friends at a favorite restaurant.

Perhaps the greatest lesson seniors offer about nightlife is that it isn't defined by the hour on the clock, but

rather by the memories we make. Whether it's dancing to a favorite song, sharing stories over coffee or simply enjoying a summer evening with friends at their home or at your home. The joy of going out doesn't come with an expiration date. In many ways, the later chapters of life can bring a renewed appreciation for the simple pleasures of staying out just a little longer and savoring the night.

As it turns out, nightlife doesn't belong to any one generation. For many seniors, a night out holds plenty of possibilities and proof that a good time never really goes out of style.




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**Jamestown Farmers Market  
Announces Summer Mobile  
Market Schedule**

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**Jamestown Farmers Market**

Jamestown Farmers Market (JFM) announced today its summer Mobile Market schedule, culminating in seven stops across Jamestown and Falconer. The JFM Mobile Market brings the same fresh, local produce from the traditional Saturday farmers market on Third & Pine, along with weekly staples, to requested areas around the city. New for 2026, the Mobile Market will also offer a "U-Pick" food box for SNAP recipients.

"We're excited to expand the Mobile Market this year," said Nick Weith, Director of Food Access at Jamestown Farmers Market. "Adding stops in Falconer expands our ability to connect with more people who want and need access to healthy, fresh, and local foods. The addition of our new 'U-Pick' food box for SNAP customers reduces barriers for people who need access the most."

The "U-Pick" food box program is a ten-week program heavily subsidized by a New York state grant, and is offered to customers using SNAP benefits. Participants will receive a weekly customized box of food with fresh produce and a combination of eggs, meat, bread, and more. Boxes are valued at \$20 and will cost customers just \$5 who present SNAP card and ID. Customers can sign up starting at the first week of the Mobile Market.

The Mobile Market accepts SNAP for payment, and SNAP users can also save 50% on all produce through the Double Up Food Bucks program. To learn more about the Mobile Market and the other programs and services offered through Jamestown Farmers Market, please visit [www.jfmny.org](http://www.jfmny.org).

The summer Mobile Market season will begin on June 10, and the schedule is as follows:

- **Prendergast Library,**  
Wednesdays, 11AM to 1PM
- **Silvertree Seniors (Crane)**  
Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:30 PM
- **The Chautauqua Center**  
Thursdays, 11 AM to 12 PM
- **Silvertree Seniors (Methodist Gardens)**  
Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:15 PM
- **Chautauqua Opportunities**  
Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:30 PM
- **TRC Community Health Center**  
Fridays, 11 AM to 12 PM
- **Silvertree Seniors (Carlson)**  
Fridays, 12:30 to 1:30 PM



**About Jamestown Farmers Market:** The Jamestown Farmers Market (JFM) is a vibrant community marketplace featuring fresh, locally grown produce, handmade goods, and delicious prepared foods from regional farmers and artisans. More than just a place to shop, the

market is a welcoming gathering space that celebrates local agriculture, supports small businesses, and connects neighbors. In addition to the Saturday farmers market, JFM operates a mobile market, food box program, community garden, and more. Learn more at [jfmny.org](http://jfmny.org).

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, located at the nexus of 4th and Main Sts. in downtown Jamestown, works through programs like the Jamestown Farmers Market, New Neighbors Coalition and the St. Luke's Thrift Store to foster a greater sense of belonging, more economic opportunity and a more equitable community. For questions/concerns, please call the church office at 716-483-6405.

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## Dunkirk Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 9 AM–2 PM  
June 10 - October 14

45 Cliffstar Court, Dunkirk

A bustling market that serves as yet another reason to enjoy Chautauqua County's hub on Lake Erie this summer, the Dunkirk Farmers Market offers local meat, eggs, and produce as well as craftspeople and live music.

Accepts: SNAP, Fresh Connect, FMNP  
dunkirkfarmersmarket@gmail.com  
716-338-2460

## Forestville Farmers Market

Thursdays, 1 PM-5 PM  
May 28 - October 15

Main Street, Forestville

A growing market in a quaint, walkable community featuring farmers from Forestville, offering local meats, fresh produce, artisan bread, poultry and eggs and handcrafted items.

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## Lakewood Farmers Market

Thursdays, 9 AM–2 PM  
June 18 – September 3

Chautauqua Avenue & Alta Way, Lakewood

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## Bemus Point Farmers and Artisans Market

Fridays, 9 AM - 3 PM  
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## Annual Gala Fundraiser is June 13, 2026 at McClurg Museum



The McClurg Museum in Westfield will be the location of the Chautauqua County Historical Society's Annual Fundraising Gala on Saturday, June 13 in Westfield, NY.

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**Chautauqua County  
Historical Society**

The Chautauqua County Historical Society invites the community to celebrate and support local history at its annual gala fundraiser on Saturday, June 13.

The event will run from 6 to 8 p.m. on the grounds of the historic McClurg Museum in Moore Park, at Routes 394 and 20 in the Village of Westfield. A large tent will ensure a comfortable, rain-or-shine setting.

Guests will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments, along with access to museum galleries.

Featured is the newly completed "Communication" exhibit on the second floor in the McClurg's North Room. Curated by volunteer and exhibit coordinator Sandy Brown, it includes typewriters, cameras—including the fixed box camera used by John Bowman—as well as telegraph equipment and telephones, illustrating communication in Chautauqua County during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Members of the CCHS board of trustees will welcome guests and share updates on ongoing preservation efforts and the new Fireside Lecture Series, a collaboration with the Patterson Library.



Local photographer John Bowman and his Box Camera. Collier's magazine once called Bowman the "box camera champion of the world." His camera, along with other items related to communication and media, are currently on display at the McClurg Museum in Westfield, NY.

Admission is \$50 per person, with proceeds supporting collections care, public programming, and continued restoration of McClurg Museum.

Tickets and reservations are available by calling 716.326.2977 or by contacting any member of the CCHS board of trustees. Walk-up purchases the day of the event are also welcome. For more information visit [CCHSMcClurg.org](http://CCHSMcClurg.org).

## Scholar by Day, Bartender by Night



*Featured Writer*  
**Suzie Piper**

As a recent graduate from Ohio University, I have spent the past three summers filling the void of schoolwork by dedicating my time to the service industry. I have bartended at Webb's Captains Table before their permanent closure in 2024, served at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, and am now bartending at Splash in Bemus Point.

Working long shifts and wearing shoes that were not suitable for 5 hours of standing may not seem like the most appealing summer job. But ten years from now, I will not remember how bad my feet hurt or the drinks I mixed incorrectly; I will remember the conversations I had, the stories I heard, and the relationships I built with the people sitting just two feet in front of me.

To many people, bartending is just mixing drinks. But in reality, a bartender is a listener, tour guide, storyteller, and sometimes even a therapist, all in one shift. Behind

every drink at the bar is a stranger with a story to tell and a bartender to listen.

What I have gathered from bartending is how quickly strangers can become familiar. People return and remember your name. They ask about my plans after graduation. They talk about their children, their travels, and the reasons they return to Chautauqua year after year. These interactions may only last a few minutes, but they have a way of staying with you.

In a time when so much of life happens online, bartending has reminded me of the value in genuine, face-to-face conversation. There is something special about putting away phones, sitting at a bar, and talking with the people around you. Some of the best conversations I have had this summer began with nothing more than a drink order. Bartending in our small community has given me the perspective.

Years from now, I may not remember every drink I made, but I will remember the people I made them for.

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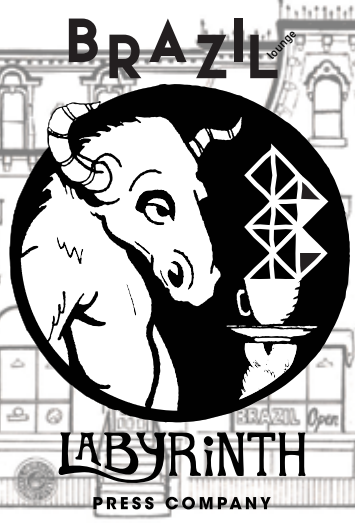


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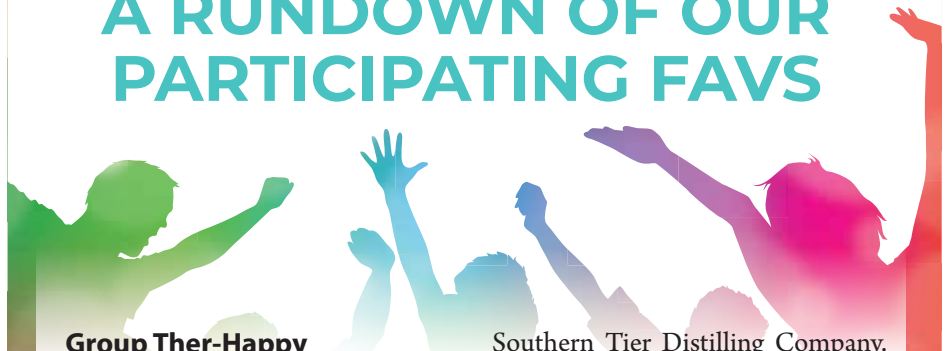
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### Sunset Bay Beach Club & Cabana Sam's

Located along the Lake Erie shoreline in Irving, Sunset Bay is home to two popular waterfront destinations. Sunset Bay Beach Club offers summer entertainment, regional DJs and a spacious patio overlooking the water, while Cabana Sam's Bar & Grill serves tropical drinks, seafood favorites, burgers and live music throughout the season.

### Labyrinth Press Company & Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge

Located in the heart of downtown Jamestown, Labyrinth Press Company and Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge offer a unique two-story dining and beverage experience. Labyrinth, Chautauqua County's only exclusively vegetarian restaurant, shares its kitchen with Brazil Lounge upstairs, where guests can explore an ever-changing selection of craft beer and wine. A seasonal patio adds to the experience.

### The Village Casino

A Bemus Point landmark on the shores of Chautauqua Lake, The Village Casino has been a local gathering place for more than a century. Originally established as a dance hall and entertainment venue, it continues to draw visitors with waterfront dining, live music and lake views. The Casino has twice held the Guinness World Record for the most chicken wings sold in 24 hours.

### Raven & Thorn

Located on Water Street in Fredonia, Raven & Thorn is a cozy cocktail and wine bar known for its welcoming atmosphere and focus on New York beverages. Guests can enjoy craft cocktails, regional wines, rotating beers on tap and self-service wine stations offering a variety of selections by the glass.

### The Wine Cellar

A longtime favorite on North Main Street in downtown Jamestown, The Wine Cellar is known for its welcoming atmosphere, affordable drinks and popular outdoor patio. During the summer months, live music adds to the lively downtown experience.

### Splash

Overlooking Chautauqua Lake in Bemus Point, Splash blends lakeside dining with a relaxed, upscale atmosphere inspired by classic Hollywood. Guests can enjoy signature cocktails, live music and a menu featuring a variety of contemporary dishes, all with scenic waterfront views.

### Wicked Warren's

Opened in 2024 in downtown Jamestown, Wicked Warren's combines handcrafted beer, wood-fired pizza and a vibrant gathering space just blocks from the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum. The multi-level venue features rotating taps, a speakeasy-style bar and an event space that can accommodate up to 400 guests.

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# JAMESTOWN PRIDE



Festival entertainment at the Winter Garden Plaza features local performers and the joy, celebration, and electric energy associated with Jamestown Pride. Photo credit Lisa Schmittfrerick

## Jamestown Pride Announces Expanded 2026 Pride Week Celebration



This year's Jamestown Pride Festival includes 80 vendors and 3rd Annual Rainbow Walk, a "Pride Parade on Foot", featuring local organizations and a Costume Contest.

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**Jamestown Pride**

Jamestown Pride invites the community to participate in local Pride festivities with five days of five days of entertainment, fundraising, community events, and the largest Jamestown Pride festival to date, organized around the theme: "Courageous Together, Proud Forever."

tival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Jamestown. Expanded to include 80 vendors across three city blocks along 3rd and Main Streets, the festival activities also includes yoga, live entertainment, a Rainbow Walk & Costume Contest (a Pride Parade on foot), youth activities, and performances by Lennox WT, Lips Poppin' Productions, Sukanya Burman Dance Company, Knights of Enchanted Dreams, and ShowTyme Productions.

The celebration begins Wednesday, June 10, at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts with a special Movies @ the Reg screening of To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar. Doors open at 6 p.m. for live music, drag performances by Knights of Enchanted Dreams, and Pride tabling, with the movie beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$8 at the box office and \$10 online.

Additional Saturday events include the 3rd Annual Jamestown Pride Variety Show at 4 p.m. at Wicked Warren's and Pride After Dark: Burlesque & Drag Revue at 8:30 p.m. at Sneakers (21+, \$10 cover).

Pride Week concludes Sunday, June 14, with a Pride Sunday Service at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, featuring guest preacher and celebrant Bishop Eugene Sutton (Senior Pastor at Chautauqua Institution and Assisting Bishop in the Diocese of Washington). The worship for the day will focus on God's liberating love for all, with a dual recognition of Pride Sunday and Juneteenth.

Jamestown Pride became an independent nonprofit organization in 2025 and is committed to fostering courage, safety, and belonging for LGBTQIA+ individuals throughout Jamestown and Chautauqua County through celebration, advocacy, and education.

For a full details of festival events and locations, visit Jamestown Pride on Facebook and Instagram @JamestownPride or at [www.jamestownpride.org](http://www.jamestownpride.org).

Jamestown Pride extends special thanks to its 2026 Title Sponsors: Evergreen Health, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, and the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County.

On Thursday, June 11, Jamestown Pride will participate in Give Big CHQ, a 24-hour online fundraising event supporting local nonprofits. Community members can support Jamestown Pride's mission and year-round programming at [www.givegab.com/nonprofits/jamestown-pride](http://www.givegab.com/nonprofits/jamestown-pride).

Friday, June 12, brings the JTown Pride Comedy & Drag Dance Party to Wicked Warren's. Featuring comedians from Karate Sleepover (including Katrina Valentine, Karma, Mark Hitchcock, and Paul Clemente), drag performances by Lips Poppin' Productions (featuring Katrina Twerk Island and Exxxotica Splash), and dancing with Diamond Run Radio, the event begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$17.85 online (<https://tinyurl.com/Comedy-DragDance>) or \$15 at the door. This event is 18+.

The celebration continues Saturday, June 13, with the Jamestown Pride Fes-



## Jamestown PRIDE

**Winter Garden Plaza**  
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**FRIDAY, JUNE 5 - MISS PEARL CITY GAY PRIDE**

7 pm: **Miss Pearl City Gay Pride Pageant** (Knights of Enchanted Dreams, 104 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6 - FLAG RAISING**

10 am: **Pride Month Opening Ceremony: Flag raising, local speakers & voter registration** (Robert H Jackson Center, 305 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 - MOVIES AT THE REG** (116 E. 3rd)

6 pm: **Live Entertainment Pre-Show starring Sabrina White and Co.**

7 pm: **Movies Showing: To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newman**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12 - COMEDY, DRAG & DANCING** (119 W. 3rd)

8 pm: **LGBTQ+ Comedy, Drag and Late Night Dance Party** (Wicked Warren's Jamestown) \$17.85 online / \$15 at the door / 18+ Event. Info & Tickets:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 - PRIDE FESTIVAL - DOWNTOWN JAMESTOWN & WINTER GARDEN PLAZA**

9 am: **Yoga with Andrea DiMaio of Ample Movement** (S. Burman Studio, 106 E. 2nd)

9 am - 3 pm: **Street Vendors and Jamestown Farmer's Market Open** (3<sup>rd</sup> St. & Main)

10-11:45 am: **Live Music & Registration for Rainbow Walk Foot Parade** (Winter Garden)

12- 1:30 pm: **Pride Kick-off: Rainbow Walk, Speakers, & Lips Poppin' Productions** (Walk departs from and returns to Winter Garden)

1:30-2 pm: **Sukanya Burman Dance Company** (Live dance at Winter Garden)

2 - 2:40 pm: **Knights of Enchanted Dreams Entertainment** (Winter Garden)

2:40 - 3 pm: **Youth Plaza Party with Line Dancing** (Winter Garden Plaza)

3 - 3:30 pm: **ShowTyme Productions** (featuring Justin Tyme & Sons, Winter Garden)

4 - 5 pm: **Jtown Pride 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Variety Show** (Wicked Warren's 119 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.)

5 - 6 pm: **Queens on the Patio** (Lips Poppin' at Brazil Craft Beer & Wine, 10 E. 4th)

6 - 8 pm: **Pride Day Show** (Youth friendly/clean event @ Knights of Enchanted Dreams, 104 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.)

8:30 pm: **Pride After Dark - Burlesque & Drag Review** (The Pearl City Sirens & ShowTyme Productions, DJ Bad Weekend @ Sneakers Bar, 100 Harrison St. / \$10 at the door / 21+ Event)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14 - PRIDE SUNDAY**

10 am: **Pride Sunday Service** (St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 410 N. Main St.)

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Vendors & Friends

# Bishop Eugene Sutton to Preach at St. Luke's Episcopal Church for Pride Sunday and Juneteenth Observance



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**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church will welcome Bishop Eugene Sutton, Senior Pastor at Chautauqua Institution, as guest preacher and celebrant on Sunday, June 14, at both 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services, recognizing Pride Sunday and Juneteenth. The day will also include a 9 a.m. Adult Forum presentation by Bishop Sutton on the work racial healing he led in the Diocese of Maryland.

In addition to his position at Chautauqua Institution, Bishop Sutton serves an Assisting Bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. He previously served as Bishop of Maryland from 2008 until his retirement in 2024 and is widely recognized for his leadership in areas of racial justice, reconciliation, and community discernment.

The observance of Pride Sunday and Juneteenth offers an opportunity to reflect on themes of freedom, human dignity, belonging, and the ongoing work of justice. Both commemorations invite communities to consider how faith calls people to participate in healing divisions, honoring human worth, and building a more just society.

During the Adult Forum, Bishop Sutton will discuss his work on reparations and racial reconciliation. Drawing upon his years of leadership and advocacy, he will explore the

theological, historical, and practical dimensions of reparative justice. The conversation will examine how communities of faith can engage in truth-telling, relationship-building, and the work of repair in response to the enduring effects of racial injustice.

"We are honored to welcome Bishop Sutton to St. Luke's," said the Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. "His ministry has consistently demonstrated a commitment to bringing people together across difference while inviting the Church into deeper conversations about justice, reconciliation, and hope."

The public is invited to attend worship services and the Adult Forum. The services begin at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, New York. The Adult Forum will take place immediately between the two services.

For more information, contact St. Luke's Episcopal Church at (716) 483-6405 or visit [stlukesjamestown.org](http://stlukesjamestown.org).

**About St. Luke's Episcopal Church**  
*St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a growing and diverse congregation in downtown Jamestown committed to worship, spiritual formation, community engagement, and service. Through partnerships across the region, St. Luke's seeks to embody Christ's call to reconciliation, hospitality, and the flourishing of all people.*

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**Warren First Presbyterian Church**

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*Warren First Lutheran and First Presbyterian will be hosting a tent and with giveaways and the Love Rocks art activity.*

## SUDOKU

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### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

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### CLUES ACROSS

- Sealed with a kiss
- Large sandwich
- Swiss city
- Japanese persimmons
- When you hope to get somewhere
- Wings
- A name of God
- Elected official (informal)
- Abnormal breathing
- "Seinfeld" character
- Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
- Something for sale
- Gets rid of
- One who touts
- Blemished
- Less than exciting
- Born of
- N. German town

- Notes
- Move away from land
- Vulcanite
- More ignoble
- Child actor Kirk
- Written works
- Sea vessel
- Residue
- Engraved
- Having sufficient skill
- One and only
- Erase
- Broad inlets
- Nightmarish street
- Play again
- Formerly (archaic)
- Add a color to change the color
- Move swiftly and lightly

### CLUES DOWN

- Scottish island
- River in the Netherlands
- Asian people
- Fuzzy fruit
- Ninth month (abbr.)
- An idealistic social reformer
- What you owe
- Colorless mineral
- Overjoyed
- Rattling breaths
- Tropical Old World tree
- A citizen of Senegal
- Greek mythological beauty
- Wrath
- Instrument to measure wind speed
- Luxury carmaker
- Bitterly regret
- Not or
- Google certification

- Midway between northeast and e
- Space station
- Relating to the ears
- Congressman
- Yelled at
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## The Magic in Music

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focus of attention in front of a crowd, was challenging for me. So, as expected, I was not involved with music in high school to any degree, and it would have seemed like that would continue throughout my life.

In 1995, I started my first semester at Jamestown Community College as an engineering major. My newfound freedom as an adult presented many pros and cons. I lost the regimentation of being a high school student, but gained a sense of exploration and the comfort of knowing I could put time and energy into new things. So although I wasn't fully invested at eighteen, still not completely convinced that what I was doing was what I wanted, I began to think of other things I hadn't considered before.

At the time, I lived on the north side of Jamestown, as did my aunt and uncle. I would walk to their house before making the "one-rous" walk up Buffalo Street to get back home. My uncle had an old Rogers drum kit in his basement with a really kickin' stereo system, and they would let me play for long stretches, working through all kinds of music they had on CD. Although I was into '90s grunge at the time, I would still play drums to classic '80s rock bands like Foreigner and Journey, along with some classic '70s rock. This happened almost daily. I'd walk to school, then head there after class and rock out. I made some decent strides in my drumming ability throughout the fall and spring semesters, and my father decided to buy me an old used Pearl Export set in the summer of 1996.

Since I still lived at home, I set it up in my room, which was in the attic at the time. Not only could I see my own progression, but it was a complete catharsis, being able to physically and actively express emotions and energy through drumming. I would sweat it out, bashing my drums and playing all the music I loved at the time, much to the chagrin of the neighbors. The awe and enchantment of this new experience was unforgettable.

In the fall of 1996, I approached Mike Kelly and Bill Eckstrom about playing in

the Rock Ensemble. It was a credited class where you would join a group of other students who wanted to play music, write your own songs or rehearse covers, and then perform them at the Rock Ensemble Concert at the end of the semester. At the time, this was something my generation was big into. There was an allure to having a band and being a musician, but I was still hesitant, given my very introverted nature. I really just loved the idea of playing the drums; I wasn't thinking about all the other things that would surface because of it. In the winter of 1996, I played my first official show at the Scharmann Theater. I believe the first song of my first show was "Smoke on the Water," by Deep Purple. I realized that although I was playing in front of hundreds of people, I felt surprisingly comfortable, as if I truly belonged there. All the creativity and emotion I had previously kept to myself were broadcast to an audience that night, and it felt right.

Moving into the next semester, I couldn't wait to join the next iteration of Rock Ensemble. I was so excited to step back into it, playing with some new people and expanding my musical horizons. One day, I showed up to practice to find that no one was there except our singer, Jared Monaco, and me. Another band was slated to practice at the same time in a different room, and they were short members too. It was Andy Palermo's band. Because you had to practice to receive credit for that week, Andy asked if Jared and I would join him. We mostly jammed out to some random tunes that were popular at the time. Afterward, Andy approached me in the parking lot and asked if I wanted to try out for a band he was playing in. They had been looking for a new drummer. I was flattered, excited, and a little scared all at the same time, but I said yes. It was all moving fast, and I wasn't sure if I was ready. He said they were practicing the following week and gave me a tape of a previous show they'd played at Ten Pin Lanes. It was all classic rock I knew from growing up but had never actually played myself. I listened to the tape over and over on my Walkman, trying to pick out every little nuance, all while thinking of ways I could put a twist on it.

When the time came for me to attend the practice, I remember being extremely nervous. I knew I'd be doing a few things I wasn't comfortable with, like meeting new people and playing and speaking in front of others. It was all wrapped up in the worry of whether I'd fit in. It was that day in May 1997 that I ended up meeting some of my best lifelong friends. I remember walking down into the basement of Andy's parents' ranch and meeting Chris Raffa, Jasen Swanson, Andy Conti, and Jamie Smith. It was the Porcelain Busdrivers. We played through their setlist, and it just felt magical to be part of something so different from anything I'd ever done. It was one of those moments as a young adult where you can feel yourself branching out and growing. That introvert was coming out of his shell.

They ended up bringing me on as the band's drummer, and the rest is history. We kept getting better as individual musicians and as a cohesive band, and we started landing bigger shows at better venues. We had a horn section, focused on harmonies, and brought an energetic stage presence that was fueled by the bigger crowds we were playing for. We were a bunch of twentysomethings having the time of our lives, translating that energy to the scene every weekend. This was before social media. People knew that if they wanted to socialize and meet new people, they had to go where the people were, and a lot of the time, that was our shows. We'd play to crowds that broke the fire code, a whole room of happy people dancing and singing. It was memorable, beautiful mayhem, and I was beyond blessed and grateful to be a part of it. Other bands were thriving too, and it felt good to be part of a scene and have an extended family.

It turned out to be a huge blessing. I stepped out of my comfort zone, found a whole new world, and discovered a myriad of things about myself that opened me up to a different life. A huge shout out to everyone I shared the stage with, to all the amazing bands that were such a big part of the city's community and vibe, and to everyone who came out to the shows.

Ultimately, after a transitional time in my life, I decided to leave the Porcelain Busdrivers in December 2015. I thought I was done with music and intended to pivot my focus to other things. I got heavy into spirituality, learned Reiki, and started a wellness center. Through all that, though, music never went away; it just showed up in other forms. I ended up joining two bands, Trip the Deuce and Cold Lazarus, with Cold Lazarus becoming a band that toured heavily and made a substantial push into the Buffalo jam band scene. It was as if the magic of my original foray into music had been rekindled. I felt inspired to play freely and write original material. Although I left the band at the start of the pandemic in March 2020, it was another musical experience that left me feeling blessed and grateful. The music I made with Gavin Paterniti, Adam Gould, Drew Minton, and Jeremy Bunce will always be something I'm honored to have put out into the universe. As someone who hopes to be a father one day, it's also something I'd love to share with my kids.

Somewhere in the middle of all of it, I earned two bachelor's degrees, one in mathematics (2002) and one in computer science (2010), and built a life around teaching high school and college, my software development company Scappy Apps, tutoring mathematics, drum lessons at Infinity, and the wellness studio where I do Reiki on North Main Street. I also do web design for the Chautauqua Gazette! But if you asked me what actually held it all together, it was never any of that. It was always the music.

It still is. The friendships, the community, the version of myself I never expected to meet, all of it traces back to a sweaty kid in an attic bedroom, bashing through songs on a used Pearl kit while my patient and saintlike parents listened to all the commotion. He had no idea what he was starting. He just knew it felt right. And every time I sit down behind a kit, that kid is still in there, doing the thing he loves.

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## Jamestown Renaissance Corporation Announces Michael Edwards as Director of Downtown Revitalization

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**Jamestown Renaissance Corporation**

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) is pleased to announce the hiring of Michael Edwards as its new Director of Downtown Revitalization. Edwards will officially begin in the role on July 1 and will lead efforts to strengthen downtown Jamestown through business development, placemaking, community engagement, strategic partnerships, and investment attraction. In this role, Edwards will work closely with businesses, property owners, residents, nonprofit organizations, and public-sector partners to advance downtown revitalization initiatives and help implement JRC's evolving vision for the Urban Core. During his first several months, he plans to meet with stakeholders throughout the community to better understand local priorities, identify opportunities, and help guide the next phase of downtown investment and growth.

Edwards joins JRC at a pivotal moment in the organization's history. Over the past year, JRC has undertaken a strategic evolution of its mission, governance structure, and priorities to strengthen its role as a catalyst for downtown revitalization and economic development. Building on nearly two decades of work implementing the City's Urban Design Plan, JRC is sharpening its focus on economic growth, downtown housing, business attraction and retention, placemaking, and catalytic redevelopment projects. As Director of Downtown Revitalization, Edwards will help lead this next chapter by advancing strategic redevelopment initiatives, supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, activating public spaces, strengthening partnerships, and identifying opportunities that enhance downtown's economic, residential, and cultural vitality.

"This is more than a staffing announcement—it's a milestone in JRC's evolution," said Mayor Kim Ecklund, Co-Chair of the JRC Board of Directors. "Over the last year, we've worked to reposition JRC around a renewed mission focused on strengthening downtown Jamestown's economic, residential, and cultural vitality. Michael's experience in downtown leadership, economic development, placemaking, and partnership building makes him



uniquely qualified to help lead the organization into its next chapter and ensure that our work translates into visible, measurable progress throughout the Urban Core."

Edwards brings more than 30 years of experience in downtown management, economic development, placemaking, urban planning, historic preservation, and community revitalization. Most recently, he served as President and CEO of the Chicago Loop Alliance, where he led initiatives focused on economic development, public space activation, business advocacy, arts and cultural programming, and strategic planning. Prior to Chicago, Edwards served as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, where he helped oversee more than \$4 billion in public and private investment and supported significant downtown housing, business recruitment, and public-space initiatives. His experience also includes leadership roles with the Downtown Spokane Partnership, The Saratoga Associates, the Lackawanna Community Development Corporation, and a historic preservation-based downtown revitalization program in North East, Pennsylvania. Edwards said he was drawn to Jamestown because of both its potential and its similarities to communities where he has spent much of his career helping lead revitalization efforts. Edwards also emphasized the role arts, culture, and public spaces can play in creating a thriving downtown.

Edwards holds a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Canisius College. He is a founding member of the Global Business District Innovation Club, a Senior Fellow of the Institute of Place Management, and a past board member of the International Downtown Association.

## Introducing Everwild Land Trust: The Future of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy



Everwild staff from left to right: Bethany O'Hagan, Kim Turner, Daniel Conklin, Twan Leenders, Justina Dore, Whitney Gleason, and Carol Markham.

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**Everwild Land Trust**

After more than three decades serving the region as the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, our organization is excited to announce a new chapter and a new name: Everwild Land Trust. This change is more than a rebrand, it reflects both who we have become as an organization and the future we are working to build together with our community.

Since our founding in 1990, our mission has always centered on caring for the lands and waters that sustain this region. Over the years, that work has expanded as the challenges facing our landscapes have grown. Today, Everwild Land Trust is a nationally accredited land trust stewarding over 35 nature preserves and leading conservation, restoration, and education efforts across forests, wetlands, streams, shorelines, waterways, and lakes throughout our region.

As our work evolved, it became increasingly important to have a name that more clearly reflects the full scope of what we do and the interconnected systems we care for. The name Everwild speaks to the enduring relationship between people and the natural world around us. It reflects our belief that stewardship is not a one-time effort, but an ongoing shared responsibility.

While our name and look are changing, our mission remains deeply rooted in the same values that have guided our organization for decades: bringing people together to care for the lands, waters, and wildlife that define the Chautauqua region and make it such an incredible place to live and visit. We will continue to combine evidence-based science with hands-on stewardship and community engagement. We will continue to conserve and care for our lands,



Executive Director Whitney Gleason speaking at the recent ribbon cutting for the new Everwild roadside sign, made by Chautauqua Sign Co.

restore streams and habitats, monitor and improve water quality, respond to invasive species, expand community access, and create opportunities for people of all ages to connect with and care for the natural world.

This new identity also reflects the principle that conservation works best when people feel connected to it. Healthy ecosystems and healthy communities go hand in hand. Everyone has a role to play in shaping the future of this region. As we move into this next chapter, we remain committed to collaborative, science-based stewardship that protects the places people love while supporting the long-term health and resilience of our communities.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has supported this organization throughout its history, and we are excited to continue this work together under a name that reflects both our roots and our future. To learn more about Everwild Land Trust, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or ways to get involved, please visit [everwildlandtrust.org](http://everwildlandtrust.org)

Everwild Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to lead, inspire, and nurture collective stewardship of the life, lands, and waters of the Chautauqua region, uniting action, science, education, and community in perpetuity.

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# Business of the Week

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

## Shawbucks: A Local Favorite Looks to the Future with MindfulEatery



Editor-in-Chief  
**Katrina Fuller**



For 30 years, Shawbucks has been a beloved gathering place in downtown Jamestown, and the beloved spot is getting some well-anticipated additions that patrons are sure to love.

Located at 212 West 2nd Street, the restaurant and bar opened its doors on March 31, 1995, and has become known as a comfortable spot to enjoy a meal, catch live entertainment or simply relax with friends. Today, owner Kurt B. Johnson is developing an exciting new chapter for the building. While the first floor will continue operating as the familiar Shawbucks restaurant and bar, the upper floors are being developed to serve a wide range of community needs, from celebrations and entertainment to learning and personal well-being.

"I've owned this building since 1995 in December," Johnson said. "I've always wanted to develop the upper floors and I've had this idea for the MindfulEatery project since probably 2010, when I really started living that way myself, focusing on foods, environment and creating health."

As a carpenter by trade, Johnson is doing most of the renovation work himself with assistance from his sons, Colin and Kadan, and longtime friend, Tim Desmond of Desmond Construction.

The upper floors are being transformed into MindfulEatery, a multi-use community space focused on bringing people together through food, learning, wellness and shared experiences. The project includes several unique features, such as four-story decks facing the National Comedy Center, a rooftop greenhouse, outdoor gardens and a balcony. These spaces are being designed to offer both indoor and outdoor environments that support community gatherings,

**SHAWBUCKS**  
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events and wellness activities.

"MindfulEatery is kind of an experiential philosophy that I made up," he said. "It is just paying attention to what you consume, whether it gives you energy or takes it away and the areas of what you consume. What do you consume? You consume food, you consume your thoughts and you consume your environment. Those are the three pillars that support MindfulEatery."

Johnson said regular customers of Shawbucks don't have to worry: the foods and experience they love aren't going anywhere.

"I don't want to get away from the food I have, but I'd also like to serve other food with other options," he said. "I want to have the MindfulEatery kitchen focused on more of an 'awakened' menu. It would be nice to promote locally sourced, organic, plant-based foods and farmers. I want to create a demand for locally sourced foods if I can."

Johnson said the second floor will host weddings, conferences, private events, live entertainment/bands and comedy shows. It will also provide flexible space for educational workshops and community programs, with opportunities to work alongside Jamestown Community College and

local schools. The third floor will focus on wellness, with dedicated space for energy psychology, energy healing and energy medicine.

Johnson has been meeting with the Cornell Natural Food Co-op and Jamestown Community College to explore hands-on educational programs centered on regenerative farming, indoor growing and practical food skills. One concept in development is a workshop series called "Plant a Plate in 15 Minutes," aimed at making fresh, healthy food more accessible.

Johnson, who is not only a business owner but also a carpenter, said he is doing the work himself. He expects the first-floor decks to be available for use by late Summer. He said the upper decks may take several months to complete, and the rooftop gardens will be a project slated for next year.

For those interested in more in-depth information on the MindfulEatery concept, Johnson shares regular Mindful Monday reflections on social media, offer-

ing thoughtful messages about personal growth and choosing a more positive way of living. He hopes these may one day grow into in-person gatherings at Shawbucks. His book, "Lone Star Rising: The Energy Within Me – Choosing Love Over Fear," serves as the foundation for the MindfulEatery vision.

Johnson said he is thankful for his wife, Tammy, who has played an important role in the success of the restaurant over the years. He said he and Tammy are also deeply grateful to their dedicated team of employees, who they credit as a key part of Shawbucks' success over the past three decades.

"As Shawbucks moves into this next phase, the goal remains simple: to create more ways for people to connect, learn and enjoy time together in downtown Jamestown," Johnson said.

To follow the project and learn more, visit [shawbucks.com](http://shawbucks.com) or [kurtbjohnson.com](http://kurtbjohnson.com)

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## Anne Brunenavs Honored as Mentor of the Year at Chautauqua Striders Reception



Erica Friedman Coburn, Heather Johnston, Anne Brunenavs, Erika Maberry, Carlye Montgomery

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### Chautauqua Striders

On Tuesday, June 2nd, Erica Friedman Coburn from Mentor New York came to Jamestown to present Anne Brunenavs with a Mentor of the Year Award at a reception at Chautauqua Striders.

Erica said, “Every year we take an opportunity to recognize mentors that stand out from our program partners. We all know that it takes more than just parents and caregivers to raise our kids. And we know that mentors in our own lives have made an incredibly positive impact on us and we know that mentoring happens every single day through incredible programs like Striders. We are thrilled that you are here to support Striders while we recognize Anne for her incredible contributions to her mentee and this overall program and community.”

Heather Johnston, the Chautauqua Striders High School Mentoring Coordinator, said, “Congratulations, Anne! I know you’re not someone who loves the spotlight, but you certainly deserve it today. Anyone who has seen Anne in action knows firsthand that this recognition is well deserved. Anne truly embodies the definition of a mentor: someone who provides guidance, support, and encouragement to help another person grow. And she does it all simply because she cares.”

Carlye Montgomery, the Elementary and Middle School Mentoring Coordinator, continued with that sentiment: “For the last eight years, Anne has shown up for her mentee with compassion, patience, and unconditional support. Beyond her commitment as

a mentor, Anne is always proudly representing Chautauqua Striders in the community, sharing the impact of our programs and encouraging others to get involved. She is a passionate advocate for mentoring and has helped recruit new mentors, ensuring that more young people have the opportunity to experience the same support and positive connection that her mentee has received. Her dedication, leadership, and belief in the power of mentoring have made a lasting difference in her mentee’s life. Through her consistency, Anne has shaped her into the remarkable young person she is today. Anne, thank you for the time, energy, and heart you have devoted to mentoring. You represent everything this program stands for and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do. Congratulations on this well-earned honor!”

When she received the award, Anne commented, “This means so much and it’s such an honor because it comes from this group of people who do amazing work. I am so impressed by what you do for our local youth. I see it, I feel it - the positivity and the encouragement and the confidence they give. I feel surrounded by a community of mentors here that all deserve this because I hear their stories, too, and know the impact they’re all making. When you say that being a mentor changes two lives, it’s 100 percent true!”

Striders is always looking for more mentors to join Anne in supporting, guiding and encouraging local youth. It’s easy, it’s fun, and it makes a difference! As little as two hours a month spent mentoring a student can have a huge positive impact on their life. Contact us today! 716-489-3483; [erika@chqstriders.org](mailto:erika@chqstriders.org); [www.chqstriders.org](http://www.chqstriders.org).

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## Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation Accepts a Grant from Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation



Pictured from left to right: AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital Administrator Dr. Rodney J. Buchanan and Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation Executive Director Patricia Gaughan DiPalma accept a \$2,030 check from Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) Executive Director Diane Hannum and NCCF Community Impact Assistant Nathaniel Clark as part of its spring Community Grants Program. The grant will support the purchase of maintenance equipment needed at AHN Westfield Hospital.



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## BPU Sells Freshly Grilled Hot Dogs June 12 to Benefit "Cents for St. Susan's" Fund Drive



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**Jamestown BPU**

Enjoy a freshly grilled hot dog or two from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 12, outside the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown. A rain date for the sale is Friday, June 19.

BPU volunteers will sell hot dogs, chips, water and sodas to benefit the BPU's 27th annual "Cents for St. Susan's" fund drive. The utility raises money for St. Susan Center at this time each year to help provide meals at the soup kitchen in the summer.

The public may also bring empty re-

deemable cans and bottles to the sale to provide more "cents" for the soup kitchen.

During the fund drive through mid-July, redeemable cans and bottles can also be taken to the BPU Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street, to benefit the St. Susan Center. Cans and bottles for "Cents for St. Susan's" can also be donated at Don's Car Wash in the name of St. Susan Center.

Donations will also be accepted at the hot dog sale.

For questions regarding the drive, contact BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins at 716-661-1680 or at brobbins@jamestownNY-BPU.gov.

## Westfield, NY Playwriting Competition to be Held

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**Lakeshore Center For The Arts**

There is something happening in Westfield, NY inside a local church, that many locals are slowly finding out about. It's the Juice Box One Act Playwriting Competition, featuring plays from all over the world. This year ten plays are being offered over the course of four nights: June 10-13. The plays in competition were selected from two hundred plays submitted. Plays from California to Chechnya are being featured. Five comedies will be presented on June 10 and again on June 12. Five dramas will be presented on June 11 and again on June 13. These plays will be adjudicated by a committee of judges and awards will be handed out on Sunday, June 14.



across from the Patterson Library. It is produced by a small but dedicated group of local "theatre people"- actors, directors, technicians, and stage crew who have created something which allows their audiences to experience a unique evening of entertainment; one that is immediate, evolving and always different. The plays don't shy away in their attempt to promote social discourse and dialogue. While some of the plays are just for fun, others deal with some very real issues in our modern world. These plays seek to work on our ever-changing definition of humanity by "holding a mirror up to nature." In the opinion of one of the directors involved in this project, "Live theatre is essential to us as human beings in this world. Theatre is a place where people sit in the dark with strangers and have a collective experience, listening to stories that illuminate who we are as a people."

Begun in 2023, the festival is part of a larger entity called The Lakeshore Center For The Arts. It's housed inside the First Presbyterian Church, right

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