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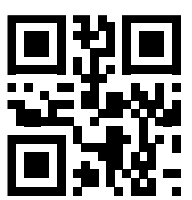
Located in the western stretch of Chautauqua County just off I-86, the Village of Sherman offers small-town living with a tight-knit, community-driven spirit. Known for its vibrant local businesses, deep-rooted history and incredible community pride, Sherman is home to both lifelong residents and newcomers drawn in by its charm.

The business community in Sherman is going strong, despite being such a small area. One of the village's longest-running businesses is Triple E Mfg & Design Inc., a western apparel and equine equipment company started in 1984 in a barn. Now located off the Sherman exit, owner Heather White has expanded the business into a unique local hub, offering everything from engraved



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THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE IS STRONG

Featured Writer
Mayor Colleen Meeder
Sherman, NY

Eight years ago, the daunting task of rebuilding failing infrastructure in Sherman lay ahead without financial records or the means to begin.

As Mayor of the Village of Sherman, I am truly appreciative of the members of our boards and committees who set themselves aside, focusing solely on prioritizing the Village of Sherman's vision and mission in a respectful and creative collaboration of ideas, working together for the collective benefit of the community.

Over the years, the trustees have shown great strength of character and determination to do what's right, even when policies are often not understood.



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There were difficult decisions, but many innovative solutions refocused the Village on long-term stability and sustainability. I am most grateful to the dedicated and resourceful village employees who are performing the tasks under the pressures of scrutiny

and limited resources. First, we had to make serious, and potentially risky, course corrections to the financial and operational conditions to ensure the provisions

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, JULY 21

The Resource Center Golf Classic | 10:30 AM

Moon Brook Country Club
Jamestown
For Info: trcgolfclassic.com

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Cinema Series: The Life of Chuck | 7:30 PM

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

CHQ Chamber: Business After Hours | 5 PM - 6:30 PM

Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay | Irving
For Info: chqchamber.org

Music at the Point Sunset Series: Zen City | 6 PM - 8 PM

Point Gratiot Park | Dunkirk
For Info: cityofdunkirk.com/residents/festivals_events

Movies at The Reg: The Phonician Scheme | 7 PM

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

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Cardio Drumming | 9 AM

Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk
For Info: 716-467-5306

Music on the Pier | 6 PM

Dunkirk City Pier | DunkirkFor
Info: cityofdunkirk.com/residents/festivals_events

David Cay Johnston: "How to Save Our Democracy" | 7:30 PM

Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Jamestown
For Info: uujamestown.org

FRIDAY, JULY 25

YWCA Westfield 53rd Arts & Crafts Festival | 9 AM - 6 PM

Moore Park | Westfield
For Info: ywcawestfield.org

Student Art Show | 5 PM - 7 PM

Pearl City Clay House Gallery
Jamestown
For Info: infinityperformingarts.org

Movies at the Reg: Materialists 7 PM

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

The Beatles' A Hard Day's Night | 7 PM

1891 Fredonia Opera House
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For Info: fredopera.org

FRIDAY, JULY 25 - SATURDAY, JULY 26

Juice Box Organic International One Act Play Competition

Lake Shore Center for the Arts
Westfield
For Info: lakeshorecenterforthearts.com

SATURDAY, JULY 26

YWCA Westfield 53rd Arts & Crafts Festival | 9 AM - 5 PM

Moore Park | Westfield
For Info: ywcawestfield.org

Walking Tour | 10:30 AM

Fenton History Center | Jamestown
For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org

Cinema Series: Materialists 7:30 PM

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Pastor Ivy Gauvin Final Service & Celebratory Brunch 10:00 AM

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Bemus Point
For Info: sttimothybemus.com



August 1-3: Sherman Days

Enjoy live music, a parade, food, vendors, fireworks, a car show, and more from Friday-Sunday!
www.shermanny.gov/sherman-day

August 18: Presentation of the Oliver Willcox Norton painting to the Minerva Free Library

Painter Susan Wolfe and Historian Jari Villanueva will be joining us at the Minerva Free Library for the presentation of the painting to share the history of Oliver Willcox Norton.

September 7-13: Paint CHQ

Mural painting on The Cornerstone Restaurant at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets. the Village is encouraging area creatives to join us for the week. There will be tables and chairs to come watch and engage in your own creative activity alongside.
www.choosechq.com/paintchq/

September 13: Sherman Music Festival

Annual festival at Edmunds Park, 125 Creekside Lane, off Hart St, Sherman
www.shermanny.gov/music-festival

September 25: "Night at the Museum"

Taking place at the French Creek Yorker Museum, 106 Church St, this event is put on by the Village of Sherman for the promotion of the museum, with the help of its managing curators the Sherman Historical Society. Explore the museum in a new light under the moon and twinkling lights with music and food.
www.tourchautauqua.com/events/night-at-the-museum

December 13: Sherman Lighted Tractor Parade

Revive the magic of childlike wonder in this captivating, fun, family event. Under the snow-covered awnings, children 'of all ages' line the Main Street of Sherman to be dazzled by the creative Christmas light displays.
www.shermanny.gov/tractor-parade

Trivia

- 1. What is the name of the creek that runs through the Village of Sherman?
- 2. Who is believed to be the first settler to locate in the Town of Sherman and what is his son's name who is said to be the first child born in Sherman?
- 3. Which business has a goal of breeding cattle to with the total package: large horn, pretty color, and so much more?
- 4. What is the name of Sherman's annual festival in August?
- 5. Which new local business is located in front of the old train depot?
- 6. What is the name of the home featuring the oldest frame building in Sherman? Hint: It was moved here from Miller Street where the Catholic Church now stands.
- 7. Which business in the Village of Sherman is known for its fun and entertaining atmosphere, often hosting local bands to play inside?
- 8. What is the name of a business that is closed on Sundays in order to worship and give thanks to God? Hint: They have amazing breakfast that is served Monday-Saturday from 6am-11am.
- 9. Which business originally began its work in a small barn in 1984? Ten years later, they moved into a two-story building in Sherman, making them one of the longest-standing local businesses.
- 10. What is the name of the beloved mayor of the Village of Sherman?



1. French Creek 2. Dearing Dorman & Archibald Dorman 3. C&C Cattle Co. 4. Sherman Day 5. Archie's Powersports 6. Peter Ripley House 7. The Sherman Hotel 8. The Cornerstone Restaurant & Bakery 9. Triple E Mfg & Design Inc 10. Colleen Meeder



Editorial with Lori Cornell

Showcasing Sherman



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

Wow!!!

I am always impressed when we embark upon another community showcase and really have a chance to get to know a village or town-center more in depth. I only live a few miles from the Village of Sherman and, like many of us Chautauqua County residents, I go "through" this community via I-86 all the time. But this showcase was a great reminder to me - and I hope to you too - that Sherman is worth so much more than a drive by.

Whether it be the incredible list of delicious diners and restaurants, unique shops and professional services or the plethora of annual exciting events, Sherman has it all. Its quintessential historic downtown is a throwback to a

peaceful yesteryear where its strong agricultural roots are as evident and cherished as the new and exciting Trail Town efforts to further its positioning as a national gem. Sherman is a community that has profound respect for its history, but also values its growth. The area is not just business-focused, but also cherishes important community efforts like the incredible Minerva Free Library and Sherman Fire Department, which both remain strong and active. The village and its residents look forward to the future by investing in their community, their youth and the opportunities available there.

Sherman's leadership is also a cut above. From its hands-on, highly proactive mayor, Colleen Meeder to its regionally recognized school Superintendent Carrie Yohe, to its local Chamber of Commerce, Sherman Days and Yorker Museum organizing teams, Sherman combines its laudable efforts with the perfect blend of professionalism and unstoppable can-do. It's no wonder they exhibit such welcoming pride.

Sherman truly is where it's at - this August for Sherman Days - and all year long!

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What I Love About Sherman...

"A place like no UDDER...Sherman, NY." - **Laura Lea Swanson**

"Without a doubt: it's the people. The kids and the community don't just greet you with kindness, they embrace you like family. I first walked into Sherman Central School in 2013, and right away, it felt like home. The people there will always have a special place in my heart, and Sherman will forever be my second home." - **Brad Barmore**

"Mayor Colleen Meeder." - **Monica Simpson**

"How the town pulls together and supports one another when tragedy occurs. It truly is special." - **Holly McCray McCalla**

"I have lived here for five years, and I've made friends of every generation. I was especially proud of what this town did for Angus Calhoun." - **Nancy Small**

"The generations of families who live, work, and volunteer in the town and village. They are proud of their community, school, children and volunteer fire department. It shows in everything they do, from the Christmas Tractor Parade to the annual Sherman Days and more. They have the absolute best sense of community." - **Wendy Rodgers**

"The Cornerstone and their fresh baked loaves." - **Pat Locke**

"Westfield Family Physicians." - **Sherri McCall**

"Quite roads and wide fields." - **Emily Hohman**

"Knowing that Carrie Yohe is the superintendent of Sherman Schools." - **Greg Huber**

"Knowing that our neighbors still look out for our kids as they did for us when we were growing up. Really shows that it takes a village." - **Jessica VanVolkenburg**

"The new 'K9 Complex'! Love the diversity and opportunity to have somewhere to work with my dogs nearby." - **Cassandra Katharine**

"The history of the village, for which, as a descendant of Dearing Dorman, I am partial. It's also where I got married in 2018 during Sherman Days." - **Brenda Ranney Ferrara**



Every Child Deserves A Chance Let's Give Them That Opportunity

Meet Sadie: Baby Sadie was 5 months old when the social worker found her sleeping in the bathtub. Her big sister Susie let the social worker in the house and told her they had not seen their mother since dinner the night before. Their mother had a track record of drug abuse however she had just completed a court ordered recovery program to get her kids back from foster care.

Know CASA: Sadly the girls birth mother succumbed to her addiction. Sadie & Susies' CASA volunteer worked with case workers to find the girls a loving home. The girls were adopted by their new family and are building happy healthy lives.

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Sherman, Circa 1913

In Loving Memory

July 10

Darryl J. “DJ” Nordlund, 63
Kiantone
Peterson Funeral Home

July 13

Benny L. Salva, 35
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Mary “Byrd” Ledebur, 73
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

July 14

Robert J. “Bob” Verbosky, 72
Bemus Point
Lind Funeral Home

July 12

Daniel L. McMurray, 74
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Howard A. Grimes Jr., 78
Lakewood
Falconer Funeral Home

Theresa J. Carlson, 73
Jamestown
Falconer Funeral Home

July 15

Shirley Hitchcock, 82
Busi
Riccardi’s Funeral Home

William A. “Billy” Stevenson, 74
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

July 16

Ruth A. Miles, 70
Ellington
Falconer Funeral Home



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The Village Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm at 111 Mill Street. The Clerk holds office hours from 9am - 4pm Monday - Thursday.

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Faith Matters

The Gospel of God’s Kingdom

Featured Writer

Pastor Tim Minge
First Baptist Church
of Sherman



Denise & Tim Minge

One of the perks of living in Sherman is that whenever someone is going through a difficult time, there are scores of folks who’ll pray for you and let you know you’re not alone. I believe that is largely due to a long history of gospel influence. Recently, Sherman celebrated its 200th birthday. During those 200 years, our little town has enjoyed a long legacy of gospel-preaching churches and gospel-believing people.

Over the years, that word “gospel” has worked its way into common usage, suggesting a variety of ideas. Some think of it as a type of music or specific church denomination. Some use it to mean something is undeniably true. But what does “gospel” really mean? Thankfully, the Bible explains it.

Mark 1:15 reads: “Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’” Jesus’ first recorded words are about the gospel. It literally means “good news,” which some translations reflect. According to Jesus, the gospel is the good news about God’s kingdom. Mark’s intention, along with the whole Bible, is to reveal God’s purpose to establish a kingdom “on earth as it is in heaven.” As the Old Testament foretells it, as Jesus proclaims it, and as the New Testament later explains it, the gospel is God’s good news that his kingdom is coming.

So, what is the kingdom of God? The Apostle Paul explains that God’s plan is to unite all things in heaven and on earth in Jesus Christ at his appointed time (Ephesians 1:10). God intends to establish a kingdom on earth to dwell among people. The kingdom isn’t merely an idea. It’s an actual dominion, a place where God rules and lives with people, not just in Heaven but also here on Earth.

The entire storyline of the Bible is moving toward this. Sin brought death and separation in the Garden of Eden. People could no longer approach the holy God. But God’s

plan of redemption is restoring what was lost in the Garden. He made a way for creatures to live in community and have eternal relationship with their Creator. He’s accomplishing that plan through Jesus. That’s why he’s called “Emmanuel.” It means God with us (Matthew 1:23). With Jesus’ arrival, what God had promised for millennia was finally happening! God’s kingdom has come near!

That’s good news because it means the world won’t always be like this. Our world has been broken for a long time in a thousand ways. None of us have all the answers. No politician, army, or technology will fix what’s wrong with our world. Though we’ve seen great advancement, the age-old problems of war, injustice, violence, hunger, poverty, disease, and suffering remain. We can rightly try to address them, but it’s hard to know where to start, and at best they’re temporary fixes. However, the gospel promises the world won’t always be this way. There’s a good bit of mystery to this kingdom, but we can be certain that God’s purpose hasn’t changed. His King and kingdom are coming to put everything right again.

It’s also good news because you can be a part of this kingdom. By his sacrificial death and resurrection, Jesus opened the way for anyone to enter. The call remains the same: “Repent and believe the good news.” God is bringing his kingdom to earth through Jesus, and you can belong to it!

So, when you think gospel, think kingdom. Think good news about a kingdom of righteousness, justice, and peace that’s coming through Jesus Christ. Sherman isn’t the only place you can hear this good news. There’s likely a gospel-preaching church near you, where you can hear the gospel of Jesus every Sunday and pray with other believers, “Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.”

St. Luke's Thrift Shop Announces nearly \$20,000 in Grants to Support Local Community Organizations



Board president Barb Kiddoo presents check to YWCA staff Amanda Gesing and Jacqueline Cook.

Contributed by St. Luke's Episcopal Church

At its recent board meeting in July, the St. Luke's Thrift Shop Board approved nearly \$20,000 in its summer allocations to support a range of organizations that serve vulnerable populations across the Jamestown area.

The all-volunteer run Thrift Shop, located in a former house for clergy on the St. Luke's campus (409 Pine St), is led by Board President, Barb Kiddoo. The Thrift Shop transforms donations of clothing and small household items, which it receives on Tuesday mornings from 10-1, to significant support for the community—offering vouchers for those in need and reselling them at affordable prices, which generates approximately \$35,000 annually in support for community-based agencies and programs.

Baring the St. Luke's name, the Thrift Shop's extends the church's ministry of service into the wider community. The summer allocation of funds was designated to strengthen local efforts addressing homelessness, youth development, healthcare access, and immigrant support.

These allocations reflect the Thrift Shop's commitment to partnering with organizations that share St. Luke's values of dignity, hospitality, and compassion:

- **Hope Haven Women's Homeless Shelter** (run by Chautauqua Opportunities) – \$2,500 to furnish guest rooms
- **YWCA's Legacy House Housing Initiative** – \$3,500 for interior improvements
- **UCAN City Mission** – \$2,000 to support their efforts in assisting clients in securing

vital documents and for the purchase of a large-screen television.

- **Boys and Girls Club** – \$3,000 for CPR/AED equipment and technology upgrades
- **YMCA's Y on the Fly Program** – \$2,500 for mobile outreach efforts
- **New Neighbors Coalition** – \$1,000 for discretionary immigrant family support
- **Meals on Wheels** – \$1,000 unrestricted to support food delivery to homebound seniors
- **Mental Health Association** – \$1,000 unrestricted for general support
- **Arise Chautauqua** – \$2,000 for leadership development training

“These grants represent the heart of our mission,” said Barb Kiddoo, Board President. “Through the work of the Thrift Shop and the generosity of our shoppers and volunteers, we’re able to ensure that local organizations have the resources they need to support those on the margins of our community.”

The Rev. Luke Fodor added, “This is more than charity—it’s a tangible expression of our faith in action. These grants help build the beloved community we are called to create.”

For more information about St. Luke's Thrift Shop or to learn how you can support this ministry, visit www.stlukesjamestown.org. A winter allocation will be made in December.



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**Saturday, July 26th
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Visiting Jamestown from her home base in Los Angeles, Elie Docter studied at renowned comedy training facilities including Upright Citizens Brigade, The Second City, and The PIT. Elie brings a wealth of improv experience and comedic insight to her teaching. While studying at NYU, she interned at Saturday Night Live and later worked on an HBO series with Mindy Kaling.

These experiences have further solidified her place in the world of professional comedy. Elie grew up steeped in the world of comedy and creativity—her dad is Pete Docter, Chief Creative Officer of Pixar, a member of the National Comedy Center's Advisory Board, and a speaker at Chautauqua Institution during week two of the 2025 season. It's no surprise that Elie found her own path into the world of laughter.

Elie believes improv makes you braver, kinder, and a whole lot sillier—and she can't wait to share the joy of improv with the next generation of comedy stars!



**For more information and to register
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Sherman: State of the Village

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necessary for the foundational elements of service. As we see the growing need for water and sewer infrastructure across the county, Sherman is extremely fortunate to have existing water and wastewater utilities. However, upgrades were urgently required for the ageing systems.

While it was unpopular to spend \$20,000 - \$50,000 on preliminary feasibility studies, particularly during the COVID period when businesses were in jeopardy, the Village continued forward, understanding it was more important than ever. This early planning positioned the Village to take advantage of competitive grants and low interest rates, bringing us opportunities as well as the ability to better manage some interesting and unexpected challenges along the way.

The Village is now constructing the final of three major infrastructure projects, totaling over \$12 million, while managing over \$2.8 million in community and economic development projects for Main Street revitalization, housing rehabilitation, climate-smart initiatives, assistance to the Food Pantry, and another \$300,000 in operational equipment grants. The substantial upgrades to infrastructure at the water and wastewater treatment plants, well pumps, water mains and lateral lines, and stormwater collection systems are underground and out of sight. Experienced engineers and contractors, funders and county agencies have all taken an interest and supported our efforts to ensure the quality of the projects constructed.

With generous donations, the Village has begun to grow Edmunds Park by adding restrooms, a playground and volleyball courts along French Creek. Other initiatives to light and beautify the village have been implemented, and with Complete Streets in mind, the village will continue to improve safety and walkability. The Paint CHQ mural transforming the southern downtown gateway, along with future expansion and connection of the trail with benches, bike racks and other placemaking amenities will contribute to achieving the

Trail Town designation. Economic development inspires new businesses on Main Street and around the Village, and 2025 saw the opening of the Cooler Creamery, Archie’s Powersports and The K-9 Complex, all of which attract visitors to the Village of Sherman.

The Village serves as the structure for the Sherman Days Committee and Sherman Chamber of Commerce with their committed volunteers to provide great annual community events for residents and visitors. Sherman Days is a reunion and celebration of local culture, the Music Festival is a fun day for all, and the Lighted Tractor Parade is a heartwarming, timeless event that is growing each year!

Sherman’s identity is tied to the quaint downtown setting with the covered walkway awning, making its restoration and façade rehabilitation critical to the historic character. Fellow Sherman community non-profits demonstrate leadership and volunteerism as shown by our Stanley Hose Company and Minerva Free Library, which contribute to the exceptional quality of living in rural Sherman. Sherman’s natural beauty, sense of community, and connectivity to the greater Chautauqua area further add to its charm.

The Village is working to preserve and promote the Yorker Museum, alongside the Sherman Historical Society. Guided tours of the living history museum and the ‘Night at the Museum’ hosted by the Village in September offer a unique experience within our treasured asset.

Our progress forward is directly associated with early advancements made in the past by innovators like Oliver Willcox Norton, who first established the Sherman Waterworks Company and commissioned the Minerva Free Library at the turn of the century. The Village of Sherman pursues the vision: “Preserving our Past, Serving Today, while Working for our Future,” understanding that all three are essential parts for our continued success.

Opera House Cinema Series to Screen Materialists and A Hard Day’s Night

Contributing Writer
Fredonia Opera House

The Cinema Series continues at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center with screenings of “Materialists,” starring Dakota Johnson, Pedro Pascal, and Chris Evans, on Sat., July 26, and Tues., July 29, at 7:30 p.m., and a special screening of The Beatles’ “A Hard Day’s Night” on Fri., July 25, at 7 p.m.

In “Materialists,” a young ambitious New York City matchmaker’s (Johnson) lucrative business gets complicated as she finds herself torn between the perfect match (Pascal) and her imperfect ex (Evans). Newsday calls the film “sparkling, smart and sophisticated – finally, a rom-com for intelligent adults.” The New York Times calls it “a seductive, smartly refreshed addition to an impossibly old-fashioned genre that was once a Hollywood staple.” Rated R for language and brief sexual material, “Materialists” runs one hour, 56 minutes.

Tickets for “Materialists” are available at the door for \$7 (adults), \$6.50 (seniors & Opera House members) and \$5 (students) the night of each screening. The Tuesday night screening is presented with captions visible on the screen. The Opera House Cinema Series is generously sponsored by Lake Shore Savings.

In 1964, Fredonia’s Winter Garden Theatre was packed for The Beatles’ first feature film “A Hard Day’s Night.” As part of this year’s Fredonia High School Class of 1970 reunion, the Winter Garden – now the 1891 Fredonia Opera House & Performing



Submitted Photo
Promotional shot for Materialists.

Arts Center – presents the film once again.

This will be an encore showing of the film, which returned to a full house last summer for the 60th anniversary of its release. Sponsored by the FHS Class of 1970 as part of its reunion festivities, and by The Wretched Group, this screening is open to the public.

Sixty years ago, the average price of a movie ticket was \$1.01. As a throwback to 1965, tickets to this screening are \$1 (you keep the penny!) and are available at the door only.

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



Promotional shot for A Hard Day's Night.

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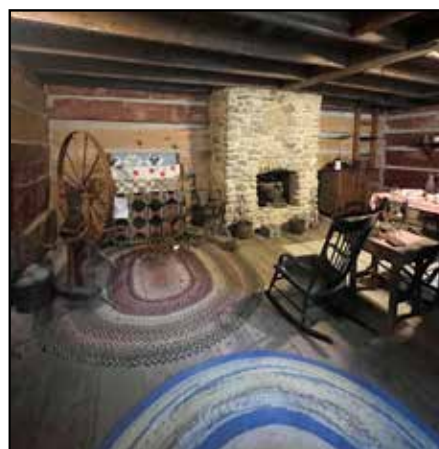
Make it a point to visit the Sherman Yorker Museum this summer or any time in the future! The museum is open from 1-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays through the end of August. The Sherman Historical Society also enjoys entertaining and educating guests of all ages including school groups, seniors, church groups, as well as individuals and families on other days and times, weather permitting.

How did the Yorker Museum come to be? Miss Genevieve Matteson (later to become Mrs. Ray Larson) was a dynamic Junior High Social Studies teacher at Sherman Central beginning in the 1940s. Along with five of her students, she began a Yorker chapter in the 1946-1947 school year. The Yorker organization was a New York State Junior Historical Society. Miss Matteson and her students began collecting artifacts and planning to develop a museum on the Village Green in Sherman. What started as a small group of students with a dream gradually grew into a 200-member club and a seven-building complex. The group spent years fundraising and was hands-on in making the museum what it is today.

In 1950, the group obtained its first building, the Peter Ripley House, and had it moved a short distance across the street to the corner of Park and Church Streets. The building was in deep disrepair, but the students and local residents worked together to turn it into a showplace for their antique collection. Visitors to Sherman will recognize the building as the red and white clapboard house sitting at the front of the museum grounds.

The Nettle Hill Schoolhouse was moved in two sections from a few miles outside town to become the second building on the museum grounds. Thanks to community members who volunteered their time and heavy machinery, and a small bank loan, the schoolhouse was put in place in 1956. The school was considered quite progressive for its time, as it also housed a small library.

In 1959, the Buggy Shed from a church on Wait Corners Road was moved five miles to the museum grounds. With several bays added to the original building, it now houses the first Sherman Fire District fire engine, the pride and joy of the museum to this



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day. The building also contains buggies, sleighs, and many pieces of large and small antique farm equipment. Next, the "Log Dwelling," a twenty-ton log structure, was moved from ten miles northwest of the village. Believed to have been built by the French in the mid-1700s as a fort or ammunition depot, it is now furnished as a pioneer home. The movement of this structure was a feat in itself, accomplished with the donation of much manpower and borrowed equipment.

A General Store was added to the museum in 1971. Originally a storage building at Ray Larson's chicken farm on Park Street, this structure was donated by Mr. Larson and became known as Ray Larson's General Store. The building is filled with artifacts that would be found in an early 1900s mercantile.

Formerly a general store, garage, and watch repair shop, the Chapel was moved to the museum grounds from Little America on the Sherman-Steadman Road. It was the final building to be moved to the Village Green. The Chapel contains a circular window that came from the original Sherman Town Hall and houses furniture and religious artifacts donated by many local churches.

The last two structures in the museum complex, the Meeting House and the Gazebo, were built on-site. The Gazebo, constructed in 1979, contains original gingerbread from the Spitzer Funeral Home, one of the oldest buildings in Sherman. The Meeting House was built in 1981 and was erected in memory of Ray Larson for his more than 40 years



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of support to the Yorker organization. Without the support of local residents and businesses, the museum would not have survived over seventy years of service to the Sherman community. The Sherman Historical Society was formed on March 21, 2011. Today, our mission is the maintenance of the seven fully furnished buildings that have been moved to the Village Green over the years. Additionally, the Society keeps the Gazebo and Meeting House, which were built on-site, in good repair. The steering committee of the museum is always eager to add members who have an interest in local history and in seeing the complex thrive. Historical Society members are extremely appreciative of the ongoing positive relationship with staff and students at Sherman Central School. Each spring, fifth and sixth-grade students and their teachers come to the

museum to rake and pick up sticks and pinecones as community service. In the fall, high school students and many staff members spend an afternoon raking leaves for the village to pick up outside our fence. Their help is greatly needed and appreciated!

The Historical Society is also very thankful for the faithful support of the current village administration and employees. Their help with mowing and other groundskeeping chores keeps the museum looking sharp!

We are especially blessed to have a small but very dedicated group of volunteers who guide visitors at the museum on a monthly basis. Extra guiding of student groups and providing baked goods for special events are two of the many other services in which these volunteers participate. "It takes a village," continues to be true to this day. Please come for a visit soon!



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goods to customized hats, banners, and nylon tack.

Sherman’s Main Street also features a variety of small businesses that offer both everyday essentials and cozy destinations for visitors. The Sherman Hotel Steakhouse and Saloon, owned by David Conrad, has become a favorite spot for live music, local dining and friendly faces. With a welcoming atmosphere and a strong weekend crowd, it’s a place where good food meets good company.

A new addition to Sherman’s business landscape is Archie’s Powersports, located on Kendrick Street. The locally owned repair and sales shop is operated by John Swabik and his wife, who have brought their passion for power sports into a full-service shop offering parts, seasonal storage and more.

In the heart of the village, The Cornerstone Restaurant and Bakery, owned by Becky VanValkenburg, offers breakfast, lunch, baked goods and community connection. This September, Cornerstone will also serve as the canvas for a large-scale mural project during the Paint CHQ Festival (Sept. 7–13). Artists will paint a wraparound mural on both the west and south walls of the building. The event is open to the public, with locals invited to create their own art alongside muralists in a weeklong celebration of creativity.

Sherman also hosts a number of events throughout the year, drawing visitors and residents together. Sherman Days, held August 1–3, includes parades, food vendors and local entertainment, led by Committee Chair Daniel Crane. Later in the month, on August 18, the

Minerva Free Library will host a special presentation of a commissioned painting of Oliver Willcox Norton, the original bugler of “Taps” at Gettysburg, by local artist Susan Wolfe. Norton, a Sherman native, was also instrumental in founding the library for his sister Elizabeth “Libby” Lane Norton.

Taps historian Jari Villanueva will attend the August 18 event to speak on Norton’s historical significance. Villanueva will also speak at the Chautauqua Institution on August 19 at the Hall of Philosophy.

The Sherman Music Festival, held annually on the second Saturday in September, will return to Edmunds Park on September 13 with food, live music and a family-friendly atmosphere. Just a few weeks later, on September 25, the French Creek Yorker Museum will host its evening event, Night at the Museum, featuring music, lights and exploration of the area’s history, organized by the Sherman Historical Society.

As the year winds down, the village lights up—literally—for the beloved Lighted Tractor Parade on December 13. The holiday event has grown significantly in recent years, attracting families and participants who line the streets to enjoy the snow-dusted parade of creatively decorated tractors, trailers, and ATVs.

Despite its size, Sherman offers a robust blend of history, business and hometown pride. Whether it’s your first visit or your forever home, Sherman has something to offer. For more information on upcoming events or to get involved in Sherman’s community life, visit the Village of Sherman or Sherman Chamber of Commerce Facebook pages.



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Vendors at Edmunds Park till Dark

Live Music at Cooler

7:00pm - "Shadyside"

Saturday, August 2nd

SCS Basketball 5K Run/Walk 8:30 am

Vendors Open at 9:00 am

"Free Little Library" Ribbon cutting 10:15 am

Ticket Raffle at Firehall 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (closed during parade)

Parade 11:00 am

Wild Eagle Chicken BBQ at Firehall 12:00 pm till Gone

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Cow Chip Bingo 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Horse & Wagon Rides at Yorker Museum

Petting Zoo & Longhorns at Yorker Museum 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Live Music at Cooler 12:00 - 11:00 pm

12:00 pm - "Fractures"

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Minerva Free Library Awarded State and Community Grants for Building Improvements



The exterior of the Minerva Free Library.

Contributing Writer **Minerva Free Library**

Minerva Free Library is proud to announce its approval for the New York State Construction Grant, which will fund the installation of energy-efficient windows throughout the entire building. As a qualifying recipient under the 90/10 funding model, Minerva Library will only be responsible for 10% of the \$90,000 window replacement project. This important upgrade will help preserve the historic charm of the building while enhancing energy efficiency.

As part of future improvements, the library plans to install air conditioning on the main floor to create a comfortable cooling zone for patrons during hot summer months.

Additionally, Minerva Library was recently awarded several generous grants that enabled the replacement of the building's outdated and non-functioning lift. This vital improvement enhances accessibility to the main library floor and was made possible thanks to the support of The Sheldon Foundation, the Community Impact Grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and a heartfelt donation from The Wake Family Foundation

in honor of Harold and Wanda Wake. The new lift, accessible from the outside ground level, ensures that all patrons can comfortably access library services.

Minerva Library is deeply grateful for the support of these grantmakers and the many friends of the library who believe in our mission: Libraries Change Lives.

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OLIVER WILLCOX NORTON AND SHERMAN, NEW YORK

Featured Writer
Jari Villanueva

Oliver Willcox Norton (O.W. to family and friends) was born in Angelica, New York (Allegheny County), on December 17, 1839. The son of Oliver William Norton, a Presbyterian minister, and his wife Henrietta, he was named after Henrietta's father. Oliver was the oldest of thirteen children (the elder Norton had seven with his first wife Henrietta and six with his second wife, Sarah Swezey). Reverend Norton often relocated his family before the Civil War, and Oliver attended Montrose Academy in Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, and later attended a private school in Sherman, New York. The family then moved to Chautauqua County, New York, where Reverend Norton preached at Open Meadows Methodist Church near Sherman. In 1860, the family moved again to Springfield Township, Pennsylvania, where O.W. was teaching and working on a farm when the Civil War broke out.

Oliver Norton is best known for serving as the brigade bugler for the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 5th Corps. Under the command of General Daniel Adams Butterfield, he helped compose and sounded Taps for the first time at Harrison's Landing (now Historic Berkeley Plantation) during the summer of 1862. He was the bugler when the brigade, led by Colonel Strong Vincent, fought at Gettysburg in July 1863 on Little Round Top. In November 1863, Oliver applied for and received a commission as an officer. He then spent the rest of the war with the 8th U.S. Colored Troops serving as a quartermaster officer.

After his discharge from the army in 1865, Oliver worked as a clerk at the Fourth National Bank in New York City. He lived in Brooklyn, near the ferry to Manhattan, where he met Lucy Coit Fanning. Lucy, born in Albion, New York, in 1842, attended Plymouth Congregational Church in Brooklyn along with him. They married at the church on October 3, 1870, with Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, the well-known orator and antislavery preacher, officiating.

The over 150 letters Oliver wrote home during the war offer insight into his duties as a bugler, orderly, flag bearer, and his life as a soldier. They are collected in a book titled "Army Letters," which he wrote in 1903 and published for private circulation. Nearly two-thirds of the wartime

letters were written to his sister Elizabeth (Libby) Lane Norton.

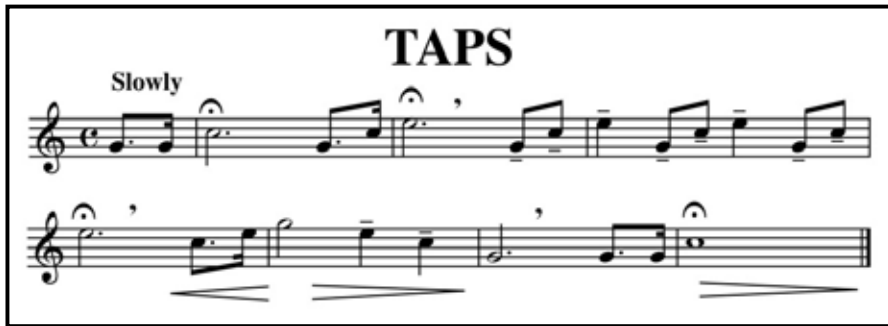
Elizabeth married Charles Ploss, a farmer, in 1862, and they had no children. Libby's life remained based in Chautauqua County, but after Charles's death in 1889, she left their farm home for a house in Sherman and later moved to the grounds of Chautauqua Institute, where her brothers Oliver and Edwin had built a comfortable home close to the community's cultural attractions. According to family legend, she was active in the Underground Railroad during the war, assisting runaway slaves in their escape to Canada. After the war, Libby became involved with the "Minerva Club," which worked to establish a free library in Sherman. She became blind later in life.

In the latter part of the 19th century, Oliver and his brother, Edwin, went into business together. Edwin, who held over 5,000 patents, persuaded his older brother to leave his New York accounting position and form a partnership with him, Alton H. Fancher, and David Fanning, to be called "Norton and Fancher," manufacturers of cans and sheet metal goods. Two years later, upon Mr. Fancher's retirement, the firm became the "Norton Brothers," manufacturers of tea and coffee caddies and other hand-decorated wares for the midwestern grocery trade.

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Like his sister, Elizabeth, blindness overtook Oliver for the last 15 years of his life, and he was forced to withdraw from an active business role. However, he still kept himself occupied by writing three books based on his Civil War experiences: "Army Letters 1861-1865" (published privately in 1903

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Norton, 1863



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As part of the Oliver Archives Center's 2025 Heritage Lecture Series, Jari Villanueva will present
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Jari Villanueva retired from the United States Air Force where he spent 23 years with The USAF Band in Washington DC. He is considered the country's foremost expert on military bugle calls, particularly the call of Taps which is sounded at military funerals. While in the Air Force he was the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge of The USAF Band's State Funeral Plans and was the NCOIC of the command post at Andrews AFB which oversaw the arrival and departure ceremonies for the late Presidents Reagan and Ford. As a ceremonial trumpeter, Villanueva participated in well over 5,000 ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, served as an assistant drum major leading The USAF Ceremonial Brass in funerals at Arlington. He was responsible for all the music performed by the USAF Bands for state funerals. Between 1998-2002 Villanueva created a display at Arlington National Cemetery highlighting the history of the military bugler. He was responsible for moving the bugle used at President John F. Kennedy's funeral from the Smithsonian to Arlington where it is currently on display. In 2007 Villanueva was inducted into the Buglers Hall of Fame, the first active duty military bugler to be so honored.

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ACME The Appliance Store Donates Frigidaire Chest Freezer to TRC Golf Classic



Colton Hanson and Justin Fardink, Special Olympics Athletes.

Contributed by The Resource Center

Dan and Beth Hocking, Owners of ACME The Appliance Store, recently donated a Frigidaire Chest Freezer that will be used for a drawing to support the 29th Annual TRC Golf Classic.

The TRC Golf Classic is the major annual fund-raising event for Filling the Gap, Inc., a Jamestown-based non-profit organization that works with The Resource Center to support people with disabilities and other socioeconomic challenges in Chautauqua County. In its first 28 years, the tournament has netted over \$1.84 million for the TRC Foundation Fund, which raises money to improve the lives of

people with disabling conditions in Chautauqua County.

"The Resource Center is an integral asset for our community, said Dan Hocking. "ACME the Appliance Store is pleased to once again serve as a community partner and donate this Frigidaire Chest Freezer to help raise money for the TRC Golf Classic. Beth & I are strong advocates for our community and are pleased to assist the Resource Center, an organization that empowers others to realize their full potential."

The 2025 TRC Golf Classic is scheduled for July 21 at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown. This year's event is sold out for the first time in over 20 years. For more information, please visit www.trcgolfclassic.com.

Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

Thank You, Volunteers



Contributed by Dana Corwin

Director of Chautauqua County
Office for Aging Services

This July, we are proud to celebrate the incredible volunteers who support older adults through the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services. Your dedication helps ensure that our seniors live with dignity, comfort, and connection—and for that, we are deeply grateful.

We especially want to recognize our volunteer drivers with CHQ Transit, who provide essential transportation to medical appointments in Erie, PA, and Buffalo, NY. Your service makes a tremendous difference in the lives of those who depend on access to quality healthcare.

Our **Advisory Council** plays a vital role in shaping our programs and services. Their insights and advocacy help guide agency decisions, ensuring we remain responsive to the evolving needs of older adults and their caregivers.

We also applaud the many volunteers who deliver meals to homes across the county. These daily visits provide more than nutrition—they bring companionship and brighten the lives of those we serve.

Growing Our Volunteer Family

In 2025, we're working to expand our volunteer programs to reach more people and offer new opportunities to get involved. Here are just a few areas where we need your help:

- **Friendly Visitors:** Many older adults live alone and have limited social contact. A regular visit can make a world of difference.
- **Medicare Open Enrollment Support:** Each year, we assist residents during this crucial time—and your help could make the process smoother for many.
- **"Local Roots" and Senior Farmers Market Programs:** Help us distribute fresh produce

and coupons during the growing season.

- **Santa for Seniors:** This heartwarming program brings holiday cheer to seniors who may not have family nearby. Volunteers collect, pack, and deliver gifts each December.
- **Money Management Assistance:** We're developing a new program to train local volunteers in helping older adults manage bills and finances.
- **Office Help:** We always welcome volunteers to help with mailings, greet visitors, and support daily operations.

As you can see—we need YOU! Whether you have a few hours a month or more to give, your time and energy can make a lasting impact.

Join Us for a Night of Celebration

To show our appreciation, we're invited all current volunteers to join us at the **Tarp Skunks game on Friday, July 25, 2025**. The game starts at 6:30 PM, followed by fireworks!

We also have a limited number of free tickets available for older adults in Chautauqua County. To reserve yours, call **716-753-4471**—first come, first served!

If you attend, strike up a conversation—you might meet one of our amazing volunteers. Hearing their stories might even inspire you to join our volunteer team!

Get Involved

Interested in becoming a volunteer with the Office for Aging Services? We'd love to hear from you. Call us anytime 716-753-4471 or email us CCNYC@chqgov.com

At the Office for Aging Services, we believe that **education, information, and action** are key to aging well. Remember to **PLAN** ("Please Look At Now")—so you're equipped to live safely and independently at home as you age.

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Help Us Recognize Great Local Businesses

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

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Business After Hours at Cabana Sam's is July 23

There's a lot of focus on supporting local business recently, and rightly so. Our small businesses are the heartbeat of our communities and create a sense of place. They provide vital services for local people and are crucial to our local economy.

The CHQ Chamber will once again honor a variety of local businesses and organizations that are doing outstanding work and nominations are open now. Anyone may nominate a business or organization to be recognized during the CHQ Chamber Awards Banquet, which is scheduled for October 2 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia.

Award categories are designed to include businesses and organizations in a number of fields. One award will be given for Emerging Business of the Year – a newer or growing business that has demonstrated vision and/or filled a need in Chautauqua County.

There are four business sector awards that will recognize outstanding service, production, growth, or community involvement for Hospitality Business of the Year (restaurants, attractions, lodging); Service Business of the Year (retail or service such as financial, insurance, legal, etc.); Producer of the Year (manufacturing, agriculture, or construction); and Not-For-Profit of the Year (and outstanding nonprofit organization). The Business Champion Award will be presented to an organization that has contributed most to the economic development, quality of life, and stability of Chautauqua County. The Business of the Year Award will be presented to a business that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in employee growth, product development or exemplary service. In addition, multiple businesses may be recognized for milestone service years that end in a 5 or 0.

Nominations are open through August 1. All nominations must be submitted through our online form at www.chqchamber.org/2025-award-nominations. Preference will be given to nominees that are members of the CHQ Chamber, and all information must be complete in the application. Nominations will be reviewed by a "supercommittee" of volunteers from across the County and will be approved by the CHQ Chamber Board of

The CHQ Chamber presents Business After Hours networking events at a variety of venues all year round. In July where would you rather be than at the beach? Join us at Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay in Irving for Business After Hours, Wednesday, July 23 from 5-6:30pm.

This spectacular spot on the shore of Lake Erie will host local businesspeople for networking with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Chamber member businesses can send two people free of charge. Non-members of anyone above the two-person limit will be \$10. We always encourage the exchange of business cards.

This event is sponsored by Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay, National Grid, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Registration is not required but is appreciated for our planning purposes. You can register through our online calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

CHQ Chamber Presents Elected Officials Panel Luncheon

The CHQ Chamber has restructured its advocacy events this year in a move designed to provide improved experiences for our members countywide. The third event in this series for 2025 is an Elected Official Panel Luncheon, set for Friday, August 8 at noon at Chautauqua Suites, Mayville.

Our special guests for this event will be New York State Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, and County Executive PJ Wendel. This will be a moderated question and answer session for our elected officials, and we encourage our Chamber members to come with questions for our representatives.

The cost for a buffet lunch is \$30 and pre-registration is required. Please register by August 1. The CHQ Chamber Elected Officials Panel Luncheon is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Phillips Lytle, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and UPMC Chautauqua. Registration

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OLIVER WILLCOX NORTON AND SHERMAN NEW YORK

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for his family members and friends), "Strong Vincent" in 1909, and "The Attack and Defense of Little Round Top" in 1913.

By an interesting coincidence, Oliver met a professor named George Vincent in Chicago, who was the son of Bishop John Vincent, co-founder of the Chautauqua Institute near Lake Chautauqua in western New York. Bishop Vincent and Colonel Strong Vincent (Norton's old Civil War commander) were cousins. Through this Chicago connection, Oliver and his family started visiting Chautauqua in the late 1800s and found it to be an ideal summer retreat from the city. Their vacation home was built by the lake at Chautauqua in 1901, and the family continued to spend summers there regularly, believing that the area was perfect for their young daughter Ruth, who used a wheelchair after a tragic fall from a cherry tree at age nine.

Sherman, New York, was familiar territory for Oliver because it was close to where he had spent part of his boyhood and near his sister Elizabeth's home. Oliver often visited Libby at her house in Sherman and became interested in an organization called the "Minerva Club," which aimed to create a free library for the village. The humble start for this project was a dozen books kept in a market basket at the town hall, and Oliver saw this community spirit as worth encouraging, so he offered to help the group build a meeting place. Soon, plans for a public library were underway. Despite the blindness that shrouded his life from the turn of the century onward, he actively helped

purchase the land near Libby's home and contributed to the planning of the library. He donated \$1,000 to buy the lot and \$10,000 for construction, with the understanding that the town would cover taxes and maintenance. He wanted it to be the best-built, best-equipped library in western New York, and no detail was too small for his attention.

The Minerva Free Library officially opened on May 19, 1908. In later years, Oliver continued to donate books and money to stock the new library, which by his death in 1920, held over 7,000 volumes. He also kept his interest in Sherman alive by sending donations of \$500 toward a new school building. Between 1914 and 1915, he sent \$15,000 for the improvement of the water works; in 1917, \$15,000 for upgrading the town's lighting system. The Sherman band received \$100, and \$600 was sent for the final payment of the Soldiers' Monument.

Although Oliver donated more than \$75,000 to the town over the years, he preferred to keep his name out of the public record regarding the contributions. As a result, it took years before the townspeople knew for sure who was behind these generous gifts to their community. It is interesting to note that for many years, the Minerva Club continued to honor Oliver annually as it met in the library he made possible. Records show that each year, the library paid tribute to Oliver Willcox Norton on October 1, the anniversary of his death, by lowering the US flag in front of the library to half-staff.



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The Phoenician Scheme and Materialists to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



Promotional photos from *The Phoenician Scheme* and *Materialists*.

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The Phoenician Scheme (Wed., July 23 at 7 p.m.) is the story of a family and a business. The new Wes Anderson comedy stars Benicio del Toro as Zsazsa Korda, one of the richest men in Europe; Mia Threapleton as Liesl, his daughter/a nun; Michael Cera as Bjorn, their tutor. *The Phoenician Scheme* is rated PG-13 and is 105 minutes long.

In *Materialists* (Fri., July 25 at 7 p.m.) A young, ambitious New York City matchmaker (Dakota Johnson) finds herself torn between the perfect match (Pedro Pascal) and her imperfect ex (Chris Evans.) *Materialists* is rated R and is 109 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include the romantic comedy *Jane Austen Wrecked My Life* (July 30 at 7 p.m.), Bryan Cranston and Allison Janney in the late-80's set family comedic drama *Everything's Going to Be Great* (August 6 at 7 p.m.), the sci-fi sequel *M3gan 2.0* (August 13 at 7 p.m.), and the live-action remake *How to Train Your Dragon* (August 20 at 2 p.m.).

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

Retirement of Pastor Ivy Gauvin



Pastor Ivy Gauvin with her husband, Ray.

Contributed by St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Pastor Ivy Gauvin will retire from St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Bemus Point, NY on August 1st, 2025. Her final worship service will be held on Sunday, July 27th at 10:00 a.m., followed by a celebratory brunch. All are warmly invited to attend the service and retirement celebration.

Pastor Ivy entered the ministry as a second career, earning her Bachelor's degree from Regent University in 2008, before attending the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, PA. She received her Master of Divinity in 2012, and was ordained that same year at Bethel Lutheran Church in Portville, NY. She served at Bethel for three years, before being called to St. Timothy in February of 2015.

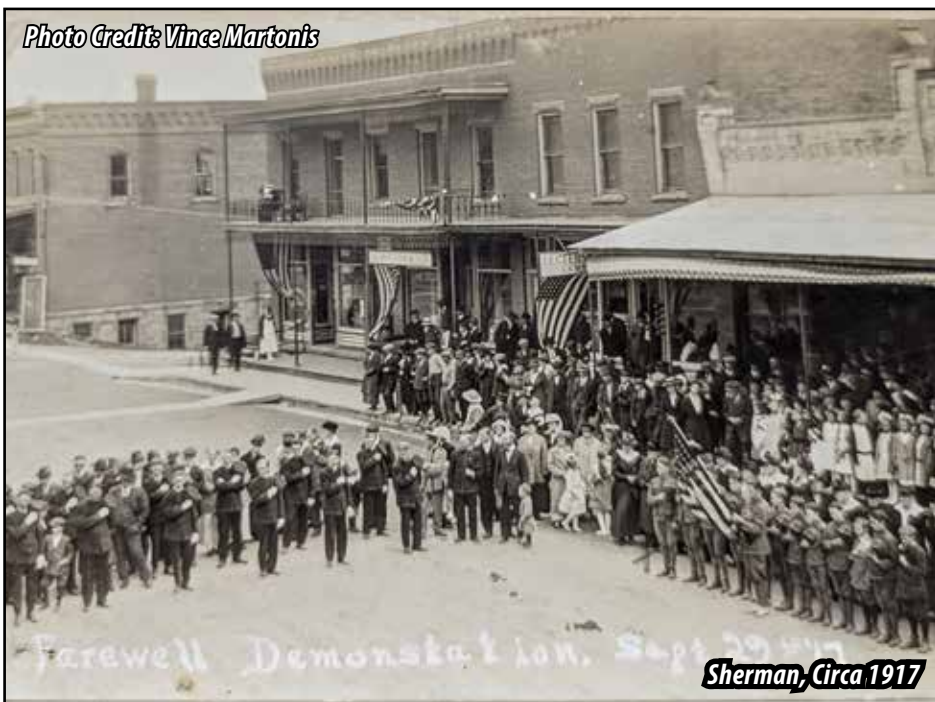
Earlier in life, from 1983 – 1989, Pastor Ivy lived in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, working at the Friendship Center, a gathering place for Muslim university students to socialize and study. Her experiences there deeply enriched her sermons, offering the congregation unique cultural and spiritual insights into the region.

In addition to preaching, teaching Bible study, visiting members, and managing church administration, Pastor Ivy was actively involved with in the wider community. She supported and participated in various ministries and outreach programs, including Addiction Response Ministry, the 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Ministry, the Honduras Promise Children Mission, and the Caring and Sharing program.

Ivy's husband, Ray, has also been a dedicated member of the St. Timothy's community. From their arrival in 2015, he sang in the adult choir and after a year he joined the praise band, Joyful Spirit, as the drummer, reviving a talent that he had set aside for 50 years. Ray's seeing eye dogs, first Amity, and now Falla, came with Ray for every rehearsal and worship service, quickly becoming beloved members of the congregation.

Ray also contributed to the Bemus Point Historical Society, and was involved in the 5 Loaves and 2 Fish Ministry, and the Honduras Mission. After 10 years of dedicated service to the church and community, Pastor Ivy and Ray will be greatly missed. They plan to relocate to the Rochester area to be closer to family.

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The Waterfront Foundation Celebrates New Behavioral Health Suite at The Chautauqua Center in Jamestown



The Chautauqua Center and The Waterfront Foundation officials, along with donor Richard Forsburg (second from left), cut the ribbon on the new Behavioral Health suite at The Chautauqua Center in Jamestown.

From left to right: Matthew Hanley, marketing director for TWF; Mr. Forsburg; Clark Poppleton, TCC and TWF board member; Michael Pease, CEO and President of TCC and TWF; Heather Chopra Riolo, TWF fundraising coordinator; and Alicia Ekstrom, TWF director of recruitment and retention and health and wellness.

Contributed by **The Waterfront Foundation**

The Waterfront Foundation (TWF), supporting The Chautauqua Center (TCC), recently cut the ribbon on a new behavioral health suite on the second floor of the organization's Institute Street location in Jamestown. TWF officials also unveiled a plaque honoring Richard Forsberg for his generous donation that sparked the creation of the new facility.

Mr. Forsberg's gift helped to transform The Chautauqua Center's behavioral health unit into a more welcoming, healing, and modern space for patients and providers alike. The donation has funded targeted facility upgrades, including improved lighting, soundproofing, and aesthetic enhancements. This not only supports patient comfort and dignity but also improves provider retention and recruitment efforts.

Mr. Forsberg's significant contribution marked a pivotal step forward in expanding access to essential mental health and substance use disorder services in the Greater Jamestown Area. Leveraged with grants from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and a Community Development Block Grant through the City of Jamestown, Mr. Forsberg's philanthropic commitment makes possible a modern behavioral health

program that offers a welcoming, therapeutic, and dignified environment for patients from all walks of life.

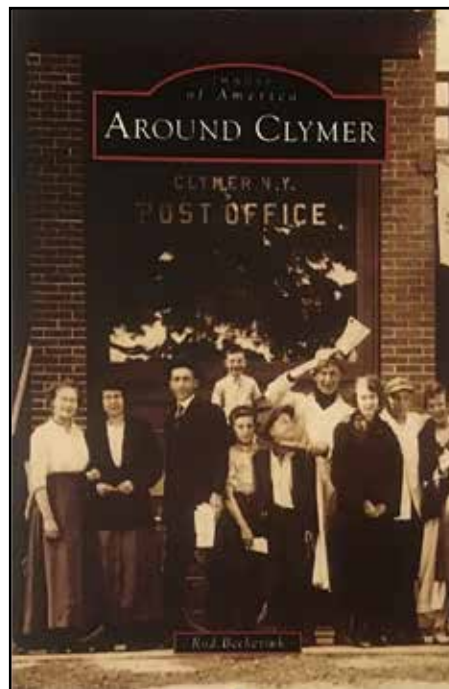
During a recent visit and lunch with staff, Mr. Forsberg shared stories of his connection to the region and his deep-rooted love for Jamestown and Chautauqua County. "This area has given me so much over the years — it shaped who I am," Mr. Forsberg said. "Giving back to the community that built me is something I truly enjoy. I love being here, especially spending time with childhood friends and family, and I'm proud to support local efforts that expand access to mental health care."

TWF Chief Executive Officer Michael Pease stated, "On behalf of The Waterfront Foundation, we are profoundly grateful to Richard Forsberg for his exceptional generosity. This gift is not just a financial contribution; it's an investment in the well-being of our community, enabling The Chautauqua Center to enhance and expand its critical behavioral health services. It truly exemplifies the spirit of impactful community health services."

Heather Chopra Riolo, Fundraising Coordinator at The Waterfront Foundation, added, "Mr. Forsberg's gift is more than financial. It's a reflection of his

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BOOK RELEASE ON HISTORY OF CLYMER



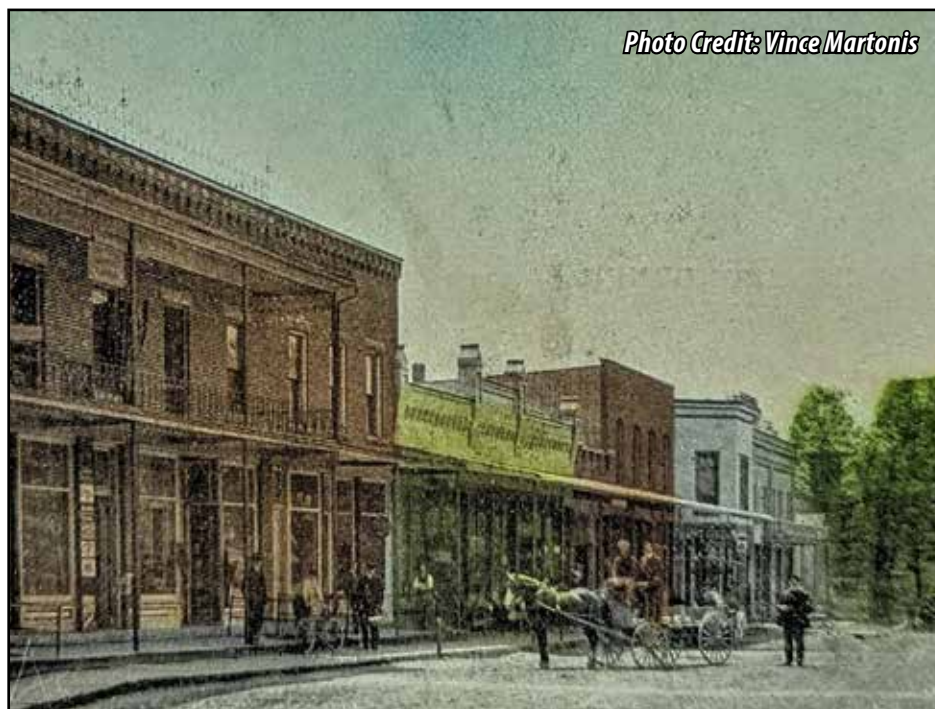
Contributed by **Clymer Area Historical Society**

The Clymer Area Historical Society is pleased to announce the release of "Around Clymer," a publication on the history of Clymer, New York nestled in the southwestern corner of Chautauqua County. "Around Clymer" is one of the latest releases in the popular Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing.

With these images, author Rod Beckerink portrays a small town which exemplifies, perhaps not so different from others across the country, what community means to those who live or grew up in small town America. With a collection of over 200 photographs and descriptions, the history of Clymer is revealed in which its citizens play multiple roles while contributing to and meeting the needs of everyday life. With chapters arranged to highlight the ways in which the

citizens created and developed the community of Clymer, what emerges is not just a photographic history but also a narrative of the everyday life of the businessman and farmer. Long known as an agricultural community with a flair of Dutch heritage found at the Dutch Village restaurant and the four windmills greeting visitors coming into town, Clymer recently celebrated its bicentennial with a Tulip Festival parade. Whether it's a civic organization or church group, a school sports team or individual accomplishment, "Around Clymer" brings to the reader a sense of what small town America was like 100 years ago and what changes occurred over the years.

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Infinity Student Art Show Opens July 25 at Pearl City Clay House Gallery

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. is proud to present its annual juried Student Art Show, hosted at Pearl City Clay House—Infinity’s satellite community arts program in downtown Jamestown.

The show kicks off with an Opening Reception on Friday, July 25, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Pearl City Clay House Gallery, located at 220 East 2nd Street. The reception is free and open to the public.

This year’s exhibit features original works by Infinity student artists of all ages and skill levels, including sculpture, illustration, painting, and more. The show offers a vibrant and inspiring snapshot of the creativity being nurtured inside Infinity’s classrooms.

“Our students work hard all year to develop their skills and voices as artists,” said Shane Hawkins, Executive Director at Infinity. “This exhibition is a celebration

of their dedication and talent—and a chance for the community to experience the incredible range of work coming from our young artists.”

The exhibit will remain on display at Pearl City Clay House through August 22nd and is viewable during regular business hours.

Pearl City Clay House is a community ceramics and visual arts space operated by Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. All profits from PCCH programming directly supports youth music and arts education programming at the Infinity Center.

For more information, visit www.infinityperformingarts.org or follow Infinity and Pearl City Clay House on social media.



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9								
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8	1							9
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Here's How It Works:

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

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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53								54			55		
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	58									59			

CLUES ACROSS

1. Resorts

5. One point south of southwest

9. Musical performances

11. Matched

13. Four-footed animal part

15. Express severe disapproval of

16. Type of leaf

17. Preparatory

19. Walk heavily

21. Succulent plants

22. Rectangle of grass

23. Lump in yarn

25. Too

26. Foot (Latin)

27. Afflicts

29. Smoothed

31. Mind (Greek)
33. Tampa ballclub

34. Semitic language

36. Sheltered sides

38. Ocean

39. Electronic point of sale

41. Thrust a knife into

43. 12th month (abbr.)

44. Ringworm

46. Father of Aoris (Greek myth.)

48. Fighting back

52. Cease to exist

53. Insects in adult stage

54. Freestanding sculpture

56. Caps

57. Repents

58. Brown and Wallace are two

59. Moved quickly

CLUES DOWN

1. Goes bad

2. Yard structure

3. They ____

4. Marine invertebrate

5. European river

6. Office supplies firm

7. Physically abused

8. Service stations in Australia

9. Kills

10. Liquid body substances

11. Particular to a given individual

12. Brave or noble act

14. Sicilian city

15. Conqueror

18. Elected officials

20. Type of “pig”

24. Drop of viscous substance
26. Monetary unit of Spain

28. Guarantees

30. Coloring materials

32. Reddish browns

34. Square measure

35. Will not

37. Canned fish

38. Appeared

40. Six (Spanish)

42. Took off

43. Negligible amount

45. Posts in a Greek temple

47. Witnesses

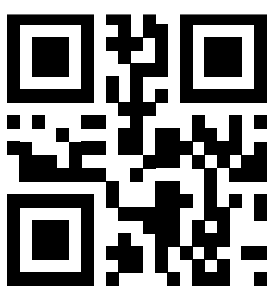
49. Phil __, former CIA

50. Places to park

51. Guns

55. Dance to pop music

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is open now through our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Golf With the CHQ Chamber Networking doesn't get much better than on the golf course, and the CHQ Chamber tournament is always a fabulous day of golf and camaraderie. Get your foursome together and spend a great day on the golf course with the CHQ Chamber! The annual CHQ Chamber Golf Tournament is Thursday, August 21 at the beautiful Peek'n Peak Resort.

We begin the day with a shotgun start at 10am. (This is an hour earlier than last year.) Lunch is served on the course, and after a great day of golf we end with dinner. The total prize purse is \$1,000 payable in ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards.

Remember to add your golfer's special Super Pack for \$30 per player. The Super Pack includes two mulligans, the Ring of Fire, Play with the Pro, raffle prize drawings, and the 50/50 drawing. Please purchase your Super Pack online when you register, as prizes are drawn prior to play the day of the tournament. New this year: there will be one special golfer's raffle prize drawn at

the close of the tournament.

You can purchase a Par Sponsorship online, which includes a golf foursome AND the Super Pack for all four players. If you are already signed up as a Par sponsor please email us to let us know who will be playing on your team.

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Our tee gift sponsor is the Basil Family of Dealerships. Par sponsors are Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Cattaraugus County Bank, Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Agency, DFT Communications, Koester Associates, LaBella Associates, Lake Shore Savings Bank, National Grid, Nestle Purina PetCare, and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Lunch and snacks at the turn are sponsored by M&T Bank.

It's easy to register online for the CHQ Chamber Golf Tournament when you visit www.chamberrsvp.org.

Benjamin Prescott Chapter NSDAR Visit Letchworth State Park

Contributed by
Benjamin Prescott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Eight members of the Benjamin Prescott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently field tripped to Letchworth State Park. Their first stop was Boyd & Parker Park in Leicester, NY where they heard the terrifying story of Sullivans' Raids on the Seneca Village of Little Beards Town. This Revolutionary War massacre decimated Indian fields and homes at this site, killing many women and children. Boyd and Parker were captured and revenge was taken upon them at the torture tree. Venturing next into Letchworth State Park, the DAR group stopped at Gardeau Overlook of the Genesee River and the site of Mary Jemison's home. They paid homage to The Council Ground with the statue of Mary Jemison at the time when she traveled from Ohio



to Western New York carrying her 18-month-old son, Thomas, and completed their day at the historic Glen Iris Inn. All in all, the DAR trip reminds us all of what a treasured history we hold right in our own backyard of Western New York.



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13 GEN 4:00pm	14	15 @NEW	16 @NF	17 NF 6:30pm	18 @NF	19 NIA 6:30pm
20 @ELM	21 BAT 6:30pm	22 @GEN	23 ELM 6:30pm	24	25 NIA 6:30pm	26 @NIA
27 @BAT	28	29	30	31		

AUB - Auburn Doubledays	ELM - Elmira Pioneers	NF - Niagara Falls Americans
BAT - Batavia Muckdogs	GEN - Geneva Red Wings	NIA - Niagara Ironbacks
BUF - Buffalo Diesel	NEW - Newark Pilots	OLN - OLN Oilers

Thursday, July 3 - 6:30pm

Firework Night
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Sunday, July 6 - 4:00 & 6:30pm

Monday, July 7 - 6:30pm
\$2 Night - \$2 Hotdogs, Beer & Bleacher Tickets

Friday, July 11th - 6:30pm
Wegmans Community Buyout Night
All Tickets FREE

Sunday July 13th - 4:00pm
Bark at the Park
Presented by Purina

Thursday, July 17th - 6:30pm
First Responders Night & Medical Healthcare Professionals Night - Presented by Live CHQ

Saturday, July 19th - 6:30pm
Strike Out Cancer Night

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Sunday, July 23 - 6:30 pm

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The Waterfront Foundation Celebrates New Behavioral Health Suite at The Chautauqua Center in Jamestown

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heart for this community — and his belief that everyone deserves access to a space where healing can truly begin.”

For more than a decade, TCC has long been a cornerstone of healthcare in the region, providing integrated medical, dental, pharmaceutical, and behavioral health services. The addition of the new behavioral health suite will allow for increased capacity, improved privacy, and a more specialized environment.

Mr. Pease further stated, “The demand for accessible and high-quality behavioral health services has never been greater. Mr. Forsberg’s remarkable gift will directly empower us to meet this growing need by creating a dedicated space where individuals can receive the compassionate care they deserve. This new suite will significantly enhance our ability to provide integrated care and foster healing within our community.”

Behavioral health is an integral component of overall wellness, impacting individuals, families, and the broader community. Investments in these services are crucial for addressing the increasing prevalence of mental health disorders and substance use challenges, contributing to stronger, healthier lives.

Mr. Forsberg’s donation serves as an inspiring example of how individual philanthropy can drive tangible improvements in public health infrastructure. The newly enhanced behavioral health unit now stands as a testament to how personal philanthropy, local pride, and community partnerships can come together to change lives.

The Waterfront Foundation extends its deepest gratitude to Richard Forsberg for his visionary support. His commitment will have a lasting positive impact on countless lives in the Jamestown area, ensuring that more residents have access to the behavioral health care they need.



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Annual Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival and GCFCU's Rubber Ducky Race



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The Chautauqua Dragon Boat Committee is excited to announce the Dragons and Ducks are coming back to Chautauqua Lake on Saturday, August 9th at the Lucille Ball Memorial Park in Celoron, NY!

Join us to experience a unique family-friendly day on the lake. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast supporting Meals on Wheels of the Jamestown Area, watch the traditional Opening Ceremony to "Wake the Dragon". Shop the multiple local craft vendors, food from Basil and Bones, Ace Kettle Corn, Cups and Cones, and more, while enjoying furious bursts of paddling entertainment by local businesses, clubs, and traveling teams! Take part in the 7th Annual Greater Chautauqua FCU Rubber Ducky Race benefiting the Chautauqua Lake Association, Chautauqua County Samaritan House, Inc., Filling the Gap, Chautauqua Lake Rowing Association, and GCFCU's collections for Blue Star Mothers Holiday Care Packages and Toys for Kids! \$7 Pre-sale Rubber Ducky Racer Tickets will be sold at Greater Chautauqua offices in July and the morning of the festival. Watch CLA's Transport dump the ducks into the lake to travel their course to the finish line at approximately 2pm. The day will wrap up with the Dragon Boat Award Ceremony by presenting winners of the drummer competition and race with handmade medals created by The Resource Center Creative Art and Pickin' Club.

August 10, 2024 was a successful day at the Lucille Ball Memorial Park in Celoron, NY for the 6th Annual Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival and the Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Rubber Ducky Race! 20 Dragon Boat Teams (15

Community Teams and 5 traveling Club Teams) raced their hearts out while spectators gathered to watch this unique race. The morning festivities started off with a Pancake Breakfast to support Meals on Wheels of the Jamestown Area and the traditional Opening Ceremony to "Wake the Dragon". The 6th Annual GCFCU Rubber Ducky Race raised and donated \$7,700 after the proud Rubber Ducky Winners were awarded, with the first place Rubber Ducky winning \$600! The proceeds supported local organizations and programs which included the Chautauqua Lake Association, Laker's Disabled Sled and Special Hockey Program, Filling the Gap, Chautauqua Lake Rowing Association, and both GCFCU's Blue Star Mother's Holiday Care Package Collection and Toys for Kids Collection. Stop into a Greater Chautauqua FCU location to purchase your \$7 presale Rubber Ducky Racer Ticket(s) in July!

The Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival is an exciting festival that promotes active, healthy lifestyles, team building and opportunities for the community to come together while raising awareness and funds to benefit Chautauqua Lake and the community. The committee is excited to have so many returning participants and expects the event to keep growing!

If you, your business, family and/or friends would like to take part in this festival, simply register your Dragon Boat Team or become a Sponsor at www.chautauqualakeassociation.org/chq-dragon-boat/.

Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival is brought to you by Chautauqua Lake Association, Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Filling the Gap, Chautauqua Lake Rowing Association and the Village of Celoron.

Be Part of the Movement: Events Leading Into Suicide Prevention Month Need You

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Chautauqua County

As we prepare to observe Suicide Prevention Month this September, the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County invites YOU to join us in raising awareness, honoring lives lost, and building a community where hope thrives. Whether you walk, ride, golf, run, or volunteer, there's a place for you in this movement.

Veterans Ride for Suicide Awareness – August 16 Silver Creek, NY

Show up for those who've served. This motorcycle dice run honors veterans lost to suicide and raises awareness around mental health in the veteran community. Organized by our dedicated Veteran Subcommittee, the ride is a powerful tribute and a call for support. All are welcome.

Raynor Memorial Golf Tournament – August 30 Cardinal Hills Golf Course, Randolph, NY

Join us for the 13th Annual Raynor Memorial Golf Tournament honoring Dan Raynor and all those we've lost. Enjoy 18 holes of golf, raffles, meals, and camaraderie all for a life-saving cause. Kick off Suicide Prevention Month by golfing for hope.

United for HOPE Walk Series A First-Ever Tri-County Effort

This first-ever tri-county walk series connecting Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties is an exciting opportunity for the Southern Tier to amplify support for one another and shine a light on the collaborative work being done across all three counties. Join us at one or all of these powerful walks:

- **Allegany County Walk:** Saturday, September 6 Wellsville, NY
- **Chautauqua County Walk:**

Saturday, September 13 at Ellery Town Park in Bemus Point, NY
• **Cattaraugus County Walk**
Saturday, September 20
Olean, NY

Each walk is more than a moment, it's a message: HOPE is alive and well in our region. Volunteers and day-of helpers are needed!

Stomp Out the Stigma 5K September 27 | Chautauqua County/Jamestown Airport

New name. New location. New energy. Formerly known as the Glow Run, this reimagined 5K is taking off, literally, on the RUNWAY at the Jamestown Airport!

Race at sunset surrounded by lights, music, glow gear, and a whole lot of heart. Whether you run or walk, you'll be part of something unforgettable: a community moving forward together for suicide prevention. Registration opens at 5:15 PM, and the race starts at 6:15 PM. Help us light the runway and lift the stigma.

Get Involved. Get Inspired. Take Action.

Whether you're riding for veterans, walking in solidarity, golfing for good, or lighting up the runway, you're part of a movement that saves lives. We are calling on volunteers, walkers, runners, and advocates to join us in making this season of awareness unforgettable.

For more information visit preventsuicidechq.com/get-involved or contact Carri Raynor at RaynorC@chqgov.com.



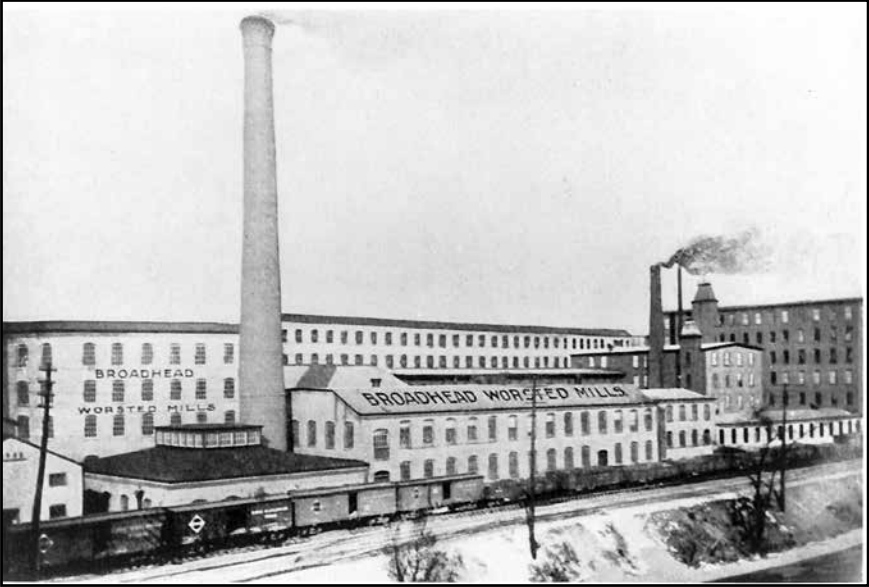
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

Cookie is a goofball, always ready to put a smile on your face with his funny antics. He's got energy to spare, so be ready for some fun playtime sessions! Chasing after toys, leaping after laser pointers, Cookie is all in for it. Climbing is his favorite pastime. If you're looking for a cat who can make every day brighter with laughter and love, then he's your guy. Shelter No. RR179.

Nova is a radiant brown beauty with eyes that sparkle like distant galaxies and a heart as vast as the cosmos. Sweet, gentle, and full of wonder, she's the kind of dog who reminds you to slow down and enjoy the stars-or at least the quiet moments on the couch. Whether you're exploring the universe or just the backyard, Nova is ready to orbit around you with loyalty and love. Shelter No. RR179.



INDUSTRIAL FOOTPRINT OF JAMESTOWN



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Fenton History Center

Learn about the original industry in Jamestown on The Fenton History Center’s walking tour. The tour is Saturday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m. starting at the Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St., Jamestown, NY. The tour will be near the Chadakoin River and the early industrial area of downtown Jamestown. Walkers will learn about the woolen mills, the railroad, the sawmills and the people who made it happen. Fenton Board of Trustees President and historian Tom Goodwill will lead the tour. The

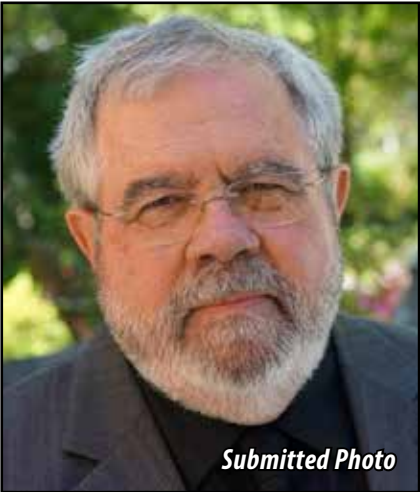
tour will begin and end at the Fenton History Center parking lot. The tour is approximately 2 hours long. The fee is \$12 for potential members and \$8 for Fenton History Center members. Children up to age 18 are free with a paying adult, limit 2 children per adult. Register online at www.FentonHistoryCenter.org/historictours or call 664-6256 for more information.



Pulitzer Prize-Winning Reporter Speaks on "How to Save Our Democracy" Thursday, July 24

David Cay Johnston, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and prominent political commentator, speaks on "How to Save Our Democracy" on Thursday, July 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Avenue.

Johnston is widely recognized for his extensive and long-running research on Donald Trump, a subject he has covered since before the 2016 election. His presentation will offer his assessment of the current threats to American society posed by the Trump presidency, along with his prescriptions for resistance and the protection of democratic principles. Johnston currently is a professor at Rochester Institute of Technology, where he teaches courses in law and journalism. Since 1993, the father of eight has lived in Rochester with his wife, Jennifer Leonard, the now-retired CEO of Rochester Area Community Foundation.



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This event is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome to defray the event’s expenses. Parking is available behind the church and in the Christ First United Methodist Church lot directly across Prendergast Avenue. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown is a welcoming and inclusive community dedicated to spiritual growth, social justice, and intellectual exploration. Learn more at www.UUJamestown.org or Facebook.com/JamestownUU.

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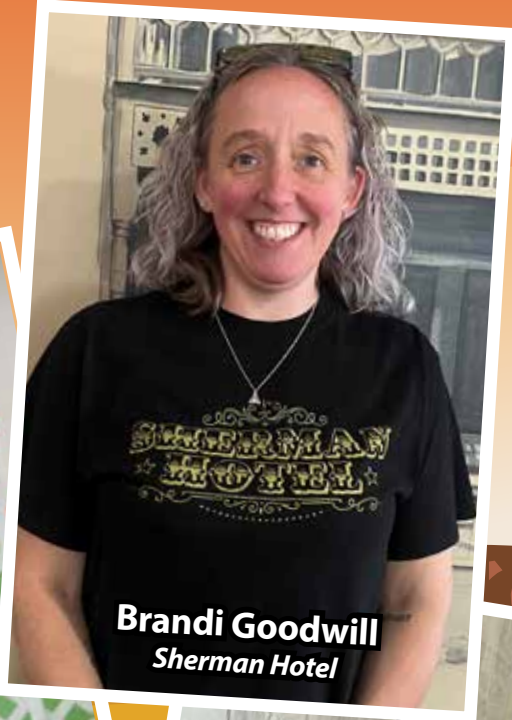
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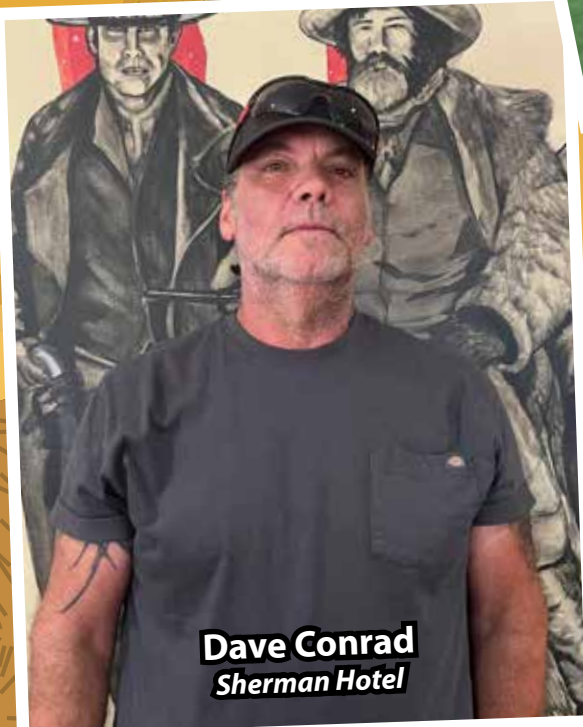
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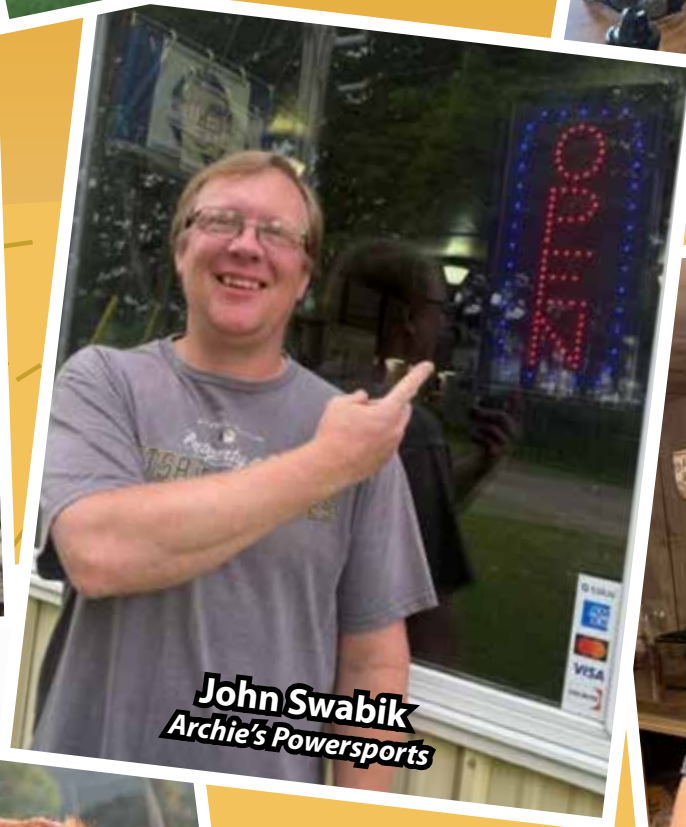
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