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Gowanda, NY

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Saturday April 13 • 7pm
Salamanca, NY

FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
Saturday, April 13 • 10am
Fredonia, NY

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Thursday, April 18 • 10am
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DUELING PIANOS AT EBC AT LITTLE VALLEY
Friday, April 19 • 7pm
Little Valley, NY

BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL
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Jamestown, NY

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Saturday, April 20 • 10am
Fredonia, NY

SOUTH DAYTON FLYER TRAIN RIDE
Saturday April 20 • 11am
Gowanda, NY

60TH ANNUAL WNY MAPLE FESTIVAL
Sat/Sun, April 27-28 • 10:am
Franklinville, NY

CINCO DE MAYO 5K
Sunday, May 5 • 11am
Ellicottville, NY

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Appreciating Your Local Library

National Library Week is April 7-13



Barbara Fox (who has had coins printed by the US Mint) and Cathy Lacy (who hasn't met a craft she can't conquer and teach) – two very talented local artists, are working on a project which should take shape this spring/summer season. The library took a community survey of favorite books a while back. Now, Barbara and Cathy are going to transform the fence alongside the library into a library mural, with each slat transformed into a book. It will be similar to the fence at the Springville library (pictured, above.) (Story, "LIBRARY", pg. 6)

Dirt Rich Farm 10th Anniversary

Springville Community Supported Agriculture



As a teenager dreaming of starting a farm one day, co-owner, Laura started writing down a list of potential farm names, and one of her first ideas was Dirt Rich Farm. The farm name is a play on the phrase "dirt poor," which always stuck Laura as odd, since good soil is a major asset to a farmer. (See story, "FARM", pg. 6)

Grapes & Hops Fest. in Jamestown

Northwest Arena Hosts Next Saturday, April 20



BY DARLENE BRACE

The Northwest Arena will be having the Annual Grapes and Hops Festival on Saturday, April 20th. This is a one-day adult festival, and it is a very popular beer and wine tasting event. This event includes breweries, distilleries, and

wineries from New York and Pennsylvania, that will be providing their products for the samplings. There will be a wide variety of local craft beers, seltzers, ciders, and an amazing selection of microbeers. The wineries

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WRFA Segment Celebrates Local Arts

Arts on Fire Host Creates Conversations



Anthony Merchant, the affable host of WRFA's Arts on Fire segment, recording in his studio in downtown Jamestown.

BY MILES HILTON

Anthony Merchant's studio, adjacent to the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in downtown Jamestown, is sparse except for audio equipment. The

moment I pull out my phone to begin recording our interview, Merchant intervenes, "I've got the sound board all set up, I can record on that!". Minutes

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Sneak Peek

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5K De Mayo Trailsquatch Trail ... Pg. 4

Run, Presented by EVGV Trail & HoliMont



Grab your trail running shoes, friends, and family, to celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the 1st Annual 5K de Mayo Trailsquatch Trail Run at Holimont Resort in Ellicottville, New York, Sunday May 5!

Explore the beautiful running trails and stunning mountain-top views for a 5K run that everyone will enjoy. But look out....

Live CHQ Campaign Kick-off Events

Find Out what All the Buzz is About ... Pg. 8

Join the opportunity to learn about Live CHQ - a multi-year talent attraction and retention marketing campaign for all of Chautauqua County! They will also unveil two new websites - ChooseCHQ.com and LiveCHQ.org!

Volunteer Information Social ...Pg. 2

EVL Medical Equipment Loan Center Hosts, April 26

The Bob McCarthy Foundation & Interfaith Caregivers will host a volunteer information social at the Ellicottville Medical Equipment Loan Center new location at 17 Mill Street on April 26 from 4-7pm.

Jill McCormick at CHQ. Inst.

New Director of Communications

BY KATE BARTLETT



Jill McCormick has a vast background in broadcasting.

is thrilled to be working with them, promoting events and values she wholeheartedly embraces.

Jill brings many years of broadcasting experience, as she worked for several years producing in Denver, an internship with CNN in Atlanta, and for 30 years as an anchor in Erie, PA. Throughout her career, she covered several stories at The Chautauqua Institution, and the energy she felt on the campus always stuck with her. "I remember vividly how welcoming it felt walking onto the campus; it was almost magical. This stuck with me over the years, and I've always loved returning."

SEE "MCCORMICK" PAGE 9

Bourbon Tasting at EBCLV

Event at Little Valley Location, April 26



The Tasting will present an overview of the distillery, explain what makes whiskey a bourbon and then go on to the tasting and relevance of each bourbon.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Saturday, April 26 marks the first Bourbon Tasting at Ellicottville Brewing Company in Little Valley. You are invited to join in an evening of tasting and learning about Bourbon beginning at 6pm. Whether you're a bourbon connoisseur or just looking to expand your palate, this event has something to offer.

Mike Capozzi of Empire North Distributors will guide tastings of four Old Forester bourbons. "Old Forester is one of the icons of the Bourbon Industry with of 150 years of history," says Mike. "The Old Forester Whiskey Row

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Open House Opportunity

OLEAN - WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH, 1-3pm and 4-7pm at The Hub, located at 301 N Union St., 4th Floor Suite 402. Enter at Chamber of Commerce & Follow Signs.

ELLICOTTVILLE - FRIDAY APRIL 26TH, 4-7pm at the Ellicottville Loan Center, located at 17 Mill Street, beside the DPW.

You are invited to meet and talk with our current volunteers about opportunities across all programs. No commitment, just conversation. No special skills are needed to help someone in your community. Refreshments will be served.



Publisher's Word

"Did You get a Glimpse of the Eclipse?"

Neighbors who haven't seen each other in months, relatives who haven't crossed paths in years and strangers perhaps never to meet again all bonded this one afternoon in the shadow of the moon. For a week straight, the news stations were riveted by it, people were planning for it and we are all still talking about it. Though the weather wasn't favorable for a spectacular viewing of the eclipse this past Monday, what was an amazing view and a wonderful outcome of the phenomenon, was the bonding of people.

you weren't disappointed; fun was to be had by all! Cheers to 20 more years! If you had a funny eclipse experience you would like to share, please don't hesitate, we always enjoy sharing some good cheer. We can be contacted directly at info@thevillagerny.com or simply go to our website: www.thevillagerny.com and click on the "General Submissions" tab. **Until next week, yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

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- Carl Vahl... April 15th • Heather Sullivan... April 15th
- Jason Nett... April 17th • Jamie Bell... April 17th • Kimberly Wick... April 19th
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Volunteer Information Social

EVL Medical Equipment Loan Center Hosts, Friday, April 26

The Bob McCarthy Foundation & Interfaith Caregivers will host a volunteer information social at the Ellicottville Medical Equipment Loan Center new location at 17 Mill Street on April 26 from 4-7pm.

You may have read one of the articles on the New Medical Loan Center in Ellicottville. We are looking for local volunteers to help us provide the best possible services in our community. During National Volunteer week, we are holding a community social on Friday, April 26 from 4-7pm at the new Loan center at 17 Mill Street in Ellicottville.

This event is meant to provide information on our plans and volunteer opportunities with these groups.

This informational



Pictured: L-R Andy Beneng, Julie Hall (Both from Interfaith) Mayor John Burrell & Greg Capelli at the Mill Street location ribbon cutting late March.

afternoon will be held at the new Center at 17 Mill Street attached to the Village DPW building across the street from Fitzpatrick and Weller. Your attendance does not mean commitment but will provide you with more information on our groups and our plans. Just 1 hour a month could change the life of someone in our community.

For more info, visit bobmccarthyfoundation.com or interfaithcaregivers.com

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Trout Fishing Derby

April 13 & 14 Presented by Arcade Area Chamber of Commerce

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- Derby Headquarters - Sponsored by Pioneer Motorsports: At the Route 16 Bridge
- The Fishing Access Point - Sponsored by Pioneer Motorsports: At the Route 16 Bridge
- The Fishing Access Point - Sponsored by Maple Grove Enterprises: Arcade Center Farm, Rt 98 N, Arcade

Dates: Sat, Apr 13 2024, 6:30am - 2pm • Sun, Apr 14 2024, 6:30am - 2pm

For more information call 1 (585) 492-2114. Registration location is the Arcade VFW 550 W. Main St. in Arcade, NY 14009.

Check Us Out Online: www.thevillagerny.com

Dueling Pianos at EBC Little Valley

Night of Hilarious Fun, Friday April 19



Embark on an extraordinary night of entertainment at Ellicottville Brewing Company in Little Valley, NY, as WNY High Octane

Dueling Pianos takes center stage April 19. Join them for a thrilling 3-hour show, commencing at 7 pm, filled with laughter, comedy, and an electrifying musical

experience.

To kick off the evening, they invite you to arrive early as their kitchen will be open at 5pm and the cocktail menus will be running all night long!

The atmosphere will be charged with infectious energy as the dueling pianists engage in a friendly musical battle, playing your favorite tunes and taking requests.

This event will be an 18 and over only event!

Ellicottville Brewing Company Little Valley is located at 202 2nd Street in Little Valley, NY 14655 and can be reached at (716) 938-5838.

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Float the Allegheny River

GOACC Presents Rafting & Kayaking Event, May 18



The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the return of the popular Float the Allegheny river rafting and kayaking event for 2024. The event will be held on Saturday, May 18th.

"There has been considerable investment in kayak launches along the Allegheny River, with an eye on improving the viability of recreational activities along that great resource. This event aims to take advantage of, and promote, that viability as another reason to plan a trip to the Enchanted Mountains," said Adam Jester, Interim Chamber Executive Director.

The route will start at the Olean Boat Launch on West Riverside Drive, one block west of the South Union St Bridge. The end point

will be the Allegheny Boat Launch, near Allegheny River Park on W Union St in Allegheny.

With registration at the launch point set to run from 10am to 12pm, and drop in from 11am to 12pm, organizers have built in time for participants to park their vehicles near the end point and get back to the launch point for drop-in.

No kayak? No problem! Chamber Member A-1 Rent All & Sales is offering kayak rentals to participants at a special rate. Please contact them at 716-373-7368 as kayak quantities are limited and are first come, first served.

The event continues at Randy's Up the River, where the official Afterparty will be held immediately following - with live music, games and raffles to be held from

2pm to 5pm. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend, whether they participate in the Float itself, or are just looking for something fun to do that day.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register on the Chamber's e-commerce site, <https://shop.oleanny.com> (click Shop, and then Chamber Events), or by emailing events@oleanny.com.

Float participants will each pay \$20, and receive an Afterparty food voucher, two drink tickets, and an exclusive event promo item. For folks who just wish to attend the Afterparty, food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Keep an eye on the Chamber's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/OleanNYChamber for additional updates.

Franklinville Maple Festival

April 27 & 28 at the Franklinville Elementary School



Field (rain date Memorial Day Weekend).

History

The Annual Maple Festival has occurred every year since its inception by the Franklinville JayCees in 1962. The festival, in Franklinville, NY, attracts tens of thousands of visitors to the village annually. Local maple producers, their maple syrup and maple products are highlighted each year. The Maple Festival requires hundreds of volunteers which make it so successful. The festival continues each year as a direct result of Franklinville's generous volunteerism spirit.

Stop by to taste that mouth-watering, freshly made maple syrup and learn the process of making it! Experience two days of maple bliss in Franklinville NY with all day long festivities!

The festival is expanding to include Park Square. The park will be filled with wineries, breweries, distilleries, and farm market vendors. The Franklinville Fire Department is also bringing back the car show at the Fireman's

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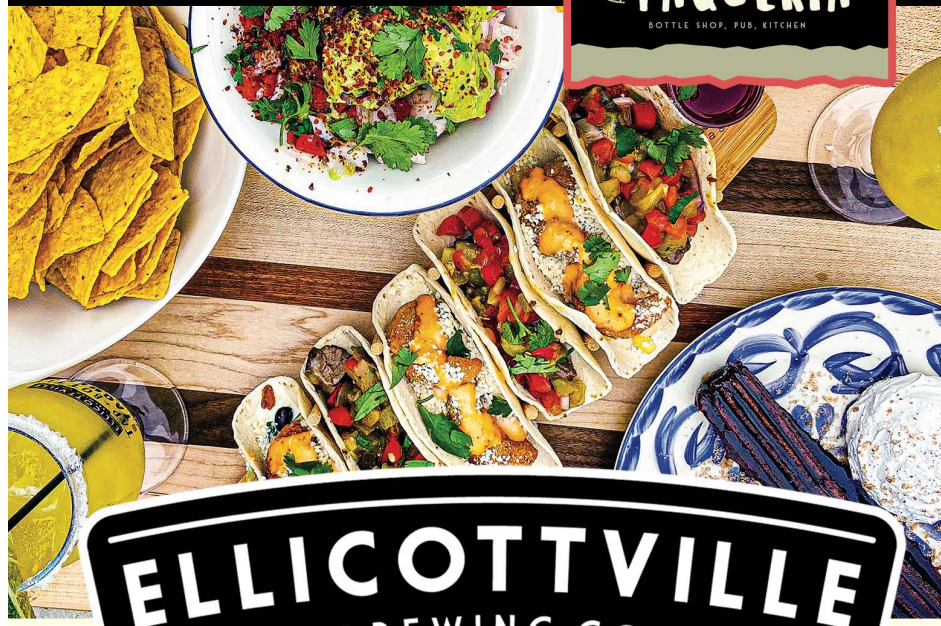
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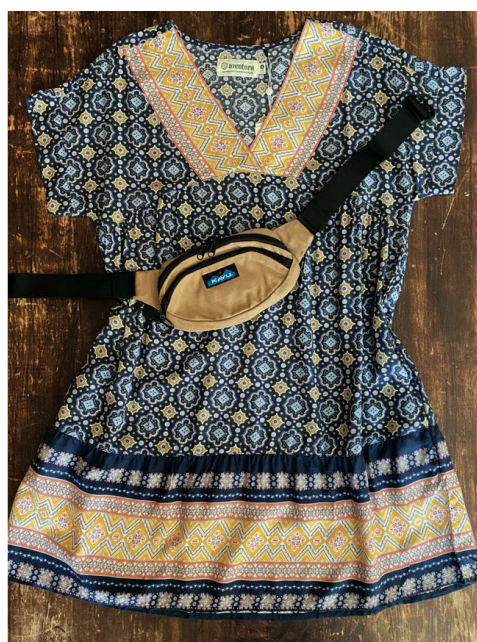
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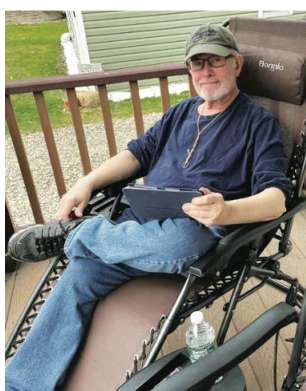


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EVL Village Life: Allegany State Park

The ASP Historical Society Needs You



BY, GARY MALICKI

Allegany State Park has been a gem of a family vacation destination since 1921 and it's no secret that I have a deep affinity for the park and have enjoyed all it has to offer since the mid 1960's.

One wonders how many campfires have friends and families gathered around? How many marshmallows have been toasted, some a bit too much? How many hot dogs have accidentally slid off the roll only to hear the call of the "Five Second Rule!" resulting in someone picking it up, dusting it off and eating it anyway? Part of everyone's EVL experience is having this magical place just minutes away.

And I wonder how many people are even aware of the volunteer group known as the ASP Historical Society. This relatively small but enthusiastic assembly keeps alive the park's amazing and interesting history. These people participate in presentations that reveal its rich past.

An interesting thing they do is gather in a designated area of the park where an informative program is presented, followed by the business of their actual meeting.

A few weeks ago, they opened their meeting with a field trip to the Seneca Nation of Indians Fish Hatchery located on a road just off the I-86 Red House Area entrance.

The size of the group of spectators surprised even the board members. Since I came to cover their meeting, I tagged along as I'm always willing to learn something new.

The group was treated to a brief general information presentation led by volunteer Andrew Edward after which we were directed to enter one of the few buildings on the property.

A fish fertilization team was working with walleye that day. There were four large tubs through which fresh water flowed. The tubs, approximately twenty feet long and three feet wide housed the fish ready for manual fertilization. The fragile eggs stirred in a large plastic bowl by a team member using an actual turkey feather to swish them around. The team efficiently and



An interesting thing the ASP Historical Society does during their meetings is gather in a designated area of the park where an informative program is presented, followed by the business of their actual meeting. A few weeks ago, they opened their meeting with a field trip to the Seneca Nation of Indians Fish Hatchery located on a road just off the I-86 Red House Area entrance.

systematically removed the males and milked them by gently squeezing them from mid-section to tail.

The team wore matching camo full-length rain coats and donned bright yellow rubber gloves reaching to the elbow. The presentation ended with the measuring and weighing of the walleye which was recorded in hand written notes to keep records.

Considering all of my park experience I have never been to the hatchery prior and witnessed and learned something entirely new arranged by the Historical Society.

Afterward it was decided that the board meeting was to be held in what is called "The Great Room". It's the room inside the Red House Administration Building that you walk straight into from the main entrance.

Presiding over the board meeting was VP Kathy Lang. The group's president, Randal Fabritius was away on vacation.

Kathy and the members shared a good-natured atmosphere where you could tell they all get along well with each other.

One of the things mentioned was the excitement regarding the May 11 opening of the historic park saw mill where the organization

will provide tours. The restoration of the saw mill was spearheaded by another volunteer group, The Friends of Allegany State Park. That organization's focus is ongoing park projects.

There were many other topics discussed, too many to mention here. As I listened, my main concern was to hear them talk about diminishing membership and some of the steps they plan on taking to improve that situation.

I can personally attest to the fact that if ASP has been a positive part of your life, please consider membership into their Historical Society. You'll learn so much about the park's past and make great new friends at the same time.

Contact them on Facebook or email at ASPHSociety@gmail.com or their website www.asphs.org. This is truly one of the great organizations so vital to having this awesome park in our backyard. Thank you for making me feel welcome at your meeting.

(Author's Note: due to health concerns I'll be submitting EVL stories biweekly going forward. Please continue to enjoy the read and Thank You).



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Explore the beautiful running trails and stunning mountain-top views for a 5K run that everyone will enjoy. But look out! You never know when you may run into the legendary TrailSquatch roaming the trails too.

This is a race for all levels and ages. Competitors will enjoy a ride to the top on the Expo chairlift, receive a 5K de Mayo t-shirt, medal, and

post-race Taco Party! All proceeds benefit the Ellicottville Great Valley Trail (EVGTV). Entry Fee: Adults \$35; Students (18 and under) \$25. For more information contact HoliMont 1-(716) 699-2320.

Capturing the Eclipse in Ellicottville



Photos by Jon Elder



More photos, back cover Photo Page.

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Pool Mart Celebrates 50 Years

Now with 5 Locations Stretching from Olean to Lockport, NY

Depew, NY - With their trademark jingle "You really ought to get it at Pool Mart!", Pool Mart has become a household name in Western New York. Founded in 1974 by partners Vic Dunn Sr. and Bill Kissinger, the business has expanded to 5 locations stretching from Olean, NY, to Lockport, NY. With additional locations in Orchard Park, Depew, and Tonawanda, Pool Mart serves all Western New York and Northern PA.

Promoting health, wellness, and family fun continues to be the primary focus for Pool Mart, offering a wide range of above and semi-inground pools, hot tubs, swim spas, patio furniture

and gas grills. They also stock parts, water care products, accessories, and serve as a warranty service center for the products that they sell. Through the years they have stayed true to their roots, providing the best possible experience for their customers before, during, and after the sale.


Since 1985 Pool Mart has been one of a select group of dealers chosen to offer the exclusive Hot Spring brand of hot tubs. Hot Spring hot tubs are known as the finest, most energy efficient, and easy to care for hot tub on the market. In fact, Pool Mart has been awarded Hot Spring's prestigious customer service and sales performance award eight times!


While Vic and Bill still

stay in touch with the business they started, they passed the reigns on to the next generation of dedicated store managers who take a team approach to managing the day-to-day business. General manager Ryan Dunn states "We're proud to continue the Pool Mart legacy Bill and Vic created and want to thank our thousands of customers over the past 50 years". Today, the Pool Mart family consists of over 50 employees in peak season, and well over 50,000 happy customers.


Pool Mart invites former, current, and new customers to stop in for Anniversary savings and experience first-hand why "you really ought to get it at Pool Mart"!

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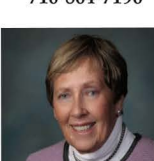
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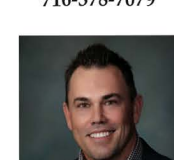
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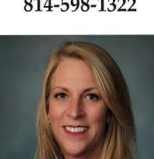
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Farm

STORY FROM COVER

By KATE BARTLETT

Dirt Rich Farm is a Certified Organic farm located in Springville, NY. Owned and farmed by WNY natives Laura Colligan and Ryan Leggio (pictured), the farm is entering its 10th CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) season with over 40 kinds of organic vegetables and culinary herbs.

Born and raised in Western New York, Laura became interested in organic farming after high school. She gained experience working small scale organic farms from 2012-2014 working in Michigan, Vermont, and the Hudson Valley. While Laura enjoyed her time in these fertile lands, she decided to return to WNY and start her own farm. Her parents agreed to let her farm ½ acre of their property while she searched for the ‘perfect land’ for this farm. “I was so grateful for this short-term solution,” says Laura. “My parents land in East Aurora was nutrient rich and provided great soil to start farming while I searched for more land to farm.”

Laura finally found this land in Springville where the farm is currently located, at 12318 Springville Boston Road. She bought 5 acres of property with good, rich, soil in 2018. “It was important for the farm to have well drained, gravelly loam (soil that is in the happy medium between sand and clay) in order to be ideal for farming finicky vegetables.”

Her husband, Ryan, has a background in Culinary Arts along with a rich appreciation for the fruits of



All are invited to visit the roadside stand 24/7 during the growing season (May-Oct) located at 12318 Springville Boston Road, in Springville, NY 14141.

their labor. Graduating with a Bachelors in Culinary Arts Management from the Culinary Institute of America, Ryan has 10 years of experience working in various roles in the restaurant industry of Philadelphia and Buffalo. “As a chef, Ryan knows the difference fresh, quality ingredients make, and appreciates the sustainability of farming his own ingredients.” Ryan happily joined his wife in her farming journey.

Not long after acquiring the property, Laura and Ryan purchased a home in Springville and started planting roots in the community. They love hiking and birdwatching when they’re not farming, so they appreciate living so close to the outdoor recreation opportunities of Cattaraugus County.

As a teenager dreaming of starting a farm one day, Laura started writing down a list of potential farm names, and one of her first ideas was Dirt Rich Farm. The farm name is a play on the phrase “dirt poor,” which always stuck Laura as odd, since good soil is a major asset to a farmer.

Now entering its 10th

season, Dirt Rich Farm is currently growing over 40 kinds of certified organic vegetables and culinary herbs on 2 ½ acres of land. The couple is dabbling in berries and fruit, including strawberries and raspberries, and recently planted apple trees. The farm has been Certified Organic since 2017.

Dirt Rich Farm has been offering their Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) program for 10 years. “The idea behind the CSA,” explains Laura, “is that the farmer shares the harvest with the consumer. The consumer reaps the benefits of a good harvest year.” Buyers pay upfront for their season’s share of crop, and collect produce once per week during the 20-week growing season. Pick up locations are in Springville at the farm, or at the Hamburg Village Farmers Market. Buyers have the option of a sampler share, offering a choice of 4 items per week, or full share, where they’re welcome to as much produce they’d like every week.

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Library

CONT. FROM COVER

By, CAROL FISHER LINN

Animals in the library? We are in the middle of National Library Week: April 7 to April 13.

Ready, set, library! This past week, Laura Flanagan, Director of the Ellicottville Library for the past 17 years hosted a kids’ petting zoo and an event involving the eclipse this Monday. While researching for this article about National Library week and library worker appreciation week, it occurred to this writer that likely our library and all the people who serve it, are very underappreciated. I was led to wonder how many people know the important roles some of the following people play? Here is your board: Bart Frank, Bonnie Koschir, Robert Lanza, and Therese O’Rourke. Your Library Trustees are Carolyn Widger, Kate Rauber, Sam Nelson, Kim Woodarek, and Anjanette Nicolazzo. Part time staff consists of Cathy Lacy and Samantha Hurst. Along with these very dedicated individuals,

generous volunteers wear many hats as they serve in various capacities throughout the year.

Aside from books, CD’s and movies, a patron can rent a telescope and puzzles, and catch movies on movie night. A scroll through the myriad of library events listed on their Facebook page boggles the mind. Did you know there is a teen Dungeons and Dragons program going on at the library? Also, they sponsor book clubs for various ages. Here is something extra cool. Barbara Fox (who has had coins printed by the US Mint) and Cathy Lacy (who hasn’t met a craft she can’t conquer and teach) – two very talented local artists, are working on a project which should take shape this spring/summer season. The library took a community survey of favorite books a while back. Now, Barbara and Cathy are going to transform the fence alongside the library into a library mural, with each slat transformed into a book. If you have seen the one at the Springville library, you will have an idea of how awesome that will be.

We are blessed at the Ellicottville library to

host Mike Morton from Ellington, NY, who does over 400 presentations annually to schools and libraries with his cadre of tiny animals/petting zoo – anything from baby chicks and bunnies to a hedgehog! And, of course, in February, he might just show up with a prairie dog (groundhog) to help us understand about Punxsutawney Phil seeing or not seeing his shadow. Oh, BTW, perhaps we would all like to sign a community card congratulating the old boy, Phil, (how old is he, anyway? 100+?) and his young bride, Phyllis, on the birth of their twin pups born about two weeks ago.

People are kind and generous. Doctor Kate, our local pediatrician whose practice is here in Ellicottville, takes time from her busy week every Wednesday morning for story time with the little ones. Recently, the library hosted Carol Crossed, a woman who purchased and restored the Susan B. Anthony home and spoke to the twenty or so attendees about her

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Young Playwrights Project

Chautauqua Arts Education Event



New York have endeared themselves to the students and community through their brilliant improvisation, investment in the students and how strongly they value student self-expression through this project.

The joy in the classrooms was overflowing as the Play Reading Teams read the plays. Students were encouraged to get out of their seats to act out characters and put themselves inside the world of the play. After each play, students had the chance to share what they liked about the play and celebrate each of their classmates as playwrights.

"This is the third year in a row that my students and I have been so fortunate to work with the Chautauqua Young Playwrights Project," said Samantha Cashmore, teacher at Hewes BOCES Educational Center. "Within the past few years, I have watched my students grow and develop not only their imagination, but also their sense of self, making them feel empowered to achieve their goals. The YPP has also given students at the Hewes Center the unique opportunity and support to demonstrate their ability to meet learning standards and rigor that is constantly evolving."

In June, the students will visit Chautauqua Institution to see a selection of 10-11 plays performed at Smith Wilkes Hall, curated from all those submitted.

"Seeing the community come together to support and value student artistry is absolutely inspiring," said Fassett-Wright. "These students have important stories to share, and the Chautauqua community is listening and celebrating them all!"

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CHAUTAUQUA, NY is alive with the joyous - "It's showtime today!" were the magical words that greeted the Chautauqua Arts Education Young Playwrights Project team members as they visited the schools to read plays written by Chautauqua County 3rd and 4th grade students. This year over 400 students worked to write 378 plays that shared a broad view of the world through the hearts and minds of these young students.

is alive with the joyous laughter of students and teachers alike.

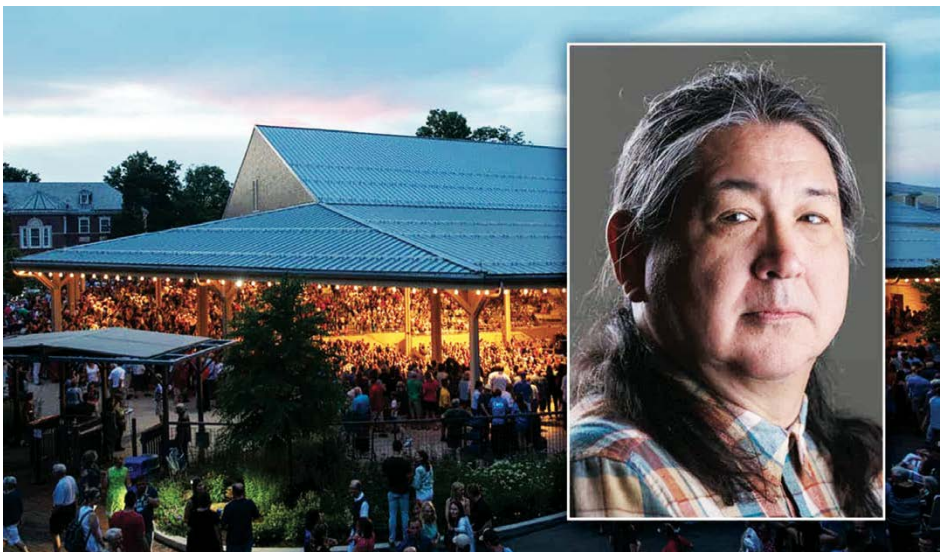
A huge part of the success of this program is the community around it, including 38 volunteers from the community and Chautauqua Institution staff. Volunteers rehearsed at the Chautauqua Amphitheater, then visited classrooms in teams so every student could see their play come to life, acted out in front of them. Volunteers included SUNY Fredonia faculty members, the United Way leadership, legislators, former theater professionals and more — all who value lifting students' voices.

"I had never acted in a play before," said Susan Parker, YPP volunteer and Chautauqua County legislator. "It was a great privilege and a lot of fun to be a part of the Young Playwrights Project. I think the kids learned a lot about playwriting and we all learned along with them, which was a great experience."

Since 2022, Alexandra (Alex) Nader has served as Lead Teaching Artist for YPP and brings her experience with the famed "Story Pirates" program. Alex and her team of professional actors and teaching artists from Brooklyn,

Joseph Futral Named Senior Director

Program Operations and Production Director at CHQ. Inst



Chautauqua Institution announced the appointment of Joseph Futral to Senior Director of Program Operations and Production.

In this role, Futral will project-manage major initiatives that involve production and programming resources. He will supervise production for all programs to continuously advance the operational and strategic aspects of production within the context of the Institution's 150 Forward strategic plan.

Futral returns to Chautauqua having served as the Institution's first Director of Production during the COVID-19 pandemic. His role played

a critical part in designing and operating our outdoor Performance Pavilion on Pratt for Theater and Opera.

Holding esteemed leadership roles such as Director of Program Planning and Operations at Baltimore Center Stage and Director of Production at Tulsa Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Vail Dance Festival and Pilobolus Dance Theatre, Futral returns to Chautauqua with three decades of unparalleled knowledge and experience.

Additional production credits include Kinetic Light, Gallim Dance, The Joyce Unleashed, Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance, American Dance Festival,

Fred Garbo's Inflatable Theatre Company, and Ohio Ballet. Further experience backstage includes supporting Dance Theatre of Harlem and Jose Limon Dance as lighting supervisor, and master electrician for the Spoleto Festival USA.

In addition to his professional experience, Futral has served the arts and culture community beyond production as a board member for Full Radius Dance and serving on peer-review panels for the Georgia Council for the Arts and Atlanta Arts Council.

Futral's service to Chautauqua began on Monday, April 8.

Dining in the Dark Event Returns

Fundraiser & Awareness Building for the Visually Impaired

Dining in the Dark is CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services' unique experience of eating without seeing will take place Friday, April 12 at 5:30pm at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY 14720. The fundraiser and awareness

building annual event starts with socializing and cocktails, then each guest is blindfolded and led into the dining room by sighted guides, trained by the CBA staff. The sighted guides stay with their table of guests and assist them with their meal. The

evening is filled with recognition and both a live and silent auction. All proceeds from the dinner help support the programs that CBA Vision Rehabilitation offers.

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Live CHQ Campaign Kick-off Events

Find Out what All the Buzz is About April 16 or April 18, 2024



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QR Code Jackson Center

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meet your own recruitment needs! Tuesday, April 16th event will be held from 2-3pm at the Robert H Jackson Center. Thursday, April 18 event will be held from 3-3pm at the Fredonia Opera House.

live via Zoom. The initiative is presented by the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth and the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency. Scan the QR code to RSVP. You can RSVP up to 10 guests/members of your team.

You will also learn how to leverage the campaign to

Bourbon

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Series chronicles historic moments through this time. We'll have an overview of the distillery, what makes whiskey a bourbon, and then on to the tasting and relevance of each bourbon."

Mike has hosted several bourbon tasting events and is very experienced in the industry. "I love hosting events like this and educating consumers on the products. It's a great opportunity to deepen appreciation for each product, learn a bit of history, and of course, have a good time."

The event will be held at EBC's newer Little Valley location, which



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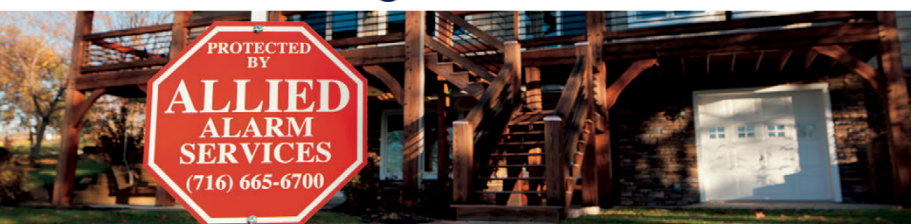
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Fundraising Returns to Normalcy, May 18 at Moon Brook CC

BY DARLENE BRACE

The Rotary Club of Jamestown was founded in 1919, and it's an altruistic nonprofit service organization that provides both local as well as international project support. Many years ago, (1986-2008), the Rotary Club of Jamestown had annual fundraising auctions. This spring, they will return to having a similar auction called The Jamestown Rotary Treasure Trove Auction. It will take place at Moon Brook Country Club on Saturday, May 18, 2024, starting at 5pm. Upon arrival, there will be snacks and a cash bar. People can bid on the silent auction items and browse several of the live auction items that were most viewed online. Delicious food stations will be available at 6:15pm. There will be a 50/50 drawing and the Heads and Tails Game just before the live auction bidding at 7:30pm, under the direction of Ben and Chuck Ludwig. You can view all the live auction items ahead of time online at JNYRotary.afrogs.org. To encourage wider participation in this year's auction, it will be set up differently than those in the past to accommodate anyone who may not be able to attend the event. This auction will include online bidding for the same items as the live auction. You can browse the items online starting in April. The online bidding will be May 1st through May 18th. The highest online bid for an item will be the opening bid for the live in-person auction on the 18th. When bidding online you can also do an absentee bid in which you can indicate the highest amount you are willing to bid.

Some of the amazing items to bid on include: 7 nights in Nuevo Vallarta, Mexico / 3 bedroom Villa including a golf package • Yankees Package/ 3 nights in NYC with 4 Yankee Tickets • 4 Buffalo Sabers tickets • Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2 • Chautauqua Harbor Hotel 2 Night Package • a Ricoh Color Copying System • local restaurant and attraction gift certificates • sterling silver diamond tennis bracelet • 4 tickets to St. Bonaventure Basketball • 40 inch Samsung Full HD TV • and many, many more.

To attend the live auction at Moon Brook on the 18th, a limited number of presale tickets are available for \$50 when you register and purchase them ahead, or you can pay \$75 at the door,

if space is available. Several local businesses and people are table sponsors for their invited guests. To browse the descriptions of all the auction items available to bid on as well as all the important information about registering and buying tickets, go to the auction website at JNYRotary.afrogs.org.

Whether you decide to attend the event in person or bid on items online, it is a great way to help support The Rotary Club of Jamestown. By supporting the Rotary, you are helping to support our community in many ways. For one example, in 2020, in connection to the Rotary's 100th anniversary, the Rotary gave a gift to the

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McCormick

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A few years ago, Jill decided it was time for a career change. While she enjoyed her broadcasting career, she was looking to broaden her experience and try something new. She explored her options and kept an open mind while looking on the job market, all the while knowing it had to be a good fit in order to leave her career as an anchor. She accepted a position as Corporate Communication Manager with Big Ideas Learning, a family run company in Erie, PA, but continued to keep her eye on the market. When she saw this position posted with The Chautauqua Institution, she felt it was clandestine. "I always thought it would be an amazing opportunity to work with The Institution, so I was practically giddy when I saw the job posting."

Jill was offered the position and accepted with elation. "I still can't believe this is my job. I am so incredibly honored to be working with The Institution, promoting the arts and lifelong learning. This season has so many exciting programs, speakers and concerts that I'm truly thrilled about. I would be attending them anyway, and the fact that I get to promote them as my job is simply amazing."

Jill is a testament to do what you love. She took the leap, left a solid career, and landed in a job she is ignited by and passionate about. Her career in broadcasting taught her flexibility and has prepared her for the unpredictable nature of daily events that her job entails. "You never know what's around the corner, the energy is incredible here and I'm invigorated by it."

As The Institution is celebrating 150 years, Jill feels it is the perfect time to



Jill worked for several years producing in Denver, an internship with CNN in Atlanta, and for 30 years as an anchor in Erie, PA.

Jill is also taking on a role with Chautauqua Travels, promoting tourism centered around learning. "This program is relatively new, and I'm excited to help build it from the ground up. I'll be working with programming directors and the ATA (Academic Travel Abroad) to build vacations centered around education. We're helping provide opportunities to learn while traveling, and offering an elevated experience." Programs offered through CHQ travels include adventures to Iceland and Paris while learning abroad and visiting historic sites.

join on the team in order to promote the next 150 years. "This is such a special time for The Institution. We're celebrating our history of 150 years, and it's also a turning point, looking forward to the next 150 years. I'm honored to be a part of putting this plan into play of what the coming years have to offer."

Jill is excited about this seasons events, full of inspirational speakers, authors, renown musicians, and artists in combination with The Institution's already bustling campus of events. It's an honor "to share these events with the community, and be a part of making it happen."

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Jill will also be utilizing her journalism experience in this role as she will be researching stories of Chautauqua that haven't been told. "I'm honored to have this opportunity to share stories of our community and I'm excited to watch it take shape."

For more information about The Chautauqua Institution and this season's events visit <https://www.chq.org/>.

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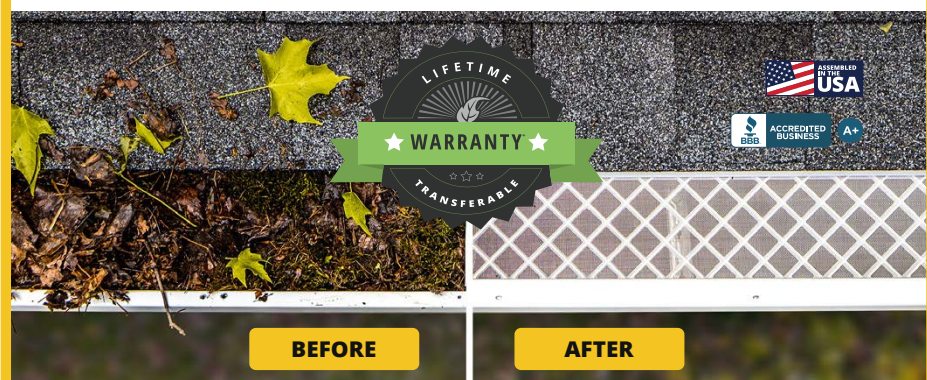


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3rd Street Garage Jamestown

Celebrating 500th Show on WRFA, 107.9 FM



Named after the station's downtown Jamestown location, the 3rd Street Garage was conceived by DJ/producer/creator Robb Jones in 2005 to spotlight both the station's locale and the energetic spirit of garage rock music.

By MILES HILTON

The 3rd Street Garage radio show on WRFA-LP 107.9 FM has been a staple of the station's programming almost since its inception, showcasing timeless 'garage rock' music to its audience. The broadcast on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 7pm marks a significant milestone as it will be the show's 500th original episode.

Named after the station's downtown Jamestown location, the 3rd Street Garage was conceived by DJ/producer/creator Robb Jones in 2005 to spotlight both the station's locale and the energetic spirit of garage rock music. Jones, a volunteer, and board member of the radio station, saw the show as an opportunity to contribute to the arts and music coverage while sharing his passion for the genre. Despite limited radio

experience at the outset, Jones embarked on this adventure with enthusiasm and has continued to produce the show for 19 years, reflecting on the opportunity with gratitude. "Twenty plus years ago, I was on the Arts Council of Chautauqua County. Dennis Drew of the 10,000 Maniacs, who would become the founder and original station general manager, presented the idea of a low-power, not-for-profit, community-oriented radio station to the Council. As a Council board member and enthusiast of radio production, I saw this as a unique opportunity for Jamestown and supported the radio station's creation. Inspired by the music I loved in the new garage rock revival taking place in the early 00s, the elements came together. I went into this with a sense of adventure, having no real radio experience, but

with a love for music and a community spirit of wanting to contribute as a volunteer. Eventually, I talked to Dennis and pitched the garage show idea, and he showed me the ropes of show production in the studio, and 19 years later, I am still producing it. I am forever grateful for that opportunity."

The 3rd Street Garage airs every Friday from 7-8pm, offering listeners a musical detour at the end of the week with a diverse selection of garage rock. Jones deliberately curates the playlist to encompass not only classic 'nugget' bands from the 1960s but every decade's incarnation of the genre including modern acts like the Black Keys, Jack White, the Clockwork Flowers, along with regional and lesser-known artists. His approach eschews mainstream hits in favor of deeper cuts and fresh discoveries, contributing to the show's timeless appeal.

"I try to interject elements such as fun voiceovers, include themes such as the Nugget of the Week for old school garage, the weekly Flashback for songs from when the show began. Once in a while memorialize an artist or those who were close to me and regular listeners of the show who recently passed. Make a show rock, fun and at times unexpectedly moving. The well-crafted productions should be more than stringing songs together, but ebb and flow. I have played with song sequencing from an early age and have always been a fan of types of music. I enjoy my knowledge of music history at work."

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later, my usual recording device has been substituted for boom mikes, headsets, a sound board, and a computer reflecting the waves of our speech.

This is no surprise. Merchant, an affable man in his early thirties, is Arts and Entertainment Correspondent at WRFA, a local, non-commercial radio station supported by the Reg Lenna. He hosts Arts on Fire, a weekly show that airs Fridays at 5pm, with a rerun on Sunday at 1pm. Arts on Fire "highlights arts and entertainment in Chautauqua County", Merchant explains, and can feature "anything as long as it's within Chautauqua County." "If somebody writes a book, if somebody is painting something, if somebody just wrote an album, if somebody does comedy," he continues, "I'm just trying to cover it and get the word out".

Interviews with artists and entertainers form the core of Arts on Fire episodes, which can also feature local music. Arts on Fire LIVE, a spin-off of the radio show reminiscent of NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts, is a live local concert series in Merchant's downtown studio.

Merchant has hosted the show for just over two years. Before him, Jason Sample and Dennis Drew co-hosted the segment. Arts on Fire features at least one interview a week, sometimes more. The length of interviews, while limited by the length of the segment, also depends on the chemistry between Merchant, as host, and the artist. "If it's not a good conversation, the interview is not going to last an hour and a half," Merchant explains.

In addition to Arts on



Arts on Fire, a weekly radio segment, features interviews with local artists of all disciplines as well as local music.

Fire, Merchant hosts Local Rush Hour on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and produces a weekly finance segment.

As we talk, however, it becomes clear that Merchant's real love is punk and alternative music, especially with a local bent. We spend at least fifteen minutes talking about his dream of hosting punk shows in the area, and brainstorming about venues and potential acts. After all, I'm also invested in the local arts scene.

Then, we start talking about Power Chord Hour. Both a podcast and a volunteer radio segment for WRFA, Power Chord Hour explores punk and alternative music.

"I've been doing that since 2016," before he joined WRFA as an employee, says Merchant. Power Chord Hour is long - a three-hour segment - and features interviews with artists as well as a selection of music. The scale allows for the kind of in-depth conversations that Merchant clearly loves - our interview ran over an hour.

When he interviews

musicians, Merchant says he "[doesn't] care whether they're an arena act or an obscure punk artist," focusing instead on whether he likes their music and whether he thinks they'll have a good conversation. He takes special pleasure in helping publicize the work of obscure or up-and-coming musicians through his podcast.

In addition to time spent interviewing, hours of work goes into setting up interviews ("get ready for rejection" Merchant advises), editing audio, producing a segment, and doing social media publicity for both Power Chord Hour and his WRFA segments. "You can't just make art," Merchant muses, "you also have to be a social media manager".

All this behind-the-scenes work adds up, and Power Chord Hour is a volunteer project. "It's hard to juggle the passion project with your actual job" Merchant admits, especially when the two bear so many similarities.

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will provide many different types of wines to taste, ranging from sweet to dry, including mead wines (one of the oldest known alcoholic beverages and it is made out of honey). Bottles of wine can be purchased but cannot be opened. While exploring the event, you can drop off your purchased bottles of wine in the wine room, and they will hold them there securely until you are ready to leave the event.

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The festival will start at 2pm for general admission ticket holders, and it is \$30 presale or \$40 at the door. General admissions ticket holders will be given a miniature beer mug for their tastings. There is also a limited amount of VIP tickets available. The VIP tickets are \$50 presale and \$60 at the door, which includes one-hour early entry at 1pm and a commemorative pint glass. Also included,

VIP's will be able to enjoy delicious food samplings from Forte and a special wine and beer to taste that is only available for the VIPs. The VIP tickets are selling fast, so if you want VIP tickets, you should get them soon. You can buy presale tickets online at eventbrite.com or at the arena ahead of time. Presale tickets are only available until 11:59pm on April 19th. You can buy tickets at the door, but remember it is \$10 more than presale.

To help ensure everyone's safety, there is a designated driver admission for only \$10. This year they are offering a selection of non-alcoholic beverages for the designated drivers to taste. It is also important to note that this is a 21yrs and over only event. Everyone, no matter your age, needs to show a valid state license for entry.

The Northwest Arena's Director of Marketing and Events, Tonja Rinaldo said, "This year's Grapes and Hop's Festival has an elevated experience for everyone. There is an increase in the number of local wineries and breweries represented, and we will have more food and craft vendors as well. This event continues to be very popular and successful."

The Northwest Arena

would like to give special thanks to The Media One Radio Group for their partnership for this year's event as well as the rest of their sponsors that make events like this possible.

If you have any questions or want more information, you can go to the Northwest Arena's Facebook page. You can also call 716-484-2624 or go online at northwestarena.com.

Many area residents look forward to attending the Grapes and Hops Festival each year. Jamestown resident Marty Mateo has gone several times and she said, "I always look forward to going to the Grapes and Hops Festival. It's a fun day to go out and see friends, and it's a fun community event. I love tasting the different wines from local wineries, and that way I can try a variety of wines and find ones I really like without having to buy a whole bottle or glass. Then, I usually go home with one of my favorites and also bring home a new bottle to try. I love the Grapes and Hops Festival!"

The Grapes and Hops festival keeps getting bigger and better each year. It's a fun adult community event that brings people together for a tasty, good time.

Musings from Lorac: **Death & Taxes**

Examining Your Healthcare Decisions Every April 16



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

April 16 - Taxes are done. Now it's decision making time.

Do the names Karen Ann Quinlan, Nancy Cruzan, and Terri Schiavo ring a bell?

Whew, you survived the rigors and trauma of April 15th, but before you put away all your important papers, April 16 annually serves as a reminder to make and review your long-range end-of-life healthcare decisions.

National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD) exists to inspire, educate, and empower the public and providers about the importance of advance-care planning.

As of June 2016, April 16 is a day to set up a conversation about the thing we all hate to talk about. Our end-of-life wishes. If you are like me, you plowed through piles of papers and files to find all the information you needed for your tax return work. Frustrating, wasn't it? While that frustration is fresh in your mind, imagine your family or loved ones having their own frustration trying to find important papers, insurance policies, bill paying procedures, bank accounts, passwords, addresses, social media

accounts (you can't close a FB or My Ancestry account without a password and death certificate, for instance), phone numbers, etc., on top of perhaps the shock of an unexpected death, or even one that they all knew was imminent. As an end-of-life doula, I have found that people are generally inadequately prepared for the death of a loved one, or even themselves.

You may not want to talk or read about this, but the importance of advance care planning cannot be stressed enough. What's nice about having a target date is you have it on your calendar and treat it as another task that needs to be checked off your To Do list. And, doing it annually helps you to keep things current. Personal situations may change; financial obligations or holdings may be different; people who were in your life a year ago may not be there anymore, while others may have taken their places. Priorities may change and hence, so will the end-of-life plans.

In 2008, the idea for this day came from such an attorney, Nathan Kottkamp, who worked in the health-care field. He developed the idea for the annual day "to provide clear,

concise, and consistent information on values-based, healthcare decision-making for individuals, healthcare providers/facilities and community leaders through the widespread availability and dissemination of simple, free, and uniform tools (not just forms) to guide the process." The post taxes day was chosen because of a Benjamin Franklin quote, "In this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes." He wanted to normalize this process back-to-back as an annual thing to do to help recognize your own wishes and those of the people in your life. Kottkamp saw this as a means to encourage ongoing conversations about people's wishes for their end-of-life care, helping them to become comfortable expressing those wishes.

Throughout the United States the campaign has grown into a national series of community groups sponsoring the conversation: healthcare systems, legal services, book clubs, churches, schools, end-of-life doula presentations ... in one way or another someone

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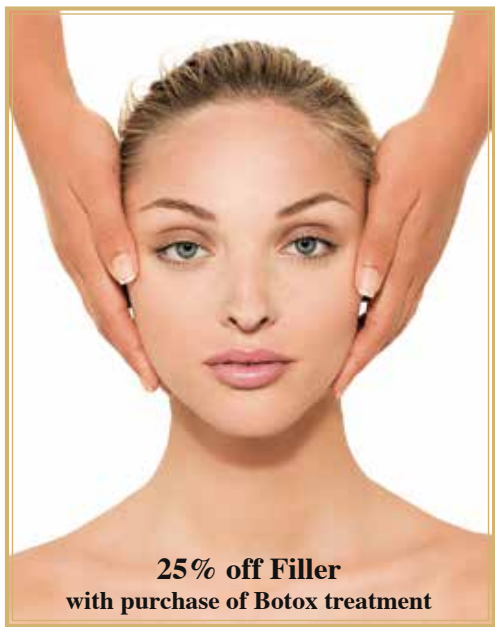
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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

The big events of Easter and the Total Eclipse are now over. If you're still looking for a little excitement, check out the entertainment in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday April 11- Trivia Night is at 7pm in **downtown Jamestown at Brazil**. This is part of their Trivia Night Series. You and your team can put your heads together and see if you are the big winner.

Comedy Night is at **Labyrinth** starting at 7pm. Each comedian will have 480 seconds to get you laughing in your seats. If you want to be a stand-up comedian, you can give it a try or just watched as a spectator. It's sure to be a fun night.

Friday April 12 - Big Inlet Brewing will be having Jesse James Weston performing starting at 6pm. Jesse plays a variety of songs from past decades to present, including some of his favorites such as The Beatles, CCR, Tom Petty, and Neil Young. He also likes to mix it up with a variety of other music. There's a little bit for everyone, so come listen to this talented musician.

Derek Davis will be playing at the **Cooler Cafe and Grill in Sherman** starting at 6pm. Derek plays a mix of covers and originals across a variety of genres. Join your friends for a fun night out enjoying Derek's diverse music performance.

It's Trivia Night at **Southern Tier Distillery** and the fun starts at 6pm. The name of the game is Pop Culture Trivia. It's

free to join and it's an all-ages event. Get your team together and be ready to play. Maybe you and your team will be the winners tonight.

It's Karaoke Night at **Shawbucks** in downtown Jamestown. DJ. Giulia will be spinning the tunes starting at 9pm. Come pick out your favorite song and impress the crowd with your performance. If you're too shy to sing, you can sit and watch the show.

Saturday April 13th - In nearby Cattaraugus County, the Season 10 winner of American Idol, Scotty McCreery, will be having a concert at the **Seneca Allegheny Casino in Salamanca** starting at 7pm. Scotty won the hearts of America on American Idol, and he will be entertaining the audience once again with his country music. You can purchase your tickets at ticketmaster.com and don't forget those dancing boots.

Also in Salamanca, Dark Water Duo will be performing at the **Apollo Canna Company** playing from 4pm-7pm. Maybe you want to enjoy this duo to get warmed up or pregame before the McCreery concert.

Back in Chautauqua Co., **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood will be hosting the performance of Lenny and the Landshark. Their performance starts at 8pm. Enjoy listening to the duo's eclectic music set list while enjoying great food from Group's delicious menu.

The Living Room Jam Band returns to **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 5:30pm. The Living Room Jam Band puts on a great show including a creative mix of Americana, county, and folk blues, while playing originals and covers.



Miranda Wilcox will be performing at the **Busti Tap House** for their **Sunday Funday** starting at 2pm.

Southern Tier Brewing will be hosting a performance by the Riffriders starting at 6pm. They will be playing their acoustic versions of their blues and rock tunes. Enjoy the music while sipping on your favorite Southern Tier beverage.

The **Stockton Hotel** is happy to have the popular local band Black Widow performing at 9pm. You can enjoy some food and drinks while listening to them play their acoustic versions of their rock and pop music. This popular band never disappoints.

Miranda Wilcox will be performing at the **Busti Tap House** for their **Sunday Funday** starting at 2pm. This young talented musician plays the guitar and sings a variety of genres across many decades of music. You might want to make a reservation to sit, relax, and have some delicious food from the menu while listening to this great music.

There was a nice variety of entertainment this week. Hopefully you were able to get out enjoy some of it. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

While many of this play's characters appear in the ancient epic poem about the Trojan War, the "Iliad", and its plot was influenced by the poem's, it mostly parodies characters and plot elements from it. The romance of Troilus and Cressida, who are not characters in the "Iliad", reaches its peak when, weirdly, her uncle arranges for them to spend a night in a bedroom alone. Even more weirdly, the name of that uncle, Pandarus, lives on in the English language in the form of the word "pandar", which has the meaning "to enable others to conduct illicit sexual affairs".

Although they love each other very much, the two lovers only enjoy that one night together, because immediately afterwards they are told she must be exchanged for a prisoner of war. After she's exchanged, all the men at the army camp who greet her (all famous warriors from the "Iliad") all want to kiss her, but after a few do it, she fends off others with witty remarks (and perhaps a few slaps). Although, that night, Troilus is able to reach the tent where she is, he can't approach because of the danger. When he sees her apparently flirting with another man, he departs,

"Troilus & Cressida"

furiously at both of them. (It's not a stretch to suppose she's trying to get one man to defend her against the others.)

One warrior, who's also in the "Iliad", is urged to fight but instead opts to spend his time lolling in his tent, laughing at a friend's mocking imitations of their fellow soldiers. In a later scene, another is warned by his clairvoyant mother, father and sister that he's soon to be killed in battle, but he ignores all of them. Sure enough, he dies that day, after he's taken off his helmet, put down his shield, and surrounded by a group with knives.

One character not from the "Iliad" appears in several scenes creatively insulting various soldiers. For example, he tells one soldier, "You have no more brains than I have in my elbows", calls another "an idol of idiot-worshippers" and says someone has "more ear-wax than brains". Throughout the play, he serves as a sort of commentator on the action. When he happens to find himself in the midst of battles, he nimbly evades danger.

Amusingly, two soldiers threaten each other with death, but agree to wait until the next day to fight, because neither wants to miss the party that evening. In another humorous battle scene, two soldiers meet on the battlefield, but decline to fight because they are uncle and nephew. Surprisingly, in another scene, a character sings a song about orgasms. (Bet you never expected something like that from Shakespeare, did you?)

Characters who are in the

play and the poem include the three in the love triangle that led to the Trojan War. Their backstory: a couple was enjoying their happy marriage until, unluckily for them, three goddesses decided to compete in a beauty contest. They chose a young man to judge it, and each offered him an incredible bribe. The first said she'd make him the smartest person in the world; the second, the most powerful; while the third said she'd bring him the most beautiful woman in the world (half of the couple mentioned above) and cause her to fall in love with him. (What did he choose? He was young. Do the math.) After he chose the third bribe and she was whisked off by the goddess, her husband, a king, declared war to get her back. At the end of Troilus and Cressida, she's still with that other guy.

Troilus eventually challenges the man he saw leering at Cressida, and the man knocks him off his horse and steals it, saying he'll be giving it to her, to prove who's the better fighter. Troilus says he'll miss, nope, not Cressida, but his horse. He then says he'll devote himself to fighting more fiercely than before to avenge the soldiers who have been killed. When he meets Cressida's uncle, he curses him for having brought him together with his niece. Her uncle says the last lines in the play, expressing the thought that gratitude has turned to ingratitude, but sometime someone will want his help again.

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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

BY: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The eclipse is over and unfortunately it was overcast here but the music scene is always looking up so let's see who's playing where.

We kick off the weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This week's musical host is Grace Lougan from 6-9pm. Grace plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of originals and covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is The Chillybillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/blues/folk/ country set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Try the latest kitchen in town, open till 10 pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat pm.

FRIDAY

We return to Balloons for The Gerk'n Jerks from 6:30-10pm. They play a 90's rock/country/mod set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the thump, thump for the bump, bump on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill is back with Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers. Try the Carriage House Side-bar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia rocking the sound booth with some sauce so you can dance like a boss in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This duo plays a folk/country/rock/pop set of covers and originals while you sip one of the 37 beers always on tap. The Rig takes the stage from 8-12am. This Buffalo band plays classic rock covers from The Stones to The Clash.

We're back at Balloons for The Bob Hartle Band from 6:30-10pm. They make their Evl debut playing a country/country rock/bluegrass set of covers. Dj Andre returns to the sound booth layin down a groove so you can bust-a-move from 10-2am.

Last but not least Madigans hosts Dj Kage blowin up the sound booth with some funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk

from 9-2am.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill returns with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. He plays a rock/folk/roots/ mod set of covers and originals to accompany a late lunch or early dinner.

Monday means Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a nice selection of craft beers the wash them down and music provided by the ever-popular Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. This duo plays a blues/rock/pop / folk/country set of covers and originals.

Tuesday, The Gin Mill hosts, The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group of seasoned local musicians plays an eclectic set of Americana style covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We end the 7 day week-end the way we have for over 40 years at The Gin Mil for Wing, Wednesday from 8-10pm. Brian Rick is your musical host playing a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

If you had a good time we hope you'll return with friends and family but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What is the Strangest Movie You've Ever Seen?"

By Chad Neal



Gary M.- The Cook, The Thief, His Wife and Her Lover.



Kyle B.- Poor Things is definitely up there.



Jaime V.- Mother!



Carrie H.- "Tusk" with Justin Long. It's insanely messed up!!



Ben R.- The Human Centipede.



Matt H.- Lost Highway is wild. Directed by David Lynch. Patricia Arquette is naked pretty much throughout, and the soundtrack features a couple Rammstein songs that'll make you run through a brick wall!

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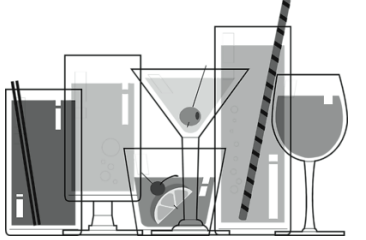
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
★★★★☆

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution....**Good luck!**

Last Week's Puzzle:

5	8	2	6	9	3	4	1	7
7	6	4	8	1	2	3	9	5
1	3	9	4	5	7	6	8	2
4	9	7	5	2	1	8	3	6
8	2	5	3	6	9	7	4	1
3	1	6	7	8	4	5	2	9
9	4	3	1	7	5	2	6	8
6	5	1	2	3	8	9	7	4
2	7	8	9	4	6	1	5	3

Library

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unique Vintage postcards illustrated in her book, Vintage Tweets. A scroll through the past events on the library website reveals many such events presenting Ellicottville with various authors. Likewise, the library recently played host to several illustrators, one an artist, Carey Ann Welch who, with her teenaged daughter, Simone Zella Phillips, presented us with whimsical paintings "Painted Winter," snow-inspired art which made the kid in all of us want to go out and play. Currently, the library is hosting a display by nature photographer and *The Villager* writer, Barbara Arnstein. Says she: "My goal as a photographer is to capture the emotional essence of the amazing natural sights I see, and to convey to the viewer how it felt to see them. It is an invitation to every viewer to imagine taking a seat and contemplating the grandeur above them." Find Barbara on her FB page, Barbara Jones (Barbara Arnstein). Arnstein will host a reception at the library for her photo exhibit from noon-3pm on Saturday, April 27.

The library is a moving and shaking place. This, from the Director's annual report: "We are truly a community center where you can meet your neighbors, attend a story time, join a book club, do your homework, join a knitting group, get the news, use a computer and so much more. During the past year the library provided the same services and materials our patrons have always loved including, books, movies, audio materials, reference materials, databases, magazines and various educational workshops and classes. Libraries are vital to our economy and our communities, and the Ellicottville Memorial Library will continue to fulfill our mission throughout the upcoming year to promote literacy and lifelong learning."

Visit your library and be certain others and your children, grandchildren will enjoy the benefits of a local library by including the Ellicottville Library in your trusts or endowments. If you don't have such plans, please consider giving books to the library book sales, or just a check at the counter would be hugely appreciated. Ready, set, library!

Farm

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Not only is the CSA a great opportunity for a fresh, organic, locally grown selection of produce, but it helps farmers with upfront costs. "Since buyers pay in the beginning of the season, it helps us farmers with expenses throughout the season." CSA members then enjoy farmers market style shopping every week, without needing to pay each time since the cost was paid upfront.

Laura and Ryan have built relationships with their customers over the years, and enjoy watching them try new, healthy foods. "It's an honor to be able to serve the community in this way. We've had the pleasure of providing options to our consumers, along with education regarding the nutrients and versatility of our crops." Laura's passion for farming and Ryan's culinary expertise provide customers a diverse knowledge base along with a friendly, personalized experience.

While their products are mainly sold through CSA, produce can also be purchased from their roadside stand located at the farm 24/7 during growing season (May-Oct). The farm also offers vegetable seedling sales to help local customers start their own gardens. "This is one of the most fun and rewarding programs we run. We've had the pleasure of introducing farming to our local community by providing various young plants (tomatoes, peppers, etc) to our customers."


Laura is passionate about farming and is grateful for the opportunity to be outside everyday of the year doing what she loves. "I love watching the seasons change, feeling the shifts in the air and connecting with nature. I'm thankful to make a difference in the community serving in this manner, all while building a sustainable lifestyle for our family. It's fun being able to shop my own farm while cooking, and I'm honored to bring these items to our customers."

For more info and to join the CSA, visit <https://www.dirtrichcsa.com/>. Those interested in the seedling program can email Laura and Ryan directly at dirtrichfarm@gmail.com. All are invited to visit the roadside stand 24/7 during the growing season (May-Oct) located at 12318 Springville Boston Road.

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Photos of Women in History



Ruth Handler - 1916-2002

Ruth Handler was president of Mattel, a company she co-founded with her husband in 1945 and which was originally based out of their garage in California. In 1959, the company launched the Barbie doll, the brainchild of Ruth Handler and one of the first dolls made that looked like a grown up. Within six years of Barbie's launch, Mattel had become a Fortune 500 company. degree.

From Bryan's Brain



Goat Gymnasts

the goats of Tamri village in Morocco show great agility in searching for their favourite food. These nimble nibblers claw, jump and scramble up the argan trees to reach their beloved berries, setting in motion a practice that's been around for centuries. The olive-like argan berry is perfect nourishment in an area where food is scarce. The Tamri goats can climb 30 feet up to the tree tops.

Garage

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Beyond the music, Jones has organized live events and fundraisers for WRFA-LP, further embedding the 3rd Street Garage into the fabric of the station. The show has remained a constant for Jones, connecting him with like-minded individuals and enriching his journey. "Career paths have changed, marathon/distance running was a huge part of my life; and I serve the community

through other board and committee memberships, such as the Chautauqua Striders and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. The 3rd Street Garage and WRFA have remained through many life's changes. And I think about the people I would not have met if not for the music and the station."

The 500th episode of the 3rd Street Garage is especially significant as it aligns with the 20th anniversary of WRFA-LP, a station renowned for its diverse programming that spans culture, nature, science, politics, local news, and music. Even

with a low-power broadcast range, WRFA-LP has garnered a loyal following and extends its reach globally through online streaming via the WRFA-LP app and website.

WRFA-LP exemplifies community engagement and public service. WRFA is a listener-supported, non-commercial, low-power FM radio station that is provided as a public service by the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts (Formerly known as Arts Council for Chautauqua County). WRFA-LP streams on www.wrfalp.com and broadcast on 107.9 FM from Jamestown, NY.

Chautauqua County or in the punk and alternative communities, and creating and publishing conversations with them. "There is something really fun about that", Merchant grins.

Radio

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Although Power Chord Hour the podcast airs infrequently, the WRFA

segment airs every Friday from 8-11pm.

Despite the difficulties, Merchant clearly remains committed to what is fundamentally community-building work: reaching out to artists, either in

Planning

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has brought the idea to a community. Hopefully, much of this health-care, end-of-life, financial planning care will be demystified, making the socially taboo accessible, approachable, and even palatable. People need to stop thinking that a will answers all the questions. It does not. If that is all that is left behind, it can indeed open a Pandora's box of issues that next of kin don't know how to resolve without your

input. It all starts with the conversation.

No matter how old you are, you are invited to set aside April 16 as the date to have that conversation with someone important in your life. Don't end up being any of those names mentioned in the beginning of this article. While you are at it, please consider bringing your doctors and lawyers on board with your plans. You may want to make a special appointment to discuss your plans with them, so the focus is entirely on the conversation. Please go to the NHDD's website for a clearer view of why this

day is a MUST for anyone who cares about those they leave behind: <https://theconversationproject.org/nhdd/origins/> Or email them at nhdd@ihi.org with any questions. If you have questions for me, you can reach me at cfisherdoulaendoflife@gmail.com

This is important. Please, put it on your calendar and get started this year. You will also find many planning guides on Google. Just don't be convinced you need to spend hundreds of dollars - you do not. Do it. Your survivors will thank you.

Rotary

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City of Jamestown. They presented Jamestown with the new Welcome to Jamestown sign that is at the North Main Street entrance to Jamestown near exit 12 off Interstate 86.

More recently the Rotary Club of Jamestown started and is in their second year of their Bibs and Books Project, which is a program initiated by the Rotary Club's Literacy Committee.

In coordination with UPMC, any infant that is born in UPMC is given a bib and a book to promote the importance of early literacy and encourages parents to read to their infants. These are just two of the recent accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Jamestown. To read more about The Rotary Club



By supporting the Rotary, you are helping to support our community in many ways. For one example, in 2020, in connection to the Rotary's 100th anniversary, the Rotary gave a gift to the City of Jamestown. They presented Jamestown with the new Welcome to Jamestown sign that is at the North Main Street entrance to Jamestown near exit 12 off Interstate 86.

of Jamestown or to join this philanthropic club, you can go to their website jamestownnyrotary.org.

The Rotary Club of Jamestown is happy to support the community in any way that they can. They would like to thank their sponsors as well the community for their continued support. Their support helps make all the

Club's endeavors possible. This auction will enable the Rotary to continue to do all they do to help our community, so please go to JNYRotary.afros.org and check it out. There is a wide range of items and prices so there is sure to be something of interest for everyone. Won't you please help support a great cause and our community?

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• April 29, Sally Ferguson
• May 6, Trenton Lutes
• May 13, Kathy Willis, writing coach
• May 20, Mary Zdrowski
• June 3, Bill Burk
• June 10, Alicia Willsie
• June 17, Adrienne Ploss
• June 24, Steve Sorensen
The event to be held in the Hazeltine Community Building beginning at 6:30pm - reservations appreciated by calling 716-487-1281. The library is located on 891 Busti Sugargrove Road. There will be a book selling and signing after their presentations

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