



GVCC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**April 2024  
Edition**

Welcome to April!

It's so exciting to think that Spring is almost here, despite all of the rain!

March was such a busy month for the GVCC as we were in BANQUET mode.

Our annual banquet was a huge highlight of the year  
and we were thrilled to have so many of you with us,  
as we celebrated the  
great accomplishments of so many of you.

Many thanks to the GVCC Board of Directors,  
the Junior Chamber of Commerce students,  
our donors and sponsors,  
& to all of you for making the evening so memorable.

Many great things are in store for you this Spring and Summer!

We look forward to our next  
Coffee & Conversation on April 17<sup>th</sup>,  
along with our upcoming  
Tastes of the Valley event on 06/07  
Summer Mingle  
& Annual Golf Tournament on 08/15.

Wishing you all a beautiful April,  
Jan

## Congratulations to Sam's Bar & Grill ~ Business Member of the Year!



*Small Business Hero*  
Award Winner:  
Bluestone Brewing Company!



**Congratulations  
to  
all  
Award  
Winners!**



**Williams Auto Group**  
  
Winner of the  
*Community Connected*  
Award

*Caring for  
Our Community*  
Award winner:  
Waverly  
Community Art  
& Engineering  
Programs!



**Karen & Jeff Chalk**  
Vanilla Bean Café  
  
*"Great Beginnings"*  
Award Recipient

Congratulations to all Association “Business of the Year” WINNERS!



Athens Business Association  
Terry & Zach Johnston  
Mad Hatter Café & Tea  
Garden

Sayre Business Association  
Greg Steele  
Reagan Steele Jewelers



Waverly Business Association  
Patrick Ayres  
Former Waverly Mayor &  
Broad Street Records





SKILLS

LEARNING

KNOWLEDGE

ABILITY

GROWTH

TRAINING

EXPERIENCE

COMPETENCE

# EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES for GVCC Members:

(Coming in June: date & location to be announced asap along with registration info.)

## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

“Understanding how the (NTRPDC)  
Northern Tier Regional Planning & Development Commission  
& the Small Business Development Center (SBDC)  
can assist you & your business”

*All GVCC members located in Pennsylvania are encouraged to attend!*

**Do you have an idea for a seminar, workshop or class?**

**OR would you like to present on a specific topic ?**

We encourage our members to be part of our Educational series.

Just contact Jan with your ideas!

Jan.gvcc@gmail.com

# VALLEY GIFT CERTIFICATES 101

*“Keeping Money Local “*

- **Valley Gift Certificates (VGC)**  
are redeemable at over 100 businesses (SEE LIST)
- **VGC** are **SOLD** in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50  
and can be purchased at:  
GVCC office, USDA/Farm Svc. office next to the GVCC office,  
Birdsall’s Auto Works, Athens, Urban Floral, Sayre and  
Jayne’s Flowers & Gifts, Waverly
- Each store/establishment decides how they will accept/process  
them in their own POS system. Many tender as gift certificate.
- Once redeemed at the store/establishment, simply send the actual VGC to  
Jan at the GVCC office (or drop them in office mailbox) and you will  
receive a check as reimbursement for the total amount.
- **NO FEES for ANYONE** - not the consumer, not the place of business!

**WIN ~ WIN for ALL!**

**Contact Jan with any questions.**





**from the GVCC!**

We are pleased to welcome these  
NEW members to the GVCC!

**M&T Bank**

**PENN-YORK**  
  
**OPPORTUNITIES, INC.**

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**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
FOR THE TWIN TIERS

# JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Updates

- Our next tour is planned for April 29th at CEC in Athens! Thank you, Todd Babcock & CEC



The Junior Chamber of Commerce did an amazing job planning & presenting at our Annual Banquet!

Thank you all & Congratulations on a job well done!

JUST TO REMIND YOU!

## **\*\*JOB BOARD \*\***

### **Now on our Website!**

Simply send an email to Jan with your complete job posting.

Please include how & where to apply.

Please also provide a start & end date for the posting.

Additionally with your approval, we are happy to share your job postings on our fb page!

**You asked for it – we LISTENED!!**



Save  
the  
Date

# “COFFEE & CONVERSATION”

**Wednesday**  
**April 17th**  
**8am - 9am**

**Location –**  
**Greater Valley EMS Classroom**  
**904 North Lehigh Ave., Sayre**



**Explore some hot topics with fellow GVCC members**

*Be part of the Conversation!*

Please Note:  
Tickets will only be  
available at the  
entrance of actual  
event.

We will not be  
preselling tickets.

Fingers  
crossed  
for  
beautiful  
weather!!



*Tastes of the Valley*

Sponsored By:



GREATER VALLEY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Live Entertainment by  
**5 Man Trio**

**Friday, June 7th • 5:30 - 8:00pm**  
**Waverly Glen, Waverly NY**  
*Upper Park and Amphitheater*

**Parking & Shuttle Service available  
from Lincoln St. School**

**\$18/person • Pricing for children will be available**

Mad Hatter Café  
Applebee's  
Coaches  
Kurt's Making Whoopie  
BlueStone Brewing Co.  
Alliger's House of Wings  
The Pub  
Staggering Unicorn  
Vanilla Bean Café  
Dandy Mini Marts  
Sam's Bar & Grill  
& MORE TO COME!!

**24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GVCC JOE WOLF MEMORIAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
IN HONOR OF ELEANOR HILL!**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**AT**

**TOMASSO'S GOLF COURSE**

**PLEASE WATCH FOR SPONSORSHIP &  
REGISTRATION INFO. SOON**

**FUN THINGS IN STORE FOR YOU!**



**2023 CHAMPIONS  
THE GRILLE AT THE TRAIN STATION  
JOE, JOY, JOE & DAN!!**





News, updates &  
upcoming events  
from our  
Members!

**Attn:  
Tioga  
County  
Businesses**

**THIS IS  
FOR YOU!!**

**TIOGA COUNTY  
SMALL BUSINESS  
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO START A  
SMALL BUSINESS?**

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO EXPAND  
YOUR SMALL BUSINESS?**

Tioga County will be applying for a New York State Grant for a microenterprise program that may assist small businesses with five or fewer individuals, including the owner(s), with grants up to \$35,000.

For guidelines/pre-application or questions, contact Thoma Development Consultants:

607-753-4133  
ryan@thomadevelopment.com



Pre-applications are due April 12, 2024





# Greater Bradford County 2024 JOB FAIR

Your future awaits

**SEVERAL EMPLOYERS AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDING**

Pennsylvania  
**CareerLink**

A proud partner of the AmericanJobCenter network

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## April 17th, 2024

**Wysox Firehall  
111 Lake Rd  
Wysox, PA**

**APPLY NOW**

PA CareerLink is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Source: Women's Equal Opportunity Office [www.eeoc.gov](http://www.eeoc.gov); NEDR/DC, 312 Main Street, Tremont, PA, 18466, 570-263-9103 or toll free 888-838-8800.

Basic Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) workforce programs are federally supported 100% by the U.S. Department of Labor as part of an award totaling \$2,075,317 with 39.09% state, local and/or non-governmental funds.



In partnership with



# 2024 Southern Tier Business Expo



### CONNECT

Get to know your local resources and lenders



### DISCOVER

Learn about items made here in the Southern Tier



### NETWORK

Meet key entities and others in the regional community

Join us on



Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>



2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



First Arena  
155 N. Main Street

Registration is open for  
vendors & sponsors

[www.chemungchamber.org](http://www.chemungchamber.org)

May 18, 2024 • 40th Annual Guthrie Gallop • Sayre, Pa.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GUTHRIE CANCER CARE FUND

# 10k & 5k LIVE RACE

WITH VIRTUAL OPTION

**\$30** 10k OR 5k  
LIVE RACE

Friday, May 17  
4-6 p.m. Early Packet Pick-Up

Saturday, May 18  
7-9:30 a.m. Race Day Packet Pick-Up

**\$40** BOTH 10k & 5k  
LIVE RACE

Saturday, May 18  
8 a.m. 10k Race Begins  
9:30 a.m. 5k Race Begins

### Register today!

Registration is online only and will close **May 10**.

**Raceday registration WILL NOT be available.** Register by **April 12** to guarantee a Guthrie Gallop T-shirt. For registration, race updates and more information visit: [Guthrie.org/Gallop](http://Guthrie.org/Gallop)



8th Annual Guthrie Race Series! Participants who register for and complete a race distance in both the 40th Annual Guthrie Gallop and 18th Annual Guthrie Sayre Turkey Trot will receive an exclusive Guthrie Race Series gift.





# REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



## ABOUT US

For over 90 years, Epiphany School has proudly served the Penn-York Valley, offering a cherished legacy of safe, high-quality, and faith-based education. Parents choose us for our dedication to student growth in and out of the classroom.

## OUR GRADES

- Pre-K 3\* **waitlist**
- Pre-K 4\* **almost full**
- Kindergarten\*
- Grades 1 to 6

\*Children must meet age requirements by September 1st.



## Join our Epiphany School Community!

- Large Tuition Discounts for All
- Focus on Academic Excellence
- Christ Centered Education
- Commitment to Academic Growth for All Students
- Leadership Skills Development
- S.T.R.E.A.M., Computer Science, Physical Education, and Music Programs
- Monthly Special Events

Visit our website for more  
[www.epiphany-school.net](http://www.epiphany-school.net)

Call 570-888-5802  
to Learn More and Schedule a Tour!



T.L. CANNON MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

TLC West, LLC TLC Central, LLC TLC East, LLC  
180 Lawrence Bell Drive, Suite 100; Williamsville, NY 14221  
Phone: 716.634.7700 Fax: 716.634.8888

Dear Local Business,

The Valley Applebees is running our 2024 (part 1) Annual Fundraiser for "Make a Wish". To ensure that it is a huge success, we need your business's help. We are asking for any donation possible (Gift Certificates or physical items) that can be used in our Make a Wish Raffle throughout the fundraiser. Remember that even the smallest offering can generate a larger gift for our children in need. All generated donations (funds from raffles) will go to the local Bradford County Chapter of Make a Wish. With the help of local businesses last year, our raffles brought in over \$34,000 and granted multiple wishes.

Contributing businesses will be recognized throughout the event for their donation to this important fundraiser. If anyone is willing to go further to help, we are also accepting checks (written out to Applebees; memo MAW Donation).

Thank you for your generosity and continued support for the local Make a Wish Bradford County Chapter. We truly would not have been able to raise this much without you.

Please call with any question at (570)888-3300

With much appreciation,

Michael Crummenauer; General Manager

Valley Applebees  
1860 Elmira Street  
Sayre, Pa 18840

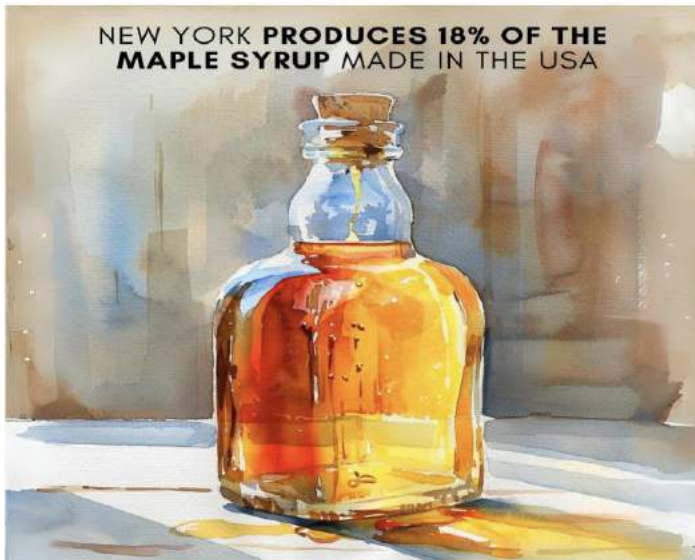
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Shared from our friends at  
the **USDA Farm Service Agency**  
located on Chemung Street in Waverly!

**Did you know**

- The sugar maple is the state tree of New York
- The sugar maple contains the sweetest sap of all maple trees
- The Sugar Maple trees take at least 30 years to produce Syrup and can live up to 400 years
- One gallon of Syrup = 40 gallons of Sap
- Without maple trees, Tennessee Whiskey wouldn't exist
- The sugar maple is one of the most valued trees in North America

**NEW YORK PRODUCES 18% OF THE  
MAPLE SYRUP MADE IN THE USA**



# SUNDAES AT THE FARM

**Sunday, July 21, 2023 / Noon until 3 p.m.**

**Frisbie Bros. Farm**

1840 Halsey Valley Road, Spencer, NY 14883

**Learn About Tioga County Agriculture!**



Ice Cream



Animals and Farm Tours



Kid's Activities



Food



Live Music



Farm Vendors

**TIOGA  
COUNTY**  
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE GROUP

**FREE ADMISSION**



**WAVERLY**  
**FALL FEST 2024:**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

September 28th  
10am - 3pm  
more details to follow.

