

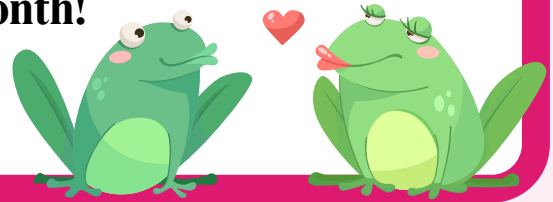
# CHATTERBUG

## February 2024



There are many holidays and observances that occur during the month of February...

**Black History Month, Groundhog Day, Mardi Gras, Valentine's Day and President's Day, just to name a few! But did you know that 2024 is also a LEAP YEAR? That's right, February 29th comes only once every four years and we get to celebrate this month!**



## ACTIVITY

### Valentine Flower Pots

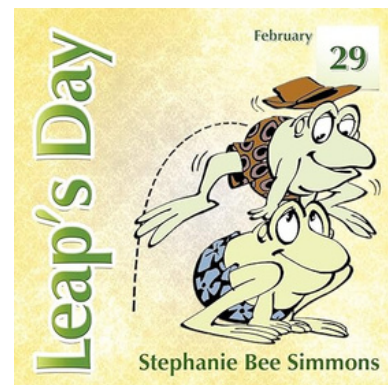
Kids will love painting the pot, filling it with tissue, and planting their "flowers." If you don't have a hot glue gun or want your kids to do the craft more independently, you could tape the hearts to the sticks or use a craft glue and let it dry thoroughly before adding the flowers to the pot.



#### Supplies Needed:

Small disposable plastic cups, can be clear, white or red  
Different sized heart cut-outs made from construction paper  
Popsicle sticks  
Green bows to use as leaves  
Tissue paper or Floral Foam  
Glue sticks or a hot glue gun (use with adult help)

## READ



Leap's Day is a story about the calendar, friendship and the things that make us special. Join Leap as he sets out to find a special day - a "birthday" - for each one of his friends, only to discover that he must first create a calendar. Leap works with his dad to unravel the mystery of years, months, days and dates - and of course that pesky little day that comes along just once every four years.

# INTRODUCING

## Our New Family Daycare Providers!

Andrea is a former Applied Behavior Consultant who was born and raised in Honduras. She has worked in many different schools and homes and with all ages of children. Andrea states that she has always known that working with children was the right career path for her! She and her husband reside in the Kiantone area with their two daughters, Sophia and Penelope.



Andrea Minor



Angella Newhard

Angella grew up in Clymer, NY and started a career in Accounting Management before pursuing her dream of starting her own business as a Daycare Provider. She, her husband and 17 year old daughter now reside in Jamestown and welcome not only daycare children into their home, but they are also certified Foster Parents and have made it a lifelong dream to care for children in need.

Jannett Cruz is a new Family Daycare Provider in the Fredonia area. Jannett loves to work with children of all ages and teach them new and exciting things that enhance their growth and development. Jannett currently has open enrollment and looks forward to meeting your children!



Jannett Cruz



# What's Happening?



**Every Monday**  
10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.



**Every Tuesday**  
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.



**Every Wednesday**  
10:30 a.m.



**Every Saturday**  
11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.



## Family Skate

Feb. 17 3:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.  
Feb. 20-23 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.  
Feb. 24 3:30 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

## Public Skate

Feb. 25  
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## Tiny Tot Skate

Feb. 26-29 11:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

## Cheap Skate

Feb. 26-29 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.

## President's Day Weekend Winter Festival

The Mayville-Chautauqua Community  
Chamber of Commerce  
is proud to host the Mayville Winter Festival for  
President's Day Weekend  
February 16-18

Lakeside Park, Route 394 in Mayville.

Typical highlights include: Lots of activities for  
kids and families, a beer and wine tent, food  
vendors, fireworks, horse-drawn carriage rides, a  
Polar Plunge, bonfire, live music and more!



## Audubon Community Nature Center February Camp

February Camp (Children 4 – 12)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

\$48 Children, \$36 Nature Center members  
\$5 Sibling discount

Paid reservations required by Monday,  
February 19, 2024.

Late winter brings an awakening of the  
natural world that's sometimes hard to see.  
Especially plants, the changes in  
temperature trigger changes that hearken to  
the soon-arriving spring.

# Training Opportunities!

## Physical Activity Learning Session (PALS)

Presented By:  
The Chautauqua Child Care Council  
and  
Chautauqua Health Network

**Saturday, March 23, 2024**  
**9 AM - 3 PM**  
**Laughlin Community Action Center**  
**402 Chandler Street, Jamestown**  
**2nd Floor**

**Contact Registrars**  
**Christina Maddox 716-661-9430 ext. 2289**  
**or**  
**Rebecca Potter 716-661-9430 ext. 2290**

## CACFP TRAINING

THIRTY ON THURSDAYS

CACFP TRAINING - Providers need to fill out the Request an Account form here: <https://info.cacfp.org/ap/Form/Fill/LEmb6U9L> to take Thirty on Thursday trainings. Once you've filled out the form and submit it, you will receive a link within 24 hours to create your Info Hub accounts. You will be able to register for events and courses in the Learning Center once you've created an account. Please note that the online Thirty on Thursdays are approved by the NYS Dept. of Health to count towards the CACFP annual training requirements.  
\*\*\*Thirty on Thursdays are the only online trainings accepted for CACFP credit

## Nourishing Healthy Eaters In Early Care & Education

Presented By:  
The Chautauqua Child Care Council,  
Chautauqua Health Network & Cornell Cooperative Extension

**Saturday, April 6, 2024**  
**9 AM - 2 PM**  
**Laughlin Community Action Center**  
**402 Chandler Street, Jamestown**  
**2nd Floor**

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## CDA Class

**CDA Class**  
**January 16 - June 11**

Starting on January 16, 2024 and continuing through June 11, 2024, the Chautauqua Child Care Council will hold a virtual CDA class. Classes are held on Tuesday evening from 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM and 1 Saturday a month from 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

For more information contact Beth Faulkner 716-661-9430 ext. 2295 or email [bfaulkner@chautopp.org](mailto:bfaulkner@chautopp.org)


## Health and Safety Training is now available at Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc.

Recently several Child Care Council staff members completed the required training to become Certified Health & Safety Trainers!  
Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. and the Chautauqua Child Care Council are happy to announce that Health & Safety training dates will be coming soon!



**From Left to Right,**  
**Nicola Hughes, Leslie Anderson, Christina Maddox and Rebecca Potter**

 **Office of Children  
and Family Services**

  
**PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**ROCKEFELLER COLLEGE**  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
State University of New York



# Coming Soon...

## PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY!

The Chautauqua Child Care Council  
is busy planning this year's  
Provider Appreciation Day!  
Look for details in upcoming  
Chatterbug Newsletters!



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**Child Care Aware® of America**

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