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Any time of year is a great time to explore the outdoors in Chautauqua County, but that's especially true during peak fall foliage season. With more than **250 miles of public recreation** trails across the county, the wonderful world of fall color is just a short drive—or walk—away! (Images courtesy of Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth)

Featured Writer

Jacob Bodway

Chautauqua County
Partnership for Economic Growth
Trail Consultant

There's no other place quite like Chautauqua County during the fall months. With its rolling hills, numerous New York State forests, over-

look parks, and 250 miles of shared-use trails, one could spend an entire weekend exploring the county's natural beauty and still barely scratch the surface. So, where should you begin, and what can you expect?

For hikers, two of the best places to begin leaf peeping are Chautauqua County's overlook parks.

Luensman Overview Park, located on Thayer Road outside the Village of Brocton, offers stunning views of Lake Erie and the vineyards along the shoreline. Visitors will find viewing stations and a large pavilion where they can take in the scenery

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LEAVES 101

Featured Writer

Dr. Matthew L. Lanning

Professor of Geology and
Environmental Science
SUNY Fredonia

I find it often the case that some of the most remarkable aspects of the natural world are things we take for granted. Little details dotted across a landscape that you likely don't think about all too much, yet are responsible for supporting your very existence.

For example, I doubt you have ever stopped to wonder what lives inside a clump of moss. There is nothing wrong with that, but I can promise that with a little time, I could make that few square inches of plant and soil beneath your feet appear to be



Photo By Christopher Goff | Veteran Memorial Bridge Warren, PA

an entirely different planet. With a little more time I could show how different our planet would be without their ancestors. Spoiler: we would not exist without them.

Conversely, there are plenty of things that we as a species observe and notice with such specificity it

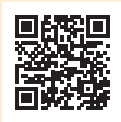
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Cheap Skate at Northwest Arena | 11 AM-1 PM
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Pearl City Clay House Holiday Pop-Up 12 -5 PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Fredonia World Mallets Ensemble with Alma de Mexico 7PM
Williams Center Multipurpose Room | Fredonia
For Info: tickets@fredonia.edu

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Seafood Fest at Guppy's | 9 AM-3 PM
Guppy's | Bemus Point
For Info: www.facebook.com/events/s/seafood-fest-at-guppys

Try It Tuesday: Fall Charcuterie Plate | 5:30-7 PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Johnny's Lunch 90th Anniversary Celebration 11 AM-7 PM
966 Fairmount Ave. | Jamestown
For Info: 716-664-2881

Mammogrammy Free Spa Event | 9 AM-3 PM
The Chautauqua Center at 107 Institute St. | Jamestown
For Info: tcchealth.org

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild: "My Favorite Things" 6 PM
Busti 5 Corners Community Church | Busti

Dunkirk Farmers Market | 9 AM - 2 PM
Dunkirk Senior Center Pavilion | Dunkirk
For Info: www.facebook.com/DunkirkNYFarmersMarket

Cheap Skate at Northwest Arena | 11 AM-1 PM
Northwest Arena | Jamestown
For Info: northwestarena.com/calendar/

Wheel Try-It | 5-6 PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Movies at The Reg - Union County | 7 - 8:30 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com/events/movies-the-reg-union-county

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

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

Mammogrammy Free Spa Event | 9 AM-3 PM
The Chautauqua Center at 75 E. 3rd St. | Dunkirk
For Info: tcchealth.org

Put A Lid On It! | 6-8 PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

GG My Love All Season Fashion Show | 6 PM
Marvin House | Jamestown
For Info: Reservations: 716-488-6206

Town of Chautauqua and Lake Chautauqua's Steamboat Era | 7 PM
Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room | Mayville
For Info: facebook.com

Comedy Open Mic | 7-9 PM
Wicked Warren's Jamestown

Carrie: The Musical at Main Street Studios | 7:30 PM
Main Street Studios | Fredonia
For Info: mainstreetstudios.seatyourself.biz/

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

Finally Friday: Seed Pod or Acorn Jar| 4:30-5:30PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Wine on the Trail at CLNP | 5-7 PM
Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park | Cassadaga
For Info: everwildlandtrust.org/event-details/wine-on-the-trail-at-clnp

Mark Pacheco WOW Fun Lip Sync Battle | 6 PM
Celoron Legion | Celoron
For Info: 716-951-6118

Harvest Moon Cemetery Tours | 7-10 PM
Forest Hill Cemetery | Fredonia
For Info: festivalsfredoniany.org

Stand-Up Comedy Night| 7 PM
Wicked Warren's Jamestown

Carrie: The Musical at Main Street Studios | 7:30 PM
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Jamestown Farmers Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Third and Pine Streets | Jamestown
For Info: jfmny.org

Fredonia Farmers Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Third and Pine Streets | Jamestown
For Info: fredoniafarmersmarket.org

Heron Horse Trail Challenge| 9 AM-2 PM
PFM Barn | Sherman
For Info: equinetrailsports.com/events/10053

Walk for Life | 12 PM
560 West 3rd St. | Jamestown
For Info: givebutter.com/moms_rock_walkforlife

Dunkirk Lighthouse Ghost Hunts
1 Lighthouse Point Drive | Dunkirk
For Info: tourchautauqua.com/events/dunkirk-lighthouse-ghost-hunts | Reservations required

Pet Expo | 12-4 PM
Northwest Arena | Jamestown
For Info: <https://northwestarena.com/events/pet-expo>

Movies at The Reg - Shaun the Sheep: The Beast of Mossy Bottom | 4 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com/events/movies-the-reg-shaun-the-sheep-beast-of-mossy-bottom

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

American Guild of Organists Organ Plus Concert | 3 PM
First Lutheran Church | Jamestown

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Photo By Christopher Goff | Railroad Trestle over Allegheny River, Warren, PA

Editorial with Lori Cornell

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The changing seasons of life. The many colors that surround us. Embrace them for all the beauty they hold.

~ Ecclesiastes 3

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Featured Writer

Pastor Phillip Roushey
Zion Lutheran Church, Frewsburg NY

*"You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.
The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills clothe themselves with joy"*

Psalm 65:11-13

Fall has always been my favorite season. Having grown up outside of Rochester, and having lived in western New York for most of my life, I'm always delighted when the days get shorter and a little cooler. Summer certainly has its benefits, and the snow and wonder of winter are lovely, but for me, fall is the best.

There is just something about the way that things come together in these weeks of fall that have captured my heart since childhood. All these years later I still delight to hear the swish and crunch of fallen leaves beneath my feet, and I watch the joy on my four daughters' faces as they do the same. When I'm outside this time of year, I understand what the psalmist is saying calling it the "crown" of the year. In the cycle of seasons, fall is fullness and fruit of all these months of growth. Fall is the crowning achievement and glory of creation. The beauty, abundance and generosity

of this world God made are on full display. This is what the green growth of spring and summer have been building toward. The fruitful harvest from area farms and gardens are celebrated in this psalm. These are gifts, to be received and enjoyed with gratitude and wonder. This world God made is producing bountifully. Our fall festival of gratitude, Thanksgiving, occurs at the end of this wonderful season for a good reason. These things crown the year.

Even though it's an annual occurrence, it's good for us to see. To step back and admire the abundant beauty and richness of the world. The leaves' colorful display is a temporary treat each year, and a reminder of the beauty and bounty of this world. They're a vivid annual reminder of blessing and the gifts we receive from God, and from the ground. They're a sign pointing the way toward gratitude for the produce of fields and pastures, and all that nourishes our bodies.

The beauty of the fall leaves brings me so much joy. I know I'm not alone. Many of us this time of year delight in God's creation, even as we go about our daily tasks. Driving in our cars, or walking outside we see the trees put on a beautiful display of reds, yellows and oranges. The words of this psalm give us the perfect poetic picture, in these autumn colors, "the hills clothe themselves with joy." If you haven't yet, take some time to enjoy the fall foliage, and enjoy the colors of the leaves, that crown the year, and clothe the trees and hills with joy.

Phil Roushey is the pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Frewsburg. He lives there with his wife, Rachel, and their four daughters. He previously served churches in Vermont and Minnesota.



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Indigenous Peoples’ Day and Columbus Day: Two Observances, One October Monday



Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

If you’ve enjoyed a "long weekend", and you’re reading this paper on Monday, Oct. 12, you may wonder: what is today? Is it Indigenous Peoples’ Day or Columbus Day?

The answer depends a lot on where you are, what your calendar looks like and your culture.

According to the Library of Congress, the first recorded celebration of Columbus Day in the U.S. was held on Oct. 12, 1792, by the Society of St. Tammany. The celebration commemorated the 300th anniversary of Christopher Columbus’ landing in the Americas. Over the years, the day was commemorated through proclamations, celebrations and other events. In 1934, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt designated October 12 a national holiday. The date was amended in 1968 to “the second Monday of October.”

In the past few years, many calendars across the U.S. have seen a change for this mid-October holiday. According to the Associated Press, President Joe Biden officially recognized Indigenous Peoples’ Day in 2021. The holiday is now recognized by a growing number of states, cities and schools, though the name and form of observance vary by community. Some have replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day, while others recognize both on the same date.

While the broad recognition of Indigenous Peoples’ Day has been relatively recent, the holiday celebrations date back several decades. The idea was first introduced at a United Nations conference in 1977. The holiday is an opportunity to highlight the history and culture of Native Americans through education, events and more.

The two observances reflect different histories. For many Italian Americans, Columbus Day has served as a symbol of heritage and belonging. Indigenous Peoples’ Day recognizes the history, cultures and continuing presence of Native nations, whose homelands long predate European arrival in the Americas.

While it may be confusing for some, the dual names of the second Monday in October can also prompt a broader look at how public holidays shape the stories a country chooses to remember.

PACK SOME HOMEMADE PROTEIN FOR A FALL HIKE

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Fall is a wonderful time to enjoy the great outdoors. Moderate temperatures, ample sunshine and colorful landscapes make fall a popular time to hike, kayak, go camping, ride bikes, and engage in other outdoor activities.

For hiking enthusiasts, nothing beats a fall day on the trails. Fall weather makes longer hikes possible, and it’s wise to take sustenance along on such excursions. Protein bars are an ideal snack since they’re both filling and don’t take up a lot of room. Hikers can even try making their own protein bars at home with this recipe for “Homemade Protein Bars With Peanut Butter and Hemp Protein” courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Homemade Protein Bars With Peanut Butter and Hemp Protein

Makes 12 bars

- 13 ounces peanut butter, no added sugar, divided
- 2 1/2 ounces pure maple syrup
- 3 ounces almond flour
- 3 ounces coconut oil
- 6 ounces chopped dark chocolate, at least 70 percent cocoa solids, divided
- 3 ounces hemp seeds
- 1 pinch salt



1. Grease and line the base and sides of an 8-inch baking dish with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, thoroughly stir together 8.8 ounces peanut butter with the maple syrup and almond flour until well combined. Transfer to the baking dish, evenly pressing it across the base. Cover and chill until needed.
3. Meanwhile, combine the remaining 4.4 ounces peanut butter, coconut oil, half the chocolate, hemp seeds, and salt in a heatproof bowl. Set the bowl over a half-filled saucepan of simmering water, stirring until smooth.
4. Remove from the heat and pour the mixture over the chilled base. (Keep the water simmering.)
5. Place the remaining chocolate in a clean bowl. Set it over the simmering water, stirring until melted.
6. Drizzle the melted chocolate over the topping in the dish. Cover and chill until set, about 4 hours.
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Retool WNY Hosts Free Manufacturing Crossroads Event to Celebrate Manufacturing Month

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Regional manufacturers are invited to attend a free Manufacturing Crossroads event co-sponsored by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) Retool WNY initiative and Properly Works, a regional automation systems vendor, on Wednesday, October 28, at the Northwest Arena's Arena Club.

The drop-in event from 2 – 5 p.m. will allow attendees to see automation solutions that solve manufacturing challenges and talk with business consultants about available grants and funding opportunities for equipment additions to their production lines. The solutions are designed to address production line challenges that can hurt a company's bottom line.

The event will include robotics demonstrations and opportunities to talk with regional experts about integrating this technology into production lines to improve efficiency.

The region's newest manufacturer, Electrova, will host a tour of its facility at One Precision Way in the Mason Industrial Park at 5 p.m. Electrova produces and assembles lithium-ion battery packs. The company is renovating the former Acu-Rite facility.

BPU General Manager Kristofor Sellstrom believes this Retool WNY event celebrating Manufacturing Month will help regional manufacturers see how investments in automation technology could help increase productivity and efficiency.

"Our manufacturers need to take advantage of tools like robotics in order to maximize their output," Sellstrom said. "In addition, if some repetitive or dangerous tasks can be handled through automation, employees can be trained for more technical jobs on the production line," he added.

Dominic Myers, President of Properly Works and Chairman of the Buffalo Niagara Manufacturing Alliance (BNMA), encourages regional companies to explore technology that can improve processes and their bottom line.

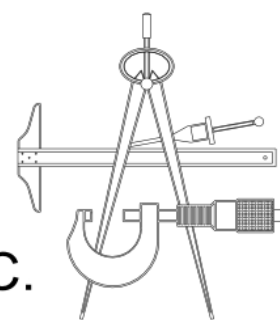
"Manufacturers need to see what's possible and connect with people who can help them take the next step. Manufacturing Crossroads brings working technology, practical expertise, and funding resources together in one place, helping manufacturers turn everyday challenges into opportunities to improve and grow," stated Myers.

Participating companies and organizations include CS Automation, Insyte Consulting, Ganson Street Innovation Station, the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST), Straight Forward Consulting and Jamestown Community College's Workforce Development team.

The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Attendees can go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/manufacturing-crossroads-tickets-2000992067138> or contact Ellen Ditonto, BPU Business Development Coordinator, at businessdev@jamestownbpu.com. Registration is open through October 23rd.

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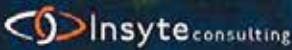


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Chautauqua County Manufacturers Learn About NY SMART I-Corridor Opportunities

CCIDA, CCPEG host two dozen businesses at recent luncheon



Organizers and presenters of the CCIDA/CCPEG Semiconductor Luncheon on Oct. 1 included (from left to right): Josiah Lamp, CCPEG; Michael Zasowski, University at Buffalo Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics; Peter Coleman, Insyte Consulting; Jennifer Flagg, University at Buffalo Center for Supply Chain Analytics; Mark Geise, CCID and CCPEG; Cassidy Malough, Invest Buffalo Niagara; Chelsea McCann, Buffalo Niagara Partnership; Monica Simpson, CCPEG; and Rob Leteste, Invest Buffalo Niagara.

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Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

More than 20 local manufacturers were represented at a special luncheon hosted on Thursday, October 1, 2026, by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) and Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) at the Southern Chautauqua County Federal Credit Union Training Center in Lakewood, N.Y. The event provided information and resources to help businesses explore opportunities connected to the growing NY SMART I-Corridor and regional semiconductor supply chain.

Presented through the CCPEG Workforce Development work group, the luncheon brought together business leaders, economic development partners, and industry representatives to discuss how specified Chautauqua County companies may be able to participate in future supplier, contracting, and business development opportunities connected to the NY SMART I-Corridor Tech Hub.

“An important part of our role is making sure Chautauqua County businesses are connected to the major economic opportunities taking shape across our region,” said Mark Geise, Chautauqua County Deputy County Executive for Economic Development, CCIDA CEO, and CCPEG Advisory Board Co-Chair. “The NY SMART I-Corridor has the potential to create new opportunities throughout the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing supply chain, and we want our local manufacturers to understand where they may fit and what resources are available to them. Bringing these resources and experts directly to Chautauqua County gives our companies an opportunity to ask questions, make connections, and begin considering what steps they may need to take to compete for future bu-

siness as it relates to semiconductors.”

The program assembled representatives from several organizations directly involved in regional business development, workforce development, supply chain activation, research, and commercialization efforts associated with the NY SMART I-Corridor. Speakers included representatives from Invest Buffalo Niagara, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Insyte Consulting, the University at Buffalo Center for Supply Chain Analytics, and the University at Buffalo Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics.

Their presentations provided local businesses with perspectives on several components of the initiative. Invest Buffalo Niagara is helping connect semiconductor and advanced manufacturers with regional resources and supply chain opportunities, while the Buffalo Niagara Partnership is working with employers and workforce training organizations to strengthen the semiconductor talent pipeline. The University at Buffalo Center for Supply Chain Analytics is leading the Supply Chain Activation Network component of the NY SMART I-Corridor, which is focused on helping regional firms evaluate opportunities to pivot or expand into the semiconductor supply chain. UB’s Center of Excellence in Materials Informatics also helps connect companies with university expertise, research capabilities, funding, and commercialization resources.

The luncheon followed CCIDA’s announcement earlier this year that Chautauqua County was selected to be included in the NY SMART I-Corridor. “SMART” stands for Semiconductor Manufacturing and Research Technology. The statewide initiative is designed to strengthen semiconductor manufacturing, research, commercialization, workforce development, and supply chain ca-

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Leaves 101

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Dr. Matthew L. Lanning

seems absurd to say that they are taken for granted. The changing of the days, a more frequent cool breeze interrupting summer’s progress, chilly nights announcing the beginning of fall, and certainly the seasonal show stopper—when the leaves begin to change.

Perhaps it was a bit obvious where I was heading there. Yet, I maintain that the changes happening outside your door right now are far more fascinating than you are likely aware and, once you are aware, they are even more wonderful. To prove this, however, we will have to take a step back and look more broadly at the process.

The leaves changing colors is colloquially what people assume trees do when they are preparing for winter, but this is actually one of the last steps in the process.

Long before you have even noticed autumn’s arrival, the trees around you have already built the infrastructure they need for spring next year. Preparation for the coming winter and the following spring begins towards the end of summer and beginning of fall in many species, well before the leaves change color. One step in this process is to make new leaves before the old ones fall off.

Yes, the trees outside your door have all of the leaves that they will have next spring, right now. The buds grown along their branches shield and protect their delicate yet fully formed leaves (flowers sometimes too!). Under a microscope you could gently open up the buds



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and count the number of leaves that will come out of that exact spot on the branch. They are just very tiny and dormant, waiting to be filled up with water as the sap starts to flow in the spring time.

From roughly this point forward the tree does not grow much. They are still active, but the energy they harness from the sun is being used to close up shop for the winter. Leaves, relatively speaking, are fairly cheap to produce for the tree. Yet they are filled up with incredibly important molecular machines and nutrients—resources far too valuable to let fall to the forest floor. So, the tree packs them up in a way and moves them out of the old leaves. If they did not, then the materials would be inaccessible until the leaves decompose and become part of the soil again.

What you are watching happen every fall is the slow and deliberate closing of the factories that provide you oxygen to breathe, shade to sit beneath, or food to eat. There is an innate beauty in the process and almost a sense of forethought if you think about it. The photosynthetic apparatus of the plant—a most precious of resources to our species and theirs—is methodically moved out of tired leaves and stowed for the winter. New buildings ready to receive them are already built and in position, waiting to be redeployed in the spring. Trees are hardly wasteful organisms.

This is what happens as the green fades. As you probably know, the green comes from a group of molecules called chlorophylls and is what the plant uses to begin capturing energy from the sun. However, it is hardly the only compound giving the leaf its color. Other molecules called carotenoids, the same group that makes carrots orange, start to become visible to us and generally have a yellowish color. The carotenoids were there all year and actually take part in many functions across the leaf, you just couldn’t see them with the chlorophyll in the way. There is, however, a neat at home experiment you can do to see the colors inside the leaf before fall, but I will save that for a different time.

But what about the red hues? The reds and purples of fall are not present during the growing season and are actually being produced as part of the whole process in some species. The color comes from a group of molecules called the anthocyanins. Making this molecule requires the tree to spend energy which certainly begs the questions of why bother if the leaves are just going to fall off? What, if any, advantage does infusing the leaves with a red pigment give the tree?

There are quite a few competing hypotheses out there and we cannot say for certain which is true. Some researchers think this is a sun screen of sorts, others think it is a signal to insects or other organisms to stay away, and more hypo-

theses exist beyond those too. Perhaps that is frustrating to you, but as a scientist this is normal. It is immensely powerful to be able to explain any process in the natural world as a result of scientific exploration. That same power, gained from intentional and methodical research and study, also defines the limits of our knowledge.

So, now you know what makes up the color of the leaves in the fall, and can continue to be curious about what good it does for the tree and why only some species turn red. I have yet to tell you how the trees perceive the environment and ‘know’ to start the process, what the evergreens do during this time, or even how the leaves fall off the trees. Stories for another time.

As you drive past forests appearing to glow on the hillside during this spectacular time of year I want you to remember that there is so much more going on than meets the eye, far more than I can fit in this short article. These are organisms that you and I depend on for our everyday existence, and that we know both so much and so little about. I can promise that outside of autumn, the stories of our local plants and ecosystems are just as fascinating and worth spending your time studying. Hopefully, in a small way, I have peaked your curiosity enough to care about plants just a little more. If I have, you are more than welcome to reach out via email or drop by campus and I will try my best to answer your questions. If I haven’t I will hopefully try again, but for now, just don’t take the trees for granted.

Dr. Lanning is a professor of geology and environmental science at SUNY Fredonia. His research bridges the biological (plant ecology) and physical (hydrology) sciences, focusing primarily on understanding the way plants respond to environmental stressors like drought and where their water resources come from. He is involved in many projects across the county that leverage his professional expertise in both fields to help make a difference in the communities SUNY Fredonia serves. A warm invitation is extended to community members and leaders interested in exploring future partnerships.

DID YOU KNOW?

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Community Inclusion, Inc. names new CEO

Christine Schuyler to lead local primary care and dental facility

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Community Inclusion, Inc. is pleased to announce that its Board of Directors has selected Christine Schuyler, BSN, RN, MHA, to serve as its CEO/Executive Director.

“We are excited to have Christine lead Community Inclusion,” said Todd Jacobson, MD, chair of the CI Board. “We are confident that this organization and our community will benefit from her passion and expertise.”

Jacobson noted that Schuyler is an accomplished professional with over 30 years of progressive leadership experience in the private and public sectors, dedicated to advancing the health and



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well-being of individuals, families, and communities. She most recently served as the Director of Emergency Services at UPMC Chautauqua and notably served as Chautauqua County’s Public Health Director and Social Services Commissioner from 2008-2022.

“Community Inclusion has a strong commitment to providing high quality medical and dental care that is inclusive of all and accessible by all,” said Schuyler. “This commitment aligns closely with my professional and personal values. I believe that health care must be available to all, particularly those who are underserved.”

Community Inclusion, Inc., formally The Resource Center’s Community Health Center, is an independent not-for-profit organization, providing primary care and dental care as a NYSDOH-licensed Article 28 Diagnostic & Treatment Center at 890 E. 2nd Street in Jamestown. Its mission is to provide high quality, cost effective, comprehensive primary and preventative health care to the communities they serve, regardless

of one’s ability to pay. Those without insurance can access services on a sliding fee scale that is based on their annual income.

“I am excited at the opportunities ahead for Community Inclusion and our community. We are committed to being a trusted organization that truly values our patients, staff, and community. We look forward to working collaborating with all partners to improve health outcomes across the region,” said Schuyler.

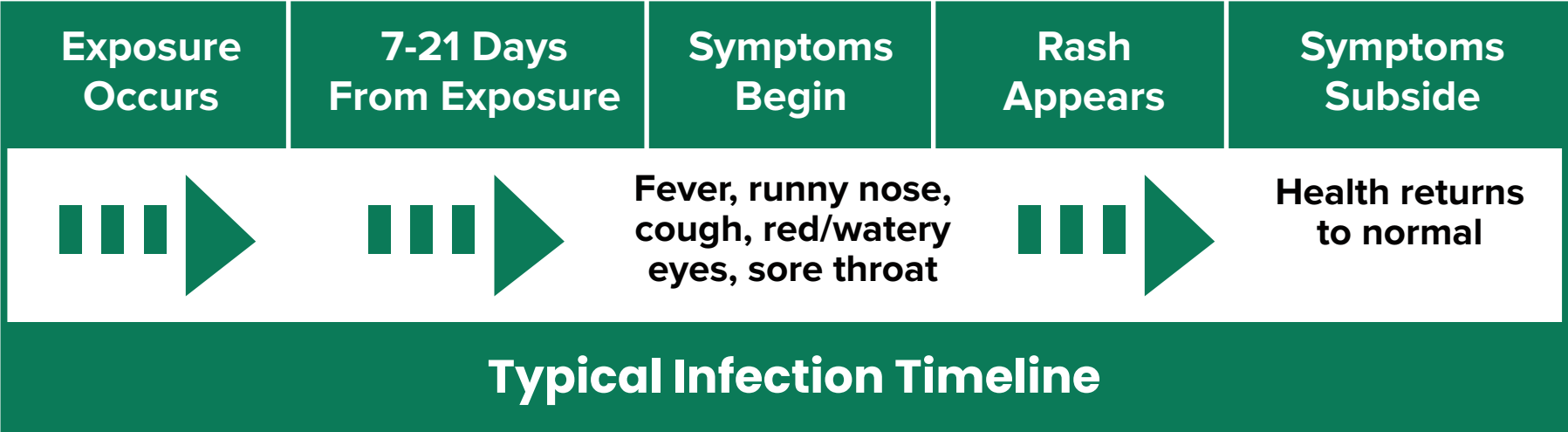
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Fall Foliage Fun in Chautauqua County

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and enjoy lunch. The park also features a one-mile hiking trail that winds through old-growth trees and along Walker Creek. After exploring Luensman, it's a short drive to the College Lodge hiking trails on Stockton Road.

Erlandson Overview Park, located on Oak Hill Road outside the Village of Frewsburg, offers panoramic views of the surrounding landscape shaped by glacial activity. Informational signs at the viewing stations provide visitors with details about the park's ecological history. The park also features a 1.5-mile hiking trail that crosses numerous bridges and leads to an additional scenic overlook.

For more ambitious hikers, Chautauqua County's two Overland Trails provide numerous opportunities for exploration and backcountry adventure.

The Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail begins at Chautauqua Gorge State Forest outside Mayville and ends in Brokenstraw State Forest outside Panama. The 25-mile trail traverses six New York State forests and includes two lean-tos for camping. One of its most popular sections is the 2.62-mile "Gorge Loop" in Chautauqua Gorge State Forest.

The Earl Cardot Eastside Overland Trail begins in the Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management Area near the Town of Arkwright and ends in Harris Hill State Forest just outside Gerry. The 22-mile trail includes one lean-to for camping and gives hikers opportunities to create different loop routes using the recently updated Overland Trail and the Chautauqua County Equestrian Trail System in Boutwell Hill State Forest.

Chautauqua County also offers an abundance of trails for mountain bikers who love exploring the outdoors during the fall. What makes these mountain bike trails especially appealing is that they connect directly to both of the county's Overland Trails, opening the door to some truly epic adventures.

Harris Hill Extension, located in Harris Hill State Forest, features 19 miles of mountain bike trails for riders of varying skills and abilities. Beginners can explore "Flo's Frolic" or "Too Tall Paul," then continue onto the Eastside Overland Trail. More advanced riders

can head to "Myrtle's Romp," "Lung Buster," and "Willy Nilly" before making their way down to the picturesque trail aptly named "The Gut," which winds along the banks of Folsom Creek. Riders looking for the greatest challenge can explore "Bedlam" and "Goat Boy," both of which traverse a ridgeline and offer breathtaking views of the ravines and fall foliage.

Whalen Memorial State Forest, located just north of Panama, features roughly nine miles of singletrack trails that also connect to the Westside Overland Trail. Beginners can ride "Amish Buggy," a newer machine-built trail. Advanced riders can rip down "Blue Heron" or test their skills on "Thursday" and "Friday Afternoons." The trails are excellent in the fall, but riders should watch for rock gardens and roots that can become hidden beneath fallen leaves.

When I'm feeling truly adventurous and have the energy for an epic mountain bike ride, I'll park my car on Eggleston Hill Road at Whalen Memorial State Forest. I like to begin by riding the singletrack before heading north on the Westside Overland Trail to Sherman, where I'll connect with Chautauqua Rails to Trails and continue to the "Gorge Loop." From there, I'll head south on the Westside Overland Trail, travel across private property where the trail is permitted, arrive at Mount Pleasant State Forest, and stop for lunch at the lean-to. The ride then takes me across a few more miles of private property before I arrive back at Whalen Memorial State Forest.

This roughly 40-mile adventure gives me an excellent workout while also giving me the chance to reconnect with nature and with myself.

Other places to explore during the fall months include the Audubon Community Nature Center, Panama Rocks Scenic Park, Long Point State Park, Lake Erie State Park, Cassadaga Lake Walkway, Dunkirk Waterfront Trail, the Welch Trail, and Chautauqua Rails to Trails, among many others.

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Audubon Annual Meeting Celebrates Highlights of Past Year, Looks to Future



Participants in Audubon Community Nature Center's recent Annual Meeting included both new and outgoing members of the Board of Directors. Pictured from left are: Secretary Carey Lee, outgoing Treasurer Peter Stark, Alex Shreffler, outgoing Vice Chair Erin Pender, Shelly Wells, Steve Riczker, Second Vice Chair Dr. Eugenie Poignard, Jennifer McMaster Lumia, Treasurer Netta Lindell, Josh Burkett, Jennifer Bliss, Executive Director Aaron Sidder, and Board Chair Tina Downey, CRFE. Sidder gave an overview of 2025-2026, citing successes, challenges, and ongoing work, and looked ahead to 2026-2027. Staff members described improvements to the building and enhancements of the grounds. Visitor Experience Director Katie Finch's keynote presentation focused on the history of the Ralph Simpson Bird Collection permanent exhibit. Learn more about Audubon on Facebook or Instagram, or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by. Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa.



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As I look back on this year’s Annual Awards Banquet, one thought keeps coming back to me: local businesses really are the foundation of our communities.

It was a wonderful evening of celebrating the businesses, organizations and people who make Chautauqua County such a special place to live, work and do business. And while the evening was about recognizing individual accomplishments, it also reminded me of something much bigger—the incredible role local businesses play in building our communities.

That idea actually goes back about four years, when the Chamber began a strategic planning process to chart our path forward. During one of our planning retreats, our board and staff were discussing the role we wanted the Chamber to play when one of our board members made a simple yet profound observation:

“You know, local businesses really are the foundation of our communities.”

That statement stuck with us. It became part of the inspiration behind one of the major priorities in our strategic plan: to lead the way in boosterism, serve as the spokespeople for business, and, importantly, champion our local businesses across Chautauqua County.

Looking around the room at this year’s banquet, it was easy to see why that commitment matters. This year, we celebrated more than 30 businesses and organizations reaching milestone anniversaries—from five years to an incredible 200 years. Two hundred years! Generations of people have built these businesses, served their customers, employed their neighbors and invested in the communities around them. We also recognized seven businesses and organizations that have each become cornerstones of our community in their own way.

We celebrated a new makerspace that transformed a vacant retail building into a place where people can access knowledge, equipment and local vendor space. We recognized a coffee shop that quickly created a sense of community and continues to find creative ways to grow while giving back.

We honored an energy efficiency company that is helping improve local homes while brightening people’s days, and a local foundation that continues to invest in our community and expand its impact.

We celebrated a longtime producer making significant investments

in its local facility so it can continue bringing products made right here in Chautauqua County to customers around the world. We recognized a dental practice providing an essential healthcare service while growing its business, investing in the community and helping build the pipeline for the next generation of dental professionals.

And we honored a communications company that has been a cornerstone of our community for well over a century and continues to invest, innovate and adapt to meet the needs of today’s consumers. These are more than business stories. They are community stories.

We don’t always see these businesses in the news. Their work isn’t always something that makes headlines. But day after day, they are there—opening their doors, employing our neighbors, providing products and services, supporting local organizations, sponsoring events, investing in their communities and helping create the places we are proud to call home. They don’t simply provide things to our community, they are the community.

It’s easy to overlook that when local businesses are such a familiar part of our everyday lives. But imagine Chautauqua County without the people who took a chance and started a business, the employees who show up every day, the organizations that invest in our communities or the businesses that have remained here for generations. It’s hard to imagine, that’s because they have helped build a remarkably strong foundation.

As a Chamber, we have the privilege of telling these stories, celebrating these accomplishments and advocating for the businesses that make our communities stronger. But building that foundation isn’t something the Chamber—or businesses—can do alone. We all have a role to play. Every time we shop local, recommend a local business, attend a community event, make a connection or simply show up for one another, we add another brick to the foundation.

That was the message I took away from this year’s banquet. Yes, we were there to celebrate award winners and milestone businesses. But more importantly, we were celebrating the people behind them—the people who have chosen to build here, invest here, employ here and make Chautauqua County home. And that is worth celebrating.

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Replacement Named as BPU
Communications Coordinator to
Succeed Twenty-Year Veteran

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Jamestown Board of Public
Utilities (BPU)

Megan Arnone Eckwahl has been named to succeed Rebecca Irwin Robbins (Becky), who is retiring after twenty years as the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Communications Coordinator.

Eckwahl leaves her role as Manager of Marketing & Communications for the National Comedy Center and Lucy Desi Museum, where she has worked since 2022. Previously, she was the Director of Marketing, Communications and Sales at the Northwest Arena, and spent four years at the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau in the role of Marketing & Communications Coordinator. The new BPU employee also served as Marketing Manager & H.O.G. Chapter Manager at Harley-Davidson of Jamestown.

Eckwahl earned her bachelor’s in communication at the State University of New York at Buffalo after attending Jamestown Community College. A Southwestern High School graduate, she has been active in the community as a Chautauqua Region Community Foundation Member and volunteer, a 2023 graduate of the Chautauqua Leadership Network, and a member of Conduit Ministries. She previously served on the Board of Court Appointed Special Advocates of Chautauqua.

In 2025, the New York State Tourism Industry Association recognized Eckwahl for innovations and leadership in tourism marketing across



Megan Arnone Eckwahl

New York State.

“What draws me to the BPU is its mission and its impact,” states Eckwahl. “I am deeply committed to Chautauqua County, and I am most motivated by work that makes a real, measurable difference in the lives of people who live and work here. Few organizations play a more essential role in the daily life and long-term vitality of our community than the BPU. Reliable utility services are foundational to everything else required for our community to thrive.”

BPU General Manager Kristofor Sellstrom welcomes Eckwahl to the utility. “We look forward to Megan’s service as Communications Coordinator at the BPU, succeeding longtime manager Becky Robbins. We are confident that Megan’s professionalism, talent and experience will prove to be an important addition to our communications efforts.”

Eckwahl resides in Lakewood with her husband, Tom, and his two children. She assumes her duties at the BPU on October 19.

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WOW Fund Lip Sync Battle takes place October 16

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The Resource Center

An entertaining event that supports people with disabilities returns when the 10th Mark Pacheco WOW Fund Lip Sync Battle is held Friday, October 16.

The battle takes place at the Celoron Legion, located at the corner of Fairmount and Jackson avenues. The doors will open at 6:00, and the show will start at about 8:00. Admission is \$20. Patrons must be 21 years old to attend the event.

The lip-syncing competition is open to anyone. People can participate as solo acts or in a group. The cost to compete is \$50 per contestant. Acts will be judged on how well they lip sync; the creativity of their performance; and their “WOW” factor. First place is worth \$500, second place is \$150 and third is \$100.

People wishing to compete must register in advance by phoning event organizer Marcos Figueroa at 716-951-6118.

In addition to the lip-syncing competition, celebrity lip-syncing artists Katrina Twerk Island and Coco Vega are slated to entertain. Besides the on-stage entertainment, there will be drawings for dozens of prizes donated by area businesses, as well as drawings for cash prizes.

Employees of The Resource Center and Filling the Gap assist in conducting the battle. Proceeds from the event will be directed to The Resource Center WOW Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. The WOW (Working on Wonders) Fund supports Chautauqua County residents with disabling conditions to enjoy recreational and travel experiences they otherwise could not afford.



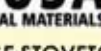
(Winner) Event organizer Marcos Figueroa (in his guise as Exxxotica Splash), right, poses with Keke Valasquez, who bested nine competitors to win last year's Mark Pacheco WOW Fund Lip Sync Battle.

The fund was created in memory of Mark Pacheco, an employee of The Resource Center who died in 2010 of injuries sustained in an altercation on a Jamestown street. Pacheco's family and friends suggested the establishment of the WOW Fund as a tribute to him and to create something positive from his death.

"I took this opportunity to make a bad situation into something I know Mark would love," Figueroa, Pacheco's friend and co-worker, said of the Lip Sync Battle and the WOW Fund. "The money raised goes to individuals with developmental disabilities to grant a wish or a dream that they may have or want but just do not have enough funds."

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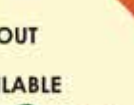
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Featured Writer
Liz Worosz
Dunkirk Resident



I was scanning checks at a bank branch in Hamburg when a nurse called to tell me I had breast cancer. As she explained surgery and possible treatment, the check images kept moving across my screen. I started to cry. All I could think was, *Of course. With everything else going on, now this.* I was still trying to get back to the career I loved, and now I had cancer to deal with, too.

It was spring 2024, my second diagnosis. My first mammogram found stage-zero cancer in 2009. This time, it was stage two, in three areas of my left breast. I hadn’t felt a lump either time. Both were discovered through mammograms.

I was already worried about my career and money. After working my way into compliance and earning my master’s degree in compliance law, I was laid off during an internal restructuring of the compliance department following a bank acquisition. I became a floating teller, traveling to branches that needed staffing, doing work I hadn’t done in more than 28 years. Teller work is important, but my heart was in compliance. I wanted to return to the work I loved.

That week, my car lease was ending, and I arranged to get a new car. Then, on a work break, I bit into a tortilla chip and felt something strange. One look in the bathroom mirror confirmed it: a chipped tooth. Great. Anything else going to happen this week? Then came the cancer diagnosis. Somewhere in that whirlwind, I interviewed for an internal fraud analyst position—with my chipped tooth, a lingering cough and a diagnosis I was still absorbing. And I got the job. What a week.

I started the remote fraud job May 14th and had surgery May 24th. The following Tuesday, I was back online for training. I hoped working from home would let me recover, attend appointments and keep moving forward. Then I learned I needed radiation. Fortunately, I didn’t need chemotherapy and qualified for a one-week radiation course. Still, there were planning appointments and daily trips from Dunkirk to Orchard Park, about 40 minutes each way.

Getting time off became a struggle. I felt as though I had to prove that cancer treatment was something I actually needed to do. I wanted to get better. I also wanted to work. I needed the

income, but I needed the fulfillment, too. I still had something to offer.

Meanwhile, the fraud job was different from what I expected. Much of it involved calls about restoring Zelle access. Some customers screamed and swore at me. There I was, recovering from surgery in my own home, getting yelled at by strangers. I had to get back to compliance.

Then I found an opening at Alden State Bank. An hour and 10 minutes from home? That was a drive. But I had already driven 45 minutes for work my heart wasn’t in. Why not go farther for something I loved? I applied. Within about 10 minutes, they called. My interview was the morning of my radiation-planning appointment. It felt like the stars were aligning.

That afternoon, another planning appointment was scheduled two days later. I worried about asking for more time off. After hearing my concerns, the doctor overseeing my radiation treatment wrote a note explaining that I had cancer and needed treatment. He underlined “cancer” three times. Someone was standing up for me. The next day, after another difficult conversation about leave, my cellphone rang.

I was offered the job.

When I explained that I needed to finish radiation before starting, my new employer agreed. That kindness meant everything. The following Monday, I gave my two weeks’ notice. My little mic-drop moment.

Radiation wiped me out. By midweek, I came home and fell asleep. I could be determined and still need rest. I finished radiation August 2nd, 2024,

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Still Who I Am. Still Moving Forward.

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and started my new job August 5th.

Everyone’s cancer experience is different. My desk-based work helped make continuing possible. Others need leave and deserve support. But we shouldn’t have to choose between caring for ourselves and having a fulfilling career when support and flexibility can help us do both.

In October 2025, I became compliance officer at Alden State Bank—my dream

job. I’m doing work I love with people who welcomed me when I needed a new beginning. I’ve never been happier in my career.

Thank you to my friend Mary Beth for encouraging me to share my story. I hope it reminds someone facing breast cancer that their dreams still matter. Cancer became part of my life, but so did this wonderful new beginning. I’m still who I am—and I’m still moving forward.

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The Chautauqua Center to Host "Mammogrammy" Events with Free Spa Day Activities



Students from the E2CCB Hewes Educational Center Cosmetology Program provide hair and mani-pedi services at the Jamestown Mammogrammy event in 2025.

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The Chautauqua Center

The Chautauqua Center (TCC) is partnering with Roswell's Eddy Mobile Cancer Screening Unit, Brooks Hospital TLC Dunkirk, and UPMC Chautauqua Jamestown to offer its annual Mammogrammy events as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. These events are about empowering through prevention and encouraging everyone to "Be bold, get screened!"

The Mammogrammys aim to provide expedited mammogram screenings for current patients at TCC, while also offering a relaxing and supportive atmosphere to the entire community. While all mammogram appointments have been filled on the Eddy unit and at the hospitals this year, everyone is encouraged to attend the accompanying free and open events.

Event Dates and Locations:
Jamestown: Tuesday, October 13th, from 9AM-3PM at The Chautauqua Center, 107 Institute Street.
Dunkirk: Thursday, October 15th, from 9AM-3PM at The Chautauqua Center, 75 E. Third Street.

Attendees can enjoy a variety of activities focused on relaxation and well-being:

- Beauty & Health Care Demos (manicures, facial waxing, and hair tinsel, braiding, and up-dos)
- Massage Therapy
- Seasonal Snacks & Beverages
- Free build-your-own bouquets
- Fitness demos
- Music and Photobooth
- Cancer prevention information and community resources
- A Chance Auction (basket auction/giveaways)
- A quiet discussion space

TCC emphasizes the importance of regular mammograms for early detection of breast cancer.

"We understand that various factors can prevent individuals from getting a mammogram, including inconvenience, waiting times, and fear," said Michael Pease, The Chautauqua Center CEO. "We want to make this process as easy and comfortable as possible for our patients. At the same time, these spa-day events are a way to give back to the community as its health center".

The American Cancer Society provides the following guidelines for women at average risk:

- **Women between 40 and 44** - Have the option to start screening with a mammogram every year.
- **Women 45 to 54** - Should get mammograms every year.
- **Women 55 and older** - Can switch to a mammogram every other year or continue yearly mammograms. Preventative screenings are covered by most insurance plans.

Mammogrammys are organized by The Waterfront Foundation, working alongside The Chautauqua Center to improve community health and wellness.

Special thank you to our contributing supporters – Brenda R. Eno Breast Cancer Fund at the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York.

Thank you to our preventative mammography partners – Roswell's Eddy Mobile Mammography Unit, Brooks-TLC Hospital System and UPMC Chautauqua.

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Medicare Open Enrollment Is Coming Soon



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Medicare’s Annual Open Enrollment Period is just around the corner. Each year, Medicare beneficiaries have an opportunity to review their health and prescription drug coverage and make changes for the upcoming year. The Annual Open Enrollment Period runs from **October 15 through December 7**, with changes taking effect January 1, 2027.

This is an important time to review your coverage because Medicare Advantage Plans and stand-alone Part D prescription drug plans can change their premiums, costs, benefits, provider networks, prescription drug formularies, and other coverage details from year to year. Plans may also be discontinued or no longer offered in your area. Even if your current plan is continuing, it is important to review the changes for 2027 to make sure the coverage continues to meet your needs.

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (OFAS) offers the **Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP)** through a certified program provided by the New York State Office for the Aging. HIICAP counselors can provide **unbiased, individualized assistance** in reviewing the Medicare coverage options available for 2027.

During an appointment, counselors can help you compare plans based on your individual needs, including prescription medications, doctors, pharmacies, costs, and coverage. Counselors can also screen individuals for other programs that may help with Medicare and prescription drug costs. These programs may include **Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC)**, **Extra Help**, and the **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)**.

Medicare plan reviews are also available for **caregivers and family members** who are helping a loved one with their Medicare coverage. Reviewing Medicare plans can be overwhelming, especially when assisting someone who is unable to review the information themselves. OFAS HIICAP counselors can help caregivers understand the available options and navigate the process.

Although Open Enrollment is an important time to review your Medicare coverage, **OFAS encourages individuals to reach out throughout the year** with Medicare and health insurance questions. Counselors can also provide information about Medicare preventive services and other benefits that may be available through your coverage. Prevention is an important part of maintaining your health, so be sure to talk with your healthcare provider about preventive services during your annual appointments.

If you need assistance with Medicare or health insurance, contact the **Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services and NY Connects**. You can visit one of our office locations, email CCNYC@chqgov.com, or call 716-753-4582.

Don’t wait until the last minute—review your Medicare coverage and make sure your plan continues to meet your needs for 2027.



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Chautauqua County Manufacturers Learn About NY SMART I-Corridor Opportunities

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Todd Trantum (center), executive director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, offers his thoughts on connecting manufacturers to the burgeoning semiconductor industry in Western New York with other business and economic development officials during the Oct. 1 Semiconductor Luncheon, presented by CCIDA/CCPEG. (Submitted photo)

capacity across Upstate New York. The corridor spans the Buffalo, Rochester, Ithaca, and Syracuse metropolitan statistical areas, along with the Auburn and Batavia micropolitan statistical areas, covering 11 core counties across Upstate New York. Outreach associated with the initiative is also extending into neighboring counties, including Chautauqua County, to help businesses understand how they may be able to participate in the growing semiconductor and advanced manufacturing ecosystem.

For existing Chautauqua County manufacturers, potential participation could include evaluating whether current products, processes, or capabilities can serve semiconductor companies and their suppliers, pursuing new certifications, investing in specialized equipment, or adapting production to meet emerging industry needs. The initiative also creates opportunities for businesses to connect with regional experts who can help them better understand supply chain, workforce, research, and commercialization resources.

“Chautauqua County has a long manufacturing history, and we have companies here with tremendous expertise and capabilities,” Geise added. “Our goal is to make sure these businesses are connected to the people and resources involved in this growing regional sector. Events like this allow

us to bring these connections directly to our manufacturers, help them better understand where opportunities may exist, and give them a starting point for determining what it may take to become part of this supply chain.”

The event also served as an opportunity to kick off Manufacturing Month in Chautauqua County with the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, highlighting the importance of manufacturing to the local economy and the potential for established companies to participate in emerging industries.

Connecting local businesses to the NY SMART I-Corridor also aligns with Chautauqua County’s broader economic development strategy. The updated CCPEG Economic Development Strategy identifies continued engagement with the NY SMART I-Corridor Tech Hub, stronger relationships with regional innovation leaders, and positioning Chautauqua County as a trusted supply chain partner and growth location among the county’s business development priorities.

Manufacturers that were unable to attend the luncheon but are interested in learning more about opportunities connected to the NY SMART I-Corridor are encouraged to contact the CCIDA at CCIDA@CCIDA.com or 716-661-8900.

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

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer

4. Province in Northern Ireland

10. A major division of geological time

11. Broadway actor Lane

12. Canadian province (abbr.)

14. Human gene

15. Two

16. A notable one was “blue”

18. Utter repeatedly

22. Ring-shaped objects

23. Sullies

24. Occurs

26. Commercial

27. Near

28. Tools you may need

30. A pledge

31. They start the alphabet

34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic

37. Longtime mayor of Rio

39. Hot meal

40. A type of gin

41. Atomic #84

42. \$10 bill

48. About ground

50. Medicine man

51. Seedless raisin

52. National capital of Albania

53. Appendage

54. OJ trial judge

55. European government entity (abt)

56. Bike parts

58. Friend to “Barbie”

59. Stretched to see or hear

60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for

2. Baltimore ballplayer

3. Wages

4. International organization of countries

5. Engravers of gems

6. Declared as fact

7. One who steals

8. Jewelry

9. Hospital worker

12. Nonsense (slang)

13. Town in Galilee

17. Value

19. Alternative identity

20. Sheep in their second year

21. Town in Surrey, England

25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work

31. Recesses

32. Largely forested municipality in Germany

33. Rider of Rohan

35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Naz

38. Pioneer

41. Scribe

43. Painted a bright color

44. Member of British nobility

45. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman

46. Helps people walk

47. Crest of a hill

49. People of southeastern Alaska

56. One’s own device

57. The Mount Rushmore State



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The Walk for Life is a family-friendly event that brings the community together to celebrate life while raising vital funds to support the mission and programs of Options Care Center.

Online registration is now open, and participants can choose to register as a walker, make a donation, or become a fundraiser. In-person registration will begin at **10:30 a.m. on October 17**, with the walk beginning promptly at **12:00 p.m.**

Participants are encouraged to **come early and enjoy the fun before the walk begins!** Families can visit the bubble station and let their creativity shine with sidewalk chalk. Walkers can also participate in a **Walk Scavenger Hunt Challenge**, adding a little extra fun and friendly competition to the event.

Food trucks will be on-site, giving participants and families an opportunity to purchase lunch and enjoy time together before or after the walk.

All proceeds from the Walk for Life benefit Options Care Center and help support its ongoing work serving women, men, and families in the community.

Whether you walk, raise funds, donate, or simply come out to show your support, everyone is invited to be part of this special day.

Event Details

Options Care Center Walk for Life Saturday, October 17, 2026

560 West 3rd Street, Jamestown, NY

In-person registration: 10:30 a.m.

On line registration: https://givebutter.com/MOMS_ROCK_walkforlife or use the QR Code

Walk begins: 12:00 p.m.

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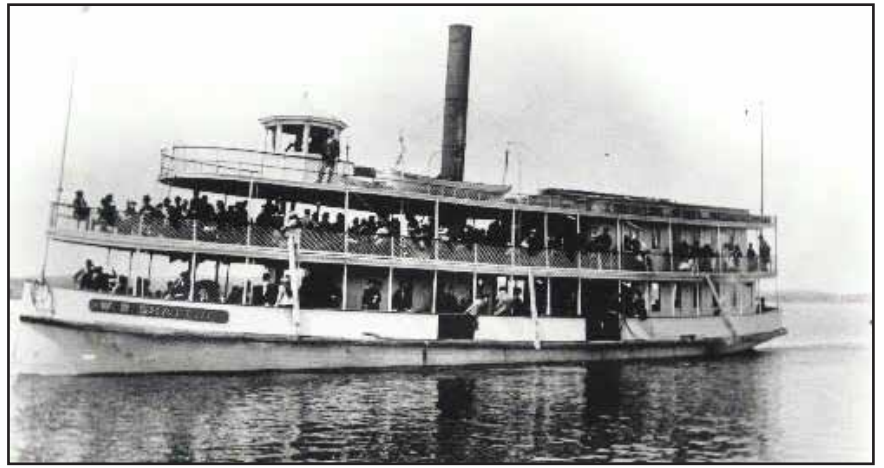
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For more information about Options Care Center and its life-affirming work in the community, please contact Options Care Center at 716-664-5459



Town of Chautauqua and Lake Chautauqua's Steamboat Era



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Chautauqua Town Historical Society

Thursday, October 15, at 7 pm, Devon Taylor, Chautauqua Town Historian will be giving the Chautauqua Town Historical Society's monthly talk. The Chautauqua Town Historical Society's speaker's programs are normally the third Thursday of the month. The talks are in the Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall, 2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY, and free and open to the public.

The Steamboat Era on Lake Chautauqua

For more than 135 years, steamboats were one of the defining features of life on Lake Chautauqua. From the launching of the first steamer in 1827 to the final voyage of the City of Jamestown in 1963, steam navigation transformed the lake from a relatively isolated inland waterway into a transportation corridor, a tourist attraction, and by the 1880s the number one tourist destination in the entire United States! At their height in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, large paddle-wheel steamers carried hundreds of thousands of passengers annually. They connected Jamestown, Mayville, Bemus Point, Lakewood, Chautauqua, Celoron and numerous smaller landings, carrying residents to work and market, tourists to hotels and amusement parks, and church and civic groups on excursions. In an era before good highways and automobiles, the lake's steamers were both public transportation and entertainment.

Lake Chautauqua was already an important transportation route before the arrival of steam power. Native peoples and early settlers used canoes, flatboats and other small craft. There was even an unsuccessful experiment with horse-powered navigation. The first steamboat on Lake Chautauqua was the Chautauqua, built in 1827. Regular steam navigation began in 1828 with daily service from Jamestown to Mayville, a three-hour trip. The success of the Chautauqua quickly stimulated competition. The early lake fleet was not confined to large

passenger vessels. Smaller steamers, ferries, freight boats and excursion boats appeared as communities and businesses around the lake grew.

From transportation route to tourist destination

The greatest transformation in the history of Lake Chautauqua came in the second half of the nineteenth century with the rise of the tourist industry. By the end of the 19th century, not only were there many large steamboats, but many lesser steamboats and other crafts plying the lake. Passengers could ride on the open decks, eat meals, socialize, enjoy the scenery and travel to resorts and amusement parks. Much of this traffic was servicing the tourist trade. Some twenty large resort hotels ringed the lake and dozens of other smaller lodgings, enjoying a symbiotic relationship with the steamboats. The largest hotel was the Grand Hotel in Lakewood, with some 400 rooms, and up to 1000 occupants. The largest steamboat on Lake Chautauqua was the three-decker Jamestown. It was 175 feet long with a capacity of some 3,000 passengers.

The other main mode of transportation were the railroads. The railroad reached Mayville in 1866. By the 1870s they were delivering tourists to the depots, primarily Mayville's, for transit by steamboats to the area's expanding lodgings. This change in transportation also made it possible to easily and inexpensively ship goods and materials into and out of the Mayville area and the local economy rapidly improved. For example, the harvesting, storage, and sale of lake ice to Pittsburgh started in 1871 when Adam Hersperger built the first large icehouse on the North end of the lake located in what is now Lakeside Park. The railroad placed a pier in the lake near their depot. The pier eventually came to be 50 feet wide, 300 feet long and was covered to shield passengers from rain and sun. Another pier and a coal dock to fuel the steamboats were also added. It was maintained winter and summer.

There was so much demand for steamboats that the Mayville area became a

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LORRI: The Camera That Showed Us Pluto



LORRI captured this greyscale image of Pluto on July 13, 2015 when almost half a million miles away from the dwarf planet.

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Andy Felong

Public and Media Relations
Martz-Kohl Observatory

flew past Arrokoth, a small, ancient Kuiper Belt object and the most distant world ever explored up close. The spacecraft is still operating today, billions of miles from home.

When New Horizons flew past Pluto in 2015, the world was stunned by a distant, icy world with a giant heart-shaped glacier across its face. Many of the sharpest views came from LORRI, the powerful telescopic camera aboard the spacecraft. Steve Conard, then an optical engineer at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory (APL), led the team that built and tested it. Now you can hear LORRI's story directly from the engineer who led that team. Join us at the Martz-Kohl Observatory on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern for his talk, "LORRI: The Camera That Showed Us Pluto."

New Horizons left Earth in January 2006 faster than any spacecraft before it, crossing the Moon's orbit in about nine hours. The spacecraft is about the size of a grand piano and runs on a nuclear power source, because sunlight is too faint for solar panels that far from the Sun. It used a 2007 flyby of Jupiter to pick up speed, then coasted nearly nine and a half years to Pluto, passing just 7,800 miles above the surface in July 2015. LORRI's 8.2-inch telescope revealed details as small as a few hundred feet across, including towering ice mountains, flowing nitrogen glaciers, and Pluto's largest moon, Charon. On New Year's Day 2019, New Horizons

Conard will follow LORRI from design, construction, and testing through two decades in space. He will share its images from Jupiter, Pluto, and Arrokoth, along with the inside story of the mission. As both a spaceflight engineer and a lifelong amateur astronomer, he offers a view of the mission few speakers can match.

"I was fortunate enough to be the lead engineer for LORRI from 2003 through 2024, so I had a front-row seat for the whole amazing journey, from building and testing the camera on the ground to seeing Pluto come into focus," says Conard.

Conard's career grew out of his enjoyment of telescope making as a teenager. After his undergraduate studies at the University of Arizona, he joined Johns Hopkins University in 1982 and stayed for 42 years. He began by supporting sounding rocket experiments that studied the upper atmosphere in far-ultraviolet light, then worked on NASA's Astro-1 and Astro-2 space shuttle missions and the FUSE satellite. In 2002 he moved to APL, the nation's largest university-affiliated research center. There he built instruments

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Thank you to everyone who joined us for the banquet, to everyone who helped make the evening possible, and, most of all, to the businesses and organizations we had the honor of recognizing. Together, brick by brick, we continue to build a stronger Chautauqua County.

Business After Hours at Raven & Thorn

Our next Business After Hours will take place Wednesday, October 21, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Raven & Thorn, located at 26 Water Street in Fredonia. Guests will enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar while connecting with fellow Chamber members and members of the local business community. As a benefit of Chamber membership, members may bring up to two guests free of charge. Additional members and non-members are welcome to attend for \$10 per person.

This Business After Hours will coincide with National Support Your Local Chamber Day, making it a great opportunity to connect, celebrate the role of the Chamber in our local business community, and learn more about the work happening throughout Chautauqua County. Be sure to follow the CHQ Chamber website and social media as we celebrate all things Chamber!

This Business After Hours is sponsored by Raven & Thorn, LaBella Associates, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and State University of New York at Fredonia.

Registration is open through the CHQ Chamber’s online calendar.

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boat building location. Boats built in Mayville were both large and small. The steamboat portion of this presentation uses resources from the Fenton Museum in Jamestown for listings and descriptions. Pictures of a number of these boats are included. Other railroads and trolleys soon came from Jamestown up both sides of the lake. Property taxes paid on their right of ways and gradually gave the steamboats competition. The money was often used to build and maintain roads and the rising use of cars and trucks led to the decline of transportation by boat. The lake’s steamers increasingly became recreational rather than essential transportation.

The decline of the steamboat

The decline was gradual rather than sudden. One by one, the large steamers disappeared. The City of Jamestown survived long after most of its contemporaries had vanished but made its final voyage in 1963. The history of Lake Chautauqua steam navigation also mirrors the technological history of nineteenth- and twentieth-century America. The progression was remarkable: canoe → flatboat → horse-powered boat → early side-wheeler → large paddle-wheel steamer → steel-hulled steamer → automobile and highway. However, the end of the historic fleet did not mean the end of the steamboat’s cultural importance. The memory of the old vessels remained strong enough that a new paddle-wheel vessel was eventually built to evoke the lake’s steamboat heritage. The Chautauqua Belle, constructed at Mayville in the 1970s, brought paddle-wheel excursions back to the lake. The Belle is only one of five sternwheel paddle steamers currently operating in the United States today. The Belle makes regular runs through the main summer and fall tourist season.

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for NASA’s CONTOUR mission before beginning his two-decade role on New Horizons. He later served as integration and test engineer for L’LORRI, a similar camera on NASA’s Lucy mission, which is surveying the Trojan asteroids that share Jupiter’s orbit.

Now retired and living in Wellsboro, PA, Conard remains an avid amateur astronomer. He is a founding member of the Pennsylvania Wilds Astronomy Club and a member of the International Occultation Timing Association. Through that work he has discovered two asteroid moons, and asteroid 149163 StevenConard is named in his honor. He and several colleagues also founded Second Light Observatory Services, a nonprofit that provides free skilled labor to help college observatories with repairs. Away from the sky, he enjoys minor league baseball, craft beer, and railroading history.

The talk will be presented live via Zoom and shown on the big screen at the Martz-Kohl Observatory. We warmly encourage you to join us in person. Watch alongside fellow stargazers and put your own questions to Steve during our always-lively Q&A session. If the weather cooperates, the evening will end with guided tours and viewing through our telescopes. Please dress for the elements: our classroom is heated, but the observatory domes are not.

Those unable to attend in person may join online. For more information and the Zoom link, visit martzobservatory.org.

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



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Zonta Club of Jamestown Members Attend Zonta International Convention in Vancouver



Bonnie DeJoy, Jill Colburn, Marcia Restivo, Rosie Papalia

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Seven members of the Zonta Club of Jamestown joined Zontians from around the world at the 67th Zonta International Convention, held July 11–14 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The international gathering brought together Zonta members from around the world for four days of education, networking, organizational business and inspiration focused on advancing Zonta’s mission of building a better world for women and girls. The Convention offered keynote presentations, interactive educational sessions, networking opportunities, advocacy activities and discussions about the future of Zonta International.

Among the keynote speakers were Sally Armstrong, a Canadian journalist, humanitarian and author known for her work on women’s rights, and Melina Laboucan-Massimo, a Lubicon Cree advocate for Indigenous rights, climate justice and sustainable solutions. Both speakers challenged attendees to consider ways they can create positive change in their communities and around the world.

The Convention’s “Build a Better World” Breakthrough Sessions offered practical ideas on leadership, advocacy, human rights, gender equality, violence against women, climate action, membership and communications. Sessions also explored engaging younger members, protecting children online, ending period poverty and strengthening Zonta’s “Zonta Says No” campaign.

Convention participants also took part in the Zonta Says NOW Walk/Run for Gender-Equal Climate Action, attended business sessions and participated in discussions concerning the organization’s future.

For the Zonta Club of Jamestown, the Convention was especially significant because three local members were elected to leadership positions within Zonta District 4 for the 2026–2028 biennium.

Eileen Healy was elected Area 5 Director, Jill Colburn was elected District 4 Treasurer, and Rosie Papalia was elected District 4 Lieutenant Governor.

The Convention also provided an opportunity for the Jamestown members to meet and exchange ideas with Zontians from many countries and to learn about innovative service and advocacy projects being conducted around the world. The members returned home with new ideas and renewed enthusiasm for putting Zonta’s mission into action in the Jamestown community.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown, chartered in 1921, has a long history of service to the local community. Zonta International is a global organization of individuals working together to build a better world for women and girls through service, advocacy, education and fellowship.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown continues to support women and girls through scholarships, service projects, advocacy efforts and partnerships with local organizations. For more information about the club go to zontajamestown.org or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

CHQ Transit Launches “Fill the Bus” Food Drive to Support Local Families

Community members can donate non-perishable food items aboard buses or at CHQ Transit offices through Nov. 16 to benefit three local food pantries.



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Riders can drop off a non-perishable food item on any CHQ Transit bus to receive a \$1 coupon off their next ticket. One coupon per donation. The last day for donations will be November 16, 2026.

The event is called “Fill the Bus” with the goal of collecting enough donations to fill a CHQ Transit bus. Visit CHQ Transit’s Facebook page and website for updates and final donation totals.

Donations will be delivered to the First Covenant Church Food Pantry, Jamestown SDA Church, and The Lord’s Vineyard Church.

CHQ Transit Senior Project Coordi-

nator Michele Westphal encourages the Chautauqua County community to participate.

“The Fill the Bus campaign is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and support local families in need. We encourage everyone to donate canned good and other non-perishable items and help fill the bus with generosity this season,” Westphal said.

Donation drop boxes are also set up at the CHQ Transit Jamestown office located at 234 Hopkins Avenue, Jamestown, and the Dunkirk office, located at 2 Aero Drive, Dunkirk. Agencies, community groups or businesses interested in setting up a drop box to collect donations for this event are asked to contact Ethan Luce at Ethan.Luce@chqgov.com.

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Tractor Safety Workshop's to be Hosted to Celebrate the Year of the Woman Farmer

SWNYDFLC to host Tractor Safety Workshop in Cherry Creek and Alfred Station



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SWNYDFLC is celebrating the internationally recognized Year of the Woman Farmer with our upcoming Tractor Safety Workshop. This educational program is designed to build the confidence and skills needed to operate and maintain farm equipment safely and responsibly. SG Groat, an experienced tractor safety trainer, will be instructing attendees in tractor functionality, maintenance, and safety.

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The Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild will meet Wednesday, October 14 at Busti 5 Corners Community Church in Busti.

Refreshments are available from 6-6:30 with the business meeting starting at 6:30. This month's program "My Favorite Things" will be presented by Amit Taneja and Sue Davis-Gillis. Members are asked to bring their favorite tool, gadget, or something clever from their sewing room. It can be a quilting tool, something that was meant for another purpose but you use in your sewing room, or something we find handy. A fun time of sharing our tools that make sewing easier and more enjoyable. Membership cards for 2026 are still available which may be used to get a discount at select quilt shops. Annual dues for 2027 are now being accepted. Parking is available at the church and across the street at the fire department. Visitors are always welcome. Come join us.

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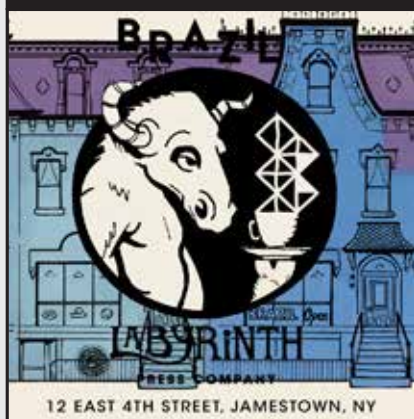
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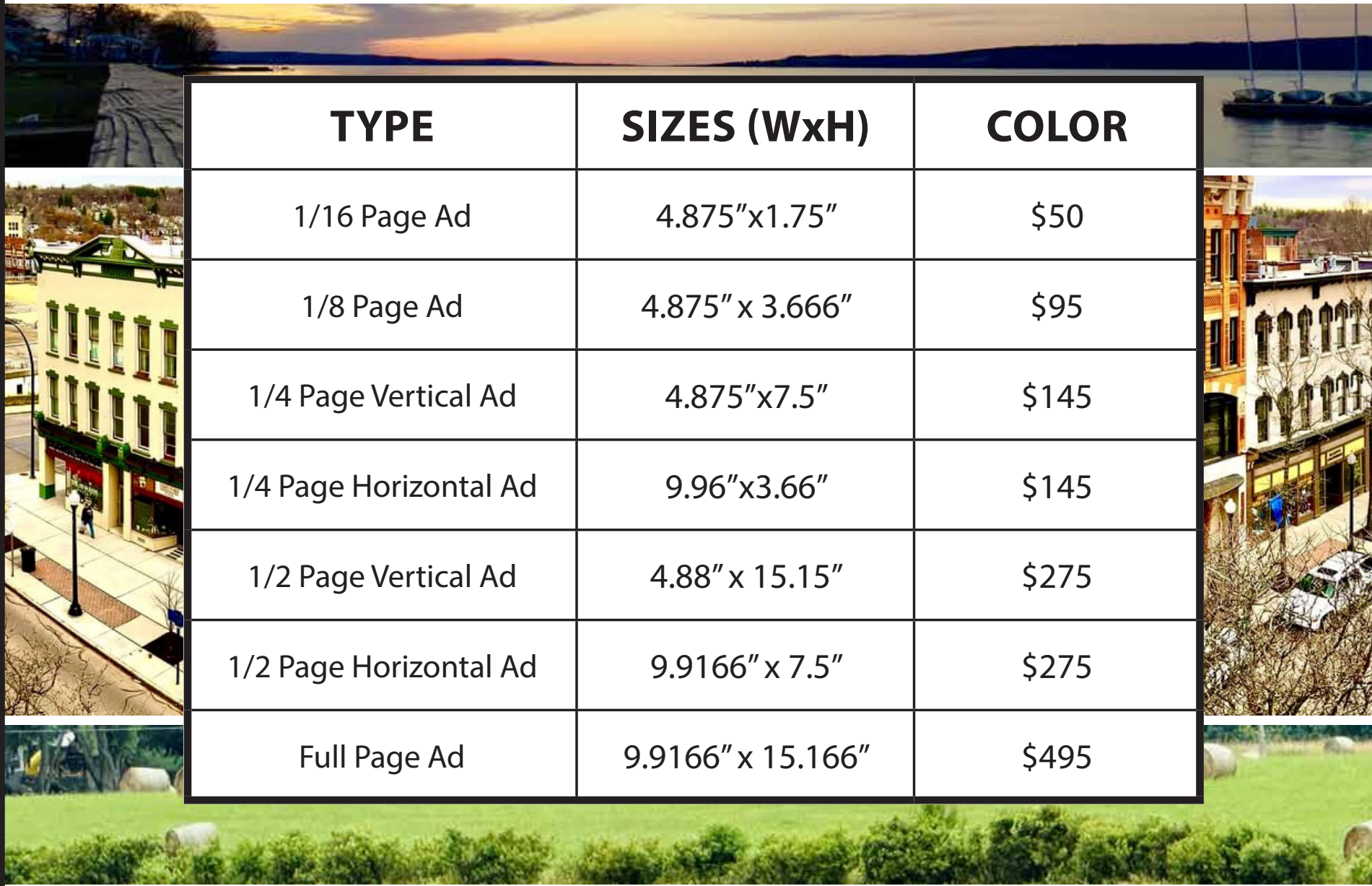
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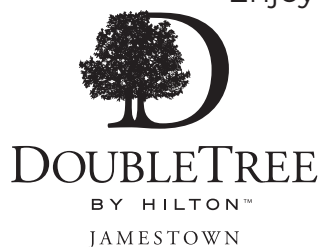
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