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And now it's YOUR turn. We hope this Guide allows you to fully study each race with our comprehensive layout and online links provided, and then, to get out and exercise your cherished right to VOTE.

You know what they say: *If you don't vote, you can't complain.* It's a big year. Your vote matters. Please get to the polls and help make a difference in our community today.

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THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY BALLOT: 2026 ELECTION ANALYSIS



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With Election Day approaching this November 3, New Yorkers are preparing to cast ballots in an election that could reshape the political landscape in Albany, Washington, and right here in Chautauqua County.

While the gubernatorial contest between incumbent Democrat Kathy Hochul and Republican Bruce Blakeman dominates statewide headlines, the races further down the ballot carry considerable consequences. Democrats are attempting to consolidate their power in the State Legislature, Republicans are fighting to preserve their remaining influence in Albany, and both parties are engaged in a national struggle for control of Congress.

For Western New Yorkers, questions surrounding affordability, manufacturing, economic development, public safety, and the future of rural communities are all on the ballot.

During a mid-term election, it is routine for the incumbent President's party to lose seats. In 2026, President Trump's historic unpopularity will likely have significant down-ballot consequences, impacting races from the highest-profile Senate seats and governorships to hyperlocal races for municipal officers.

The Statewide Contests

Governor Kathy Hochul is seeking another four-year term against Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, who hopes to become the first Republican elected governor of New York State since George Pataki in 2002.

Hochul, a Western New York native, has emphasized affordability, public safety, infrastructure, and economic development, pointing to initiatives such as Empire AI and investments in emerging industries. Blakeman has centered his campaign on taxes, public safety, population losses, and has positioned himself as an alternative to Democratic leadership in Albany.

This week a Quinnipiac poll placed Hochul ahead, 55% to 41%. Numerically it is difficult for any Republican to win statewide in New York. Democrats hold a massive voter enrollment advantage; 47.6% of registered New York voters are Democrats. In contrast, just 22.6% of voters are registered Republicans. The last Republican to win a statewide contest in New York was George Pataki, who won a third term in 2002. For Blakeman to have a chance at unseating Hochul, the GOP will need to turn out voters like it's a presidential election cycle, a daunting task for either party in a midterm election.

Further down the ballot, Attorney General Letitia James faces Republican Saritha Komatireddy, a former federal prosecutor. James has become nationally recognizable through her office's high-profile litigation against President Trump and his administration. Meanwhile, longtime Democratic Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli faces Republican Joseph Hernandez. Although these races rarely generate considerable excitement, the offices play essential roles in the governance of our state.

Recent Siena College polling showed James leading 52% to 39% and DiNapoli ahead 56% to 33%. Both incumbents can tout significantly higher name recognition than their challengers.

Democrats Eye Legislative Supermajorities

Beyond the statewide contests, another consequential political battle is unfolding in New York's legislative districts.

Democrats currently control both houses of the State Legislature but are attempting to secure or preserve the two-thirds supermajorities necessary to override a governor's veto.

In the 63-member State Senate, Democrats hold 41 seats, just one short of the 42 required for a supermajority. In the 150-member Assembly, Democrats hold 103 seats, three more than the 100 necessary.

Competitive contests across Long Island, the Hudson Valley, Brooklyn, and Central New York could determine whether Democrats achieve their objectives.

The implications extend beyond partisan bragging rights. Veto-proof Democratic majorities could fundamentally alter the balance of power in Albany, potentially allowing lawmakers to enact legislation over any gubernatorial objections.

Locally, Republican State Senator George Borrello, a former Chautauqua County executive, faces Democrat Victoria Guite-Williams in the 57th Senate District. Borrello has become a prominent Republican voice in Albany and currently chairs the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, placing him at the center of his party's efforts to defend its legislative seats statewide.

In the 150th Assembly District, Republican incumbent Andrew Molitor faces Democrat Thomas Carle. Molitor, who succeeded longtime Assemblyman Andy Goodell, is seeking another term representing Chautauqua County and a portion of Erie County.

Both Republican incumbents enter their respective contests with considerable electoral advantages, but the races will help determine who advocates for Chautauqua County when decisions are made concerning school funding, transportation, economic development, and the distribution of state resources.

Washington: A Referendum on Trump

While New Yorkers will not elect a United States senator this November, the national battle for the Senate will carry substantial consequences for the state. Should the chamber flip from red to blue, Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) will once again oversee the upper chamber, wielding significant power and the ability to steer federal dollars back home.

Republicans are seeking to preserve their majority, while Democrats hope to capitalize on dissatisfaction with the Trump administration and regain control of the chamber. The Democrats are banking on a candidate quality advantage to carry them to victory in places like Texas, Ohio, Maine, and Kansas.

The House presents a different picture. All 435 seats are up for election, including New York's 26 congressional districts. Several competitive New York contests could play an important role in determining which party controls the chamber in January.

Here in the Southern Tier, incumbent Republican Congressman Nick Langworthy faces Democrat

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Early Voting
SITES & HOURS:

All voters in Chautauqua County are eligible to participate in Early Voting at any one of the early voting poll sites.

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Kathy Hochul has taken decisive action as governor to put money back in people's pockets, lower costs, and invest in keeping New Yorkers safe. She sent inflation refund checks to over 8 million New Yorkers, secured universal free school meals for all students, tripled the child tax credit, made historic middle-class tax cuts, banned cell phones during school hours, and enacted landmark gun safety legislation. She is also working to deliver universal child care and fighting like hell to defend New Yorkers from Trump's attacks.

A lifelong New Yorker, Kathy was born and raised in a blue-collar, Irish Catholic family in Buffalo that instilled in her a deep passion for public service.



Adrienne Eadie Adams is a proud mom from Queens, a lifelong New Yorker, and a long-time champion for New York families. She made history as the first Black Speaker of the New York City Council, helping to guide the city through some of its toughest challenges. Raised in Hollis, Queens by parents with union jobs, she learned the values of hard work and community – lessons she brings to her fight for all New Yorkers today.

Speaker Adams led the Council to advance women's health and expand access to reproductive healthcare. Speaker Adams expanded support for crime victims and created a new $5.1 million budget initiative to fund community safety and victim services and secured funding to establish New York State's first Trauma Recovery Centers.

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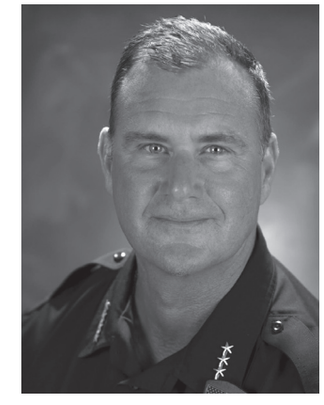
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Bruce Blakeman is a lifelong New Yorker, a father, husband, and public servant who knows how to lead, and WIN. As Nassau County Executive, he was re-elected in 2025 by 12 points in a Democrat-leaning county by doing what Albany won't: keeping communities safe, cutting taxes, and putting common sense first.

He fought sanctuary policies, rejected mask mandates, stopped boys from playing in girls sports, and made Nassau the safest County in America while hiring hundreds of new police officers. A 9/11 Port Authority Commissioner and two-term County Executive, Bruce has led through crisis and delivered results. He's built the blueprint to beat Kathy Hochul, and he's ready to put New York First.



Sheriff **Todd Hood** is Bruce Blakeman's running mate for Lieutenant Governor of New York. A career law enforcement leader, he brings more than 30 years of experience protecting communities and strengthening public safety.

In 2018, he was elected Sheriff of Madison County, where he leads more than 170 sworn officers and staff and oversees countywide law enforcement operations.

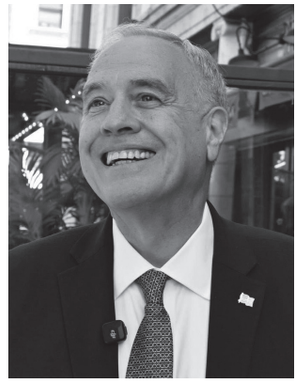
As candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Todd Hood is focused on keeping New Yorkers safe and delivering strong, proven leadership statewide.

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Aaron Gies in New York's 23rd Congressional District.

Langworthy, a former chairman of the New York State Republican Committee, faces a tough electoral fight, arguably his first since taking over for Congressman Tom Reed. The contest provides local voters an opportunity to weigh in on federal policy concerning agriculture, manufacturing, healthcare, infrastructure, and the future of smaller communities.

Local government also deserves attention.

Every Chautauqua County legislative district is being decided upon this year. Each legislator is elected to a two-year term to represent their districts in Mayville.

There are some intriguing races this year, notably in Jamestown after the departure of Legislator Vince DeJoy left both his District 9 legislative seat and his position as the City of Dunkirk development director for a new opportunity in North Carolina. Democrat Chuck Nazzarro will, at the behest of Democratic leadership, serve in his place should DeJoy win the election.

In Jamestown, the race to replace beloved former City Council President Tony Dolce has given the residents of Ward 2 something they haven't seen in quite some time: a competitive city council race. Jason Sample, a former news reporter and current communications coordinator at the Chautauqua County IDA is running as a Democrat. His opponent is incumbent Bryan Bigelow, an information technology specialist at Northwest Bank, who was appointed to the vacant seat following Dolce's untimely death. The winner will serve out the remainder of Dolce's term.

Beyond Election Day

Every election is described as consequential, often to the point that the word has lost much of its meaning. Nevertheless, the 2026 midterms present voters with genuinely important questions.

Will New Yorkers give Kathy Hochul another four years? Will Democrats regain a veto-proof majority in the State Senate? Will the national electorate provide President Trump with a Congress willing to advance his agenda, or will Democrats capture one or both chambers and "lameduckify" the President?

And here in Chautauqua County, will voters maintain the region's existing political representation, or will challengers convince their neighbors that a different direction is necessary?

For Western New Yorkers, the answers should ultimately be measured by more than partisan victories. Our region continues to face significant challenges involving population retention, economic opportunity, aging infrastructure, healthcare access, and the preservation of its manufacturing and agricultural heritage.

The campaign advertisements will soon disappear. The television commercials will end, the yard signs will come down, and candidates will either celebrate victory or contemplate defeat.

The responsibility of governing, however, will remain.

On November 3, voters will have their opportunity to determine who assumes that responsibility. And from the shores of Lake Erie to the State Capitol and the halls of Congress, the consequences will be felt well beyond Election Day.

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Aaron Gies: Hard Work Should Pay Off

Aaron is running for those who, despite doing everything right, keep falling further and further behind.

He was raised in a working family. Aaron's father was a contractor, and his mother worked as a school secretary. Framing and painting with his dad, Aaron learned early that there is satisfaction in doing a difficult job well. He also learned that hard work only pays off if the system is fair. To Aaron, real leadership means treating others the way you want to be treated.

A newcomer to politics, Aaron has spent his life serving others. As a church music director, he recruited volunteers, nurtured young talent and built community. He went on to earn a PhD in theology and now teaches at St. Bonaventure University, where he helps students learn by listening first. Aaron, a husband and father, lives in Olean, where his wife Katie runs a veterinary practice.

Aaron is running for Congress because he has watched too many neighbors lose their homes and their health care, one injury or one broken-down car away from ruin. Life has become unaffordable, and opportunity is vanishing. Congress is dysfunctional, and the President is focused on enriching himself instead of helping everyday Americans.

In Congress, Aaron will fight to lower costs: ending the war with Iran that has driven up fuel prices, reversing the tariffs that are crushing small businesses and consumers, and saving our health care from the Big, Ugly Bill.

Congressman Nick Langworthy voted for that bill. It gave the top 1% an average tax cut of over $75,000 a year, while the lowest-income families came out behind. It cut nearly $1 trillion from Medicaid and added nearly $4 trillion to the national debt. Eight of this district's twelve hospitals are now at risk of closure. Langworthy chose billionaires over our communities. Aaron will choose you.

Aaron answers to voters, not corporate donors. Last quarter, more than 95% of his contributions came from individuals, with the rest from unions like NYSUT, the UAW and the AFL-CIO. Only a third of Langworthy's came from individual donors. Despite his reliance on corporate money, Aaron outraised him by more than $60,000.

Once in office, Aaron will hold in-person town halls, work with anyone in either party to lower costs, fight to get corporate money out of politics, and help make a good life affordable for everyone.

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Growing up in Chautauqua County taught me to work hard, keep my word, and stand up for my neighbors. Those values guide my service in Congress, where I work every day to give Western New York and the Southern Tier a strong voice and deliver results.

Protecting Chautauqua Lake is personal to me. I helped secure $500,000 to launch the Army Corps of Engineers' ecosystem restoration study, advancing solutions to harmful algal blooms, invasive aquatic vegetation, and sedimentation. As long as I serve in Congress, preserving this treasured lake for future generations will remain one of my highest priorities.

At Barcelona Harbor, I helped deliver $7.5 million for breakwater improvements and dredging to address sediment buildup, improve boater safety, and strengthen our tourism and recreation economy.

In Jamestown, I secured $1.25 million to restore and maintain stormwater channels along the Chadakoin River. This work will remove sediment, debris, and obstructions, improving water flow and reducing flood risks for nearby homes, businesses, and infrastructure.

These investments reflect a lasting commitment to the place that raised me. I'll never stop working for Chautauqua County.

Across our region, I am fighting for lower taxes, responsible spending, affordable American energy, and relief from unnecessary regulations so our farmers, manufacturers, and small businesses can thrive. Our families deserve an affordable life and opportunities for their children to build a future close to home.

I stand with law enforcement, support secure borders, and will always fight for veterans to receive the care and benefits they earned. My office is here to help residents navigate federal agencies and get the answers they deserve.

Serving you is an extraordinary honor. With gratitude for your trust and a deep commitment to the work ahead, I humbly ask for your vote.

NICK LANGWORTHY
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- Great-grandson of Polish immigrants
- Grandson of a Buffalo Police Lieutenant and two World War II Veterans
- Graduate of Canisius High School and Yale University, where he studied Polish Language
- Graduate of Columbia Law School, where he was the Lawrence S. Greenbaum Prize Winner for Best Oral Argument in the Harlan Fiske Stone Moot Court Competition
- At Phillips Lytle LLP, Craig has represented clients for nearly 20 years in Supreme Court litigation in 26 counties, including all 8 counties of Western New York
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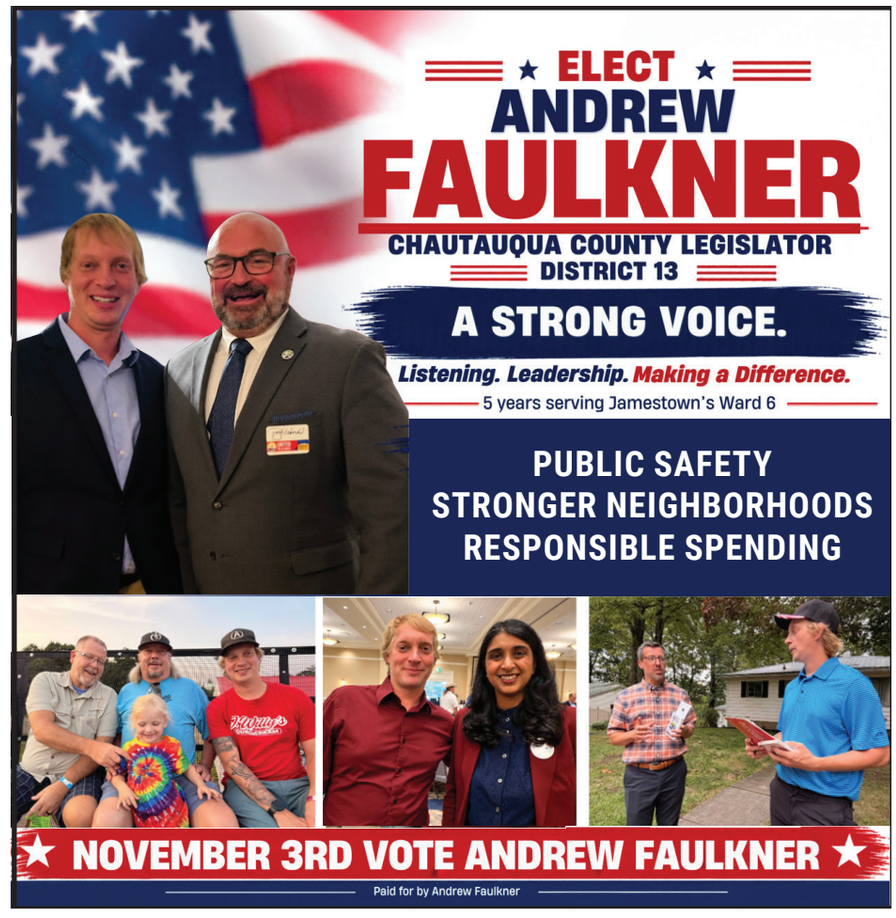
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My name is Victoria Guite. I am an Afro-Native woman living on the Tonawanda-Seneca Reservation in Genesee County. After spending several years in Buffalo, I returned to my grandmother's land, to the community that helped shape who I am.

I am running for New York State Senate because Western New York deserves better. From Olean to Fredonia and Jamestown to Batavia, we deserve a government that puts their needs ahead of wealthy friends and special interest groups.

Too many of my neighbors are struggling with housing costs, healthcare costs, and energy costs. It's becoming more and more expensive just to get by. Families are being asked to do more with less while the richest and best connected leave the rest of us behind.

I believe every person deserves a safe, affordable place to live, access to good, affordable healthcare, and the opportunity to build a stable life without being pushed to the side. And I believe our elected officials must answer to the people who put them in office, not the donors and corporations who think the government is there for them.

I am ready to bring our communities' voices to Albany and fight for a government that works for us.

I'm Victoria Guite-Williams, and I humbly ask for the opportunity to fight for you in Albany.

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As a lifelong Chautauqua County resident, entrepreneur and small business owner, I've spent my life working to strengthen the communities I call home. I've created jobs, managed businesses and served in local government. Those experiences have shaped my legislative efforts and my belief that government needs to be accountable to taxpayers, encourage economic opportunity and represent the interests of its citizens.

New York isn't currently meeting these goals. We have the highest taxes in the nation, an affordability crisis driving families and businesses to other states, and a state government that continues to spend beyond its means. If we don't reverse course, these trends will continue to undermine our future.

Restoring affordability starts with fiscal responsibility. I co-sponsor the Taxpayer Rescue Plan which would eliminate state income taxes on the first $50,000 earned by individuals and $100,000 by married couples. The plan would save the average New York family approximately $5,000 a year. I also support tax cuts for small businesses and farms and sponsor legislation to cap annual state spending growth at 2 percent.

I've been a leading voice against New York's climate agenda, which threatens our economy, energy reliability and affordability. New Yorkers already pay electricity rates roughly 70 percent above the national average, yet Albany continues pursuing mandates that will drive bills higher. I've introduced legislation to repeal the All-Electric Buildings Act and to restore local control over renewable energy siting. Our farms and landscapes are being blanketed with industrial solar panels, over the objections of local residents.

I led the charge against New York's unworkable, unaffordable electric school bus mandate, generating pressure that secured a five-year delay. While this was an important step that bought school districts time, the fight against this law and Albany's entire climate agenda must continue. I'll keep advocating for realistic, affordable energy policy that includes more investment in natural gas and advanced nuclear power.

Representing one of New York's largest Senate districts, I take constituent service seriously. In 2025 alone, my office helped nearly 3,000 constituents navigate state agencies, cut through red tape and resolve problems. Being accessible to the people I represent will always be a top priority.

The path to a stronger, more prosperous New York starts with lower taxes, affordable energy, responsible spending and policies that encourage economic growth. New York has tremendous potential. I'll continue fighting to make it a place where the next generation can build their futures.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect George Borrello

NYS Assembly | TOM CARLE

DISTRICT 150



TOM CARLE

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My name is Tom Carle, and I want to represent you in the New York State Assembly!

Competing for this office is all about utilizing career-tested capabilities to improve conditions and create opportunities! And I have yet to meet anyone in politics who can do what I can do for businesses and their workforces, small or large! My experience has proven what I can do for us!

Much like the decades when we were represented by Rollan Kidder and William Parment, or had a county executive like Mark Thomas, I want to return Chautauqua County and the Seneca Territory to prosperity, or at least "set the stage for progress!" We have lost thousands of residents and jobs under Republican representation while government and taxes have grown! It is a sad fact that many in our district do not know their assembly representative because they have done little to nothing to better anyone's life since going Republican 15 years ago. We must say together that the days of an "R" before your name as a qualification to hold office are gone!

My qualifications are not political. I am a product of the private sector, having been self-employed and employed by a number of branded companies that required significant change to be successful! I have delivered that success in every assignment with teams of people from across our nation, coast to coast, in Canada and the United Kingdom!

Right now, we are faced with Republicans, including my opponent, who enable the current administration and favor runaway, unbridled AI and toxic data centers that increase energy prices, pollute our air and drain water resources. Beyond the physical damage that data centers do, they are used to support "algorithmic wage discrimination and surveillance pricing," both of which are costly to each of us! My opponent supports the unregulated nightmare of technology going wrong, including Flock cameras! I will protect our future from the potential dangers of AI, data centers, battery storage sites and Flock cameras in our communities! Most importantly, the bottom line is that none of these businesses offer the growth that we need or are worth the potential harm they create!

With gas and groceries causing families to struggle financially, and diesel prices eating up any profit that farmers and truckers have a chance at, it is obvious that the Republican strategy of tariffs, combined with the Iran war, has disrupted supply chains. The fossil fuel industry, which is fully supported by the Republican Party, has been posting record-breaking profits while we have to choose between groceries and gas!

If you elect me to the Assembly, beyond all else that I can do for us locally, I will make "universal healthcare" a statewide priority to counter the reductions being made to Medicare, Medicaid, the ACA and veterans' benefits. I know that we can provide medical care for everyone, all the time, at higher levels of quality than we are used to, while also controlling expenses, energy prices and lowering taxes!

"The 'difficult' we do immediately. The 'impossible' takes a little longer." (Quote by Earl Stifflear)

It is time for District 150 to be represented in the majority of the Assembly so that we can grow responsibly, protect our children's future and our present!

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Tom Carle.

NYS Assembly | ANDREW MOLITOR

DISTRICT 150



ANDREW MOLITOR

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Andrew Molitor
★★★ NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

VOTE ELECTION 2026

Assemblyman Andrew Molitor was elected to the New York State Assembly on November 5, 2024, representing the 150th Assembly District, which encompasses all of Chautauqua County.

Prior to taking office, Molitor served as a prosecutor and Chautauqua County's First Assistant District Attorney. He also served as president of the Bar Association of Northern Chautauqua. His extensive legal background has shaped his commitment to public safety, strengthening law enforcement and reforming New York's criminal justice system. He supports revisiting the state's bail laws, holding repeat offenders accountable and ensuring law enforcement officers have the resources necessary to keep communities safe.

As a father of five, Molitor understands the financial challenges facing working families. Making New York more affordable remains one of his top priorities. He advocates for reducing taxes, eliminating wasteful government spending and lowering the rising costs of housing, utilities and everyday necessities.

Molitor is particularly concerned about New York's energy policies and their impact on families and businesses. He opposes mandates restricting natural gas and natural gas appliances, advocating instead for affordable, reliable energy that protects consumers and supports economic growth.

A longtime advocate for economic development, Molitor supports reducing burdensome regulations, encouraging private-sector investment and creating an environment where small businesses can thrive. He believes strengthening Chautauqua County's economy requires expanding job opportunities, supporting local employers and making New York a more competitive place to live and work.

Molitor also recognizes the importance of quality education and remains committed to ensuring schools receive adequate funding while supporting parental involvement and local decision-making.

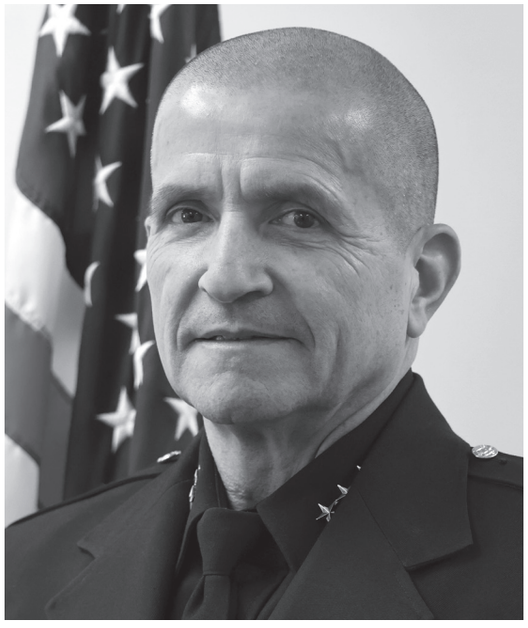
Protecting Chautauqua Lake and preserving local control are also central to his legislative priorities. He has raised concerns with the Department of Environmental Conservation regarding proposed wetlands regulations and their potential impact on the lake, surrounding communities and property owners. He supports responsible environmental stewardship that considers the needs of local residents and businesses.

Outside the Legislature, Molitor is actively involved in his church and community. He leads a men's ministry and serves as a catechist with the Chautauqua Family of Catholic Churches.

Molitor resides in Westfield with his wife, Celia, and their five children.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Andrew Molitor.

Chautauqua County Sheriff | JAMES QUATTRONE



JAMES QUATTRONE

Ⓡ Republican, Conservative

Ⓕ @chautauquasheriff



Sheriff James Quattrone's leadership is guided by the principle "Doing the Right Things for the Right Reasons." He emphasizes community safety through collaboration among law enforcement, service providers, nonprofit organizations, and residents, with an approach focused on listening, prevention, intervention, and effective response.

During his tenure, Quattrone has supported initiatives addressing a range of community needs. The Sheriff's Office's Unsolved Case Team reviews missing-person and homicide cases, while a dedicated animal-cruelty deputy brings specialized attention to investigations of abuse and neglect. A team of drone operators assists with searches for missing people and supports tactical operations, helping improve situational awareness and responder safety. The Friends of the Sheriff program, alongside Yellow Dot and Blue Envelope initiatives, helps officers and emergency responders better support people with intellectual disabilities.

Quattrone has also prioritized coordinated responses to complex issues. Partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies support efforts to combat human trafficking. The CARES program connects law enforcement, behavioral health, and other community agencies to help people affected by substance use disorders and their families access timely support, with the goals of increasing treatment access and reducing repeat involvement in the criminal justice system. A related Situation Table brings service providers and public-safety partners together to identify people at acute risk and coordinate early intervention.

Inside the jail, the IGNITE rehabilitation program helps incarcerated individuals develop practical education, employment, and social skills intended to support successful reentry and reduce recidivism. The Sheriff's Office also maintains five New York State accreditations—for patrol, court security, civil services, communications, and corrections—and national accreditation for its jail medical division.

Looking ahead, Quattrone has identified the aging jail facility as a key challenge. He supports exploring a replacement that can provide safe, appropriate housing and access to educational, medical, and mental-health services for incarcerated individuals, while also supporting staff safety. His priorities also include a unified countywide law-enforcement response to drug enforcement, gun trafficking, and human trafficking. Rather than framing public safety as simply "soft" or "hard" on crime, he advocates a coordinated approach that combines accountability with community engagement, prevention, and intervention.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect James Quattrone.

Sample Ballot:

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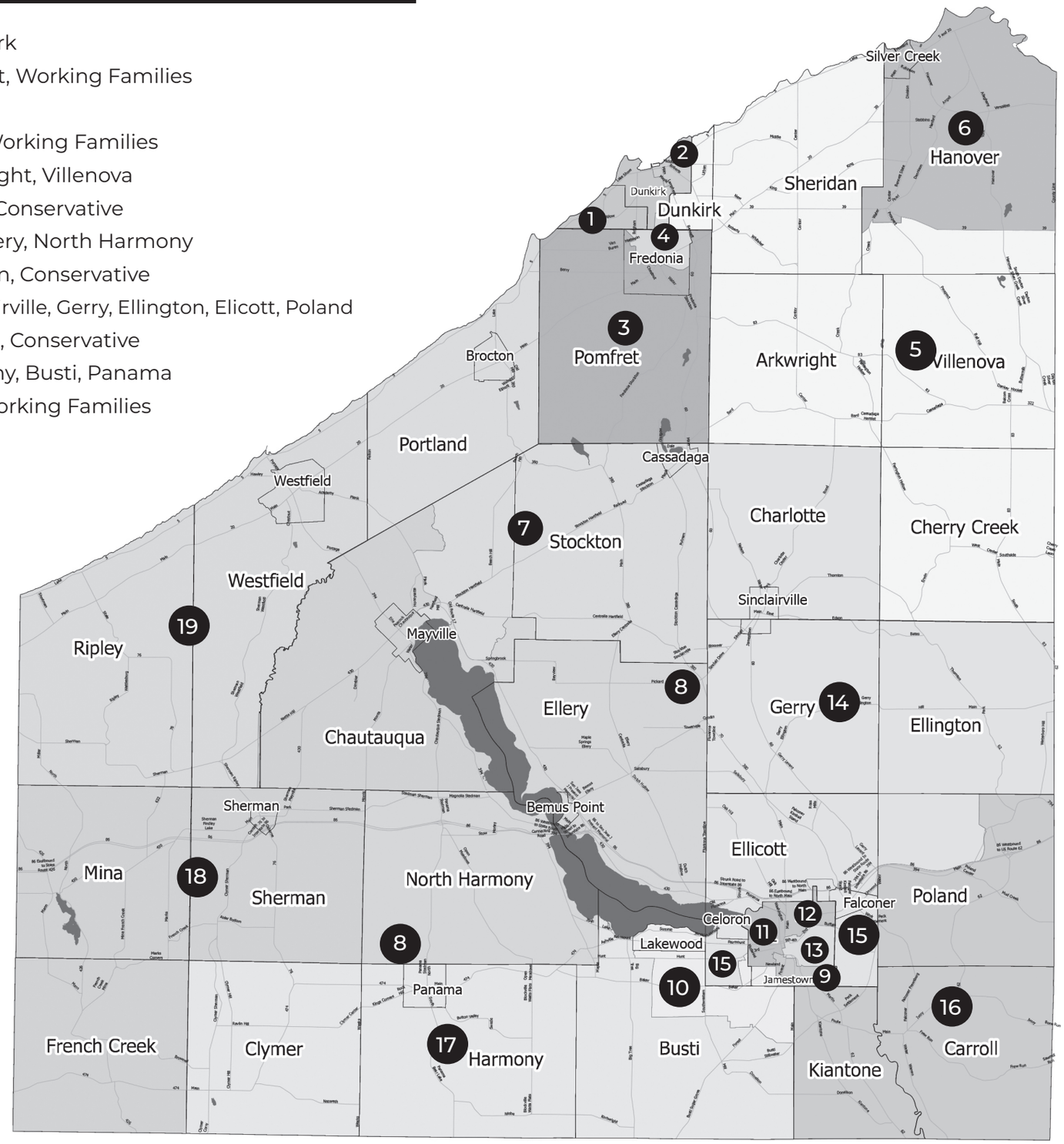
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Chautauqua County Legislature

UNOPPOSED RACES

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Robert Bankoski - Democrat, Working Families
District 4 | Fredonia
Sandra Lewis - Democrat, Working Families
District 5 | Sheridan, Arkwright, Villenova
Jason Merritt - Republican, Conservative
District 8 | Chautauqua, Ellery, North Harmony
Pierre Chagnon - Republican, Conservative
District 14 | Charlotte, Sinclairville, Gerry, Ellington, Elicott, Poland
Daniel Pavlock - Republican, Conservative
District 17 | Clymer, Harmony, Busti, Panama
Travis Heiser - Democrat, Working Families

VIEW DISTRICT MAPS



Chautauqua County - Entire County
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CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 1

TOWN/CITY DUNKIRK

MARCUS BUCHANAN

Incumbent



Ⓡ Democrat, Working Families, Tax Payers

Ⓕ @ LegislatorBuchanan

Background

I'm Marcus Buchanan, born and raised in Dunkirk. I'm a husband, father, grandfather, and longtime businessman. I've owned retail stores, rental properties, a gas station, and helped develop my family's hotel. I served three years on the Dunkirk School Board and several county committees, including Administrative Services, Public Facilities, Office for the Aging, Lake Erie Management, and Citizen Advisory Committee. My community involvement spans over 30 years, including youth programs, the Boys & Girls Club, and Dunkirk Lighthouse.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I'm running for re-election because there's still work to be done. I've worked to protect seniors by co-sponsoring legislation to help them keep their property tax exemptions despite cost-of-living increases. I also supported returning $2 million from county reserves for tax relief. I want to continue questioning unnecessary spending, protecting taxpayers, and bringing more opportunities to our community. I've always believed public service is about people, not politics.

What important community issues will you address and why?

My priorities are affordability, economic development, and our young people. Families and seniors are struggling with rising costs, and we need to examine county spending before asking taxpayers for more. I want to attract businesses, create good-paying jobs, and put vacant properties back to use. We also need more opportunities for young people so they can build their futures here. I'll continue supporting seniors, veterans, and programs that strengthen our communities.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Marcus Buchanan.

COLBY GARZA

Challenger



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Background

I am a husband, father, business owner and real estate developer. My wife, Jenny, and I are raising our son, Asher, in Western New York. I attended the University of North Texas, where I held several student leadership positions. My career includes real estate investment, construction and commercial development. I currently serve on a local school board and my church board. My experience includes managing budgets, negotiating contracts and developing successful projects.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I believe Chautauqua County has tremendous potential, but realizing that potential requires action. Having built businesses and worked in real estate development, I understand both the opportunities available and the challenges of moving projects forward. I want to bring that practical experience to county government. Residents deserve accessible representatives who listen, ask difficult questions and work across political differences. I am committed to finding solutions that help our communities grow and prosper.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include economic development, affordability, responsible spending and infrastructure. We need careers that allow residents to build futures here, along with support for small businesses, skilled trades and manufacturing. Rising taxes, housing costs and utilities also demand attention. I will advocate for fiscal accountability, infrastructure maintenance and collaboration among local governments. My goal is a county where young families have opportunities, seniors can afford to remain in their homes and residents feel confident about the future.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Colby Garza.

District 2 | Town/City Dunkirk - Robert Bankoski (unopposed) Democrat, Working Families

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 3

POMFRET

MIKE LEE

Challenger

(R) Democrat, Working Families

Mike Lee for County Legislature



Background

I currently serve as a Town of Pomfret councilman and have dedicated my career to assisting victims of crime. My work includes advocating for survivors of domestic and sexual violence, protecting vulnerable adults and helping people with special needs. I have also worked to improve victims' access to justice. As a councilman, I have advanced water infrastructure improvements, supported investment energy projects and opposed government overreach.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I am running because our community deserves a representative who is responsive, informed and willing to address difficult issues. I believe effective representation requires staying engaged with residents, understanding their concerns and doing the work necessary to find meaningful solutions. My experience in public service has reinforced the importance of accountability and accessibility. I want to bring that same commitment to the County Legislature and ensure our community's needs remain a priority.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

I will oppose government overreach, including the county's use of Flock surveillance networks, which I believe threaten Fourth Amendment protections and undermine public trust. I will also advocate for balanced budgets that address Chautauqua County's long-term needs while exercising fiscal restraint. Additionally, I will work to rein in spending on legislators' salaries. Public service should be motivated by a commitment to residents, not personal financial gain.

Paid for by the Friends of Mike Lee.

BOB SCUDDER

Incumbent

(R) Republican, Conservative



Background

As a 40+ year resident of the Village of Fredonia, I have been immersed in my community in many ways. Owning several businesses, including Fredonia Hardware, East Main Laundry Co, and the Mustard Seed Restaurant are part of the story. Serving on the Chamber of Commerce Board, belonging to Rotary, and coaching youth soccer and Little League baseball have all been a part of my Fredonia adventure. The culmination has been being a Chautauqua County Legislator for the past 17 years. One of the highlights of my life for sure and an experience second to none.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

Running for re-election was an easy choice. I have represented the Village of Fredonia and Town of Pomfret not only at the local level, but more importantly, at the county level. My time in Mayville is spent not only representing my local constituents but the entire county, one issue at a time. I am running for re-election because being a legislator is a passion of mine. Experience has taught me to serve everyone, not particular groups or parties, but all constituents who deserve equal representation.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Experience is the key to working on issues. I have been challenged on many fronts and by many situations. I spoke out to save the County Home years ago and am currently involved in trying to find the best solution for the Village of Fredonia's water problems. We have a new hospital being built, we are looking for industry to move in, and a reliable source of water for our residents at a price we can afford - our biggest issue at this time. Let's unite for a solution; it's the right thing to do and it's what's best for our community!

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Bob Scudder.

District 4 | Fredonia - Sandra Lewis (unopposed) Democrat, Working Families

District 5 | Sheridan, Arkwright, Villenova - Jason Merritt (unopposed) Republican, Conservative

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 6

HANOVER

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Ⓕ Town of Hanover Democratic Club

Background

I am a lifelong resident of Western New York with a degree in political science from Gannon University. Being a retired schoolteacher whose career included working in both alternative and special education, and a former small-business owner, I have displayed a history of community involvement with service organizations, church groups and teachers' associations, serving in leadership roles throughout. I am currently on the board of directors of Chautauqua Opportunities Inc., serving as its chairperson.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I've spent my life bringing people together, including those with varied interests, to get real results. Being a former town councilman, I have the experience necessary to work with the town, villages and hamlets within my district to achieve positive outcomes. I am seeking this office because I want to be involved in finding solutions for the problems we face today and in the future.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Our community faces many difficult challenges. Among them are the dire need for property tax relief and the rising cost of infrastructure repair and maintenance. We need to improve our business climate, encourage appropriate development and reverse the trend of population loss to one of growth. We need to protect our lakes and waterways and focus on increasing the tourist draw they are. We need to be positive about our ability to accomplish this.

Paid for by the Hanover Democratic Club.

THOMAS HARMON

Incumbent



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Background

I have lived in Silver Creek for more than 35 years and have been a local businessman for over 30 years. As a county legislator, I serve on the Human Services Committee and chair the Planning and Economic Development Committee. I also serve on the County Industrial Development Agency board, represent Chautauqua County with Southern Tier West and serve as the county's appointed railroad commissioner for STERA.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I am seeking re-election to continue serving all residents of District 6. I believe in fiscal responsibility, open and transparent government, and working across party lines to resolve issues. My service on county committees and economic development organizations has allowed me to participate in decisions affecting local businesses, infrastructure and community projects. I want to continue that work and support the services our residents depend on.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include economic development, fiscal responsibility and maintaining services for residents. Through my work with the Planning and Economic Development Committee and County Industrial Development Agency, I have participated in decisions involving projects such as Hideaway Bay and the Drift restaurant, senior housing in Silver Creek and other local development efforts. I want to continue supporting business opportunities, county infrastructure and projects that benefit our communities.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Tom Harmon.

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 7

CHAUTAUQUA, BROCTON, PORTLAND, CASSADAGA, STOCKTON

CARLA RODRIGUEZ

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Carla Rodriguez for County Legislator



Background

I was born in Puerto Rico and raised in New York City, where I learned the importance of hard work, family and community at an early age. When I became a mother, I wanted to provide my children with opportunities I had not had growing up. That desire led me to move away from New York City while they were still young.

I instilled those same values of hard work, family and community in my children, who are now union ironworkers. As a nurse, I dedicated my career to caring for others, advocating for patients and standing up for those whose voices often go unheard. My commitment to public service continues today as I seek to bring compassion, integrity and strong representation to Chautauqua County.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I am running because I believe our community deserves leadership that listens, takes action and puts residents before politics. My years in nursing taught me that advocacy requires accountability and results. I want to bring that same dedication to District 7, ensuring residents have a voice in county decisions. I believe fresh perspectives, transparency and a willingness to challenge the status quo are essential.

I am grateful for endorsements by the Dunkirk Observer and the Elenor Legacy.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include fiscal responsibility, affordable living, access to health care, economic development and greater transparency in county government. Families and seniors deserve a community where they can afford to live, work and thrive. I will advocate for responsible spending, stronger community resources and opportunities that keep our young people here. Most importantly, I believe elected officials must be accessible, listen to residents and be accountable for their decisions.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Carla Rodriguez.

JOHNATHAN PENHOLLOW

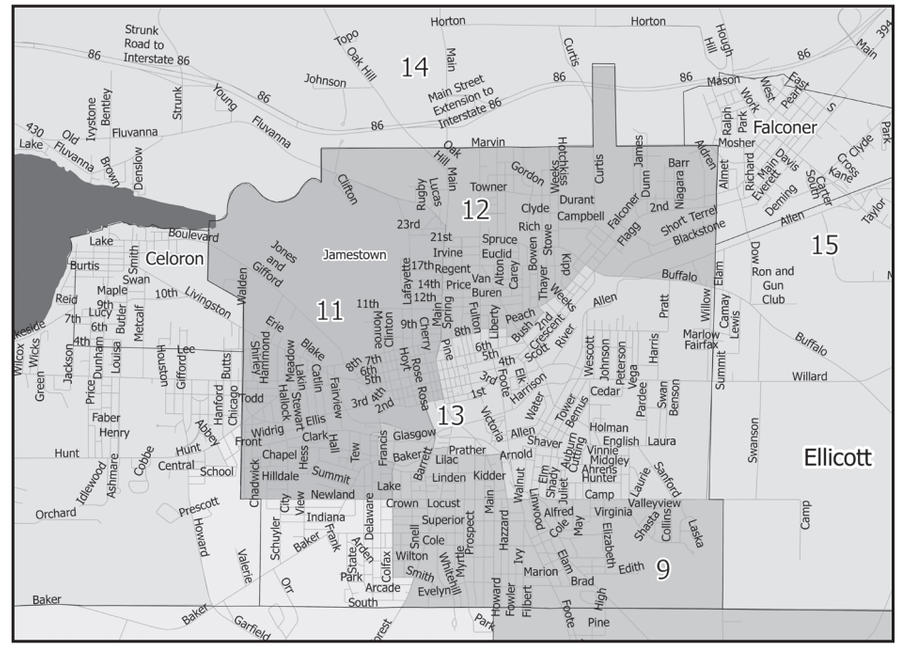
Incumbent

(R) Republican, Conservative

Candidate chose not to participate in this sponsored feature.



CHQ County Legislature ➡ JAMESTOWN AREA MAP



District 8 | Chautauqua, Ellery, North Harmony - Pierre Chagnon (unopposed) Republican, Conservative

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 9

JAMESTOWN

VINCENT DEJOY III

Incumbent

Ⓓ Democrat



Please note that this candidate submitted his resignation as the District 9 legislator on Thursday, October 15, 2026 because he is relocating for a new job opportunity. DeJoy's name will remain on the ballot since it is no longer legally possible to make candidate changes this close to the election.

Chautauqua County Democratic Committee Chair Marcia Westling Johnson has announced the Committee's plan to appoint former legislator Chuck Nazzaro to fill the remainder of DeJoy's term this year and his commitment to serve through at least 2027 when a special election will be held, if DeJoy wins on Nov. 3.

In a recent statement to the press, Westling Johnson explained: "We were surprised by Vince DeJoy's announcement. We are excited to have a well-respected public servant and civic-minded person such as Chuck Nazzaro to stand in if DeJoy receives the winning number of votes...Chuck is well-regarded by both parties and respected for his budgeting knowledge, having served as chief financial officer at WCA/UPMC Hospital for many years. We are optimistic that District 9 residents will vote for DeJoy on the ballot knowing that they will be getting Nazzaro as their legislator."

For more information about Chuck Nazzaro, please see page 38 of this edition.

JOHN VOGAN

Challenger

Ⓡ Republican, Conservative



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Background

I have lived in Jamestown for 16 years and am the father of two children who attend Jamestown High School. For the past 15 years, I have worked at The Resource Center, where I currently serve as assistant director of operations. I have also coached varsity wrestling for the Southwestern Central School District for 19 years and served as president of the Jamestown Volleyball Boosters Club for the past three years.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

My work at The Resource Center has allowed me to build partnerships with nonprofit and community organizations. I want to use those relationships and my experience to bring people together and make a difference for residents of District 9 and throughout Chautauqua County. I also want to be a voice for my neighborhood on county issues and provide honest, truthful representation to the people I serve.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

I want to create more opportunities for new businesses while working with existing employers to expand jobs for city residents. I also believe we need more effective management of homelessness in Jamestown. Limiting taxes and making the overall cost of living more affordable are important priorities for residents of District 9 and Chautauqua County. I will focus on these issues to improve economic opportunities and quality of life.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect John Vogan.

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 10

JAMESTOWN

JULIE JACKSON-FORSBERG

Challenger

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Background

I began my career as an English teacher and now develop entrepreneurship, employment readiness and personal development curriculum for people with criminal histories, helping prepare them to return to their communities. I hold an executive MBA from RIT's Saunders College of Business and a dual degree from Hamilton College. I also serve on the Town of Busti Planning Board and the YWCA Jamestown board.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

Over the past 20 years, Chautauqua County has lost jobs, young people and opportunities while families have faced rising costs. In 2024, the Republican legislative majority voted to approve a 64% pay increase and automatic annual raises for legislators. I believe those increases should be earned. I am running because our families and communities deserve better, and I want to put my experience to work to help achieve meaningful results.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities are affordability, accountability, economic opportunity and community health. I believe county spending and a declining population threaten taxpayers with future increases. We need good-paying jobs, meaningful employment opportunities and greater accountability in county government. We must also address addiction and homelessness through lasting solutions rather than temporary measures that move problems elsewhere without helping people achieve stability and productivity.

Paid for by the Lakewood Busti Dem Committee.

JAMIE GUSTAFSON

Incumbent

(R) Republican, Conservative



Background

I am a lifelong Chautauqua County resident, and my husband, our two daughters and I have called District 10 home for 34 years. I hold a master's degree in strategic leadership from St. Bonaventure University and have spent 36 years with M&T Bank, helping local small businesses establish themselves and grow. I am deeply rooted in our community's nonprofit sector, including serving as Vice President of the JCC Foundation and Treasurer and past President of Creche.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I am seeking re-election because I care deeply about Chautauqua County and want to continue making a positive difference in residents' lives. Since joining the Legislature in 2022, I have worked to bring a practical, fiscally responsible approach to county government. I want to continue advocating for residents, collaborating to strengthen our communities and creating opportunities for local businesses, families and future generations.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include improving human services through a fiscally responsible temporary housing plan that better serves vulnerable residents while reducing taxpayer costs. As chair of the Chautauqua County Airport Commission, I will also continue promoting our airports and working to restore commercial air service to Jamestown. Reliable air service can support economic growth by making Chautauqua County more accessible to businesses, visitors, and residents, while strengthening our overall transportation infrastructure.

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CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 11

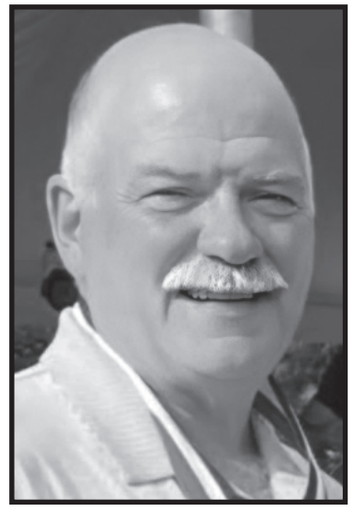
JAMESTOWN

ROBERT W. WHITNEY JR.

Incumbent

Democrat, Tax Payers

Re-Elect Bob Whitney, District 11 County Legislator



Background

I am a lifelong Jamestown resident, married for 40 years, with four grown children and four grandchildren. I have worked as an electrician with IBEW Local 106 for 27 years. My volunteer work includes Jamestown Midget Football, City Recreation coaching, Babe Ruth Baseball, playground construction and Habitat for Humanity projects. I have also participated in four mission trips with my family and church. My experience as a legislator and throughout my life has prepared me to continue serving our community.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I am seeking re-election to continue moving Chautauqua County forward. I disagreed with the 64% legislative salary increase and cost-of-living increases for legislators, the County Executive, County Clerk, Sheriff and department heads. I believe these raises should be earned, not guaranteed. After 20 years under a Republican legislative majority, I believe a Democratic majority is necessary to bring fiscal responsibility to Chautauqua County.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Affordability is a major concern. Rising costs for groceries, gas, utilities and taxes are making it difficult for families to get by, while local food cupboards and Little Free Pantries are seeing increased demand. I also believe Chautauqua County and the city of Jamestown need better communication when developing buildings for county offices. Homelessness is another issue affecting our city that requires attention and cooperation at the county level.

Paid for by Bob Whitney.

JEREMY MAGGIO

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Jeremy Maggio



Background

I am a lifelong Jamestown resident, father of three and retired law enforcement officer with more than 21 years of service. My career included the Jamestown Police Department, Lakewood-Busti Police Department and Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. I graduated from Jamestown High School, attended JCC and completed the Sheriff's Academy. I have coached youth sports and co-founded Kallie's Krusade, a local nonprofit.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I am running to bring a common-sense, practical approach to county government. Residents do not need unrealistic promises or political grandstanding. They need leaders who listen, work together and focus on getting things done. I have spent my life serving this community and want to continue that service in a new way. District 11 deserves a representative who understands its residents, listens to their concerns and is willing to put in the work.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include safe neighborhoods, economic growth and reliable public services. I will support neighborhood safety initiatives, community-based programs and expanded neighborhood watch efforts. I also want to encourage job creation, support local entrepreneurs and make government assistance easier to access without unnecessary regulations. County government should provide streamlined, effective and responsive services that meet the needs of District 11 families.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Jeremy Maggio.

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 12

JAMESTOWN

FREDERICK A. LARSON

Incumbent

Ⓡ Democrat, Working Families

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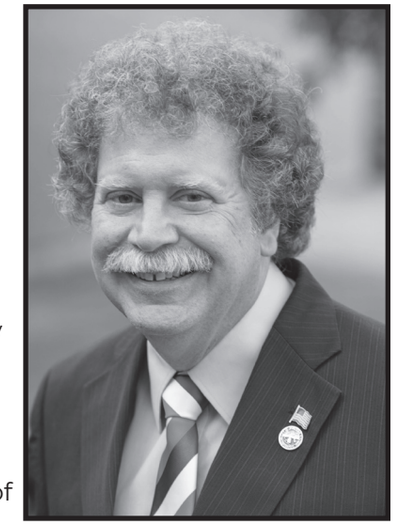
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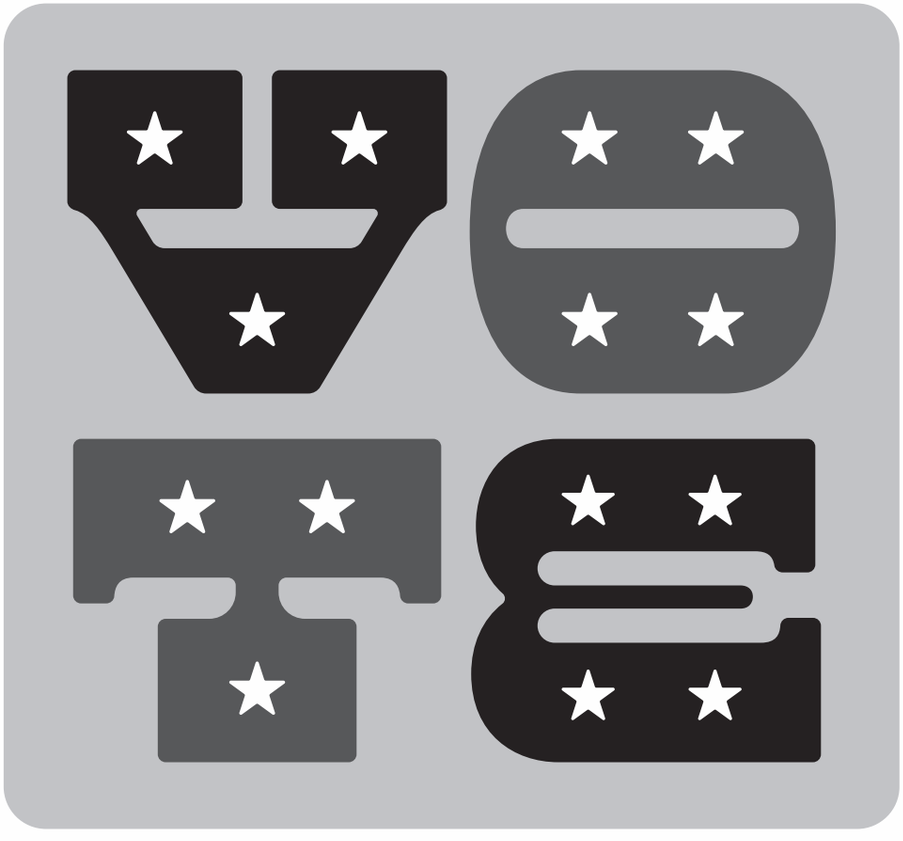
I have served on Jamestown City Council for 15 years, including as chairman of its Finance and Public Safety committees. I also serve on the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities. Before retiring in 2019, I worked for the Chautauqua County Health Department for 32 years as a public health sanitarian. I graduated from SUNY Fredonia and completed graduate coursework in biology and education.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I believe my experience, integrity and conservative values will allow me to serve the taxpayers of District 12 effectively. I am prepared to make difficult decisions to reduce the size and cost of county government, lower property taxes and protect public safety. Jamestown deserves a legislator who can work with the County Executive and legislative majority to deliver tax relief and needed revenue for our community.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Rising living costs are affecting everyone, and I want to make everyday necessities more affordable. My priorities include reducing taxes, controlling county spending and making government more efficient. I will also focus on attracting new businesses, working with the County Industrial Development Agency and supporting existing employers. Creating more job opportunities for Chautauqua County residents is essential to strengthening our economy and improving quality of life.



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CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 13

JAMESTOWN

THOMAS NELSON

Incumbent

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Background

I have represented District 13 in the County Legislature since 2023, following service on Jamestown City Council and the Board of Public Utilities. I currently serve on several county and community committees. A retired history and government teacher, I hold degrees from SUNY Fredonia and St. Bonaventure University. My wife, Dee, and I have four adult children. I am also active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Masonic fraternity.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

This community is home. My wife and I have lived in Jamestown since 1990, raised our family here and watched three of our children establish homes of their own. I want future generations to have access to good jobs, affordable housing and safe neighborhoods. My experience as a teacher, city councilman and county legislator has strengthened my belief in our community's potential. I am seeking another term to help realize that potential.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Affordability is a major concern as families struggle with property taxes, housing costs and everyday expenses. I support reducing the county tax burden while protecting essential services. I also want to encourage good-paying jobs, develop industrial and commercial sites, improve housing and support public safety. My goal is to strengthen the local economy and create opportunities that allow young people to build their futures in Chautauqua County.

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ANDREW FAULKNER

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Background

I am a Jamestown resident, electrician and member of IBEW Local 106. My background in the skilled trades has given me firsthand experience with the challenges facing working families and businesses. For the past five years, I have represented Ward 6 on Jamestown City Council, focusing on neighborhoods, housing, infrastructure and quality of life. My experience in the workforce and public service has provided a practical understanding of local government and our community's needs.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

My time on City Council has given me the opportunity to get to know residents, hear their concerns and help solve problems. Making a difference, no matter how small, has been the most rewarding part of serving. I am running for County Legislature to continue that work and address issues affecting our community. I believe in listening, remaining accessible and following through on commitments. I will bring that same approach to county government.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities include stronger neighborhoods, responsible government spending and job growth. I want to improve the county's handling of tax-foreclosed properties so neglected homes can be restored by people willing to invest in them. With families facing rising costs, every taxpayer dollar must count. I also want to support local businesses and economic development while remaining accessible to residents, listening to their concerns and working toward practical solutions.

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District 14 | Charlotte, Sinclairville, Gerry, Ellington, Elicott, Poland **-** Daniel Pavlock (unopposed) Republican, Conservative

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CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 15

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NIKKI FAGERSTROM PIERCE

Challenger

(D) Democrat, Tax Payers

Nikki Fagerstrom Pierce for Chautauqua County District 15 Legislator

nfpdistrict15



Background

As a registered member of the Independence Party, objective policymaking will be my goal. I am the proud mother of three grown children and wife of a local police officer. Born and raised in Chautauqua County, I spent many years working in human services, gaining firsthand knowledge of the challenges and barriers facing local residents. I am currently a Village of Falconer trustee and owner of PersNikkity Pies Cafe and Bakery in Falconer.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

I believe civic involvement benefits both the community and those who serve it. During my career in human services, I helped individuals identify barriers to success, advocate for themselves and develop plans to achieve their goals. I want to bring that same dedication to county government, advocating for residents while helping them understand what they should expect and deserve from their elected representatives.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

As a lifelong resident, I remember a more vibrant Chautauqua County with greater shopping opportunities and more accessible housing. My priorities include reviewing county fiscal policies and making necessary changes, addressing the shortage of appropriate and transitional housing, and encouraging more retail and dining opportunities. I want to help keep local dollars in our communities while restoring residents' confidence in what Chautauqua County can achieve.

I appreciate your vote on lines A or F of the ballot.

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LISA VANSTROM

Incumbent

(R) Republican, Conservative

Candidate chose not to participate in this sponsored feature.



CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 16

KIANTONE, CAROLL, POLAND

CHRISTOPHER DEBLASS

Challenger

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Candidate chose not to participate in this sponsored feature.



DALTON ANTHONY

Incumbent

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Candidate chose not to participate in this sponsored feature.



District 17 | Clymer, Harmony, Busti, Panama - Travis Heiser (unopposed) Democrat, Working Families

CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 18

FRENCH CREEK, MINA, SHERMAN, CHAUTAUQUA, MAYVILLE

DAN MORTON

Challanger

Ⓓ Democrat



Candidate chose not to participate in this sponsored feature.





MARTIN PROCTOR

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Martin Proctor Chautauqua County Legislator - District 18

Background

I was raised in Findley Lake, graduated from Clymer Central School and earned a BBA from Southern Methodist University. My career spans automotive sales, retail, finance and golf car sales. I have served on numerous community boards, including the Alexander Findley Community Library and Findley Lake Watershed Foundation. I currently serve on boards supporting public health, watershed management, sewer infrastructure and tourism, including the Chautauqua County Board of Health and Visitors Bureau.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I am seeking re-election to continue bringing a rational approach and common-sense solutions to county government. I believe this approach is necessary to address challenges created by New York State mandates and other obstacles facing our communities. I have always been concerned about the future of Chautauqua County and the well-being of those who live, work and visit here. I want to continue working toward practical solutions that benefit everyone.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities are community health and safety, including expanding services where necessary to support law enforcement, public safety personnel and volunteers. I want Chautauqua County to remain an attractive place to live and raise a family. Education, job stability and a safe environment are essential. I will continue working with excellent county employees and supporting their efforts to address the significant challenges facing our communities.

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CHQ County Legislator | DISTRICT 19

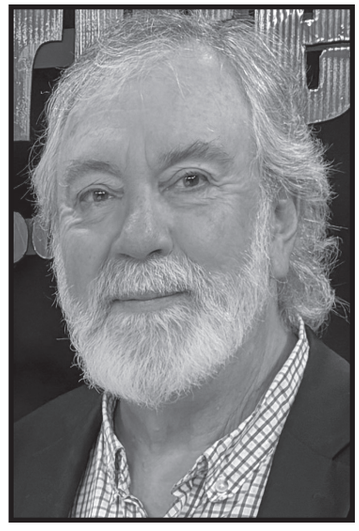
RIPLEY, WESTFIELD

JOHN HAMELS

Challenger

(D) Democrat, Working Families

(f) Doc Hamels



Background

I grew up in a blue-collar family that emphasized hard work and strong moral values. The first in my family to graduate from college, I earned a Ph.D. in education. I taught children with disabilities before entering school administration and eventually retiring as Ripley superintendent. My public service includes positions on Ripley's school and town boards, as a fire commissioner and on the library board, along with involvement in numerous community organizations.

Why are you running for County Legislature?

Through interviewing hundreds of residents on my television program, I have gained a deeper understanding of the challenges facing Chautauqua County, particularly those struggling financially. I believe my leadership experience can help bring people and resources together to support families, seniors, veterans and children. I am also troubled by the legislative majority's decision to increase its own compensation. Residents deserve leadership that prioritizes their needs and exercises fiscal responsibility.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

Rising living costs are placing significant pressure on county residents. I support prudent budgeting, appropriately sized government and improved access to services for people living in poverty. We must also address the affordability and availability of child care, expand transportation options for seniors and help residents overcome barriers to education and employment. These investments, combined with responsible fiscal management, can strengthen our communities and improve residents' quality of life.

Paid for by the Committee to Elect John Hamels.

FREDERICK JOHNSON

Incumbent

(R) Republican, Conservative

(f) Fred Johnson for County Legislator



Background

I am a Westfield native, Cornell University graduate and longtime business executive with international experience in agriculture, finance and management. My career includes leadership positions with PepsiCo, Harry & David, Chiquita and NatureSweet. I returned to Westfield in 2012 and have since refurbished and grown our family winery on West Main Road. I have served in leadership roles with local chambers of commerce and the wine industry. My wife, Jennifer, and I have two children. I have served in the County Legislature since 2023.

Why are you running for re-election to the County Legislature?

I am seeking re-election because I believe my experience in finance, economic planning and business management brings a valuable perspective to county government. Chautauqua County benefits from knowledgeable legislators and dedicated county employees. My professional experience across multiple states and countries allows me to complement that local expertise with a broader understanding of economic development, financial stewardship and long-term planning. I want to continue applying those skills to the challenges facing our county.

What important community issues will you work to address and why?

My priorities are fiscal discipline, public safety and responsible economic development. I support balanced budgets, everyday thrift and respect for taxpayers while maintaining necessary investments in our communities. I will continue supporting fire and emergency services, law enforcement and the District Attorney's Office. Economic development must also serve residents' interests, rather than prioritize subsidized wind, solar or data center developers or the political priorities of officials outside our region.

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NYS Supreme Court



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Supreme Court 101: Understanding New York's Most Misunderstood Court

Contributing Writer

Jordan Nicholson

Judicial races tend to receive considerably less attention than top-ticket races, despite their lasting implications. This year, voters will elect four justices to the New York State Supreme Court, each serving a 14-year term.

But what exactly is the State Supreme Court, why are we electing four judges, and how can someone who wasn't elected to the court end up serving on it?

Welcome to Supreme Court 101.

Unlike the federal system, New York's Supreme Court isn't actually its highest court. That distinction belongs to the Court of Appeals. Instead, the Supreme Court is primarily a trial court, handling major civil litigation, certain criminal matters, commercial disputes, and other significant legal proceedings.

New York is divided into 13 judicial districts, with Chautauqua County belonging to the Eighth Judicial District alongside Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming counties. Rather than electing judges county by county, voters throughout these eight counties collectively elect their Supreme Court justices.

The number of judgeships is established by the State Legislature, subject to constitutional population-based limitations. Generally, the Constitution permits no more than one justice for every 50,000 residents, or fraction exceeding 30,000, within a district. Justices serve staggered 14-year terms, meaning the number of available seats varies from election to election.

This November, seven candidates are competing for four positions.

Voters may select up to four candidates, with the four highest vote-getters winning.

Candidates appearing on multiple party lines have their votes combined, a practice known as electoral fusion. Unlike most political offices, major-party Supreme Court nominees are generally selected through judicial nominating conventions rather than direct primaries.

Often, local political party leadership will agree to cross-endorse certain candidates to avoid costly and competitive elections and to reward qualified longtime party supporters and standout members of the legal profession.

Judicial elections rarely generate the excitement of a congressional or gubernatorial contest. Nevertheless, the individuals elected this November will make decisions affecting families, businesses, property rights, and the interpretation of state law well into the 2040s.

Not bad for a court that isn't even the state's highest.

Family Court Judge | ALEXANDRIA MOSS

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY



ALEXANDRIA MOSS
Challenger

Ⓓ Democrat, Working Families
Alexandria Moss for Chautauqua County Family Court Judge

Alexandria Moss, Esq., is running for Chautauqua County Family Court Judge with a commitment to improving a system that must better serve the children and families who depend on it.

A graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, Alexandria brings more than a decade of experience advocating for children, supporting victims of domestic violence and representing families navigating the complexities of Family Court.

Her professional experience has provided firsthand insight into the challenges families face and reinforced her belief that the court system must prioritize safety, fairness, accountability and the best interests of children.

As a single mother raising her son, Owen, in Dunkirk, Alexandria also understands the profound impact Family Court decisions can have on a family's future. She believes families deserve a court system that listens to their concerns, protects vulnerable children and treats every individual with dignity and respect.

Alexandria is seeking the judgeship because she believes experience matters, but so does the willingness to challenge the status quo and pursue meaningful change. She envisions a Family Court that is responsive, compassionate and focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for children.

With more than a decade of experience advocating for those whose voices often go unheard, Alexandria is prepared to bring her knowledge, dedication and commitment to reform to the bench.

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Incumbent

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Chautauqua County Family Court Judge Michael Sullivan is seeking re-election to continue serving the children and families of Chautauqua County.

Since taking the bench in 2016, Judge Sullivan has overseen approximately 16,000 petitions filed in Chautauqua County Family Court and another 850 in Cattaraugus County. He also serves as an acting Supreme Court and County Court judge, handling conflict cases from Chautauqua County's courts.

"As a Family Court Judge, I have the responsibility to apply my experience and knowledge to impact the lives of children, parents, and families at the most difficult moments of their lives. I take that responsibility very seriously, and I am asking the voters of Chautauqua County for the opportunity to continue that work."

During his 10 years on the bench, Judge Sullivan has continued his involvement with the New York State Court Improvement Project, an initiative focused on strengthening the child welfare and Family Court systems and improving outcomes for children and families. The initiative brings together attorneys, court personnel, social service professionals and community organizations to address complex issues confronting Family Court.

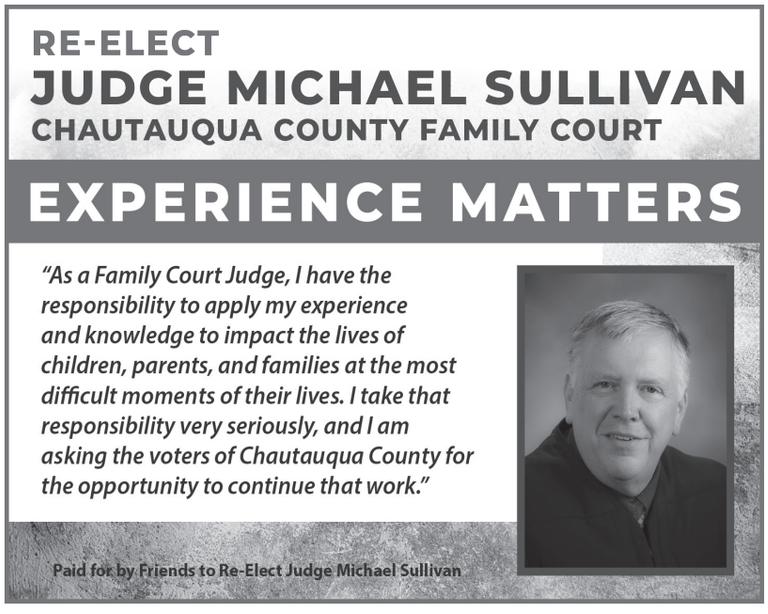
Before his election in 2016, Sullivan practiced law for 30 years, with his final 20 years focused on family law. He served as Chautauqua County's liaison to the Attorney for the Child program and as a member of the New York State Child Welfare Court Improvement Project steering committee.

He also assisted in developing the Family Court Drug Treatment Program approximately 25 years ago. Upon taking office, he began implementing the Better for Families court calendar to address substance-related issues within families and facilitate timely access to appropriate treatment.

A graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, Sullivan earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Dayton.

His community service includes 43 years as a volunteer firefighter, and he continues to respond with the Fredonia Fire Department. He served 25 years on the Dunkirk-Fredonia Salvation Army Advisory Board and 14 years on the SUNY Fredonia College Council. He is also a former mayor of the village of Fredonia.

Judge Sullivan believes his experience and commitment to public service have prepared him to continue protecting children, supporting families and ensuring that everyone appearing before the court has an opportunity to be heard.



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Town & City Candidates

CITY OF JAMESTOWN
City Councilmember Ward 2
Jason Sample (D)
Bryan S. Bigelow (R, C)

TOWN OF BUSTI
Town Justice (vote for 2)
Lyle Hajdu (R, C)
Ryan Roush (R)

TOWN OF CARROLL
Town Supervisor
Timothy Burkett (R, C)

TOWN OF CHERRY CREEK
Town Supervisor
James Abbey (R)

TOWN OF CLYMER
Town Tax Collector
Lori Carutis (R)

TOWN OF DUNKIRK
Town Councilmember
Scott Pagano (D)

TOWN OF ELLERY
Town Supervisor
Lawrence Anderson (R)

TOWN OF ELLICOTT
Town Councilmember Ward 1
James Rensel (R, C)

Town Councilmember Ward 2
Robert White (R, C)

Town Councilmember Ward 3
Katy Whitmore (R)

Town Councilmember Ward 4
Kenneth Swan (R, C)

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
Town Justice
Loren T. Kent (R)

TOWN OF HARMONY
Town Councilmember Ward 1
Jeffrey Jordan (R)

TOWN OF KIANTONE
Town Supervisor
Joshua Ostrander (R, C)

Town Clerk (vote for 1)
Mary Cook (D)
Jennifer A. Schmitt (R)

Town Highway Supt.
Robert Carlson (R, C)

Town Justice
Shannon Volpe (R)

TOWN OF MINA
Town Councilmember
Jeffrey W. Tornstrom (R)

TOWN OF POLAND
Town Supervisor
Robert Smith (R, C)

TOWN OF POMFRET
Town Councilmember
EvaDawn Bashaw (D, WF)

TOWN OF PORTLAND
Town Justice (vote for 2)
Daniel Thompson (R, C)
Daniel Larish (R, C)

TOWN OF SHERMAN
Town Highway Supt.
Michael Courtney (R)

TOWN OF VILLENOVA
Town Highway Supt.
Michael Emke Walker (R)
Town Justice
Daniel Thompson (R, C)
Daniel Larish (R, C)

TOWN OF WESTFIELD
Town Justice
Rob Wilson (R, C)

VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT
Village Trustee (vote for 2)
David Lipsey (R)
Theodore Farnham (R)

VILLAGE OF CASSADAGA
Village Trustee
David E. Rowley (R)

VILLAGE OF CELORON
Village Trustee (vote for 2)
Valerie R. Murphy (citizen)
Kate Burnett (citizen)

VILLAGE OF FREDONIA
Village Trustee
Timothy Mulholland Jr. (D)

VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE
Village Mayor
Richard Syper (R)

Village Trustee (vote for 2)
Fairlee Fischer (R)
Michael Testa (R)

VILLAGE OF PANAMA
Village Mayor
William F. Schneider (R)

Village Trustee
Todd E. Eddy (R)

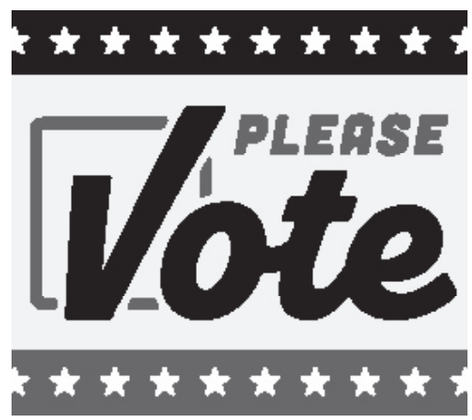
VILLAGE OF SILVER CREEK
Village Trustee (vote for 2)
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Amanda E. Austin (D)
Dwayne Haskins (R)
Mary Poissant (R)

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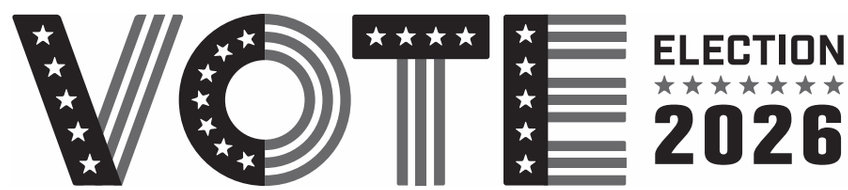
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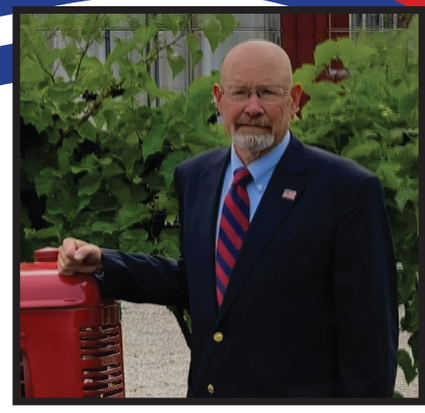
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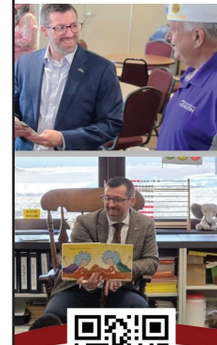
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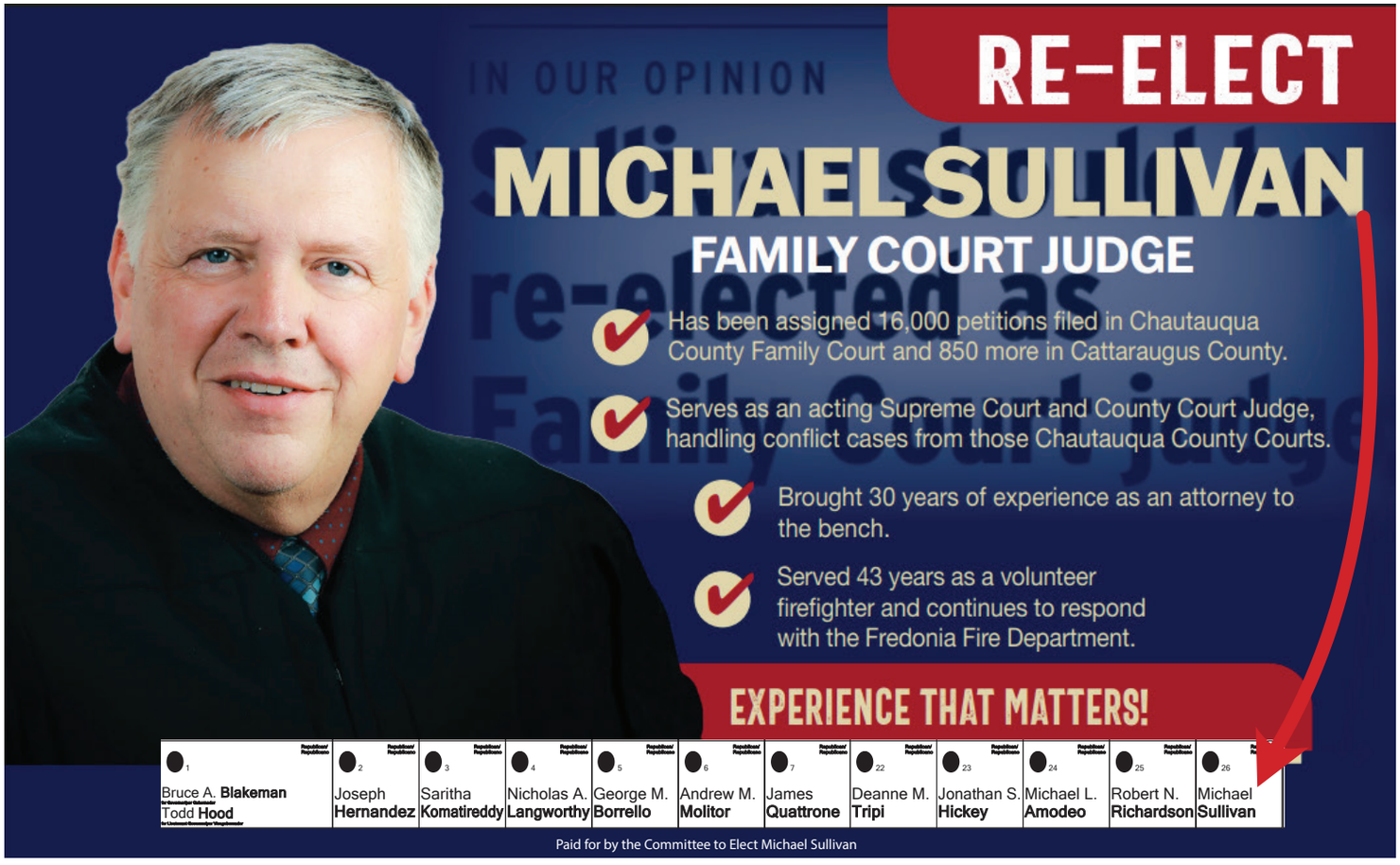
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Sullivan should be re-elected as Family Court judge

Voters have a choice when it comes to Chautauqua County Family Court Judge this year, with incumbent Michael Sullivan facing challenger Jessica Moss.

Both have impressive resumes, but Sullivan has more than a decade of experience in family law and nearly a decade representing children in Family Court.

> Ultimately, experience matters – and Sullivan has a breadth of courtroom experience that simply can't be ignored in this race. Sullivan's lengthy history as a volunteer firefighter, mayor of Fredonia and time on the Fredonia-Dunkirk Salvation Army Advisory Board have, in our opinion, exposed Sullivan to the types of life experience that we think add to his voluminous Family Court history. That makes him the best candidate for Family Court when voters head to the polls over the next couple of weeks.

Moss comes with her own strong credentials. She has last 20 years focused on family law. He served as the liaison from Chautauqua County to the Attorney for the Child program and a member of the New York State Child Welfare Court Improvement Project steering committee.

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