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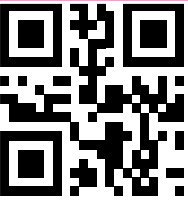
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View more paintings at ThomasAnnear.com

GRAPES, WINE & OUR REGION'S BEST

Featured Writer
Will Lively

If you are the kind of wine drinker that's looking for \$30 tastings, over-oaked Chardonnays, and reds so thick and high in alcohol that you can't tell the difference between a Cabernet Sauvignon and a Pinot Noir, where the only true tasting note is ethanol, I urge you to fly west and skip the exciting, experimental wine scene that has blossomed in the Lake Erie Wine region.

Tucked between the heat sink of Lake Erie and the parallel ridgeline, this area has weather akin to microclimates much further south, allowing for varieties that even locals don't know exist in their backyard and tucked into shops in our quaint downtown areas. Yes, there is winter snow, but our relatively mild fall, coupled with cool coastline evenings, allow for grape varieties one would traditionally find in northern Italy, France, Austria, the Balkans, and

even Georgia. Yes, there are Concord grapes grown and sold to companies like Welch's and Growers Co-op, and the occasional (excellent) strawberry or ice wine one would expect, but it's this juice grape industry that helps fund the vineyards and affords vintners the ability to create world-class wines one can experience right here in the Lake Erie Wine Country.

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BEYOND THE GLASS: WHY VISIT WINE COUNTRY?

Featured Writer
Eric LeBlanc

If you think Lake Erie Wine Country is just about wine, think again. Yes, we have award-winning Rieslings, velvety reds, crisp whites, and the kinds of local specialties that make sommeliers take notice. But when you ask our guests why they visit, the number one reason they give has nothing to do with wine at all.

1. It's About the People You Share It With

What brings most people to Lake Erie Wine Country isn't the wine—it's the company. Couples, friends, and families come here to spend quality time together, to catch up, to celebrate, to reconnect. The wine trail just happens to be the setting for those moments.

Something special happens when you slow down and travel together from one winery to the next. The road winds through vineyards and villages, and before long, the pace of everyday life fades. Conversation deepens.

Laughter comes easier. Phones get put away. You start to remember what it feels like to be fully present with the people who matter most.

And it's not only the people you come with. Visitors tell us that one of the joys of their trip is the people they meet along the way—the tasting-room staff who greet you like old friends, the winemaker who tells you how last year's harvest turned out, or the fellow traveler you bump into at two

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Memory Cafe | 10 AM

National Comedy Center | Jamestown
For Info: comedycenter.org/memorycafe

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

2025 Holiday Studio Open House 10 AM-5 PM daily

Janet Mandel Art Studio | Kennedy
For Info: janetmandel.com

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Election Day | 6 AM-9 PM

Chautauqua County
For Info: votechautauqua.com

The Cinema Series: The Senior 7:30 PM

1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center
Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Movies at The Reg: Eleanor The Great | 7 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Large Household Sale

(Wed 12 PM-6 PM,
Thurs 9 AM-6 PM & Fri 9 AM-5 PM)

3187 Strunk Rd. | Jamestown
For Info: estatesales.net/NY/Jamestown/14701/4707786

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Cigar Dinner | 6 PM

Wicked Warren's | Jamestown
For Info: 716-484-4070

Barcelona Harbor 1800-1860 7 PM

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For Info: fredopera.org

"Agile Leadership through Improv" Workshop

10 AM-12:30 PM

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

First Friday | 11 AM-12 PM

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Lake Erie Wine Country Harvest Wine Weekend

(Fri 12 PM-5 PM, Sat 10 AM-5 PM &
Sun 10 AM-4 PM)

Lake Erie Wine Country | Westfield
For Info: lakeeriewinecountry.org

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Little Explorers: Time for Turkeys 10 AM-11:30 AM

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
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CatVideoFest 2025 | 2 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
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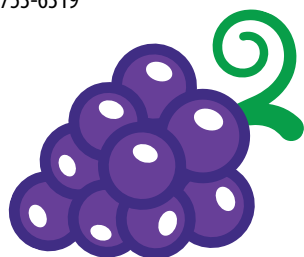
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Lana Turner: "The Root of All Evil" | 10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown
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Editorial with Lori Cornell

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Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

I was fascinated - but not surprised - to learn about a recent revelation from a Lake Erie Wine Country study. One of our wine trail's most undertapped geographic markets is ourselves!

It's the old "Niagara Falls Syndrome." (Yes, I just made that up. But it's true!) One of the wonders of the world is in our backyard, but when is the last time you visited? How many times in your life have you ever even rode the Maid of the Mist?! Maybe less than your number of trips to Florida I'd bet. Me too.

The same principle might well be applied to our Lake Erie Wine Country. This breathtaking 53 mile stretch of vineyards from Harborcreek, PA to Silver Creek, NY is truly one of its kind in the world. It's the largest grape-growing region east of the Rockies and home to more than twenty wineries that compete on an international stage.

Experienced winos and eager novices travel in droves from Erie, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Buffalo and throughout vast corners of the country on a regular basis to our wine trail. But, some of us locals might be remiss in our visits.

Maybe you've frequented a winery

or two, but have you ever "done the trail?!" The **WHOLE** trail?

In support of our partners in the Lake Erie Wine Country, we hence take this opportunity to propose: The **CHQ Gazette Wine Trail Challenge!**

Here's your mission, should you choose to accept it: in one weekend, visit all 21 wineries! Then, let us know about your success. Report back on your hands-on learning experiences, the fun you had and share your support for our wine country. Post your pics on Facebook and tag the Gazette!

Or, if you're feeling particularly adventurous, take the **ULTIMATE Trail Challenge**: hit all 21 in one day. I have twice attempted such an effort and came very close, but ran up against closing time for my final few wineries. Rest assured, I'll keep trying. The Ultimate Trail Challenge requires an early start, careful planning, ample sustenance, ambitious friends and an expert DD.

If you're busy these next two Harvest Weekends, not to worry. The wineries are open all year round and eager for your patronage anytime! Buy a ticket for the special Harvest Weekend festivities/pairings and/or enjoy the wine trail any old date you choose. Either way, you won't be disappointed. Every winery offers a unique and extraordinary experience.

I'll close with just one prime example: When you step out onto the rolling hills of Noble Winery; atop the most gorgeous lakefront overlook you've ever seen; set against the colorful backdrop of the biggest blue skies and bountiful vineyards below...I promise, you'll thank me.

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WINE & GRAPES Trivia

1. The annual fall festival offering wine pairings along the Concord Grape belt?
2. The museum/gift shop/educational epicenter of the wine trail?
3. The oldest estate winery in New York State with beautiful outdoor dining awaits.
4. The winery with such a pretty view of Lake Erie that the description is in its name.
5. The "54" in the name of this winery denotes the year that the Colletta family began their vineyard operation along Lake Erie.
6. This winery is set atop the rolling hills of Westfield with a gorgeous view of Lake Erie.
7. Beyond winemaking, this destination is also a beloved Pennsylvania Gastropub and brewery.
8. This winery, in downtown North East, is known for its wine slushies to-go among its many savory draws.
9. Conveniently located along Route 20, this winery features a classic "courtyard" veranda, local artisan snacks and award-winning wines.
10. The strong and effective member association representing 21 wineries along the Lake Erie corridor from Harborcreek, PA to Silver Creek, NY.

1. Harvest Weekends 2. Grape Discovery Center 3. Johnson Estate Winery 4. Lakeview Wine Cellars 5. Cellar '54 6. Noble Winery 7. Yori Wine Cellars 8. Driftwood Cellars 9. Courtyard Winery 10. Lake Erie Wine Country

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Blue Star Mothers presents: The Blue Wing Fest

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The NY Chapter 4 of the Blue Star Mothers of America along with the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club will once again host their annual Blue Wing Fest on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 1 to 4 PM at the Lakewood Rod and Gun Club, 433 E Terrace Avenue, Lakewood NY. Also, once again this year, Brian Nelson of the Falconer Vac Shop has generously donated a poly-wood balcony settee valued at \$800 for raffle.

Proceeds from the Blue Wing Fest will be used for the Blue Star Mothers' Annual Christmas Care Package Drive, sending Christmas cheer to US deployed troops all around the world. Each year the NY4 Blue Star Mothers send over 1200 care packages to deployed troops, most of which are at Christmastime. Postage alone for these packages is greater than \$25,000, and the funds for this cost are raised through the generous support of the local community.

Raffle tickets for both the poly-wood furniture and for the Wing Fest are available at the door for the event, or by emailing bluestarmothersny4@yahoo.com. The Wing Fest will feature multiple flavors of chicken wings to sample, basket raffles, 50/50 drawings, the Buffalo Bills game on large-screen TVs, and a cash bar. Wing Fest tickets are \$20 per person, and furniture tickets are \$10 each or 3/\$20.

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Beyond the Glass: Why You Should Visit Lake Erie Wine Country

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or three stops along the trail and end up sharing stories with over a glass of something new.

That’s what makes Lake Erie Wine Country so much more than a day trip. It’s a reminder that hospitality is still alive and well here, that kindness is contagious, and that a day spent with good people is one of life’s greatest pleasures.

2. A Sense of Place Like Nowhere Else

The second reason people love Lake Erie Wine Country is the unmistakable sense of place. It’s a region where time seems to move just a little slower, where every curve of the road gives you another postcard-worthy view of vineyards rolling down toward the lake.

There’s something grounding about standing among the vines, feeling the lake breeze, and realizing you’re part of a living landscape—one shaped by nature, history, and generations of families who have farmed and crafted here for more than a century.

Whether you’re a visitor discovering this corner of the world for the first time, a local showing off your hometown to friends, or simply someone who’s decided to take a break from the rush of everyday life, Wine Country offers a chance to pause and appreciate the finer things we often rush past.

A glass of wine tastes a little different when you’re surrounded by the land that produced it. You notice the sunlight reflecting off the lake, the smells of the vineyards, the laughter drifting from a table nearby. You begin to feel a quiet gratitude for the beauty of this region—and maybe a bit of pride, too.

This is a place that invites you to breathe deeply, slow down, and remember what it means to feel at home.

3. The Craft Behind the Pour

Of course, the wines themselves are worth celebrating. Lake Erie Wine Country is one of the most diverse wine regions in the country, home to more than twenty wineries stretching across two states and fifty miles of shoreline. You’ll find everything

from elegant European-style vinifera to sweet fruit wines and innovative blends that defy easy categorization.

But behind every bottle is a story. The “terroir.” The soil, the climate, the work, the art. The dreams and passions of people who choose to bring a little something into the world to make it just a bit nicer. A team of tasting-room staff who love nothing more than helping guests discover their new favorite wine—whether it’s dry or sweet, bold or light, “serious” or simply delightful.

That’s one of the best things about our region: you don’t have to be a wine expert to feel at home here. If you know what you like, we’ll help you find it. If you don’t, we’ll help you explore until you do. Many of our wineries also offer locally crafted beers, ciders, or spirits, so everyone in your group can find something to enjoy.

What you’ll experience in Lake Erie Wine Country is a celebration of craft in every sense of the word—the craft of winemaking, the craft of hospitality, and the craft of living well.

A Place Where You Belong

In the end, a visit to Lake Erie Wine Country isn’t just a weekend getaway. It’s an invitation to rediscover connection—connection with the people you love, with the land you call home, and with the simple joy of sharing something good.

So, the next time you’re looking for a reason to visit, think beyond the glass. Think about that moment when the sun dips toward the lake and everything feels calm and golden. Think about the laughter of friends at your side. Think about the feeling, rare these days, of belonging exactly where you are.

That’s what Lake Erie Wine Country is really about. And for that reason alone—it’s worth the trip.

Eric LeBlanc is the Executive Director of Lake Erie Wine Country, a nonprofit association of twenty-two wineries along the shores of Lake Erie in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. He believes the region’s greatest vintage is the sense of belonging it offers everyone who visits.



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Johnson Estate Winery

So, join me on a wine tour of some of our favorite hidden gems and meet a few of the passionate, quirky, experimental owners and growers who make this region and its wines exceptional.

Johnson Estate Winery

8419 W Main St
Westfield, NY 14787

The first thing one notices upon entering Johnson Estate is the beautifully preserved and updated historic buildings. The barn tasting room, clad in timber, was originally a 1920s apple building. Alongside it stands the well-preserved family brick home, its walls several feet thick. This vineyard is an excellent place to bring the family and enjoy one of the guided walking tours offered on 115 acres of vines overlooking Lake Erie.

Johnson Estate is a historic vineyard. According to family legend, alcohol

usually a Chardonnay fan, I was pleasantly surprised by the lack of overbearing oak in their Bright Steel Chardonnay. It tasted like what Chardonnay used to taste like before oak became king. I found it to be crisp, refreshing, and floral.

The tasting itself was an enjoyable experience, with wine stewards Kathryn Bronstein and Melissa Schrader providing lively conversation and excellent wine education. Each tasting costs around \$5 and includes light bar food to enjoy during your visit. Also, if you're lucky enough to visit during the winter season, you'll have the opportunity to try their delicious red or white mulled wine. One Melissa Schrader not only made me cup of each with slices of fresh orange and a stick of cinnamon, but also wrote out her favorite method for serving mulled wine at home. So, when the sangria weather passes, make sure to stop in for their excellent mulled wine.



Courtyard Winery

production began on the property when patriarch Frederick Johnson planted apples and other fruits at the beginning of the 20th century, eventually turning to alcohol production during Prohibition. By 1961, the next generation of Fred Johnsons—father of the current proprietor—began a winery on the property, making it the oldest estate winery in the New York State. The current owners, Fred and Jennifer Johnson, have grown many European and hybrid varietals, but are particularly proud of their American heritage vines such as Ives Noir, which lends itself to excellent ports and other fortified wines.

In the service of the public, I decided to have a tasting or two. I found their Pinot Noir to be a classic, light, dry, and fruity Pinot, which is hard to find in an era where taste is often sacrificed for viscosity and alcohol content. Although I am not

Courtyard Winery

10021 W Main St Rd
North East, PA 16428

Like Johnson Estate, Courtyard greets you with friendly stewards and passionate owners. The newer building features an open-plan tasting room, perfect for entertaining, which leads to an intimate cask room also available for events. Owners Randy and Laura Graham were avid wine drinkers before they became superb vintners, and their passion is evident in their practice. Come on the right day, and you may end up with a guided tour of the winery, including the press, fermentation tanks, and more as Randy regales you with the history of different varietals and the Lake Erie wine region. Pro tip: ask Randy about the Lake Erie region map on the wall and learn more about the wine region and its geography and climate than you ever

imagined. In fact, it was from Randy that I learned that one area of the wine region contains 5,000 contiguous acres of vines, more than any area east of the Rockies. Also notable is that all of Courtyards' grapes are sourced within five miles of the winery, a rarity for the region, considering many wineries import at least some of their grapes from western states.

However, just because the grapes are local doesn't mean the vintners aren't searching far and wide for the best varietals to grow in the region. One of Randy's prides, and my personal favorite (I may have an empty bottle at home!), is their Saperavi. Originally grown in the country of Georgia, a region notable for being the first area in the world to show archeological evidence of viticulture, Randy found it a suitable grape for growing in the Lake Erie Shore microclimate. This full-bodied, dry red wine has notes of dark fruits and chocolate that any tannin lover can appreciate. Other notable wines include their Noiret and Zweigelt, a red grape widely cultivated in Austria. Similarly, their Captain's Series of barrel-aged wines feature excellent taste and value for those looking for a Great Lakes gift to take home to skeptical family members (if you can wait that long to uncork). The white wine logo even has an image of the Great Lakes made of sea glass.

In the end, Courtyard stands out as a winery with a family atmosphere, backed by a dedication to sustainability and a focus on selecting the best varietals to grow in the region.

also house-made beers and ciders, as well as counter-served small plates that can rival any Brooklyn gastropub.

Although Michael started the pizzeria thirty years ago, the gastropub and winery are now truly a family affair. On the day I visited, Michael was manning the bar while Lynn worked in the kitchen. The three daughters, Kariann, Allison, and Mikaela (named after Michael), are also intimately involved in the winery/pub, assisting with menu creation, beer and wine selection, and hosting special events at the venue. Currently, Kariann is finishing a wine-making program at Penn State, and Allison and Mikaela have helped host a 75-person event at Yori.

Again, in the interest of public service, I tried several beers and wines and found all of them to be excellent. I was skeptical of the variety of beer, as not many brewers can master a coffee porter and make a decent sour, but I was pleasantly surprised. Their Irish Stout was chocolatey and rich, but not overly filling, and their Coffee Porter nosed the fine aroma of espresso, tasted of chocolate, and was velvety smooth. Their Melon Sour was perfect, fruity and just sour enough, unlike the pucker monsters that are currently gaining in popularity.

Of their 33 wines, all but their merlot is grown locally. Two of my favorites were the Cabernet Franc, parent to the Cabernet Sauvignon, which has the feel of a full-bodied yet more complex Cab



Yori Wine Cellars

Yori Wine Cellars and Brewing Company,

18 S Lake St
North East, PA 16428

Yori, founded by Michael and Lynn Yori, is more than just a winery and tasting room. Beginning as a pizza takeout spot, Michael developed a passion for wine and eventually expanded into a winery. Walking into the original 1870s building, which the family has been renovating themselves, one is struck by the ornate Gilded Age decorative tin ceilings and crown molding. Moving to the hand-cut bar with naturally textured edging and brass details, one finds not just wines, but

Sauv. Next, Michael recommended a specialty of the house and an oddity in the wine world, a semi-dry red served chilled. Developed in Minnesota to withstand the winters, the St. Croix is a lovely wine that tastes of dark berries and could easily replace a white on warm summer afternoons.

Yori stands out not just for what they're doing, but all that they're doing so well. From renovations to wines, beers, and food, they have an eye for detail and a knack for successful experimentation that other proprietors struggle to match.

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Lakeview Wine Cellars
8440 Singer Rd
North East, PA 16428

Owners Sam and Becky Best know what they have working in their favor, and that is the amazing hilltop lake view. Arriving at Lakeview, you are greeted by rows of vines and a building façade that, though quaint, doesn't hint at the striking high-ceilinged A-frame view of the lake and countryside you'll enjoy while tasting their excellent wines.

Seated at their wraparound counter filled with customer-provided sands and shells under glass (There are over 250 in the counter, ranging from the Great Lakes to the Middle East, with 250 more under the counter waiting to be displayed), one can enjoy their entirely locally sourced wines while marveling at the counter display.

Lakeview prefers to keep its collection of wines small, focusing on quality. Husband Sam, with his degree in enology, has won many awards. Their Cavitation, a semi-sweet, carbonated wine, has won several awards, including Double Gold from the American Wine Society. In fact, of their selection of eight wines, five have won awards, with thirteen total awards for their various wines.

Rather than focus on novelty wines or wide selections, Sam and Becky deliver what their customers want: beautiful views and excellent wines.



Cellar '54
9368 W Law Rd
North East, PA 16428

Another family operation, the original farm was purchased by Dan Coletta, Sr. in 1954 and was converted into a full-time winery and tasting room in 2021 by current owner Dan Coletta, Jr., skilled vintner Beau Coletta, and daughters Morgan Kirsch, Jen Macall, and Cassandra Reed, who handle business transactions and events.

Besides the welcoming tasting room, one highlight of the winery is its large, heated sunroom, featuring bocce ball, cornhole, and ample seating. This winery is perfect for those winter days when parents and kids need to get out and enjoy some



indoor fun, accompanied by a glass of wine to keep the cold at bay. Also featured in the sunroom are weekly Cellar Jams on Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (with a short break in January). This space is also available for event rentals.

As for the wines, having been swayed by earlier trials of semi-sweet reds, I gave a wine named Goddess a try and was pleasantly surprised. Deemed a semi-dry by the winery, it had a pleasant, mild sweetness and a fruity punch offset by the residual acidity. Overall, a very enjoyable wine for dry lovers and sweet wine drinkers alike.

Next, and one of my favorites of the day, was Noiret. Many vintners and sommeliers will speak of notes of pepper, and to be honest, I've never once noticed it in a wine. Enter Cellar '54's Noiret. It nosed and felt like many superb full-bodied reds at first but opened up to a distinct and delightful black pepper flavor towards the end. If you

have time, try the Noiret and ask Beau to explain how and why the black pepper note is so prominent in this wine. You'll walk away educated and impressed with both the wine and Beau.

In the end, Cellar '54 holds up to its slogan: Be a part of the family and come sip with us!

Driftwood Cellar
20 E Main St
North East, PA 16428

If you're looking for an urban winery with a sense of humor and some seriously good wines, Driftwood Cellars is the place to be. Nestled in the heart of downtown North East, Pennsylvania, the winery boasts

some great wines with even better names (Fancy AF or Pour Decisions, anyone?).

The winery began with co-owner and husband Dave Stempka's wine-making hobby. In 2021, wife Krista Stempka decided to go all in, and the dream of a winery with attitude was born. All of the wine names are inspired or chosen by their five children, and because North East allows drinks bought from restaurants and wineries on the sidewalks, they also began to sell alcoholic slushie pouches (pictured above).

Nearing the end of my tour, I decided it was time to try some whites, and I was pleasantly surprised by their Unapologetically Unambitious Chardonnay. None of their whites are oaked, and Unapologetically Unambitious was floral, fruity, and drier than expected for its fruity notes. As a testament to its greatness, after a day of sampling, it was the only glass of wine I purchased.

Whether you like delicious wines with devious names, supporting local businesses, daiquiris, or ojust fun environments, Driftwood Cellar is worth a stop.

hillside, vineyards, and lake. The perfect venue for entertaining large parties, the facility also allows families and dogs to enjoy the fields and rows of vines.

Pete had been making wine long before he realized his retirement dream, along with his late wife Diane, in 2006. At 13, he began experimenting with winemaking using chokecherries and other fruits. According to Pete, these early trials yielded more failures than successes. Later, he worked handpicking grapes, making 20 cents per 45-pound crate.

Today, with his son Patrick taking over wine making, you can still enjoy one of the many varieties offered by Noble, including oaked and unoaked whites, dry Cabernet Sauvignons with notes of chocolate and berries, and even juicy reds made with the region's infamous founding grape, the Concord. I took home a bottle of highly recommended port for the holidays.

So, grab a glass or bottle, head out to the lawn or fireplace, and look for Pete to entertain you with stories of his life in wine.

After a day of touring wineries and sampling wines, I have no doubt that the Lake Erie Wine Country can compete with any wine-producing area in the country.



Noble Winery
8630 Hardscrabble Rd
Westfield, NY 14787

Although Noble Winery produces excellent wines and is a pillar of the wine region thanks to owner Pete Noble, it is worth a stop simply for the beautiful vineyard and lake views from its tasting room and veranda. Come for the wine and stay for the views, or vice versa.

The facility, a beautiful winery and tasting room in one, was designed by Pete and built by local Amish. The building features a long bar, ample seating area, a fireplace, and bay windows overlooking the veranda,

Like all residents of this area, they know harsh winters, yet while others flee south, they adapt and overcome. That holds true for the mom driving her children to school, the trash collectors working around snowbanks, and especially for the wine makers fermenting world-class wines in the face of world-class winters. Those in Napa may not believe it, but they haven't sampled what I have and met the creative, determined growers that this region creates.

So, get in your car and go support a couple of local growers by drinking some wine. Or, on second thought, maybe take an Uber.



Chautauqua County Awarded \$1 Million to Advance Major Housing and Infrastructure Projects.



Welch's Building Rendering, Westfield, NY

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The Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development is proud to announce that the County has been awarded a \$1 million grant through the New York State Empire State Development (NYS ESD) County Infrastructure Grant Program. This funding will be used to advance two transformative housing and infrastructure projects that strengthen communities, expand housing opportunities, and support economic growth across Chautauqua County.

The grant funds will be allocated as follows:

- \$200,000 will support infrastructure costs to relocate sewer infrastructure for the Homesteads at Dunkirk Landing housing development project in the City of Dunkirk. This project, being implemented by Regan Development, will create 78 new housing units and help address a critical need for modern, high-quality housing options along the Lake Erie waterfront.
- \$800,000 will support infrastructure improvements

for the Welch's Building redevelopment project in the Village of Westfield, being implemented by Samuel Savarino. The funding will go toward electrical service upgrades, underground vault seal-offs, sidewalks, landscaping, and lighting improvements to facilitate the creation of 46 new housing units in the heart of Westfield's downtown district.

These investments build upon Chautauqua County's ongoing efforts to enhance public infrastructure, revitalize downtowns, and expand housing options that meet the needs of residents and employers alike. Both projects represent significant partnerships between the public and private sectors, leveraging state resources to spur long-term community and economic benefits.

"This investment is a win for our residents, our communities, and our future. Strengthening housing and infrastructure is critical to keeping Chautauqua County competitive and livable," said PJ Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. "These projects will not only create quality homes for our residents but also support local jobs and economic development. I'm proud of the partnerships that made this possible and grateful to New York State for recognizing the importance of investing in Chautauqua County's growth."



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Seasons of Discovery: There's Always a Reason to Visit Lake Erie Wine Country

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Eric LeBlanc

Lake Erie Wine Country isn't just a summer destination—it's a year-round invitation to savor the good things in life. From harvest celebrations to cozy winter tastings, there's always something happening along our fifty-mile trail of vineyards and shoreline, where every season brings its own kind of magic.

Come for the Celebration

Some visitors love the energy of our big events—the laughter, the music, the excitement of hundreds of people exploring the trail together. For them, our Harvest Celebration Weekends are a highlight of the year. This fall, on November 7–9 and November 14–16, every winery in our association will welcome guests with tastings, food pairings, and the kind of warm hospitality that has made Lake Erie Wine Country famous.

It's a perfect way to experience the region: a blend of old friends, new discoveries, and the unmistakable feeling that you're part of something joyful. To learn more or purchase tickets, visit lakeeriewinecountry.org/events/lewc-events.

Stay for the Fun

But the excitement doesn't stop there. All year long, our wineries host events that showcase the creativity and community that make this region special. You might find yourself playing Singo—a musical twist on bingo—while singing along with friends. Or maybe you'll catch a local band's CD release party, a murder mystery dinner, or a winemaker's dinner under twinkling lights.

If you're looking for something unforgettable, how about a train ride through our scenic countryside, complete with wine tasting on board? From live music to special pairings, private vineyard tours to art exhibits, there's always something new to discover.

You can keep up with all our happenings by visiting lakeeriewinecountry.org/events/winery-events or by following Lake Erie Wine Country on Instagram and Facebook. Most of our

wineries share their own updates on social media too—special events, seasonal releases, and thoughts from the people who make this community what it is.

Or Simply Come to Slow Down

Of course, you don't need an event to enjoy Wine Country. Sometimes the best visits are the unplanned ones—a free afternoon, a call to a friend, and a drive down the lake to explore a new tasting room.

Each of our twenty wineries has its own personality, its own story, and its own collection of wines to discover. Maybe you'll find a new favorite, or maybe you'll simply find a quiet moment overlooking the vineyard, glass in hand, taking in the lake breeze and the feeling that the world has slowed down just for you.

Lake Erie Wine Country has a way of reminding you to breathe deeply and appreciate the small things—good company, good wine, and a place that feels welcoming no matter the season.

Pairings Worth Remembering

Wine may be at the heart of our region, but it's far from the whole story. One of the best ways to experience Lake Erie Wine Country is to pair your visit with other local treasures.

Spend a morning exploring Panama Rocks and then relax with a tasting at Arundel Cellars. Tour the historic Dunkirk Lighthouse before stopping at Liberty Vineyards. Visit Johnson Estate and then head to the National Comedy Center for an evening of laughter. Or plan a stop at 6 Mile Cellars and a night out in downtown Erie.

There's no wrong way to do it—only your way. Create your own pairings, your own story, your own weekend of memories.

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Jane Fischer (center, kneeling), creative change facilitator with the Creative Education Foundation, is shown here with members of the Chautauqua Leadership Network Class of 2025. On Nov. 7 Friday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Community Training Center in Lakewood, Fischer is conducting a leadership workshop, presented jointly by the Chautauqua Professionals Group and the Jamestown Young Professionals. The cost to attend is \$15 and includes lunch. To register, visit ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

Lauren Turner Discusses “The Root of All Evil” at Sunday’s Unitarian Service

This Sunday, November 9, and next at the 10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown services, retired Methodist minister Lauren Turner takes a two-part look at “The Root of All Evil.” Turner says that in capitalistic societies such as ours, wealth can determine everything from political influence to feelings of self-worth. Capitalism has a record of creating extremes of wealth and poverty leading almost invariably to violence, but alternatives to capitalism can be even worse. All major religions warn about the dangers of greed. Jesus likened it to an unquenchable addiction that enslaves people. A wide range of economists are currently predicting an impending economic catastrophe. Parts 1 and 2 (next week) of this series will examine this problem and possible solutions to it, both for individuals and societies at large. Everyone is welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



Seasons of Discovery: There’s Always a Reason to Visit Lake Erie Wine Country

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Ready to start planning? Visit lakeeriewinecountry.org to learn more about our wineries, events, and member experiences.

If you’re exploring the western end of our trail, connect with VisitErie for lodging, dining, and event ideas. On the eastern side, Tour Chautauqua is your guide to local attractions, seasonal events, and hidden gems you won’t want to miss.

See You in Wine Country

Whatever the season, whatever your reason, Lake Erie Wine Country is

waiting to welcome you. Come for the celebrations, come for the quiet, come for the connections.

Take a breath, slow down, take a sip—and enjoy everything our region has to offer.

See you in Lake Erie Wine Country.

Eric LeBlanc is the Executive Director of Lake Erie Wine Country, a nonprofit association of twenty-two wineries along the shores of Lake Erie in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. He believes the region’s greatest vintage is the sense of belonging it offers everyone who visits.

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Sellstrom Named to Succeed Leathers as Jamestown BPU General Manager

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Board of Public Utilities

Jamestown native Kristofor G. Sellstrom has been named the next General Manager by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), to succeed current General Manager David L. Leathers, who will retire in January, 2026.



Kristofor G. Sellstrom

Sellstrom is a lifelong Jamestown resident and a New York-licensed professional engineer. He has dedicated nearly fourteen years to the BPU in progressively senior leadership roles, having most recently served as Deputy General Manager – Electric.

Sellstrom began his BPU career in 2011 as a Junior Engineer, progressing to Electrical Engineer in 2014. In 2018, Sellstrom was promoted to Senior Electrical Engineer and Energy and Gas Resources Manager, and earned his Professional Engineer license in New York State. He worked as the Electric Division's Transmission and Distribution Manager before his June, 2024, promotion to Deputy General Manager – Electric.

Sellstrom earned his Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Vermont and his Master of Business Administration from Pennsylvania State University – The Behrend College.

In the Greater Jamestown community, Sellstrom is a board member of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. Previously serving as Co-Chair of both the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation and the Jamestown Young Professionals, he assisted the Chautauqua County United Way and volunteers with the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol. The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce honored him as the

Young Community Leader of the Year in 2016 and he is a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout.

Nationally, Sellstrom was the Chair of the Customer Connections Energy Innovation Planning Committee for the American Public Power Association (APPA) and served as a member of the APPA Smart Energy Providers Committee. In 2024, he appeared as one of three speakers in an APPA webinar regarding "Public Power Lessons Learned from the Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program."

A graduate of Jamestown High School, Sellstrom is married to Simone Sellstrom. The couple has three sons.

In announcing the selection of the new General Manager, BPU Chair Gregory A. Anderson stated, "On behalf of the Board, we are pleased to announce that after an extensive search and interview process that included both internal and external candidates, Kristofor has been selected to follow Dave Leathers as BPU General Manager upon Dave's retirement in January, 2026. We have complete confidence in Kristofor's ability to lead this utility into the future. Having already served as Deputy GM, we feel that he has a unique set of skills and experiences that will serve him well. We look forward to working with him and his staff."

"I am honored to be entrusted with this responsibility and look forward to working closely with the Board, employees and the community to build upon the BPU's long history of service and innovation," said



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Grape Discovery Center



Board members:

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(missing from photo Carolyn Bills-Secretary and Bob Mazza).

The Grape Discovery Center is located in the center of the 60 mile long Lake Erie Grape Belt which begins in the Harborcreek, PA area and extends to the Silver Creek, NY area. Approximately 30,000 acres of grapes are grown here. This area is the largest grape growing region east of the Rocky Mountains. The predominate variety grown is Concord of the Vitis Labrusca grape species. Niagara, Catawba and many wine varieties are also grown in the region. Wineries are increasing in number in the region.

The Grape Discovery Center is a Chautauqua County Tourist Information Center. For visitors, it offers a delightful gift shop of items and products related to the grape industry; a wonderful display of wines and juices produced in the Lake Erie Grape Belt for customer purchase, a tasting bar which offers various wines and juices from the area, slushies, grape ice cream and other tasty treats. The Star Family Exhibit Room displays the history of the Region's grape industry, and the Steven Baran Patio offers a wonderful outdoor setting to enjoy your favorite beverage and snack.

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Audubon Community Nature Center begins days of activities with First Friday at 11 a.m. this week when Alaska native and Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy Land Specialist Bethany O'Hagan talks about the importance of the watershed we live in.

Make your reservations by Thursday for Saturday's Little Explorers. Then bring your favorite 3 to 8-year-old(s) for "Time for Turkeys" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. After a short indoor lesson, head outside to think like a turkey to find food and shelter. A snack is provided after the hike and a craft is offered if there is time.

Reservations are also required by Thursday for Day Camps on the school holidays next Monday and Tuesday, November 10 and 11. Ages 4 to 11 can

explore outdoors, play, climb, run, and engage their senses as they discover crisp weather and crunchy leaves, animals storing and gathering food, and plants ready to spend the winter safely in a state of dormancy.

Nature Center building admission is free on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11. Experience the new interactive honeybees exhibit, go fishing in the indoor pond, climb through the indoor tree, and get up close and personal with live animals including turtles, toads, Hellbenders and more. And be sure to stop in the Blue Heron Gift Shop.

The Nature Center is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. For more information and to make reservations for Little Explorers or November Camps, call (716) 569-2345 or go to AudubonCNC.org/Events.

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Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier Celebrates 125 Years of Leadership in Manufacturing at Annual Meeting



Chase Churchill, Incoming MAST President, Todd Trantum, MAST Executive Director, Jay Churchill, MAST President 1997-1999, Dale Gier, Outgoing MAST President.

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Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier

The Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST) marked a historic milestone on Thursday, Oct. 30th, celebrating 125 years of advancing manufacturing across Western New York. The Annual Meeting, held at the Harbor Hotel, brought together industry leaders, educators, workforce partners and community stakeholders to honor the Association’s enduring legacy and look toward the future of manufacturing in the region.

MAST President Dale Gier called the meeting to order and presented the Treasurer’s and Nominations Reports, highlighting both MAST’s sound fiscal management and its strategic investment in the growth of Dream It Do It Western New York. Over the past three and a half years, MAST has invested \$200,000 into Dream It Do It WNY, leveraging those funds to secure more than \$2 million in external support for expanding manufacturing workforce education across the region. Gier also recognized outgoing MAST Board members and Immediate Past President Rhonda Johnson of Weber Knapp.

“For 125 years, MAST has championed the growth and vitality of manufacturing across Western New York,” Gier said. “Our mission—to enhance the region’s economic strength by advancing the common interests of manufacturers—remains as vital today as it was when our founders began this journey. We stand here tonight on the shoulders of those who came before us—leaders who gave their time, their wisdom, and their passion to strengthen manufacturing in this region.

The programs we champion, the partnerships we celebrate, and the progress we continue to make are all reflections of the foundation you built.”

Following Gier’s address, incoming President Chase Churchill of Jamestown Electro Plating spoke briefly, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to lead the Association into its next chapter. “Our success as an organization is only as good as the strength of the partnerships we build. I look forward to being part of growing and expanding our partnerships with other regional organizations,” stated Churchill. “We will continue to seek to align resources, share expertise, and deliver practical, high-value services that make a measurable difference for our members.” Churchill will succeed Gier as MAST President for the 2026–2027 term.

A highlight of the evening was a moderated discussion featuring former MAST Presidents Bruce Erickson, Jay Churchill, Maynard Cotter, John Zabrodsky and Rhonda Johnson, who shared insights from their tenures and advice for the next generation of manufacturing leaders. The program also featured Austin Walker, Vice President of Operations at Veryable, who discussed innovative approaches to addressing workforce needs through on-demand labor solutions for manufacturers.

Looking ahead, Trantum emphasized MAST’s commitment to “Building Upon Our Legacy” by continuing to strengthen relationships regionally, statewide, and nationally, with a focus on advocacy, talent development, and organizational collaboration.

“We are connecting education,

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Protecting Our Waters



Highlighting Waterkeeper Alliance’s national education on PFAS, forever chemicals

- ✓ PFAS are found in multiple manufactured products
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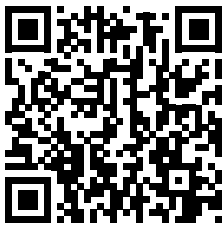




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VOTING 101 IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Election Commissioners remind voters to check polling locations and review sample ballots

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Chautauqua County

Chautauqua County Election Commissioners Luz E. Torres and Nacole L. Ellis have announced that a total of 80,033 active voters are registered to participate in the upcoming General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. across the county.

All voters with poll site changes have been mailed a blue postcard with the information on it.

Eligibility to Vote: Any New York State citizen at least age 18 at the date of the General Election who previously registered by October 25 is eligible to vote.

How to determine where to vote on Election Day, Status of Early Mail/Absentee Ballot and Voter Eligibility Status? Visit www.votechautauqua.com and click on "Voter Lookup and Ballot Tracker" to access the voter's current information, or call the Board of Elections at 716-753-4580

How to see a sample of the ballot? Visit www.votechautauqua.com and click on "Sample Ballots" to view the Election Day ballot.

Bilingual Ballots
Voters outside the Cities of Dunkirk and Jamestown will notice all ballots are now bilingual, featuring both English and Spanish on each ballot due to new Election Law changes. Votes in the two Cities have had Bilingual ballots since

2024 and were previously offered separately, in English and Spanish.

Moved?
If a voter registered previously anywhere in New York State and is in current active or inactive voter registration status anywhere in New York State and failed to notify the Board of Elections, the voter may go to his or her new polling place on Election Day Nov. 5th or any county early voting site before the election, fill out a provisional affidavit ballot and once the voter is proven to be eligible, that ballot will be counted following the Election.

Voting Technology: Early voters and Election Day voters will sign in to vote on an electronic poll book tablet. The signature will be compared to the electronic voter registration signature on file.

Where to see election results? www.votechautauqua.com will have live county election night results starting at 9:15 p.m. Early Mail/Absentee & Early Voting totals will be posted on the county website after the polls close along with Election Day results from the Carlson Community Center. Election Day results will be added as available. Early Mail/Absentee ballots received after 3PM on Friday, October 31 and Affidavit Ballots will be counted and added to Election Day totals. Early Mail/Absentee Ballots have 7 days to be returned (as long as they are postmarked by Election Day). Additionally, valid federal overseas and military ballots have until thirteen days after the election to be received and counted.

IF YOU WANT MY VOTE

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William Disbro
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Our country needs leadership that is well educated and understands that governing requires taking care of the entire community – everyone. Leadership will always have opposing views which need to be prudently considered with compromise solutions as the best resolution rather than a "I win, you lose" confrontation. People who know this are the politicians we need now.

How do we find leadership that considers the best interest of everyone in the community? How do we find leadership that will listen and learn from the opposing viewpoints? How do we find leadership that will consider compromise solutions? Perhaps we need to ask those running for any leadership office to define their positions so we know they are considering everyone in the community, not such segments of the population. Perhaps we need to ask those running for office how they go about seeking input on legislation. Perhaps we need to ask those seeking election to define their ideas about compromise solutions.

While reflecting on elections and who is qualified to get my vote, I considered my desire to elect someone who seeks legislation and solutions that supports the Common

Good. Defining Common Good brings its own set of challenges to the discussion. Maybe we can start with simple premises that the Common Good:

is shared by and beneficial to all or most members of a given community; is based on Truth and the Law; affirms the family (whatever that looks like) is the foundation of the community; agrees that science is reality and must be supported; supports a strong military free from political interference; provides a fair tax system that is applied equally to all; encourages moral behavior based on the "Golden Rule."

There are issues around local, state and national debt, health care, education, military service, social media, journalism, minimum wage and too many other topics to list. We will not all agree on the solutions for these issues. Elected leadership must recognize there are groups of citizens who feel differently about all of the above issues, but groups cannot impose their opinions, attitudes and views on everyone just because they are wealthy and well-known. Before being elected, those running for office must be asked how they will handle disagreements, how they will build consensus, and how they listen, learn, and reach compromise solutions. If candidates want our vote, we deserve to know that their moral compass is engaged, reflecting decisions that are fair and accessible for all.

The Gazette invited all countywide and legislative candidates to be a part of our "Election Feature" this fall. We thank all of those that made this special voter education section possible.

"No Brag - Just Fact"

Contributed by
Tom Carle

Candidate, County Executive

As I close-out the campaign of Tom Carle for County Executive, here are a few highlights of candidate differences....

My last words on this campaign - "No Brag - Just Fact" -

#1 - I only wish for Chautauqua County to prosper and become the place that all of us can thrive in whatever we do, with proper business and municipality expansion and governance. We need practical, responsible and ethical leaders! The decline in population, employers, jobs and opportunities that we have witnessed in the past 20 years can be reversed! We just need a new perspective and skill set at the top!

#2 - I only run for this office to help us all! I share the needs and wants of each of you. Most importantly, we need to make the decisions that prepare a promising future for those that we care most about!

#3 - I only offer 'real' strategies and 'bold' ideas that are backed by decades of leadership experience. I have done and can do what I say! My confidence comes from the fact that I have resolved the seemingly unsolvable, and produced positive outcomes with every group that I have ever worked with! And I can do it here in Chautauqua County for you!

"The 'difficult' we do immediately. The impossible takes a little longer!" #4 - I can work successfully with any group - even those that some may label as the 'opposition' - I can bring them along as I have done in New York state, Toronto and Brantford, Ontario, Chicago, Minneapolis and Toledo. I have led teams across North America, in Canada and the United Kingdom.

I have negotiated labor agreements, walked picket lines and settled strikes. One time, the union membership of a facility in Canada that I had managed, contacted me after I had left the company and had returned to the USA, to help them to settle their strike. And I did!

#5 - I have been self-employed, with small businesses and I understand what owners and operators go through every day to make it all work! I can help them and will always support small businesses! I would love to 'Nurture Chautauqua' businesses, as has been suggested by a local shop owner when speaking to our legislature! It's a concept that has a future with me!

#6 - I began my adult career journey as a Teamster and I have literally worked my way from the ground floor-up to the senior management level at multiple companies. I have led sites and their workforces to achieve safety awards, quality awards and to profitability, every time! I know how to do these things, attract and retain talent, employers and investment to our county!

#7 - I have no doubt that our county can serve you better at lesser expense. We can take county government to new heights through vision, strategic innovation and practical measures. We will develop a 'culture' that rewards the good ideas that serve you better!

#8 - I promise to be the County Executive that watches your hard-earned tax dollars like the fiscal hawk that I am, and returns to you every dollar that is possible in tax reductions or enhanced services! Multiple companies have entrusted me with their business, their investment and their reputation! And they all reaped rewards for doing so!

As a county legislator, I have voted for tax reductions every time that I had the opportunity. I have exposed the generous salary increases of the current administration as their general practice. I have had three different 'whistle-blowers' come forward with what appears to be legitimate issues and improprieties with our current leadership.

I can absolutely do more to properly manage our government, protect your money, and spend it wisely, if you elect me to be your Executive!

That is "No Brag - Just Fact!"

Thank you, regards,
Tom Carle for County Executive

Legislator Larson: More Jobs and Fewer Taxes

Contributed by
Legislator Fred Larson

I am seeking reelection for two main reasons: more private sector jobs for our children and grandchildren and lower county taxes.

Chautauqua County is experiencing the pain of the loss of thousands of jobs in the last 15 years. That is not my opinion, that is a fact. Employment in Chautauqua County has plummeted from 68,000 in 2010 to 54,000 now. That is an economic disaster that explains much about our County's economic pain.

When thousands of working age parents lose their jobs, many leave the county and their children leave with them. That explains our county's population collapse from 2010's 135,000 to a census estimate of 125,000 now as well as the emptying out of many of our county's 18 school districts.

I have kept these unhappy facts in front of the County Legislature and its Economic Development Committee for the past two years.

Pretending everything in Chautauqua County is wonderful because two companies, Cummins in the South County and Wells, the ice-cream maker, in the North County are thankfully making huge investments does not make these two exceptions the rule.

Mayville wants you to forget Truck Lite (born in Jamestown in 1956) is gone along with at least 350 jobs. Jamestown Metal Products is gone along with 100 jobs. Serta Mattress and its approximately 100 jobs will be gone soon.

In the North County, Fredonia is still reeling from the loss of Carriage House (the former Red Wing) and its 500 jobs.

My role as a County Legislator and member of the Legislature's Economic Development Committee is to push and prod the county and its Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency to laser focus on projects that will create private sector jobs, instead of giving away huge government subsidies to solar farms that literally produce no full-time jobs for our residents.

In my next term, I will work to

encourage the County and its Industrial Development Agency to work as partners to create more shovel-ready sites in the Greater Jamestown Area so that new businesses will have a place to locate and existing businesses will have a place to expand. This is how we can, again, increase private sector jobs.

I have the experience to make this happen. In 1998, as your County Attorney, I was a member of the County's Industrial Parks Task Force. Our work led to the creation of shovel-ready sites that resulted in Southern Tier Brewing Company being born in our County Industrial Park off of Hunt Road in Busti and resulted in Serta Mattress coming to our South County Industrial Park in Ellicott, where it has provided employment for hundreds of our residents for over 20 years. We had these successes before; we can repeat these successes if we try hard enough.

There are 3 tax reductions I want to achieve for you in 2026. I have voted for 2 years in a row to reduce your county property taxes by \$2,000,000. The taxpayers deserve that break and the county can easily afford it. I want to continue that fight in 2026.

For decades the Chautauqua County sales tax was 7%. Recently, the majority in the County Legislature has asked the State Legislature every two years to allow the county to charge an 8% sales tax.

This year, I proposed reducing the county sales tax to 7 3/4% for the next two years. I want to continue that fight in 2026. On the purchase of a new vehicle, for example, this reduction in our county sales tax would save you about \$100. I want that \$100 to be in your pocket and not in the County Treasury in Mayville.

The third tax reduction I will continue to pursue is for our senior citizen homeowners. The majority in the County Legislature set the income limit for the partial senior citizen property tax exemption at only \$30,000. I voted to support the recommendation of the leader of our County Office for Aging Services that the income limit be a more generous \$37,500, being approximately the official poverty line.

I end this campaign by telling you what I am for. I have not attacked my opponent. I have refused to engage in dirty politics, regardless of what the other side has done in this campaign for a purely local office.

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6 de agosto de 2025

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A las Juntas Electorales del Estado de Nueva York:

Se notifica por la presente que, con respecto a la Elección General que se celebrará en este Estado el martes 4 de noviembre de 2025, se someterá al pueblo la siguiente propuesta para su aprobación:

RESUMEN DE LA PROPUESTA NÚMERO UNO, UNA ENMIENDA

La propuesta enmienda la Constitución del Estado. Permite nuevas rutas de esquí nórdico y biatlón en la reserva forestal. El desarrollo allí requiere permiso constitucional. Esto se debe a que la instalación se encuentra en la reserva forestal de los Adirondacks. Forma parte de un Complejo Deportivo Olímpico en North Elba. North Elba se encuentra en el condado de Essex, Nueva York. El proyecto afecta hasta 323 acres. La instalación cubre 1,039 acres. Este uso se compensa. Se añaden 2,500 nuevos acres a la reserva forestal. La Legislatura de Nueva York debe aprobar la compensación. De lo contrario, el proyecto no se realizará.

TEXTO QUE AUTORIZA LA PRESENTACIÓN

Una resolución concurrente de la el Senado y la Asamblea proponen una enmienda a la sección 1 del artículo 14 de la constitución, en relación con el Complejo Deportivo Olímpico Mount Van Hoevenberg en el Condado de Essex, cuyo texto completo se puede encontrar en: www.elections.ny.gov

FORMA DE PRESENTACIÓN DE LA PROPUESTA NÚMERO UNO, UNA ENMIENDA

Enmienda para Permitir Complejo Deportivo Olímpico en el Condado de Essex en Terrenos de la Reserva Forestal Estatal

Permite esquí y senderos relacionados en terrenos de la reserva forestal estatal. El sitio abarca 1,039 acres. Requiere que el Estado agregue 2,500 acres de nuevos terrenos forestales en el Parque Adirondack.

Un voto a favor autoriza nuevas pistas de esquí y instalaciones relacionadas en la reserva forestal de Adirondack.

Un voto en contra no autoriza este uso.

Dado bajo nuestra firma y sello del cargo de la Junta Electoral del Estado de Nueva York, este día 6 de agosto del año dos mil veinticinco.

Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky
Co-Directora Ejecutiva
Junta Electoral del Estado de Nueva York

Raymond J. Riley, III
Co-Director Ejecutivo
Junta Electoral del Estado de Nueva York

KRAUZA FOR COUNTY CLERK

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Greg Krauza's Campaign
for County Clerk

Greg Krauza, candidate for Chautauqua County Clerk, spoke about the businesses he has visited during the campaign.

“Since the clerk manages the Department of Motor Vehicles, I have stopped at most of the auto dealerships throughout the county, both large and small, and have found some opportunities to improve service and increase revenue for both the dealers and the county,” Krauza said. “As a business owner, I understand the importance of timely and consistent delivery. The large dealers are dealing direct with the state and while efficient, costs both them and the county revenue. The smaller dealers have had mixed results that cause some frustration. I am committed to using my experience to streamline the process, add technology and use staff input and development to ensure a positive experience every time.”Krauza is confident that his approach, which includes listening to stakeholders to understand their needs and empowering staff will yield the results needed. This will lead to decreased expenses for the auto dealer and increased revenue for the county.

“This is just the tip of the iceberg,” Krauza stated. “ We will look at every area of the clerk’s office to find where we can improve service and increase revenue.”

Krauza then addressed another area his campaign has focused on. “The response from both businesses and individuals has been overwhelming. We are all

feeling the tax burden created by the inefficient delivery of service,” Krauza continued “We desperately need structural change in so many areas. I will work with the county leadership and every town, village or city that is looking to reduce its tax burden. This can be done without losing jobs or changing municipal identities. I love the history and traditions of our county and it is a misconception that developing consolidated services jeopardizes that history and tradition.”

Finally, Krauza addressed his experience and the comparison with his opponent.

“I am running against a very nice guy who has served our country and our county but none of his service relates to the size and scope of the clerk’s position,” he said. “If I am fortunate enough to be elected clerk, I look forward to collaborating with him on projects.”

“I hope the voters will take a good look at both our experience and see that I have managed the type of business the clerk and DMV represents, I have managed staff the size of the Clerk/DMV located at multiple offices,” he said. “Finally, I have managed budgets in both the private and public sector larger than that of the clerk and DMV. My opponent has done none of this.”

Krauza thanked all the people who have supported his campaign. He discussed meeting so many positive people on the campaign trail and emphasized the importance of voting.

“I am asking for your vote and pledge to give you the results and effort you deserve,” he said. “Please take the time to vote and affect the direction of your county.”

ELECT

Greg

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EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Krauza has successfully managed service based businesses
(Just like the Clerk/DMV)

Krauza’s has managed multimillion dollar budgets
(Just like the Clerk/DMV)

Krauza has managed multiple locations and 20+ employees
(Just like the Clerk/DMV)

Krauza knows the public sector as well, while Mayor in Dunkirk he held the line on taxes, improved services and solved the City’s wastewater crisis.

His opponent is a decent man, served his country and managed a small staff and budget with County government.

THE DIFFERENCE IS CLEAR

VISION MATTERS

Krauza is committed to improving service and increasing revenue at the Clerk’s office and DMV. He has done it in both the public and private sector and by empowering staff, improving technology and introducing innovative programs he will continue his success.

Krauza also understands our current system has created higher taxes and inefficient service delivery. We cannot continue “government as usual”, the time for change is now. We need to be open-minded, positive and use all resources available. We are confident he has the experience, knowledge and attitude to have success without losing our valued traditions.

COMMUNITY MATTERS

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- * past chairman - Jamestown Gus Macker
- * Board President - Filling the Gap
- * Past President of the Fredonia Chamber
- * captain 11 Day Powerplay team that has raised over \$60,000 to battle cancer.

Time and time again Krauza has stepped up when a job needs to get done...and you can be sure Greg puts in his full effort and gets it done!



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Greg Carlson

Candidate, County Clerk

This will be my last column of the campaign season, and I extend a heartfelt thank you to the Chautauqua Gazette for providing me this opportunity to engage with readers about my bid for Chautauqua County Clerk. Over the last several weeks, I've discussed different topics, such as my personal experience, systematic approach to problem solving, responsive leadership, and more. But now the time has come to cast our ballots, and regardless of political affiliation, I hope everyone who is eligible gets out to vote. Engaging in political discourse, posting on social media, and peacefully assembling for a cause are all constitutionally protected rights. But none of those

things are as impactful as your actual vote. Your vote is your voice, and your opportunity to have your say in governance. I'm committed to serving the people of Chautauqua County. My candidacy for County Clerk is not about holding the title; it's about doing the job. Whether it's leadership of the clerk's office, supporting laws and legislation affecting our services, or working directly with constituents victimized by issues like the illegal duplication of license plates resulting in thousands of dollars in erroneous charges, I stand ready to respond boldly and swiftly. I strongly encourage anyone who didn't cast a ballot during the early voting period to get out November 4th to vote, and I'd be honored if you consider electing Greg Carlson for Chautauqua County Clerk!

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"My primary focus is serving the residents of Chautauqua County. There is no singular action or talking point that leads to good governance. It's a commitment to continuous process improvement, and putting our dedicated public servants in the best position to provide efficient and friendly customer service. My focus will be proper staffing, improved training, and easier access for our residents and customers." -Greg Carlson

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**CHAMBER
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**Aimee Rogers to Receive Pam Lydic
Coalition Builder Award**

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

County 4-H evaluator. She served on the CHQ Chamber Board of Directors from 2023-24. Aimee and her husband have five children and nine grandchildren.

The Board of Directors of the CHQ Chamber has selected Aimee Rogers of Forestville to receive the Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award for 2025. Aimee Rogers is the founder and president of Imagine Forestville, a group of area residents that turned the dissolution of the former Village of Forestville into an opportunity to bring people together around common objectives.

Imagine Forestville is a not-for-profit established in 2018 and dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the historic hamlet to have a lasting legacy and be a welcoming rural community. Since the founding of Imagine Forestville, the group – spurred on by Aimee Rogers – has been meeting regularly and has secured funding to develop a nature trail for hiking, a farmer's market, and established a park with a picnic area. On a single day last year Imagine Forestville unveiled a new village clock, a Welcome to Forestville mural, and a repurposed historic horse trough that has created a garden spot in the hamlet.

Since 2024 Aimee Rogers has served on the Town of Hanover Board and the Chautauqua County Planning Board and is the liaison for the Town Planning and Zoning Boards. Working with the Chair of the Town Planning Board, they established a steering committee to update the Town of Hanover Comprehensive Plan, and this year they secured a \$20,000 grant to pay for a consultant for that project. She also oversaw a Main Street grant process and worked with consultants on building studies in the hamlet of Forestville, and this past summer the first home in the Town of Hanover at 21 Pearl Street, Forestville, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Aimee Rogers has also been active for many years in her church, St. Rose of Lima, which merged with Our Lady of Mount Carmel in 2018, and is the area liaison of the Pro-Life Diocesan Office. She is a social volunteer for the Forestville Fire Department, a member of the Fredonia Garden Club, and secretary for the Silver Creek Festival of Grapes. She is Assistant to the Area Director for the Board of Elections and has been a poll site coordinator for several years. She served as a 4-H leader for many years, on the 4-H Horse Committee for five years and still assists as a

Pam Lydic was the first President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, having pulled together a variety of smaller community business organizations in order to strengthen the whole, financially and programmatically. Following her untimely passing in 2012, the Chamber launched this award in her memory to recognize an individual who has worked hard to bring groups of people together around a common goal or objective to move the region forward in a positive direction.

The award will be presented at the CHQ Chamber's Annual Meeting which will be held at noon, Friday, December 12 upstairs at Wicked Warren's in Jamestown. The keynote speaker will be Ronald Richard, the retired president and CEO of the Cleveland Foundation. The 2025 Annual Meeting is a celebration of 25 years of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and will also include the election of board members and officers for the coming year. The CHQ Chamber Annual Meeting is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, the State University of New York at Fredonia, and Wicked Warren's. Registration is open online now at www.chamberrsvp.org.

**Business After Hours at
Southern Tier Brewing is
November 12**

The CHQ Chamber will hold its final Business After Hours event of the calendar year on Wednesday, November 12 from 5-6:30pm at Southern Tier Brewing Company in Lakewood. Chamber member businesses can send two people free of charge. Non-members or anyone above the two-person limit will be \$10. Advanced registration is encouraged, as space is limited for both of these events.

Business After Hours at Southern Tier Brewing is sponsored by Southern Tier Brewing Company, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, and the State University of New York at Fredonia. Register for either, or both, now through our Chamber web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.



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Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier Celebrates 125 Years

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innovation, and industry in ways that prepare our region for the next era of manufacturing,” Trantum said. “As we build on 125 years of progress, MAST remains dedicated to ensuring that manufacturing continues to be the economic backbone of this region pride.”

The event was sponsored by Advanced Manufacturing Technology Ahlstrom Shaeffer, Anderson Precision, Artone, Barton Tool, Jamestown Board of Public Utilities, Electrova, El Greco, Jamestown Container, Jamestown Electroplating, Jamestown Mattress, Stuart Tool & Die, UBS, University of Pitt-Bradford and Weber Knapp.

About MAST

Founded in 1900, the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST) is dedicated to advancing the common interests of manufacturers in Western New York. Through advocacy, partnerships, and workforce initiatives, MAST supports its members across the region—driving innovation, economic development, and opportunity.

MAST is the proud founder of Dream It Do It Western New York, a workforce development initiative that is inspiring students to pursue careers in manufacturing through applied learning experiences, career exploration, and industry partnerships.

Community Comes Together for Second Annual Jeep Jam and Ride with Randy Event



The second annual Jeep Jam and Ride for Randy event brought together community members, riders, and supporters on August 17, 2025, for a day of fun, remembrance, and giving back — all in support of local charitable causes. Events like Jeep Jam and Ride with Randy demonstrate how community partnerships and creative fundraising can leave a lasting impact. Proceeds from the 2025 event will provide resources and support for vital services. This year, grants were awarded to the Randy Ridgeway Foundation Fund, the Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department, and the Lakewood-Busti Police Department’s K-9 Unit. Kurt Hallberg, Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department Chief, noted the important role donated funds play in maintaining mandated equipment upgrades. “Donations like this one ensure our first responders continue to have the tools required to serve our region quickly and safely.” Through the power of endowment, the Foundation connects donors to causes they care about most, ensuring that local generosity continues to make good grow for generations to come. For more information on how CRCF helps individuals and families create lasting philanthropic legacies, visit www.crcfonline.org or contact Tina Downey, CFRE, at 716-661-3390 or tdowney@crcfonline.org.

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Here's How It Works:

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!

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Difficult

5. Coarsely ground corn

9. There's one for the "world"

11. Loved Romeo

13. Sticky situation

15. Pelvic areas

16. An informal debt instrument

17. Cannot be repaired surgically

19. A device attached to a workbench

21. Related on the mother's side

22. Sound unit

23. __ Sagan, astronomer

25. Utah city

26. A disappointing effort

27. Steal goods during a riot

29. Wakes up

31. Hair salon service
33. Serenaded

34. Looked intensely

36. U.S. Air Force expert Robert F.

38. A type of cast

39. One's duty

41. Where golfers begin

43. Make a mistake

44. Semitic sun god

46. Ancient Greek City

48. Having had the head cut off

52. A place to stay

53. Unwise

54. Most unnatural

56. Dennis is a notable one

57. Ointments

58. Students' exam

59. Leaked blood

CLUES DOWN

1. Brave

2. Act of awakening

3. Jest at

4. Sandwich store

5. Chapter of the Koran

6. Dismounted

7. Small vehicle

8. Irrked

9. One who earns by disreputable dealings

10. Monetary unit of Samoa

11. Long, mournful lamentation

12. Weight unit

14. Alone, single

15. Decreases

18. Indicates beside

20. Worn by exposure to the weather

24. A body of traditions
26. College students' ultimate goal

28. Amino acid

30. Nasal mucus

32. US government entity

34. Swinish

35. Legislative body in Russia

37. Grant an exemption to

38. Put in advance

40. Satisfy

42. Felt

43. Mild yellow Dutch cheese mad balls

45. Witnesses

47. Picnic invaders

49. Gasteyer and de Armas are two

50. Ancient person of Scotland

51. Cheerless

55. Unwell

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SEE

Hold your glass to the light and look through the wine. The color of the wine will give away some basic secrets to the wine and will help guide you for the rest of the steps. Darker wines tend to be more bold and heavy than lighter wines which are more crisp and refreshing.

SWIRL

Air is beneficial for a wine. Proper aeration of wine helps to improve flavor by increasing the amount of scent produced. Swirling the glass (Not too hard! Don't spill!) will infuse air into the wine and allow scent molecules to leave the liquid and enter the air in the glass.

When wine coats and drips down the inside of the glass it is known as “legs”. Higher alcohol levels cause more legs then lower alcohol and a sweeter wine has thicker and slower dripping legs (like syrup).

SMELL

Generally, you want to avoid sticking your whole nose into the glass. Start by putting just one nostril in and taking a slight sniff. Try to see what smells it reminds you of. But remember: There. Is. No. Wrong. Answer! Everyone will smell something different or have different words to explain the same smell. One person may describe a wine as “oaky”, while someone else may say it makes them think of “shop class”, or even “camp fire” for a smokey smell. A lot of your terms will be based on memories or experiences.

For White Wines, look for White Fruits: lemon, lime, orange, grapefruit, pineapple, peach, pear, and apple. For Red Wines, look for Red Fruits: cherry, blueberry, plum, blackberry, raspberry. Most of the time, look for those and you will find some. Wines can also have Floral notes (like rose, hibiscus, violet), Herbs and Veggies (like cut grass, oregano, bell peppers), Spice (like black pepper, liquorice), Woody (oaky, coffee, nutty, smokey), and so many many many more!

SIP

Take your first sip of the wine. Swish it around in your mouth, and then swallow it. Just ignore this first sip. It tells you nothing about a wine. This is to coat your mouth and prepare for the wine. Don't take too much wine, as you need three sips to really experience what it has to offer.

SLURP

Take your second sip, and this time purse your lips and suck some air into the wine, or slurp. Don't be over the top with this so the whole winery can hear. You just want enough to get some air into the wine and really open it up. Move it around in your mouth, chew it, play with it. Start looking for different flavors. As with smell, with red wines look for red fruits, white wines seek out white fruits. There are no right or wrong answers, this is a personal experience. Eventually you will start learning certain grapes tend to have certain flavors, like Riesling has apple, Chardonnay has citrus.

SAVOR

Take your third sip and just enjoy it. This is the time to think of what meal to have it with, what special occasion to serve it at, who would want this as a gift, and if this is a wine that you want to purchase – the whole bottle.

SPIT!

It’s okay to spit the wine after you taste. The point of tasting isn't to get drunk, it’s to try new wines, learn, and know if you want to purchase it. Ask a staff member for a bucket and they will be happy to oblige.

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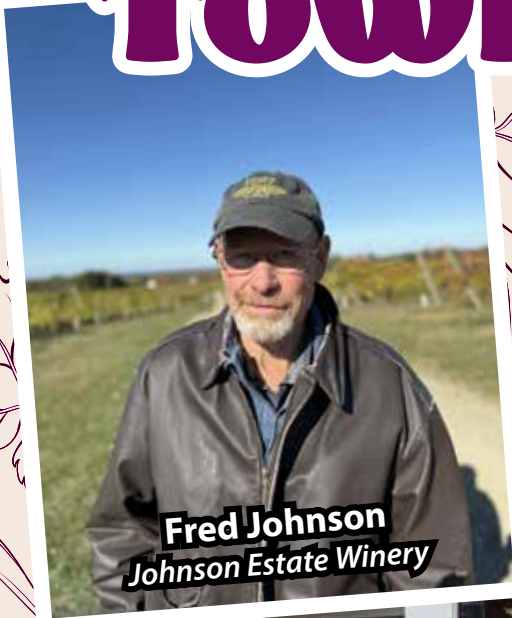
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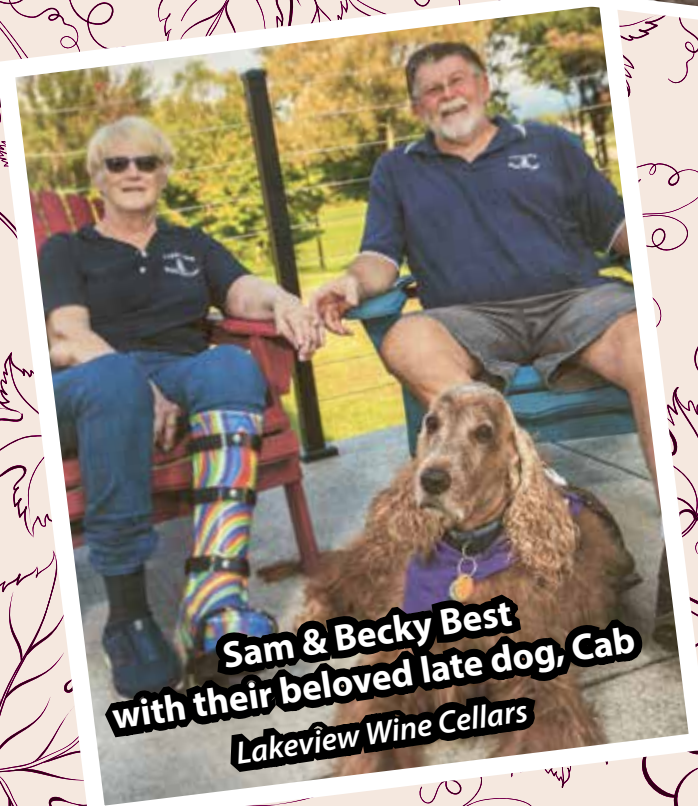
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