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LEST WE FORGET



Featured Writer

Miss Judy Wroda

As I walked through Bemus Point one day, enjoying the call of the sea gulls and listening to Lake Chautauqua's gentle waves come ashore, I came across a scene I wish to share with all of you.

It was early morning and one could not help but get lost in the serenity that had settled upon the village. The misty fog was lifting, unveiling the beauty of the lake, making me feel as if I was watching a sleeping child awaken from his dreams. I wanted to get closer to this enchantment, so I walked down the street, following the calls of the birds and the song of the lake. I stood between two young trees and closed my eyes, relishing the cool mist upon my face. I tilted my face upwards, letting the breeze take my thoughts across the heavens. A deep breath refreshed the air in my lungs and I slowly opened my eyes. I kept my gaze upwards and tried to make out what I was seeing. The fog lifted a bit more and I saw the gentle wave of brilliant red cut through the mist. I blinked and looked again as the color was gone just as quickly as it first appeared. I thought at first that I had seen a cardinal flying by, but then the red appeared again, this time with a hint of blue . . . and again, it disappeared. I took a step back and waited – there, there was the color, gently making its way through the thick morning blanket to unveil itself to me.

I could not help myself – a soft amazed gasp escaped from my lips, and little tear fell down my cheek. I stood there, watching as the morning wind took the colors and unfurled them before me. I could not help it when my head bowed in silent prayer, just for a moment – then my eyes went back upwards,

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Chautauqua County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Marker Program

Featured Writer

Paul Fardink
Vice-President
Chautauqua County Chapter SAR

The Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) is a male lineage organization whose members can document descent from an ancestor who served or otherwise supported the Patriot cause during the Revolutionary War.

The SAR is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and educating future generations. The SAR has partnered with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation of Syracuse, New York, which operates a Revolutionary War Historical Marker Program. Markers are placed in cemeteries where Revolutionary War veterans are interred and are funded and provided through a grant application process.

Patriot burial markers are blue, with raised yellow lettering and borders. Each bears its state SAR society's logo at the top. The two-sided cast-aluminum markers measure 32 by 18 inches and are mounted on seven-foot aluminum poles.

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Cindy Conner on Quilts of Valor | 6:30 PM
Ellington Farman Library | Ellington

Makerspace Mondays: Leaf Wreath | 3:30 PM-5 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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

Chautauqua Institute President Welcoming | 4:30 PM
Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown
For Info/Registration: mruth@crcfonline.org or (716) 661-3390

Ekstasis 2.0 Concert Series | 5:30 PM
Patterson Library | Patterson
For Info: pattersonlibrary.org

Curiosity Club: Second Wave Comics | 5:30 PM-6:30 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

Fredonia Opera House Cinema Series: Heart of the Beast 7:30 PM
1891 Fredonia Opera House | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Free CHQ Transit City Bus Rides for Veterans | All Day
Jamestown, Dunkirk, Lakewood, Celoron, Falconer
For Info: chautauquacountyny.gov/carts/CHQTransit

November Camp | 9 AM-3 PM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info/Registration: audubooncnc.org/events

No School Days: Pokémon Playday | 11:30 AM-1 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

City of Jamestown 21 Gun Salute | 11:00 AM
3rd & Main Streets | Jamestown

St. Luke's Episcopal Church Veterans Day Service 11:11 AM
St Luke's Episcopal Church | Jamestown

Town of Hanover Veterans Memorial Dedication 1:00 PM
Hanover Town Hall | Silver Creek

Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor Annual Harvest Dinner | 6:00 PM
Busti 5 Corners Community Church | Busti

Movies at the Reg - The Social Reckoning
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Teen Lounge Movie: "The Labyrinth" | 4 PM-6 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

Author Talk with Mary Ellen Humphrey | 5:30 PM
Patterson Library | Patterson
For Info: pattersonlibrary.org

CONNECTED: Art Cloth & Craft Fashion Show + Art Installation | 6 PM-8 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com or artclothandcraft.com

Merrins Fall Chamber Concert | 7:30 PM
James and Marcia Merrins Dance Theatre | SUNY Fredonia
For Info/Tickets: fredonia.edu/about/ticket-office

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor Meeting | 10:30 AM
Quilters' Haven and Yarn Shop | Lakewood

Northern CHQ Community Foundation Grants Reception 11 AM-1 PM
Fredonia Presbyterian Church Hall | Fredonia
For Info: nccfoundation.org

Fiber Arts Meetup | 3:30 PM-5 PM
Darwin R. Barker Library | Fredonia
For Info: barkerlibrary.org

JCC Uncommoners Present Come From Away | 7 PM
The Robert Lee Scharmann Theatre | Jamestown
For Info/Tickets: facultystudentassociationofjam.regfox.com/suny-jcc-presents-come-from-away

"Dialogues of the Carmelites" | 7 PM
Harry A. King Concert Hall | SUNY Fredonia
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Jamestown Farmers Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Third and Pine Streets | Jamestown
For Info: jfmny.org

Little Explorers: Fur, Feathers, & Scales 10 AM-11:30 AM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info/Registration: audubooncnc.org/events

Roger Tory Peterson Institute Holiday Market 10 AM-4 PM
Roger Tory Peterson Institute | Jamestown
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Discover Dragons Storytime | 11 AM
Darwin R. Barker Library | Fredonia
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Board Game Saturday 14+ | 1 PM
Hazeltine Public Library | Busti
For Info: hazeltinelibrary.org

Book Discussion of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis 1 PM
Myers Memorial Library | Frewsburg
For Info: myerslibrary.org

Cat Video Fest | 2 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

Season of Champions D&D Week 1 | 5 PM
Dunkirk Public Library | Dunkirk
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BLUE STAR MOTHERS

Contributed by

Blue Star Mothers NY Chapter 4



Blue Star Mothers NY Chapter 4 celebrated 1211 packed boxes last year.

Blue Star Mothers Christmas Care Package Packing Day is Saturday, December 5, at 9 AM at the Fluvanna Community Church.

To all of our veterans, we offer our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Your courage, sacrifice, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our country have helped preserve the freedoms we cherish every day. Whether you served during a time of war or in time of peace, whether your service took you across the world or kept you here at home, please know that your sacrifices are remembered, and you are esteemed more than words can express.

As Blue Star Mothers, we understand that behind every uniform are those who have prayed, worried, waited, and hoped for the safe return of someone they love. For us as mothers, we know that the commitment to serve our nation is shared not only by those who wear the uniform but also by the families who stand beside them.

To those who came home, to those who continue to serve, and to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we honor you. We also remember the families who carry the pride and the pain of that service. And we know that the weight of that uniform does not end once you no longer wear it; wearing that uniform may have changed you in ways most of us will never understand. Its weight lasts for a lifetime.

Please know that you are never forgotten. Your service has made a difference, your sacrifices have meaning, and your legacy lives on in the freedoms we enjoy and the generations who follow.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for answering the call, for standing up for our nation, and for protecting the freedoms that make America home.

With enduring gratitude, respect, and love,

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Editorial *with Lori Cornell*

LOVE OUR LOCAL VETERANS



Publisher
Lori Cornell

I don't typically use this editorial space to pontificate a publisher's opinion. I prefer to stick to meaningful (we hope!) promotion of our community's small businesses, organizations and events.

But on this inspiring week, and in honor of our local veterans, I'm going to speak my mind about what some may say is a little less standard.

I recently learned that one of our local veteran leaders is hurting very deeply. That's not OK with me, and I hope it is not OK with you either. He and his wife have come under fire for their efforts to create a beautiful respite retreat for local and visiting veterans from across the country. They have worked hard to turn their natural setting, nestled in the deep woods of Chautauqua County, into a safe space for those who served our country to reflect, reconnect and heal. I've seen it. It's well-done. It's intentional and inviting. And I've spent time with this couple who are trying their best to make a difference.

I know very little about their reported accusations and it would be inappropriate and unhelpful for me to comment about a pending matter. Let the lawyers do the lawyering and the logistics of taking on a well-meaning nonprofit play itself out.

What I do know is that this gentleman is a veteran. And he - like all veterans - deserves our respect and gratitude. His financial affairs are none of our business. Honoring his service - for his forever, innate sacrifice - IS.

I won't comment on a case of which I know nothing about, but I will comment on the character of a veteran. Most of us cannot imagine putting on a uniform that requires our accepting the possibility of the ultimate sacrifice. To follow orders higher than oneself in worldly efforts as critical as they come. To blindly and selflessly march forward, to preserve and protect our democracy. Most of us only know war from film. We haven't seen death and danger all around us for months and years and multiple tours at a time. We haven't felt that lasting physical and psychological trauma that too often comes with military service.

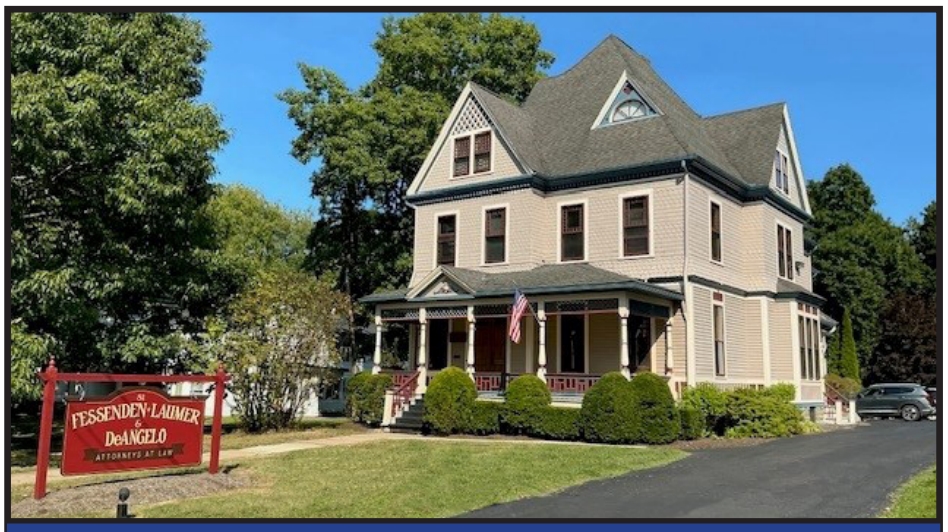
But among us, the most special community members - like this gentleman - have.

HE. IS. A. VETERAN. Get off your socials and the local rumor mill. Stop wondering, judging and postulating.

Show love and honor. Period.



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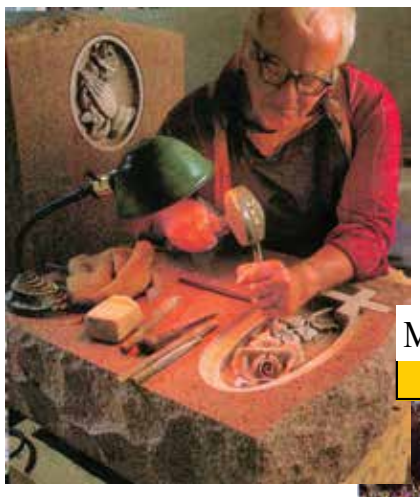
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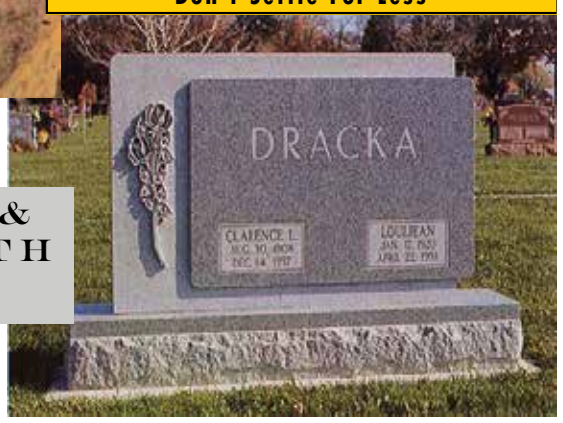
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THANK A VETERAN

Featured Writer

Rev. Daniel Soderberg
First Covenant Church, Jamestown



Karen & Dan Soderberg

I was so glad when Mrs. Cornell asked me to write this article for the Gazette on Veterans Day. Sadly, Veterans Day is a rather obscure holiday in our calendars. It doesn't bode very well in popularity to holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas or even Halloween. But to me Veterans Day is very important. I come from a family with a strong military background. My brother was in the Persian Gulf War. I have three uncles who served in the Armed Services and my father-in-law was the First Scout in World War II. A First Scout was the soldier who walked out in front of the troops in a battle (and sometimes even in front of the tanks). I have read that the average lifespan for a first scout in battle is less than 30 seconds.

Veterans Day, originally called "Armistice Day," was the day celebrating the end of World War I, which happened at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, November 11th. After World War II, President Eisenhower made November 11th a national holiday celebrating veterans from ALL of the wars and called it Veterans Day. The Bible teaches us that we are to, "Honor those to whom honor is due" (Romans 13:7), and this obviously includes honoring those who laid down their lives for others.

As a Pastor, one of the things that I am honored to do is to visit "shut ins." These are wonderful people who have limited mobility and they now are "shut in" usually in their homes and in assisted living facilities. Many of these people are amazing with fascinating life stories to tell! About ten years ago, I visited a man named Mr. Al Lindberg, who was from Hillcrest Baptist Church. Al was 95 years old at the time and lived at The Frewsburg Rest Home. Al was one of those soldiers who actually landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day! I asked him to please tell me what that was like. He said he could never forget it.

We left England very early that morning and walked up a gangplank to our ship. Eventually we climbed down from the ship using mesh ropes to get into our Higgins boats. We rode in these Higgins boats for a long time. Any man who ever said that he wasn't scared as we approached the shore was lying! Then we landed on the beaches. Pastor, I was one of the lucky ones! I made it alive. I had safely crawled 200 yards up to the shore. Then I looked back and saw dozens of young men (19, 20 and 21 years old) who didn't make it. As I looked back on the shore, I saw an agonizing sight. I saw their bodies floating in the water along the shore. Every day I say a prayer for those young men, and I thank God for them.

As I sat in front of this gentle unassuming thin man, I was amazed as he shared his story. That day Mr. Lindberg taught me how much our veterans have paid for our freedoms. Veterans Day is a truly a time to remember and honor those who "gave up all of their tomorrows so that we can enjoy today." On November 11th be sure to say "Thank you" to a Vet. Call or text him/her and let them know that you appreciate their service!

Rev. Daniel Soderberg is a graduate from Jamestown Community College, Toccoa Fall College and North Park Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the Evangelical Covenant Church in 2006 and has served four Covenant churches in Pennsylvania and Jamestown, NY. Pastor Dan has a strong background in campus ministry. He served as the Executive Director of Impact Campus Ministries and watched it grow to 50 schools in our region. Currently he serves as a Pastor at First Covenant Church at 520 Spring Street in Jamestown New York. He and his wife, Karen, have three adult children, and seven grandchildren.

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

~ Elmer Davis

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Veterans Day: A Day to Remember and Honor



Senator George Borrello with Lori and her family. From left to right: Sen. Borrello; mom Josie Dispenza, Lori; daughter, Willow; dad Chuck Dispenza.

Editor-in-Chief

Katrina Fuller

Many of my family members and loved ones are veterans. They signed their names on the line and served their country in wartime, in peace and everything in between. I can't imagine what it took for my grandfather, Keith, serving in the Navy in the South Pacific during WWII, to wake up every day to witness the things he wouldn't even talk about decades later. Or the courage and bravery my grandfather, Charles, had to muster as a Marine during the Korean War. I can't imagine what it meant then and what it means now to don the uniform and serve our nation in one of the most demanding, selfless and, frankly, courageous ways I can think of.

Veterans Day is a small way we can honor those who served in our military. It is a day for all veterans, no matter when they served or where they served. It is not to be confused with Memorial Day, which is the day our nation honors those who died while serving in the military.

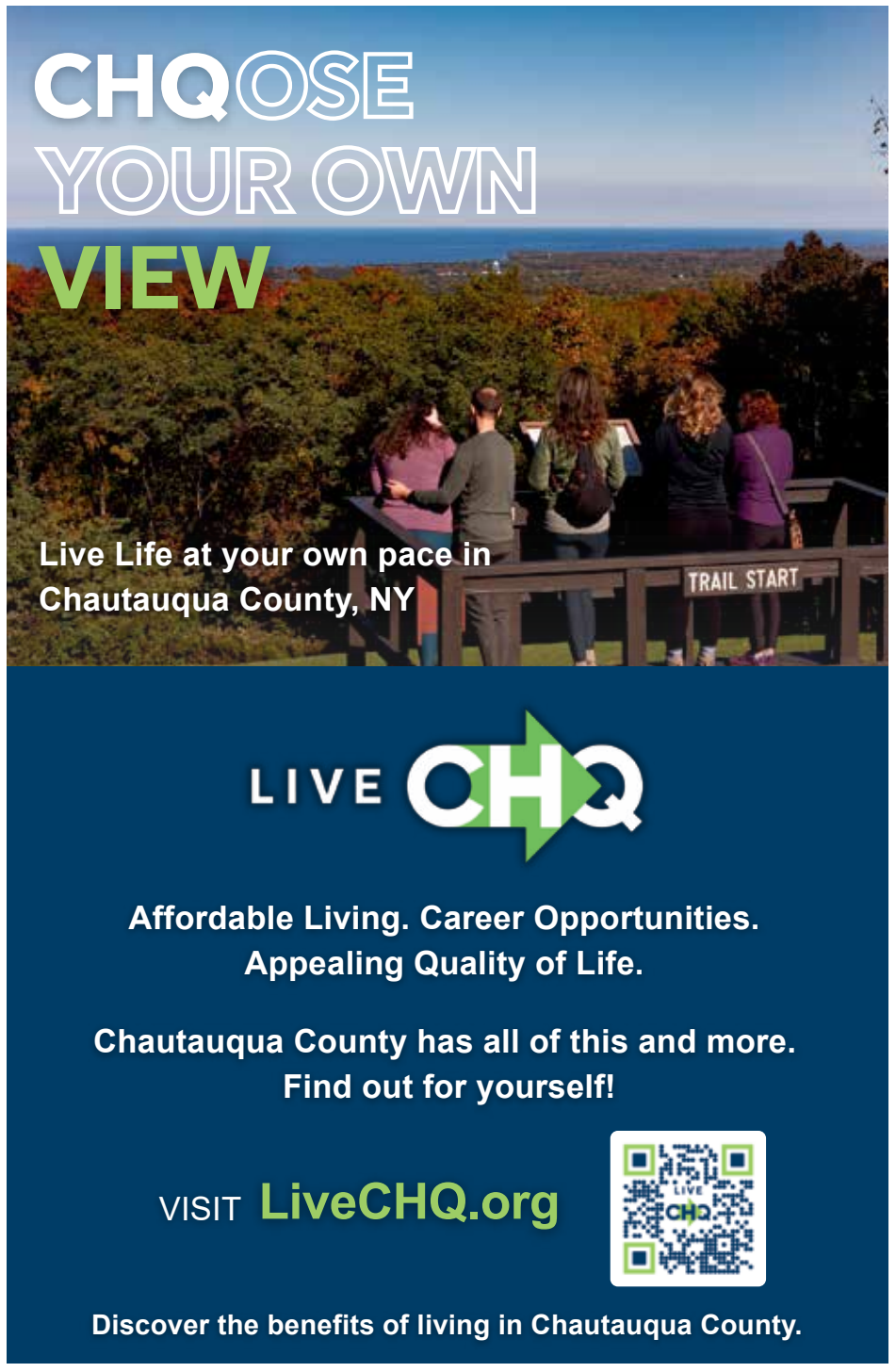
Most of us, if not all of us, know veterans who have served so valiantly, like my various loved ones. However, we might not always recognize the multitude of veterans here in Chautauqua County who have left the military but who still serve our community in multiple valuable ways. One such example is Lori Dispenza, a dedicated Veterans Service Officer in Dunkirk. Dispenza was recently honored by State Sen. George Borrello as she was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame.

Dispenza is a Portland native and graduated from Brocton School. She served over a decade in the Army, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. She served in Alaska, South Carolina, Honduras, Southern California and Fort Drum. She also served a 15-month deployment to Kirkuk, Iraq, with the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division.

Many would say that Dispenza's list of experiences and accomplishments was complete; after all, all of those things are noble and honorable in their own right. However, after she left the Army in 2010, she made a decision to take steps to continue helping her fellow soldiers in the civilian world and earned a degree from SUNY Fredonia in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. She also earned an advanced certificate in Veterans Services. Each and every day, here in Chautauqua County, Dispenza is offering her experience, her know-how and her dedication to fellow veterans in various ways to make life just a little bit easier or a little bit better for those who have served their nation.

Dedicated, selfless, honorable and caring veterans like Dispenza are the bedrock of our community. They served their country, then they return home and serve their communities, villages, counties and fellow citizens in so many ways we couldn't even guess them all. Perhaps your local business owner is a Marine who served overseas. Perhaps your favorite librarian or nurse or business professional served their country in the air, on the sea or on the ground in volatile areas.

All this to say, Veterans Day is the day to remember these incredible individuals, to honor their service and thank them for what they gave and did for us. We can also thank them and recognize the contributions they still make to our communities - goodness knows, they've earned it.





As part of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Day of Service, the Jamestown Chapter of the DAR hosted a breakfast to the PFC Joseph P Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer Program. This event took place last month at the Christ First Church in Jamestown. The Dwyer Program is a Veterans supporting Veterans effort that helps servicemembers transition from military to civilian life through understanding, guidance and a trusted network of support. For more information on the Dwyer's Program, contact Director DreAnn Csorba at 716-661-1447 ext. 80091 or 716-781-8661 or email dwyer.director@resourcecenter.org. For more information on Jamestown Chapter DAR contact JamestownNSDAR@gmail.com.

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Chautauqua County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Marker Program

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On a bright, sunny afternoon on Sunday, September 6, 2026, a Revolutionary War Patriot Soldier Marker was dedicated at Tefft Cemetery in French Creek, one mile west of Peek'n Peak Resort. Sponsored by the Chautauqua County Chapter SAR and hosted by the Town of French Creek, the ceremony honored two Revolutionary War soldiers interred there.

Tefft Cemetery lies in a rural setting surrounded by acres of ripening cornfields. The scene brought to mind the popular baseball movie Field of Dreams: one could almost imagine the Revolutionary War soldiers being honored that day emerging from the tall stalks of corn.

Chautauqua County hosted several events this year to celebrate America 250 and commemorate our nation's 250th birthday. The Tefft Cemetery ceremony was the fifth and final marker dedication of 2026 and the 20th since the program began in 2022. This year's five dedications took place at Allen Cemetery (Falconer), Dewittville Cemetery (Dewittville), Greenwood Cemetery (Stockton), Red Bird Cemetery (Ellery), and Tefft Cemetery (French Creek).

Over the years, the marker dedication ceremonies have developed a familiar and meaningful sequence. I am honored to serve as SAR Master of Ceremonies. We are welcome by the town historian, followed by an invocation from a local pastor. The town historian and SAR Master of Ceremonies Paul Fardink welcomes attendees, followed by an invocation from a local pastor. Chautauqua County SAR Chapter President Jeff Crossley, dressed as a Continental Army soldier, then describes the chapter's activities and the Patriot Marker Program.



Chautauqua County Chapter SAR President Jeff Crossley Speaking at the Sherman Cemetery Marker Dedication Ceremony in 2025.

Remarks from the town supervisor typically follow. The supervisor then joins other cemetery officials in unveiling the marker.



Town of French Creek Supervisor David White and Town Historian Nathan Babcock removing the red, white, and blue bunting unveiling the marker in 2026

An honor guard from a local American Legion or VFW post then fires a rifle salute, followed by SAR members Jeff Crossley and Jim White firing Revolutionary War-era black-powder rifles.



Chautauqua Lake VFW Post 8647 Honor Guard under the direction of Gary Counts Firing the Rifle Salute at the Clymer Cemetery Dedication Ceremony in 2024.



SAR Black Powder Rifle Salute by Jeff Crossley and Jim White at the Sinclairville Cemetery Dedication Ceremony in 2025.

Will Ortman then sounds Taps on his regulation bugle.



Will Ortman Plays "TAPS" Accompanied by the Honor Guard from the Lakewood American Legion Post 1286 during the very First Marker Dedication Ceremony in Ashville's Maple Grove Cemetery in 2022.

The town historian then offers a brief biographical account of each of the Revolutionary War soldiers interred in the cemetery.

Before the ceremony concludes, attendees are invited to speak about Patriot ancestors who may be buried in the cemetery or ask questions about the Revolutionary War. The Dewittville dedication was especially memorable: 36 fourth-grade students from Chautauqua Lake Central School attended. Their questions and participation were highlights of the event and a fitting reminder that preserving our nation's history matters most when it inspires future generations to appreciate the sacrifices made to secure American independence.



Historian and DAR Member Loretta Smith Presenting the "Roll Call" of the Ten Soldiers Interred in the Lakeview Cemetery in Jamestown in 2024.



Thirty-six fourth-grade students from Chautauqua Lake Central School attended the Dewittville Cemetery Ceremony, accompanied by Mr. Denver Morrison, their science and social studies teacher in 2026.

Local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) also support these events. DAR member Bonnie Larkin, dressed as Martha Washington, and Brenda Johnson, dressed as Betsy Ross, help lead the Pledge of Allegiance and answer participants' questions.



DAR and SAR Participants at the Blockville Dedication Ceremony some in Period Costume in 2025.

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Chautauqua County Chapter Sons of the American Revolution Patriot Marker Program

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Four dedications are being planned at dates to be determined for the coming year: Fluvanna Cemetery (Town of Ellicott), Mayville Cemetery (Town of Chautauqua), Villenova Cemetery (Town of Villenova), and Pleasantville Cemetery (Town of Chautauqua). The public is encouraged to check back at the "CHAUTAUQUA - SAR" Facebook page for an updated schedule in the next few months.

As we look ahead, we should also remember the 370 Revolutionary War soldiers interred in Chautauqua County at the cemeteries listed here. Their sacrifices helped secure the independence and freedoms inherited by succeeding generations. May we continue to honor their service—and the service of those who followed. God bless them all, past and present.

Paul Fardink is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and Army Aviator. He is a life member of VFW Post 8647 and American Legion Post 1286. He has given numerous lectures on the Revolutionary War Veterans of Chautauqua County. He also serves on the Chautauqua Dwyer Veterans Advisory Council and was a recent recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution "DAR America 250! Commendation Award" and Congressman Nicholas A. Langworthy's "America 250 Community Heroes Award.

	Cemetery	Chautauqua County Locations	Placed
1.	Maple Grove Cemetery	Brook Street, Ashville	2022
2.	Wellman Cemetery	Wellman Road, Ashville	2023
3.	Panama Union Cemetery	East Main Street, Panama	2023
4.	Tillotson Cemetery	Panama-Bear Lake Road, Niobe	2023
5.	Kiantone Maple Grove Cemetery	Donelson Road, Jamestown	2024
6.	Stillwater Cemetery	Bacon Road, Kiantone	2024
7.	Hatch Cemetery	Southwestern Drive, Busti	2024
8.	Clymer Cemetery	East Main Street, Clymer	2024
9.	Lake View Cemetery	Lakeview Ave, Jamestown	2024
10.	Findley Lake Cemetery	NY 430 West, Findley Lake	2025
11.	Gerry Hill Cemetery	Gerry-Ellington Road, Gerry	2025
12.	Blockville Union Burying Ground	Blockville-Watts Flats Road, Blockville	2025
13.	Sherman Cemetery	State Highway 430, Sherman	2025
14.	Bemus Point Cemetery	Route 430, Bemus Point	2025
15.	Evergreen Cemetery	Park & Water Streets, Sinclairville	2025
16.	Dewittville Cemetery	5616 Meadows Road, Dewittville	2026
17.	Allen Cemetery	1600 Willard Street Ext., Falconer	2026
18.	Greenwood Cemetery	Cemetery Street, Stockton	2026
19.	Red Bird Cemetery	5346 County Touring Route 380, Ellery	2026
20.	Tefft Cemetery	New Road, French Creek	2026

Note: All photographs were taken by DAR member Bonnie Larkin.

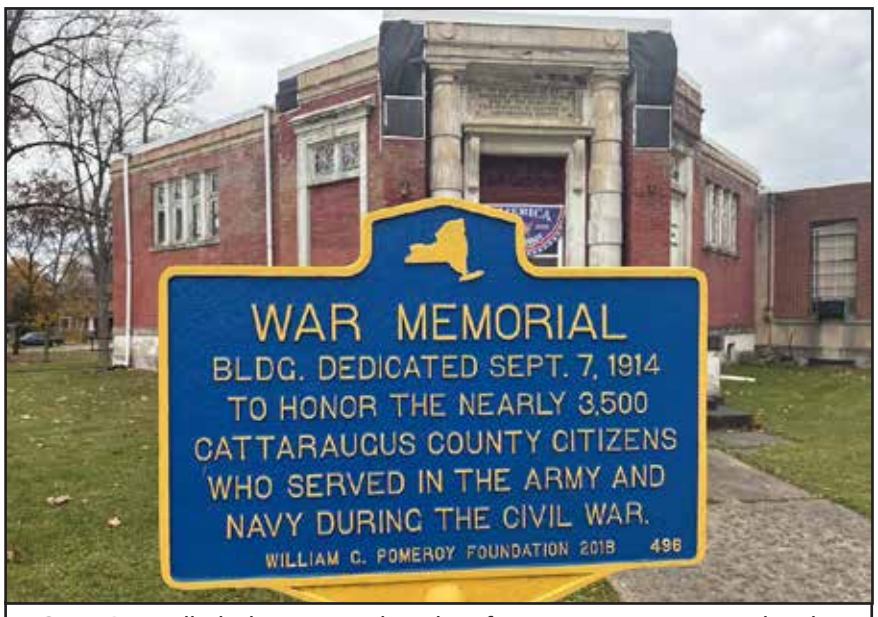
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Civil War Memorial Rehabilitation Reaches Major Milestone with $300,000 in Grant Funding

Major preservation grants and historic designations move C.A.M.P. closer to rehabilitating and reopening Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building



C.A.M.P. installed a historic marker identifying it as a War Memorial at the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building. The sign was funded through a grant by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

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Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation

Since taking ownership of the Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building at 302 Court St., Little Valley, NY, in 2017, C.A.M.P. (Citizens Advocating Memorial Preservation) has transformed a threatened Civil War Memorial Building into one of New York State's recognized preservation success stories. Through the dedication of volunteers led by President Thomas W. Stetz, C.A.M.P. has protected the property from further deterioration, earned listings on both the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places, and secured major grants totaling $300,000 to help with asbestos abatement and rehabilitation work.

The 1914 structure on-site was designed by Freeburg & Fidler Architects, worked out of their office in the Fenton Building in Jamestown, NY. They are also credited with the design of Fairmount Avenue School, Eagle Temple, Post Publishing Company Building, and the Winter Garden Theatre.

This fact echoes the collaboration of Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties in providing men who together made up several regiments in the Civil War.

In 2023, a $10,000 grant from the Cattaraugus County Legislature enabled C.A.M.P. to obtain professional services from Clinton Brown Company Architecture, P.C. of Buffalo, NY, and the property was subsequently added to the New York State and National Registers of Historic Places, the latter described as "the nation's official list of properties worthy of preservation. Listing on the National Register recognizes the importance of these properties to the history of our country and provides them with a measure of protection."

In December, 2025 Tom Alworth, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, notified C.A.M.P. of a $246,750 grant from the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage, recognizing "the vital role this project will play in enhancing the parks, environment, character, quality of life, and economic vitality" of our community.

In February, 2026, a $40,000 Preservation Opportunity Fund grant followed from the Preservation League of New York State. In remarks announcing the award, Caitlin Meives, Director of Preservation at the Preservation League of NYS, said "C.A.M.P.'s efforts to save this important building from demolition demonstrates the power of grassroots preservationists. Without their tireless advocacy over the last ten years, this monument to Cattaraugus County's Civil War veterans would be long gone. We are thrilled to offer financial support to this worthy project – one that's especially fitting during the country's 250th anniversary."

In May, 2026, C.A.M.P. received a $2,500 Community Fund grant from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. Established in 1994, the Community Foundation connects donors to the causes they care about most in our region.

In recent years, C.A.M.P. worked with contractors to wrap certain areas of the exterior to prevent deterioration of masonry until more thorough work could be completed and install a new multi-layer roof system to protect the building from further water damage.

The Cattaraugus County Memorial and Historical Building has anchored the County Seat in Little Valley, NY, since 1914, visibly expressing the County's gratitude for its citizens'

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Quilts of Valor recipients at the Frewsburg American Legion: George Gray, Dale Lundberg, Richard "Rick" Taylor, William "Bill" Berry, Paul Andrews, Robert "Bob" Anderson, Kacyn Cheney, Ryan Cheney, Alex Rhodes

Friday, November 13, 10:30am - Meeting - Quilters' Haven and Yarn Shop. Jan Shoup, owner of Quilters' Haven, will present. Jan continues to provide materials for Quilts of Valor at no charge.

Monday, November 9, 6:30pm - Meeting - Ellington Farnam Library. Cindy Conner, coordinator for Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor will present. Request forms for a quilt for a veteran or an active-duty service member at any of our meetings.

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00pm - Annual Harvest Dinner - Busti 5 Corners Community Church. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass, place setting, and utensils for dish. The business meeting will follow to include election of officers for 2027. Membership cards for 2026 are still available which may be used to get a discount at select quilt shops.

Annual dues for 2027 are now being accepted through December 31. If mailing dues, please send $25 check payable to CRQG, PO Box 2125, Jamestown, NY 14702. November is the last meeting this year with the next in March 2027.

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MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY

Give the Night Sky This Holiday Season



Students learn about the night sky at the observatory.

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Martz-Kohl Observatory

Looking for a holiday gift that isn't another sweater? The Martz-Kohl Observatory in Frewsburg, NY, has an idea: give a membership. It's a gift that opens a whole year of discovery, for a neighbor, a grandchild, a friend, or an entire family.

The Martz-Kohl Observatory is a volunteer-run, non-profit observatory on Robbin Hill Road in Frewsburg, a short drive from Jamestown, NY, and Warren, PA. It is home to the 24-inch Martz telescope and the 20-inch Kohl telescope, among the largest amateur telescopes in the region, as well as a community of amateur astronomers who love to share what they know. Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., the observatory holds free public viewing nights, with no reservation needed. Membership takes that experience further.

Learn the night sky. Members learn alongside experienced stargazers, whether they are finding their first constellation or planning a night of deep-sky photography. Members enjoy hands-on access to the observatory's facilities and telescopes, stargazing parties, and a newsletter. Members also receive reduced subscription rates to Astronomy and Sky & Telescope magazines. Each month, the observatory also hosts a free presentation by a special guest speaker, from renowned experts to our own member specialists, followed by a meet-and-greet and Q&A where everyone is welcome to ask questions.

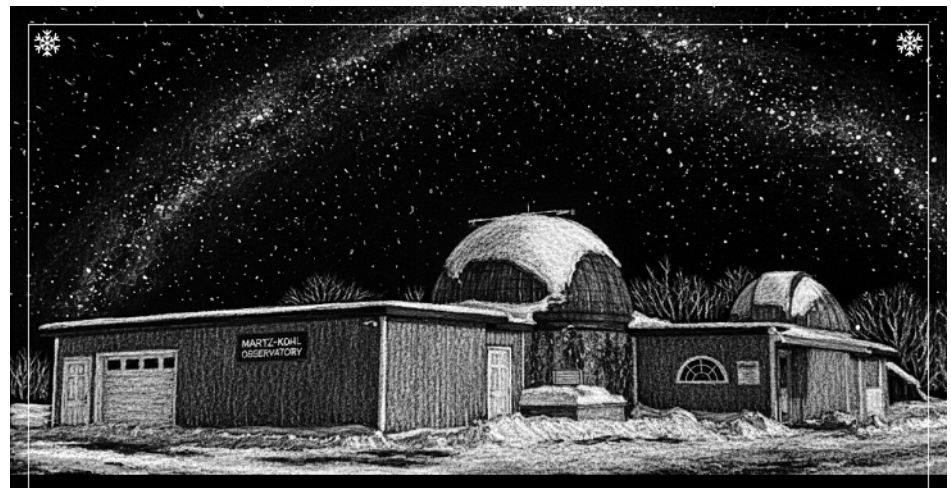
Use the big scopes. Members aren't limited to looking. With training from experienced members, they can use the observatory's large telescopes, including the 24-inch Martz telescope and the 20-inch Kohl, for personal projects and astrophotography.

Take the sky home. Members can also borrow a telescope, such as the smart Seestar S50, at home or on a trip to a dark-sky area such as in Warren County, PA. These new-generation telescopes find and track objects on their own and send the view to a phone, so a backyard or a dark country road becomes a night under the stars. Members are glad to help new users get started.

Learning, shared with the community. The observatory's educational outreach reaches well beyond its domes. Volunteers host scouts, school classes, clubs, and families, offer a free online library of more than 50 astronomy lectures, and run the Space STEM Camp. Members can take part in this outreach, and every membership helps keep the telescopes running and the programs free to the public.

Stocking stuffers, too. Show your local pride, and brag a little about the great observatory in our own backyard, with Martz-Kohl Observatory logo shirts, hats, magnets, and more from the online store at https://martzobservatory.org/martz-kohl-observatory-store/. Items can be shipped or picked up locally, and a portion of every purchase supports the observatory.

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Post-Election Statement from Aaron Gies

Aaron Gies, the Democratic nominee for New York's 23rd Congressional District, released the following statement on the results of Tuesday's general election:

"To every volunteer who knocked on a door after a long day at work, made calls on a Saturday afternoon, or put up a yard sign when it would have been easier not to: thank you. You built this campaign from the ground up."

"To the voters of the Southern Tier and Western New York who put their trust in this campaign: thank you. We came up short, but we showed a real grassroots movement across the district. We posted double-digit gains in nearly every county. That didn't happen by accident. It happened because families here are tired of doing everything right and falling further and further behind.

"We ran on a simple idea: a good life should be affordable for everyone. That means health care you can actually afford and rural hospitals that stay open. It means housing young families can buy, free school meals for every child, and rural schools that get the funding they deserve. It means fair prices for family farms and wages that let working people live a dignified life. None of that went away last night."

"I wish Congressman Langworthy success in every good work in his new term. I am hopeful that he will take the nations's overwhelming rejection of Trumpism and his own narrower margin of victory as an occasion for reflection. After seventeen months, over two hundred fifty events and tens of thousands of miles, I am looking forward to a little time off. I'm proud of what we've accomplished. I would do it all again."

Gies teaches theology and Franciscan studies at St. Bonaventure University. He won the Democratic nomination in June with more than 70 percent of the vote. New York's 23rd District includes all of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung and Tioga counties and parts of Erie, Schuyler and Steuben counties.

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Lest We Forget

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looking not only at what was before me, but thanking the One who made it possible for me to see what I was seeing.

Too many times we all take for granted what we are given – too many times we forget what it took to get to where we are – too many times we forget to acknowledge the hardships, the losses, the pain, the suffering, the history. Too many times. So, on this particular morning, as I gazed upon the most magnificent rendition of Old Glory that I had seen, I remembered. I remembered the history lessons in school, I remembered my father's stories, I remembered the pain in his voice, I remembered my family members who served in the military to defend Old Glory – I remembered things I had forgotten.

I ask you to take a walk to the shores of Lake Chautauqua in Bemus Point. Stand under that big, beautiful flag, and remember. Remember the men and women – remember the families left at home – remember the silent opening of the door to the phrase "we regret to inform you" – remember the children who grew up knowing of bravery and valor, but did not get the hugs – remember the sacrifice, the love, the honor, the bowed heads, the folded flags, the Taps, "Day is Done" - - - remember.

And, please, do not ever forget.

Civil War Memorial Rehabilitation Reaches Major Milestone with $300,000 in Grant Funding

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Postcard showing the Memorial and Historical Building soon after completion in 1914.

service during the Civil War. This nationally significant building is not currently accessible to the public due to asbestos-containing materials. C.A.M.P., a community-led nonprofit, saved the Memorial Building from demolition, stabilized it, and made it rehab ready. C.A.M.P. President Thomas W. Stetz says these grants will help fund required asbestos abatement and interior remediation, enabling safe and healthy public access, which will allow public events for the first time in over 20 years.

If you would like to contribute, instructions on making a gift to C.A.M.P., a community-led nonprofit, can be found at: https://cattcomemorial.org/donate/

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To give or to join, please visit martzobservatory.org and click Membership, or go directly to martzobservatory.org/membership-menu/. The online form can be completed and paid for online or by mail.

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

Community Invited to Welcome Chautauqua Institution President

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Chautauqua Region Community Foundation

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Chautauqua Institution, and Robert H. Jackson Center invite the community to a special evening welcoming Mark Johnson, Chautauqua Institution's 19th president and a Chautauqua County native, on Tuesday, November 10, at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown.



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The event will offer an opportunity for community members to meet Johnson, learn more about his career and hear about the connections that have shaped his relationship with the region he now serves in his new leadership role.

The evening will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a casual meet-and-greet reception featuring light refreshments and an opportunity for guests to visit with Johnson. At 5:30 p.m., Johnson will join local historian and interviewer Greg Peterson for a conversation in the Jackson Center's Cappa Theatre. Their discussion will explore Johnson's professional journey, his connections to Chautauqua County, and the experiences that have brought him to this new chapter at Chautauqua Institution.

"There's something special about seeing someone with deep roots in our community return to help shape its future," said Tory Irgang, executive director of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. "Mark brings a unique perspective to this role, and we're excited to welcome him, hear his story, and celebrate the connections that make this region such a remarkable place."

For the three organizations hosting the event, the gathering is an opportunity to celebrate the people, relationships and shared commitment to community that make the Chautauqua region special.

Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP by emailing mruth@crcfonline.org or by calling the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, at (716) 661-3390.

Fall Community Grants Awards Announced by NCCF

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Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) helps build vibrant, prosperous local communities, rich in opportunity, through leadership, collaboration, local philanthropy, and strategic grantmaking.

Recently, Community Benefit Grants totaling $116,800 were approved by NCCF's Board of Directors. These grants will be awarded to 16 local organizations.

Organizations and projects receiving funding from the 2026 Fall Community Benefit Grants Program include: Anderson-Lee Library: Learning Garden Patio Installation; Brocton Historical Society: Historical Preservation and Archival Program Supplies; CCPEG 2027-Paint CHQ: Brocton, Fredonia, Silver Creek Mural Projects; Chautauqua County Rural Ministry: Winter Homeless Supplies and Health Kits; Empty Bowls: Artist Bowl Making Supplies and Meal Support; FeedMore of WNY: Winter/Holiday Food Supplies; Fredonia State Athletics: Girl and Women in Sports Day on Campus; Jamestown Community Learning Council: North County Program Bilingual Home Visitor; Literacy Volunteers: Next Chapter Bookstore Management Support; Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels: Food Insecurity and Meal Delivery Scholarship Program , Northern Chautauqua Community Choir: 2026-27 Program Season Support; North Shore Arts Alliance: 2027 Artscape Fredonia Community Exhinition; Silver Creek Hanover Garden Club: Mobile Watering Container and Cart; St. Columban's on the Lake: Water Treatment System Repairs; Western NY Land Conservancy: Bear Lake Nature Preserve Design Plan; and Westfield YWCA: Girls Leadership Empowerment Program.

A Grants Reception will be held in conjunction with the annual Open-House Community Foundation Week Celebration at the Fredonia Presbyterian Church Hall (219 Central Ave., Fredonia) on Fri. Nov. 13th from 11-1 pm.

The biannual Community Benefit Grants Program awards grants to organizations seeking funding to improve and strengthen the northern Chautauqua region.

The deadline to submit a letter of interest for the next round of Community Benefit Grants in the spring is March 1, 2027

NCCF's Grants Committee, made up of volunteers from the community, carefully reviews all letters of interest and applications received. Current Grants Committee members are Adam Dimitri (Committee Chair), Rose Ann Falcone, Margaret Ferris, Sandra Lewis, Betsy Swanson Elizabeth Tytka and Nick Wittmeyer. Rachel Foley is the NCCF Board President.

Many generous donors support the Community Benefit Grants Program at NCCF. To contribute to an existing NCCF Community Fund or to create your own Community Fund at NCCF, visit our website at nccfoundation.org, email nccf@nccfoundation.org or call our office at 716-366-4892 for more information.

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F 10-6 Sa 10-2

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716-595-3822
www.stocktonlibaries.org
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TU 11-7 Sa10-1

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Hours: M 10-4 TU 3-8 TH 9-8 Sa 9-12

Myers Memorial Library (Frewsburg)
23 Ivory St Frewsburg 14738
716-569-5515 • www.myerslibrary.org
Hours: M/TU/W/TH/F 10-1; 3-6 Sa 10-2
Storytime: Thurs. 10 am
Book Club: After-hours book club 6pm

Patterson Library (Westfield)
40 South Portage St. Westfield 14787
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Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
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Ripley Public Library
64 W. Main St. Ripley 14775
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Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
Book Club: First Monday 5:30 pm

Sinclairville Free Library
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716-962-5885 • sinclairvillelibrary.org
Hours: M/TH 2-7 W 9-5 F 10-4 Sa 10-1

Smith Memorial Library (Chautauqua)
21 Miller Ave Chautauqua 14755
716-357-6296
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Hours: Sept – June M 12-6 W/F 10-5 Sa 10-3 Su 12-3
June 21- Aug 24 M/TU/W/TH/F 9-5 Sa 9-3 Su 12-3

Hazeltine Public Library

The Hazeltine Public Library is pleased to announce bird carvings from the award-winning artist **Ralph Sandquist** are on permanent display at the library.



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SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

DARWIN R. BARKER LIBRARY

November 13th 3:30- 5 PM – Fiber Arts Meetup

November 14th 11 AM- Discover Dragons Storytime

November 20th 4-5 PM – Qigong Class

November 27th 3:30- 5 PM – Fiber Arts Meetup

Wednesdays 1-3 PM – Mah Jongg Open Play

DUNKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Month of November – Holiday Food Drive

November 14th 5 PM – Season of Champions D&D Week 1 at Power Nine

November 21st 5 PM – Season of Champions D&D Week 2 at Power Nine

November 28th 5 PM – Season of Champions D&D Week 3 at Power Nine

December 5th 5 PM – Season of Champions D&D Week 4 at Power Nine

HAZELTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

November 14th 1 PM – Board Game Saturday. Free and open to ages 14+. No reservations needed; drop-ins welcome. Bring your own board games, cards, etc. or use what we have at the library. Facilitated by Deb Siggins

November 26th and 27th – Library will be closed. Normal hours will resume 10 AM on Saturday the 28th

November 30th 10 AM – 4 PM – Medicare Questions Answered and Open Enrollment Help. Free and open to everyone. No cost or obligation to meet with Medicare Advisor Annette Gill, Independent Agent. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling 716-340-0969. Drop-ins welcome and will be accommodated as time permits.

MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

November 14th 1 PM- Book Discussion of The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

PATTERSON LIBRARY

November 10th 5:30 PM – Ekstasis 2.0 Concert Series

November 12th 5:30 PM – Author Talk with Mary Ellen Humphrey

Octagon Gallery: November 17th 5:30 PM – Film showing of "Outsider Artists of the South" with David Seehausen

November 17th 4 PM – Teen & Tween Cookie Baking (Children's Area)

November 19th 4 PM- Teen & Tween

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT
Darwin R. Barker Library

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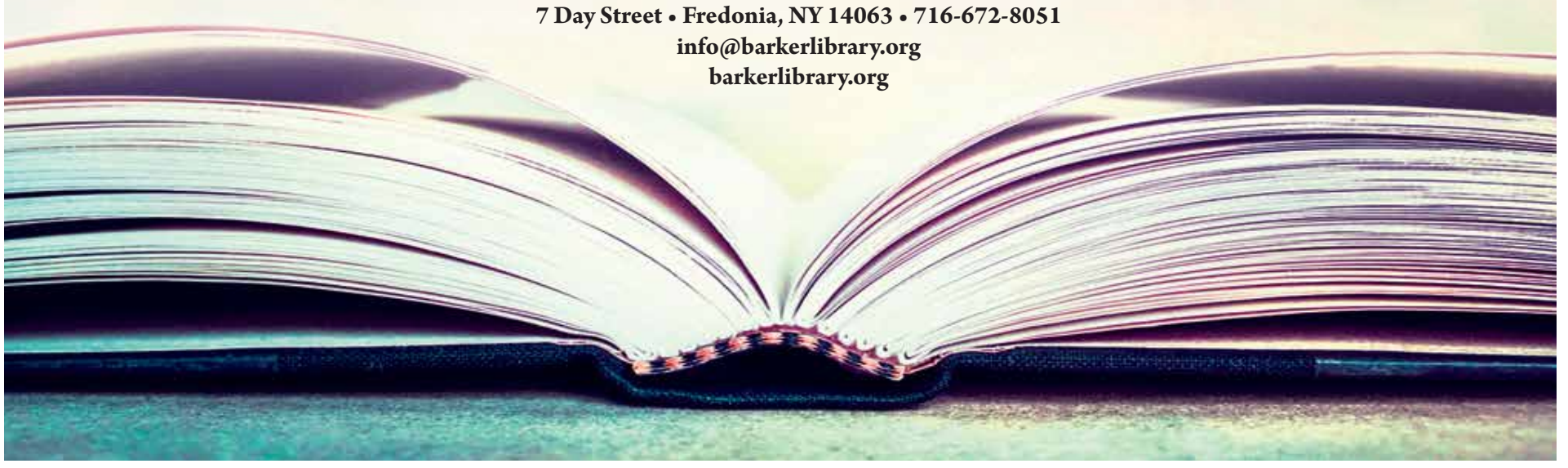
The founding of the Darwin R. Barker Library dates back to the 1870s, when the Women's Christian Temperance Union was formed in Fredonia. The WCTU sought to establish a library to provide citizens with a recreational alternative to bar-going. They struggled to find financial backing; however, they established a Reading Room in 1874 with an initial donation of 16 books by Mark Twain, whose mother and sister lived in Fredonia and supported temperance. In 1884, Fredonia's Barker family, also staunch supporters of the WCTU, donated their Day Street residence to be used as a library. The library's historical room had coalesced into the Darwin R. Barker Museum by the 1960s, and in the 1980s it expanded into the whole original Barker house, as the library moved into the new addition that it currently occupies. Together, the library and museum encompass the Darwin R. Barker Library and Museum Association.

The Darwin R. Barker Library prides itself on serving as a community hub. We offer two story times each week, as well as American Mah Jongg open play, fiber arts meetups, and book club discussions. Periodically, we also offer special events like crafting workshops, plant swaps, author talks, kids' book giveaways, and much more! We put our walls to good use as an art gallery with local artist showcases that rotate bimonthly. Our meeting room accommodates up to 35 people and can be reserved by members of the public for no charge. Additionally, we maintain a seed library to encourage local gardening with seeds for vegetables, herbs, and native wildflowers.

During a visit to our library, you can play games on our X-Box, use our VR headset, work on a jigsaw puzzle, play a board game, or read the four daily newspapers we subscribe to. You can even enjoy a free copy of the New York Times crossword puzzle! Stop by our attached history museum during open hours to take in the rotating exhibits, or delve into the research library to explore local properties and family histories.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Darwin R. Barker Library is thrilled to be implementing a Library of Things by the end of the calendar year! Essentially, it will consist of objects which can be loaned out to the community just like checking out a book. Many of these objects are things that people may need for a specific project or event that are often unreasonable to purchase for such a limited time. Our Library of Things will consist of 72 new objects, including kitchen appliances, tools, gardening equipment, lawn games, craft and hobby supplies, and even a ghost hunting kit!

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER CONT.

Cozy Crafters (Children's Area)

November 20th 4 PM – Movie "Elf" including free popcorn (Children's Area)

November 21st 11 AM- 1 PM – Cookie Decorating. Stop in to pick up a craft and see all t he Christmas decorations (Children's Area)

Thursdays 10:15 AM- Zoom Room: Playtime for Toddlers (Children's Area)

Fridays 10:30 AM Giggle & Grow Storytime: Ages 3-5, siblings welcome (Children's Area)

Saturdays 10:30-11:30 AM- LEGO Club

On display through November 29th 13 Walls Art display – Myriam Mayshark

Full list of events: www.pattersonlib.org or visit our FB page

PRENDERGAST LIBRARY

November 9th 3:30-5 PM – Makerspace Mondays: Leaf Wreath. All ages, though younger children may need assistance.

November 10th 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Curiosity Cub: Second Wave Comics discussion

November 11th 11:30 AM – 1 PM – No School Days: Pokémon Playday. Ages 16 and under welcome.

November 12th 4-6 PM – Teen Lounge Movie: "The Labyrinth" All teens 14-18 welcome to hang out, watch the cult-classic, and enjoy snacks

November 16th 3:30-5 PM – Makerspace Mondays: Friendship Bracelets. All ages, though younger children may need assistance

November 17th 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Curiosity Cub: Comics Around the World

November 20th 4:30-6:30 PM – All Ages Movie: "Zootopia 2". Everyone is invited to drop in, watch the movie, and eat snacks.

November 20th 5:30 PM – Media Review Club: 2112 by Rush Adult session to listen to and discuss the album.

November 21st 2:15-3:15 PM – Meet and Make: Festive beaded corn decorations by threading pony beads onto pipe cleaners. Ages 14+ welcome

November 23rd 3:30-5 PM – Makerspace Mondays: Electrical currents with Snap Circuits. All ages, though younger children may need assistance

November 24th 5:30 – 6:30 PM – Curiosity Cub: Comics of the 21st Century and Beyond

November 25th 11:30 AM – 1 PM- No School Days: Hot Wheels Pay Day. Ages 14 and under

November 26th 2:45- 4:30 PM – No School Days: VR Play and Loose Parts Lobby Demo

November 30th 3:30-5 PM – Makerspace Mondays: Festive Paperchain Garland. All ages, though younger children may need assistance

November 30th – December 5th – Half-off Book Sale: All items are 50% off the regular price!

Learn more at prendergastlibrary.org

RIPLEY LIBRARY:

October 10th 6 PM – Murder Mystery – Evil Never Dies. Presented by The Friends of the Library. Ticket: $25 per person and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres & 1 glass of wine. Location: Nobel Winery in Westfield

October 30th 6 PM – Adult Halloween Party! Tickets $5 per person. Come join for a light snack, tarot card readings, and fun! BYOB.

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Understanding VA Benefits: A Guide for Veterans and Their Families

Contributed by

Michael Rauh
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Chautauqua County
Veterans Service Agency

To be of service is the main goal of the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency. We strive to be of service to our Brothers and Sisters who served in the military and to their families. We help Veterans and their dependents apply for various benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The best way for us to serve you is to schedule an appointment so we can focus on the benefits for which you may be eligible and how best to secure them.

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a wide range of benefits. The most common benefits used are VA Health Care, Non-Service Connected Pension, VA Compensation, Burial Benefits, and Survivor's Benefits.

Please take a few moments to read this article then contact us. We are happy to help. These descriptions are a brief overview of each benefit. We can explain eligibility in more detail during your appointment.

VA Health Care

VA Heath Care – Is a Health Care Provider system for Veterans. It is not a health insurance policy.

There is no monthly premium for VA Health care. The only charges may be copays for appointments and prescriptions.

The VA uses income to determine eligibility and whether a Veteran may have co-pays. Income limits are not necessarily a bar to eligibility. There are several exceptions to the income limit. Some exceptions include Veterans recently separated from Active Duty, Veterans who served "In Country" in Vietnam, and Veterans receiving Compensation payments.

VA Health Care can provide Veterans with Primary Care, all types of Specialty care, Mental Health Counseling, Prescriptions, Eye Glasses, Hearing Aides, Medical Devices, Surgery, Help in the home, and much more.

In some circumstances, VA Health care can also provide care from outside medical providers.

Veterans enrolled in VA Health Care are also eligible to use local Urgent care facilities that have a VA contract. Veterans get up to 3 Urgent care visits per year.

Non-Service Connected Pension

Non-Service Connected Pension is a need based supplemental income program for War Time Veterans. In order to be eligible, the Veteran must have had, at least 90 days of military service, one day of which was during a War Time period. It is not necessary for a Veteran to have served in a Combat Theater to be eligible. Veterans must have an Honorable or General discharge as well.

Income limits depend upon the health of the claimant, the cost of health insurance, in home care providers, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes can be used to lower a claimant's income for eligibility purposes.

A Veteran may receive up to $2,874 per month.

VA Compensation

VA Compensation (a.k.a Service Connected Disability) are payments made to Veterans for military related injuries and illnesses. Veterans may receive compensation for injuries that occurred on Active Duty or during Reserve or National Guard Training.

In order to file a claim for compensation, we must have 3 elements.

- A current diagnosis of a chronic medical problem.
- Evidence of an injury that occurred on active duty or in training. Evidence of exposure to toxic chemicals such as Agent Orange used in Vietnam, Burn pits in Iraq & Afghanistan, or Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune. Exposure to hazardous noise.
- A link or medical opinion between the current diagnosis and the Injury, Illness, or Exposure.

VA compensation can also be paid for Veterans experiencing Post Traumatic Stress from serving in a combat theater, from having been a victim of sexual assault, or living through a traumatic event that happen while in the military.

Military disabilities are rated from 0% to 100% based on the nature and severity of the disability or combination of multiple disabilities.

VA Compensation pays from $180.42 per month for a 10% rating to $3,938.58 or more for a 100% rating. Pay rates vary depending on several factors.

There are no copays in VA health care for any Service Connected disability rated 10% or more. For example, a Veteran with a 10% rating for a chronic back injury has no copays for treatment, prescriptions, surgery, physical therapy, or medical devices related to that injury.

Veteran rated 10% or more for any disability are eligible for free hearing aides and eye glasses from VA Health Care.

Any Veteran with a combined rating of 50% or more has no copays for VA Health Care or Prescriptions.



Veterans with a combined permanent and total rating of 100% are eligible for free Dental care.

Dependents of Veterans rated 100% permanent and total are eligible for free Health Insurance and Education Benefits.

VA Survivor's Benefits

Thank you for taking a few minutes to explore your potential eligibility for benefits through The Department of Veterans Affairs.

There are two types of VA Survivor's Benefits. The most common is often called "Widow's Pension" or "Death Pension". This benefit is the Survivor's version of the Non-Service Connected Pension program discussed above.

Death Pension

Death Pension is a need based supplemental income program for Surviving Spouses of War Time Veterans. In order to be eligible, the Veteran must have had, at least 90 days of military service, one day of which was during a War Time period. It is not necessary for a Veteran to have served in a Combat Theater to be eligible. The Veteran must have had an Honorable or General discharge.

In order to be eligible, the surviving spouse must not have been divorced from the Veteran or remarried.

Income limits depend upon the health of the claimant, the cost of health insurance, in home care providers, assisted living facilities, and nursing homes can be used to lower a claimant's income for eligibility purposes.

A surviving spouse may receive up to $1,558 per month.

Dependency Indemnity Compensation

The second Survivor's Benefit is Dependency Indemnity Compensation. It is called "DIC" for short. DIC benefits apply when a Veteran dies on duty, from a military related disability, a medical condition related to military service, or if a Veteran was paid VA Compensation Benefits at the 100% rate for 10 years before their death.

Surviving spouses must meet marriage requirements. DIC Benefits currently pay from $1,669 to $2,480 per month depending on various criteria.

DIC Benefits also come with Education Benefits for dependents and a free health insurance supplement called CHAMPVA.

Burial Benefits

The VA provides a few different burial benefits that range from an American Flag and a Grave Marker. There are several types of Grave markers to include a traditional head stone, brass markers, and niche markers used for Columbariums.

Survivors of Veterans who were in receipt of Non-Service Connected Pension or VA Compensation Benefits at the time of death may receive to up to $2,000 towards the cost of burial.

We Are Happy to Help

Please be advised that the benefits descriptions provided are a brief summary. The application process can be complicated. The good news is that we here to help. We see our jobs as a calling and a way to keep alive the "Esprit de corps" from our military service. Please give us a call. Come on in. We are happy to help.

Our Offices

We have 2 Offices.

Jamestown Office

Our Jamestown office is staffed by:
Michael Rauh – Director & Service Officer
Carrie Finnerty – Administrative Aide
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Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone number: 716-661-8255

Dunkirk Office

Service Officer Lori Dispenza runs the Dunkirk location.
D & F Plaza
1170 Central Ave. Suite 130
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Phone number: 716-268-6030

Thank you Lori Cornell and the Chautauqua Gazette for your dedicated commitment to community service and for providing our office the chance to reach more Veterans and the families. We are grateful to you.

CHQ Transit Offers Free City Bus Rides to Veterans on Veteran's Day



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CHQ Transit

CHQ Transit is pleased to offer free rides to veterans on its city fixed routes on Veterans Day, November 11, 2026, as a way to honor and thank those who have served our country.

On November 11, all veterans can ride CHQ Transit's city fixed routes in Jamestown, Dunkirk, and the villages of Lakewood, Celoron, and Falconer without purchasing a ticket.

CHQ Transit city buses operate approximately 7:30 a.m. to 5:25 p.m. in the Dunkirk area and 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Jamestown area. Riders are encouraged to visit the CHQ Transit website for complete route schedules and exact departure times. Passengers may also call the CHQ Transit office with questions about routes, stops, and where to catch the bus.

"CHQ Transit is grateful for our veteran riders, and we sincerely thank them for their service and sacrifice," said CHQ Transit Senior Project Coordinator Michele Westphal. "We are committed to improving transportation services for veterans throughout Chautauqua County and helping connect them with the services and resources they need."

In addition to local city routes, The Veteran Service Agency through CHQ Transit also provides transportation from Chautauqua County to the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Veterans should contact the CHQ Transit office to confirm available travel dates and schedule transportation.

CHQ Transit thanks all veterans for their service and is proud to support them through accessible and dependable public transportation.

For complete schedules, route information, and transportation inquiries, visit the CHQ Transit website at chautauquacountyny.gov/carts/CHQTransit or contact the CHQ Transit office by calling: (716) 665-6466.

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CHQ Professionals Group to Host Conflict Management Workshop with Cindy Aronson

November 17 event offers practical tools to navigate workplace challenges and strengthen communication



The CHQ Professionals Group during a 2025 workshop in Fredonia with facilitator Cindy Aronson. Aronson will once again host a workshop with the group, this time focusing on Conflict Management, on Nov. 17 in Lakewood, NY.

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CHQ Professionals Group

The CHQ Professionals Group will host a Conflict Management Workshop with Cindy Aronson, principal trainer at The Comedy-Code, on Tuesday, November 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Community Training Center, 110 Mall Boulevard in Lakewood.

The workshop will help area professionals turn workplace friction into opportunities for growth. Participants will learn practical tools to navigate challenging behaviors, communicate effectively, and build a stronger organizational culture.

"Managing conflict is a skill that can benefit anyone, regardless of their role or career stage," said Monica Simpson, co-chair of the CHQ Professionals Group. "We're excited to offer an affordable opportunity for local professionals to learn strategies they can bring back to their workplaces and use in everyday interactions."

Led by Aronson, the workshop will introduce four steps for moving from emotional reactions to professional responses, explore communication styles and personalities, and demonstrate how humor and business tools can support continuous improvement. Participants will also learn approaches to building a "better vs. bitter" workplace culture.

"Conflict is something we all encounter, but how we respond can make a real difference," said Cindy Aronson, principal trainer at The Comedy-Code. "This workshop will give participants practical tools to move beyond emotional reactions, understand different communication styles, and turn challenging interactions into opportunities for growth."

Registration is $5 and includes light refreshments. To register, look for the event listing on the CHQ Professionals Facebook page, or visit qrco.de/CPGWorkshop26.

The CHQ Professionals Group is an initiative of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG). In addition to hosting professional development and networking events, the group distributes a monthly newsletter, shares local job postings, and explores volunteer opportunities related to workforce and career development.

For more information, email simpsonm@chqgov.com or call 716-363-3770.

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Jamestown's Nevan Kearney to participate in Cortaca Jug at Yankee Stadium

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YES Network



*Nevan Kearney, a **Jamestown** native and SUNY Cortland graduate from the Class of 2024, will be part of the student broadcasting team for the 67th **Cortaca Jug**, the annual football rivalry between Ithaca College and SUNY Cortland. The game will take place at **Yankee Stadium** on Saturday, November 14, at 1 pm, and will be broadcast live on the YES Network and streamed for free nationally on DAZN. As part of the broadcast, students from both schools will take on meaningful on-air roles, including analyst, sideline reporter and halftime host, gaining valuable experience while covering the rivalry at one of New York's most iconic sports venues. YES Network play-by-play broadcaster Chris Shearn will also be part of the broadcast team.*

Below is Kearney's recent interview with YES.

Q: When did you graduate from Cortland? What high school did you attend?

A: I graduated Summa Cum Laude from SUNY Cortland in Spring of 2024 with a bachelor degree in sport management, as well as a minor in communications. I then went on to do my internship as the head of Broadcasting Operations at Cortland that same Fall. I attended Jamestown High School and graduated in 2020, and went on to do two years at Jamestown Community College before transferring to SUNY Cortland.

Q: What sparked your interest in broadcasting/media?

A: I had always played sports throughout my whole high school career as well as prior. The competitive nature of sports was something that always piqued my interest. Furthermore, the nature of being in the "spotlight" or having to perform when people are counting on you was something that fueled my passion. After my sports career was over I decided to get into broadcasting/media because of my knowledge of the game as well as the performative aspect of it.

Q: What will be your role during the telecast?

A: I will be a color commentator/analyst in a three-person booth breaking down plays, formations, and concepts that happen/develop within the game.

Q: What do you do for your current job at Vizella Media?

A: I am currently a Business Development Manager at Vizella Media. Under the umbrella of ESPN Ithaca and Tompkins Weekly I develop relationships with local businesses helping them market their business to the local reach through three separate mediums.

Q: Have you ever been to Yankee Stadium?

A: Yes, I have had the pleasure of going to a few Yankee games before. I also made the trip to the 2023 Cortaca game at Yankee stadium as a fan my first year at SUNY Cortland. I am extremely grateful to be involved this time around.

Q: What is the biggest game you have worked on before the Cortaca Jug?

A: I had the opportunity to work on the 2024 Cortaca Jug at SUNY Cortland in which I facilitated and coordinated the media operations prior to the game, and then served as an analyst for it on The Red Dragon Sports Network!

Q: Is Ithaca your first coaching job?

A: Yes, this is my first year coaching in which I serve as an Assistant Coach. We just had our first winning season in AA since 2010.

Q: Did you play football in high school and/or college?

A: I had the pleasure to play football at Jamestown High school under coach Tom Langworthy. After going to community college during COVID where there was no team by the time I got to Cortland I had made the decision to transfer to the media/broadcasting side of the game I love.

Q: What are your thoughts on working the game at the Stadium?

A: I am so excited for this opportunity, and the knowledge and passion I have for the game of football will be on full display. Going into the game I am prepared. My 5 P's: Proper Preparation Prevents Poor Production.

Q: What type of work, classes, and internships did you do at Cortland?

A: I got an abundance of hands-on experience at SUNY Cortland in a class offered called Event Practicum. Jaclyn Lawrence the Assistant Athletic Director was the teacher, and I got the chance to develop my relationship with her. I then got to do my internship with her as the Head of Broadcasting Operations. I served as the play-by-play voice for an abundance of sports including basketball, volleyball, baseball, field hockey, ice hockey, and soccer. Football was where i could showcase an in-depth knowledge of

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George M. Borrello

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Statement from Senator George Borrello Following Reelection to New York State Senate:

State Senator George Borrello expressed his gratitude to the voters of the 57th Senate District for re-electing him to a fourth term in the State Senate and vowed to uphold their trust by continuing to fight for affordability, accountability and common sense in Albany.

He issued the following statement:

"I am humbled and grateful to the people of the 57th District for once again electing me to be their voice in Albany.

"Over the past six years, I've worked hard to build a record that reflects the priorities of the people I represent. That means standing up for taxpayers, fighting for our farmers and small businesses, challenging costly energy mandates and working to keep our communities safe. I've never been afraid to speak out or take on a difficult fight when the well-being of the people I represent is at stake.

"The concerns I've heard from residents about affordability, energy policy, public safety and other key issues will continue to drive my work in Albany. We've made progress on some important issues, but there's much more to do. I'll keep fighting for policies that will reverse the decline we've experienced under one-party rule and the outmigration that has resulted. New York has so many assets and potential. With the right policies, we can be the Empire State again.

"I want to thank my family and friends, our dedicated volunteers and everyone who supported my campaign. Your hard work and encouragement mean more than I can express. And to everyone in the 57th District, whether you voted for me or not, I want you to know that I'll continue working just as hard to represent you. There is no greater privilege than having the opportunity to serve the neighbors and communities I care so deeply about."



Andrew Molitor

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Assemblyman Andrew Molitor Issues Statement Following Reelection to New York State Assembly:

"The people of Chautauqua County have once again entrusted me with the honor of representing them in the New York State Assembly, and I accept that responsibility with profound gratitude, renewed determination and an unwavering commitment to their future.

"This election was never about one man or one office. It was about the kind of future we intend to leave behind. It was about defending the dignity of hard work, restoring common sense to government and ensuring that the voices of ordinary New Yorkers are never drowned out by the powerful interests in Albany.

"We stand at a defining moment for our state. Families are being driven to their financial limits, businesses are struggling under the weight of government mandates and too many New Yorkers have begun to question whether the state they love still holds a future for their children. I refuse to accept that decline as inevitable. The greatness of New York was built by generations who confronted adversity with courage, not those who yielded to it.

"I extend my sincerest thanks to my family, our dedicated volunteers and the people who have placed their confidence in me. Their faith strengthens my resolve and reminds me that public service is not a privilege to be enjoyed, but a duty to be fulfilled.

"The election has ended, but the greater work continues. I return to Albany not to make peace with the failures of the past, but to fight for the promise of a better tomorrow. Our challenges are great, but our determination must be greater."

"CAN WE STOP HATE?"

UCLA Sociologist Aliza Luft to Speak at Robert H. Jackson Center November 16

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The Robert H. Jackson Center will host "Can We Stop Hate?" featuring Aliza Luft, Associate Professor of Sociology at UCLA, on Monday, November 16, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 E. Fourth St., Jamestown. The program is part of "25 Years of Asking Questions," a series marking the Center's 25th year.

The program is free and open to the public. Register online.

Antisemitism, racism, and political violence force difficult questions about how individuals and communities respond to hate. What conditions allow hate to take hold? How can communities push back without amplifying it? And what can history teach us about confronting mass harm?

Luft will examine the social and cultural roots of hate, the choices people make when faced with violence and injustice, and the ways communities can respond. Drawing on the history of the Nuremberg Trials and Robert H. Jackson's pursuit of accountability after the Holocaust, the conversation will consider what the past can teach us about resisting hate and protecting the values of a democratic society today.

"For 25 years, the Jackson Center has asked hard questions, and today, this one feels especially urgent," said Kristan McMahon, President of the Robert H. Jackson Center. "Justice Jackson understood that hate often is rooted in fear or lack of exposure and does not take hold on its own. It depends on the choices of ordinary people. Professor Luft's research helps us understand those choices, and what each of us can do in our spheres to reduce fear and hate."

About the Speaker

Aliza Luft is an Associate Professor of Sociology at UCLA whose research focuses on how ordinary people make decisions during war, genocide, and mass violence: why some participate, why others resist, and why many look away. Her work explores how identity, social relationships, cultural classifications, and moral reasoning shape behavior under extreme conditions.

Luft is the author of Sacred Betrayal: How the French Catholic Church Broke Its Pledge to Protect Jews during the Holocaust (Harvard University Press, 2026), which traces how French Catholic bishops moved from condemning Nazism to promising Jewish communities a protection they ultimately failed to provide. Her research has appeared in leading academic journals as well as The New York Times, The Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times. She serves as Interim Director of UCLA's Bedari Kindness Institute and has worked with organizations including USAID, the United Nations, and Facing History & Ourselves.

The "25 Years of Asking Questions" series continues December 2 with "What Do We Owe Each Other?" More information is available at roberthjackson.org/event/25yaq-stop-hate.

The Robert H. Jackson Center thanks Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this program.

About the Robert H. Jackson Center

Since 2001, the Robert H. Jackson Center has preserved the values embodied in the life and works of Robert H. Jackson, who served as U.S. Solicitor General, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Supreme Court Justice, and Chief U.S. Prosecutor of the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg. Through programs, presentations, exhibits, media, internships, and scholarship, the Center demonstrates to current and future generations the relevance of Justice Jackson's ideas and writings. The Center is a registered 501(c)(3) nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization located at 305 E. Fourth St., Jamestown, NY. Learn more at roberthjackson.org.

Zonta Club of Jamestown Names Suellen Carlson 2026 Zontian of the Year



Pictures L to R are Past recipient, Debbie Piotrowski and Zontian of the Year, Sueellen Carlson.

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Zonta Club of Jamestown

The Zonta Club of Jamestown has named Suellen Carlson its 2026 Zontian of the Year in recognition of her more than 25 years of dedicated service to the organization and her commitment to improving the lives of women and girls in the community.

Carlson exemplifies the values of Zonta through her leadership, dedication to service and commitment to advancing opportunities for women and girls. Throughout her membership, she has chaired numerous committees and played an important role in strengthening the club and supporting its mission.

Known for her thoughtful approach, strong convictions and willingness to address challenging issues, Carlson has helped encourage meaningful discussion and positive change within the organization. Her professional background, which includes owning an advertising firm, has also contributed to her ability to communicate effectively and promote the club's mission and initiatives.

Originally from outside New York State, Carlson has called the state home for more than three decades. She earned her master's degree and built a career centered on service and community engagement. In 2017, she retired as director of Volunteers and Community Life at Lutheran Social Services, where she made valuable contributions through her work with volunteers and community programs.

Since retirement, Carlson has continued to devote her time and energy to Zonta, supporting its local service projects and broader mission. She remains actively engaged in the organization's efforts to advocate for women and girls and make a lasting difference in the community.

In addition to her professional and volunteer accomplishments, Carlson values her family and the lasting friendships she has developed throughout her life. Her loyalty, generosity and willingness to stand up for what she believes in have earned her the respect and appreciation of fellow Zontians.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown is proud to recognize Carlson for her many contributions, her leadership and her unwavering commitment to the organization's mission of building a better world for women and girls.

The club congratulates Suellen Carlson on receiving the 2026 Zontian of the Year Award and thanks her for the lasting impact she continues to make within Zonta and the community.

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Mental Health Association Receives Silent Witness Display, Seeks Gloves and Boots



In observance of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Jamestown Police Department Project Crossroads Case Manager Allison Murphy brought the Silent Witness display to the Mental Health Association. Representing the Chautauqua County Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Murphy is pictured with MHA Peer Specialist Brian Mayo. To help members of the community stay warm as cold weather approaches, the MHA is collecting desperately needed donations of new men's and women's gloves and new or gently used boots. They can be dropped off at the MHA's Jamestown location, 31 Water Street, door 14 in the rear of the Gateway Center. At the October recovery luncheon, Doug Foster, Nessa Snook and Barb Visker of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints prepared and served the "breakfast" lunch of pancakes and sausage. For hours and services of the MHA's Jamestown and Dunkirk recovery centers, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHQ.org or Facebook.com/MHAChautauqua.



The Der Kobblers Automobile Association recently presented a $2000.00 donation to Roswell Park Alliance Foundation from the proceeds from their 30th Annual Labor Day Car Show at Midway State Park. Pictured in the front row left to right are Cindy Johnson, Sue Bloom, London Patane - Roswell Park Alliance Foundation and Julie Davis. In the back row are Ralph Wallace, Don Crow, Larry Dorsey and Bob Hallberg. Once again the Der Kobblers would like to thank their sponsors, the participants and all the spectators that made the car show a success.

Senior Scene *with Bridgette Paoletta*

Medicare Isn't One-Size-Fits-All: What You Should Know Before Turning 65

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Bridgette Paoletta
Coordinator of Aging Services
Chautauqua County Office
for Aging Services

Turning 65 often brings an important question: What do I need to do about Medicare? The answer depends on your situation. If you're still working, have employer coverage, take prescription medications, or want to control your healthcare costs, your Medicare choices may look different from someone else's. Medicare isn't a one-size-fits-all plan.

You May Not Need to Enroll at 65

If you or your spouse is still working and you have qualifying health coverage through current employment, you may be able to delay Medicare Part B without a late-enrollment penalty.

However, employer coverage, COBRA, retiree insurance, and HSA rules can be different. Before deciding to delay Medicare, talk with your employer's benefits administrator and understand how your current coverage works with Medicare.

Medicare Isn't Free

Although many people qualify for premium-free Part A, Part B generally has a monthly premium. You may also have deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance, depending on the coverage you choose.

Don't focus only on the monthly premium. Consider what you'll pay when you actually need healthcare.

Medicare Doesn't Cover Everything

Medicare doesn't cover every healthcare expense. Original Medicare generally doesn't cover routine dental care, hearing aids, or long-term care, among other services.

Original Medicare also doesn't have an annual out-of-pocket maximum for covered services. Some people choose Medigap or Medicare Advantage to help manage these costs.

Medicare is insurance—not a promise that every medical bill will be paid in full.

You Have Choices

You can generally receive Medicare coverage through Original Medicare or Medicare Advantage. Original Medicare includes Part A and Part B, and you can add Part D prescription coverage and potentially a Medigap policy.

Medicare Advantage plans are offered by private insurers and combine Part A and Part B coverage. Most also include prescription drug coverage and may offer additional benefits, but they can have provider networks and other rules.

Neither option is automatically right for everyone. Your doctors, medications, budget, travel plans, and healthcare needs all matter.

Start Planning Before 65

Your Initial Enrollment Period generally lasts seven months: the three months before you turn 65, your birthday month, and the three months afterward.

Don't wait until your birthday to start researching your options. Understanding your coverage and enrollment deadlines ahead of time can help you avoid costly mistakes.

The goal isn't to choose Medicare quickly. It's to choose coverage that fits your life.

Medicare Open Enrollment is just around the corner! From October 15 through December 7, Medicare beneficiaries can review their current Medicare health and prescription drug coverage and make changes for 2027. This is a great time to compare plans, check prescription costs and make sure your coverage still meets your needs. NY Connects and the Office for Aging Services are here to help. Call 716-753-4582 or email CCNYC@chqgov.com to learn about available Medicare assistance and resources.

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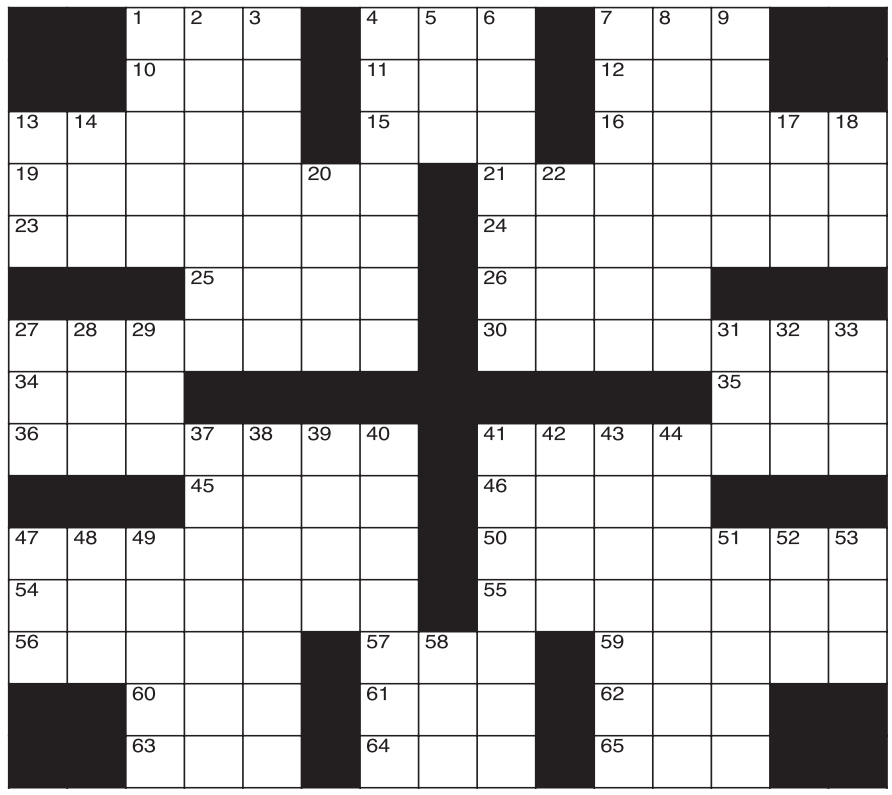
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Here's How It Works:

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



CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure metric
4. Request
7. Clairvoyance
10. 007's creator Fleming
11. Male adult
12. Norse mythological figure
13. Coffin cloths
15. Breeze through
16. Ladyfish genus
19. We all take them
21. Nobleman's jurisdiction
23. Members of U.S. Navy
24. Rummy-like card game
25. Unable to move
26. Type of horse
27. Parted
30. Woman's cloak
34. South American plant
35. Prohibit
36. Something one takes
41. Dish detergent manufacturer
45. Romanian river
46. Personification of pity
47. Makes upset
50. Discuss again
54. Medical instrument
55. Support
56. Informal term for money
57. Catch doing something wrong
59. Prehistoric people
60. Large African antelope
61. Automobile
62. "Losing My Religion" rockers
63. High-resolution scientific instrument
64. A major division of geological tir
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant
2. Fit to be sold
3. Rather
4. Collected
5. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
6. Irish rap group
7. Ageless
8. Lists indicating curriculum
9. Pokes at
13. Public television station
14. They __
17. Cooking tool
18. Separately managed account
20. Iron-containing compound
22. Swiss river
27. Former French coin
28. Electronic countermeasures
29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms
32. Unhappy
33. Midway between northeast and ea
37. Glowing
38. Lists of items to be discussed
39. An informal body of friends
40. Indispensable quality
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. A place to dock
44. Festive singer
47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
48. Northernmost point of mainland Wales
49. Most worthless parts
51. Type of "bear"
52. Take or consume
53. Defunct European organization
58. Swiss river

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Opera House To Present Acclaimed Jazz Artists in Concert



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1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center will present acclaimed jazz musician Camille Thurman in concert with the Darrell Green Trio as the headlining artists for the Fredonia Jazz Festival on Sat., Nov. 14, at 7:30pm. The concert is presented in partnership with the Fredonia Jazz Society.

As an accomplished composer, esteemed saxophonist, vocalist, and unique interpreter of the jazz tradition, Camille Thurman is quickly becoming one of the leading standard bearers of the art form, making a considerable and dynamic contribution to the legacy of jazz while paying tribute to its heroes.

Referred to as the "classic double threat" by NPR, Camille Thurman excels on both tenor saxophone and vocals, establishing herself as a powerhouse virtuoso musician and an electrifying, trailblazing artist.

The New York City-born artist has drawn comparisons to Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Dexter Gordon, and Joe Henderson. DownBeat Magazine describes her as a performer poised to shape jazz for decades to come. She made a historic and memorable impact as the first woman to perform and tour full-time with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra in the tenor saxophone chair from 2018 to 2020.

As a respected bandleader and composer, she has headlined numerous prestigious concert venues and Jazz festivals around the world, including the Kennedy Center, and Alice Tully Hall.

Thurman has released five full-length recordings and has been nominated for an NAACP Image Award. Her latest project, "Confluence: Vol 1," is a collaboration with master drummer Darrell Green and his quartet. Innovative master drummer Green is one of today's jazz scene's leading, most sought-after masterful drummers. As a prolific sideman, bandleader, educator, clinician, composer, and producer, he developed his mastery in the heart of Oakland, CA.

Green's drumming style uniquely blends modern post-bop, gospel, and classical influences. His solos are a testament to his effortless technique and captivating rhythms, which breathe life into the music and transport audiences on a spiritual journey. While Jazz is his primary focus, Green's versatility extends to every genre, from straight-ahead Jazz and Rock, to Latin and West African music.

His talent has taken him to renowned concert halls and music festivals in more than 50 countries worldwide. His performances have graced prestigious venues such as Jazz At Lincoln Center's Appel Room, The Blue Note Jazz Club, Birdland, The Kennedy Center, Alice Tully Hall, and the Montreux Jazz Festival, solidifying his status as a globally recognized musician.

Green tours and leads projects with his trio, quartet, and quintet. In 2017, Green and Thurman were selected to join the American Music Abroad Cultural Ambassador Program — touring five African countries (Senegal, Mozambique, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Mauritania).

General Admission tickets are $45, $40 (Opera House Members, Jazz Society Members), and $10 (Students). They can be purchased in person at the Opera House Box Office or by phone at 716-679-1891, Tuesday-Friday, 12-4:30 p.m. They can be purchased online anytime at www.fredopera.org.

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center is a member-supported not-for-profit performing arts center with a mission to "present the performing arts for the benefit of our community and region … providing access to artistic diversity … and high-quality programming at an affordable price." It is located in Village Hall in downtown Fredonia. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.fredopera.org.

Paint CHQ Program Unveils Fifth Mural in Bemus Point

Residents, visitors celebrate latest public art installation in popular lakeside community



Chautauqua County and Bemus Point Village officials gathered on Saturday, Oct. 3 to celebrate the completion of the county's fifth Paint CHQ mural. "Meet Us in the Middle!" was created by professional muralist Michael Ferrarell, based in Chicago.

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Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development (CCDPD), and village of Bemus Point recently celebrated the completion of the fifth mural in the Paint CHQ Mural Program, now in its second year. The newest installation celebrates the history and character of Bemus Point while adding to Chautauqua County's growing collection of public art.

The Paint CHQ Mural Program supports community revitalization, tourism, and placemaking by partnering with municipalities, artists, and community stakeholders to transform vacant walls into public art. The initiative aims to strengthen community pride, create engaging destinations, and enhance quality of life for residents and visitors.

The Bemus Point mural, titled "Meet Us in the Middle!," celebrates the village's history and its connection to Chautauqua Lake, featuring imagery of the historic Bemus Point-Stow Ferry, summer activities on the water, and nostalgic elements reflecting the community's heritage. Located on the wall of Village Hall at 13 Alburtus Ave., the installation is the fifth mural completed through the Paint CHQ program, joining murals in Dunkirk, Falconer, Sherman, and Westfield.

"'Meet Us in the Middle!' is a celebration of all things Bemus Point and life on Chautauqua Lake," said Michael Ferrarell, the artist behind the mural. "I'm honored to have had Bemus Point's trust in my visual storytelling and forever grateful knowing this mural will be the first significant piece of public art in the village."

"The village of Bemus Point is deeply grateful for the opportunity to celebrate our rich history through this remarkable gift of cultural expression," said Bemus Point Mayor Jeff Molnar. "This mural belongs to our community because it reflects its heart and soul. Michael's talents as an artist — and, even more importantly, as a storyteller — are evident throughout the work. We hope residents, visitors, and neighbors from across the region will enjoy this outstanding example of public art for years to come as it joins the many wonderful murals throughout our county."

Molnar also thanked the organizations, volunteers, and community members who helped make the project possible.

"On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees, I extend our sincere thanks to the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, Chautauqua County Planning Coordinator Rebecca Wurster and her entire team, our apprentices, and, last but certainly not least, Michael and his assistant, Drew York," Molnar said. "This project would not have been possible without the guidance of our steering committee, the efforts of our wall-preparation and painting crew, and the generosity of community members who provided housing, event spaces, food, and refreshments. Thank you for allowing us to be part of such a meaningful project — one that truly engaged our community."

The project highlights the importance of partnerships among municipal leaders, artists, funding organizations, and community stakeholders in advancing local revitalization efforts.

"Each mural represents an opportunity to build on the unique identity of our communities and make public spaces more welcoming and engaging," Wurster said. "The Bemus Point mural celebrates the village's past, present, and future. We hope it brings people to Village Hall and increases foot traffic to businesses on Alburtus Avenue. Reaching the fifth completed mural demonstrates how continued investment in public art can support community pride, placemaking, and quality of life throughout Chautauqua County."

The Paint CHQ Mural Program is made possible in part through grant support from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and CCPEG. With five murals now completed, CCPEG and CCDPD continue to expand public art opportunities across Chautauqua County, helping communities celebrate their heritage while creating distinctive places to live, work, and visit.

For more information about the Paint CHQ Mural Program and participating communities, visit www.choosechq.com/paintchq.

Jamestown's Nevan Kearney to participate in Cortaca Jug at Yankee Stadium

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the game as an analyst.

Q: Did you play baseball in HS? What connections do you have to baseball... and the Yankees? Are you a Yankees fan?

A: I did not play baseball in high school. I played it just one year because that was the sport both my brothers played through high school. I enjoy watching baseball, and I am a Pittsburgh Pirates fan.

Q: What are your career aspirations as it relates to media...broadcasting? Do you want to be on-air?

A: Yes, my goal is to be an on-air talent for a media outlet that will give me the opportunity to. I think that the industry has an abundance of analysts that played at the next level which is very good; however, I want to break into that field to not only show that people that didn't play at the next level still can have the highest level knowledges of the game, but also give others the confidence and courage to break into an industry of their dreams.

Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club to Host Bills Watch Party Benefiting Rural Minds

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Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club

The Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club will be holding a Bills Watch Party at the Mayville VFW Post 8647, on December 6, 2026, from 3:00 pm until the game is over. Beef and vegetarian chili, chicken wings, cookies, chips and dips will be served. Two big screen TVs, with surround sound will ensure sure you experience every exciting second of the game. Tickets are: $20.00 and you can also buy a raffle ticket for fun stuff including a Bills cleat autographed by #24 Cole Bishop.

This will be a lot of fun. As last year, we will donate the proceeds to Rural Minds, founded by Jeff Winton in 2021 after a family tragedy. The mission of RuralMinds.org is to serve as the informed voice for mental health in rural America. They connect rural residents with mental health info, education tools suicide and crisis intervention.

Do you know that Lions Club International is part of the world's largest service organization? We are in 206 countries, with over 1.4 million members. With, "We Serve" as our motto, we work within our communities to help wherever we can.

Last summer we held a local Wideners chicken barbeque that provided funds for our community. We also presented awards to students for community involvement, funds for a prosthetic eye and we donated to the Lions International Fund to help wherever it was needed. It feels good to give and we just love doing it.

Make sure you mark your calendar and join us for a fun Bills Watch Party on December 6, 2026. We are fun loving group who never misses a chance to reach out and help by rolling up our sleeves. Call Ann Akin at (716) 665-7432 for information about our club and how to join.

Manufacturing Crossroads Event Showcases Automation Solutions for Area Manufacturers


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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities

Over 30 regional manufacturers and organizations took advantage of a free program recently at the Northwest Arena focused on automation solutions and AI-powered tools for production lines. Manufacturing Crossroads was co-sponsored by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' Retool WNY initiative and Properly Works, a regional automation systems vendor.

The event included robotics demonstrations and computer-powered tools that can be used to measure tolerances and improve quality control processes. In addition, organizations that support manufacturing process and efficiency improvements discussed how companies could connect with their resources.

Dominic Myers, President of Properly Works, the event co-sponsor, highlighted the importance of these types of events for small and medium manufacturers.

"Our first Manufacturing Crossroads event in Jamestown was a tremendous success. What stood out to me most wasn't just the incredible group of partners and resources we brought together, but the smiles, warm conversations, and genuine enthusiasm from the manufacturers who attended. Even more exciting is seeing those conversations turn into follow-up meetings and opportunities to work together," Myers said.

"Manufacturing Crossroads is about recognizing that every manufacturer faces important decisions, and that the right people, resources, and relationships can help them find their way forward. I'm incredibly grateful to all our partners who helped make this first event such a success. As I shared with our attendees, 'Remember, at a crossroads, standing still is technically an option, but it's usually not the one that gets you anywhere!' And judging by the conversations and connections being made, I'd say we're already moving in the right direction," he continued.

BPU General Manager Kristofor Sellstrom said the diversity of manufacturers represented at the Showcase is indicative of the need for all companies to look at automation solutions to see if they can help increase efficiency and effectiveness in manufacturing operations.

"We believe that companies need to look for smart technology solutions to help with their most pressing problems. Events like Manufacturing Crossroads provide an opportunity to investigate new solutions that can help improve the bottom line for companies," Sellstrom added.

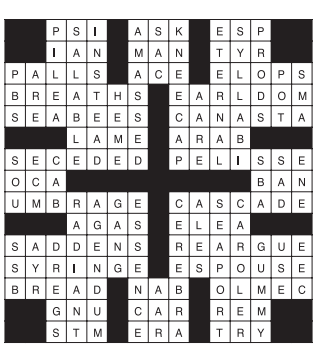
Myers said he hopes to build on the success of this first event and continue to work with the Retool WNY initiative to provide additional workshops on topics that are most important to regional manufacturers.

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MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON LOCAL

The holiday season is one of the most important times of year for many locally owned businesses. As you make your shopping lists and think about gifts for family, friends, clients, and colleagues, we encourage you to make shopping local part of your holiday tradition.

Small businesses are more than the backbone of our economy. They are the fabric of our communities. Our local retailers, restaurants, and coffee shops create places where we gather, connect, and build memories. They support local sports teams, contribute to community events, and give back in countless ways. When we support these businesses, we are investing in the communities we call home.

Small Business Saturday may bring extra attention to shopping local, but supporting small businesses matters all year long. This holiday season, the CHQ Chamber is offering several ways to discover and celebrate local businesses.

Shop Small and Win Big: Our online Shop Small pass features 145 participating businesses throughout Chautauqua County. Visit participating locations throughout November and December, check in, and collect points. Reach 150 points and redeem them for one of ten $50 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards. Extra points are available on Small Business Saturday. Follow us on social media, visit our website, and watch for upcoming newsletter updates as the pass goes live and more details become available.

Celebrate with Holiday Windows: Businesses throughout Chautauqua County are invited to participate in our Holiday Window Decorating Contest, running November 20 through December 17. There is no cost to participate, and Chamber membership is required. Photos of decorated windows will be featured in a Facebook gallery, where the public can vote by liking their favorites. The top three vote-getters will receive advertising space on the CHQ Chamber website or in our weekly newsletter. Local businesses can register their window on our website at: CHQchamber.org. Voting will begin on our Facebook page starting November 20th.

Live CHQ and Give CHQ: Looking for a gift that celebrates our region? Live CHQ Gift Baskets feature $50 worth of locally made products, including coffee, honey, maple syrup, seasonings, sweets, grape products, and more. Presented in a branded beach bucket, baskets are available with or without alcoholic beverages. They make great gifts for clients, colleagues, employees, and anyone who loves Chautauqua County. Each basket costs $54, including tax, and can be ordered through the eCommerce page at www.chqchamber.org or by calling (716) 484-1101.

Every dollar spent at a local business helps support a business owner, their employees, and the community around them. Whether you are shopping for gifts, exploring local businesses, or enjoying the holiday decorations in our downtowns, there are plenty of ways to make this season a little more local.

Thank you for supporting the businesses that make Chautauqua County a wonderful place to live, work, and do business!

Business After Hours at Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House

Join us for our next Business After Hours at Bemus Golf Club & Tap House in Bemus Point. The event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bemus Golf Club & Tap House, located at 72 Main Street in Bemus Point. Guests will enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar while connecting with fellow Chamber members and members of the local business community. As a benefit of Chamber membership, members may bring up to two guests free of charge. Additional members and non-members are welcome to attend for $10 per person.

This Business After Hours is sponsored by The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, State University of New York at Fredonia, DFT Communications, National Grid, Phillips Lytle LLP and Glenora Radio Network.

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

Business Builder Marketing Workshop to be Held November 16th

The CHQ Chamber will host a marketing workshop on Monday, November 16, from 9–10:30 a.m. at Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, 110 Mall Boulevard, Lakewood. The session will offer practical strategies to strengthen brands, engage audiences, and support business growth.

Featured speakers include Erica Rose, founder of XO Erica Rose Social Media Marketing, who will share insights on effective social media strategy and content creation, and Jon Davis, founder of Collective Leverage, who will discuss business operations, leadership, and strategies for identifying growth opportunities.

Open to businesses of all sizes and experience levels, the workshop will feature real-world examples, actionable takeaways, and opportunities to ask questions and connect with fellow business owners.

This Business Builder Workshop is sponsored by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Glenora Radio Network and SUNY Fredonia. For details and registration, visit the CHQ Chamber's online event calendar.

A New Way to Start the Day: Join Us for the CHQ Chamber's Annual Meeting!

The CHQ Chamber's Annual Meeting is getting a fresh start this year with a breakfast gathering on December 11 at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. Connect with fellow business and community leaders over breakfast, hear the latest Chamber updates, participate in the election of board members, and celebrate collaboration in our region with the presentation of the Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award.

Start your morning with meaningful connections and a look at what's ahead for the CHQ Chamber. Register today through the Chamber's online calendar!

We extend our sincere thanks to our event sponsors: Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Glenora Radio Network and SUNY Fredonia.

Opera, dance highlight November events at SUNY Fredonia

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SUNY Fredonia

Traditional opera and dance events will highlight the November performing arts calendar at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

The Hillman Memorial Music Association, in collaboration with the Fredonia College of Music, Theatre, and Dance, presents "Dialogues of the Carmelites" on Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Harry A. King Concert Hall of Rockefeller Arts Center.

In addition, The Department of Theatre and Dance presents the Merrins Fall Chamber Concert from Nov. 12 to 15 in the James and Marcia Merrins Dance Theatre of Rockefeller Arts Center. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 12; Friday, Nov. 13 and Saturday, Nov. 14 with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Tickets are available online 24/7 and may also be purchased on Monday, Wednesday or Friday by phone at 716-673-3501 or in person at the Campus Ticket Office in the Williams Center. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Hillman production will be presented in French with English supertitles. Don Marrazzo serves as producer. With music and libretto by Francis Poulenc, "Dialogues of the Carmelites" is considered a 20th century operatic masterpiece.

More than 130 students are involved in the production, which is made possible from support from Julie Newell, Hillman Opera Patrons, Friends of the Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center. It is presented as part of the 2026-27 Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union season.


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More than 40 students – including 34 performers – are involved in the Merrins Fall Chamber Concert. Director Angela DiFiore, a Fredonia Dance faculty member, said the program touches on a range of emotions and is designed to "offer something for everyone."

Tap, hip hop, house, contemporary and jazz are among the styles featured in the concert, which is part of the department's New Works Series.

It is supported by the Visiting Artist Program and a Faculty Student Association Program Grant.

Chautauqua County School Boards Association Honors SUNY Fredonia Leadership and Department of Education at October Dinner Program



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Chautauqua County School Boards Association

The Chautauqua County School Boards Association (CCSBA) gathered at SUNY Fredonia on October 21 for its second dinner program of the school year. The evening brought together 80 guests, including school board members and education leaders from across Chautauqua County, to celebrate institutional milestones, honor regional educational excellence, and learn about transformative state initiatives.

The program commenced with a special presentation honoring SUNY Fredonia President Dr. Stephen H. Kolison Jr. and his administrative team. The CCSBA presented Dr. Kolison with a proclamation and certificate of recognition in honor of SUNY Fredonia's bicentennial 200-year anniversary, celebrating two centuries of academic leadership and service to the region.

Following the opening ceremony, the CCSBA presented its annual "Friend of Education" award to the SUNY Fredonia Department of Education. The award recognizes organizations or individuals that demonstrate exceptional dedication to public education based on four key criteria:

- Breadth of Regional Impact
- Sustained Commitment to Chautauqua County and the Surrounding Region
- Innovation in Opportunities for Local Schools and Teachers
- Advocacy and Public Support of Chautauqua County Public Schools

Todd Crandall, Executive Director of CCSBA, presented the annual award trophy to College of Education Dean Dr. Janeil Rey.

"In reviewing undergraduate data dating back to 1944, we found that between 1944 and October 2026, SUNY Fredonia has graduated 17,440 education majors," said Crandall. "This staggering figure represents generations of dedicated educators who have shaped the classrooms of Chautauqua County, New York State, and beyond. Their sustained commitment and profound impact on our local schools make the College of Education truly deserving of this honor."

Following the awards presentation and dinner, attendees heard from key leaders from the New York State Education Department (NYSED) in Albany. Assistant Commissioner David Frank and Senior Strategist Shannon Logan delivered a feature presentation on the state's flagship educational frameworks: NY Inspires and the Portrait of a Graduate initiatives. The presentation provided school board members with vital updates on how these forward-looking policies are currently being implemented across New York State to prepare students for college, career, and civic life.

About the Chautauqua County School Boards Association (CCSBA):

The Chautauqua County School Boards Association represents school board members across Chautauqua County, providing governance support, legislative advocacy, and professional development opportunities to strengthen public education and student success throughout the region.

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Local Artists and Makers Invited to Be Part of Infinity's Holiday Art Market

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts and Pearl City Clay House are inviting local creatives to share their talents with the community this holiday season.

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts



Behind every handmade gift is a story. A potter carefully shaping a piece of clay, a painter adding the final touches to a canvas, or a jewelry maker turning an idea into something one-of-a-kind.

This December, Infinity Visual and Performing Arts and Pearl City Clay House bring local artist vendors and holiday shoppers together for two festive experiences that celebrate creativity, community, and the talented people who make our region vibrant. Both events are free and open to the public and will feature art for sale and other holiday activities.

Infinity's Pearl City Clay House will host a "100 Under $100" gallery show from December 4, 2026, through January 4, 2027. Featuring artwork priced under $100, this exhibit celebrates the idea that original artwork can be accessible to everyone and offers a chance to experience the incredible variety of artistic styles, mediums, and perspectives found right here in our community. For shoppers, it's a chance to discover something special, support a local artist, and take home a one-of-a-kind piece of art.

Infinity's annual Holiday Art Market, hosted at the Infinity Arts Café, will take place on Saturday, December 12, 2026, from 10:00am-4pm. From pottery and paintings to jewelry, textiles, and other creative works, visitors can explore a colorful collection of handmade goods, bid on raffle baskets, meet the people behind the creations, and discover gifts that reflect the imagination and talent that exists right here in our region.

Infinity and Pearl City Clay House create opportunities for creative expression at every age and support our next generation of artists, musicians, performers, and community leaders. Both events support Infinity's nonprofit mission to help young people grow, learn, and lead through participation in the arts.

Local and regional artists and makers interested in participating are encouraged to apply for a vendor space and join us for this opportunity to showcase their creativity and connect with new audiences through a thoughtfully curated exhibition of original artwork. All merchandise must be handmade.

Visit Infinity or Pearl City Clay House online for more details.
www.infinityperformingarts.org or
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Make Your Reservations for Many November Opportunities at Audubon!



For yourself or a gift, order a beautiful holiday wreath from Audubon Community Nature Center by Friday, November 13. At November Camp on Wednesday, November 11, ages 4–12 can enjoy a school holiday playing outdoors; space is limited, and reservations are required by Nov. 9. Saturday, November 14, 3–8-year-old Little Explorers and their adults will learn about "Fur, Feathers, and Scales"; register by Nov. 12.

Everyone is invited to the potluck Thanksgiving with the Birds on Saturday, November 21; reservations are requested by Nov. 13. For more information and to register for any of these, call (716) 569-2345 or go to AudubonCNC.org/Events. The Nature Center is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.

Group at The Resource Center Conducting Clothing Drive



Pictured: Members of the Building Community Through Service group pose beside their clothing collection box at The Resource Center's Gateways PROS Center for Wellness.

Participants in the "Building Community Through Service" group at TRC's Gateways Personalized Recovery Oriented Services Program are accepting donations of new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and socks (all sizes for men, women and children).

Anyone wishing to donate to the "Warm Hands, Warmer Hearts" drive can bring clothing items to Building A at TRC's 186 Lake Shore Drive West location in Dunkirk. Donations will be accepted from 8:00 to 3:00, Monday through Friday, through November 16.

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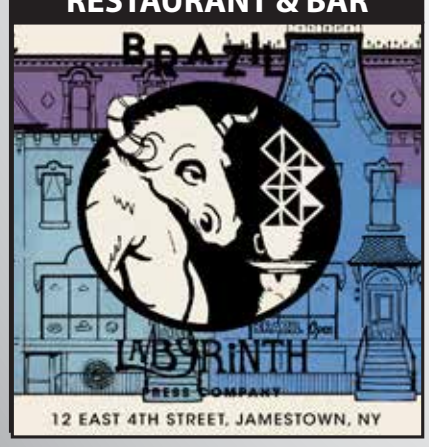
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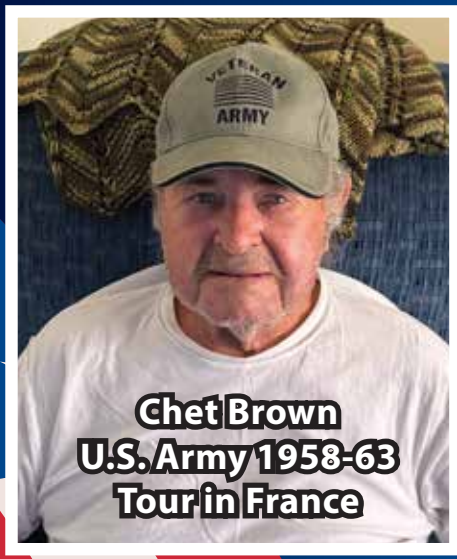
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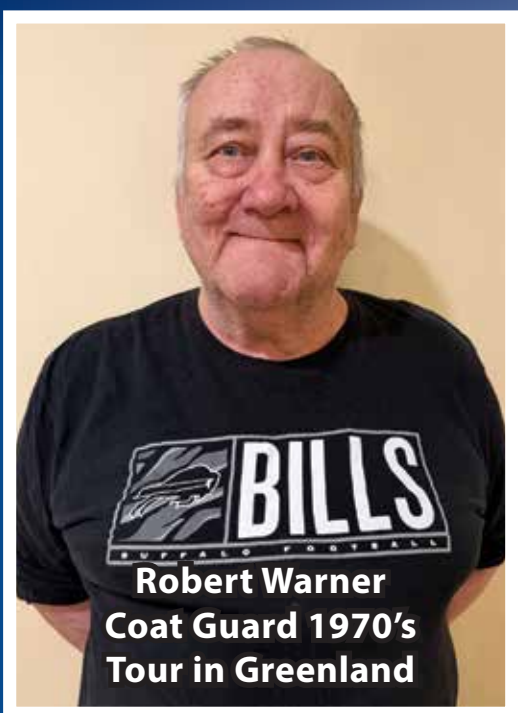
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