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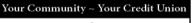


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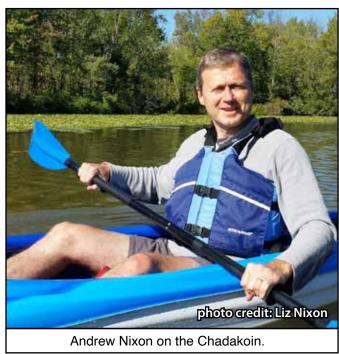
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## **CHAUTAUQUA IN FOCUS:**

#### A SUMMER CONVERSATION WITH CCVB PRESIDENT ANDREW NIXON





Enjoying the Jamestown Farmers Market, even in the rain.

Contributing Writer

Shannon Nixon **Marketing Director** 

The moment Lori asked me to run this edition, I knew exactly how I wanted to frame the cover story. "Editorial interview," I frantically scribbled during our Monday morning

The person who immediately came to mind was the President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau. Some might pass it off as lazy journalism, given my proximity to the subject. I like to call it strategic alignment with the summer-in-Chautauqua theme.

Perhaps it is suspiciously convenient that this individual happens to be my father—ok, I see how accusations of lazy journalism might arise. In all earnestness, I saw this as an opportunity not just to serve the theme, but to pay homage to my dad in the spirit of the belated Father's Day

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## JAMESTOWN JUNETEENTH IS HERE!

Featured Writer

#### Paul Leone

amestown Juneteenth kicks off this year with a special event to be held at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 East Fourth Street. Juneteenth, a federal holiday under the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act signed into law by President Joe Biden in 2021, celebrates the unofficial end of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger, newly appointed commander of the U.S. Army's Department of Texas, arrived in Galveston, Texas, to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation issued

in 1863 by President Lincoln. Granger declared all slaves still held in bondage there in Texas to

Technically, of course, the Texas slaves were already free. The Emancipation Proclamation had under rebellion, but the ruling could not be enforced until the end of the Civil War. Slavery officially ended in the United States in December 1865 with the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

This year, June 19 falls on a Thursday, the day before the traditional weekend Iuneteenth

celebration in Jamestown. The Jamestown Juneteenth Planning Committee decided that calendar offered an opportunity to begin this year's festival on the actual day being celebrated.

officially freed all slaves in the states At 5:00 P.M., then, a flag-raising ceremony will be held at the Jackson Center along with brief remarks on the history of the Juneteenth flag. The Juneteenth flag will fly at the Center through the weekend festival. Following the flag-raising, the documentary film Faith and Freedom will be shown in the Center's auditorium. Light

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## his Week

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18**

**CHQ Chamber: Music in the** Green 5 PM - 8 PM

Village Green | Mayville For Info: chqchamber.org

"The Language of Binoculars" Talk by Gary Nelson 7:30 PM - 9 PM

Martz-Kohl Observatory Frewsburg For Info: martzobservatory.org

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

Free Admission in Celebration of Juneteenth 10 AM - 4:30 PM

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

**Jumpstart to Third Thursday &** Free Third Thursday Concert 4 PM - 6 PM & 6 PM - 9 PM

Downtown Jamestown Wintergarden Plaza For Info: chqchamber.org

Music on the Pier: We Speak **Canadian & Canadian Rocks** USA | 6:30 PM

Dunkirk City Pier | Dunkirk For Info: cityofdunkirk.com/ residents/festivals\_events

Chautauqua Town Historical Society: Golden Age of Chautauqua Lake by Norm Carlson | 7 PM

Town of Chautauqua meeting room | 2 Academy St, Mayville For Info: chautauquatownhistory @gmail.com

#### **JUNE 19 - JUNE 22**

Jamestown Juneteenth Festival | Thursday, 5 PM; Friday, 7 PM; Saturday, 11 AM; Sunday, 8:30 AM - 6 PM

Jackson-Taylor (Chadakoin) Park Jamestown For Info: facebook.com/ JTownJTeenth

#### **FRIDAY, JUNE 20**

"Cents for St. Susan's" Fund Drive | 10 AM - 2 PM

Jamestown BPU Customer Service Office (Exterior) For Info: 716-661-1680

#### **Hello Summer Solstice** 5 PM - 9:30 PM

Conewango Kayak & Canoe Russell, PA For Info: paddleconewango.com

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 21**

**CHQ Trails Day** 

Across Chautauqua County For Info: choosechq.com/ chqtrailsday

**Book Launch: One Day with Dinosaurs** | 10 AM - 12 PM

Chautauqua Art Gallery Jamestown For Info: www. chautauquaartgallery.com

#### **Dragons and Fairies Fest** 10 AM - 4 PM

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

#### **Historic Walking Tour of** Jamestown's Southside 10:30 AM

Fenton Mansion | Jamestown For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org

#### Randolph's 51st Annual Arts & Crafts Festival | 10 AM - 5 PM

Main St. | Randolph For Info: 716-358-9701

#### Festival Italia | 11 AM - 8 PM

Fredonia Beaver Club | Fredonia For Info: festivalsfredoniany.org/ festival-italia

Chautauqua Rails to Trails Family Picnic | 12 PM

**Prospect Station Trailhead** 

**CCHD Animal Rabies Immunization Clinics** 12 PM -2 PM

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For Info: HealthyCHQ.com/Rabies

## **Audubon Dragons and Fairies** Fest Saturday, June 21



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#### **Audubon Community Nature Center**

Audubon Community Nature Center's Dragons and Fairies Festival transforms the grounds into a delightful mix of all things magical. Kids receive a treasure bag at the info booth to collect prizes throughout the event. Adults and children alike are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes. The schedule for the day is:

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendors, Crafts, Food Trucks, Scavenger Hunts, Nature Center Building Exhibits, Ogre Dice Rolling Game, Mushroom Ring Toss, Obstacle Course, Kid-Friendly and Real Archery, Costume/Photo Booth, **Trading Post**
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Facepainting by Patti
- 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Live Celtic music by Water Horse (Sue Tillotson and Jim Cunningham) in the backyard pavilion

- 11 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m. Fairy Tale Story Times
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carriage rides (reservations recommended)
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drum circle

Pearl City Clay House and blacksmith Ron Johnson do demonstrations. Vendors have jewelry, fantasy paintings and more for sale. Food trucks include 3 Cs Catering and Gelati's Italian Ice.

Parking is free. Admission is \$12 adults, \$9 Nature Center members and children 3-15, free for 2 and under. Some things cost extra; bringing cash makes transactions easier.

Visit AudubonCNC.org/events for more information and to reserve a time for a Magic Moments horsedrawn carriage ride. Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.



Chicken Barbeque Sunday, June 29th 11:30 am-3:30 pm

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\$16, includes 1/2 chicken, 2 sides, & dinner roll For tickets, call 716-708-6215 (or stop in) Monday-Friday 9 am-3 pm



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#### **Editorial** *with Katrina Fuller*

## **Hello Summer!**



Contributing Editor Katrina Fuller

Hello, dear readers! I am excited to take a crack at an editorial in our beloved Gazette this week. Lori, who is always working, be it in the community with our businesses or writing and editing throughout the week and beyond, is taking a well-deserved break this week. The Gazette staff is extremely thankful to Shannon Nixon, our marketing director, for stepping up this week to help put together the edition this week. Our hats are off to you!

I don't know about you all, but I have been waiting for the warmth and free-spirited fun of summer here in Chautauqua County. We've seen a few glimmers over the past few weeks in between the rain clouds, but I have a feeling we are heading for a beautiful summer. From the local festivals here in Chautauqua County to the many beaches, outdoor recreation activities, and more, I know in my heart we will find a way to enjoy the season, come rain or shine.

While many folks decide to head out of town to vacation, my family and I find delight in visiting the many natural wonders, the various festivals and fairs, and generally enjoy what some may call a "staycation." Not to say that other places aren't beautiful and well worth a visit, but nothing quite says relaxation to me and my family like having a great day in the sun at Barcelona Beach or Point Gratiot and having the ability to sleep in our own beds after!

Dear readers, I do hope that you can find some enjoyment this weekend as we look forward to the warmth and whimsy of summer. Maybe plan a visit to one of our many local parks with your children, attend the Festival Italia in Fredonia this Saturday for some delicious foods and incredible entertainment, or take a peek at the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau's calendar of events across the county. There is always something going on in Chautauqua County if you know where to look.

May the sun warm your face this weekend, may you find community at one of the many events, and may the beauty of our natural wonders fill you with awe, whether it's your first time or your millionth time seeing it.

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Jerald J. Green, 88 Blythewood Falconer Funeral Home

#### June 6

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#### June 7

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> Melrose A Gendron, 83 Jamestown Riccardi's Funeral Home

#### June 8

John T. Adams, 81 Jamestown Lind Funeral Home

#### June 9

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Vicki L. Colwell, 65 Jamestown Lind Funeral Home

#### June 10

Weldon Barden, 84 **Jamestown** Lind Funeral Home

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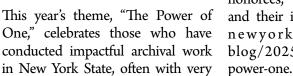
### 2025 Preservation in Action: "The Power of One"

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#### New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

The NYG&B is delighted to announce the 2025 honorees of our Preservation in Action annual series, which spotlights leaders and trailblazers whose innovative work inspires, educates, and leaves a lasting impact on the genealogy and family history field.

This year's theme, "The Power of



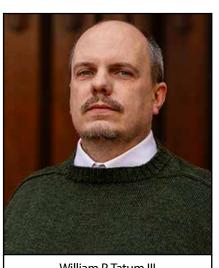


Michelle Henry

limited help or support. Our 2025 honorees are:

- Michelle Henry, Research Historian, Office of New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and former Chautauqua County Historian
- William P. Tatum III, Dutchess County Historian

Learn more about the "Power of One" honorees, their accomplishments, and their impact by visiting www. One," celebrates those who have newyorkfamilyhistory.org/ conducted impactful archival work blog/2025-preservation-action-



William P. Tatum III

#### Jamestown BPU Hosts NYSERDA **Director, Industry Leaders at Retool'25**

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Jamestown Public Schools

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) welcomed more than 130 attendees from across the Northeast to its Retool'25 Conference on June 3 at the Chautaugua Harbor Hotel in Celoron.

Kevin Hale, Director of Economic Development and Strategic Partnerships for NYSERDA, delivered a keynote on cleantech and supply chain opportunities in New York. He highlighted growing energy demand from artificial intelligence, data centers, and manufacturing, noting the U.S. aims to add 35 gigawatts of nuclear capacity by 2035. Hale emphasized the versatility of advanced nuclearincluding hydrogen and process heat—and referenced programs in six other states. He also discussed New York's leadership in the First Mover Initiative and NYSERDA's blueprint for a statewide nuclear development plan, expected by the end of 2026.

Other keynotes included Denise retired Environmental Partnership Manager at Subaru of America, who outlined the company's zero landfill initiative, in place since 2004 and now adopted by the National Parks Service. She emphasized datadriven planning and staff engagement as essential to sustainability. D. Evan van Hook, Chief Sustainability Officer of Viridi Parente, connected sustainability with rising energy demands and introduced the Grid 2.0 initiative, describing sustainability as "transformation, innovation and deep expertise."

Panel discussions showcased startupmanufacturer partnerships. SoPark Electronics shared its "Adopt a Startup" program with Stepwise, a 43North award-winning company now scaling in Buffalo. Stepwise CTO Austin Hunt praised the partnership model. Another panel highlighted KLAW Industries' recycled glass cement additive, supported by RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability. COO Jacob Kumpon credited the Scale for ClimateTech program for accelerating growth; the company aims to produce 125 tons monthly by season's end.

Breakout sessions featured energy innovations. MicroEra Power CEO Eleanor Rusling presented a tunable thermal energy storage system. StarkTech's Peter Woodin discussed AI for emissions reduction. BlackBox Energy Systems CEO Elijah Jensen introduced TruVolt motors, emphasizing efficiency and control.

Additional sessions highlighted manufacturing resources from the MEP network, Insyte Consulting, AMT, and NY-BEST, including supply



Denise Coogan, retired **Environmental Partnership** Manager at Subaru of America



Kevin Hale, Director of Economic **Development and Strategic** Partnerships for NYSERDA



D. Evan van Hook, Chief Sustainability Officer of Viridi Parente

chain opportunities in the Southern Tier's battery corridor.

BPU General Manager David Leathers said the event helped foster new industry connections and longterm collaborations. "The Retool'25 Conference allowed our regional manufacturers and businesses to learn about innovation and energy efficiency, and connect with organizations and resources to support their future growth."

Retool'25 was presented by the BPU, Jamestown NextCorps Manufacturing Accelerator, Scale for ClimateTech as part of the Retool WNY initiative, funded by a NYSERDA grant awarded in 2020.



### The Language of Binoculars

FREWSBURG, NY – JUNE 18, 2025 – 7:30 PM EDT

Contributing Writer

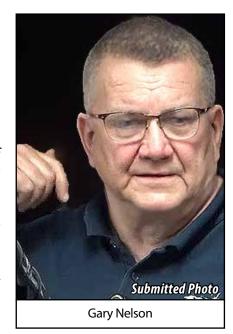
Andy Felong **Public and Media Relations** Martz-Kohl Observatory

Our gaze has always been drawn to the far reaches. What lies beyond the next hill? What are those points of light in the night sky? Is that a friend or foe approaching on the distant horizon? Innate human curiosity, coupled with practical needs—whether crucial for hunting and foraging, navigation vast landscapes, defense against approaching threats, or simply understanding our place in the cosmos has consistently driven us to seek ways to bridge the gap between our perception and distant reality. This fundamental yearning to bring the remote into view, to clarify the unseen, laid the groundwork for countless innovations, resulting in sophisticated instruments designed to extend our sight. Among the most accessible and profound tools born from this ambition are binoculars. These powerful yet portable instruments, essentially two refracting telescopes side-by-side, mounted allow for comfortable, three-dimensional viewing by directing identical images to both eyes.

The Martz-Kohl Observatory is hosting an interactive talk designed to show you how to select or master your binoculars. On Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 7:30 PM, optical expert and former president of the observatory, Gary Nelson, will present "The Language of Binoculars," which will provide a detailed guide to understanding, using, and optimizing binoculars. Gary will explain terms such as magnification, objective size, exit pupil, field of view, porro prism, and more.

Gary Nelson is uniquely qualified to lead this talk. With an optical engineering degree in Ophthalmic Dispensing from SUNY Erie, he is a board-certified and licensed Ophthalmic Dispenser in New York State and Massachusetts, boasting over four decades of experience in the optical field. His expertise extends far beyond eyeglasses; Gary has meticulously crafted optical lenses and telescope mirrors, and has a rich history of repairing binoculars, gun scopes, and microscopes.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to bring their own binoculars or spotting scopes to the lecture. Gary will provide practical demonstrations and personalized guidance on proper usage, helping participants achieve sharper, clearer views of their desired subjects.



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The session will also cover how to identify the appropriate binoculars for individual needs and value, ensuring attendees make informed choices for future purchases.

Gary's deep connection to the cosmos began during his college astronomy courses, where he learned the intricate art of grinding telescope mirrors from the legendaryMarshalMartz—thenamesake of the Martz-Kohl Observatory. Gary went on to teach mirror grinding classes, manufacture telescopes for beginners, and dedicated over two decades to repairing telescopes and binoculars. He was also a successful Meade telescope dealer for more than eight years, supplying professional-grade telescopes to colleges and professional astronomers alike.

Furthermore, Gary has served on-andoff for over twenty years as president of the Marshall Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc., the non-profit organization that operates the observatory. His tenure was marked by a strong advocacy for promoting educational opportunities between local schools and the Martz-Kohl Observatory, often consulting with area schools on the feasibility and costs associated with

This presentation will be live at Martz-Kohl Observatory and available online via Zoom. You are encouraged to come to the observatory to meet Gary Nelson and to join in what could be a lively Q&A after his talk. Following the talk and Q&A, the observatory will offer tours, and weather permitting, attendees will have the opportunity to experience viewing through the observatory's powerful telescopes. Dress appropriately for outdoor conditions, as while the classroom is heated, the observatory domes are not. More https://martzobservatory.org info:

### The Language of Binoculars

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#### **Jamestown Juneteenth is Here!**

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General Granger's proclamation, or General Orders No. 3, reads as follows:

The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor.

General Orders No. 3 also advised the Freedmen to remain at their homes and work for wages. The orders further informed the Freedmen that they would not be allowed to "collect" at military posts, nor would they be supported in "idleness" either at the military posts or elsewhere.

The immediate impact of the General Order was delayed while masters figured out when and how to implement it. Some, probably most, ignored the order until after the year's harvest. The order freed some 250,000 Texas slaves. The reaction among the Freedmen was jubilation.

Juneteenth celebrations started in Texas's Black community the following year. Little by little, holiday celebrations spread beyond Texas, across the South, and eventually throughout the country. Since Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021, more and larger recognitions of the day have become the rule. Such recognitions maintain the flavor of the early celebrations. In Jamestown, elsewhere, food, music, live performance, sometimes parades, games, and historical presentations emphasize the significance of the historical event.

Juneteenth has been celebrated annually in Jamestown (except during the COVID epidemic in 2020) for more than twenty-five years. Former City Councilwoman Vickye James, whose legacy continues to inspire the festival, planned and supervised the

refreshments will be served. The event weekend festival for most of those years. Vickye has been memorialized for her dedication to the festival and for her years of service to the community with a plaque at the site of the festival on Washington Street, Jackson-Taylor Park (formerly Chadakoin Park).

> The festival this year will be the fifth since Vickye's passing. Responsibility for the festival's continuation has been assumed by current Councilwoman Regina Brackman. "Gina" and her Planning Committee staff have been indefatigable in providing an appropriate, family-friendly schedule of events for the festival each year. This year's schedule is posted elsewhere in this week's Gazette.

> The Planning Committee is indebted to the many individuals, local agencies, and businesses that each year provide the financial support necessary to enable the festival to continue. The festival is also supported by the charitable foundations of both Key and M&T Banks. Many Gazette readers will have participated in the Planning Committee's chicken barbecue and basket raffle fundraiser held each year in April at the Morton Club on Pratt Avenue.

> The mission of Jamestown Juneteenth is to celebrate and to educate. The generosity of the Jamestown citizenry has enabled the festival to operate at a profit. In keeping with the festival's mission, all proceeds over and above expenses are distributed as scholarships to Chautauqua County graduates pursuing higher education. Thanks are due as well to the City of Jamestown for its promotion and inkind support of Jamestown Juneteenth, and especially to Dan Stone, Director of Parks and Recreation, who is always immediately available to accommodate every whim and brainstorm out of the imagination of Gina Brackman.

> Jamestown Juneteenth is alive and well in 2025. The opening ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 A.M., Saturday, June 20, in the grove at Jackson-Taylor Park near Vickye James's memorial.









**FRIDAY 6/20** 

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FREE ADMISSION ALL WEEKEND

ROBERT H. JACKSON CENTER 305 E 4TH ST

**SPECIAL EVENT (5:00 PM)** 

JUNETEENTH FLAG RAISING

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## **WINTER GARDEN PLAZA** 313 MAIN ST.

**SPECIAL EVENT (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)** 

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#### JACKSON-TAYLOR PARK 10TH & WASHINGTON ST.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (8:30 AM)
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE
(9:00 AM)

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES RESUME (11:00 AM)
WHERE THEM FANS AT? (12:30 PM)
BOOTS ON THE GROUND LINE DANCE
(12:30 PM)

JAMESTOWN JUNETEENTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (2:00 PM)

CAROLYN LOUISE PENNAMON-FAISON GOSPEL FEST (3:00 PM)

GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE DRAWING (5:00 PM) FESTIVAL CONCLUSION (6:00 PM)



## Free Admission to Audubon Nature Center Building on Juneteenth

Enjoy free admission to the Audubon Community Nature Center building 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Juneteenth, Thursday, June 19, the commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Explore three floors of interactive indoor exhibits, see live animals and check out the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Outdoors, you can visit the live birds of prey and explore more than five miles of trails for free, as always, dawn until dusk. Learn more at AudubonCNC.org or (716) 569-2345. Audubon is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.



## Hot Dogs at BPU to Benefit "Cents for St. Susan's" Fund Drive

Enjoy a grilled hot dog or two from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20, outside the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) Customer Service Office, 92 Steele Street, Jamestown. A rain date for the sale is Friday, June 27.

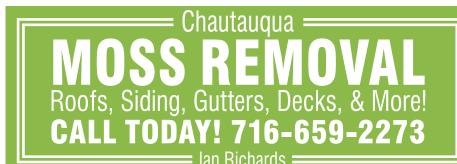
BPU volunteers will sell hot dogs, chips, water, and sodas to benefit the BPU's 26th annual "Cents for St. Susan's" fund drive. The utility raises money for St. Susan Center at this time each year to help provide meals at the soup kitchen in the summer.

The public may also bring empty redeemable cans and bottles to the sale to provide more "cents" for the soup kitchen.

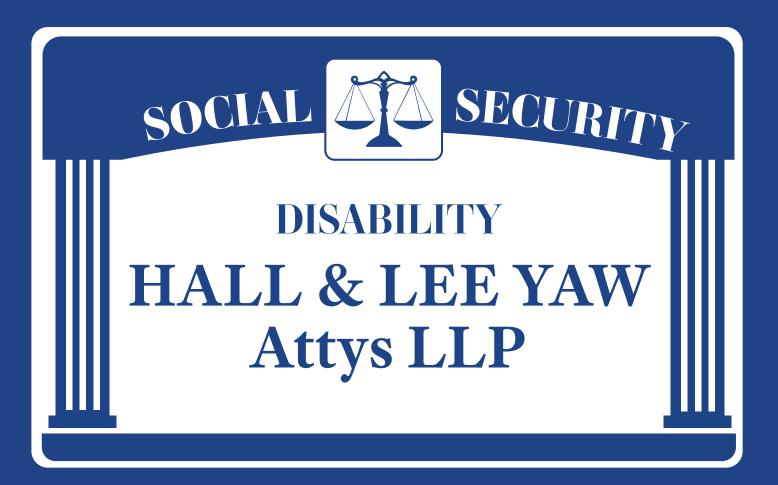
During the fund drive through mid-July, redeemable cans and bottles can also be taken to the BPU Customer Service Office, located at 92 Steele Street, to benefit the St. Susan Center. Cans and bottles for "Cents for St. Susan's" can also be donated at Don's Car Wash and the Southside Redemption Center.

Donations will also be accepted at the hot dog sale.

For questions regarding the drive, contact BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins at 716-661-1680.







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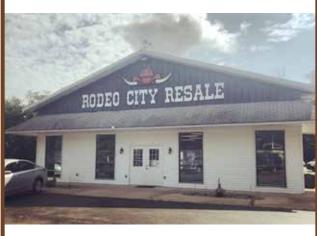
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#### WHERE SAFETY MEETS GROWTH: YMCA HERITAGE HOUSE SUPPORTS FAMILIES AND YOUNG LEARNERS



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Cameron Hurst Jamestown Area YMCA

For Chelsea Watson, going back to school to pursue a nursing degree was a major life decision — one filled with late nights, early mornings, and plenty of uncertainty. As a mother of two, the road ahead was anything but easy. But one thing was certain: her daughter Sophie needed a safe, supportive place to grow.

She found that place at the YMCA's Heritage House Child Care Center.

"I had heard such great things from friends whose kids went here," Chelsea said. "When I decided to go back to school, I needed somewhere I felt truly comfortable — not just for my peace of mind, but for Sophie's growth. Heritage House was that place."

At first, it wasn't easy. Sophie, full of personality and energy — "a little wild, very dramatic, with a huge heart" according to her mom — had a hard time adjusting to the structure of daycare. But the team at Heritage House never wavered.

"They were so patient and reassuring," Sophie wasn't 'too much,' that this was normal, and they worked with

her — and me — every step of the

"Chelsea set a goal and accomplished it — and she was able to do that because she had reliable child care," said Ronda Migliore, director of Heritage House. "That trust means everything to us."

Now, over a year later, Sophie thrives. Her behavior has improved, her confidence is growing, and she's formed strong bonds with her teachers and classmates. The consistency of seeing familiar faces every day has helped her feel safe, understood, and supported.

"They don't treat the room like a group of 14 kids," Chelsea said. "They see each child as an individual. They notice the little things — and they communicate those things with me, good or bad, so I always feel included and informed."

That kind of individualized care is the heart of Heritage House's mission, noted Migliore.

"We're providing a safe, healthy environment for children in place Chelsea said. "They made it clear that of their parents," she said. "While

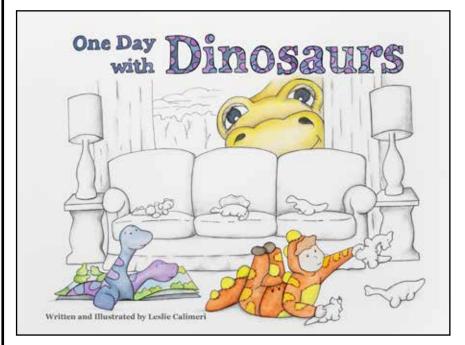
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#### Leslie Calimeri's Debut Children's Book One Day with Dinosaurs Roars to Life



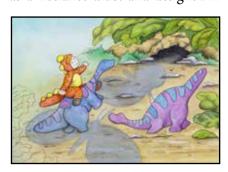
#### Contributed by Leslie Calimeri

Author and illustrator Leslie Calimeri is set to take young readers on a prehistoric adventure in her debut children's book, One Day with Dinosaurs, published June 12, 2025, by AM Ink Publishing.

A book launch celebration will be held at Chautauqua Art Gallery in Jamestown on Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Leslie will read from the book at 10:30 a.m., followed by a book signing. Families, young readers, and dinosaur lovers of all ages are invited to attend this free event.

One Day with Dinosaurs introduces readers to Sam, a boy whose love for dinosaurs leaps off the pageliterally. On a rainy day, Sam finds himself transported into the pages of a new dinosaur book, landing in the middle of a gentle apatosaurus family. With vibrant illustrations and a story full of adventure, young readers will follow Sam as he explores a Jurassic world with new friends.

Leslie Calimeri brings the story to life with her signature art style, drawing from years of experience as a freelance artist and designer. A



graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology with a BA in commercial art, Leslie worked in marketing and design before serving as Digital Communications Manager Chautauqua Institution. In 2018, she opened Chautauqua Art Gallery, which showcases regional and international artists, offers custom framing, and hosts community art events.

Leslie lives in Jamestown, NY, with her husband, Joe, and their two children—Sam and George—who continue to inspire her creative work.

Pre-order your autographed copy today from www.lesliecalimeri. com, Chautauqua Art Gallery or on Amazon.

Follow Leslie Calimeri Chautauqua Art Gallery on social media for updates, behind-the-scenes art, and event news.



Author Leslie Calimeri

#### **CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK**

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Runner is a really laid back dude. He is nervous at first but once he trusts you he is a total love bug. Runner hasn't fully come out of his shell yet but we are hoping to find him a home that will be patient with him and help him to build his confidence so he can thrive. Meet him soon at CCHS. Shelter NO. RR179.





#### **Chautauqua in Focus:**

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To avoid confusion, I will be referring to my Dad by his first name, Andrew. I never got to do that as a kid. It is generally frowned upon for a 4-year-old to spout off, "Hey, Andy, mind grabbin' my apple juice off the counter? I can't reach."

Andrew immigrated to the U.S. from England at a young age. He grew up in Memphis, Tennessee, before heading north to earn his MBA from SUNY Fredonia. For 34 years, Andrew has played a significant role in drawing tourism to the region.

I will remove my writer hat momentarily to put on my wise-cracking daughter hat to say, "Well, he better have. He's the CEO of tourism."

His career began in 1991 as Assistant Marketing Director of Chautauqua Institution. Not long after, I was born. Nothing propels you toward higherearning opportunities quite like the responsibility of a baby. Those things are high-maintenance and expensive. I would know. To this day, I'm still referred to by some as a high-maintenance, expensive baby.

Now that I'm sitting here doing the math, I'd like to take credit for his move into a leadership role with the CCVB, first as Managing Director and Marketing Coordinator, and then rising through the ranks.

And that brings us to today, 31 years later: the Gazette's Marketing Director sitting down with the CCVB's President. A daughter interviewing her father. A native of Chautauqua County speaking with someone who chose to make it his home. That contrast, I hope, will add a certain richness to the conversation.

What's the vision for summer

### tourism in Chautauqua County this

Lots of visitors enjoying the area for multiday to one-week vacations. During the summertime, our area is a well-established vacation destination for visitors from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and other parts of New York. With the potential of economic change, we expect to see significant numbers of people from these "closer-tohome" markets coming to Chautauqua County because we are a familiar and affordable vacation destination. Summer vacations are different from visitation during other seasons of the year in that the visitors are here for longer periods of time in the summer.

#### What's changed most in how visitors experience Chautauqua over the past 5-10 years?

It hasn't been a big change, but visitors are more interested than ever in the outdoors. This starts with our lakes and waterways but extends to trails and nature areas as well as an abundance of golf courses. Visitors to our area have always enjoyed these types of experiences, but in the last 5-6 years especially, being outdoors and in nature seems to have more importance and value in terms of driving visits. We have a lot to offer with regard to "outdoor amenities".

#### What's one challenge that people might not realize your team works on?

Collecting information about area events, festivals, and entertainment. The Calendar of Events on tourchautauqua.com is the most extensive event resource in the area. We have dedicated staff that works on event information gathering year-round. While some event planners are good about sending us event information, we still have to search for a lot of information to keep the event calendar up to date. This is especially true for events that are coming up 1-2 seasons down the road. At least half of the 500,000 visitors to our website access the event calendar. Obviously, Chautauqua County's many

events, activities, and entertainment are a big draw for visitors to the area. Residents also enjoy the events and need to be able to find information easily.

#### If someone had just one day to explore Chautauqua in summer, where would you send them?

I would suggest that they plan a visit to Chautauqua Institution. Over its 150year history, the Institution has become synonymous with the vacation experience in our area. If aperson hasn't experienced what tens of thousands of people per year have come toenjoy each summer, then they should put that at the top of their list. This experience can include a classical or popular entertainment concert, an engaging lecture discussion, enjoying the historic grounds amidst beautiful architecture and gardens, or playing a round of golf at the first golf course established in the area. The Institution is more than just the sum of its parts, and as such, has been enticing visitors to our area for decades. It has also led to the development of many other "Chautauqua" programs throughout America.

#### What are your personal top 3 summer activities in the county?

Point Gratiot park and beach on Lake Erie in Dunkirk has always been popular with our family. Kayaking on the other lakes. I don't get to do it enough, but it is great to cycle on some of the area's scenic roadways.

#### What's a "hidden gem" in the area that even locals should rediscover?

Panama Rocks is a great attraction to visit and revisit. The rocks themselves are fun and a great place to take interesting photos. In recent years, they have added the Wild America Festival and the fall Foliage Fest at Panama Rocks, providing more reasons to visit. Another unique gem in the region is the Sunset Bay area on Lake Erie. This spot offers white sand beaches, paddleboard/  $kayak\,rentals, restaurants\,with\,great\,sunset$ views, and lakeside entertainment. These two "gems" demonstrate the wide range of experiences that our area offers.

How has being a dad shaped how

#### you see the county, and how you promote it?

Raising four kids in the area meant our family often went exploring. There is a lot to do in the area and you can see this more clearly when your job is to promote it to others. When families are younger, Midway Park is a staple. There were always plenty of trips to area beaches, especially Point Gratiot on Lake Erie and Long Point on Chautauqua Lake. We spent a lot of time on area trails for hiking and mountain biking. Today, all of my kids like to explore and take photos, whether it is here in Chautauqua County or in other areas that they might visit. I would have to describe them now as "adventurous", probably due to their recreational pursuits first learned in this area.

#### What do you think sets Chautauqua **County apart from other New York** State summer destinations?

We have a comparatively strong outdoor recreation offering, while also having some world-renowned cultural attractions. It is rare that an area is rural enough to have legitimate outdoor recreation adventures, and is also home to jewels like the Chautauqua Institution, the National Comedy Center, and the other fine arts and entertainment that we offer. The fact that we offer these varying types of experiences in one area, all co-located within a 2-4 hour radius of our main visitor audiences, is very unique and is what makes us a popular destination.

#### What do you hope every visitor walks away with after spending a summer here?

One of our main goals is for the visitor to leave with the feeling that they want to come back here again, hopefully in the near future. This means that they need to have a positive and memorable experience, ranging from fulfilling activities to good customer service at area amenities. We also want visitors to learn that there are plenty of reasons to visit in the fall or winter seasons if they would like to. This means putting information into their handsand heads—while they visit during the summer.



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#### CHAMBER CORNER

#### **CHQ Chamber Meeting Our Mission**

Article Contributed by

**Daniel J. Heitzenrater**Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

The CHQ Chamber is in business for business. As a countywide business association, we provide programs and services that support establishments across all economic sectors, from retail and manufacturing to nonprofit, agriculture, finance, and beyond. This is no small task, but with resolute focus, we are addressing vital needs that drive commerce and boost our region's economy.

For over two years, the CHQ Chamber has worked to develop an effective plan to make a difference for our members. This effort began with a new strategic plan adopted by our board in 2023, outlining four key directions: foster collaboration among businesses to promote economic activity; unify the Chamber through consistent branding; clarify our identity and purpose; and excel as advocates and spokespeople for local business. We acted quickly, and just months later, our board adopted new mission and vision statements.

Our mission is to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion local businesses in Chautauqua County. Our vision is to be a critical partner in achieving consistent economic growth, resiliency, and prosperity, increasing collective opportunity for local businesses and organizations. A clear mission shapes all of our work. The CHQ Chamber provides programs and services that connect businesses with customers, peers, resources, and the community. Membership offers access to networking and advocacy opportunities, partnerships, workshops, HR compliance services, our ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card, insurance plans, referrals, marketing options, and more.

In recent months, we have focused on mission-driven projects, including Business Builder Workshops, visiting 500 small businesses during National Small Business Week, hosting networking events, and launching the State of

Business event as a check-in for local business and government. This summer, we're offering communitycentered events designed promote small businesses, including First Fridays in Westfield, Music in the Green in Mayville, Jumpstart to Third Thursday in Jamestown, and the new CHQ Chamber at the Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, a business showcase and networking event. Each of these is planned to highlight businesses and drive commerce. We encourage everyone to attend and support the restaurants and retailers that anchor our main streets.

#### Business Builder Workshop: Presentation Matters

Business Workshop will be Wednesday, June 25, from 1-3 p.m. at Lake Shore Center for the Arts, 49 South Portage Street, Westfield. The topic is Presentation Matters, highlighting the importance of how you present your business image inside and outside your building, online, and in print. Learn ways to showcase your business through images, product labels, merchandising, and more. This workshop is ideal for any businessperson or employee looking to enhance their visual marketing.

Presenters include Beth Margolis from Liberty Vineyards on product labeling and storefront design; Blair Koss, owner of Rosie's Workshop in Westfield, on storefront display and merchandising; and Carrie Swanson of Sweeterson Farms on online and vendor space merchandising. The workshop is free, but registration is required. Sign up through our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

## Nominations Open for the CHQ Chamber 2025 Awards

Nominations are now open for the CHQ Chamber 2025 Awards, which honor outstanding local businesses and organizations. Anyone may submit a nomination for recognition at the Awards Banquet on October 2 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia.

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## JPS Recognizes 2025 Tenure Recipients



JPS recognized tenure candidates during the June 10 meeting of the Board of Education: Kate Benson, Philip Cammarata, Laura Clark, Kelly Clifford, Kristin Dunnewold, Sara Henry, Andrea Kelemen, Ashley Merchant, Korrin Mundo, Jennifer Nesbitt, Brian Payne, Kimberly Quanz, Stacie Radecki, Tamie Rhinehart, Heidi Smith, and Andrew Sisson.

#### Contributed by

#### Jamestown Public Schools

Jamestown Public Schools recognized staff members and administrators who

were awarded tenure prior to the June 10 meeting of the Board of Education. "Earning tenure is a significant milestone that reflects years of dedicated service, professional growth,

and a deep commitment to our students," said Dr. Kevin Whitaker, JPS Superintendent. "Each individual recognized has successfully

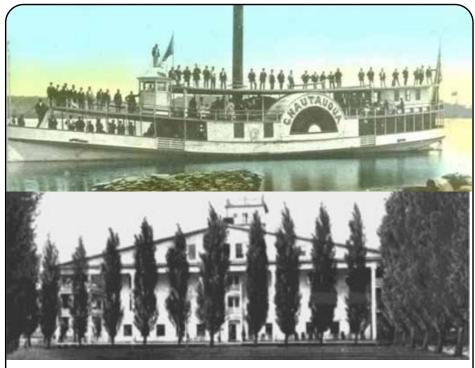
completed a rigorous process of evaluation and support, and I am proud to say they represent the

very best of what we offer the children of Jamestown. I have full

confidence they will continue to teach and lead with excellence in the years ahead."

Individuals who were awarded tenure are: Kate Benson, Philip Cammarata, Laura Clark, Kelly

Clifford, Kristin Dunnewold, Sara Henry, Andrea Kelemen, Ashley Merchant, Korrin Mundo, Jennifer Nesbitt, Brian Payne, Kimberly Quanz, Stacie Radecki, Tamie Rhinehart, Heidi Smith, and Andrew Sisson.



#### The Golden Age of Chautauqua Lake

Norm Carlson, County Historian, will present the "GOLDEN AGE OF CHAUTAUQUA LAKE" at the Chautauqua Town Historical Society's meeting Thursday, June 19, at 7:00 pm, in the Town of Chautauqua meeting room, 2

Academy St, Mayville.

He will share about the big glamorous hotels, colorful steamboats, trolleys, and Chautauqua Institution and other favorite locations.

The presentation will be free and open to the public.

#### Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

## **Medicare Savings Program:** A Lifeline for Eligible Seniors



Contributed by Dana Corwin Director of Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services

As healthcare costs continue to rise, the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) is offering much- needed financial relief for eligible seniors and individuals with disabilities in New York. This state and federally funded initiative is designed to help individuals with limited income and resources pay for some or all of their Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-payments.

The MSP is vital for many residents across the region, providing an opportunity for individuals to better manage their healthcare expenses. According to the New York State Department of Health, there has been an increase in the number of applicants seeking assistance in New York.

#### **What Is the Medicare Savings Program?**

The Medicare Savings Program is available to people who are eligible for Medicare and meet certain income and resource limits. The program consists of different categories, including:

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB): Covers Medicare Part A and Part deductibles, B premiums, coinsurance, and copayments.
- Qualified Individual (QI): Pays for the Part B premium.

For many seniors, paying the Medicare premium can be a financial strain, especially when combined with other medical expenses. The Medicare Savings Program helps ease this burden, allowing individuals to maintain their health insurance coverage without depleting their savings. If you are found eligible, you will also automatically get Extra Help. The program is a federal assistance program managed by the Social

Security Administration (SSA) that helps people with limited income and resources pay for the costs related to Medicare Part D, including Monthly

premiums, Annual deductibles, and Prescription co-payments.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

To qualify for the Medicare Savings Program in New York, applicants must meet certain financial thresholds. For instance:

- For the QMB program, an individual's monthly income must be at or below \$1,820, or \$2,453 for a couple.
- The QI program has slightly higher limits at \$2,446 for an individual or \$3,299 or below for a couple.

Additionally, applicants usually need to meet certain resource limits, which are set by the state. In New York State there is no resource limit.

#### **How to Apply**

Individuals interested in applying for the Medicare Savings Program can do so through several ways. You can print an application at: https:// www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-4328.pdf or call the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services NY Connects Helpline at 716-753-4582. If you are in need of enrollment assistance, contact NY Connects or the Medicare Rights Center helpline 1-800-333-4114 or visit www. medicsareinteractive.org/mspny.

For MSP enrollment you will need to complete an application as well as to provide required documentation. You will need a copy of your Medicare card, proof of income (Social Security award letter, pensions, retirements and pay stubs), proof of your date of birth, proof of residency and any premiums other than your Medicare premiums that you may

The Medicare Savings Program is becoming an increasingly essential resource. The aging population often faces fixed incomes, and healthcare costs can be a significant burden. For some, this program

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#### **Statement by Senator George Borrello** on the 2025 Legislative Session

"Sometimes I feel like a broken record—but the failures keep repeating. While some worthy bipartisan bills passed, on major issues of quality of life and affordability, the session fell short. Albany Democrats ignored the real needs of New Yorkers, pushing policies that make life harder, more dangerous, and less affordable.

The \$254 billion budget offers no meaningful relief for families or small businesses. Spending has soared by \$84 billion in seven years, despite stagnant population growth. A modest tax cut and inflation refund are outweighed by runaway spending that risks future deficits. Medicaid costs rose 17 percent without efforts to contain them, while \$10 million in taxpayer funds will cover the Attorney General's personal legal expenses.

Democrats advanced reckless energy agenda, passing a rebranded 'Heat Act' that will raise utility bills, decrease reliability, and provide no climate benefit. This came even as New York's energy operator warns of a looming crisis due to plant closures like Dunkirk NRG. The Packaging Reduction Act will burden businesses and

add about \$700 a year in costs for consumers.

Public safety failures continued. The governor's proposal to fix criminal case dismissals tied to 2019 bail and discovery reforms was watered down, leaving nearly 50,000 dismissals last year—five times more than before. Efforts to close a loophole in drugged driving laws were rejected, allowing drug-impaired drivers to escape prosecution if the substance isn't on a pre-approved list or isn't disclosed.

Democrats refused to roll back sanctuary policies that shield criminal illegal migrants. Recent declines in illegal migrant inflows are due to federal action, not Albany.

Governor Hochul's response to Dunkirk's fiscal crisis was another failure. Instead of backing a financial control board, she pushed through a \$13.7 million loan on the last day, adding millions in interest without addressing dysfunction or restoring taxpayer confidence.

"This session was another missed opportunity. New Yorkers need tax relief, safety, and real leadership. But under one-party rule, all they get is more spending, more chaos, and more excuses."

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### Randolph's 51st Annual Arts & **Crafts Festival Returns June 21**

Contributing Writer

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The Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (RACDC) is excited to announce the return of the beloved 51st Annual Arts & Crafts Festival, taking place on Saturday, June 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Historic Downtown Randolph.

Main Street will come alive with craft and artisan vendors, delicious food vendors, and lively entertainment that promises fun for the whole family. Festival-goers can browse a wide array of handcrafted goods, unique artisan products, and tasty

treats while enjoying performances and activities throughout the day.

This year's entertainment highlights include:

DJ Dior, who will set the tone for the festival with classic hits and feel-good tunes all day long. Magician Mambretti, Nick delighting children and adults alike

with two exciting shows.

Harmony Production Company, a traditional barbershop quartet, bringing nostalgic charm to Main Street as they stroll and perform from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Where Safety Meets Growth: YMCA Heritage House Supports Families and Young Learners

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parents are at work, or going back to school like in Chelsea's case, we're here to make sure they can do that with confidence."

While Sophie's transformation has been profound, the impact on Chelsea has been just as powerful.

"Being able to drop her off and know she's safe — that allowed me to focus fully on my schoolwork," she said. "I couldn't have made it through without that peace of mind. It was a huge part of my success."

Chelsea recently graduated from SUNY JCC with her nursing degree and now works variable

shifts in the ICU. With a demanding and often unpredictable schedule, the flexibility at Heritage House has been a lifesayer.

"There are days I text and ask, 'Can she stay a little later?' and they always work with me," she

said. "They understand how unpredictable health care can be. That kind of support — you just don't find that everywhere."

Now, Sophie — part tiny dancer, part hockey fanatic, part builder and dirtdigger — has not only

found a second home, but a launchpad. From dancing in the classroom to being a regular on the jumbotron at Erie Otters games, she's bursting with confidence and curiosity.

"She's the one who greets new parents or staff when they walk in the room," Chelsea laughed. "She'll walk right up and say, 'What's your name?' She keeps everyone on their toes — especially me!"

John Barber, Interim CEO of the Jamestown Area YMCA, said stories like Chelsea and Sophie's are exactly why the Y exists — and why the association's annual Partner With Youth campaign is so essential.

"Our child care programs create safe, nurturing spaces that support not just children, but entire families," Barber said. "Through Partner With Youth, we can make those opportunities accessible to more families across Jamestown — ensuring that every child has a strong start and every parent has the support they need to move forward."

Looking back, Chelsea says choosing Heritage House was one of the best decisions she's made as a parent.

"It's more than just daycare," she said.
"It's a community. It's a place that sees your child for who they are and helps them grow. And as a parent, it gives you the confidence and support to grow, too."

## Randolph's 51st Annual Arts & Crafts Festival Returns June 21

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Families won't want to miss the FunTastic KidZone on Bank Street, where little ones can enjoy face painting, airbrush tattoos, a balloon artist, and more!

In addition to all the fun, visitors can support local initiatives by purchasing RACDC Event Fundraiser Raffle Tickets, Bicentennial Celebration Raffle Tickets, and Bicentennial Calendars during the festival.

"We're looking forward to a wonderful day of community celebration," said event organizers. "If anyone is interested in volunteering, even for just an hour, we'd love to have your help!"

A full schedule of events will be posted soon. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact RACDC at 716-358-9701



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- Service Business of the Year: Exceptional retail or service providers (financial, insurance, legal, etc.).
- Producer of the Year: Leading manufacturing, agriculture, or construction businesses.
- Not-For-Profit of the Year: An outstanding nonprofit organization.
- Business Champion Award: An organization that has significantly

- contributed to economic development, quality of life, and stability in Chautauqua County.
- Business of the Year: A business demonstrating outstanding leadership in employee growth, product development, or service.
- Milestone Service: Recognition for businesses celebrating service years ending in 5 or 0.

Nominations are due by August 1 and must be submitted online at www.chqchamber.org/2025-award-nominations. Preference is given to CHQ Chamber members. All applications must be complete. Nominations will be reviewed by a volunteer "supercommittee" and approved by the CHQ Chamber Board of Directors.





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#### **June 24 Primary Details Announced**



The Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, NY will serve as the sole Early Voting site for Chautauqua County's June 24, 2025 Primary Election. Voters should enter through the main doors off Prendergast Avenue.

## Contributed by Chautauqua County

All Democratic Party members in the Village of Fredonia, Republican Party members in the Town of Carroll, and Conservative Party members in the Town of Portland will be eligible to vote in the June 24, 2025, Primary Election. "All other party members or voters without a designated party are not eligible to vote in this Primary Election," noted Commissioner Ellis.

The Chautauqua County Board of Elections has designated one Early Voting poll site for the Primary Election. Early Voting will be held at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 E. 4th St., Jamestown, NY 14701. Voters should enter through the main doors off of Prendergast Ave. Early Voting began on Saturday, June 14, and continues through Sunday, June 22. Early Voting will not be held on Monday, June 23.

The times for Early Voting are as follows: Saturdays and Sundays from 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday and Tuesday from 12 PM to 8 PM, and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Voters who cast their ballot early will not be able to cast a ballot during subsequent Early Voting days or on Election Day. If you request an Early Mail or Absentee Ballot, recent law changes will prevent you from casting your ballot using the voting machine during Early Voting or on Election Day. You will only be able to vote using a Provisional Affidavit Ballot, which can be counted if you have not already returned your ballot.

Commissioner Torres reminds voters who want to get a 'sneak peek' of their ballot that "Sample Ballots are available to view at www. votechautauqua.com prior to going to vote and will also be available at the Robert H. Jackson Center Early Voting site during Early Voting."

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## The Breeze, The Untouchables Start off Music on the Pier Series



The Untouchables will be the headlining band for Dunkirk's first week of the Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series at the Dunkirk Pier on June 12 for Soul Night. The Breeze is the opening group. Pictured left to right is The Untouchables' Jeff Julian, Billy Lisa, Ian Hill, Bill Schindler and Mike Dietzen.

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#### City of Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events

The City of Dunkirk's Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series began Thursday, June 12 at the Dunkirk Pier. The concerts are presented by Dunkirk Festivals, APG, Van Buren Drive-In, National Grid, stage sponsor DFT Communications and Piede Tents, LLC.

This season, music begins a half an hour later at 6 p.m. to better accommodate the community.

Soul Night, sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc. – Lake Erie Medical Services and The Resource Center, opened the series with The Breeze before the headliner, The Untouchables, took the stage.

The Breeze is a high-energy, 9-piece, premier R&B, soul and funk band in the tri-state area that has dazzled crowds for over two decades. The band plays soulful classics from the 1960s to current hits by artists such as Earth, Wind and Fire, Prince, Bruno Mars, and many more. The Breeze has opened for legendary bands including Kool and the Gang, Average White Band, and The Ohio Players. Members include Rasia Crockett, Pam Davis, Kenny Hollis, Clarence Jennings, Kevin Sapper, and Mo Troop.

The Untouchables, a local favorite band, is made up of Bill Schindler (drums/vocals), Billy Lisa (guitar, harmonica, vocals), Mike Dietzen (bass/vocals), Jeff Julian (saxophone, guitar, and vocals), and Ian Hill (keyboards/vocals). For the past three decades, The Untouchables have been entertaining audiences throughout Western New York and Pennsylvania with a blend of rhythm and blues, oldies rock and roll, classic soul, and a wide range of other musical styles.

Notable venues include the Dunkirk Music on the Pier series and return engagements at the Ellicottville Jazz and Blues Festival and the National Comedy Center, opening for Lewis Black, Margaret Cho, and



The Breeze will be the opening band for Dunkirk's Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series on Thursday, June 12 at the Dunkirk Pier for Soul Night. The Untouchables is the headliner. Pictured left to right in the front row is The Breeze band's Kenny Hollis, Rasia Crockett, Pam Davis, Mo Troop and Clarence Jennings and Kevin Sapper in the back row.

Taylor Tomlinson.

This multi-instrumental group delivers a high-energy performance designed to get the crowd onto the dance floor and keep them there. All of the band members interact constantly with the crowd in a show that's entertaining and fun, combined with a sound that's both soulful and powerful.

Guests are reminded to bring a chair. Food trucks and other vendors will be on site, along with the city's beverage tent. The Dunkirk Boardwalk Marketplace and surrounding businesses will also be open with food, drink, and merchandise options.

The Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series runs from June 12 through August 21, with different musicians performing each Thursday.

Dunkirk event brochures are available from the boardwalk atrium, Dunkirk City Hall, or online.

For more information about Dunkirk's summer schedule of events or local attractions, please visit www. cityofdunkirk.com or Facebook at Dunkirk Festivals & Special Events, or contact Scott Mekus, Dunkirk Festivals event specialist, at (716) 366-9848.



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## **Business of the Week**

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

## Impact Internet Offers a Local Approach to Getting Online

INTERNET



Katrina Fuller

n a region where local internet access can be more difficult to come by, one Western New York company is working to shift the experience. Impact Internet, a Western New York-based company, is expanding its presence in Chautauqua County and nearby areas, offering plans designed to meet everyday needs without stretching household budgets.

Vice President of Operations Renee Whelan says the idea behind the company is simple: people deserve affordable, reliable internet and better customer service than they're used to getting.

"As a local internet provider, we're aware of the high cost of internet," Whelan said. "We wanted to make a difference and created Impact Internet to offer a reliable, affordable alternative."

The company is different because they use wireless technologies to connect homes and businesses with high-speed internet without having to install cable. The internet is made possible by a small wireless receptor that connects to an existing tower and then is able to access a fiber network.

Impact Internet currently offers three plan options that meet the needs of all types of households and needs. But what sets them apart, Whelan says, isn't just the plans. It's the people behind the service. She said the company prides itself on its customer-first approach.

"We truly care about our service and work very hard to ensure you are getting what you expect," Whelan said. "We have a dedicated staff that listens to our customers. We pride ourselves on providing quick responses to any questions or issues."

Another highlight of this local company is the customer service support that is geared toward

meeting every c u s t o m e r 's needs, whether during business hours or outside of them. While it can be typical to route customers through national

call centers, Whelan said Impact uses a mix of local support staff and 24/7 contact options. Customers can call, text, or reach them online with ease.

Though the company is based in West Seneca, its reach is growing. In addition to serving Chautauqua County, Impact Internet now offers service in Olean, Portville, and Allegany. While the company is a smaller internet company, the team is dedicated to providing affordable internet services across the area, according to Whelan. That feature is not lost for the business community - the cost savings are available for them as well.

"Another big difference between us and the 'big boys' is that most businesses can get our internet for the same price as our residential service," she said. "Where else can you get internet for your business for \$45 a month?"

Whelan pointed out that the savings don't stop there.

Customers who sign up earlier rather than later have the option of joining the ranks of a Founding Member. Whelan said the company is currently offering the Founding Member pricing that provides a \$10 discount on the Essential or Premium plan for as long as the customer maintains the service. The price will be locked in and will not increase, Whelan said.

Being based in Western New York gives Impact a different kind of connection to the communities it serves, and Whelan said that

is something the company takes seriously. Currently, the company is working to connect with various communities to

find different ways to help out.

"We want to be a part of the community in any way possible," Whelan said. "We are currently working with the Jamestown Mayor to provide free WiFi at several parks in the area. We are also reaching out to other municipalities in the area to determine what other areas we can offer free WiFi."

The company is also providing free Wifi at Bradner Stadium, War Vets Park and Lincoln Park in Olean, as well as the Little League Ball Park in Portville.

The company also accepts nominations for a free year of service through the Community tab on its website. Residents can nominate a neighbor, family, friend or business that could benefit from support.

Impact Internet is a regionally-based company that cares about its customers, the community and its service, Whelan said. The company is looking to be the premier internet company in the region.

"We hope to become the internet provider of choice in the area," she said.

For those interested in learning more or exploring their options, Impact Internet can be reached at impactinternet.com, by texting 716-771-2221, or by calling the 24/7 call center at 716-507-0627. To nominate a community member for free internet, visit: https://www.impactinternet.com/community/#nominate.







11:00 AM - Blessing of the Festival Food and Vendors will be open following the Blessing of the Festival

12:30 PM - Meatball and Wine Judging Contest (see Meatball & Wine Contest Entry Form for info)

#### Music

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Ian Massana Liedke and Erin Hoyle

12:45 PM – 1:30 PM Italian Dancers Of Erie

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Dave Golando

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Happy Days

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM The Formula Band

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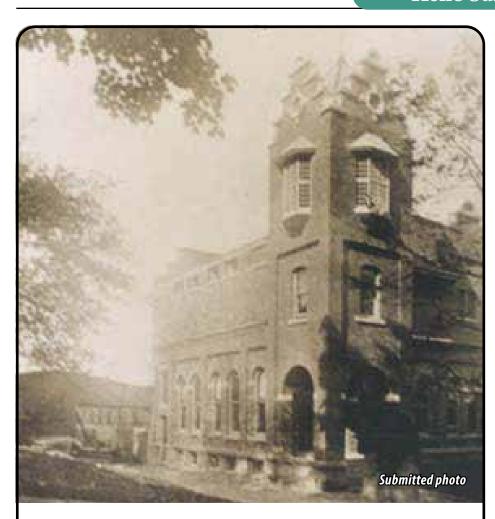
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#### Historic Walking Tour of Jamestown's Southside

Explore the beauty and majesty of an era gone by in the south side neighborhoods near Forest Ave. and the Fenton Mansion on Saturday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. Walkers will learn about the early businesses and people who thrived there. The tour is led by Tom Greer, a past board member and manager of the Fenton Archaeology Project.

The tour lasts approximately two hours and will begin and end at the Fenton History Center. The fee is \$12 for potential members and \$8 for Fenton History Center members. The walk is held rain or shine.

To register or for more information, visit www.fentonhistorycenter.org or call 716-664-6256.







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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

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#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Breezed through
- 5. Supervises interstate commerce
- 8. Unruly group
- 11. Backs away from
- 13. Expression of understanding
- 14. Have concern for
- 15. Monetary units
- 16. Congressman (abbr.)
- 17. Iranian city
- 18. Eating houses
- 20. 2,000 lbs. 21. Grandmother
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- and Central 25. In an early way
- 30. Foes
- 31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine

- 32. One who unloads cages
- 33. Another term for sesame
- 38. Formally forbid
- 41. Make clear
- 43. Inaccessible
- 45. Get through 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 49. Decameter
- 50. Type of sword
- 55. Actor Idris
- 56. Affirmative (slang)
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. One point north of northeast
- 60. Born of
- 61. Arabic name
- 62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: \_\_\_ pai dong
- 63. Termination point
- 64. Email function

#### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Sign language
- 2. In style
- 3. Helsinki neighborhood
- 4. Unable to hear
- 5. More rapid
- 6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
- 7. In a cagey way 8. Kate and Rooney are two
- 9. Algerian port
- 10. Community in Ladakh
- 12. Midway between south and southeast
- 14. Town in Galilee
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Italian impressionist painter
- 24. Brass instrument
- 25. Chest muscle (slang)
- 26. Transmits genetic information 53. River in central Europe from DNA to the cytoplasm
- 27. Records electric currents generated by the brain

- 28. Woman (French)
- Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
- 34. Baseball stat
- 35. Pointed end of a pen
- 36. Popular sports league
- 37. Body part
- 39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
- 40. Yellowish cotton cloth
- 41. Domesticated house pet
- 42. Untruths
- 44. Set out to attract
- 45. Spiritual leader
- 46. Abba \_\_\_, Israeli politician
- 47. Repair
- 48. Genus of flowering plants
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 54. Harness
- 58. Father

# A CHQ TRAILS DAY JUNE 21

## Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways to Host CHQ Trails Day on June 21

Inaugural event will help promote County's publicly accessible recreational trails

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Chautauqua County
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Growth

In cooperation with the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), the Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways (FCCG) group is excited to host the inaugural CHQ Trails Day, taking place this year on Saturday, June 21 at various locations throughout the County.

This countywide event will capture the spirit of collaboration and connectivity that has come to define the FCCG over the past three years. The day is chock full of outdoor events for trail users of all types and of all abilities, with each event organized by the various members who are part of the FCCG. It will feature group hikes, horse rides, guided canoe/kayak trips, bird walks, group mountain bike rides, and much more.

"This event will showcase the county's amazing trail networks and will give outdoor enthusiasts a chance to make new connections with individual trail groups and with others who are passionate about the outdoors," says Jacob Bodway, Trail Coordinator for CCPEG.

Bodway adds that the CHQ Trails Day is the brainchild of John McCune and Twan Leenders, co-chairs of the FCCG Advisory Board. McCune





Chautauqua County residents and visitors alike are being encouraged to take part in the inaugural CHQ Trails Day event, happening at various public trail locations across the County on Saturday, June 21, 2025. The day will provide an opportunity to explore 250+ miles of recreational trails. More information at ChooseCHQ.com/CHQTrailsDay.

represents Chautauqua County Rails to Trails, while Leenders represents the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. Together, along with all other advisory board members and other stakeholders, the two have worked for several months to organize and plan this special day for outdoor recreation enthusiasts, whether they be residents or visitors.

Participating trail groups and organizations include: the Boutwell Hill Ski Club, the Chautauqua County Parks Commission and Parks Department, the Chautauqua County Equestrian Trail System (CCETS), the Chautauqua Rails to Trails, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy,

the Heron Farm & Events Center, and the Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA).

Event locations include: Boutwell Hill State Forest (Cherry Creek), Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park (Cassadaga), Dobbins Woods Preserve (Ashville), Erlandson Overview Park (Frewsburg), the Chautauqua Gorge Loop Trail (Mayville), Heron Farm and Events Center (Sherman), the Kyle's Landing Preserve (Sinclairville), Loud Performance

(Bemus Point), Luensman Overview Park (Portland), and Prospect Hill Station Trailhead (Mayville).

"It's going to be a day unlike any other for celebrating our county's beautiful natural resources, and it is a tradition that we hope will continue for years to come!" Bodway said.

For a specific event details and times, visit: ChooseCHQ.com/CHQTrailsDay or see the event listing on CCPEG's Facebook page.

About FCCG – The Friends of and attraction of Chautauqua County Greenways advancements to the is housed under CCPEG and is an an initiative of the Corganization whose aim is to collaborate Economic Development and build on private/public partnerships (CREDC). For more to position themselves to raise the CHQPartnership.org.

necessary capital and programmatic resources to realize the primary objectives outlined in the 2012 Greenway Plan.

**About CCPEG** - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key *projects that achieve economic prosperity* in Chautauqua County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life. It is an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). For more information visit





### Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds provide \$35,000 for Overland Trails Improvement



Funding will help to kick-start Phase V renovation work of Earl Cardot Eastside Overland Trail

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## Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

The effort to renovate a section of overland trails in eastern Chautauqua County has taken a major step forward. The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) is pleased to report that it has secured a \$35,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, to help fund Phase V of the Chautauqua County Overland Trails Revitalization Project. Phase V renovation work includes trail construction, trail improvements, and trail reroutes in Boutwell Hill State Forest in Cherry Creek, along Chautauqua County's Earl Cardot Eastside Overland Trail.

To secure this grant, CCPEG collaborated with the Chautauqua County Parks Department and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to plan and to organize the best way to approach Phase V. The collaboration is also being used to apply for additional funding to help ensure all aspects of the Phase V project can be completed.

If all funding is secured, the trail improvements and construction work will be done by experienced mechanized trail-builders from Trail Construction Associates (TCA), based in Chautauqua County. The team from TCA are familiar with the Overland Trails and are excited apply their green design trail-building techniques to improve the sustainability of the Overland Trail in Boutwell Hill State Forest.

According to Jacob Bodway, Trail Coordinator for CCPEG, Phase V will update the Eastside Overland Trail to meet modern standards of trail sustainability and accessibility. "We will be rerouting chronic wet areas and improving sections of trail that have poor drainage and erosion issues. These improvements will benefit hikers and bikers of all skill levels and help keep the trail dry during the winter months for cross country skiing. Even better, this project dovetails with the recent improvements to the 'Homestead Loop' in Boutwell Hill State Forest,' Bodway said.

Bodway adds that additional funding for Phase V has been applied for, with award announcements for all pending grants expected by mid to late summer. Once all funding is secured, the work is expected to begin by the end of summer or early fall.

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds were established at the Community Foundation to provide support to four areas that were important to Mr. Wilson: caregivers, community assets, design and access, and youth sports. Endowment funds, like these created to honor Mr. Wilson, are designed to grow over time and provide funding for charitable causes according to a client's wishes.

The Chautauqua County Overland Trails would not be possible without the support and cooperation of private landowners.

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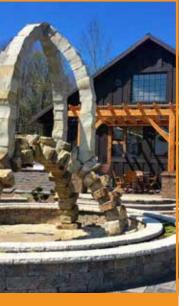
A family picnic is planned by Chautauqua Rails to Trails at noon on Saturday, June 21, as the inaugural event for the first Chautauqua Trails Day. The event is open to the public and will take place at the Prospect Station Trailhead. The organization will supply hot dogs, fruit salad, lemonade, and water. Participants are welcome to bring a dish to share and a chair. Additional tables are also welcome.

The approximate address is 7000 Fish Road, Westfield, NY, which is 500 feet from the trailhead. A hike north on the trail will follow for those so inclined. The more trail lovers, the merrier! Please join us.



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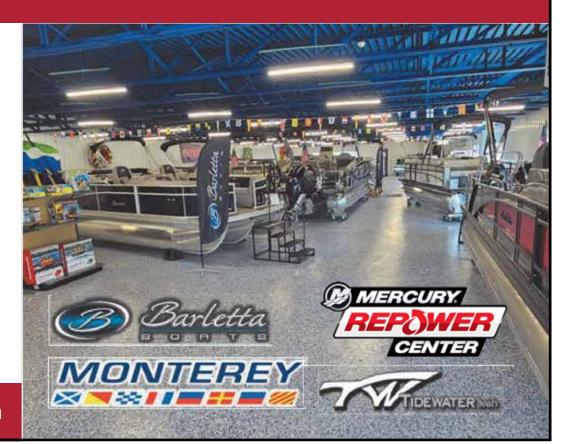
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Michael Brown, appointed principal of S.G. Love Elementary School



Tim Anderson, appointed principal of Washington Middle School

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#### Jamestown Public Schools

The Jamestown Public Schools Board of Education has approved the appointments of Michael Brown as principal of S.G. Love Elementary School and Tim Anderson as principal of Washington Middle School.

Brown currently serves as Principal of Teaching and Learning at Dunkirk Secondary School, a role he began in August 2024. He previously spent eight years in administration at Tonawanda City School District, including as principal of Tonawanda High School and Tonawanda Middle School. He began his career as a high school social studies teacher at Pavilion Central School and has also served as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Cattaraugus-Little Valley School District.

"We are pleased to welcome Mr. Brown to Jamestown Public Schools," said Superintendent Dr. Kevin Whitaker. "He is a collaborative and energetic leader whose passion for education and belief in students aligns perfectly with our district culture."

Assistant Superintendent Tina Sandstrom added, "Mr. Brown brings a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to instructional leadership, and positive energy that will be a great fit for Love School." "I'm absolutely thrilled to join Love Elementary," said Brown. "I look forward to working with the incredible teachers, staff, students, and families in this dynamic learning community and making a positive impact from day one."

A native of Panama, N.Y., Brown holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Geneseo and a master's and advanced certificate in administration from the University at Buffalo. He lives in Lakewood with his wife Marcie and their two sons, Mason and Max.

Tim Anderson, a 2002 Jamestown High School graduate, has worked in the district for 17 years. He has taught at Rogers Elementary, Persell Middle School, and C.C. Ring Elementary, and has served as Washington's assistant principal since fall 2024.

"I am pleased to announce Mr. Anderson's promotion," said Dr. Whitaker. "He has shown consistent, collaborative leadership and a strong commitment to student success."

"As a lifelong Jamestown resident, I am honored to lead Washington Middle School," said Anderson. "I care deeply about this community and am committed to supporting our students academically, socially, and emotionally."

Anderson has also coached basketball for 19 years, including serving as head coach of the JHS girls varsity team and most recently coaching at Jefferson Middle School. He lives in Jamestown with his wife Rachel and their children Raegan, Sawyer, Asher, and Hudson.

"I've been blessed with an amazing family," Anderson added. "I couldn't have reached this point without the support and encouragement of my wife and kids, who always push me to be my best."

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## Organizations Rally to Send Local Students to Robotics Competition



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## Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier

A team of students from Chautauqua Lake Central School District had the opportunity to attend the 2025 VEX Robotics Championships Dallas, TX, with the support of several local businesses and organizations. The World welcomed Championship thousands of students from all 50 states and dozens of countries. The Chautauqua Lake 'Nerd Herd' team placed 2nd in a statewide competition among New York State schools to advance to the World Championship. At the World Championship, teams battled through ten qualifying matches in the Innovate Division and finished in 34th place among 80 competing teams within that division.

The 'Nerd Herd' team consisted of Devin Kelsey, Zach Braun, Evan Riedesel, Anthony Powell, Nate Henry, Logan Ludwig, Charles Curtis, Lincoln Smith, and Bennett Birkner. The team was guided by CLCS teacher-coach Alex Reyda.

The collective support of the community was instrumental in enabling students to participate in the biggest robotics competition in the world and gain invaluable real-world experience. Miraclean and Dream It Do It Western New York were major sponsors in helping support the team's trip to Dallas. Other local supporters included Jamestown Plastics, No Excuse Sportswear, Ashville Fire Department, Schack, & Courtis, Deborah Cenni, Chautauqua Lake Dental, Veterans of Foreign Wars Mayville, AJ Texas Hots, Fancher Chair, Hogan's Hutt, Shear Style, Julie Treadway, and Trischa Delcamp.

## **Zonta Club of Jamestown Welcomes New Members and Installs 2025-26 Officers**



**Top Photo:** Pictured left to right are Officers: Candace Carlson, Michelle Tambascio, Mary Cook, Marcia Restivo, Deb Piotrowski, Jill Colburn, Bonnie DeJoy, Jo Haumesser.

**Bottom Photo:** Pictured left to right are New Members (holding yellow roses) and their mentors: Jodi Swindell, Terrie Tucker, Michelle Tambascio, Ellie Nickeson, Holly Wescott, Donna Bloomquist, Holley Clough, Sarah Goebel, Jessica Jacques.

#### Contributed by

#### Zonta Club of Jamestown

The Zonta Club of Jamestown, part of Zonta International, whose mission is to build a better world for women and girls, proudly announced the induction of six new members and the installation of its 2025-26 executive officers at a ceremony held at the Harbor Hotel on June 4, 2025. Area Director Rosie Papalia presided over the ceremonies with assistance from Past President Eileen Healy.

#### 2025-26 Officers:

President: Marcia Restivo
President-Elect: Beth Jermain
Vice President: Deb Piotrowski
Secretary: Mary Cook
Treasurer: Bonnie DeJoy
Assistant Treasurer: Jill Colburn
Directors: Candace Carlson,
Michelle Tambascio, Jo Haumesser,
Bethany O'Hagan

The club welcomed the following new members: Holley Clough, Jessica Jacques, Ellie Nickeson, Sherry Osborne, Terrie Tucker, and Holly Wescott. Each inductee received the traditional yellow rose symbolizing Zonta fellowship and a membership pin.

Founded in 1921, the Zonta Club of Jamestown is one of more than 1,100 clubs in 63 countries working to build a better world for women and girls. The club meets twice monthly and hosts service projects, educational programs, and fundraising events that benefit local and international causes.

For membership information or to learn how you can support Zonta's mission, visit www. zontajamestown.org or contact the club at P.O. Box 913, Jamestown, N.Y. 14702.







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#### **Prendergast Library to Host 4th Annual Community Block Party on June 28th**



The 2024 Prendergast Library Block Party.

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#### James Prendergast Library Association

The James Prendergast Library will host the Annual Community Block Party on Saturday, June 28th, from 11:00 am -2:00 pm. There will be plenty to enjoy: music, food, games, the Booksale, an Artisan Marketplace, Summer Reading Kickoff, Community Organizations, and more! The annual event is a fundraiser for the library and celebrates community building and summer reading.

Returning this year is the Artisan Marketplace, with twenty artisan vendor booths on the library's first floor. Examples of items for sale include photography, watercolor, fiber arts, jewelry, candy and baked goods, skincare products, and more!

In addition to the artisan vendors, the day features thirty nonprofit organizations that will provide information on community

programs, services, and events. The nonprofit tables will be in the Fireplace and Community Rooms. Be sure to pick up a scavenger hunt flyer at the Summer Reading table before visiting the community organizations; complete and win a prize!

A big part of the event is a special oneday Booksale with new bestsellers, unique finds, vintage books, puzzles,

and more at special sale prices. The special sale will be at the back of the library on the first floor, near the daily Booksale area. Fill a bag with books from the daily Booksale during the Block Party for \$5! In addition to the Booksale, purchase a 50/50 ticket or tickets for the basket drawings. Several themed book baskets include Fairyland, Summer Reading, Tea Party, Birding, Yule in July, and more. All proceeds benefit the Summer Reading Program.

Enjoy music from Infinity Visual & Performing Arts students and instructors on the patio. This year, the library has a large tent from Jamestown Awning to provide room for music and food in case of rain. Guests can purchase food and drinks from Best of Buffalo BBQ, Bucket Brigade Wood-Fired Pizza Co., and Fizz Fix artisan sodas. The Makerspace will be open all day, and weather permitting, you can enjoy outdoor play on the library's patio.

The library will be open for regular services from 10:00 am -4:00 pm; however, please be advised that the building will be busy, and quiet space will not be available during the Block Party. The Block Party is a rain-orshine event. For more information,

prendergastlibrary.org/block-party.



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#### **Chautauqua County Artist Joe Rice Selected for 2025 Hertel Alley Mural Fest Last Weekend in North Buffalo**

Contributed by Art Services Inc.

Chautauqua County artist Joe Rice was among 29 talented artists and groups who participated in the 2025 Hertel Alley Mural Fest, held this past weekend, June 14-15, in North Buffalo. Rice, known for his expressive work across Western New York, was selected

through a competitive open call to create a new mural as part of the two-day live art event.

festival The transformed the alley 1225-1301 behind

Hertel Avenue into an immersive outdoor gallery. Artists painted bold, large-scale murals in real time while visitors strolled through the alley, met the artists, and experienced creativity in action.

Alley "Hertel Mural Fest continues to grow as a grassroots celebration of the artistic talent we have right here in Western New York," said Jen Swan-Kilpatrick, Executive Director of Arts Services Inc. (ASI). "From bold new murals to casual conversations with artists at work, this event invites the public to witness creativity in action."

"We were excited to once again

showcase local artists and talent with the return of Hertel Alley Mural Fest," said Joel P. Feroleto, Delaware District Common Council Member. "The event has become a beloved tradition for creatives and attendees alike and presents a unique opportunity for artists of all abilities to contribute to the beautification of the thriving Hertel Avenue business district."

> The artists selected for this year's festival represented a wide range of styles and experience levels, from first-time muralists to seasoned public artists. Joe Rice's participation

highlighted the rich creative spirit of Chautauqua County and the broader Western New York region.

In case of inclement weather, artists were given until June 30th to complete their murals. Updates about the completed works and the evolving art throughout the month are being shared on Arts Services Inc.'s social media channels.

For more information about Hertel Alley Mural Fest and to view featured murals and updates, visit https://www.asiwny.org/ hertel-alley-mural-fest/.

### **County Executive Issues Statement** on Cassadaga Job Corps

Contributed by

Paul M. Wendel Jr. Chautauqua County Executive

educator. I've seen firsthand the industries but also aiding in attracting transformative power of education and workforce training. The Cassadaga Job Corps plays a vital role in preparing our young people with the practical skills and real-world experience needed to thrive in today's economy.

Throughout my career in education and now in public service, I've remained committed to strengthening the bridge between education and employment. Programs like those

offered at Cassadaga are essential in meeting the growing demand for skilled labor in Chautauqua County "As County Executive and a former — not only supporting existing new businesses to our region.

> Job training isn't just about filling positions; it's about empowering individuals, building stronger communities, and laying foundation for long-term economic growth. I commend the Cassadaga Job Corps for their continued efforts, and I fully support their mission to equip our workforce with the tools needed for success."

## **CHQ Chamber Jumpstart to Third Thursday is June 19**

Contributed by

**Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce** 

Jumpstart to Third Thursday runs from 4-6 PM along Third Street and features:

- Live music from vocalist/ multi-instrumentalist Adam McKillip, acoustic duo Nu Juice, and more.
- Free face painting by Patti, bringing color and sparkle with imaginative designs.

Adam McKillip has performed locally since 2010, blending rock, pop, bluegrass, and roots styles with a focus on mandolin. A Chautauqua Idol finalist, Adam has opened for acts like the 10,000 Maniacs, Blessid Union of Souls, and Dan & Shay. He performs solo and with bands Smilo & the Ghost and The Probables.

Nu Juice, made up of Ben Cornell and Brendan Weatherup, offers feel-good acoustic rock, folk, reggae, and country covers.

#### **Special events:**

- 4:30 PM: Jamestown Young Professionals Business Crawl (pre-registration required)
- **5 PM:** Juneteenth Flag Raising at the Robert H. Jackson Center
- 5:15 PM: Roger Tory Peterson Mural dedication at 120 Foundry Alley + free "Roger's Root Beer" from Wicked Warren's

#### **Explore downtown:**

Enjoy local dining and shop at businesses including Art Cloth & Craft (sidewalk sale), Ballgame Heroes, BioDome Project, Chautauqua Art Gallery, Chautauqua Soap Company, CHQ Plus, Dot's Gift Boutique, Jamestown Skate Products, Lifted, Liquid Monkey, Pearl City Clay House, Reishore Clothing,



Adam McKillip



Nu Juice



Painting by Patti

Sukanya Burman Dance, UpTwn Kix, Veronica's Closet, and more. Restaurants include 4 Below Haggy's, A Slice of Home, Brazil Lounge & Labyrinth, The Cherry Lounge, Chop House on Main, Encore, Full Moon Rising Bakery, Landmark, Pace's Pizza, Pearl City Hops, The Pub, Sauce, Shawbucks, SOLT Café, The Taco Company, Wicked Warren's,

Tsavo Highway.

The CHQ Chamber builds vital connections, provides professional resources, champions local businesses in Chautauqua County.



## Jumpstart to Third Thursday

June 19, 4-6pm, Downtown Jamestown

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THIRD STREET ENTERTAINMENT

Adam McKillip - Nu Juice - Face Painting by Patti

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Unveiling of the Roger Tory Peterson Mural, 5:15pm Raising the Juneteenth Flag at the Robert H. Jackson Center, 5pm Jamestown Young Professionals Business Crawl, 4:30pm









#### **Enjoy Local Restaurants**

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Free Third Thursday concert 6-9pm at Winter Garden Plaza Jade Giambrone - St. Vith - Tsavo Highway

#### **Senior Scene**

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has been a lifeline, ensuring they can access the necessary healthcare services without the added stress of unaffordable premiums.

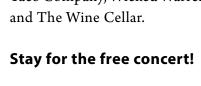
#### **Looking Ahead**

As the senior population continues to grow, local advocacy groups are calling for increased awareness and access to the Medicare Savings Program. Efforts are underway to educate seniors about their eligibility and encourage more people to apply.

With healthcare costs rising, programs like the MSP are crucial in ensuring that no senior has to choose between paying for medication and covering basic needs. Individuals who think they may be eligible are urged to act now and explore the potential benefits of this important program.

For more information on the Medicare Savings Program and how to apply, visit the New York State Department of Health website or contact the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services NY Connects Helpline. NY Connects can be reached either by stopping at one of our office locations, via email at ccnyc@chqgov.com or by phone at 716-753-4582.





Third Thursday Concert 6–9 PM at Winter Garden Plaza featuring Jade Giambrone, St. Vith, and



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Music in the Green

## **CHQ Chamber Music in the Green is June 18**

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#### Chautauqua County **Chamber of Commerce**

The first of the season Music in the Green in Mayville is set for Wednesday, June 18. This summer concert series has been crafted to blend live regional entertainment with a vibrant local walkable business community in uptown Mayville. The Village Green at Routes 394 and 430 will feature a special free concert from 5-8pm. Nearby businesses will be spotlighted as well and are being urged to stay open a little later, host sidewalk sales, and create interactive or unique in-store experiences to attract and engage customers. Mayville-area businesses that are not directly located uptown are encouraged to set up a table to promote their business and can register online through the Chamber's web calendar at www. chqchamber.org.

Entertainment for June 18th will be OsbornNash - the singer-songwriter team of Bob Campbell-Nash and Liz Osborn. Their talents combine as an acoustic duo that enjoys having a good time and sharing it! Voted the WYRK 2022 Tase of Country Riser, they have performed before thousands at the Taste of Country Concert at Sahlen's Field opening for Tim McGraw. They also have been the opening act for a private Blake Shelton concert at Darien Lake and previously opened for Wynonna Judd & The Big Noise and others. OsbornNash incorporates Country, Americana, Folk & Pop, and they recorded a debut



Osborn Nash

album in Nashville titled "This is It." This popular duo is sure to draw a crowd.

Come for the music and enjoy shopping and local dining! Local businesses and organizations participating will include The Eclectic Bird, Handcrafted from the Heart, Music for Your Mouth. Opera House Home & Gifts, Chautauqua Area Habitat for Humanity, and Whizz-n-Smash. Food trucks on hand will be The Best of Buffalo by Byron and Franklin's Honey and Apples. Additional Music in the Green events this summer will be July 16 featuring Dirty Shirley, a female-fronted party rock cover band, and August 13 with Charity Nuse (And Her Band), a standout regional vocalist and

Music in the Green is presented through the support of the Village of Mayville and the Town of Chautauqua.

musician with a soulful vibe.

The mission of the CHQ Chamber is to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

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Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online (reglenna. com) & by phone - 716.484.7070. Family showings are \$7 in-person at the box office and \$9 online & by phone. Special engagements are priced differently. The theater and box office at The Reg are located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. The box office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 - 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events.



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