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THE AQUATIC ECONOMIC ENGINE

Featured Writer

Andrew Nixon

Chautauqua County's lakes have played a prominent role in the history and development of the area and today serve as the cornerstone for the region's quality of life and its tourism industry. What began as early exploration and trading routes, starting with America's earliest inhabitants and then extending to its settlers, is today a multi-lake tourism destination attracting hundreds of millions of dollars to the area annually. Visitor spending in Chautauqua County tops \$310 million annually and our lakes are a major driver in attracting that spending.

Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau uses the brand moniker "Chautauqua & Lake Erie, NY" when marketing and advertising this destination area to visitors from multiple states in a 2-5 hour driving radius. This works because the area's lakes are the most well-known geographic features of the region as well as the pre-eminent experiences enjoyed by a majority of the county's visitors.

According to visitor surveys conducted by CCVB, 65% of visitors to the area included a lake in some way during their visit to Chautauqua County. This includes boating, fishing, swimming, visiting a park or public space along

or overlooking a lakeshore, dining on or near a lake, and renting an accommodation, campsite, or hotel room in close proximity to a lake. This 65% of visitors that includes a lake in their visit does so primarily between May and October, making that percentage even more impressive considering the limited timeframe. Lakes and the lakefront areas and attractions are the dominant initial lure in terms of attracting vacationing visitors to our area.

One doesn't need a survey report to understand this though. A visit to one of the area's busy lake

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FIVE LOCAL LAKES AND A FEW FACTS

Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

Situated in the picturesque landscapes of Southwestern New York, Chautauqua County offers stunning vistas for fishermen, boaters, beachgoers and anyone in search of a quiet lakeside getaway. Its five prominent lakes each have a personality all their own, and a few facts worth knowing.

Bear Lake

Bear Lake is the smallest of Chautauqua County's five lakes and is geologically known as a "kettle lake," formed thousands of years ago when huge blocks of melting glacial ice



Wright Park Beach

dotted the landscape at the end of the last ice age. Over 70% of its 2.5-mile shoreline consists of undeveloped wetlands, giving the 114-acre lake in Stockton a serenity all its own. A hand launch area with a wheelchair acces-

sible feature welcomes anglers of all abilities, whether they're casting for largemouth bass in the brushy areas or trying their luck with muskellunge.

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MONDAY, JULY 13, WEDNESDAY, JULY 15-THURSDAY, JULY 16, SUNDAY, JULY 19

Splash Bemus - Live Music with Shawn | 6-8 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: splashbemus.com

MONDAY, JULY 13

Wicked Warren's - Trivia with Brewer Drew | 6 PM

119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Line Dancing Fun | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Bestor Fresh Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Bestor Plaza | Chautauqua Institution
For Info: chq.org

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Zeke's Music Trivia | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Beach Dog Grill - Open Mic with Don | 6-9 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Labyrinth Press Company - Trivia w/ Len Barry | 7:30-8:30 PM
12 East 4th Street | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Terry Buchwald | 7 PM
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Dunkirk Farmers Market | 9 AM-2 PM
45 Cliffstar Court | Dunkirk
For Info: 716-338-2460 or dunkirkfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club Weidner BBQ Fundraiser | 11 AM
American Legion Post 69 | Mayville
For Info: Ann Akin (716) 665-7432 or John Savage (716) 294-1716

Jamestown Mobile Market 11 AM-1 PM & 1:30-2:30 PM
Prendergast Library (11) & Silvertree Seniors - Anderson Manor (1:30) | Jamestown | For Info: jfmny.org

8 Great Wednesdays in the Park 5:30-8:30 PM
Barker Commons | Fredonia
For Info: festivalsfredoniany.org/8-great-wednesdays-in-the-park/

Beach Dog Grill - Mary Kay Summer Bingo | 6 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Bemus Point Tap House - Bourbon, Bonfires & Cigars w/ Live Music by Ben Cornell | 6-9 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Tarp Skunks Home Game | 6:30 PM
Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park | Jamestown
For Info: tarpskunks.com

Chautauqua County Genealogical Society Meeting | 6:30 PM
American Legion Post 1280 | Cassadaga
For Info: Gail Dash (716) 785-8420

Movies at The Reg: Tuner | 7 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

Wicked Warren's - Comedy Open Mic | 7-9 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

Lakewood Farmers Market | 9 AM-2 PM
Chautauqua Avenue & Alta Way | Lakewood
For Info: 716-763-8557 or lakewoodny.gov/farmers-artisans-market

Jamestown Mobile Market | 11 AM-12 PM & 12:30 PM-1:15 PM & 2:30 PM-3:30 PM
The Chautauqua Center (11) & Silvertree Seniors - Methodist Gardens (12:30) & Chautauqua opportunities (2:30) | Jamestown
For Info: jfmny.org

Forestville Farmers Market | 1 PM-5 PM
Main Street | Forestville | For Info: 716-934-8534

CCHD Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic (Registration Required) | 5-7 PM
533 Grubb Hill Rd | Kennedy
For Info: (716) 267-2912 or healthyhq.com/rabies

CHQ Chamber Presents 3rd on Third 5-8 PM
3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: chqchamber.org

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Trivia Night | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Movies at The Reg: Backrooms: Everything Must Go Edition | 7 PM
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Generation Gap | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

The Village Casino - Trenton Shutters | 7-10 PM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspointcasino.com

The Wine Cellar - Open Mic Night | 9 PM-12 AM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

FRIDAY, JULY 17 - SATURDAY, JULY 18

Laurel Memorial Run/Walk | 8 AM
75 Jones & Gifford Avenue | Jamestown
For Info: fillingthegap.net or (716) 661-4735

Splash Bemus - Nicholas Nasibyan | 6 PM-8 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: splashbemus.com

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Bemus Point Farmers and Artisans Market 9 AM-3 PM
Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: 716-338-246 or bemuspointny.org/farmers-market

Jamestown Mobile Market 11 AM-12 PM & 12:30-1:30 PM
TRC Community Health Center (11) & Silvertree Seniors - Carlson (12:30) | Jamestown
For Info: jfmny.org

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Trenton Shutters | 1-4 PM & A Strange Kind of Sunshine | 6-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

First Friday Westfield | 5-8 PM
Main St | Westfield
For Info: westfieldny.com

Pearl City Hops - Oliver Burdo | 6 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

Labyrinth Press Company - Music on The Stoop - Mike Brunacini | 6-8:30 PM
12 East 4th Street | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Bemus Point Tap House - Hellz Bells | 6-9 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

The Wine Cellar - Brian Hanna Live | 6-9 PM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

Tarp Skunks Home Game: Strike Out Cancer Night | 6:30 PM
Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park | Jamestown
For Info: tarpskunks.com

Wicked Warren's - Ben Cornell | 6:30-9 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

Beach Dog Grill - Mock Pepper | 7-10 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

An Evening With the Bats | 8:15-10:15 PM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncn.org/events

Sunset Bay Beach Club - After Effect | 8:30 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

The Village Casino - Party McFly | 9:30 PM-1:30 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspointcasino.com

Shawbucks - Karaoke | 9 PM
212 West 2nd St. | Jamestown | For Info: shawbucks.com

SATURDAY, JULY 18 - SUNDAY, JULY 19

Scandinavian Folk Festival | 10 AM

Northwest Arena | Jamestown
For Info: scandinavianjamestown.org

CCHS Antique Show 10 AM-4 PM (Sat) & 10 AM-3 PM (Sun)
Chautauqua Suites Hotel & Expo Center | Mayville
For Info: cchsmclurg.org/antiqueshow

Wild America Nature Festival | 10 AM-5 PM
11 Rock Hill Road | Panama
For Info: wildamericafest.com

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Jamestown Farmers Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Third Street & Pine Street | Jamestown | For Info: jfmny.org

Fredonia Farmers Market | 9 AM-1 PM
Baker Commons | Fredonia
For Info: fredoniafarmersmarket.org

Westfield Farmers & Artisans Market 9 AM-2 PM
Moore Park | Westfield
For Info: 716-753-0367 or westfieldmkt@gmail.com

Fenton Historic Tour: Lakeview Avenue | 10 AM-12 PM
Lake View Cemetery | Jamestown
For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org/events

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Dog Days of Summer Benefiting CHQ Humane Society | 11 AM-10 PM
Brown Dog Acoustic | 12-4 PM
Party McFly | 6-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Walleye Tournament | 5 PM & Innocent Bystander | 8:30 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Beach Dog Grill - Furious George | 7-10 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Fredonia Opera House Cinema Series: Power Ballad | 7:30 PM
1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

Group Ther-Happy - Adu Adu | 8-11 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

Shawbucks - DJ Xcite | 10 PM
212 West 2nd St. | Jamestown | For Info: shawbucks.com

The Wine Cellar - Mister Green w/ Stereo Death | 9 PM-1 AM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

The Village Casino - Taylor Remaid | 10 PM-2 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspointcasino.com

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Sunset Bay Beach Club - DJ Adalo | 12 PM & Two Towns | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Cassadaga Farmers Market | 12:30-3:30 PM
Ames Commons | Cassadaga
For Info: (716) 665-8855

Beach Dog Grill - Dan Siracuse | 3-6 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Public Water Supply | 6-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Group Ther-Happy - Black Widow Duo | 5-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

Raven & Thorn - Trivia w Chris | 7-9 PM
26 Water St. | Fredonia
For Info: ravenandthorn.com

Editorial with Lori Cornell

LIVING CHQ, LOVING OUR LAKES

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Publisher
Lori Cornell

This picture has hung in my living room for twenty-two years. Any time someone new visits, they invariably comment: "Wow, did you have a destination wedding?" "Did you get married on the ocean?!" ...or something of the like.

And I proudly respond, "Nope. That's Dunkirk, my hometown."

No doubt, Point Gratiot boasts beach cliffs as gorgeous as any oceanfront view. And all five of our Chautauqua County lakeshores have breathtaking views in their own right. Bear, Cassadaga, Chautauqua, Erie and Findley together comprise one of our community's greatest assets and deserve our attention, resources and appreciation. As Andrew Nixon, executive director of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, brilliantly outlines on our front cover, 65% of visitors to our area attribute one of these five lakes as their reason for visiting.

Likewise, the quality-of-life benefits of residing in a county where most locals are no more than a few miles from at least one of these lakes, makes it obvious why

"Living CHQ" is a good choice. We have breathtaking views, incredible amenities, beautiful towns and villages and of course, five different lakes to enjoy. Nothing says "Lake Life" like Chautauqua County.

This week, I hope you take advantage of one or more of these incredible waterways and find your own passionate way to "Live CHQ."

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Pat Locke



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May you have all the birthday
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Faith Matters

SPENDING TIME WITH THE LAKE-LOVING JESUS



Featured Writer
Pastor Matt Wolfe
First Baptist Church
Westfield, NY

DAY 3
JESUS RAISES A LITTLE GIRL
Mark 5:21-43

Have you ever—like Jairus—fought yourself with nowhere else to turn to Jesus?

Have you ever seen Jesus use delay and interruptions (like the woman he heals in verses 25-34) to teach you some important lessons even before he answered your prayers?

DAY 4
JESUS HEALS A DISABLED MAN
Matthew 9:1-7

According to Jesus, what was this disabled man's bigger, more ultimate problem? That was true of him, what does that mean for you?

What does Jesus' healing of this man say about his ability to deal with his (and your) more ultimate problem?

What would Jesus later do to settle this once and for all—the matter of this man's sin (and yours)? (See 2 Corinthians 5 and Hebrews 9:11-14.)

DAY 5
JESUS WALKS ON WATER
Matthew 14:22-33

How has Jesus shown up unexpectedly in the middle of your life's "storms"?

While I'm guessing you'll never be invited by Jesus to actually walk on water, what are some of the more counterintuitive things Jesus—through his Word and his Spirit—might ask you to do?

What are some practical things you do today to keep your focus on Jesus?

DAY 6
JESUS FEEDS A HUGE CROWD NEAR THE SHORE
Matthew 15:29-39

How does Jesus' compassion for a crowd then offer you reassurance and hope now?

What are some ways God's taken little you have and used it for much bigger, God-glorifying ways?

How might he want to use you today?

DAY 7
JESUS SERVES BREAKFAST ON THE BEACH
John 21:1-17

Have you ever—like Peter—fought yourself returning to your "past Jesus" ways?

How has Jesus shown up in your life to you know that he still cares?

Why do you think Jesus asked Peter the same question 3 times? How does Jesus' risen Jesus' interaction with the recently failed Peter give you hope as you own to your failings?

If you've read the Gospels, you know that Jesus loved the lake life. In all four Gospel accounts, we see Jesus spending much of his ministry on the shoreline of the Sea of Galilee or even on that lake itself. Of course, in each of these scenes, Jesus isn't just chilling by the beach, getting some alone time to himself. No, Jesus loves the lake life because he loves the people on and around it. With that in mind, I've selected 7 different readings from the Gospels that record a number of the memorable moments of Jesus' lake life. With each reading, I've got a few questions to facilitate your meditation and application of the reading in a way that (I hope) will help you recognize the presence of Jesus in your life too.

So if you're loving the lake life this week, let me encourage you to begin the next several mornings by taking that freshly brewed cup of coffee down to the dock and settling into that slightly wobbly, weathered Adirondack chair. Pull out your Bible (or app) and start your day on the lake with the ultimate lover of lake life, the Lord Jesus!

DAY 1
JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES,
Luke 5:1-11

In verse 5, Simon suggests that, at least in this instance, he knows better than Jesus. Have you ever found yourself in a situation where you presumed to know better than God?

In verses 6 & 7, Simon learns that Jesus knows what he's doing. How has Jesus orchestrated events in your life to lovingly show you that he really does know best?

What are some things Jesus might be calling you to "leave behind" to fully follow him?

DAY 2
JESUS CALMS THE STORM
Mark 4:35-41

Even though Jesus is right there with them, his disciples are terrified. Have you ever found yourself in a "storm" of some kind, forgetting that Jesus was with you?

Five Local Lakes and A Few Facts

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Cassadaga Lake

Cassadaga Lake comes from the Seneca Native American word for "water under the rocks." Today, the interconnected lakes make up the lake spanning 211 acres or 5.1 miles of shoreline and are considered a major nature hub, home to over 175 different species of birds. Surrounded by lush forests and rolling hills, it's a go-to spot for local residents to break out their canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. After an afternoon on the water, the nearby cafes of Cassadaga offer small-town charm, cold coffee beverages and fresh summer small plates.

Chautauqua Lake

Chautauqua Lake is 17 miles long, 2 miles wide, with 41 miles of shoreline. It sits 1,308 feet above sea level, making it one of the highest navigable bodies of water in North America. Known as Western New York's largest inland lake, it is highly renowned for its trophy-size muskie fishing, and its waters are home to walleye, largemouth bass, and various panfish as well. Boaters can dock at The Casino in Bemus Point for quintessential Western New York fare without ever leaving the water, then venture on to Celeron for a cocktail at The Harbor Hotel, with Mayville, Lakewood, and Maple Springs each offering their own charm along the way. Along the Chautauqua Ridge on Burdick Rd., there is a unique spot where one can take in a glimpse of both Chautauqua Lake and the vast blue waters of Lake Erie at the exact same time. Take Elm Flats Road from Hartfield to reach the scenic sight.

Findley Lake

Findley Lake is an entirely man-made body of water. Alexander Findley built a dam to power his local mill, which flooded 2 pre-existing ponds and created the 292-acre, 5.5-mile shoreline recreational lake we see today. Sitting at an elevation of 1,410 feet in the Town of Mina, the lake's abundant aquatic vegetation supports a thriving fish habitat, with largemouth and smallmouth bass, tiger muskellunge and walleye among the catch, and two boat launch sites make public access convenient. Come winter, it's a favorite spot for ice fishing, especially among panfish enthusiasts.

Lake Erie

Lake Erie is considered the "Walleye Capital of the World" with 871 miles of shoreline bordering 4 states and Ontario, Canada. Its shallow waters heat up rapidly in the summer, which creates a unique microclimate perfect for vineyards and Concord grapes. Those same shallow, stormy waters have also claimed up to 2,000 historic shipwrecks. Closer to home, Barcelona Beach in Westfield offers sandy shores and sunsets that rival any ocean shoreline, and on a rainy day, there is the most optimal time to scope out beach glass for your collection.

There isn't a single part of Chautauqua County that is more than 20 minutes from open water. And that's the great thing about our lakes: whether it's summer sun, fall foliage or a winter of ice fishing and snowmobiling, they're meant to be enjoyed year-round.



LAKE ERIE



CASSADAGA LAKE



FINDLEY LAKE



CHAUTAUQUA LAKE



BEAR LAKE

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE	Surface area: 13,156 acres Maximum depth: 75 feet Elevation: 1,308 feet above sea level
CASSADAGA LAKE	Surface area: 217 acres Maximum depth: 50 feet Elevation: 1,260 feet above sea level
FINDLEY LAKE	Surface area: 292 acres Maximum depth: 37 feet Elevation: 1,410 feet above sea level
BEAR LAKE	Surface area: 114 acres Maximum depth: 35 feet Elevation: 1,310 feet above sea level
LAKE ERIE	Surface area: 9,910 square miles Maximum depth: 210 feet Elevation: 571 feet above sea level

Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club Weidner Barbecue

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Lions Club

The Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club will be holding a Weidner BBQ fundraiser at the Mayville American Legion Post 69 ,on July 15, 2026 from 3:00 pm until 6:00. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$16 at the door. Last year we had an amazing turnout which helped us raise funds to help our community and this time we hope to do even better. Please call Ann Akin at 716 665-7432 or John Savage at 716 294-1716 for tickets in advance.



The Lions have been busy this year with community service events, presenting awards and making donations.

We picked-up trash in the Mayville Lakeside Park and sorted over 300 glasses and hearing aids on June 6th that will go to folks in countries needing humanitarian aid. Three students received Community Impact Awards from the Lions at the Mayville High School and the Westfield Academy and Central School.

Money was donated to a local family who lost their house in a fire and a Westfield woman who needed help purchasing a glass eye. The Lions motto is: "We Serve" and we are a part of a worldwide organization with over 1.35 million members in 206 countries. For more information about our club and membership, please contact our secretary Eric Nickeson at 260 750-1282.



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Looking Upstream: History Points to Watershed Stewardship as Key to Chautauqua Lake's Future

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For more than two centuries, Chautauqua Lake has been shaped not just by what happens on its waters, but by everything that flows into them.

When William Bemus arrived in 1806, the lake was nearly hidden by dense forests that stabilized surrounding soils, slowed runoff, and helped protect the lake's clarity and depth. The landscape was so heavily wooded that Bemus sometimes found it easier to cross the frozen lake in winter than travel over land.

That natural system changed dramatically during the 19th and early 20th centuries as forests gave way to farms, settlements, and the region's thriving furniture industry. By 1895, residents were already documenting the consequences. In an Evening Journal article titled *The Lake is Filling Up*, Three Feet Shallower than 25 Years Ago (July 9, 1895), Frank W. Cheney warned that the southern end of the lake was "fast filling up." Each spring, he wrote, streams carried "vast amounts of debris and soil" from cleared hillsides into the lake.

Cheney did not blame weeds or fluctuating water levels. He pointed upstream. "Nearly all the timber has been cut that once stood along the creeks," he observed, noting that without those natural buffers, every storm washed "tons of earth and gravel" into the lake. More than 130 years later, that insight remains remarkably relevant.

Today, Chautauqua Lake continues to bear



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the legacy of those land-use changes. Decades of sediment and nutrient inputs have accumulated on the lake bottom, where their gradual release fuels what scientists call internal loading. Although forests have returned to much of the watershed, many wetlands have been lost, streamside vegetation remains fragmented, impervious surfaces have expanded, and erosion continues to carry sediment and nutrients into the lake. This ongoing influx of material, known as external loading, continues to feed the cycle. Whether internal or external, both problems originate in the watershed.

Modern management often focuses on in-lake solutions such as mechanical harvesting, herbicide treatments, and dredging. These efforts can improve navigation and provide temporary relief, but they do little to reduce the sediment and nutrients

continually entering from the surrounding landscape. As long as those inputs continue, the cycle of sediment accumulation, nutrient enrichment, and excessive aquatic plant growth will persist.

History suggests a different path. Restoring vegetated stream buffers, protecting wetlands, stabilizing eroding banks, managing stormwater, and improving land-use practices can reduce pollution before it reaches the lake. These watershed-based approaches address the underlying causes rather than the symptoms.

This does not diminish the importance of responsible in-lake management. Navigation channels must be maintained, and recreation remains central to the lake's identity. But long-term improvements will depend on looking beyond the shoreline.

Chautauqua Lake is the receiving end of

an entire watershed. Every stream, hillside, farm field, roadside ditch, and developed parcel influences its health. Cheney's warning from 1895 still resonates today: the condition of the lake ultimately reflects how the surrounding land is managed. If our community seeks lasting improvements, the greatest opportunities lie not on the water, but upstream. The story of Chautauqua Lake has always been written from the watershed down, and its future will be shaped the same way.

Everwild Land Trust is the future of the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy - a nationally accredited land trust working towards a thriving Chautauqua region where nature and people flourish together in community, sustained by shared responsibility, resilient ecosystems, and a lasting sense of belonging for generations to come.



Business of the Week

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

Bemus Point Lodge and Southern Tier Marina Offer a Full Lake Experience on Chautauqua

Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

For visitors looking to spend a summer day or a whole week on Chautauqua Lake, one local partnership aims to cover everything from the bed you sleep in to the boat you take out on the water.

Bemus Point Lodge, a lakefront motel in the heart of Bemus Point, and Southern Tier Marina in Celoron are owned by Adam and Katie Howard, along with business partner Bryan Strang. The marina combines two properties, The Boatworks and Ready About Sailing, and the businesses are designed to work hand in hand. Lodge guests can rent a pontoon or fishing boat directly from the owners, and between the Lodge's 30 boat slips and the marina's more than 100, boaters bringing their own vessels have plenty of docking options.

"Between the two, we're able to offer a full lake experience: a place to stay and everything you need to actually get out on the water," Howard said.

The venture has personal roots. Howard spent many summers as a child at a fishing camp in Canada on family vacations, an experience that stayed with him. When the opportunity to buy the Lodge arose, the couple closed on the property in October 2022 with a clear vision: keep it functional and welcoming for the fishermen who have always loved it while transforming it into a boutique motel for all types of guests, including families, couples and groups. They added air conditioning and redesigned the entire property inside and out.

On the marina side, the owners purchased The Boatworks first, then expanded in October 2025 to acquire Ready About Sailing, bringing the two together as Southern Tier Marina. Both properties have long histories in the community, and carrying that legacy forward has meant building a full-service operation with an experienced staff while investing in improvements, including rebuilt docks, restroom and shower facilities and a ship store carrying beer, gas and other boating supplies.

"We're proud of where the marina came from, and we are just as excited about where we're taking it," Howard said.

The rental fleet includes 10 pontoons with motors up to 225 horsepower, which Howard said is "unique on the lake and gives the boats more performance than most people expect from a pontoon rental." The pontoons are well-suited for families and groups looking for a comfortable day on the water. The marina also rents fishing boats for anglers and kayaks for guests seeking a quieter, more active way to explore the lake.

For first-time renters, the process is simple. Customers can visit southerntiermarina.com and click the "Book Today" button or call the marina directly. No boater certification is required, and staff members give every renter a hands-on orientation before they head out.

"Before you head out, our staff gives every renter a crash course to make sure you're comfortable and safe on the lake," Howard said. "It's beginner-friendly by design."

His one piece of advice for newcomers: don't wait too long to book, because the pontoons fill up fast for the summer.

Beyond boat rentals, the businesses offer plenty of ways to enjoy the lake without leaving shore. The Lodge features four cauldron-style fire pits, a pavilion for family gatherings and a large grass area for guests to relax. The marina hosts live music outside the ship store on select nights throughout the summer. The owners are also working to build a rental community of cabins at the marina, pending approval, with the goal of eventually offering everything a boater could need in one place.

Over the past four years, the properties have become a destination for weddings, bachelor and bachelorette parties, family reunions, fishing tournaments and kayakers, with snowmobilers and skiers arriving in the winter months. Howard said the range of events and happenings often surprises visitors. The same week might bring a fishing tournament, a wedding party and a family reunion all staying at once.

"There's something for everyone here, and that variety is what makes it special," Howard said. "Whether it's a quiet morning kayaking or a big group gathered around one of our fire pits after a day on the pontoon, the lake has a way of bringing people together."



Katie & Adam Howard



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The Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium, Inc. is delighted to join with the community in celebrating "Love Our Lakes" Appreciation Month this July. As a Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate, the Consortium serves as the environmental monitor and healthy ecosystem Waterkeeper advocate for the waters of the Conewango Creek watershed which includes Bear Lake, the Cassadaga Lakes, Cassadaga Creek, Chautauqua Lake, the Chadakoin River and the Conewango Creek.

As a member of the NYS Federation of Lake Associations (NYSFOLA), the Consortium focuses during this Lakes Appreciation Month on celebrating the importance of our lakes. NYSFOLA reminds us that "Our lakes bring us

beauty, recreation, wildlife habitat, clean water, and a deep sense of place – and with a little care, we can help protect them from runoff, invasive species, shoreline impacts, harmful algal blooms, and heavier use."

The Consortium invites everyone to join with our volunteers for its Science on a Steamboat excursion on Chautauqua Lake's Chautauqua Belle on July 20 or July 27. Participate in a floating classroom program to learn about lake ecology and how you can protect our waters. Sign-up on at the Chautauqua Belle Website. Entering the code EXPLORE will result in \$15 off the price of a regular adult ticket.

The Consortium's purpose is to protect

the waters, both surface and underground, of the region. That protection is based on everyone's right to clean water for drinking, fishing, and swimming. We communicate and publicize scientific information about clean water, support the scientific research done by local individuals and institutions that know the region and provide a forum to allow community members to engage in citizen science and report concerns about the region's water for proper action. Providing science-based factual information is the keystone of the Consortium.

This year the Consortium is participating in the joint NYSDEC-NYSFOLA Citizens Statewide Lakes Assessment Program (CSLAP) on Chautauqua Lake. This program gathers and records

lake water information and adds to an over 40-year-old data base which identifies lake conditions and lake water quality trends. Additionally, the Consortium is sponsoring independent herbivore insect monitoring by Rooney's Aquatic Biologists and independent aquatic plant monitoring by SUNY Oneonta. Both of these programs continue over 20 years of such monitoring and are proving to be very helpful in identifying changes in the lake's ecology. An active herbivore presence saves the community thousands of dollars of plant management expense and keeps the problem Eurasian watermilfoil from reaching the lake's surface.

The Consortium is a charitable based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is operated by an all-volunteer board of directors. To learn more about the Consortium, consult its website at www.cccwaters.org.



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On the Water This Summer with the Chautauqua Lake Association



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For nearly 75 years, the Chautauqua Lake Association (CLA) has worked to keep Chautauqua Lake healthy and enjoyable for everyone who uses it. Based in Lakewood, the CLA is a hands-on organization. Our crews are out on the water throughout the season, operating harvesters, clearing debris, and maintaining the nearshore areas that keep the lake accessible for residents, boaters, and visitors.

A Busy Start to the Season

2026 has been another active year on the water. The season opened in April with our annual spring debris cleanup, where crews cleared dangerous woody debris from developed shorelines around the lake.

As conditions warmed, harvesting crews began working routes lakewide, operating out of our south, north and mid-lake locations. In July, shore crews and Mo-bi-Trac support became active lake-wide.

To date, CLA crews have hauled more than 120 truckloads of nuisance vegetation off the lake this season. That's more than 2.4 million pounds, continuing a steady rhythm of work that runs from May through October.

Alongside harvesting, our Watercraft Steward Program is back at boat launches around the lake, where trained stewards inspect vessels and talk with boaters about preventing the spread of invasive species. Last season, our stewards inspected over 12,500 vessels and spoke with nearly 27,000 people, a quiet but critical piece that helps protect the lake's long-term health. We also continue to collaborate with researchers and state agencies studying aquatic plant management on the lake and use that science to guide here our crews work.

What's Ahead

The rest of the summer will bring more of the same steady work. Harvesting and nearshore work will continue on a rotating schedule through the lake's bays and shorelines, debris removal will carry on as needed, and our watercraft stewards will keep greeting

boaters at public launches through Labor Day. We publish a weekly work plan and summary on our website and social media so the community can follow along and know what to expect in their area.

Between visits, the CLA recommends that all lakefront property owners rake and pile weeds that accumulate along their shorelines. This helps keep waters

healthy, reduces unwanted odors and makes for a beautiful shoreline. Call the office to arrange pickup and crews will collect these piles as they pass by.

Community Events This Season

The Chautauqua Lake Association is also bringing the community together through several events this summer.

On Saturday, July 25, we'll hold our 2026 Annual Meeting at the Chautauqua Lake Yacht Club in Lakewood. Doors open at 10 a.m., with the business meeting beginning at 10:30. The meeting is open to the public and CLA members. This is a good opportunity to hear directly from our Board of Directors about the past year and the work ahead.

On Saturday, August 8, the Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival returns to Lucille Ball Memorial Park in Celoron for a full day of races and lakeside fun. No paddling experience is necessary. Dragon Boating teams are coming from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Ithaca and

beyond to race alongside several local businesses in the community. The CLA and our Dragon Boat committee partners would love to have you form a team, join us in our community boat, or just spend a beautiful day at the park.

To close out the summer season, we'll host our annual Denim & Diamonds Gala at Ellicottville Brewing Company in Bemus Point, an evening of food, music, and a silent auction that supports the CLA's work on the lake. Details will be announced on our website and social media as the date approaches.

Follow Along

Much of the work the CLA does happens out on the water and you can see it up close by following along on our Facebook and Instagram pages (@ChautauquaLakeAssociation). Throughout the season, we will share behind-the-scenes content including harvesters at work, how vegetation gets transported back to shore, where it goes once it leaves the water. You'll also meet the crew who work all season to care for this lake.

Chautauqua Lake is one of our region's greatest assets, and keeping it healthy is a shared responsibility. We're grateful for the community support that makes this work possible.

The Chautauqua Lake Association is a 501(c)3 organization. All contributions to the CLA directly support our lake service programs and initiatives dedicated to enhancing Chautauqua Lake. For more information, visit ChautauquaLakeAssociation.org or follow CLA on Facebook and Instagram.

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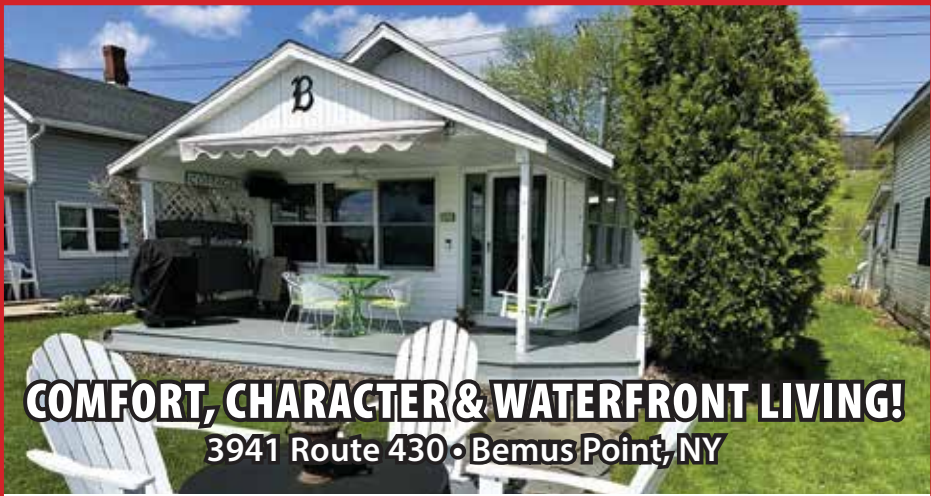
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communities or simply observing the amount of boat traffic on area lakes reveals that our lakes draw thousands of visitors. The lakes may be directly utilized by the visitors (boaters, anglers) or simply provide the scenic backdrop for waterfront amenities and experiences that visitors want to be near.

This is certainly the case on Lake Erie which was recently designated the "Number 1 Best Lake in America" by the USA Today Reader's Choice award. The Chautauqua region of eastern Lake Erie is home to the Lake Erie Wine Country wine trail and its many wineries. Our Lake Erie shore also offers visitors 3 significant harbor areas (Barcelona, Dunkirk, and Sunset Bay). These harbors house a robust charter fishing industry that boasts more than 50 participating charter businesses. These businesses thrive due to the unparalleled fishing opportunities in "our section" of Lake Erie, led by the most productive walleye fishery in the northeast and Great Lakes region of the country. Our Lake Erie region boasts several walleye tournaments including the region's largest—the Sunset Walleye Shootout, bringing 200 teams to the area.

Chautauqua Lake's "Fairpoint" was attracting visitors via steamboat and rail as early as the 1870's. This site became the now world-renowned Chautauqua Institution beginning in 1874 and today draws several thousand visitors every day during the summer season from many different parts of America and the world. A major part of Chautauqua Institution's overall appeal continues to be its beautiful location along the shores of Chautauqua Lake—a great program combined with a desirable place.

Other communities around Chautauqua Lake have benefited heavily from lake-related visitor spending over the years. These include Mayville, Dewittville, Bemus Point, Greenhurst, Celoron, Lakewood, and Stow. The smalltown atmosphere of these communities is bolstered annually by

millions of dollars in visitor spending, driven by the appeal of Chautauqua Lake. Without visitor spending, most of the restaurants, shops, and even some of the recreational amenities in these and other towns would not be available.

Similarly, Findley Lake and Cassadaga Lakes are communities that benefit significantly from lake-related tourism. When the "lake population" is in the area, the businesses are thriving and the towns are at their most enjoyable. While these towns correctly endeavor to grow tourism in pre-and post-summer seasons, the time when lake users are in town is the most productive for businesses. This is because the appeal of the lakes is so strong.

Jamestown is not located directly on one of the area's lakes, but its tourism-related potential is tied in part to Chautauqua Lake. Jamestown's ability to attract Chautauqua Lake visitors into the downtown cultural area is a key opportunity. Success in this strategy relates directly to how many visitors are coming to the southern portion of Chautauqua Lake. Jamestown's strong historic, arts, and entertainment offerings are an attractive enticement for lake area visitors. This extends to visitors to our other lakes as well.

The impacts and appeal of Chautauqua County's lakes have and continue to be a major contributor to the success of the area's tourism industry and overall economy. It is essential to protect the conditions, availability, accessibility, usability, and reputations of these lakes. Doing so will allow us to reap the benefits and rewards of having five lakes located within our county borders. Most areas do not enjoy this opportunity.

For more information about enjoying area lakes & waterways, visit CCVB's information website at:

<https://www.tourchautauqua.com/media/blog/ways-to-get-out-on-the-water-in-the-chautauqua-and-lake-erie-ny>

NCCF, Girls Leadership Initiative, and Westfield Recreation Department Celebrate Youth-Led Community Impact



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**Northern Chautauqua
Community Foundation**

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF), in partnership with the YWCA Westfield's Girls Leadership Initiative (GLI), recently celebrated the impact of youth-led philanthropy benefiting the Westfield Recreation Department. The initiative was made possible through support from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

Participants in the Girls Leadership Initiative of YWCA Westfield recently took part in NCCF's regrating initiative through a hands off philanthropy workshop. The focus was on community impact through grantmaking while empowering participants to make real funding decisions.

Youth were challenged to identify community needs, explore organizations addressing those needs, and determine where funding could make the greatest difference. Working together, they discussed both the strengths and challenges their community faces. Their conversations highlighted concerns including mental health, food insecurity, educational support, environmental stewardship, and opportunities for youth engagement.

One theme consistently emerged throughout the discussion: the need for more opportunities for teens to connect, build relationships, and participate in activities outside of school that are low pressure.

After careful consideration the youth chose to award a \$500 mini-grant to the Westfield Recreation Department in support of summer recreation programming at Welch Field.

The grant was presented to Recreation Director Andrew Webster during a gathering of community partners, including NCCF representatives Leslie Wille and Jeannie Gallaway, Girls Leadership Initiative Facilitator Bonnie Hartley, and YWCA Westfield Executive Director Stephanie Stevens. The group celebrated the students' work and discussed the important

role young people play in identifying community needs and shaping local solutions.

Bella, a participant in the Girls Leadership Initiative, shared that programs like GLI and the Westfield Recreation Department are especially important in rural communities where opportunities for teenagers can be limited. She explained that participating in these programs helps young people feel connected to one another while creating opportunities to make a positive impact in their communities.

The event also highlighted the importance of listening to young people when identifying community needs and developing solutions.

"Listen to your youth, because they know what's going on," said YWCA Westfield Board Member Beth Patri during the discussion.

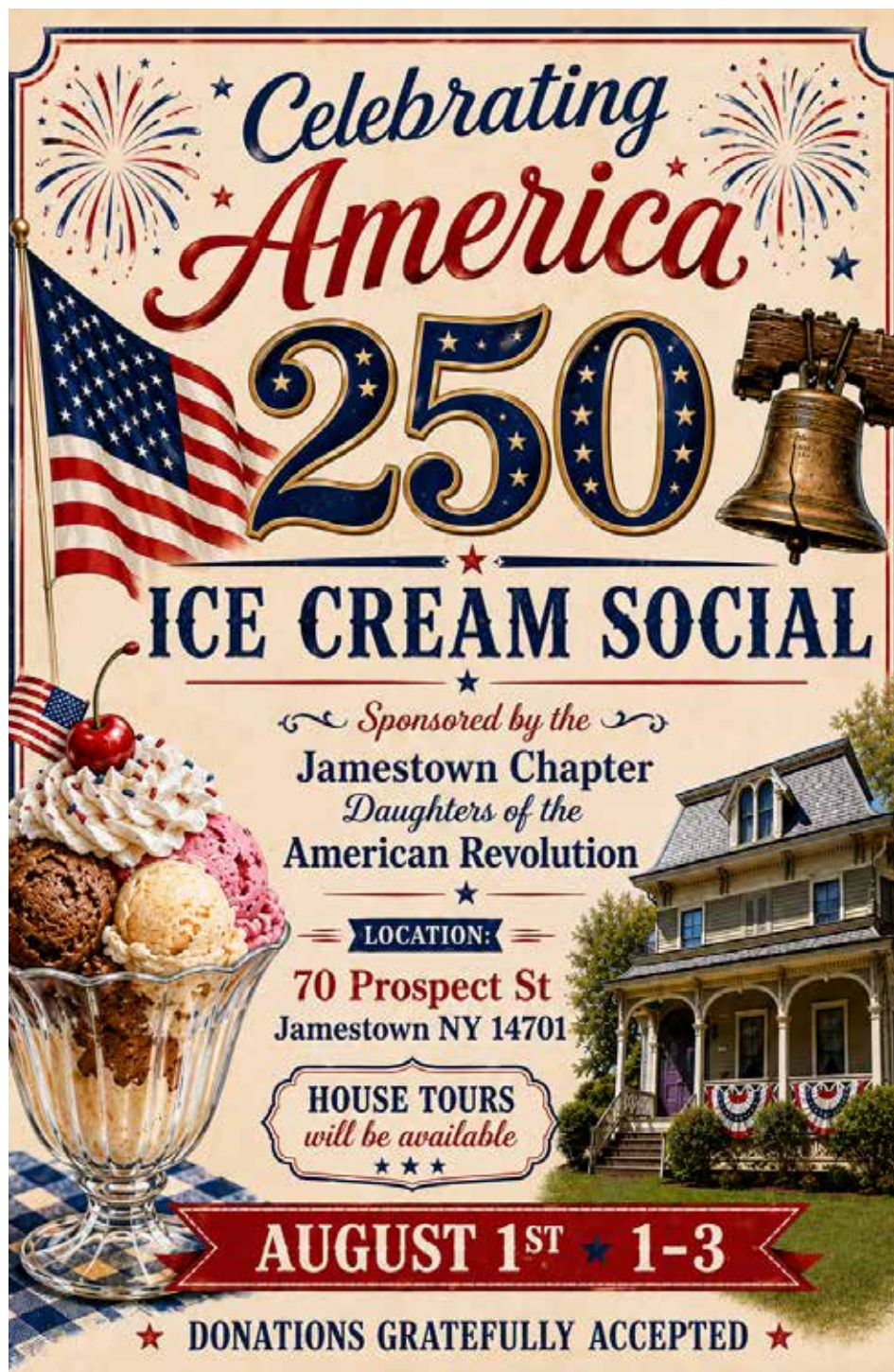
For NCCF, creating opportunities for youth leadership is a central goal of the regrating initiative.

"At its core, this initiative is about more than funding; it is about connection, trust, and possibility," said Jeannie Gallaway, Rural Philanthropy Fellow for NCCF. "By engaging young people in real decision-making, we are helping them understand the power of philanthropy while demonstrating that their perspectives matter. Their ideas help us better understand our communities and identify opportunities we might otherwise overlook."

The initiative also demonstrated the power of collaboration. Throughout the discussion, participants emphasized that organizations can achieve more when they work together, share resources, and support one another in service of a common goal.

This work aligns with NCCF's campaign, a commitment to strengthening northern Chautauqua County by bringing people, ideas, and resources together to create lasting impact.

As the Girls Leadership Initiative demonstrated, young people are not simply the leaders of tomorrow, they are shaping their communities today.



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For the owners, being locally owned means investing directly back into the Bemus Point and Celoron communities rather than simply running a business in them.

"Knowing that families are making core memories here every summer is what fills our hearts and keeps us motivated," Howard said. "It means a great deal to us."

Looking ahead, the team is continuing to rebuild the docks, expand restroom and shower facilities and grow the live music

nights through the summer, along with pursuing the planned cabin community.

"Our vision has become a reality, and we're looking forward to building on it," Howard said.

For boat rentals, service or slip rentals, contact Southern Tier Marina at 716-487-9095 or visit southerntiermarina.com. For room packages or boat rentals, contact Bemus Point Lodge at 716-386-4275 or visit thebemuspointlodge.com.

Scandinavian Folk Festival



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Scandinavian Folk Festival

Behold Scandinavia! Meet your family, friends and community at the 23rd Scandinavian Folk Festival. We are meeting at the Northwest Arena in downtown Jamestown on July 18-19, 2026.

Listen to continuous music with over 80 performers including Bonnie Loch Fiddle Orchestra, Jamestown Municipal Band, Harmony Express Chorus, Water Horse with guests, Svenska Spelman, Thule Lodge Swedish Folk Dance Teams, and Dem Bones trombone ensemble. Help decorate the 20 ft midsummer pole and participate in traditional ring dances on the street.

A new feature this year is FIKA. This is the Swedish version of a coffee break. Servers will deliver coffee in china cups with a sample of baked goods and a sandwich. A time to step back and enjoy the fellowship of friends.

Enter a Kubb or Nordic cornhole contest and win \$150 first prize. Enter a cooking contest with a \$200 first

prize making cardamom buns. Play Scandinavian bingo for cash prizes. Put together a Nordic themed jigsaw puzzle contest for \$50, \$40 and \$30 prizes.

What is a Festival without ethnic foods. Try a korvburger on a rye bread bun, a Swedish hotdog with mashed potatoes, Swedish pancakes or waffles, or even a Swedish meatball dinner.

Immerse yourself in folk crafts trying your hand in tabletop weaving (borrow a loom to take home), chip and wood carving, Norwegian painting, spinning, huck weaving, knitting, and straw weaving.

Local and regional vendors offer a wide variety of Scandinavian products. Visit the Festival Gift shop for their loppis (Scandinavian vintage items) and many books.

Attend a lecture. Learn to play the Viking game Hnefatafl.

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Panama Rocks

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With over 36 art, craft and food vendors, the Wild America Nature Festival brings in world class painters, jewelers, woodworkers, ceramic artists, fabrics, and more! The festival is known for the quality and diversity of its art and craft show. The art and craft vendors sell items that they have personally created and either creates art related to nature, such as painting and photography, or uses natural, organic, or reclaimed ma-

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Festival Schedule

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JUNGLE TERRY (11:00am to 12:00pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)
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Wild Creatures Discovery Center
(3:30pm to 4:30pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)

The festival also features:

FOLK MUSIC by Davis and Eng (12:00pm to 1:00pm and 2:30pm to 3:30pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)
SUNDANCE KIDS PETTING ZOO
(10:00am to 4:00pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)
BALLOON ANIMALS & ART by Rainbow the Clown (10:00am to 4:00pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)
FACE PAINTING by Ashlee Sprandle (10:00am to 5:00pm both days - Saturday & Sunday)
FORAGING TALK with Harold Reynolds (Saturday, July 18 at 12:00pm)
MUSHROOM WALK with Garrett Taylor (Sunday, July 19 at 12:00pm)
NATIVE PLANT WALK & TALK with Dr. Jonathan Townsend (Saturday, July 18 at 2:30pm)
I LOVE LUCI: 20 YEARS OF LITTLE BROWN BAT CONSERVATION IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY with Dr. Jonathan Townsend (Sunday, July 18 at 2:30pm)
"A CHANGING CHAUTAUQUA LAKE: ANALYZE THEN ACT" with Jane Conroe of Chautauqua-Conewango Consortium (time TBA)
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Golf, Tastings & Giving Back: CASA Invites Community to 5th Annual "A Voice Fore A Child" Charity Golf Tournament

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Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County announces its 5th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Beer & Wine Tasting Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 15 at Chautauqua Golf Club. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12 p.m. The 18-hole, scramble format tournament will feature tastings by local breweries, wineries, and coffee roasters. The tournament is presented by Liberty Solutions. The public is invited.

Registration for a 4-person team includes tournament greens fees & cart, commemorative tasting mug with beer, wine, and coffee tastings, light lunch on-course, dinner at awards ceremony, team picture & prizes. Registrations are due by August 4.

Several on-course contests will take place. Prizes will be given to the 1st place men's team, 1st place ladies team and 1st place ladies/men's team. Other event activities include a wine/beer pull and basket raffle.

CASA is currently seeking additional

event sponsors. Sponsorship opportunities provide businesses with valuable exposure through event marketing, social media, press coverage, signage, recognition during the awards ceremony, and participation in one of Chautauqua County's most anticipated charity golf tournaments. Multiple sponsorship levels are still available, allowing organizations of all sizes to invest in local children while showcasing their commitment to the community.

Current sponsors include Community Bank, Cynde B. Photography, Every Child, Lakeside Medical Practice, Liberty Solutions, Merrill Lynch, Moonlight Electric, The RED House for Youth, St. Elmo Spa, and UPMC Chautauqua.

Breweries, wineries, and coffee roasters are also encouraged to participate by offering tastings during the event. Vendors have the opportunity to introduce their products to golfers and community members, connect with local businesses, and showcase what makes their organization unique while supporting a meaningful cause.

To become a sponsor, golfer or vendor please visit ChautauquaCASA.com. For more information or to donate to the basket raffle email Kelly Fiorella at kfiorellacasa@gmail.com. All funds raised from the 5th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Beer & Wine Tasting Charity Golf Tournament are used to



2025 A Voice Fore A Child Charity Golf Tournament
1st Place Men's/Ladies Team.
Madeline Contiguglia, Bridget Anderson, Eric Anderson & Sam Young

fulfill CASA's mission of supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County. If you are unable to attend but would like to support the mission of CASA, a tax-deductible donation can be made by sending a check to CASA of Chautauqua Co., Inc. at 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757.

About CASA of Chautauqua
The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is to provide an independent voice in court, advocating for the best interest of abused and

neglected children in the pursuit of finding safe and permanent homes. CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc. relies on highly trained volunteers who are appointed by a Chautauqua County Family Court Judge to advocate for children in court. These volunteers work with relevant agencies and parties in order to advocate for the best interest of the child. With the information provided by the CASA volunteer, Family Court Judges are better able to make informed decisions as to what is best for the child. CASA of Chautauqua County is a United Way Community Partner.



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14 ELM 6:30pm 4:00pm	15	16 @NEW	17 OLN 6:30pm	18 NF 6:30pm	19 NIA 6:30pm	20
21	22	23 @NF	24	25 BAT 6:30pm	26	27 NF 6:30pm
28 @NF	29	30 @NF				

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5 @ELM	6	7 NEW 6:30pm	8	9	10 BAT 6:30pm	11 @GEN
12 AUB 6:30pm 4:00pm	13 @BAT	14	15 BAT 6:30pm	16 @NF	17 NEW 6:30pm	18
19 GEN 4:00pm	20	21 NIA 6:30pm	22	23 @OLN	24 @OLN	25 GEN 6:30pm

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ELM - Elmira Pioneers
GEN - Geneva Red Wings
NEW - Newark Pilots

NF - Niagara Falls Americans
NIA - Niagara Ironbacks
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Wednesday, June 17th - 6:30pm

Thursday, June 18th - 6:30 pm

First Responders Night - Buyout Night - All Tickets FREE
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Friday, June 19th - 6:30 pm

Youth Baseball/Softball Night - Presented by: Logistics

Thursday, June 25th - 6:30 pm

Free Ticket Night - Presented by: Logistics

Saturday, June 27th - 6:30 pm

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Wednesday, June 15th - 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 17th - 6:30pm

Strike Out Cancer Night

Sunday, July 19th - 4:00 pm

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NY SMART I-Corridor Brings Opportunity for Businesses in Chautauqua County

County participation helps connect local manufacturers to the growing semiconductor economy



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Chautauqua County is connecting its manufacturers, workforce, entrepreneurs, and educational institutions to the NY SMART I-Corridor, a federally supported initiative positioning Upstate New York as a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing, innovation, and workforce development.

In the NY SMART I-Corridor, “SMART” stands for “Semiconductor Manufacturing and Research Technology.” It is a federal tech hub consortium spanning Buffalo, Rochester, and Syracuse dedicated to expanding domestic chip manufacturing, research, and workforce development. Backed by the federal CHIPS and Science Act, the recently formed corridor unites the Buffalo-Rochester-Syracuse super-region through a coalition of businesses, higher education institutions, economic development organizations, and community-based partners. The initiative is co-convened by the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, CenterState CEO, and OneROC.

“Being part of the NY SMART I-Corridor connects our community to one of the most significant advanced manufacturing initiatives in the nation,” said Chautauqua County Executive Paul “PJ” Wendel Jr. “Our county has a skilled workforce, a strong manufacturing heritage, and innovative businesses that are well positioned to contribute to this growing industry. This initiative can help us attract investment, create career opportunities, and strengthen our economy for years to come.”

The Tech Hub designation presents an important opportunity for existing Chautauqua County manufacturers whose equipment, expertise, or production capabilities could be adapted to meet the needs of semiconductor companies and their suppliers. Businesses may be able to modify product lines, pursue new certifications, invest in specialized equipment, or adjust their output to serve emerging needs throughout the semiconductor supply chain.

It also strengthens Chautauqua County’s ability to attract startups, expanding companies, and new business ventures seeking to establish a foothold in New York State. Companies locating in the county may benefit from access to a skilled manufacturing workforce, available development sites, and applicable state and local incentives, technical assistance, and business-development programs.



“This creates two distinct paths for economic growth,” said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CEO of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA). “We can help established manufacturers evaluate how their capabilities may translate into semiconductor supply-chain opportunities, while also positioning Chautauqua County as a competitive location for new ventures that want to enter the New York market and take advantage of the resources associated with the NY SMART I-Corridor. This is especially important when marketing our shovel-ready sites.”

Geise said the County’s 148-acre I-90 Veterans Memorial Commerce Park in Ripley could be especially attractive to semiconductor-related developers because of its location along Interstate 90 and its position between semiconductor assets in Central Ohio, Western New York, and the Syracuse area. The shovel-ready site is tentatively scheduled for completion by the first quarter of 2027.

“The Ripley site is already generating interest because of its central location between Midwest, Northeast, and Canadian markets,” Geise said. “Chautauqua County’s connection to the NY SMART I-Corridor provides another compelling advantage as we market the site to outside developers.”

Later this summer, the CCIDA will organize an informational meeting with select local manufacturers. The session will provide an overview of the NY SMART I-Corridor, explain how companies may participate, and help businesses evaluate whether their capabilities could meet needs within the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing supply chain.

Through the initiative, businesses can connect with three tailored services:

- **Supply Chain Activation Network, or SCAN**, helps manufacturers enter, expand, or strengthen their roles within the semiconductor supply chain.
- **Semiconductor Talent and Employer Partnership Upstate New York, or STEP UP**, connects employers with workforce training and talent pipelines.
- **Commercialization and Collaboration Center, or C3**, connects startups, manufacturers, and researchers with specialized facilities, expertise, and capital.

“We especially want to thank our partners at Invest Buffalo Niagara and the Buffalo Niagara Partnership for their continued advocacy and for helping to connect Chautauqua County businesses and development opportunities to the corridor,” Geise said.

Businesses and organizations interested in learning more may contact the CCIDA at (716) 661-8900 or visit NYSmartICorridor.com.

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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. Tire pressure measurement

4. Request

7. Clairvoyance

10. 007’s creator

11. Adult male

12. God of battle (Scandinavian)

13. Cloths spread over a coffin

15. Breeze through

16. Ladyfish genus

19. We all take them

21. Earl’s jurisdiction

23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. Rummy-like card game

25. Affected by injury

26. Member of a Semitic people

27. Withdrew from a union

30. Woman’s cloak

34. Spanish river
35. Prohibit

36. Something you can take

41. Dish soap brand

45. Ottoman military commanders

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Makes somber

50. Discuss again

54. A tool to inject

55. Support

56. Informal term for money

57. Catch doing something wrong

59. Prehistoric people

60. Large African antelope

61. Vehicle

62. Georgia rockers

63. High resolution microscope

64. Pitching statistic

65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant

2. Marketable

3. Rather

4. Collected

5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal

6. Irish hip-hop trio

7. Ageless

8. Course requirements

9. Pokes at

13. TV channel

14. They ___

17. Cooking material

18. Investment account

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river

27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures

29. Taxi
31. Helps little firms

32. Unhappy

33. Midway between northeast and e

37. Glowing

38. Item to be addressed

39. An informal body of friends

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Neural structures

42. Brews

43. A place for ships

44. One who sings holiday songs

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

48. Scottish town

49. The most worthless parts

51. Sticky

52. Put to work

53. Precursor to the EU

58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

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30th Laurel Memorial Run/Walk set for July 17 and 18

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Laurel Memorial Run/Walk

An annual celebration of people with Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities returns for its 30th year when the Laurel Memorial Run/Walk takes place next weekend.

The Laurel Run/Walk takes place over two days. Activities begin Friday, July 17. A kickoff ceremony will be held at 8:00 a.m. in The Resource Center's facility at 75 Jones & Gifford Avenue in Jamestown. At about 8:30, volunteer runners will set off on the initial leg of a flag relay to Dunkirk. Representatives from The Resource Center and area school districts, as well as Sheriff Jim, will run the various legs of the relay while carrying Laurel Run flags. Patrol units from area law enforcement agencies accompany the runners to ensure their safety on the busy roads.

The relay run ends in the parking lot of The Resource Center's facility at 186 Lake Shore Drive West in Dunkirk. The community is invited to attend the victory celebration and to cheer on the last set of relay runners, who are expected to arrive between 12:45 and 1:15.

For the 14th straight year, several people are planning to jog and/or bike the entire 31-mile relay route. That event is called the Laurel-thon.

Anyone wishing to run a portion of the flag relay, or to take on the Laurel-thon, is invited to do so. Phone 716-661-4735 for information.

Also on Friday, Laurel's Legacy Lap will take place at McCrea Point Park in Jamestown. For that free event, people with disabilities can arrive at the park anytime from 8:45 to 9:45 and complete a lap along the paved path at the park.

The main Laurel Run/Walk activities take place the following day in Silver Creek. Check-in and registration begin at 7:00 a.m. in the village square. At 8:30, a 5-kilometer running race, a 5k disability awareness walk a 1k fun walk will begin, followed at 9:00 by an 8k running race.

For the 5k and 8k events, medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in each age group. Besides the individual competition, there will be a team challenge. Awards will be given to the three fastest teams in both the 5k and the 8k, with each team's time determined by the combined times of its first four finishers.



Wayne, Elaine and Laurel Hotelling

Saturday's events also will include fun runs for children age 7 and younger starting at 10:00, followed by another Laurel's Legacy Lap, which is for anyone with a disability.

The Laurel Run was created in 1997 by Silver Creek residents Wayne and Elaine Hotelling in honor of their daughter Laurel, who had Down syndrome. The Hotellings' goal in creating Laurel Run was to educate the public that people with disabilities can accomplish much when given the opportunity. Thanks to the support she received from her family, her community and The Resource Center, Laurel had a full and productive life. She passed away in 2017 at the age of 54.

Money raised through the Laurel Run/Walk goes to Filling the Gap, which works with The Resource Center to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families in Chautauqua County. Most of the event proceeds are directed to The Resource Center Laurel Run Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and are used to promote disability awareness initiatives and to enhance employment and work training opportunities for people with disabilities.

A portion of the Laurel Run/Walk proceeds will be directed to the Dr. John Vona "Smile" Fund at the Community Foundation. Dr. Vona was a longtime dentist in Northern Chautauqua County who spent the last 20 years of his career at The Resource Center. Dr. Vona was passionate about ensuring the oral health of people with disabilities, and his children established the Smile Fund to provide money so people with special needs can access quality dental care.

Dr. Vona was the dentist for Laurel Hotelling and the Hotellings' other children. He also was a regular attendee at the Laurel Run/Walk events in Silver Creek, cheering on his granddaughter, Kim (Vona) Tomasik, who has won the women's 8k race a record eight times.

To register to participate in one of the Laurel Run/Walk events or to make a donation, visit fillingthegap.net.

Before 1776: The French in Chautauqua County



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Chautauqua Town Historical Society

his coming Thursday July 16, at 7pm Chautauqua County Historian Norman Carlson will be giving the Chautauqua Town Historical Society's July talk, "Before 1776: The French in Chautauqua County." The CTHS's programs are the third Thursday of the month. The talks are in the Veteran's Memorial Meeting Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall, 2 Academy Street, Mayville.

Carlson will illuminate through anecdote and historical detail, the fascinating if somewhat forgotten role that the French played in the first century or so of Chautauqua's history leading up to the events of 1776.

Although the first European settlers in Chautauqua County did not establish permanent residence until 1796, some two decades after the Declaration of Independence, the earliest European presence preceded this by almost two centuries. The French begin to enter the area in 1615 when Etienne Brule travelled through portions of Chautauqua County with a band of Huron Indians. French missionaries and voyageurs from Quebec followed through the rest of the 17th century, but another century passed before French military expeditions began

to traverse and explore the trails and waterways of the County. In 1739 Baron Longueuil led the first military expedition over the Portage Trail between Barcelona Harbor and Lake Chautauqua. This was meant provide access to the Mississippi Valley via the Lake Chautauqua-Chadakoin-Coinwango-Allegheny-Ohio-Mississippi fluvial corridor for operations against the Indians in the lower Mississippi Valley. This expedition effectively established the Lake Erie to the Gulf of Mexico route connecting French Canada with French settlements in the Mississippi Valley. While never heavily utilized or fully realized, it did constitute a major potential international corridor for commerce, settlement and military operations. But by the 1750s the French and British had become embroiled a global struggle for dominance in many contested colonial territories. Control of the Ohio Valley became the main objective of the so-called French and Indian War, part of the global Seven Years War 1754-1763. With the British victory, and the French loss of Canada, the potential global geopolitical importance of Chautauqua County largely evaporated. However, what was to become Chautauqua County, and the future of lands west of the Alleghenies, played an important if indirect role in the contentions that ultimately resulted in the American Revolution.

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Audubon Community Nature Center Executive Director Aaron Sidder (pictured), Fredonia bat biologist Jonathan Townsend, and Jamestown native and SUNY Fredonia bat researcher Allison Tilburg present **An Evening With the Bats** this Friday, July 17, 8:15 - 10:15 p.m. Indoors, learn about local bats, threats to them, and how you can help conserve them. Then go outside to look for and identify these pest controllers using a mobile acoustic monitor. Inspired by the foxes that live on the grounds at Audubon, “Run Wild” is the design for Audubon’s 2026 Shirt Fundraiser. You support nature education and local business when you order these fun tees and sweatshirts for yourself or someone you care about. Find all you need to know about these opportunities at AudubonCNC.org/events or (716) 569-2345. Audubon is at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.

Tuner and Backrooms to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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**Reg Lenna Center
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Leo Woodall and Dustin Hoffman star in **Tuner**, showing Wed., July 15 at 7 p.m. A gifted piano tuner’s meticulous skills for tuning pianos lead him to discover an unexpected aptitude for cracking safes, turning his life upside down. **Tuner** is rated R and is 109 minutes long.

Chiwetel Ejiofor and Renate Reinsve star in Kane Parson’s **Backrooms: Everything Must Go Edition** showing Fri., July 17 at 7 p.m. In the psychological horror film, a strange doorway appears in the basement of a furniture showroom. This showing of the movie features 16 minutes of post-credit bonus footage. **Backrooms** is rated R and is 126 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Paul Rudd and Nick Jonas in the musical comedy drama *Power Ballad* (July 22 at 7 p.m.), the Australian romantic supernatural film *Leviticus* (July 24 at 7 p.m.), Hayley Kiyoko’s film adaptation of her book, *Girls Like Girls* (July 29 at 7 p.m.) and Steven Spielberg’s science fiction thriller *Disclosure Day* (July 31 at 7 p.m.

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.

Alliance and its Members Ready for 2026



Pictured above, a Chautauqua Lake Association Harvester works near the Harbor Hotel in Celoron in May, alongside a Mobitrac (left). Photo by Jay Young.

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**Chautauqua Lake &
Watershed Management
Alliance**

The Alliance welcomed its Members and the public to its Annual May Member Meeting this spring in Bemus Point at the beautiful Lawson Center. Our 2025 Annual Report is now available on our website, chautauquaalliance.org, as well as the presentation slides delivered by Executive Director Randall Perry, which detail the work done by the Alliance and our Members during the past year.

In addition to the in-lake work performed by our Members, the Alliance was also partnered on around \$2 million in active state grant projects in 2025, recently closing the books on five of those grants. State grants primarily fund watershed work like water quality improvement projects and engineering studies. Notably the Town of Chautauqua recently completed construction on over three miles of roadside swale upgrades, which will improve water quality and reduce sediment and nutrient runoff to the lake for decades to come. Chautauqua has also secured over \$1 million in state grants to replace two aging culverts in the lake’s watershed. The County of Chautauqua also recently finished its work with Colliers Engineering & Design to complete an engineering study of the lower portion of Bemus Creek. This work is a first step to identify future shovel-ready projects like stream restoration, flood risk reduction, or dredging.

AJ Reyes of GEI Consultants also provided updates at the Alliance’s public meeting, highlighting the work done by his team to both advise our Board of Directors and assist our lake management organizations. Slides from Reyes’

presentation are also available on our website (under the ‘Projects’ menu), including new data from spring field tests aimed at the lake’s latest invasive species problem—starry stonewort. Reyes and his staff enter the season with a tailored scope of work, which builds off their first year serving as the Alliance’s independent lake consultant in 2025.

This is the first summer for the recently expanded Alliance Board, which now includes 18 Directors designated from each lakeside town and village, the county, and each of the three service providers: the Chautauqua Lake Association, Chautauqua Lake Partnership, and the Everwild Land Trust. (Starting in May, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy became the Everwild Land Trust. We encourage everyone to visit their website for more information on the transition.)

The lake’s fisheries have been a busy place this year, for both anglers and regulators alike. Launches have been busy across the area following the opening of walleye season on May 1, followed by muskie and bass. DEC staff completed the annual muskie trap netting survey in May as well, and are moving on to planned surveys of the lake’s bass and sunfish populations.

The Alliance is now publishing monthly newsletters for website subscribers. You can join the mailing list by entering your email address on our homepage. We encourage everyone to visit the websites of our Members for more information, including the CLA at chautauqualakeassociation.org, CLP at chqlake.org, and ELT at everwildlandtrust.org. For those looking for new ways to enjoy the area this summer the websites of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau and Chautauqua Institution host event calendars and related information. Thank you to all who have helped to fund and organize lake and watershed work for this season.

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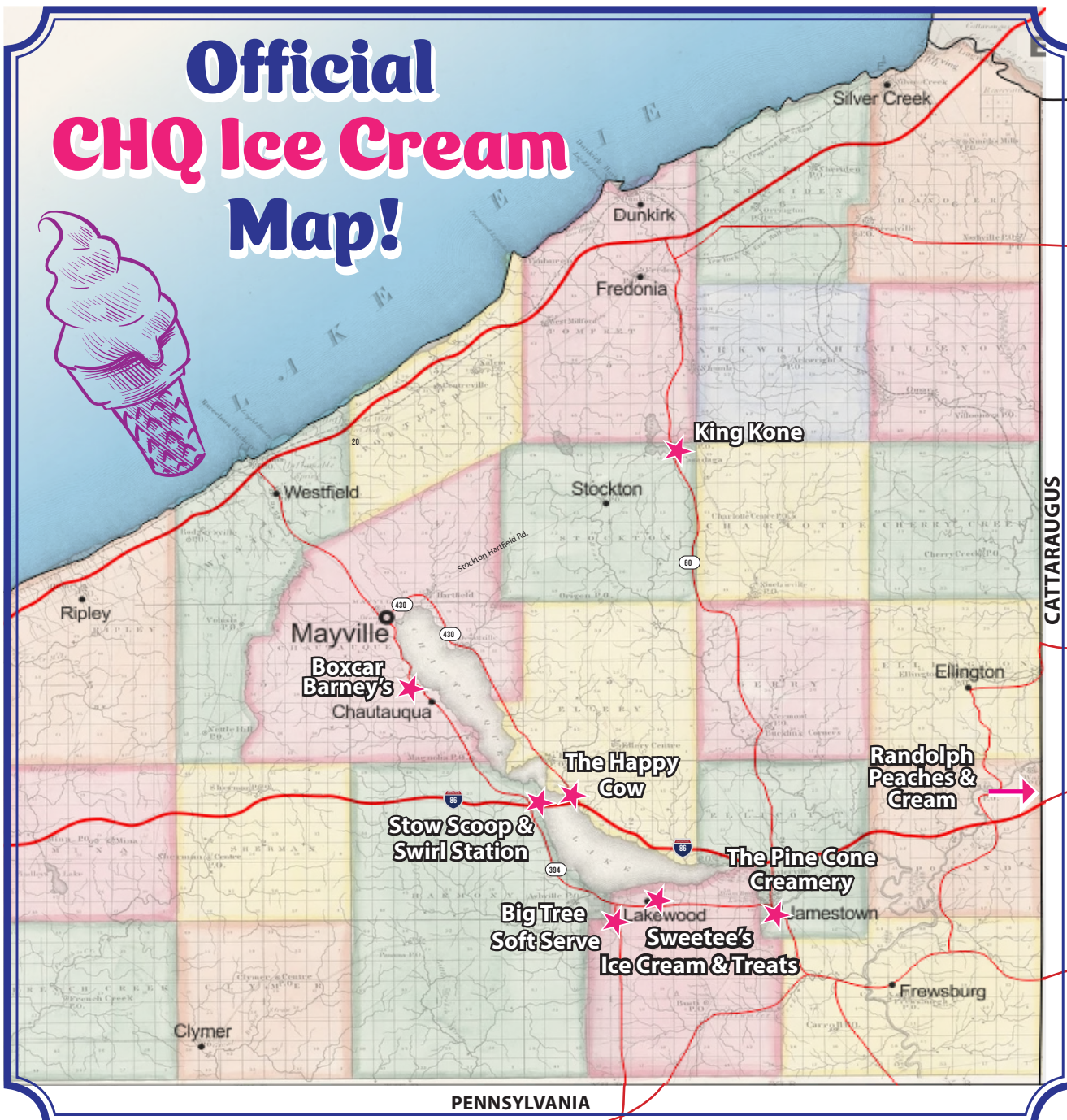
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- **Alexander Gavrylyuk**, piano | Wednesday, 7/15 at 8:00 pm
- **Lecture with E.J. Dionne, Jr. & Christine Emba**
Thursday, 7/16 at 10:45 am
- **Chautauqua County Day** | Friday, 7/17
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- **Harry Connick, Jr.** | Friday, 7/17 at 8:00 pm
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WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 7/12	MONDAY 7/13	TUESDAY 7/14	WEDNESDAY 7/15	THURSDAY 7/16	FRIDAY 7/17	SATURDAY 7/18	SUNDAY 7/19
The Craft Shows at Chautauqua				BTG House & Garden Tour 12-5 p.m.	Chautauqua County Day	Week Four Begins	
10:45am Worship and Sermon. Michael Chan , VP for Mission and Inclusion; executive dir., Dovre Center for Faith and Learning, Concordia College	9:15am Michael Chan 10:45am Marcela Escobari , sr. fellow, Global Economy and Development Program, Brookings Institution. Charles Lane , nonresident senior fellow, AEI	9:15am Michael Chan 10:45am James C. Capretta , sr. fellow and Milton Friedman Chair, AEI. Matthew Fiedler , Joseph A. Pechman Sr. Fellow in Economic Studies, Brookings Institution	9:15am Michael Chan 10:45am Ben Harris , VP, director of Economic Studies and The Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Chair, Brookings Institution. James Pethokoukis , senior fellow; DeWitt Wallace Chair, AEI	9:15am Faith Journeys Service. Michael Chan 10:45am E.J. Dionne, Jr , sr. fellow in governance studies and W. Averell Harriman Chair, Brookings Institution. Christine Emba , senior fellow, AEI	9:15am Ecumenical Communion Service 10:45am Kevin R. Kosar , senior fellow, AEI. Kathryn Dunn Tenpas , visiting fellow in governance studies, Brookings Institution.	2:00pm Opera Conservatory presents: The Magic Flute 3:00pm Contemporary Issues Forum. Eunic Nichols , Co-CEO, CoGenerate	10:45am Worship and Sermon. Cantor Olivia Brodsky , cantor and Co-Clergy, East End Temple
3:00pm Family Entertainment: Troupe Vertigo	2:00pm Randall Balmer , author, <i>America's Best Idea</i> , historian, Dartmouth	2:00pm Najeeba Syeed , El-Hibri endowed chair and executive director of the Interfaith Institute, Augsburg University	2:00pm Terrence Johnson , Charles G. Adams Professor of African American Religious Studies, Harvard University	2:00pm E.J. Dionne	2:00pm CLSC Author Presentation. Marie Arana , <i>LatinoLand: A Portrait of America's Largest and Least Understood Minority</i>	5:00pm Theater: Best for Baby	3:00pm Chautauqua School of Dance: Student Gala I. Sasha James , Bonnefoux McBride Artistic Director
3:30pm WCR. Sony Ton-Aime (poetry) and Lauren Francis-Sharma (prose)	4:00pm Chautauqua Chamber Music: WindSync	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: An Evening of Brahms. Rossen Milanov , conductor.	8:00pm Alexander Gavrylyuk , piano	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra with Mak Grgić , guitar. Rossen Milanov , conductor.	8:00pm Harry Connick, Jr.	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Holst's <i>The Planets</i> . Rossen Milanov , conductor.	3:30pm WCR. Jessica Jewell (poetry), Angela May (Children's Lit), and Mary Alice Monroe (prose)
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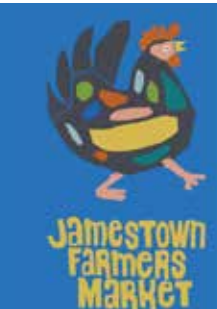
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2026 Antique Show July 18 & 19 at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville
89th annual antique show to feature 22 dealers with a wide variety of antique items for sale



Antiques of various types and eras will be available for sale at the 2026 Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show

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Historical Society

The Chautauqua County Historical Society (CCHS) will once again hold its annual Antique Show in Mayville, NY during the third weekend of July. The 89th annual Antique Show - featuring an estimated 22 dealers from across Western New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio - will be held at Chautauqua Suites Hotel & Expo Center (215 W. Lake Rd., Mayville, NY) with a wide variety of antiques available for sale.

The dates for this year's show are Saturday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature antique furniture, dining sets, glassware, silver, jewelry, linens, and more. Confirmed dealers for this year

can be found at CCHSMcClurg.org/AntiqueShow.

The Antique Show has its origin dating back to 1938, when Doc and Edis Shelkey organized the first ever event in Westfield, NY. The two were well-known local antique dealers during that era and the event was so well attended they decided to hold it annually. Since then, the show has become a tradition in Chautauqua County, and for the past several decades has been organized by CCHS. In 2024, the show was relocated to Mayville and rebranded as the "Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show," but its purpose and goal remain the same: to raise funds for CCHS and the McClurg Museum.

"The antique show has become an annual event that both residents and visitors look forward to each summer," said Jason Sample, CCHS president and chair of this

year's show. "With more than 20 dealers and thousands of high-quality items available for sale, there's sure to be something for everyone and any budget."

Admission for the Historical Society's Antique Show is \$10 for both days for individuals, or \$15 for couples. All proceeds benefit CCHS.

"Next to our annual summer gala event, the antique show has become our second-largest fundraising event of the year. It is especially important this year to have a strong turnout due to a capital project that involves renovating a portion of the McClurg Museum, so we encourage as many attendees as possible to come to the show and not only support our dealers, but also our organization and the renovation effort at the McClurg," Sample said.

The 2026 Antique Show is sponsored by

Chautauqua County's 3% Occupancy Tax Tourism Product Development Grant.

For more information, visit the Antique Show web page, or contact the historical society at 716.326.2977 or by email at info@cchsmcclurg.org.

CCHS members, antique show dealers, and other community supporters are also encouraged to like and share the Event Page on Facebook.

About CCHS: The Chautauqua County Historical Society was established in 1883. Its mission is to foster an interest in and knowledge of the history of Chautauqua County through the collection, preservation, and interpretation of objects and archives of local significance. It has been headquartered at the McClurg Museum in Westfield, NY since 1951. For more information, visit CCHSMcClurg.org.

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Family Owned to Franchise, CHQ Chamber Celebrates Business Growth

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Last week the CHQ Chamber hosted a series of ribbon cuttings, welcoming in new businesses, celebrating an anniversary, and highlighting the passing of a torch from one generation to the next. Whether it is a family owned business, or a franchise, the CHQ Chamber is excited to see and celebrate the business growth in our county.

On Wednesday, June 30th, Trattoria Partenope celebrated its grand opening in Bemus Point. Trattoria Partenope originally opened in Ellicottville, this is now their second location. On July 1st, we ended a marathon day of ribbon-cuttings at The Tap Room in Westfield. This occasion saw the third generation of ownership officially take over a long-standing business in the Village of Westfield.

July 1st marked the beginning of Jersey Mike's Subs in Lakewood, and the one year anniversary of Fire House Subs in Fredonia. Both of these franchises are already looking to expand into diffe-

rent areas of Chautauqua County.

Part of the mission of the CHQ Chamber is to champion local businesses in Chautauqua County. That means all businesses in Chautauqua County, large and small. Locally-owned, regionally-based, even international corporations.

While we work to provide a larger spotlight for those small businesses who need it most, we also recognize that when a large chain business comes to town, they're coming to town for a reason. The deeper pockets of these organizations allow for incredibly deep market research and recognize that Chautauqua County is showing growth. Often a local franchisee, they want to be a part of that growth and invest in our community, employing a larger number of our residents, and continued brick and mortar growth on our main streets.

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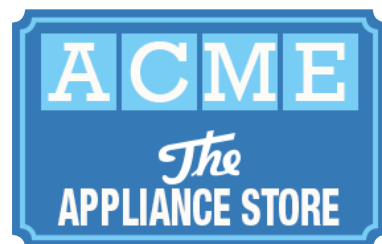
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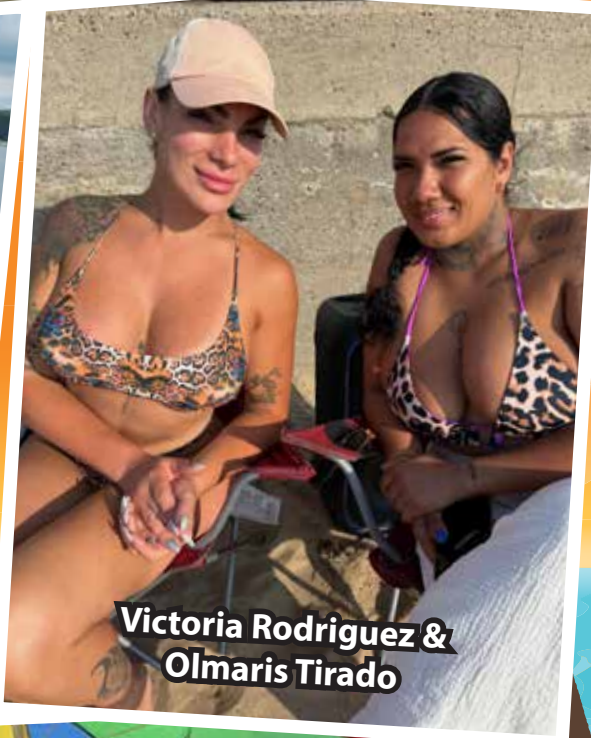
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