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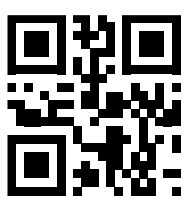
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## THE WILD AMERICA NATURE FESTIVAL

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### PANAMA: BIG ROCKS, SMALL-TOWN CHARM

Contributing Editor

**Katrina Fuller**

Nestled in southwest Chautauqua County, the tiny but mighty Village of Panama sits at a crossroads of history, nature, and hometown pride. It's where big rocks meet small-town charm, literally, thanks to the iconic Panama Rocks, and where businesses thrive on

community spirit and good, old-fashioned grit.

The village is small, but holds a plethora of incredible natural wonders, restaurants and shops that feel timeless. While the rest of the world waits with bated breath for the newest Tik Tok dance craze, Panama is a stalwart community built on family, fun and sincere

camaraderie. From majestic rocks to Amish-owned businesses and more, there's something for everyone in Panama.

Just south of the village, Panama Rocks lives up to its reputation. These incredible stone formations showcase rippling cliffs and mossy goodness, a playground for hikers, rock lovers and selfie seekers. More than just rocks, it's a classroom of ancient geology and a weekend adventure hub that anchors Panama's identity. This weekend, the Rock's invites the entire community for its annual signature

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### SO WILD! ROCK OUT IN PANAMA THIS WEEKEND!

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**Panama Rocks Scenic Park**

Panama Rocks is set to come alive with the sounds of nature, the sights of vibrant art, and the aromas of delicious food as the Wild America Nature Festival returns on July 19 & 20, 2025 from 10am - 5pm each day, promising a weekend full of fun and excitement for all ages.

With over 45 art, craft and food vendors, the Wild America Nature Festival brings in world class painters, jewelers, woodworkers, ceramic artists, fabrics, blacksmithing, 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. Each vendor either specializes in art related to nature,



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Editorial with Lori Cornell

# Panama Rocks in more ways than One!



Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**

Back by Popular DEMAND: **The Chautauqua Gazette's Community Showcase Series for 2025!!!** We proudly begin with the extraordinary, one-of-a-kind community of Panama in a combined effort to also highlight this week's annual **Wild America Nature Festival at Panama Rocks**.

Readers may recall that last year, we published six dedicated editions for the following communities: Lakewood, Mayville, Westfield, Falconer, Frewsburg and Bemus Point. We did our best to highlight what makes each unique and help encourage local residents and visitor alike to take advantage of all that each has to offer. We hope to do the same during the next few months in our dedicated "showcase editions" for: Panama, Clymer, Sherman, Cassadaga, Dunkirk and Fredonia. If you live and/or work in any of these communities, we welcome your input and ideas! If you live elsewhere, don't feel left out. We are working hard and will eventually get everywhere.

Simply said for this showcase: Panama truly does ROCK! Panama Rocks are passionately owned and operated

by Jonathan and Holly Weston, who returned from their high-powered careers in Washington, DC to their hometown Panama, twelve years ago with our benefit in mind. They carry on Jonathan's family legacy and strive to preserve this asset for generations to come. We are so grateful for their dedication to this incredible natural wonder.

What's more, Panama certainly rocks beyond its star attraction. The small business community thrives featuring everything from roofing, hunting, furniture, to cooking, farming supplies, sweets and treats -- and welcomes visitors with that special warm, small-town rural charm. The Amish community is also a beautifully intertwined part of Panama making its fabric that much richer. Our hats go off and our hearts go out to Panama in this edition.

And wow, what a week we have in store all throughout Chautauqua County. As if Panama rocking isn't enough excitement in and of itself, we will also celebrate Ashville, our Swedish heritage and our essential agricultural community at the County Fair and among our Farmers Markets. We will pursue our passion for Antique-ing, and we'll run in memory of Laurel Hotelling on behalf of all those championing disabilities in our community! Check out this edition's very special insert and mark your calendar for fun, fun, fun....AND, due love and support for all your favorite organizations and efforts that make our community truly the great place that it is.

To our beloved contributing writer  
and the Gazette's biggest cheerleader,  
**Pat Locke**

## Pat's Favorite Recipe: Chautauqua Cobbler Mix

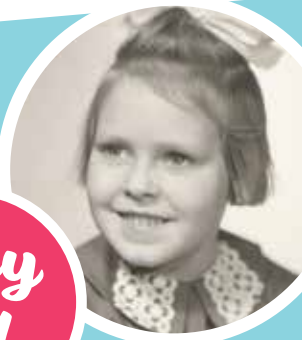
### Ingredients:

- Prepared dry cobbler mix from St. Peter's Guild, Westfield, NY
- 3-4 cups frozen or canned berries/ fruit, or canned pie filling
- 6 tbsp butter, melted
- 1 egg, slightly beaten

### Instructions:

- Preheat oven to 375°F. Place fruit in an 8x8-inch dish. Stir beaten egg into dry mix until crumbly. Sprinkle over fruit. Drizzle with butter. Bake for 35 minutes until golden. Serve warm with ice cream if desired.
- The mix can also be purchased at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and Timmerman's Farm Stand, both in Westfield.

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wishes you deserve. With love,  
**The Gazette Team**

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Nancy Ozimek, 67  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

July 1

Lois Weinstein, 83  
Brighton, Massachusetts  
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Dolores Jean Fessenden Card, 88  
Jamestown  
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July 2

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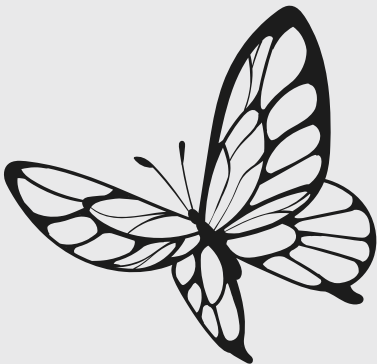
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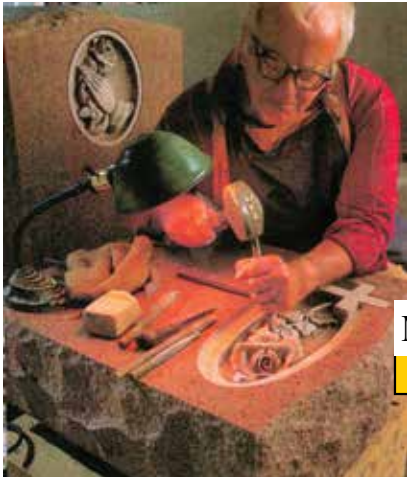
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## Panama: Big Rocks, Small-Town Charm

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event, the Wild America Nature Festival. For more information on the festival and Panama Rocks, visit [www.panamarocks.com](http://www.panamarocks.com).

A breezy drive down Panama-Bear Lake Road leads you to Lenny's Ice Cream Shack, a summertime lifeline for locals. With cones of soft-serve and Perry's hard-pack ice cream, plus incredible sundae creations, Lenny's keeps families, teens and youngsters coming back for seconds. It's simple, chill and utterly delicious. Follow them on Facebook to keep up with their summer hours and incredible offerings under Lenny's Ice Cream Shack.

Every year, the Chautauqua Produce Auction brings neighboring Amish farmers to town. It's a vibrant mix of fresh vegetables, local eggs and baked goods, infused with the quiet rhythms of Amish life. Bustling, wholesome and authentic, this is Panama's grassroots approach to farm-to-table living.

A couple of miles off of Main Street, Troyer's Greenhouse turns gardening into a half-day celebration. Certified by Proven Winners, this place mixes riotous color, expert advice and fair prices. Hanging baskets, veggies, and grown-up plant therapy await. Their Facebook page shows off their incredible plants and flowers, which can be found under Troyer's Greenhouse.

Art lovers and collectors alike know to head to Strawberry's Frame Shoppe, the go-to spot for custom framing of art, memorabilia, ephemera and

more. Deeply rooted in village life, Strawberry's offers precision, creativity and friendly design counsel to keep your memories safe and stylish. Follow them on Facebook under Strawberry's Frame Shoppe.

Hunters and archery fans take note: Ravlin Hill Archery Shop recently moved to a new location in Panama: 7938 RT 474. This shop stocks everything hunting related for those who prefer to find their solitude in a hunter's blind. Whether you're a weekend warrior or a serious woodsman, you'll find quality craftsmanship and dependable advice.

Another example of Amish enterprise is Church Street Supply, a general store run by two brothers. Stocking fencing supplies, gate panels, pine shavings, stove supplies and more, shoppers will find an incredible mix of necessary items for their homesteads. It's dependable, no-frills and full of that quiet reliability people love about Panama.

These are just a few examples of the incredible network of shops, attractions and more that visitors can find in the village. But, it isn't just the stores and landmarks that make Panama what it is. What makes Panama stand out isn't just the rocks or the flowers or the ice cream. It's the people behind them. From Amish stewardship in farming, hunting and hardware to family-run craftsmanship and community favorites, this little village weaves a quilt of proud traditions, entrepreneurship and neighborly care.

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### Every Child Needs an Advocate

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**Meet Bella:** Bella's mom was 30 weeks pregnant and suffering from untreated manic depressive disorder. With another child on the way, balancing 2 jobs, 3 kids, and a house that was falling to shambles, she was sinking underneath a heavy mental and physical workload. Bella's teacher noticed she was coming to school with the same clothes on as the day before, hungry, dirty...and falling asleep at her desk.

**Know CASA:** A CASA volunteer, worked with Bella, her family and social services to get treatment for the manic depressive disorder and obtain resources to make the home livable. After 4 months in foster care, Bella returned home to her siblings, mom and newborn baby brother.

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## Panama Trivia

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2. Which Panama business is owned by two brothers named Myron and Marvin?
3. The Panama sportsman's shop for all of your hunting needs? Hint: They recently relocated their business.
4. What is the approximate population of this village?
5. Which local business is located in the heart of the village and has a fruit listed as part of their business name?
6. What is the name of the main waterway that flows through Panama?
7. Within what town is the Village of Panama located?
8. On which holiday does Panama hold a parade?
9. What was the gas station once located on the four corners of Panama called?
10. What was the breakfast hot spot in Panama before the Panama Diner took over.



1. 1861 2. Church Street Supply 3. Ravlin Hill Archery 4. 500 5. Strawberry Frame Shoppe 6. Little Brokenstraw Creek 7. the town of Harmony 8. Memorial Day 9. Crouchs or Crouch's Garage 10. The Rowdy Rooster

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## Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit CASA of Chautauqua Features Breweries, Wineries & Coffee Roasters



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**Court Appointed  
Special Advocates**

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County announces its 4th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Beer & Wine Tasting Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, August 16 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 5.

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.

The tournament offers many ways for local organizations to support the mission of CASA through sponsorship opportunities. Sponsorships include exceptional public visibility, event recognition as well as greens fees & cart at the tournament. Sponsors include Every Child, Five Star Bank, Jamestown Plastics, Lakeside Medical Practice, Liberty Solutions, The RED House for Youth, UPMC Chautauqua and Wegmans. Sponsorship opportunities

are still available!

Breweries, wineries, and coffee roasters will have the opportunity to feature their products and network with Chautauqua County businesses and community members. Vendors set up in the clubhouse and offer samples of their products.

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 4th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Beer & Wine Tasting Charity Golf Tournament are used to 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.



# THE WILD AMERICA NATURE FESTIVAL

## July 19 & 20



### So Wild! Rock out in Panama this Weekend!

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such as painting and photography, or uses natural, organic materials in their work.

Food vendors include: Labyrinth Press Co., Another Guy's Fries, ComaraderIE BBQ, Ramsey Concessions, Ace Kettle Corn, and Hope's Smoothies. There are food options for everyone including vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergy-friendly food!

One of the most thrilling and

educational experiences at the Wild America Nature Festival is the captivating presentations by Chris Duckett from WILD Creatures (11am to 12pm both days). Known for his charismatic and engaging style, Chris brings the wild world of animals up close and personal to festival-goers. His shows feature a diverse array of animals, from slithering snakes and lively lizards to exotic birds and cuddly mammals. Children

and adults alike are mesmerized as Chris shares fascinating facts and stories about each animal, highlighting their unique characteristics and behaviors. His interactive approach allows audience members to touch some of the animals, creating an unforgettable hands-on experience. Chris's passion for wildlife conservation and education shines through every moment, making his presentations a must-see highlight of the festival.

The Sun Dance Kids Petting Zoo is a delightful attraction at the Wild

America Nature Festival, offering a hands-on experience with a variety of friendly farm animals. Children and adults alike can interact with goats, sheep, rabbits, and other gentle creatures in a safe and engaging environment.

The festival also features folk music by Davis and Eng and nature walks and talks on topics such as our native ecosystem, wild edible foraging, wildlife rehabilitation, and more!

Don't miss this amazing event on July 19 & 20 at Panama Rocks!



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## THE WILD AMERICA NATURE FESTIVAL

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## Panama Rocks Prepares for a Wild Weekend at the Wild America Nature Festival



*Contributing Editor*

**Katrina Fuller**

Nestled in the heart of Chautauqua County, Panama Rocks is a place where time slows down and the steady thrum of forest life, ancient rock, flora and fauna come together under a canopy of trees. But this weekend, this serene forest will take on a new kind of energy as it hosts one of the region's most anticipated events: the Wild America Nature Festival, happening Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

With more than 45 artisan vendors, live music, wildlife shows, food trucks, expert-led nature talks and activities for the whole family, the festival transforms Panama Rocks into a buzzing celebration of creativity and the natural world.

"Everything we do here is

rooted in the idea of helping people connect with nature, with each other and with themselves," said Jonathan Weston, owner of Panama Rocks. "The Wild America Festival is our way of throwing open the forest gates and saying, 'Come explore. Come play. Come be amazed.'"

The Wild America Nature Festival is part makers' market, part wildlife encounter, part forest fairytale. The vendor lineup includes painters, illustrators, woodworkers, Paul's Rocket Stoves, ceramicists, jewelers and blacksmiths, all showcasing goods inspired by or crafted from nature.

"We appreciate the artisan community for showing up for our festival," Weston said. "They pour their hearts and souls into their products, food and services and we cannot thank them enough for sharing that with our visitors."

Food is just as thoughtfully selected, with a wide array of options including vegetarian offerings, sweets and treats. Festival favorites like Labyrinth Press Co., Another Guy's Fries, ComaraderIE BBQ, Everyday's a Sundae and Hope's Smoothies will be on hand, along with treats like

Ace Kettle Corn and Ramsey Concessions.

The festival also offers live folk music by Davis and Eng, whimsical family fun like balloon animals, face painting and DIY plushie-making, and up-close animal encounters that will thrill any age. Wildlife expert Chris Duckett of WILD Creatures brings a rotating cast of reptiles, birds, and mammals for educational shows at 11 a.m. each day. Hawk Creek will also be on hand for an additional animal presentation on Saturday at 2 p.m.

"People are blown away when they realize how close they can get to some of these animals," Weston said. "It's not just about looking, it is also about learning, and respecting the wild."

Kids and the young-at-heart can also meet goats, sheep, and rabbits at the Sundance Kids Petting Zoo, while the more curious-minded can join guided talks and walks on tree identification, bats, native plants and foraging.

"It's a little bit of everything," Weston said. "And somehow it all works together, because the forest brings it all to life."

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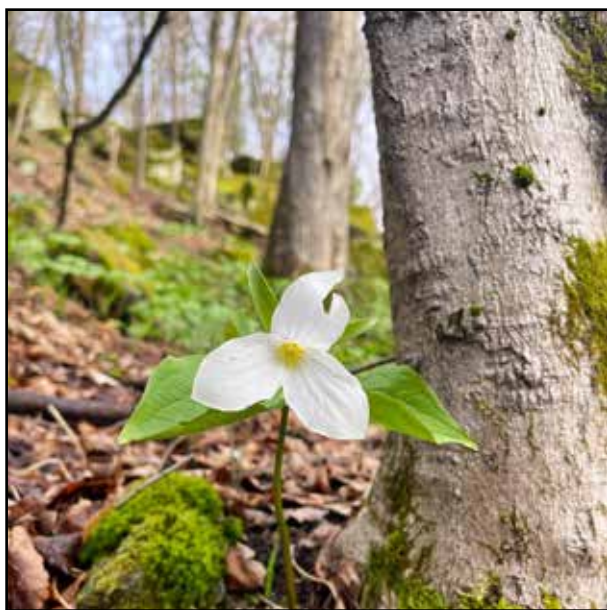


Jonathan & Holly Weston with their children, Lilia & William.



"Twelve years ago, we packed up our lives in D.C. and moved back home to Western New York. This photo was taken in the back of our moving van in 2013—right before we stepped into a whole new chapter. We came home to be closer to family, to raise our kids in the community that raised us, and to take on the responsibility and privilege of running Panama Rocks—a place that's meant so much to generations of visitors, including our own family. Since then, we've had two amazing kids, launched new festivals, added glamping, and experienced all the ups and downs that come with small business life. It's been a wild, beautiful ride. We're so grateful—for our friends, our family, and everyone who's supported Panama Rocks along the way. You've helped make this more than a park—it's a part of who we are. There's no place we'd rather call home. Thank you."

**Jonathan & Holly Weston, owners of Panama Rocks**



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For over ten years, Tina Swineford has led God’s Groceries Food Pantry, a ministry deeply rooted in service and compassion. Operated through the Panama Methodist Church at 22 East Main Street in Panama (Church Street entrance), the pantry has long served as an important lifeline for families facing food insecurity within the Panama Central School District.

The pantry was founded after the church identified a growing need in the community and responded with a mission to help as many families as possible. Guided by the verse Matthew 25:35, “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,” the pantry offers

more than just food. It is a place that offers care, dignity, and hope.

God’s Groceries provides quality food items to individuals and households in need, following all USDA and Food Bank of Western New York guidelines. Clients are invited to visit the pantry twice per month and must bring current proof of address (such as a utility bill) to confirm residency. Each household may only access one pantry in the region, in accordance with regional food bank policies.

**Pantry hours are:**  
**Mondays: 9:00–10:00 a.m. and 6:00–7:00 p.m.**  
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God’s Groceries continues to be a source of nourishment and support for the community it serves. For more information, call 716-782-4031.

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# Panama Rocks Prepares for a Wild Weekend at the Wild America Nature Festival

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Even without the festival, Panama Rocks is a destination worth exploring. The park’s main attraction is a one-mile loop trail that winds around towering rock formations, crevices, passageways and hidden caves that are remnants of a 300-million-year-old ocean floor.

Off-trail exploration is allowed for those with sturdy shoes and a sense of adventure. It’s part hike, part natural playground and all magic.

“People have told me it feels like stepping into a different world,” Weston said.

Privately operated since 1885, Panama Rocks is one of the oldest continuously run nature parks in the country. It has no state funding and relies entirely on admission and community support to stay open and protected.

In addition to hiking, the park now offers glamping and camping, making it an ideal weekend retreat. Visitors can book overnight stays in rustic tents or bring their own setups and enjoy a night under the stars,

surrounded by the enchanting forest.

Festival admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors, veterans, military members and youth ages 6 to 12. Children five and under are free. Parking is \$5 in the designated field lot, with limited free street parking nearby.

Panama Rocks is located at 11 Rock Hill Road in Panama. The park is open daily from May through October, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Glamping and camping options are available by reservation. Outside of the festival weekend, general admission to the park is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6 to 12, with discounted rates available for seniors, veterans, and military at \$9. Season passes are \$19 for adults, \$15 for youth, and \$17 for discounted categories. Kids 5 and under are free. For more information about the Wild America Nature Festival or Panama Rocks in general, visit [www.panamarocks.com](http://www.panamarocks.com).

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July at Good Neighbor Book Store

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Good Neighbor Book Store

The summer season at Good Neighbor Bookstore (124 Chautauqua Ave. Lakewood, NY) is always busy with local author events. But this July the community will be introduced to authors that are a little bit less local.

On Saturday, July 19th the community will be treated to a double-header author event. From 11:00 to 1:00, Tataboline (Ta) Enos will sign copies of her memoir, *Proudly Made: A Story of Reinvention in the Big Woods and Small Towns of the Pennsylvania Wilds*. Tataboline Enos is a writer, mom, and founder and CEO of the PA Wilds Center for Entrepreneurship, a nonprofit that leads a regional movement to grow the outdoor recreation economy across 13 rural counties to help attract investment, diversify local economies, inspire stewardship, improve quality of life and retain population. *Proudly Made*, tells a story of reinvention, both for Ta and the region she works in.

From 1:00 to 3:00 on July 19th, Nishant Batsha will sign copies of his latest historical fiction novel, *A Bomb Placed Close to the Heart*, which is a New York Times "Book of the Summer." Set between California and New York at the

dawn of World War I, *A Bomb Placed Close to the Heart* is an expansive and poignant story of love, radical ambition, and intellectual rebirth—all drawn from a lost American history. Nishant lives in Buffalo with his wife and children.

Attendees are encouraged to meet Tataboline Enos, grab lunch and spend time at the local shops in Lakewood, then swing back for Nishant Batsha.

On Tuesday, July 22nd at 6:00 pm, Good Neighbor Bookstore will host Auden Schendler, author of *Terrible Beauty: Reckoning with Climate Complicity and Rediscovery our Soul*, for a discussion and book signing at the Robert H Jackson Center in Jamestown. Auden has spent twenty-five years running sustainability programs at Aspen One, focusing on clean-energy development, climate policy, advocacy, and activism. He publishes widely on climate change, parenting, and the outdoors and was named a "climate innovator" by Time magazine and a "climate saver" by the EPA. He lives in Basalt, Colorado, with his wife and two children.

For more information about these events and to order copies of these books, please go to [goodneighborbooks.com/events](http://goodneighborbooks.com/events). All events are free and open to the public.



Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 pm  
Good Neighbor Bookstore will host a free discussion at the Robert H Jackson Center with author, Auden Schendler.

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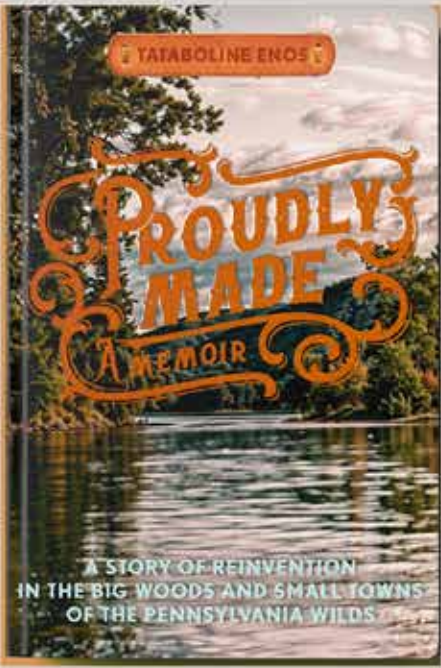


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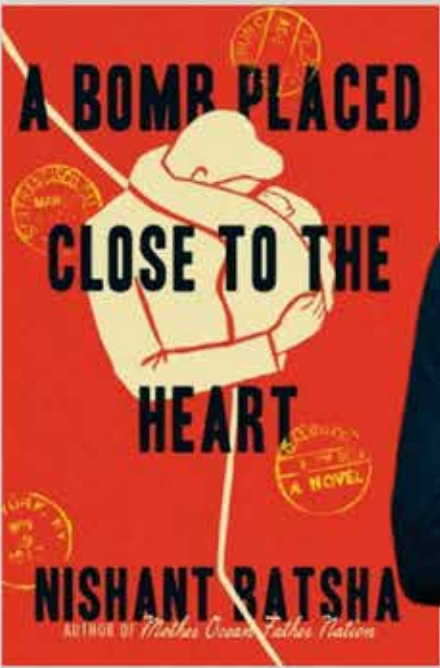
Double-Header Author Event

Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> - Good Neighbor Bookstore

Tataboline Enos  
11:00-1:00



Nishant Batsha  
1:00-3:00



## Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

## Local MLTC and Support Programs in Chautauqua County



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**Dana Corwin**Director of Chautauqua County  
Office for Aging Services

include care management to ensure effective coordination and management of care, leading to positive health outcomes.

**4. In-Home & Community Care Services**

The Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services offers home and community care services designed to keep older adults safe and independent in the community. Services include housekeeping, personal care, home-delivered meals, and personal emergency response systems. The program also provides assistance with accessing Medicaid and Veterans Administration home care benefits

**5. Managed Medicaid**

For individuals aged 18 and older with chronic illnesses or disabilities, there is a Medicaid Managed Long-Term Care (MLTC) plan in Chautauqua County. MLTC provides services such as Personalized care management and coordination, Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services (CDPAS), Home health care and rehabilitation therapies, medical transportation and durable medical equipment, Social and environmental support services.

If you need assistance connecting with any of these programs or have specific questions about eligibility and services, feel free to ask!

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**CASA:** Contact the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services for more information.

**Maximus:** Statewide Agency to enroll in Medicaid long-term care 1-800-342-9871.

**Health Homes of Upstate NY:** Call 1-855-613-7659 for care management services.

Please reach out to the Office for Aging Services and NY Connects either by stopping at one of our office locations, via email at ccnyc@chqgov.com or by phone at 716-753-4582

Chautauqua County offers several managed long-term care (MLTC) programs to support individuals who are chronically ill or disabled and wish to remain in their homes and communities. These programs provide a range of services, including medical and non-medical care, to help individuals live independently

**1. CASA (Community Alternative Systems Agency)**

Operated by the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services, CASA assists residents of all ages with planning and obtaining long-term care services. CASA nurses conduct home visits to assess medical and non-medical care needs, explain available services and payment options, and make referrals to appropriate programs.

**2. NY Connects: Aging & Disability Resource Center**

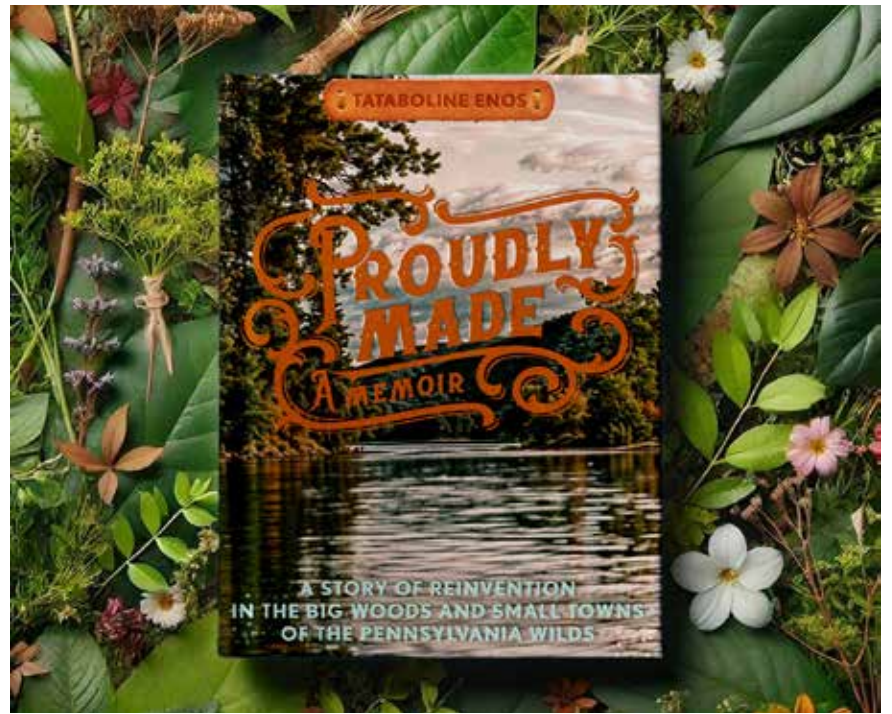
NY Connects is a free, locally based point-of-entry service that provides unbiased information and assistance to individuals seeking long-term services and supports. The program helps assess needs, identify appropriate services, and make referrals to agencies and programs. It serves older adults, individuals with disabilities, caregivers, and others in Chautauqua County.

**3. Health Homes of Upstate NY (HHUNY)**

The Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene serves as a Lead Health Home, coordinating care for Medicaid beneficiaries with complex chronic health and/or behavioral health needs. Health Home services

## Book Signing with author Tataboline Enos

### *PROUDLY MADE: A Story of Reinvention in the Big Woods and Small Towns of the Pennsylvania*



Contributed by

**Tataboline Enos**

Good Neighbor Bookstore in Lakewood is hosting a book signing event with author Tataboline Enos, who just released a memoir about her journey leading a nationally-recognized revitalization effort in the rural Pennsylvania Wilds. The event is also being used to help promote an upcoming show at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute.

*PROUDLY MADE: A Story of Reinvention in the Big Woods and Small Towns of the Pennsylvania Wilds* was released in June under Sunbury Press' Catamount Press imprint, which focuses on Northern Appalachia. The book has received advance praise from multiple quarters, locally and nationally.

The Pennsylvania Wilds is a designated tourism region in north central Pennsylvania that is home to the greatest concentration of public lands in the Commonwealth

of PA, more than Yellowstone National Park. For the last 20 years, people and organizations across the 13-county region have worked together to sustainably grow tourism and outdoor recreation to help diversify the region's economy, inspire stewardship, improve quality of life, attract investment and retain population. The Wilds effort has been highlighted in multiple studies.

"When we work to illustrate the benefits of the \$1.2 trillion outdoor recreation economy to members of Congress and state governments around the country, Ta's work and the Wilds tell the story better than we could ever hope for," said Chris Perkins, Vice President of Programs for Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (ORR), the country's leading coalition of outdoor recreation trade associations.

*PROUDLY MADE* tells the story of how the Pennsylvania Wilds brand and movement were born, intertwined with Enos' own family history and backstory of growing up in rural PA and how and why she came to be one of the movement's chief instigators and champions.

Written in an open, vulnerable way that has been compared to Cheryl Strayed's writing in *WILD: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, Enos, a former journalist in Alaska and founder and CEO of the

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Assemblyman Andrew Molitor (R,C-Westfield)  
Tours Horton Hill Girl Scout Day Camp



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Front Row (L-R): Campers Autumn, Nyah, River, Reese, Kinley, Katelyn  
Back Row (L-R); Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, Camp Director Joanne Nelson, CEO Cara Biddlecom, Unit Counselors Natasha Patchen and Anita Gaston

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**Assemblyman Andrew Molitor (R,C-Westfield)**

Assemblyman Andrew Molitor was honored to tour the Horton Hill Girl Scout Day Camp earlier this week, located just outside the Village of Falconer in the scenic hills of Chautauqua County. The tour was led by Girl Scouts of Western New York Chief Executive Officer Cara Biddlecom and longtime local Girl Scout leader Joanne Nelson, who guided the Assemblyman through the vibrant campgrounds and shared the rich history and ongoing mission of the program.

Horton Hill Day Camp has been a cherished summer tradition for generations of girls in the region. Operated by the Girl Scouts of Western New York, the camp provides a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment where girls can explore nature, develop leadership skills, build friendships, and gain confidence through hands-on learning and outdoor adventure.

“It was truly inspiring to see firsthand the work being done here at Horton Hill,” said Assemblyman Molitor. “The Girl Scouts have a long-standing tradition of fostering courage, confidence, and character in young women—and this camp is a shining example of that legacy in action.”

The Assemblyman met with campers and staff, observed outdoor activities and educational programs, and discussed the long-term impact of Girl Scouts in building strong community-minded leaders. Molitor also emphasized the importance of supporting youth programs like the Girl Scouts that promote growth, self-reliance, and public service. “This organization doesn’t just prepare girls for the future—it empowers them to lead it,” he noted.

The Girl Scouts of Western New York continues to serve thousands of girls across the region through camps, STEM programs, civic engagement, and entrepreneurship initiatives like the iconic cookie program.

Assemblyman Molitor expressed his gratitude to CEO Cara Biddlecom, Joanne Nelson, and the dedicated staff at Horton Hill for their warm welcome and commitment to creating lasting opportunities for young women in Western New York.

Assemblyman Molitor represents the 150th Assembly District, encompassing all of Chautauqua County. For more information on Assemblyman Molitor, please follow him on Facebook.



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Golf With the CHQ Chamber

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

Get your foursome together and spend a great day on the golf course with the CHQ Chamber! The annual CHQ Chamber Golf Tournament is Thursday, August 21 at the beautiful Peek’n Peak Resort.

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We begin the day with a shotgun start at 10am. (This is an hour earlier than last year.) Lunch is served on the course, and after a great day of golf we end with dinner. The total prize purse is \$1,000 payable in ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards.

Remember to add your golfer's special Super Pack for \$30 per player. The Super Pack includes two mulligans, the Ring of Fire, Play with the Pro, raffle prize drawings, and the 50/50 drawing. Please purchase your Super Pack online when you register, as prizes are drawn prior to play the day of the tournament. New this year: there will be one special golfer’s raffle prize drawn at the close of the tournament.

You can purchase a Par Sponsorship online, which includes a golf foursome AND the Super Pack for all four players. If you are already signed up as a Par sponsor please

email us to let us know who will be playing on your team.

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It's easy to register online for the CHQ Chamber Golf Tournament when you visit [www.chamberrsvp.org](http://www.chamberrsvp.org).

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Historical Program - the “General Lafayette’s visit to Chautauqua County in 1825”



Lafayette - 1825



Maxwell Walters, curator of the Barker Museum in Fredonia

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Chautauqua Town  
Historical Society

A historical program, “General Lafayette’s visit to Chautauqua County in 1825,” will be presented at the Chautauqua Town Historical Society’s meeting this Thursday, July 17, at 7:00 pm, in the Town of Chautauqua meeting room, 2 Academy St, Mayville. It will be presented by Maxwell Walters, curator of the Darwin R. Barker Museum in Fredonia.

“Lafayette was the final surviving general of the Revolutionary War, and in 1825 he was one

of the most famous people in both America and Europe. His visit to the then-tiny frontier settlements in Chautauqua County was a memorable event retold by eyewitnesses for the rest of their lives. Those stories reveal a great deal about life here two-hundred years ago.” Walters researched this topic for the Barker Museum’s special exhibit, Night Scene at Fredonia in June 1825: Hosting The Marquis de Lafayette.

The presentation will be free and open to the public; all are welcome and encouraged to attend this interesting program, on this 200th anniversary of Lafayette's visit here.

Chautauqua County Health Department  
Hosts Animal Rabies Immunization  
Clinics in the Town of Carroll

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Chautauqua County  
Health Department

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) is announcing a free rabies vaccination clinic sponsored by the Town of Carroll and the CCHD. Animals must be pre-registered to receive vaccinations. Vaccinations will be provided free of charge to all dogs, cats, and domesticated ferrets three months of age and older.



Pre-registration is required and should be submitted online by visiting [HealthyCHQ.com/Rabies](https://HealthyCHQ.com/Rabies) and view the calendar for upcoming clinics or scan the code.



**When:** Saturday, July 19th  
1:00pm-3:00pm  
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2024 Achievements Celebrated  
at NCCF Annual Meeting



Submitted Photo

Sandra Lewis, Josiah Lamp, and Monica Simpson enjoy themselves during the NCCF Annual Meeting reception.

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Northern Chautauqua  
Community Foundation

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) recently celebrated its 2024 accomplishments, and the people who made them possible, at its 39th Annual Meeting.

Executive Director, Diane Hannum tied the event's theme ‘Strength from Many Strands’ with her gratitude for all the partnerships that share NCCF's vision of a prosperous community and that, woven together, they are moving the community forward. NCCF Board President, Dave Travis, also spoke on how people, united by a common purpose to help our community thrive, have provided a diversity of voices, experiences, and commitments that have shaped and strengthened NCCF. He noted that the foundation's true strength is based on the people who choose to be a part of its efforts.

Two extraordinary board members whose terms are expiring this year were recognized. Nancy Adams-Fry and Rick Ketcham were thanked for their countless hours and many years of leadership and service to NCCF. Dave Travis lauded them, saying, "Together, Nancy and Rick represent two different but deeply complementary strands of this Foundation's many strands—one warm and wise, one strong and steady. Their contributions have left an indelible mark on the NCCF, and will shape our future for years to come." Marilyn Kurzawa was also recognized for completing nine years of service as a voting member.

Members of the foundation's nine committees were thanked for their dedication, and those completing their service this year were acknowledged and thanked, including Sylvester Cleary, Rachel

Foley, Kyle Leikam, Josiah Lamp, Alex Murphy, Kurt Warmbrodt, and Susan Wells. And, Jim and Sue Mintun were presented with the George B. Weaver Jr. Footprints Award.

Last year, the foundation's total assets grew by 15.15%, or \$5.6 million. NCCF also granted nearly \$1.6 million, awarded over 300 scholarships, received 1,088 separate contributions and established 22 new funds. Key partnerships and projects include: the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation's recent focus on rural communities; the Service Learning program; and the foundation's work on environmental justice with the Buffalo-Niagara Waterkeeper group and other organizations concerned with the environment around Lake Erie. The foundation's "Today, Tomorrow, Together Campaign" currently holds approximately \$43 million in assets. This money grows and creates the income that allows NCCF to meet the needs of the community now and will forever, far into the future.

Since its incorporation in 1986, the NCCF has invested nearly \$23 million in northern Chautauqua County through strategic grantmaking, targeted scholarships, and leadership and community collaborations. The NCCF is a tax-exempt charitable organization inherently committed to enhancing the northern Chautauqua community and encouraging local philanthropy. As a nationally accredited community foundation, the NCCF has proven compliance with the National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations, demonstrating integrity, equity, accountability, transparency, and effectiveness in meeting the needs of its community. For more information on the NCCF, visit [www.nccfoundation.org](https://www.nccfoundation.org) or call 716-366-4892.

# CHAUTAUQUA FARMERS MARKETS

## Dunkirk Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 9 AM–2 PM  
June 11–October 8

45 Cliffstar Court, Dunkirk

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dunkirkfarmersmarket@gmail.com  
716-338-2460

## Lakewood Farmers Market

Thursdays, 12 PM–4 PM  
June–September

Chautauqua Avenue, Lakewood

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Accepts: FMNP, Fresh Connect checks (most vendors)  
lakewoodny.gov/farmers-artisans-market | 716-763-8557

## Forestville Farmers Market

Thursdays, 2 PM–6 PM  
May 13–August 26

Main Street, Forestville

A growing market featuring vendors from Fredonia, including Degolier Maple Syrup, local produce, and handcrafted items.

Accepts: SNAP, Fresh Connect checks  
716-965-2921

## Jamestown Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM  
June 7–November 22

Third Street, Jamestown (in front of Lucy Desi Museum)

More than a place to shop, the Jamestown Farmers Market is a community hub outfitted with longtime vendors like Abers Acres and Hidden Valley, and new favorites like Lantern's Hollow offering sustainable greens and herbs. In winter months, visit the indoor market at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

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Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM  
year-round

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## Westfield Farmers & Artisans Market

Saturdays, 9 AM–2 PM  
May 24–September 27

Corner of Routes 20 & 394, Westfield

Voted one of the top 15 farmers markets in the U.S. by American Farmland Trust! Find everything from organic produce and pasture-raised meats to Whizz n Smash nut butters and fresh Thai dishes from Gong Gardens.

Accepts: FMNP checks  
westfieldmkt@gmail.com

## Falconer Farmers & Artisans Market

Saturdays, 10 AM–4 PM  
May 31–October 25

Village of Falconer Park

Visit with local vendors and shops like Persnickety Pies and browse handmade artisan goods, fresh produce, and more each Saturday throughout the summer season.

716-665-4400

## Bemus Point Farmers Market

Saturdays, 10 AM - 2 PM  
June 14–August 30

Lakeside Park (by the Village Casino)

Located in the scenic lakeside village, this market is the perfect spot to shop for fresh goods while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Bemus Point.

bemuspointny.org/farmers-market

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Sundays, 12 PM–3 PM  
June - end of summer

Ames Commons, Cassadaga

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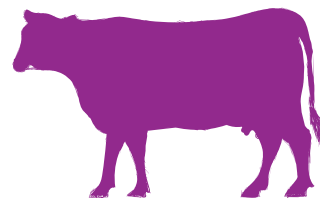
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Various times and locations across Jamestown  
June - September

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# Jamestown Farmers Market Awarded \$50,000 Grant to Boost Year-Round Access to Local Food and Support Farmers



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**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

The Jamestown Farmers Market (JFM), a cornerstone of the downtown community and a growing hub for local food access, has been awarded a \$50,000 Farmers Market Resiliency Grant from New York State. This critical funding will help expand the market's reach, increase farmer participation, and improve year-round access to fresh, locally grown food.

The grant will directly support the expansion of off-season growing by providing greenhouse subsidies to both current and prospective vendors. These subsidies will fund the purchase and improvement of greenhouse infrastructure, including heating systems and equipment upgrades. The goal is to significantly increase the availability of freshly harvested produce during colder months—particularly through JFM's newly launched **Winter Farmers Market**, which completed its first full season in 2024 with up to 14 weekly vendors in the St. Luke's Church Undercroft.

"This funding allows us to invest in the resilience of our farmers and ensure local food access doesn't stop when the summer ends," said Nick Weith, Food Access Manager at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the host organization of JFM. "We're helping farmers grow more, for longer—and helping the community eat better, year-round."

Increasing capacity is the theme of the season. Recently, the **Western New York Foundation** has selected the Jamestown Farmers Market as a recipient of its **iCap Core** program, which provides technical assistance to strengthen organizational capacity. The Foundation will

also support the greenhouse project, offering crucial tools to ensure farmers succeed in adapting to changing climate conditions and increasing consumer demand for fresh, local products.

Currently, fewer than 10% of Chautauqua County farms sell directly to consumers, according to Cornell Cooperative Extension. This initiative aims to reverse that trend—connecting more farmers directly with residents and addressing food insecurity in downtown Jamestown, a state-designated area of concentrated poverty.

Beyond growing capacity, the grant will also support new efforts to make the downtown market space more welcoming. A **"Greening the Market"** initiative will install planters featuring native trees, shrubs, and flowers. These planters will create a park-like setting—inviting deeper community connection and enhancing the customer experience.

An expanded **marketing and outreach campaign** will include a new user-friendly website, street pole banners, posters at businesses and community centers, and direct mailers to promote the market and its expanded offerings.

With the combined support of state and regional partners, the Jamestown Farmers Market is poised to become a vibrant, year-round marketplace that uplifts local farmers, strengthens the local food economy, and ensures greater access to local food for all.

Farmers who are interested in applying for a grant to expand their greenhouse capacity can

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# Laurel Memorial Run/Walk takes place July 18-19



Laurel Hotelling rides her cycle during a previous Laurel run.

Contributed by  
**The Resource Center**

Now in its 29th year, the Laurel Memorial Run/Walk generates lots of smiles in its celebration of people with developmental disabilities. This year will be no exception, but with a twist as the event expands to improve the oral health of people with special needs.



Dr. John Vona

The Laurel Run/Walk takes place over the course of two days. Activities begin Friday, July 18. 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 the relay run to Dunkirk. Representatives from The Resource Center and area school districts, as well as Sheriff Jim Quattrone and employees of the Lakeview Shock

Incarceration Correctional Facility in Brocton, 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

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This year's logo was created by Silver Creek High School student Sebastian Yaskow.

## 10th Annual CHRIC Classic Golf Tournament Saturday, August 30, 2025



Joshua Freifeld, Chad Heim, Gavin Every and John Kaufman

### Contributed by Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corporation

Josh Freifeld, Executive Director and the Board of Director's of Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corporation (CHRIC) invite you to join CHRIC for a day of golfing & fun at the 10th Annual CHRIC Classic Golf Tournament. This is the 10th year that CHRIC will be hosting its annual golf tournament being held on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at the Chautauqua Golf Club, Lake Course, 4731 West Lake Road, Chautauqua, NY.

This year the tournament will be followed by an Awards Reception, Raffles and Luncheon being held immediately following the tournament at the Chautauqua Golf Club. All proceeds go to helping low-moderate income families' right here in Chautauqua County.

This will provide a great opportunity for everyone throughout the region to get outside and join us for a day of fun in the sun for a great cause!

Registration and morning refreshments begin at 8:00 am with a 9:00 am Shotgun Start on Lake Course. Games include: Dice Games on Par 3; Close to the Pin; Longest Drive-Men & Women; Longest Putt; Par 3 Challenge and on the Turn Putting Competition (2-Putts). Entry fee is \$95 a player or \$380 a foursome which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, 2 drink tickets & luncheon.

To make a raffle/basket donation, to register a team or to help sponsor the CHRIC Classic and be part of this

great event please contact CHRIC at: 716-753-4650, email request to: [chric@fairpoint.net](mailto:chric@fairpoint.net) or write to CHRIC, 2 Academy St., Mayville, NY 14757-1050. Golf Team Registration Forms and Sponsorship/Donation Opportunities Forms are also available on CHRIC's website at: [www.chric.org](http://www.chric.org).

Your donation stays local and will help CHRIC change the lives of more people in Chautauqua County in 2025. From Senior Citizens, Veterans, Low-Moderate income families/individuals needing home repairs or handicapped accessibility modifications, to helping First-Time Homebuyers achieve the American Dream of Homeownership. Your donation will provide us with the ability to continue to serve our community.

CHRIC will use these donations to fill our Raffle Tables to raise more funding to apply towards our much needed programs in Chautauqua County.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors and donors for taking part in this event their support is critical to helping us achieve our mission of "Promoting neighborhood stabilization, community revitalization, and economic development through projects and partnerships that impact Chautauqua County and its residents."

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9:00 AM - Shotgun Start on Lake Course  
After Golf - Luncheon, Awards Reception, & Raffles

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# Donations needed for Lakeshore Humane Society's Giant Yard Sale

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## Lakestore Humane Society

The Lakeshore Humane Society's 21st Annual Giant Yard Sale will be held Friday, August 15 from 9 am to 4 pm (a day of early bird shopping, with a \$3 entrance fee for this day only); Saturday, August 16 from 9 am to 4 pm; and Sunday, August 17 from 9 am to 3 pm in Floral Hall at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds, located at 1089 Central Avenue in Dunkirk.

The Yard Sale is LHS's biggest fundraiser of the year, as the organization works to help companion animals be safe, healthy, and find permanent, loving homes.

All three days of the event, there will also be a bake sale, basket drawings, a special "Rake in the Bucks" drawing (a rake full of scratch-off tickets), and hot dogs and drinks for sale.

Gently used items to be contributed to the Yard Sale can be dropped off at Floral Hall Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13 from 10 am to 5:30 pm each day. (Drop-offs of donated items will not be accepted on Thursday, August 14.) Please do NOT bring items to the LHS Adoption Center.

LHS respectfully asks that donated objects be in saleable condition. Please, no dirty, broken, or unusable items. Also, no large appliances, microwaves, metal bed springs,



Submitted Photo

Sundance, Lakeshore Humane Society's Dog of the Month in July.

mattresses, tires, magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, clothing, shoes, suitcases, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassette tapes, vinyl record albums, electronics (TVs, computer monitors, towers, printers), or outdoor plants. (Due to NYS regulations involving invasive species, LHS cannot sell outdoor plants. LHS can only sell indoor house plants.)

LHS appreciates the community's support of this major fundraiser. If anyone would like to volunteer to assist in the work at the Yard Sale, please call the LHS Adoption Center at 716-672-1991 and leave a message. For more information, please see [www.lakeshorehumanesociety.org](http://www.lakeshorehumanesociety.org) or call 716-672-1991.

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contact Nick Weith at [info@jfmny.org](mailto:info@jfmny.org) or at (716) 640-2173 for an application.

## About Jamestown Farmers Market:

Hosted by St. Luke's Episcopal Church, the Jamestown Farmers Market operates downtown weekly during the summer season and now through the winter months, supporting local producers, expanding access to fresh food, and cultivating community.

## About Western New York

## Foundation:

The Western New York Foundation provides strategic support to nonprofit organizations across the region to help build stronger, more resilient communities.

## About the NYS Farmers Market Resiliency Grant:

Administered through New York State, the grant supports local food systems and farmer viability through investments in infrastructure, capacity-building, and market resilience.



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This event is made possible thanks to the generous financial sponsorship of the Village of Mayville and the Town of Chautauqua, whose support allows us to bring vibrant live music and renewed energy to the uptown business district. Their contributions help cover essential event costs and ensure we can deliver a meaningful experience for all.

Music in the Green supports the CHQ Chamber’s mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. Come enjoy the music, explore uptown, and connect with the businesses that make Mayville thrive!

Jumpstart to Third Thursday is July 17

Third Thursdays in Jamestown are now even better with the addition of Jumpstart to Third Thursday, designed to get more people moving throughout downtown Jamestown to enjoy a plethora of local businesses. Jumpstart runs from 4-6pm with some additional offerings leading up to the free Third Thursday concert at Winter Garden Plaza beginning at 6pm.

This coming week you’ll find the vocal stylings of Marcie Bird. Marcie enjoys life in Mayville as a wife, mom, and curator of all things vintage at her own shop. With a background in vocal music from her university days, and self-taught skills on both the baritone ukulele and acoustic guitar, she brings a unique and eclectic sound to her performances. Her repertoire spans vintage folk, modern tunes, and even a few songs in foreign languages, reflecting her wide-ranging musical taste and passion.

Face Painting by Patti will be back this time, bringing color, magic, and a dash of sparkle to every smile! Patti turns faces into mini masterpieces from fairies to tigers and much more. With a professional, creative and whimsical touch her brush brings imagination to life. Patti’s face painting will be free for children of all ages.

Pearl City Clay House at 220 East Second Street will offer three different activities. Paint a Tile for their mural wall. You can try the pottery wheel – an experience-based event designed to let you create and if you make something you want to keep it’s just \$5 for trimming, glazing, and firing. There is a \$20 fee for shipping. Pre-registration is preferred to reserve a wheel. Or drop in to hand build a mini mug and make something unique for a cost of \$15.

The FREE Third Thursday concert this month features Lazlo Hollyfeld, with an opener by Smackdab. Bring a folding chair and enjoy the music at Winter Garden Plaza starting at 6pm.

Business After Hours at Cabana Sam’s is July 23

TheCHQChamberpresentsBusiness After Hours networking events at a variety of venues all year round. In July where would you rather be than at the beach? Join us at Cabana Sam’s Sunset Bay in Irving for Business After Hours, Wednesday, July 23 from 5-6:30pm. This spectacular spot on the shore of Lake Erie will host local businesspeople for networking with complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Chamber member businesses can send two people free of charge. Non-members of anyone above the two-person limit will be \$10. We always encourage the exchange of business cards. This event is sponsored by Cabana Sam’s Sunset Bay, National Grid, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Registration is not required but is appreciated for our planning purposes. You can register through our online calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Opera House Cinema Series to Screen The Life of Chuck



Submitted Photo

Contributed by 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center

The Cinema Series continues at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center with screenings of “The Life of Chuck” on Sat., July 19, and Tues., July 22, at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday night screening will be shown with captions visible on the screen.

“The Life of Chuck” is based on one of Stephen King’s more optimistic short stories. From childhood to adulthood, Charles “Chuck” Krantz (Tom Hiddleston) experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss, and the multitudes contained in all of us.

The Telegraph (UK) calls the film “one of this year’s best movies.” Paste Magazine calls it “a modern fable told with the deftness of a fairy tale, with the sheer exuberance of a musical while exuding the same sense of wonder one gets staring up at the heavens.” The Indian Express calls it “a near-faithful cinematic adaptation which aims at giving us the warm fuzzies-

in-this-dark-and-dismal-world.” The Boston Globe says “this film feels like the coziest of blankets enveloping you in the theater.” Rated R for language, “The Life of Chuck” runs one hour, 40 minutes.

Tickets are available at the door for \$7 (adults), \$6.50 (seniors & Opera House members) and \$5 (students) the night of each screening. The Opera House is equipped with assistive listening headsets for the hearing-impaired. Simply request one from any usher or staff member. The Opera House Cinema Series is generously sponsored by Lake Shore Savings.

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

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Meet Runner! Much like his name suggests, this boy loves to zoom and play! 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 Runner soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.



Runner



## Dunkirk Senior Center now offering Cardio Drumming!

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### Book Signing with author Tataboline Enos

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PA Wilds Center, the backbone nonprofit for the regional movement, said that while the book was a personal project, she hopes it helps advance the Wilds cause and others like it.

“Locally-led, place-based development is happening in communities all across the country and is so deserving of support,” Enos said. “Every person can make a difference. I really wanted to connect with readers on that. In order to do that, I knew I was going to have to take some risks, to personalize my own journey trying to lead this kind of work in my own community, and be as real as I could in the writing, including about my own skepticism, flaws and shortcomings. The late author Edora Welty said, ‘One place understood helps us understand all places better.’ My hope is there are lessons from our journey in the Wilds that translate and are useful to others.”

Enos relied on interviews, public Trail, Enos, a former journalist in Alaska and founder and CEO of the PA Wilds Center, the backbone nonprofit for the regional movement, said that while the book was a personal project, she hopes it helps advance the Wilds cause and others like it.

Narratives about a place are powerful things,” Enos said. “Too often in rural America, and definitely in Appalachia, they are told by people from outside

and through a lens that is often negative. The Wilds work had some rocky moments, but our region stuck with it, and to me what we’ve accomplished together is such an inspiring story. I mean, there’s a lot of ways to get tourism development wrong. And rural PA is doing a lot of things right. We’ve become a national model because of it.”

Enos just returned this week from keynoting the Blue Ridge Rising conference, which focuses on place-based community development happening along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia and North Carolina. In August she is scheduled to appear on the live-streamed book show series, On the Front Porch, which is hosted by Brookings Institute’s Tony Pipa and American Enterprise Institute’s Brent Orrell.

Enos said she is excited to collaborate with Good Neighbor Bookstore and be in Chautauqua County. “I lived in the area for a while when I was a kid,” Enos said. “I went to Lakewood, Celeron and Love elementary schools. My mom and sister both went to JCC.”

At the signing event, Enos will be distributing fliers for the upcoming show at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, “Knowing Where to Stand: North America Nature Photographers Association Environmental Impact Award Winners,” which opens August 9.

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Here's How It Works:

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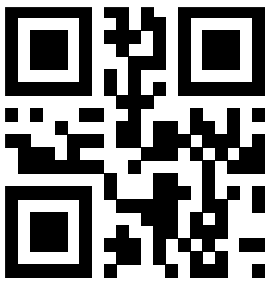
CLUES ACROSS

1. 50 percent  
5. Records electric currents  
8. Charlize Theron flick “\_\_\_ Flux”  
12. More frosty  
14. Disfigure  
15. Sky color  
16. A thoroughfare in a town or city  
18. Actress de Armas  
19. Spend time in a relaxed way  
20. California peak  
21. Lodging option  
22. Small amount of a thing  
23. Expresses sorrow  
26. Keeps an ear warm  
30. Babies (Spanish)  
31. A conceited and self-centered person  
32. No seats available
33. Pouches  
34. Hip joints  
39. A place to bathe  
42. Evading  
44. Minute, one-celled unit  
46. Losing one’s hair  
47. A country in W Africa  
49. One point north of northeast  
50. Pointed end of a pen  
51. Extreme  
56. Norse personification of old age  
57. Doctors’ group  
58. Member of U.S. Navy  
59. Mens' fashion accessories  
60. A way to allow  
61. Gloomy  
62. Grads wear one  
63. Between south and southeast  
64. Jaguarundi cat

CLUES DOWN

1. Snakes do it  
2. Hormone  
3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey  
4. Fixed charges  
5. Electronic communication  
6. Artilleries  
7. “Strangers on a Train” actor  
8. Burning  
9. Makes ecstatically happy  
10. Greek liqueurs  
11. Tropical Old World tree  
13. Someone who takes vengeance  
17. Style of cuisine  
24. Select  
25. Immunized against disease  
26. Old world, new  
27. Honorable title (Turkish)
28. Court case: \_\_\_ v. Wade  
29. Supervises interstate commerce  
35. Not divisible by two  
36. Twelve  
37. Commentator Coulter  
38. Encourage  
40. Plumbing fixtures  
41. Early  
42. One point north of due east  
43. King of Thebes  
44. Short-tailed martens  
45. Impose a penalty on  
47. Consort of Poseidon  
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55. Unit of measurement

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Live CHQ and Tarp Skunks to Salute First Responders, Healthcare Workers on July 17

Evening will also feature a touch-a-truck event, giveaways, and free admission to all who attend

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Live CHQ

Live CHQ, Chautauqua County’s talent attraction and retention initiative, will once again present a “Community Buyout Night” for the Jamestown Tarp Skunks on Thursday, July 17, 2025. The game will feature the visiting Niagara Ironbacks, with free admission, courtesy of Live CHQ and its two affiliate agencies, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG). The theme for this special night is “A Salute to Chautauqua County’s First Responders and Healthcare Professionals,” with a pre-game recognition planned to recognize all first responders and healthcare workers in attendance.

“Rewarding the community, and especially first responders and healthcare workers, with free admission is our way of saying

‘thank you’ to the men and women who work tirelessly to keep us safe and healthy,” said Mark Geise, Chautauqua County Deputy County Executive of Economic Development, and CCIDA CEO. “This ‘Community Buyout Night’ is also a great way to remind residents and businesses about the Live CHQ initiative, which highlights all the benefits of living and working in Chautauqua County.”

Not only will there be free admission to the game, but there will also be a number of special events and activities planned. Pregame festivities will begin at 5 p.m. and include a “touch a truck” event with various first responder vehicles on hand. There will also be a meet and greet with Whiffy, the Tarp Skunks mascot. Several local healthcare organizations and volunteer fire departments will also have information tables set up. Representatives from the CCIDA and CCPEG will also be giving out free Live CHQ Frisbees to the first 500 people through



the gate and just before the game starts, there will be a special first pitch ceremony honoring all first responders in attendance.

Free tickets are available at Russell E. Diethrick Park the night of the game. Volunteer firefighters, local law enforcement, and EMS workers can also pick up tickets

at their designated stations, with limited tickets also available at both CCIDA offices in Jamestown and Dunkirk. Any first responder group that would like tickets can also call the Tarp Skunks direction at 716-705-5600.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 NEW 4:30pm &6:30pm	7 AUB 6:30pm	8	9	10 @NEW	11 NIA 6:30pm	12
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20 @ELM	21 BAT 6:30pm	22 @GEN	23 ELM 6:30pm	24	25 NIA 6:30pm	26 @NIA
27 @BAT	28	29	30	31		

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

NF - Niagara Falls Americans  
NIA - Niagara Ironbacks  
OLN - OLN Oilers

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Sunday, July 6 - 4:00 & 6:30pm

Monday, July 7 - 6:30pm  
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Friday, July 11th - 6:30pm  
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Sunday July 13th - 4:00pm  
Bark at the Park  
Presented by Purina

Thursday, July 17th - 6:30pm  
First Responders Night & Medical Healthcare Professionals Night - Presented by Live CHQ

Saturday, July 19th - 6:30pm  
Strike Out Cancer Night

Monday, July 21st - 6:30 pm  
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Sunday, July 23 - 6:30 pm

Friday, July 25th - 6:30 pm  
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## Lilo & Stitch to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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**Lilo & Stitch** (Wed., July 16 at 2 p.m. & Fri., July 18 at 7 p.m.) is the wildly funny and touching story of a lonely Hawaiian girl and the fugitive alien who helps to mend her broken family. The film is directed by award-winning filmmaker Dean Fleischer Camp, with a screenplay by Chris Kekaniokalani Bright and Mike Van Waes, and stars Sydney Elizebeth Agudong, Billy Magnussen, Tia Carrere, Hannah Waddingham, Chris Sanders, with Courtney B. Vance, and Zach Galifianakis, and introducing Maia Kealoha. *Lilo & Stitch* is rated PG and is 108 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Benicio Del Toro in

Wes Anderson's latest comedy *The Phoenixian Scheme* (July 23 at 7 p.m.), Dakota Johnson, Pedro Pascal and Chris Evans in the romantic film *Materialists* (July 25 at 7 p.m.), and the romantic comedy *Jane Austen Wrecked My Life* (July 30 at 7 p.m.)

Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online ([reglenna.com](http://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.

## Laurel Memorial Run/Walk takes place July 18-19

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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 1:00 and 1:15.

For the 13th 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 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. at McCrea Point Park in Jamestown. For that free event, people with disabilities will 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.

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. 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, Inc., which works with The Resource Center to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families in Chautauqua County. 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.

Beginning this year, a portion of the Laurel Run/Walk proceeds will be directed to the Dr. John Vona Smile Fund at the Community Foundation. This new fund was established by the children of Dr. Vona, a longtime dentist in Northern Chautauqua County who spent the last 20 years of his career at TRC Community Health Center. Dr. Vona, who died last year, was passionate about ensuring the oral health of people with disabilities, and the Smile Fund was created to provide money so people with special needs can access quality dental care.

Coincidentally, 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 events or to make a donation, visit [www.laurel-run.com](http://www.laurel-run.com).



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# ROTARY CLUB CHANGES LEADERSHIP



The Rotary Club of Jamestown recently inducted its new President and Board Members to lead in 2025-2026. Marion Beckerink, President 2024-2026 inducted Michelle Jones as President to lead the organization and she in turn installed the board members shown in the photo left to right: Caitlin O'Reilly, President-Elect; sue Jones, Secretary; Michelle Jones, President 2025-2026; Patricia Graves, Borad Director; Marion Beckerink, Past President; John Bauman, Board Director; Emily Cama, Board Director; Chris Anderson, Board Director; Ken Omeruo, Board Director; Michael Roberts, Board Director; Zach Agett, Vice-President; Ruth Lundin, Treasurer. Missing from the photo are Kathy Burch, RCJCSF Treasurer; David Painter, Max Eimiller, John Felton and Dan Heitzenrater, Directors.

## Live CHQ and Tarp Skunks to Salute First Responders

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“Having support from our businesses and local agencies is crucial to the success of the Jamestown Tarp Skunks,” said Christian Dolce, Team General Manager. “We are very grateful to the CCIDA, CCPEG, and Live CHQ for stepping up to the plate and partnering with us on this special community buyout night!”

Additional information about the Jamestown Tarp Skunks and the team’s 2025 season, along with a printable schedule, can be found at [JamestownTarpSkunks.com](http://JamestownTarpSkunks.com).

About Live CHQ – Live CHQ is a joint marketing campaign launched by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth in 2024 to assist with talent attraction and retention efforts across Chautauqua County, NY. The overall goal of the campaign is to help raise awareness of Chautauqua County as a viable place for individuals and families to live by speaking to the sensibilities, desires, and expectations of people who are considering the county as their primary residence. For more information visit [www.LiveCHQ.com](http://www.LiveCHQ.com).

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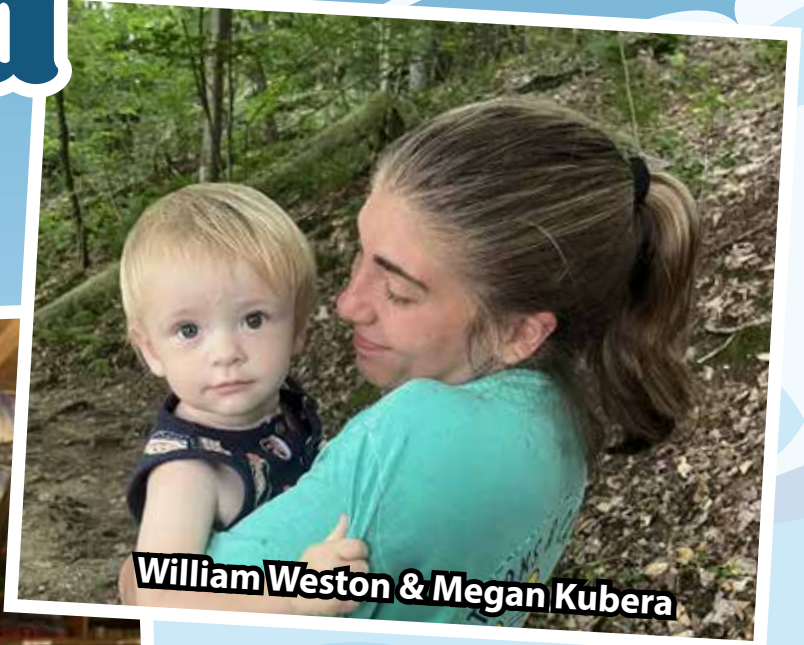
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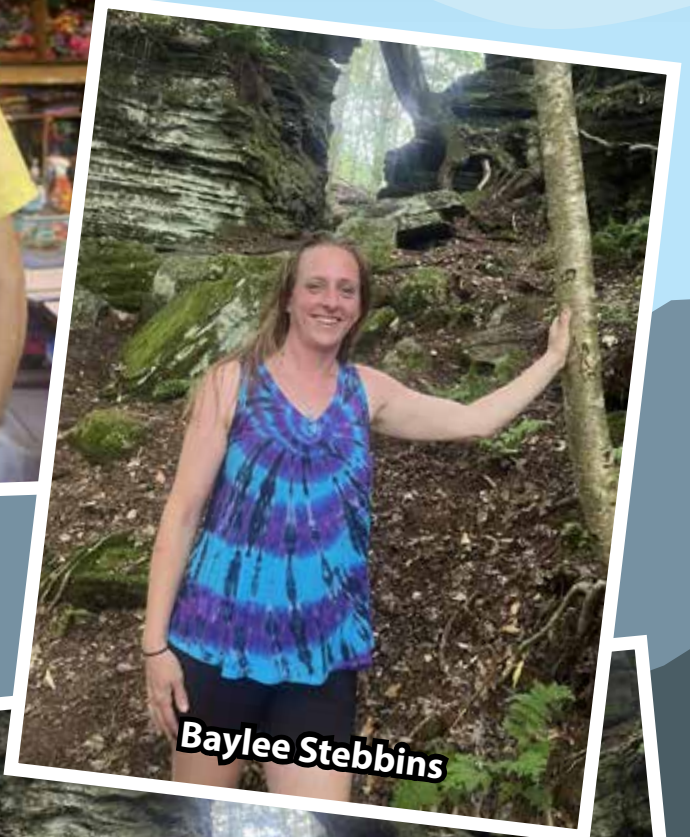
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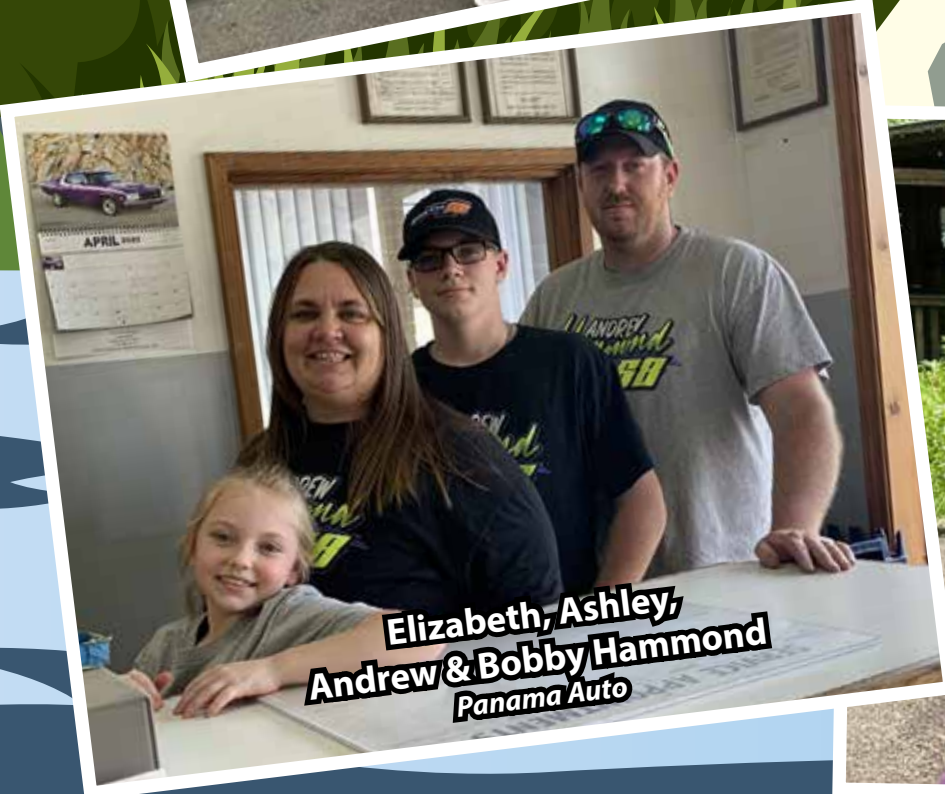
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**july 19**  
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**july 19-20**  
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# This Week Around Town

**TUESDAY, JULY 15**

**Cinema Series: The Phoenician Scheme | 7:30 PM**

1891 Fredonia Opera House  
Performing Arts Center | Fredonia  
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**Cardio Drumming | 7 PM**

Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-467-5306

**TUESDAY, JULY 15 -  
SUNDAY, JULY 20**

**The Chautauqua County Fair  
1 PM - 10 PM**

Chautauqua County Fair Grounds  
Dunkirk  
For Info: chautauquacofair.org

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16**

**Community Days  
10:30 AM - 6 PM**

James Prendergast Library  
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For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

**Movies at The Reg: Lilo & Stitch | 2 PM**

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

**Music at the Point Sunset  
Series: Zen City | 6 PM - 8 PM**

Point Gratiot Park | Dunkirk  
For Info: cityofdunkirk.com/  
residents/festivals\_events

**Cardio Drumming | 9 AM**

Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-467-5306

**THURSDAY, JULY 17**

**Music on the Pier | 6 PM**

Dunkirk City Pier | Dunkirk  
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**Third Thursday | 6 PM**

Wintergarden Plaza | Jamestown  
For Info: Third Thursday  
Jamestown FB Page

**Salute to First Responders &  
Healthcare Workers | 6:30 PM**

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**FRIDAY, JULY 18**

**Laurel Memorial Run/Walk  
Kickoff | 8 AM**

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Gifford Ave. | Jamestown  
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**Movies at The Reg: Lilo &  
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**Straight No Chaser | 8:15 PM**

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**SATURDAY, JULY 19**

**Laurel Memorial Run/Walk  
Kickoff | 7 AM**

Village Square | Silver Creek  
For Info: resourcecenter.org

**Chautauqua County Historical  
Society Antique Show  
10 AM - 4 PM**

Chautauqua Suites Hotel & Expo  
Center | Mayville  
For Info: 716-326-2977

**Scandinavian Folk Festival  
10 AM - 4 PM**

Northwest Arena | Jamestown  
For Info:  
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**Ashville Days  
9 AM - 10:15 PM**

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**Gospel Fest | 10 AM - 8 PM**

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**Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic  
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Carroll Town Hall | Frewsburg  
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Society Antique Show  
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### 9:00 AM

#### GARAGE SALES

As part of Ashville Days, garage sales will be happening all across town. Come explore and find amazing deals, antiques, collectibles, and more!

### 10:00 AM

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### 11:00 AM

#### PARADE

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# Chautauqua County Fair

## July 15-20

## MORE THAN A FAIR



### Featured Writer

#### Cassandra Skal

First Generation Farmer  
Chautauqua County Farm Bureau  
Promotion and Education Chair

Lights, Camera, Action.... Wait I mean... show arena, judge, adrenaline, hard work, and ribbons..... It's Fair Time! The annual Chautauqua County Fair for some means rides and vendor foods, but for me and the agricultural community, it is so much more. The Chautauqua County Fair is where I learned about myself, found my place and passion, and made the type of friends that last a lifetime (despite only seeing each other once a year!).

I started a little late in 4-H. I was about 12 when I got my very first taste. I had an amazing dog named Ivy, and she and I took on the world. She is forever my best girl. I quickly made friends with others that had similar interests, and by my second year, I was showing dogs and rabbits. By my fourth year, I was in every barn except dairy, beef, and horses plus working as a junior superintendent, serving on two project committees, and representing our county as a Teen Ambassador. I was THRIVING. What I did not know at the time, was that I was doing more than learning about raising animals

and making friends. I was learning leadership, communication, and making connections, such as the one with the owner of this newspaper, Lori Cornell, when she was a county legislator. I did everything I could to go above and beyond. I became completely engrossed in agriculture and I LOVED every bit of it.

As a side note, I owe huge credit to my mom for the countless hours of driving she did since I was actually born and raised in Erie, PA. We put hundreds of miles on her cars.

Then suddenly it appeared to all be over. My last year in 4-H was extremely bittersweet. I wanted to take everything in and remember every detail, because I knew I would never be in this same place and in the same position again.

But fast forward a few years and I FINALLY got back to my roots and landed the DREAM job. I was hired at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) to be the Agricultural Coordinator. I loved almost every second of that position - coming back to my agricultural community, building and rekindling connections and friendships. When I left CCE, I was hired by Farm Credit East and more agriculture doors opened! I have maintained my dream of becoming the 4-H Teen Ambassador Advisor, where youth ages 13-18 may further develop their leadership skills and bond with other 4-H'ers. I am on the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as both a Director and the Promotion and Education Chair. I hold a seat on the New York

State Farm Bureau Promotion and Education Committee, serve as the Open Livestock Clerk for the Chautauqua County Fair, and Co-Chair the Chautauqua County Farmer-Neighbor Committee. 4-H shaped me into who I am today: a city-born and raised kid that grew up to be a die-hard agriculture advocate.

This fair week, I encourage you to visit the animals and talk with the exhibitors, young and not so young. We all have huge pride in what we do, and we love to talk about our animals and farms with others. I am so grateful for all the opportunities I had growing up in Chautauqua County 4-H, and I am blessed to be able to help serve the agricultural community in turn.



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# 4-H Projects on Display at the County Fair

4-Hers show off their year-long hard work at the Chautauqua County Fair



Brennan Risley with his 2024 Grand Champion Market Goat bought by Stevens Brothers.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County's 4-H Program is excited to highlight the accomplishment of our 4-H members at the Chautauqua County Fair.

For our 4-H members, the fun kicked off on July 8th with the non-animal project judging. The youth presented their hard work in 25 project areas including Gardening, Photography, leathercrafting, Health, Foods, Food Preservation, Sewing, Cake Decorating, Recycling, and Arts and Crafts. Judges looked over each project, provided feedback, and selected the best projects for Honorable Mention and to be advanced to the New York State Fair for further evaluation.

These projects (except for the perishable foods projects) can be viewed in the 4-H Exhibit Building the week of Fair. The building is open 9:00am-8:00pm daily and is organized by 4-H club. Each club decorates their own booth to match the year's fair theme, "Once Upon a Fair-ie Tail". Be sure to stop by and


see all the hard work and creativity the youth have put into their creations, all while learning positive life skills.

During the week of Fair, 4-H members can be found showing animals in one of four locations. There is sure to be a show to watch any time you visit the Fair. The places to look for shows are the Main Show Arena next to the Exhibit Hall, the Small Animal Show Arena next to the Goat Barn, the Rabbit and Poultry Barn, and the Horse Show Arena. Most 4-H animals begin showing on Monday, with the exception of 4-H horses, which begin on Wednesday.

A highlight for some 4-H youth and friends of 4-H is the 4-H Meat Animal Sale. This auction begins Friday, July 18th at 12noon. If you are interested in buying at the sale, information packets are available at the Extension Office in the Carnahan Center on the JCC Campus.


The full 4-H schedule of events can be found on our website, on Facebook (@chautauquacounty4h), or on the Chautauqua County Fair website (https://www.chautauquacofair.org/).

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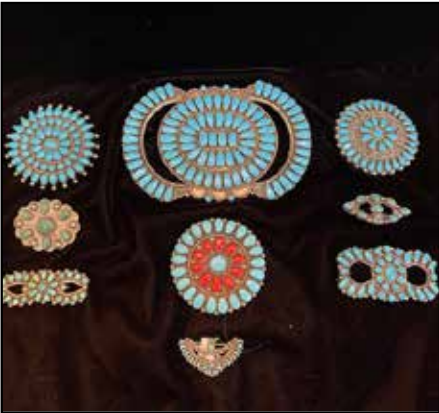
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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# ANTIQUESHOW

July 19 & 20: Back in Mayville

22 Antique Dealers under one roof at the Chautauqua Suites Hotel & Expo Center



Over 20 different antique dealers will be at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville on July 19 and 20 for the 88th annual Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show. Antique furniture, jewelry, kitchenware, clothing, and much more will all be available for sale. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple, with all admission fees benefiting the Historical Society.

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The 2025 Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show (formerly the Westfield Antique Show), is returning to Mayville, NY the third weekend of July. For the second year in a row, the annual antique show will be held at Chautauqua Suites Hotel & Expo Center (215 W. Lake Rd., Mayville, NY) with a wide variety of items available for sale.

“We’re excited to bring the Antique Show back to Mayville this year, where we can provide a large and spacious venue for the participating dealers, as well as buyers looking for that special item,” explained Jason Sample, Historical Society President and Chair of the 2025 show.

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 each year. Since then, the Antique Show grew to become an annual tradition in Westfield and for the past several decades has been organized by the Chautauqua County Historical Society.

In 2024, the show was relocated to Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, in order to provide for a larger event space. It was also rebranded as the Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show. But even with a new location and venue, the event still draws a significant following.

“Last year we had close to 500 people attend the two-day event and we’re hoping for as many as 700 this year,” Sample said. “We’ve ramped up our marketing for the event this year, and we’ve also brought in some new dealers

who are excited to showcase their antiques to a new audience.” Admission for the Historical Society’s Antique Show is \$10 for both days for individuals, or \$15 for couples. All admission proceeds from the event go to support programming and the restoration of the McClurg Museum in Westfield.

“This event provides a great opportunity for antique dealers to sell their items and it also helps to make Mayville a destination during the summer season. But beyond that, it’s a key fundraiser for our organization and helps the Historical Society fulfill its mission of preserving our local history at the McClurg Museum in Westfield,” Sample added.

For more information about the 2025 Chautauqua County Historical Society Antique Show, visit [CCHSMcClurg.org](http://CCHSMcClurg.org), call (716) 326-2977, or email at [info@cchsmcclurg.org](mailto:info@cchsmcclurg.org).

The 88th Antique Show will be held Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event will feature antique furniture, dinning sets, glassware, silver, jewelry, and much more. A total of 22 different dealers will be in attendance. Confirmed dealers for this year include:

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Hammondsport, NY

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*Some say the antique syndrome surfaced to offset the newness of the land, the homes, and the settlers.  
Some say the interest was initiated by a desire to return to the roots of yesterday. I contend the entire movement to acquire antiques was born out of sheer respect of things that lasted longer than fifteen minutes.*

~ Erma Bombeck

# Scandinavian Folk Festival

July 19 & 20, 2025

## BECOMING IMMERSED IN SCANDINAVIAN CULTURE



*Contributed by*

### Scandinavian Folk Festival

Be immersed in the Scandinavian culture at the 22nd Scandinavian Folk Festival to be held on July 19 and 20, 2025 at the Northwest Arena. Admission is only \$10 on Saturday and \$5 on Sunday. Children 12 and under are free. Saturday's hours are 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday's hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Passes for gate and food are available for those financially limited.

Join us on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. for the fantastic concert by ABBAMANIA from Toronto, Canada. There will be all new sound and lighting systems this year. The New York Times says, "Vocally Suburb" and the Toronto Globe and Mail says, "Amazing Show." Concert tickets are \$25. A combined Saturday Festival and ABBAMANIA concert tickets are \$30. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.scandinavianjamestown.org](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org) or in person at Ecklof Bakery and Peterson Farm.

There are many ways to be immersed in the Scandinavian Culture. There are no additional charges for anything listed below except for food, drink and ABBAMANIA.

\*Bring flowers to decorate the midsummer pole in honor of ancestors at 10 a.m. on July 19 in the Jamestown Farmer's Market. Participate in the midsummer pole procession along W. Third Street at 11 a.m. and then join the traditional ring dances on Lafayette Street. Make your own midsummer head wreath.

\*Observe all the masterpieces in the first ever Scandinavian Artistic Views art show and vote for your favorite display to pick the "best of show." Original art has been collected from the Fenton History Center, McClurg Mansion, Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown Community College and the Scandinavian Studies Program. In addition to the original paintings, there will many items of folk art exhibited.

\*Attend an educational lecture such as restoring an historical farm and growing heritage Swedish fruits, vegetables and grains or what it is like to be on the Swedish television show "Alt for Sverige" and how you can apply to be a contestant to meet your Swedish relatives. Check out your heritage with the Scandinavian genealogy resources from the Fenton History Center.

\*Browse all the unique gifts at the festival gift shop and the many vendors, including those from New Jersey and New England.

\*Have fika with a friend! Enjoy a Swedish meatball dinner, Jamestown's famous korv burger on a rye bun with ligonberry, a Swedish waffle with lingonberry, or varm korv (Swedish hot dog covered in mashed potatoes). Get a free one-hour pass to pickup food to go. Wash it all down with a Danish Carlsberg beer.

\*Listen to the music of ABBAMANIA, as well as the fiddles and accordions of Svenska Spelmän, and SmörgåsBandet from



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# Nobody Speaks Swedish to Me Anymore



Yvonne Thorstenson McNallie and her family during her 1996 trip to Sweden.

## Featured Writer

### Yvonne Thorstenson McNallie

What I miss most (after my Mom and Dad and beloved Godfather, Albin Peterson), is hearing the Swedish language.

My Dad, John Thorstenson, came to America from Sweden via Canada. This was in the early 1920s and Dad was only about 20 when he came to Jamestown. Although there was a big Swedish community, it was difficult to find work without speaking English and as many immigrants did, he went to night school to learn the language of his newly adopted country. He always spoke with a Swedish accent but even when he spoke Swedish, he often threw in a few English words.

My Mom, Alice Swanson, was born in this country to immigrants from Sweden and spoke only Swedish until she went to kindergarten. I'm sure that Swedish was always spoken in their home, but my mother was the only one of the five siblings who spoke Swedish. In fact, her Swedish was purer than Dad's. Years later, when we had relatives from Sweden or when they visited Dad's home country, there was always laughing and teasing about which one was the born Swede.

I remember being among friends and relatives and hearing the Swedish. I learned to understand almost everything said but unfortunately never learned to speak Swedish. Before I visited Sweden in 1996, I took Swedish from Jeff Kroon at Jamestown Community College (in fact, I took it twice, once with my friend Joan Shevory and once with Svea Hjalmanson, who just wanted to polish up a little) but didn't seem to be able to work up the nerve to actually speak it. I'm not a particularly shy person, but somehow I was reticent about speaking a language that wasn't my first language, and got by listening to Swedish and answering in English, while my relatives pretty much did the same thing in reverse. It worked, but I wish I had tried harder.

When I was a kid most of Jamestown was either Swedish or Italian, and it was customary to hear both languages spoken on the streets and in the stores. I imagine that almost anyone in Jamestown could speak at least a few words of Swedish. I thought little of having parents that spoke a second language, and I'm sure most of my peers felt the same way. I remember an incident in grade school at Charles Street School when a man of Albanian descent came to the office and could not make himself understood a girl in

my class, Martha Vangel, was called to the office to translate for the man. That was not an unusual occurrence, although Albanian was not a common language in Jamestown at that time.

Back in those days parents did not hire babysitters to go out for an evening, at least not in my parents' circle, and I went with them when they visited friends and relatives. What fun it was to listen to their laughter and hear the Swedish language from friends of theirs like Gunnar Ahlstedt, Emil and Irene Seaburg, Carl and Mary Johnson, Carl and Ingrid Hogland, my aunt and uncle Thorsten and Greta, and of course, my Godfather, who remained a bachelor all his life but who spent much of his time with my family. There was always coffee and some of the wonderful pastries that Swedes make so well. I loved those evenings.

Mom and Dad belonged to the Skone Club, and that was fun, too. We always had treats and could run around in the large facility located in the Nordic Temple on the corner of Second and Prendergast Streets.

Dad developed dementia in his last few years and remarkably spoke Swedish less than he had before, but sometimes surprising us, as when he spoke a mild Swedish exclamation while coming out of anesthesia after surgery for a broken hip. Mom and I looked at each other and grinned... Dad remembered his Swedish!

After Dad died, Mom spoke Swedish less and less because there was no one left to talk to except very occasionally. She kept a clear mind and a remarkable memory, and I know that she hadn't forgotten anything, but the need wasn't there.

Now it is sometimes weeks or months at a time before I hear the language that was such a big part of my life. Thankfully, my cousin, Pete Thorstenson, speaks Swedish well and keeps it a little fresh in my mind. But if anyone speaks Swedish to me, I love to listen!

*Mrs. McNallie was a first generation American on her father's side, and second generation on her mother's Swanson side. She grew up in Jamestown at a time when she recalls it being common to have been a Swedish, Italian or even Albanian immigrant to Jamestown. She still lives in the city today at nearly 90-years young, this August 18th! She swims daily at the Jamestown Boys and Girls Club and enjoys being active at the Marvin House, Norden Club and her church community.*

## Becoming Immersed in Scandinavian Culture

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New York City. Watch the Adult and Children's Thule Swedish Folk Dance Teams and join in! There will be some chair yoga and other surprises.

\*Enter our new folk craft center to watch demonstrations and see handcraft exhibits. Every craft area provides a hands-on opportunity to practice the skill. Take home your project to finish and/or join the same instructors at Culture Day at Jamestown Community College the first Saturday of each month from October to May. The craft choices are chip carving, wood carving, relief wood carving, huck weaving, knitting and crocheting, Norwegian rosemaling painting, thread spinning and weaving. The Chautauqua County Weaving Guild will display a wide variety of tabletop looms on which to practice and also will provide the opportunity to borrow a loom to continue a weaving project at home. There are projects for children as well.

children's activities such as making a midsummer head wreath, ink stamp a design on a t-shirt, weave a pot holder or many other events. Children should remember to pick up their free take home activity kit.

\*People of all ages can play Swedish bingo and win a \$5 food voucher or pick a Nordic county's colored marble to win the race down the track. Play the ancient Viking game of KUBB. Learn how to play hnefatafl, the Viking chess game. Challenge somebody to a match. Enter the Nordic corn hole tournament. Enter the video game room and play such Swedish video games such as Minecraft and three others.

\*Be sure to enter your name and email for a handmade Swedish quilt, a door prize valued at \$500.

Keep updated with all the details at [www.scandinavianjamestown.org](http://www.scandinavianjamestown.org) or calling 716-665-0883

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## Folk Dancing



## Art Show

- Scandinavian Artistic Views
- Original paintings by noted local artists as well selected handwork

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- Festival Gift Shop
- Scandinavian Bingo
- Nordic Marble Race
- Viking games of KUBB & Hnefatafl
- Viking designed cornhole.
- Children's activities
- Visit Our Guest Vendors
- How to Get on a Swedish TV show!
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- and much, much, more!



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