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Story Devised by Lori Cornell, Perfected by Katrina Fuller

The dog days of summer are dwindling. There's even a morning chill in the air. Back-to-school shopping lists have begun and the countdown to mums is upon us.

But oh wait...! What's that you say?! It was as if I had awoken from a dream. A midsummer's daydream. Pinch yourself. Could it be true?! Just when we thought summer fun might be behind us... **BERT KREISCHER is coming to town!?!**

As part of summer's signature, national-tier Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, the National Comedy Center is bringing comedy heavyweight Bert Kreischer to Jamestown on Saturday, Aug. 8, for an evening of laughter at Northwest Arena. Yes, it's true! Kreischer, of course, is known to many as the guy who performs shirtless, the wild storyteller with the party reputation and the comedian who somehow makes chaos feel like an invitation.

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For Info: wickedwarrens.com

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

TUESDAY, JULY 28

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 - THURSDAY, JULY 29

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Full Moon Kayak Run | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.com

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

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

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

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

Wicked Warren's - Comedy Open Mic | 7 PM-9 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
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Beach Dog Grill - Trivia 7:30 PM-9 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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

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

Jamestown Mobile Market 11 AM-12 PM & 12:30 PM-1:15 PM & 2:30 PM-3:30 PM
The Chautauqua Center (11) & Silvertree Seniors - Methodist Gardens (12:30) & Chautauqua Opportunities (2:30) | Jamestown
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Forestville Farmers Market 1 PM-5 PM
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Southern Tier Brewing Co - Trivia Night | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
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Bemus Point Tap House - Black Widow Acoustics | 6-9 PM
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For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Joe & The Schmoes | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Pearl City Hops - Karaoke Night | 7 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: grouphther-happy.com

The Village Casino - Laura & Logan 7 PM - 10 PM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspoincasino.com

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

FRIDAY, JULY 31

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

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

Pearl City Hops - The Hallow Society 6 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
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Bemus Point Tap House - Rockabilly Steve 6-9 PM
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Southern Tier Brewing Co - We Speak Canadian | 6 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
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The Wine Cellar - Harmony's Sad Song Summer | 6 PM - 9 PM
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Beach Dog Grill - Aces & Eights 7 PM-10 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
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Sunset Bay Beach Club - Tom Petty Tribute | 8:30 PM
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The Village Casino - Ion Sky 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM
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For Info: bemuspoincasino.com

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Bemus Point Summer Fest | All Day
Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

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

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

Audubon Community Nature Center Photography Club | 10 AM-11 AM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org/events

America 250 Ice Cream Social 1 PM-3 PM
70 Prospect St | Jamestown
For Info: Jamestown Chapter Nsdar Facebook

Bemus Point Tap House Jason Lawergren Live | 5:30-9 PM
Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Tarp Skunks Home Game | 6:30 PM
Diethrick Park | Jamestown
For Info: jamestowntarpskunks.com

Group Ther-Happy - Earl Wallace Band | 8 PM-11 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: grouphther-happy.com

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

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Invisible Touch | 9 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
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The Village Casino - Two For Flinching 10 PM - 2 AM
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Second Annual CHQ History Expo 10 AM-4 PM
2 Academy Street | Mayville
For Info: chqhistoryexpo.org

First Sunday Story Time 12:30 PM-1 PM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org/events

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

Beach Dog Grill - Unknown Legends 3 PM-6 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Group Ther-Happy - Virgil Cain 5 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: grouphther-happy.com

Splash Bemus - Live Music with Shawn 6 PM-8 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
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Editorial with Lori Cornell

Summer Has Only Just Begun



Publisher
Lori Cornell

Last week I was with a friend who announced: "I can't believe summer is almost over!" to which I appallingly replied "Bite your tongue. We are only at the mid-point!"

But in the back of my mind, I shared that same angst. I'm not looking forward to the cooler temps and my impending 50th birthday this fall (gulp, ugh!). I'm not looking forward to the slowdown in festivals and fun. And I'm especially not looking forward to saying goodbye to the three of my four sons who are heading back to school.

I could continue down the road with this depressing bent: It's likely one of my last summers with all four of my growing sons at home, and I might lament about how I may have spent more time doing their laundry and dishes than out with all four of them having fun. Or maybe more money on their gas and groceries than investments in local outings as a family. And I could note how my cheery quests for quality time coming out of Memorial Day have possibly turned a bit more like a desperate negotiation for a tiny piece of their busy calendars.

I could wallow and keep complaining...

Or I could go back to the retort I made to my friend. Summer's not over. An amazing August has just begun and here is our chance to embrace it and run.

So launch into August with an attitude adjustment (if needed, like me). Get those kids together (come hell or highwater, mama!). Don't be sad "it's almost over"; nope, love every minute that's just begun. Make August your most memorable month yet.

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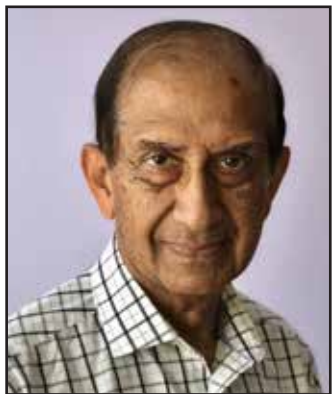
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OH MY GOD: SHARIA LAW IS COMING



Featured Writer

Khalid Rehman, M.D.

Those of us who follow the news, have heard that some political leaders of Texas are scrambling to keep "Sharia Law" out of their State. "We will not allow Texans to be held under the heel of Sharia Law" proclaimed Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. Members of the Texas delegation in Congress has reportedly created a "Sharia Free America Caucus" that has 60 sponsors. Congressman Mike Johnson, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is also a member of this caucus.

In July 2016, Newt Gingrich, then the Speaker of the House, addressed the chamber and said that "those Muslims who believe in Sharia should be deported". In response to that pronouncement, Noah Feldman, a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School, wrote an op-ed in the NY Times titled: *A lesson for Newt Gingrich. What Shari'ah is and isn't.*

He wrote that, put simply, for believing

Muslims, Shari'a is the ideal realization of divine justice and to ask a faithful Muslim if he or she "believes in" Shari'a is essentially to ask if he or she accepts God's word. The detractors are spreading the narrative that Sharia is dangerous, will threaten American way of life, and is a threat to individual freedom. They are invoking images of cutting off hands for theft, beheading for murder, and stoning of women.

This not new. It usually happens around the election time. The number of Muslim Americans running for office, is gradually increasing every year. As a result, the calls to "Keep America free of Sharia" get louder as a tool of creating fear in the minds of voters.

I would like them to know that Sharia is already part of American jurisprudence and has been here since the constitution was signed in 1787. Many of the articles of our Constitution such as protecting life, human dignity and family, human rights, rights to education, protection of property, and religious freedom, are the same objectives (maqasid in Arabic language) of Sharia. I also want Texans (and others) to know that according to Islamic Jurisprudence, local laws (the laws of the united States of America) supersede the Islamic laws for Muslim Americans.

The Arabic word "Sharia" literally means "a path". Sharia is a sum of Divine guidelines ordained in the Quran so that we may follow the "right path", a path that will lead to personal salvation as well as create just, equitable, cohesive and thriving communities.

Khalid Rehman, a physician, was born and raised in Pakistan. He has served as the Chief, Division of Hematology and Oncology at St. Vincent's Medical Center on Staten Island, the President of the Richmond County Medical Society, and President of the Academy of Medicine of Richmond County. He was the founder and the first medical director of Richmond Hospice. He is currently on the faculty of the New York Medical College.

He helped establish a mosque on Staten Island and served as a de facto chaplain at his Catholic hospital. For ten years, he wrote a monthly column on Islam in the local Staten Island newspaper. As a public speaker, Dr. Rehman has spent several decades engaging in interfaith dialogue. He has given over 250 talks in nearly 100 cities at houses of worship, academic institutions, libraries, and community organizations, and enjoys visiting Chautauqua County each summer.

Now retired, he spends most of his time in interfaith activities and giving lectures on Islam. He lives with his wife Sabeeha in New York City. They have two sons and four grandchildren.

ing communities. I would dare say that every faith has a Shariah, like the 10 commandments in the Bible.

The equivalent of Shari'ah in Judaism is the Halacha. When Maimonides wrote Halacha in Spain in the Arabic language, he titled the document as "Shariah". The Hebrew word Halacha means "the way to walk." It refers to the overarching body of religious commandments, oral traditions, and rabbinic rulings that guide a Jewish person's daily life, ethics, and ritual practices.

The Divine commands in The Quran relate to the personal Shariah and the societal Shariah. The commands regarding personal sharia are about prayer, fasting and other acts of worship. The acts of worship are not the concerns of the authorities or the State. The commands regarding societal shariah encompass the six objectives stated earlier and place responsibility on governing authorities to promulgate laws that achieve these objectives.

Shariah is not law. The phrase "Sharia Law" is a misnomer. The Islamic Law is based on Shariah. Over the last 1400 years, jurists have devised Islamic laws (Jurisprudence) to achieve the objectives of Sharia. Whereas Sharia is Divine and cannot be changed, the Islamic laws,

based on the Shariah, are man-made and continue to change with the needs of time. Just like the U.S. laws must comply with the constitution, the Islamic laws must comply with Sharia.

For example, our constitution demands protection of life. To achieve that objective, we have laws regarding speed limits. So, the secular American laws regarding speed limits are Sharia compliant since protecting life is one of the objectives of Sharia.

Sharia, like our constitution, also deals with crimes and punishments. As punishment for murder, Sharia offers three options: capital punishment (life for life), blood money (fine or restitution) or forgiveness. This is no different from death penalty or life imprisonment practiced in the US.

Capital punishment by the way of beheading of those proven guilty of murder, was common in the early days of Islam when the tribes were nomadic and there was no concept of prisons. Today, life imprisonment is preferred for such crimes in most Muslim-majority countries. The detractors of Islam, however, quote such examples to portray sharia as violent and barbaric. For those who are interested in learning more, I recommend that they read "Demystifying Shariah" by Sumbul Ali-Karamali.



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Summer Attraction: Locals Love Chautauqua County Too

Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

Every year, thousands of people flock to Chautauqua County to take in the various lakes, the amenities, and attractions for days filled with equal parts leisure and excitement. In 2024, the New York State Tourism Industry Association reported that visitor spending at local businesses totaled more than \$312 million. However, summer fun is not limited to just those visiting the area. Local residents who live here year-round also rave about the incredible experiences available right in their own backyard. From fantastic ice cream shops to beautiful lakeside views and epic hiking trails, a few local residents sat down with the Chautauqua Gazette to impart their favorite summertime haunts and happenings.



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Local resident **JASON SAMPLE** has lived in Chautauqua County for most of his life, with brief intermissions at West Virginia University and Morgantown in the late 90s to early 2000s. Sample, Communications and Marketing Coordinator for the CCIDA, said he has lived in various areas in the county, including Jamestown, Falconer and Panama. Some of his favorite activities during the warmer months include running, long walks, hiking and mountain biking on local trails.

"There's a lot of them to choose from," Jason said.

However, Jason tempers his enjoyment of hearty athletic pursuits with visits to the Jamestown Farmers Market every Saturday and never leaves the annual Great American Picnic Fundraiser for WRFA off his calendar. Held at the Southern Tier Brewery, Sample said it is something to look forward to. (Incidentally, the Picnic this year is on Sunday, August 16, 2026, 12 - 5 p.m.)

"It features local bands and is for a great cause," he said. "Shout out to the annual Great Blue Heron in Sherman and Jamestown Whirley Bird music festivals too!"

When it comes to the frosty treats that everyone craves on a hot summer day, Jason said he doesn't have a favorite ice cream shop to stop at; rather, he enjoys them all.

While the more temperate climate of the summer months is a nice change of pace, Jason said he truly values the changing seasons and variety of weather as they make the county "a great place to live."

"No matter what season you're in, you can find an outdoor activity to help keep you busy and it's always very pretty in the fall and winter months, especially after a new snowfall," he said. "Summertime is always great because our county is buzzing with all kinds of events and things to do. So there's no shortage of activities to keep you busy!"

For those looking for a little guidance regarding all the happenings in the area, Jason said there are incredible resources available to help plan your next "staycation," or outing.

"There's always so much to do in a short period of time, so it can be overwhelming to try and figure out when and what to do," he said. "But the County Visitors Bureau's website and vacation guide has always been a great resource for staying on top of what's happening... along with the Chautauqua Gazette, of course!"

MONICA SIMPSON, Partner Engagement Coordinator for the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, has been a Chautauqua County resident for 11 years.

"I moved here with my now-husband, who is originally from Brocton, and we have made this area our home," Monica said. "I have lived in big cities but I am happy to call CHQ home."

For Monica and her family, the biggest draw of the Chautauqua County area in the summertime is anything to do with the water. From beach combing to paddle boarding and boating, she said they enjoy "having fun together outdoors."

"We live like locals but enjoy our community like a tourist – making the most of every adventure and opportunity," Monica said. "Wright Park Beach is one of our favorite places because it has something for everyone. In addition to the beautiful beach, it offers an outdoor shower, volleyball courts, the Beach Grill, a skate park, a state-of-the-art playground and a splash pad—all in one location."

Monica and her family specifically enjoy the live music, local food and summer atmosphere of Music on the Pier in Dunkirk as well as Hideaway Bay and Sunset Bay Beach.

"We love the beach, the welcoming atmosphere, and the variety of kid-friendly places nearby," she said. "Chautauqua County is a safe, welcoming, and accessible place to live. As a parent of two young children, I especially value the strong sense of community. It is the kind of place where people know one another, look out for each other and feel connected."

Monica said her favorite place to grab an ice cream cone is the Sullivan Charbroil in Sheridan.

"They offer nine flavors of soft serve, and it is also very affordable, which makes it a great family stop," she said. "Their food is amazing too!"

Whether you're looking for live music, a beach experience or a delightful soft serve, Simpson said Chautauqua County has it all, not only in the summer time, but all year-round.

"There is always something happening throughout Chautauqua County, so I encourage everyone to get out and make the most of the summer," Monica said. "Follow Live CHQ and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau to learn about events, activities and opportunities happening in communities across the county."

ERICA ROSE, owner of Rose and Grace Social Co. as well as Rose and Grace Studio in Jamestown, has been a Chautauqua County resident for 11 years. She came to the area by way of Binghamton, New York City, Rochester and Buffalo.

"I think that's why I feel so strongly about the area, because I see it through fresh eyes," Erica said. "I went to college in Manhattan and had a friend who lived in Chautauqua, so I would come here during the summer and visit."

She experienced big city life in various areas of New York, but ultimately chose to "put down roots" in Chautauqua County for many reasons, chief among them being her great interest in the outdoors and her family.

"I was still working in Buffalo, but I knew Chautauqua was the place that I wanted to raise a family," Erica said. "And the things that I absolutely loved about it and attracted me here was that I'm such an outdoor enthusiast, and everything is at my fingertips here, compared to the cities I had lived in prior."

While some might not think a more rural area would provide as many opportunities as larger, more urban areas, Erica said she was pleasantly surprised that she was very much able to transition from corporate work to owning her own business here.

"The one thing that truly stood out to me here was that I could make a greater impact faster compared to bigger cities where you kind of get lost in the mix," she said. "Here it was easier to make connections and you didn't have to be so loud to be noticed."

Rose said she particularly loves summer in Chautauqua County and works to squeeze in as many activities and events as she can.

"I love summers here," she said. "I always get summer fever in Chautauqua County, as I call it, so I actually scale back on my business during the summer months so I can enjoy everything that's at our fingertips. Being an outdoor enthusiast, I strive to hit the water as much as I can."

Rose said she and her family enjoy cruising the lake on their boat or jet skis and spending time at their perma-

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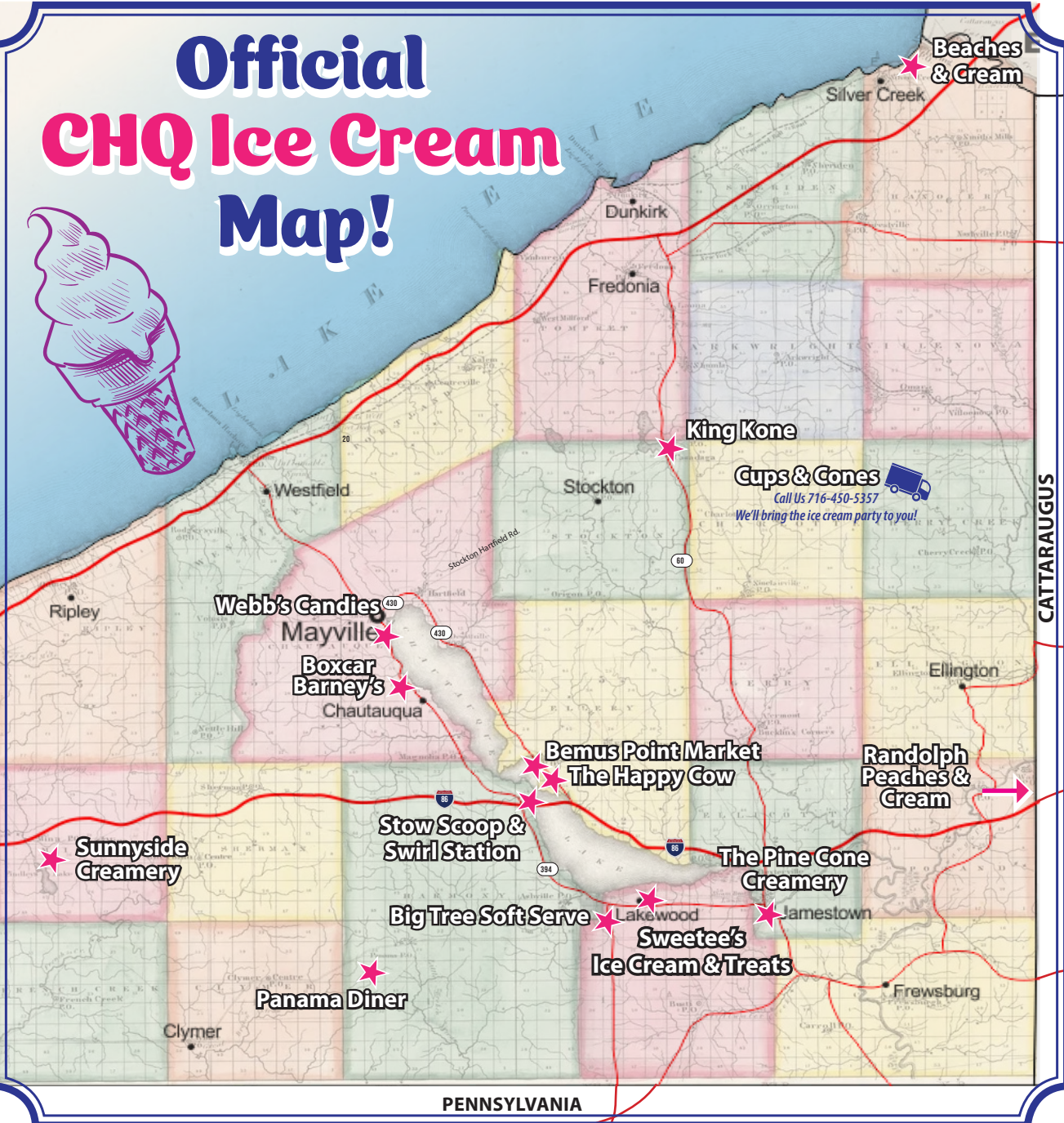
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Business of the Week

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CUPS AND CONES BRINGS ICE CREAM ON THE ROAD

Editor-in-Chief

Katrina Fuller

What began as an idea has grown into a mobile ice cream business bringing Perry's Ice Cream, specialty sundaes and a touch of nostalgia to events across Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties.

MaryBeth Meredith and Scott Meredith, owners of Cups and Cones in Ashville, started the business in the summer of 2023 after seeing her daughter, Sarah Nelson, open her own ice cream shop, Scoops on the Square, in Greencastle, Pennsylvania. Their daughter Nikki Rivera, also comes from North Carolina to help every summer.

"She had always dreamed of having an ice cream shop and I was so proud to see her dream come true," Meredith said.

On the drive home from Nelson's grand opening, Meredith began thinking about whether she could do something similar during the summer months. Instead of opening a traditional storefront, she decided a mobile business would allow her to bring ice cream directly to customers, events and communities.

"I thought I could do this in the summer myself to supplement my income, but do it as a mobile business instead," Meredith said.

Meredith also owns MB's Creative Brush, a sip-and-paint studio in Ashville that opened in fall 2019. Cups and Cones gave her a way to operate a seasonal business during the warmer months while continuing her creative studio work.

"We started our business in the summer of 2023," Meredith said. "It's been a fun ride ever since."

The Cups and Cones trailer offers more than 45 flavors of Perry's Ice Cream. Customers can choose from cones, sundaes, milkshakes, banana splits, floats and specialty sundaes made with fresh brownies, cookies or brookies.

Meredith said one of the features customers enjoy is the ability to customize milkshakes using their favorite ice cream flavor. With so many flavors on board, the trailer can offer a wide range of combinations.

"When customers come to my mobile ice cream trailer, they can expect to have a large variety of Perry's Ice Cream on board," Meredith said.

The business is designed to travel, serving birthday parties, special occasions, community gatherings and other events. Meredith said that flexibility is part of what makes Cups and Cones unique.

"What makes Cups and Cones unique is that not only do we carry a large variety of flavors, we can bring it right to your event, birthday party or special occasion," she said.

Cups and Cones typically travels within a 50- to 60-mile radius, serving customers throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Meredith said the community response has been positive, especially because the business can come directly to people who book the trailer.

"Most people are so excited that we are coming to

their town and it's so fun to see their expressions on their face when we arrive," Meredith said.

This year, Meredith and co-owner Annette Wells added a new vintage-style ice cream truck called Off the Stick. The truck gives the business another way to serve smaller events and offer a nostalgic experience for families and children.

"We look forward to being able to do more small events with our truck and bring back the nostalgia feel of the ice cream truck back in the day," Meredith said.

The truck plays more than 35 songs over its loudspeaker while traveling, which Meredith said often gets people's attention before the truck reaches its destination.

"There's never a dull moment," she said. "As even our journey to our destination, people turn around wave and even ask us to pull over so that they can get ice cream."

For Meredith, that excitement is part of what makes the business rewarding. While operating a mobile ice cream business requires a lot of work behind the scenes, she said the people make it worthwhile.

"What I enjoy most about having this business is the people," Meredith said. "Even though it's a lot of work behind the scenes I enjoy seeing and meeting so many people and bringing a little joy to their faces."

Children, she said, bring an especially high level of excitement to the experience.

"The kids are so much fun, they excitement is just over the top sometimes which makes us all happy," Meredith said.

Customers can also follow Cups and Cones on Facebook to keep up with the business, including where the trailer or truck may be traveling and what events it may

be serving.

Like many small-business owners, Meredith said she has faced challenges. One of the biggest, she said, is the cost of fees required by different towns, cities and municipalities when operating a mobile business.

"Our biggest challenges have been dealing with all the fees that we have to pay for every town, city, etc.," Meredith said.

She said she would like to see a system that makes it easier for small mobile businesses to operate across the region, including the possibility of paying by county rather than by each town or city.

"Maybe someday they will be able to figure out a better way for the small business because as it really does eat way a lot of your profit," Meredith said.

Despite those challenges, Meredith said Cups and Cones remains focused on serving customers and bringing a fun experience to communities across the area. Whether through the trailer, the vintage-style truck or a specialty sundae made with a customer's favorite flavor, the goal is to offer a cool way to enjoy a summer day.

"I can't go wrong with the delicious treat, especially on a hot day," Meredith said.

As Cups and Cones continues its summer season, Meredith said she is grateful for the support the business has received and for the chance to travel throughout the region.

"We make so many wonderful friends and acquaintances during our summer season that it tugs on our heart strings a little when we have to put our trucks away for the season," she said. "Nevertheless, we look forward to returning again in the spring and the opportunity to serve our community."



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Fifty-Five Years Later: 1971–72 Ashville Elementary Class Reunites



Decades may have passed, but the bond between a dedicated teacher and his students remains as strong as ever. On Monday, July 20, former Ashville Elementary teacher Mr. Robert Gamble reconnected with members of his 4th-grade class from the 1971–1972 school year for a special reunion at the Ashville General Store.

Nine enthusiastic former students gathered to swap stories, share photos, and catch up on more than half a century of life updates. Remarkably, it was the first time seeing their teacher in 55 years.

The evening was filled with laughter, nostalgia, and fond memories of their school days in Ashville, proving that great teachers and lifelong friendships never truly fade.

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Kim Davis, Janel McIntyre and Kay Davis, Special Olympics Athletes with Dan Hocking, Owner, ACME The Appliance Store.

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The Resource Center

Dan and Beth Hocking, Owners of ACME The Appliance Store, recently donated a GE Washer/Dryer Set that was used for a drawing to support the 30th Anniversary TRC Golf Classic.

The TRC Golf Classic is the major annual fund-raising event for Filling the Gap, Inc., a Jamestown-based non-profit organization that works with The Resource Center to support people with disabilities and other socioeconomic challenges in Chautauqua County. In its first 29 years, the tournament has netted over \$1.92 million for the TRC Foundation Fund, which raises money to improve the lives of people with disabling conditions in Chautauqua County.

"The Resource Center is more than an organization—it's a cornerstone of our community. By empowering people with disabilities to live richer, more independent lives, it strengthens families, enriches neighborhoods, and reminds us that a truly thriving community is one where everyone has the opportunity to belong, contribute, and succeed," said Dan Hocking. "ACME the Appliance Store is pleased to once again serve as a community partner and donate this GE Washer/Dryer Set to help raise money for the TRC Golf Classic. Beth and I believe that strong communities are built by investing in people. We are honored to support The Resource Center and its mission of empowering individuals to realize their full potential and lead meaningful, independent lives."

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. Romanian monetary unit

8. Santa's helper

11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal

13. Sea eagle genus

14. Broad volcanic crater

15. Minneapolis suburb

16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)

17. Exchange rate

18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea

20. Men's fashion accessory

21. Craft material

22. Offerings

25. Early

30. Large room

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

32. One who hauls
33. Shorthand for accepting

38. Promotional materials

41. Loss of memory

43. One who beheads

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. White clerical vestment

50. Partner to "oohed"

55. Abba __, Israeli politician

56. Zero

57. Owl monkey genus

59. Lace bug genus

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Storage devices

62. Keyboard key

63. Make a mistake

64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, stocky, lizard

4. Rumanian river

5. Missive

6. Stout-bodied moths

7. Brings out

8. Bird of prey

9. King of Thebes

10. Cleaving tool

12. African antelope

14. Three are particularly famous

19. Satisfy

23. C. European river

24. Dictator

25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Consume food

28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape or wear away by friction

34. Popular vegetable

35. Pacific Standard Time

36. Brazilian state capital

37. Paddle

39. Cause to become insane

40. Drier and flakier

41. Mimic

42. ESPN host Kimes

44. One who moseys

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches

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52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. UNC's chief rival

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- 10:00 AM Opening Ceremony
• Harmony Express
• Opening Remarks by County Historian Norman Carlson
- 10:30 AM Exhibit Hall Opens
- 10:45 AM Featured Speaker
Norman Carlson
- 11:45 AM Featured Speaker
Traci Langworthy
- 12:45 PM Featured Speaker
Paul Fardink
- 1:45 PM Featured Speaker
Rhonda Hoffman
- 2:45 PM History Teacher of the Year
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- 3:45 PM Closing Remarks by County Historian Norman Carlson
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Friday Evening, July 31st

- 5:00 Vendors Open
- 5:00 Music by James Patrick Hackett
- 6:00 Fire Truck Pull hosted by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
On Mill Street in front of the Post Office. Registration closes at 5:45
- 7:00 Music by "Happy Days Band" (50's Music) Prize for Best 50's Costume!

Saturday, August 1st

- 9:30 Registration for Baby Show (Babies newborn to 18 months)
- 10:00 Baby Show at the Fire Hall
- 10:30 Pet Show (Pets should be on a leash or in a carrier)
- 11:00 Wood Cutting Contest
- 11:30 Chicken BBQ by Ellington Volunteer Fire Department
- 12:00 Children's Games – Meet at the Band Stand
- 12:30 Music by Jamestown Municipal Band (Musical Celebration of USA 250th)
- 1:00 Amusements by "Bounce About Inflatables" Open
- 1:00 Registration for Decorated Cupcake & Cake Contest at the Fire Hall
- 1:30 Family Bingo at the Fire Hall – Donated Prizes
- 2:00 Announce Winners of Decorated Cupcake & Cake Contest in the Park
LIVE AUCTION for Cupcakes & Cakes (Proceeds benefit Town Picnic)
- 3:00 Music by "Tennessee Whiskey"
- 4:00 Petting Zoo in the Park
- 4:30 Smorgasbord Dinner at the Fire Hall
by Town Picnic Association
- 5:00 Parade Line-up at Town Ball Field
- 6:00 Parade down Main Street
- 7:00 Music by "Bottoms Up" with Brian Hicks
- 10:00 Fireworks Display

Sunday, August 2nd

- 10:00 Church Service in the Park Pot Luck Picnic to follow.
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Second Annual CHQ History Expo Returns Sunday with America 250 Celebration

Celebrate Chautauqua County's role in the American story through engaging exhibits, expert speakers, reenactments, genealogy, and interactive experiences.

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History enthusiasts, families, and curious learners are invited to attend the **Second Annual CHQ History Expo** on **Sunday, August 2, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **Town of Chautauqua Community Municipal Building (Old Mayville High School), 2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY**. Admission is **free** and open to the public.

The event will officially begin with an **Opening Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.**, welcoming guests and launching a full day of exhibits, lectures, reenactments, live music, genealogy resources, interactive displays, and family-friendly activities. A complete event schedule is available online at CHQHistoryExpo.com.

Following a successful inaugural event, this year's History Expo has expanded as part of the nationwide **America 250** commemoration, celebrating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Visitors will enjoy a full day of programming that showcases Chautauqua County's rich history while highlighting the county's role in the American story.

"This year's expo is about more than just looking back—it's about understanding how Chautauqua County fits into the broader American story as we celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary," said **Norman Carlson**, Chautauqua County Historian and chair of the History Expo Committee. "Whether you're passionate about local history, researching your family's roots, or simply looking for a fun family outing, there's something for everyone."

Featured America 250 Lecture Series

This year's lecture series will highlight Chautauqua County's connections to America's earliest years with presentations from local historians and genealogy experts:

- **Norman Carlson**, Chautauqua County Historian *Chautauqua County in the Revolutionary War*
- **Paul Fardink**, National Society Sons of the American Revolution *Revolutionary Veterans Buried in Chautauqua County*
- **Traci Langworthy**, Interim Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, SUNY Jamestown Community College *Chautauqua County in the War of 1812*
- **Rhonda Hoffman**, Genealogy Researcher *Finding Your Revolutionary War Ancestors*

Music will also be featured throughout the day, including a special performance by the **Jamestown Harmony Express**, fresh off its appearance during the national America 250 celebration in Washington, D.C.

Family-Friendly Activities

The CHQ History Expo is designed for visitors of all ages and will feature:

- Children's hands-on history activities, including invisible ink, secret codes, and Revolutionary War spy experiences.
- Historical reenactors and living history demonstrations.
- Interactive exhibits from museums, historical societies, libraries, and local organizations.
- A themed photo booth courtesy of Bow Tie Photo Booths.
- Dozens of exhibits showcasing Chautauqua County's people, places, and stories.

A food vendor will be on-site during the lunch hours, offering refreshments for attendees.

Guests are encouraged to wear **red, white, and blue** or historical attire as they help celebrate America's 250th birthday.

"The History Expo is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our community's heritage while recognizing the important role Chautauqua County has played throughout our nation's history," said **Chautauqua County Executive PJ Wendel**. "As America prepares to commemorate its 250th anniversary, I encourage everyone to join us for this unique event that brings history to life for all generations."

Additional parking is available at the **Chautauqua County Courthouse, 3 N. Erie Street, Mayville**, just a short horse-drawn carriage ride to the event venue.

For a complete event schedule and additional information, visit CHQHistoryExpo.com or follow the CHQ History Expo on Facebook at facebook.com/CHQHistory.

ABOUT THE CHQ HISTORY EXPO

The CHQ History Expo is a free, annual, family-friendly event showcasing the rich history and diverse heritage of Chautauqua County and surrounding communities. Organized by the Chautauqua County Historian's Office with support from a countywide planning committee, the expo features exhibits, lectures, reenactments, music, genealogy resources, authors, museums, historical societies, libraries, and interactive experiences that inspire appreciation for local history while celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

St. Luke's Youth Fundraising for International Walk Pilgrimage



With Rome in sight, 2026 youth pilgrims and adult leaders stop to take in the view. Proceeds from St. Luke's car wash on Friday, July 31st, from 3-6 pm will support future youth pilgrimages.

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St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The youth group of St. Luke's Episcopal Church will host a car wash fundraiser on Friday, July 31st, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church's Main Street parking lot, with all proceeds to support the congregation's biannual youth walking pilgrimage.

Since 2024, St. Luke's has sent fourteen students on a 75-mile walking pilgrimage along a portion of the Via Francigena, an ancient pilgrimage route connecting Canterbury and Rome that dates back to the year 725. This pilgrimage builds resilience, community, and faith among participating youth, who form friendships, memories, and life lessons that last well beyond high school.

Grace Anderson, a youth alum from the 2024 Italy pilgrimage reflects: "For me, on the pilgrimage I learned that it does not matter how far behind or slow you feel – with the right people and motivation, anything is possible. The pilgrimage showed me that event when I feel alone and behind, as long as I have good people with me who understand me, I will be okay. When I struggle, I remember: My great support system has helped me do things I never knew I could do. In Italy, I learned the truth of the adage, 'If you want to go far, go together.'"

Kieran Fodor, a youth participant in the 2026 pilgrimage adds, "It was a difficult and very tiring experience, but I don't regret it. It showed me what I could actually do and it helped me understand myself a little better."

Youth fundraising efforts such as the car wash cover roughly a third of the cost of the trip, and organizers have set a fundraising goal of \$4,000 by 2028 to support the next group of six to eight pilgrims.

"These trips ask a lot of our students — physically, mentally, and spiritually," said the Rev. Jessica Frederick, St. Luke's Associate Rector for Children, Youth, and Families. "Events like this car wash make sure cost isn't the reason a student misses out on that experience."

Cars will be washed for a suggested donation of \$8. "For those who prefer to support the cause without a wash – I know some folks might not be excited about the prospect of teenagers washing their car – we're offering a \$15 'Drive-Thru' option, for a scenic pass through the parking lot – less than double the price for considerably less effort!" Frederick laughs. "In all seriousness, we will gladly accept donations in any amount to support this important work."

For more information about the car wash or the youth pilgrimage program, contact Jessica Frederick at jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org or call the church office at 716.483.6405



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Village of Falconer NY Forward Local Planning Committee (LPC) Established, First Meeting Scheduled for July 29 at Falconer High School Auditorium

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Falconer NY Forward Local Planning Committee

The first meeting of the Falconer NY Forward Local Planning Committee will be held at the Falconer High School Auditorium, 2 East Avenue, Falconer, NY 14733 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. The Village of Falconer is one of two Western New York communities selected to receive \$4.5 million through Round 4 of New York State's NY Forward program. Funding will help advance transformational projects located within the Village's downtown area.

The Local Planning Committee, which is comprised of community stakeholders nominated by Mayor Jim Jaroszynski, will work closely with State agency partners and a professional consultant team to craft a Strategic Investment Plan that will guide \$4.5 million in State investments to revitalize the community. The plan will identify and recommend a slate of priority projects aligned with the community's vision for a more vibrant, prosperous, and welcoming downtown. The topics covered at this first meeting will include:

- An overview of the NY Forward program
- A presentation on components included in the Strategic Investment Plan
- A review of Falconer's NY Forward application, proposed NY Forward

boundary, and example projects included in the application

- A discussion on the Open Call for Projects that will be held to solicit proposals from potential project sponsors and the public
- Identification of community engagement opportunities to ensure the public is involved throughout the process

While this is a working meeting of the LPC, it is open to the public and there will be an opportunity for public comments at the end of the meeting.

For more information, please contact the Falconer NY Forward lead planning consultant:

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About the Falconer NY Forward:
The Falconer NY Forward is a community-driven initiative aimed at transforming the Village of Falconer's downtown area. Led by the New York State Department of State, with assistance from Empire State Development, New York State Homes and Community Renewal and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, the program works to accelerate and expand economic revitalization in smaller and rural downtowns. Supported by the NY Forward award, the Village of Falconer, and its residents, the program seeks to enhance quality of life, create economic opportunities, and foster a vibrant downtown environment.

CHAUTAUQUA REGIONAL YOUTH BALLET WELCOMES SAMANTHA BARCZAK AS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

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Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet

Following the retirement of longtime Artistic Director and School Director Monika Alch after more than three decades of dedicated leadership, the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet (CRYB) is pleased to announce the appointment of Samantha Barczak as its new School Director.

A respected professional dancer and educator, Barczak brings a wealth of performance, teaching, and leadership experience to CRYB while providing a seamless transition for students and families. Having worked alongside Ms. Alch throughout the past year, she is already a familiar and trusted presence in the studio and is eager to build upon the organization's long tradition of artistic excellence.

An Upstate New York native, Barczak received the majority of her early dance training at Myers Ballet School before continuing her studies on scholarship at The Rock School for Dance Education, American Ballet Theatre, and the New York State Summer School for the Arts. She began her professional career as a freelance dancer, performing as a guest artist with companies including Dayton Ballet, Northeast Ballet Company, Long Island Ballet Theatre, BalletFleming, and Contrast Dance Theatre. She also served as Ballet Mistress and Repetiteur for choreographer Christopher Fleming's ballets throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

In 2009, Barczak became a Principal Dancer and Outreach Coordinator with The Rebecca Davis Dance Company before joining Pennsylvania Ballet as a company member in 2011. During her distinguished performing career, she danced featured roles in works by George Balanchine, Jiří Kylián, Matthew Neenan, Christopher Wheeldon, and many others, including principal roles in George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*™, *Jewels*, *The Four Temperaments*, *Raymonda*, *Variations*, *Petite Mort*, and *Swan Lake*.

Equally passionate about teaching, Barczak has served on the faculty of numerous regional schools and is committed to sharing her professional experience while inspiring the next generation of dancers.

"As we begin this exciting new chapter, we are thrilled to welcome Samantha as School Director," said Elizabeth Bush, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet. "Her



Samantha Barczak

exceptional professional background, dedication to high-quality dance education, and enthusiasm for working with young dancers make her an outstanding leader for our school. Samantha brings fresh ideas while honoring the traditions that have made CRYB a cornerstone of arts education in our community."

Fall Registration Now Opening

Registration for CRYB's 2026-2027 season opens during the last week of July. Families may register online at www.cryb.net or in person during the studio's Open House on Thursday, August 6, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Open House offers prospective and returning families an opportunity to tour the studio, meet the faculty, observe classes, learn about programs for dancers of all ages, and enjoy refreshments and family activities.

CRYB offers classes for children beginning at age three through pre-professional levels, as well as modern, and adult ballet classes for both beginners and experienced dancers. CRYB offers financial aid opportunities and scholarships for boys.

Students age 6 and up interested in performing in CRYB's beloved annual production of *The Nutcracker* are encouraged to participate in *Nutcracker* auditions on Sunday, August 30. Audition information and schedules will be available through the CRYB office and website.

For more information about classes, registration, financial assistance, or upcoming events, visit www.cryb.net or contact the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet office.

CRYB is a 501©3 non-profit organization and the premiere school for classical ballet training in the area. CRYB programming is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature. CRYB is also generously funded by local foundations and private donors.

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Chautauqua Region Vintage Book and Paper Show



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Saturday, August 1 marks the return of the Chautauqua Region Vintage Book Paper and Collectibles Show and Sale. The Show takes place on the first Saturday of August every year and is held at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will provide over 30 dealers in primarily vintage books, paper collectibles/ephemera, including postcards, photographs, prints, posters, historical items (both local and beyond), sports memorabilia and the like, supplemented with a variety of other antique collectibles to provide things of interest for most everyone. Not only will there be antiquarian, first editions and local history books, but we have vendors that can help with family history, research and authors of local and regional historical offerings, including Ken Springirth, author of many railroad history-related publications.

Most people know what an old/vintage book or collectible is, but the word "PAPER", not so much. Some may think it means only newspapers. A more exact word to use would be ephemera, but for many, that would not be much help either. Basically,

ephemera are things printed on paper products made for short-lived use, then normally discarded. So yes, newspapers are paper/ephemera, but the words when used here apply to so much more. So vintage paper includes things like postcards, greeting cards, tickets, posters, photographs, color slides, catalogs, sheet music, brochures, travel pamphlets, sports cards, comic books, maps, billheads, trade cards, advertising, magazines and on and on.

No doubt, if there is someone with an interest in something, there is bound to be a paper/ephemera item that is related to that something that could be found at a vintage book and paper show. You can never know what type of thing one might find at one of these shows that would be neat to have, maybe frame it for display at home or in the office.

Proceeds from the show go into the Trolley #93 Fund with the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation for the preservation of what is presumably the last of the hundreds of streetcars and trolley cars that serviced residents of Erie County and Chautauqua County, New York, as well as Erie County PA. For more info about the project and the show, visit jamestowntrolley.org.

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New Mental Health Association Support Groups Begin August 3



The weather moved the recent Annual **BBQ recovery luncheon** of the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) indoors, where everyone enjoyed the picnic meal prepared by MHA staff members and served by Peer Specialist Sarina Rivera and volunteers Juan Del Valle, Maria Robles, and Pedro Rodriguez. Bonnie Weber of Be The Change You Want To See in Jamestown described the **three new "We Believe as We Rebuild" groups** she is facilitating beginning August 3. With a maximum of 20 members each, the groups are for single parents, those in recovery, and those currently struggling with addiction. Participants must commit to attend the full 33-week programs. For information and to register, email Weber at BonnieJeanWeber107@gmail.com. Like all MHA services, participation in the groups is free. Good progress is being made in strengthening the services of MHA's **Dunkirk recovery center**. For locations, hours and services of the MHA's Jamestown and Dunkirk recovery centers, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or [Facebook.com/MHACHautauqua](https://www.facebook.com/MHACHautauqua).

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2026 WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

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The YWCA Jamestown is excited to announce the recipients of the 2026 Women of Achievement Awards. This annual event recognizes and honors women in Chautauqua County whose career, volunteer, and advocacy achievements enhance diversity and inclusion and promote women's empowerment in the community.

Five phenomenal women will be recognized as Women of Achievement with recipients representing the Chautauqua County community and boasting a plethora of accomplishments on July 31st at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Cehoron. The public is invited to join us in celebrating our nominees and award recipients at 5:30 P.M. for hors' d'oeuvres followed by a buffet dinner, a presentation, and basket raffle. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 in advance of the event at www.ywcajamestown.com/woa.



Leisha Rios Pérez is a 15-year-old entrepreneur who attends Jamestown High School and will be entering her sophomore year.

When she is not running her business, Leishya enjoys playing sports. She competes in both football and basketball and values being part of a team while continuing to challenge herself both on and off the field and court.

Leishya started her business, Chachy's Lemonades, when she was just 7 years old. At the time, she had only a pop-up tent, one table, and two flavors of lemonade—Regular and Strawberry. Every lemonade was made fresh to order using hand-cut lemons and freshly pressed strawberries.

In the early years of her business, Leishya traveled from event to event with everything packed into her mother's SUV, serving customers at softball tournaments, community events, and anywhere she was invited to set up. Because she was too young to manage social media, her parents created a Facebook page for Chachy's Lemonades in 2022 to help promote the business.

At just 12 years old, Leishya purchased her first food trailer, affectionately known as "The Lemonade Truck." Today, it has grown into a full-service lemonade trailer offering more than 20 different flavors. She travels throughout Chautauqua County and beyond, serving as a vendor at festivals, community events, and special occasions.

The success of Chachy's Lemonades also allowed Leishya to help her younger sister, who was 7 years old at the time, purchase her own hot dog cart. Together, they launched "Tita's Dogs,"

and Leishya now enjoys mentoring her sister, just as her mother mentored her.

As she continues to grow her business, Leishya hopes to encourage other young people to believe in themselves and pursue their dreams. She and her sister aspire to inspire children and teenagers throughout the Jamestown community to work hard, dream big, and recognize that age should never be a barrier to achieving their goals.



Makayla Santiago-Froebel for Power the Future

A proud Nuyorican raised in the Bronx and now rooted in Western New York, Makayla Santiago-Froebel is a lifelong storyteller and advocate for underrepresented voices. She serves as Interim Associate Director of Belonging and Community Relations at Chautauqua Institution, where she leads Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives and builds strong partnerships with community leaders and stakeholders. This summer, Makayla is looking forward to organizing the institution's first-ever Naturalization Ceremony. She brings more than a decade of experience across arts and cultural organizations, such as the Mark Morris Dance Group and Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House. Her work at Chautauqua has included contributions to the Chautauqua Opera Company & Conservatory and Chautauqua Theater Company, alongside broader Institution-wide efforts focused on change management, communications, and community building. Across her career, Makayla centers on a people-first approach, guiding organizations through growth and transformation.

She holds dual bachelor's degrees from SUNY Fredonia, a master's degree from Canisius College, and a Diversity & Inclusion certificate from Cornell University. She serves as President of the Board of Infinity Performing and Visual Arts in Jamestown, NY, and as a board member of Arts Services Inc. in Buffalo, NY, bringing cariño, curiosity, and cultural pride to all she does.



Briana Postle for Catalyst for Change

Briana J. Postle, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker with over 17 years of

experience supporting individuals, families, and communities through trauma-informed, strengths-based care. She is the owner of Postle Counseling Services, where she provides psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and adults with a focus on trauma, anxiety, depression, and life transitions.

In addition to her clinical work, Briana has served as a college instructor in social work, teaching courses in Trauma-Informed Care while mentoring and supervising social work students through their field placements. Her passion for field education centers on helping future social workers bridge classroom learning with real-world practice, fostering professional identity, ethical decision-making, and trauma-informed approaches to care.

Briana is also the founder and Executive Director of Together We Bloom, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening protective factors for positive mental health through community-based programming. Under her leadership, the organization has developed innovative initiatives that promote family connection, resilience, nature engagement, and mental wellness across the lifespan.

Whether in the therapy room, the classroom, or the community, Briana is passionate about empowering others, cultivating meaningful connections, and creating environments where individuals and families can heal, grow, and thrive.



Crystal Surdyk for the Shattered Ceiling Award

Crystal Surdyk serves as the Director of Development for the City of Jamestown, where she leads efforts to strengthen neighborhoods, expand opportunity, and foster community revitalization through strategic planning, housing initiatives, economic development, and public-private partnerships. With more than 30 years of management, 15 of which have been specific experience in community development, urban planning, and placemaking, she is dedicated to creating vibrant, inclusive, and resilient communities.

Crystal's passion for community building is rooted in her own life experiences. Having overcome significant childhood adversity, including time spent in foster care, she understands firsthand the importance of stability, support, and opportunity. Those experiences shaped her commitment to helping others and continue to guide her work in public service. A lifelong advocate for collaboration and civic engagement, Crystal strives to bring people together around a shared vision for the future. Through her leadership, she has

helped secure transformative investments that strengthen Jamestown's neighborhoods, improve quality of life, and create opportunities for residents to thrive.



Diana Scott for the Dorothy Height Legacy Award

Diana Scott is a retired business owner, community volunteer, and longtime resident of Chautauqua County. Throughout her career and into retirement, her passion has always been simple: feeding people and bringing communities together.

During her years with Home Depot and Lowe's, Diana organized employee events, taught hands-on classes for women, and successfully wrote community grants supporting the Joint Neighborhood Project and the 2XL Program. These experiences strengthened her belief that building stronger communities begins by empowering and supporting others.

In 2015, Diana founded Studio D Catering with a simple mission: to make beautiful weddings and special events affordable for everyone.

Rather than asking clients to stretch beyond their means, she tailored menus and services to fit each family's budget, believing that everyone deserves to celebrate life's milestones with dignity and joy. Through Studio D, she also remained committed to giving back by donating her time and talents to numerous nonprofit organizations, helping them host memorable events within their financial means. She proudly provided Thanksgiving dinners for the Jamestown Police Department, the Jamestown Fire Department, and UCAN Mission for many years.

In retirement, Diana has continued that commitment through initiatives such as the 18th Street Pantry and by helping prepare and coordinate meals for the Jamestown Warming Center, helping ensure that guests received a hot meal every day throughout the shelter's operating season. Through the generosity of volunteers and community donations, the 18th Street Pantry now provides approximately \$900 worth of supplemental food each week to families experiencing food insecurity. She believes food is more than nourishment—it is a way to show compassion, build relationships, and create hope.

Diana is a proud mother of two, Taylor Scott and Alexander Scott, and has been married to her husband, Dana, for 43 years. She continues to advocate for local families and encourages others to become involved in making their community a better place, one meal, one family, and one act of kindness at a time.

Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

Are you getting a New Medicare Number?



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Dana Corwin

Director of Chautauqua County
Office for Aging Services

You may have heard that some people are receiving new Medicare cards in 2026. While this is true, it is important to know that **there is no nationwide rollout of new Medicare cards for all Medicare beneficiaries.**

Instead, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is issuing new Medicare cards with new Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) to approximately 1.3 million beneficiaries whose Medicare numbers may have been compromised due to data security breaches or fraud concerns. If you are affected, Medicare will mail you a new card with a new Medicare number and instructions on how to safely destroy your old card.

For most people, nothing is changing. If you are not notified by Medicare, you will continue using your current Medicare card and Medicare number.

Because of this limited replacement

effort, scammers may try to take advantage of the confusion. Be cautious of anyone who calls, texts, emails, or visits your home claiming that you need to verify your Medicare number or pay for a new Medicare card. Medicare will never contact you unexpectedly to ask for your Medicare number, banking information, or payment for a replacement card.

Your Medicare number is valuable and should be protected just like a credit card or Social Security number. Criminals can use it to bill Medicare fraudulently for services or equipment you never received.

If you believe your Medicare number has been stolen or used without your permission, contact **1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227)** immediately. Medicare can review your account and, when appropriate, issue a new Medicare number and replacement card. Be sure to review your Medicare Summary Notices (MSNs) or Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) for services or supplies you did not receive.

If you have questions about your Medicare coverage or would like to learn how to protect yourself from Medicare fraud, contact **NY Connects**. NY Connects can be reached by phone at **716-753-4582** or email at **CCNYC@chqgov.com** or by visiting your nearest Office for Aging Services during normal business hours. Free, unbiased Medicare counseling is available to help you understand your benefits and avoid scams.

Girls Like Girls and Disclosure Day to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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Reg Lenna
Center for the Arts

Based on writer/director Hayley Kiyoko's hit single and best-selling novel of the same name and featuring all-new music from Kiyoko, *Girls Like Girls* (Wed., July 29 at 7 p.m.) is a heartfelt coming-of-age story set over the course of one sun-drenched summer, where new-girl-in-town Coley falls in love for the first time while learning to accept herself along the way. *Girls Like Girls* is rated R and is 95 minutes long.

Disclosure Day (Fri., July 31 at 7 p.m.) is Steven Spielberg's new science fiction drama. If you found out we weren't alone, if someone showed you, proved it to you, would

that frighten you? This summer, the truth belongs to eight billion people. We are coming close to ... *Disclosure Day*. *Disclosure Day* is rated PG-13 and is 145 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include RuPaul's comedy disaster film *Stop! That! Train!* - August 5 at 7 p.m.

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

YMCA Battle Registrations Due August 1



The YMCA 38th Annual Battle of the Businesses will take place September 12 through September 19, 2026. Informational packets are now available at the Jamestown or Lakewood YMCA or on-line at www.jamestownymca.org. The Battle of the Businesses places opposing teams against one another in fun-filled, action-packed, fun, and mentally challenging games, events and challenges with the goals of providing a high-quality, low-cost, teambuilding event. Battle informational packets can be emailed or picked up now at the Jamestown or Lakewood YMCA. The registration deadline is August 1, 2026. Interested businesses can also contact Crystal Rodriguez at (716) 763-0303 or Scott Mekus via e-mail at smekus@eventzbyscott.com.

This Weekend is Audubon Photo Club and First Sunday Story Time



Audubon Community Nature Center Photography Club meets Saturday, 10-11 a.m. To be included in the slideshow, by Wednesday, July 29 submit five photos under the meeting's themes of Plants or Patterns in Nature to Nature Educator Taylor Spontaneo at TSpontaneo@AudubonCNC.org. Pictured is "Daisy," by Greyson Carvalho of Brighton, Colo., a Youth Honorable Mention in Audubon's 2024 Nature Photography Contest. You and your favorite 2-8-year-old(s) can go on nature reading adventures at **First Sunday Story Time**, 12:30-1 p.m. this Sunday. Then stay to climb through the indoor tree, and – indoors and out – visit the live animals and enjoy the Nature Play Areas, all for free. Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. To learn more about these and make Story Time reservations, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org/events.

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Summer Attraction: Locals Love Chautauqua County During Warmer Months

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nent campsite at Camp Chautauqua.

“It’s right here, and we can hop over even in the evening and get on the boat and go to Bemus for dinner,” she said. “It feels different than getting in a car and driving over ... it is a different experience, and one that I never experienced as a kid that we’re able to provide for our family.”

When they’re not on the lake, Erica said she and her family enjoy the family parks in Lakewood or taking in live music at one of the many venues across the area.

“There is so much live music, multiple days a week,” she said. “You don’t even have to look for it. You can stumble upon live music in all the parks, to the bars, to restaurants and breweries. It’s everywhere.”

When she’s not grooving to local tunes, Erica said she and her family like to stop in to The Pine Cone Creamery in downtown Jamestown for ice cream. Her partner and his daughter cannot have dairy, and Erica said they thoroughly enjoy the dairy-free ice cream there.

“The flavors are incredible,” she said. “The fact that they offer non-dairy and it doesn’t taste like cardboard is a game changer for us.”

Erica said since she and her family are “ice cream freaks,” they are recording an ice cream reaction video series this summer. Those interested in following their ice-cream themed shenanigans, find her on Instagram, Facebook or TikTok under [@xo.ericarose](https://www.instagram.com/xo.ericarose).

For those looking for things to do in the area, resident and visitor alike, Erica advised to “dive in,” meet other people and use the incredible resources available to stay informed. Live CHQ offers a program called “Workforce Ambassadors,” in which Erica is involved, pairing those curious about the area with a local resident to show them the sights and sounds of Chautauqua County. She said the ambassadors are paired with people by lifestyle or interests.

“We take them out and introduce them to the community,” she said. “The people who are ambassadors totally love Chautauqua and they know the ins and outs of Chautauqua.”

For more on local happenings and events, Erica suggested following MY-CHQ.com or visiting <https://www.tourchautauqua.com/>. For more on the Workforce Ambassadors program, visit <https://www.choosechq.com/live-chq/workforceambassadors/>.

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Of the total gift, \$50,000 will be invested into an endowment to provide a permanent source of scholarship support for future generations of healthcare workers, while the remaining \$50,000 has been designated as an immediate impact gift, allowing scholarships to be awarded right away as the endowment grows and matures.

The scholarship fund is intended to help employees pursue higher education, certifications, and professional credentials that will allow them to advance within the healthcare field. Whether an employee hopes to transition to a different department, pursue a new healthcare profession, or gain specialized skills, the fund will help remove financial barriers to achieving those goals. By investing in education and career advancement, the scholarship program will empower employees to improve their personal financial circumstances while strengthening the quality of healthcare available throughout our community.

"We are thrilled and deeply honored to receive this extraordinary gift from a couple with strong ties to our community," said Kristin Melville, Executive Director of the WCA Foundation. "Their generosity demonstrates a meaningful commitment to supporting the growth and development of UPMC Chautauqua's healthcare workforce. This scholarship fund will create opportunities for employees to pursue new career paths, earn degrees and credentials, and achieve greater financial stability for themselves and their families. At the same time, it will help address workforce needs and enhance the care provided to our community." The donors' decision to create both an endowed fund and an immediate-use scholarship fund



ensures that employees can benefit today while establishing a legacy for the future. While they have chosen to remain anonymous, they look forward to staying involved with the WCA Foundation and seeing the impact this investment grow.

"This transformative gift reflects the donors' belief that investing in people is one of the most meaningful ways to strengthen healthcare." Melville, added, "One of the most inspiring aspects of this gift is that it creates an opportunity for others to join in its impact. Anyone can contribute to the fund and help invest in the future of our healthcare workforce. Together, we can create opportunities for employees, strengthen healthcare in our community, and build a legacy that will benefit generations to come. The best way to sum up this wonderful gift, is through the donors themselves whose heartfelt message to UPMC Chautauqua employees, "BE ALL YOU CAN BE AT UPMC!"

For More Information

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For more information about the Pathways to Advancement: Workforce Development Fund or other ways to support healthcare in our community, please contact the WCA Foundation.

Zonta Club of Jamestown Continues to Grow & Serve



Rosie Papalia, Tammy Pacheco, Gale Svenson-Campbell, Rachel McKillip, Suzette Smith, Sylvia Stenander, Mary Soto, Candace Carlson, Terri Crandall, Terrie Tucker, Kelly Amatuzzo, and Jo Haumesser.

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Zonta Club of Jamestown

The Zonta Club of Jamestown proudly welcomed six new members, strengthening its commitment to building a better world for women and girls through advocacy, education, and service.

The club inducted Tammy Pacheco, Rachel McKillip, Suzette Smith, Mary Soto, Terri Crandall, and Kelly Amatuzzo into membership. Each new member was officially welcomed during the induction ceremony and pledged to support Zonta's mission of empowering women and girls locally and around the world.

Founded in 1919, Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals dedicated to empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy. The Zonta Club of Jamestown supports numerous local initiatives, including scholarships, leadership development, community service projects, and programs that

promote the health, safety, education, and economic empowerment of women and girls.

The addition of six new members reflects the continued growth of the Zonta Club of Jamestown and its ongoing commitment to serving the Chautauqua County community. New members will have opportunities to participate in service projects, fundraising efforts, advocacy initiatives, and educational programs throughout the year.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown meets regularly and welcomes individuals who are interested in making a difference in the lives of women and girls. Those interested in learning more about membership or the club's community service efforts are encouraged to contact the club at jamestown@zontadistrict4.org for additional information.

To see more of what Zonta Club of Jamestown is doing in the community, follow the club's social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.



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Bert Kreischer & More: CHQ's Midsummer Dream Days Have Just Begun

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But there is more to him than the legend.

Kreischer's comedy relies heavily on storytelling, and while he is famous for outrageous adventures, some of his funniest material comes from everyday life as a husband and father of two daughters. He has a remarkable ability to turn the noise, mishaps and tender absurdities of family life into stories that feel familiar, even when the details are completely over the top.

Fans know him from his hit podcasts Bertcast and 2 Bears, 1 Cave with Tom Segura, along with his cooking and interview series Something's Burning. He is also the creator and star of the Netflix comedy series Free Bert, inspired by his own life as a husband and father trying, not always gracefully, to navigate family life and suburban parenthood.

Kreischer has starred in several Netflix stand-up specials, including Lucky, Razzle Dazzle, Hey Big Boy and Secret Time. He also starred in and co-wrote The Machine, the feature film based on his legendary viral story from his time in Russia.

His rise began after Rolling Stone named him the "Number One Partier in the Nation," and Forbes later recognized him as one of the best storytellers of his generation. Today, he is one of the world's highest-grossing touring comedians, regularly selling out arenas and theaters across North America and beyond. He is also the founder of the Fully Loaded Comedy Festival and Bertie Boy Productions.

In my opinion, his comedy makes you feel like you have spent the evening with the funniest person you know. That is what great comedy does. It brings people together through shared experiences, through laughter, through the relief of recognizing a little bit of ourselves in someone else's outrageous story.

Whether you are already a fan or seeing him for the first time, don't be surprised if you leave saying, "That was one of the funniest shows I've ever seen."

And Bert Kreischer is not the only

reason to keep your summer calendar rolling strong. August in Chautauqua County is chock-full of festivals, gatherings, music, food, baseball, boats, books, rodeo nights and small-town celebrations. If July was the warmup, August is the main event. There is the **Chautauqua Region Vintage Book and Paper Show** on Aug. 1, **Bemus Point Summer Fest** on Aug. 1 and 2, **Sherman Day** and the **Ellington Town Picnic** running July 31 through Aug. 2 and the **Gerry Rodeo** from Aug. 5 through 8. **The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival** runs Aug. 6 through 9, bringing not only Kreischer, but also Jerry Seinfeld, Seth Meyers and a full lineup of comedy events to Jamestown.

On Aug. 8, the **Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival** brings color and energy to the water in Celoron. **The Babe Ruth World Series** returns to Jamestown from Aug. 13 through 23, while **Jamestown Cruisin'** rolls in on Aug. 14 and **WRFA's Great American Picnic** takes the stage at Southerntier Brewery on Aug. 16. Later in the month, the calendar promises even more fun with **Chautauqua Institution's Food Festival**, the **Bluegrass Festival** and the **Celtic Festival** in Mayville, the **Fredonia Farm Festival** and the **Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival** in downtown Jamestown.

That is the beauty of this place in August that we love to call home. Just when you think summer is slipping away, Chautauqua County gives you another reason to stay out late, hear live music, eat something wonderful, laugh until your face hurts, wave to someone you know, and take one more sunset pic before the season changes.

So get out there. Buy the tickets. Pack the lawn chairs. Take the kids. Call your friends. Say yes to the festival, the rodeo, the ballgame, the concert, the comedy show, the small-town picnic and the afternoon you almost talked yourself out of.

Especially, I promise you, Bert Kreischer.

Make the memories. And make it the August of your dreams.

Chautauqua County leaders and partnering organizations have worked hard this summer to protect our key environmental resource



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The Partnership approach builds on investments and planning efforts already underway. Priority areas in recent years include Dunkirk Harbor and the Lake Erie waterfront, Bemus Point, Mayville, Lakewood, Jamestown's riverfront, Findley Lake, Barcelona Harbor, and other communities connected by the area's growing network of land and water trails.

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Opera House To Present Conversation with *That '70s Show* Creator; Dunkirk Historical Museum to Feature *That '70s Exhibit*



Bicentennial color guard, National Guard, Dunkirk, NY, leading Flag Day parade, 1976. L to T: First Sgt. Stanley Keppel, Staff Sergeant Salvatore Cutrona, Sgt. Joseph Andrasik, Staff Sergeant Richard Dubert, Anthony Cutrona, Sgt. Robert Scalia, Sgt. First Class Paul Cave.



Mark Brazill with promotional stills from *That '70s Show*

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1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center will present Dunkirk, NY → Point Place, WI: A Conversation with *That '70s Show* Co-Creator, Producer, Writer (and Dunkirk Native) Mark Brazill on Sat., Aug. 1, at 7:30pm. The event will coincide with a special exhibit opening at the Dunkirk Historical Museum earlier in the day.

But what many may not know is that Point Place was a setting that served as a stand-in for Dunkirk, NY! Written and created by Dunkirk native Mark Brazill, the show was based on and inspired by actual people, places and events in Brazill's life growing up in Dunkirk.

This special evening exploring Dunkirk's influence on the show will feature show clips, trivia, guest appearances, and the story of how Brazill developed his concept for a show that ultimately

became one of America's most watched series. Comedian Ritch Shydner will host and interview Brazill. Audience members will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the evening, as well.

This special show coincides with the Dunkirk Historical Museum's Summer/Autumn display, *That '70s Exhibit*. The exhibit includes amazing artifacts reflecting both the 1970-1979 decade and the lasting impact it had on Dunkirk and its residents. It also includes a retrospective of Brazill's career.

The exhibit's grand opening is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Aug. 1; it will be open for display through December 31, free to the public during regular Museum hours.

General Admission tickets to A Conversation with Mark Brazill at the Opera House are \$25, \$23 (Seniors/Opera House Members), and \$10 (Students). They can be purchased in person at the Opera House Box Office or by phone at 716-679-1891, Tuesday-Friday, 12-4:30 p.m. They can be purchased online any time at www.fredopera.org.

First Pres to Host Benefit for Family Facing Medical Expenses



A highlight of the day will be the raffle of a quilt donated by Quilters Haven which features words to favorite hymns.

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First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church is hosting a spaghetti dinner and basket raffle that will be held at the church, 509 Prendergast Ave, Jamestown on Sunday, August 2nd from 2:00-3:00 to benefit members of the community, the Shultz family.

The family is shouldering a huge financial burden of paying medical expenses for their daughter, Trinity. After being hospitalized for nearly two weeks, Trinity has just begun an extended period of recovery that involves medically necessary equipment that insurance has repeatedly denied. As a result of this recovery period, Trinity will not be able to work for several months. Additionally, her father, Scott, is a disabled Marine Corps veteran who

served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Due to the combination of medical expenses and past-due bills, First Pres hopes this benefit will help ease the family's financial burden and that they will feel the support of our community.

Over 50 baskets will be offered in the raffle with donations from local businesses, organizations and members of the community with a wonderful variety of items ranging from food and wine to toys and games to restaurant and arena tickets.

Additionally, a quilt titled "Hymn Songburst", created and donated by Janice Shoup of Quilters Haven, will be raffled at the event. Tickets for dinner and raffles will be available at the door. Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Take out meals will be available. Early ticket purchases for the Quilter's Haven quilt can be made via the church office of First Pres.



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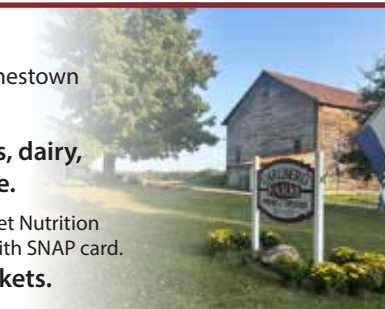
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WEEK FIVE THEME:
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- World Premiere of Chautauqua Theater Company Commission *Best For Baby* | 7/26, 7/28-8/2 at various times
- "Making a Musical: *The Crossover*" Panel Discussion
Monday, 7/27 at 10:45 am
- Lecture: **Natalie Merchant** | Wednesday, 7/29 at 10:45 am
- Chautauqua School of Dance Presents "*Wuthering Heights*"
Wednesday, 7/29 at 8:00 pm
- An Evening with **Amy Grant** | Friday, 7/31 at 8:00 pm
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WEEK 5 SCHEDULE							
SUNDAY 7/26	MONDAY 7/27	TUESDAY 7/28	WEDNESDAY 7/29	THURSDAY 7/30	FRIDAY 7/31	SATURDAY 8/1	SUNDAY 8/2
						Week Six Begins	Art in the Park 11am-4pm
10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Zina Jacque , pres. and chair of the board, National Senior Communities	9:15am The Rev. Zina Jacque	9:15am The Rev. Zina Jacque	9:15am The Rev. Zina Jacque	9:15am Faith Journeys Service.	9:15am Ecumenical Communion Service	11:00am Theater: Lab 1: <i>The Bone Wars</i>	10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Anna Carter Florence , Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching, Columbia Theo. Sem.
2:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	10:45am "Making a Musical: <i>The Crossover</i>" panel discussion	10:45am Stephanie Elizondo Griest , author, <i>Art Above Everything: One Woman's Global Exploration of the Joys and Torments of a Creative Life</i>	10:45am Natalia Merchant , award-winning singer-songwriter	10:45am Micah Hendler , founder and artistic director, Jerusalem Youth Chorus	10:45am Fredrik Backman , author, <i>My Friends</i> (CLSC author presentation)	2:00pm Theater: NPW 2 <i>The Motions</i>	2:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>
3:00pm School of Music: Piano Program Showcase	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Natalie Wigg-Stevenson , theologian, minister; author, <i>Transgressive Devotion</i> , assoc. prof. of contextual education, University of Toronto	2:00pm Micah Hendler	2:00pm CLSC Author Presentation. Tessa Hulls , <i>Feeding Ghosts: A Graphic Memoir</i>	3:00pm CIF. Sarai Johnson , award-winning author	2:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>
6:00pm Theater: Lab 2: <i>ERASERS</i>	4:00pm Chautauqua Chamber Music: Verona Quartet	5:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	2:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	2:00pm Theater: NPW 2 <i>The Motions</i>	2:00pm Theater: NPW 2 <i>The Motions</i>	5:00pm Theater: Lab 2: <i>ERASERS</i>	3:00pm <i>Cabinet of Wonder Live!</i> with Natalie Merchant & Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra.
7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	8:00pm Music School Festival Orchestra with the Opera Conservatory. L'Enfant Prodigue & Les Mamelles de Tiresias . Timothy Muffitt , conductor.	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Opera and Pops. Stuart Chafetz , conductor.	7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	3:30pm WCR. John Hoppenthaler (poetry) and Roy Hoffman (prose)
8:00pm Sacred Song Service	Jonathan Beyer , opera cons. dir Emma Griffin		8:00pm Chautauqua School of Dance presents: " Wuthering Heights "	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Sounds of Strauss. Rossen Milanov , conductor.	8:00pm An Evening with Amy Grant	8:00pm Dolly Parton's Threads: My Songs in Symphony with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra	7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>
							8:00pm Sacred Song Service



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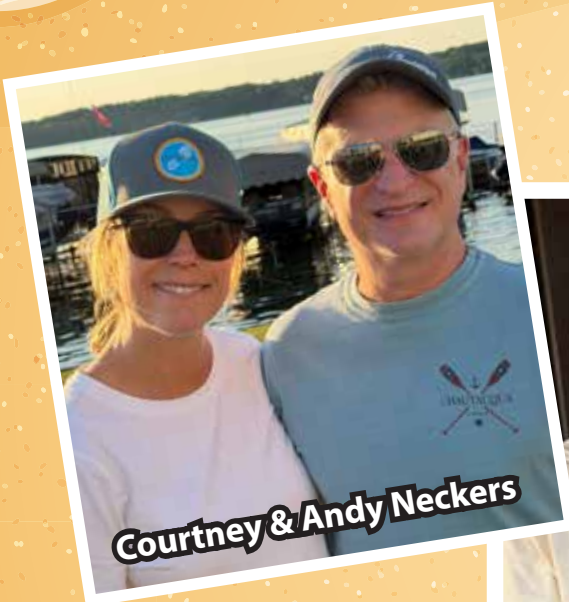
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