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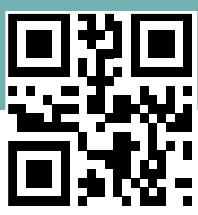
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Nick Cornell

Nick Cornell (16): I will be fundraising for BreakthroughT1D (formerly JDRF) for my two brothers with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) and every other family like ours that deals with the stress of T1D. For my brothers Ben and Zach, there are no days off from T1D. Ben and Zach have to make numerous decisions each day to figure out how they will manage their blood sugar during sleep, exercise and each meal. I want to raise money for T1D research in order to help research for a cure. Visit: nicksbiketrek.com to make a difference.



Finn Erlandson

Finn Erlandson (16): Six years ago, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 Cancer. I luckily survived and was granted a wish from the Make-A-Wish Foundation. For me, this bike trip is the perfect opportunity to raise money and awareness for this foundation to help grant kids like me an unforgettable wish and replace fear with fun, sadness with joy and anxiety with hope. Please help me reach my goal of \$1000, any donation is greatly appreciated. Visit: <https://w.wish.org/imp28>



Nathan Romboldi

Nathan Romboldi (17): I am starting a GoFundMe Campaign to support the incredible work of the American Cancer Society. This organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people with cancer and their families, offering hope and resources during challenging times. Together, we can make a meaningful impact. Visit: <https://gofund.me/36c72406a>



Visit: nicksbiketrek.com to follow their biking journey in real time this week.

WHY WE RIDE

Featured Writer
Nick Cornell

This week, my friends, Finn Erlandson and Nathan Romboldi, and I will take a weeklong Biking Journey across New York State to Maine with three personal missions and fundraising goals.

When I start my Journey in Canalside Buffalo, I won't just be determined to complete a trek across four states; I will also be determined to bring the community together to push for a future without Type One Diabetes, one donation at a time. A future where every family like

mine can live without the stress T1D causes every day.

This ride is my senior year project at Gould Academy with a big goal and vi-

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ADVENTURE BY BIKE IN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Featured Writer
Jacob Bodway
*Trail Coordinator, Chautauqua County
Partnership for Economic Growth*

With its rolling hills and ample public land, Chautauqua County is a prime location for outdoor adventures on a mountain bike. In 2019, the Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA) signed a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement (VSA) with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to design,

build, and maintain new and existing singletrack trails in Whalen Memorial State Forest and Harris Hill State Forest. These trails offer a variety of experiences for beginner riders to seasoned veterans. In addition to the miles of trails on the State Forest Lands, there are also trails at Long Point State Park and at Loud Performance, both located in Bemus Point, NY. All the singletrack trails in Chautauqua County are groomed for winter fat biking during the colder months, which means that Chautauqua County has the most miles of groomed winter fat bike trails in New York State!



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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, AUGUST 10- SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

Book Sale | Library Hours
Ripley Public Library | Ripley
For Info: ripleylibrary.org

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Building Healthy Habits #5 | 2 PM-3 PM
Dunkirk Public Library | Dunkirk
For Info: dunkirklibrary.org

Wicked Warren's - Trivia with Brewer Drew | 6 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

Chalk Art | 10 AM
Hazeltine Public Library| Jamestown
For Info: hazeltinelibrary.org

Outdoor Dino Dig & Mud Prints | 11:30 AM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

Cozy Crafters | 1 PM-3 PM
Patterson Library | Patterson
For Info: pattersonlibrary.org

Archaeology with Tom Greer | 5:30 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

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

Beach Dog Grill - Open Mic with Don | 6 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

Labyrinth Press Co. - Trivia Tuesday | 7 PM-8:30 PM
12 East 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

Roar-ing Good End of Summer Party | 11 AM
Patterson Library | Patterson
For Info: pattersonlibrary.org

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

Fun with Fossils | 2 PM-4 PM
Myers Memorial Library| Falconer
For Info: myerslibrary.org

Braw Caddie Clan Reunion | 5 PM
Wicked Warren's | Jamestown

CHQ Region Quilt Guild Annual Auction | 6:30 PM
5 Corners Community Church | Busti

Movies at The Reg - The Invite | 7 PM
116 E. 3rd St. | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

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

Beach Dog Grill - Trivia | 7:30 PM-9 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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

Glenn Colton Concert | 10 AM-11:30 AM
Kennedy Free Library| Kennedy
For Info: kennedyfreelibrary.org

Medicare Questions Answered | 10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Hazeltine Public Library| Jamestown
For Info: (716) 340-0969

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

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

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

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

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Two Towns | 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 - Trenton Shutters | 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, AUGUST 14 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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

Summer Movie: The Good Dinosaur | 4:30 PM-6:30 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

Exploring Care and Support Services for Alzheimer's 2 PM
Mary E. Seymour Memorial Library | Cassadaga
For Info: stocktonlibraries.org

Family Fun Day
Ryckman Park | Brockton
For Info: ahirehall.org

Wicked Warren's - 33rd Annual Jamestown Cruise-In 5 PM-9 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Meet the Pumqueen 4 PM-7 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

The Wine Cellar - Harmony's Sad Song Summer 6 PM - 9 PM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

Beach Dog Grill - Porcelain Bus Drivers | 7 PM-10 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Sunset Bay Beach Club - DJ Majik | 9 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

The Village Casino - Refuge | 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspoincasino.com

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

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

Jamestown's Industrial Past Walking Tour | 10 AM
Fenton History Center | Jamestown
For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org

Mayville Bluegrass Festival | 10 AM-11 PM
Big Inlet Brewing | Mayville
For Info: cr2t.org

Bemus Point Tap House - BBQ in Bemus EggFest 11 AM-3 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - The Committed | 1 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Story Time with Sheriff Quattrone | 1 PM
Mary E. Seymour Memorial Library | Cassadaga
For Info: stocktonlibraries.org

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Black Widow Duo | 1 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Make & Meet: Design and 3D Dino Egg | 1:30 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

Group Ther-Happy - Earl Wallace Band | 5 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: grouphther-happy.com

Southern Tier Brewing Co - New Wave Nation | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Bemus Point Tap House - Hyde & Seek | 6 PM-9 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

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

1891 Fredonia Opera House - Young Washington 7:30 PM
Village Hall | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

Group Ther-Happy - Jerod Eggleston | 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 - Bad Habit | 8:30 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

The Village Casino - That 80's Hair Band | 10 PM - 2 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspoincasino.com

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

Group Ther-Happy - Tyler McClain | 11 AM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: grouphther-happy.com

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

Beach Dog Grill - Melissa Sauers | 3 PM-6 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

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

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

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

Go Finn, Nathan & Nick! Go CHQ Cycling!



Lori and her sister, Jill Jaquith, on their annual bike ride

Publisher
Lori Cornell

This week, I will be working on the next edition of the Gazette remotely across four states and seven hundred miles worth of coffee shops - squatting with my laptop and watchful eye on Life 360.

Why's that, you say?

Well, please indulge me in a very proud mama moment. I have been appointed to serve as "Follow Car" for my son and his friends' fundraising journey from Buffalo, New York to Bethel, Maine. They will be biking across the Empire State Trail and up into the mountains of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine all the while bringing attention and resources to three great causes. My son, Nick, will be raising money for Type I Diabetes - an autoimmune disease that his brothers, Ben and Zach, battle every day of their lives. His fellow Bemus Point native, Finn Erlandson, is not only an exceptional Maple Grove track and cross-country star, but he's also a brave, childhood cancer survivor and will be giving back to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Meanwhile, another great athlete and Nick's Gould Academy classmate, Nathan Romboldi, will be biking for a cure for cancer to benefit the American Cancer Society. I am beyond proud of these boys and so honored to play a small supportive role in their quest.

Please read Nick's special cover story and follow their fundraising links on the cover page if you would like to support them.

In this unique "biking" edition, we take the opportunity to also shout-out local cyclists and all things Chautauqua County biking.

Fun fact #1: We only have FOUR bike shops in our entire community: Upstate Cycle (Lakewood); Loud Performance (Bemus Point); Fredonia Cycling (Fredonia); and Jamestown Cycle Shop (Jamestown). They are each hyper-local and relatively small, but extremely mighty operations in every end of our county. They are exceedingly supportive of our biking communities and are extremely skilled at everything from biking repairs to cyclist advisory in general. This is one of those industries where we can most confidently say: don't even think of big-boxing it. Your safety, biking aspirations and pocketbook depend upon these fantastic four.

Fun fact #2: We only have ONE major biking tour in our county this year and it is certainly MAJOR. With a 43-year history, we are excited to utilize this themed "Biking Edition" to help promote their upcoming Sept 12 ride. Register soon. Kudos to the Village of Westfield for its longtime commitment to community wellness. We hope the Chautauqua Gran Fondo, the annual August biking event canceled this year due to organizer illness, will also resume again next year.

Fun fact #3: As they say, "the apples don't fall far from the tree" - although in my son Nick's case his apple took off flying and left this mom's jaw dropping. But nevertheless, every year on my September birthday, I attempt to ride around Chautauqua Lake - myself a bike-loving rider too- albeit now with middle-aged aches and pains. While my son battles 700 miles, I've set my goal at a much more reasonable 50 to honor my upcoming dreaded birthday of the same number. Ugh. I share this now so you can please hold me to it.

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WHEELS KEEP TURNING WITH GOD



Featured Writer
Rev. Luke Fodor

When you're in the saddle, you become attuned to both the spin of revolution and the place where rubber meets the road. Spending time on a bicycle reminds you that life is all about cycles. The seasons turn. Empires rise and fall. Children become parents, parents become grandparents, and one day we return to the earth from which we came. Joy gives way to sorrow, and sorrow eventually gives way to joy again. We live by rhythms more than by straight lines.

Buddhism begins with the observation that human life, as we ordinarily experience it, is marked by an underlying dissatisfaction. We suffer because everything we cling to—our possessions, relationships, health, achievements, even our own lives—is impermanent. This condition is called dukkha, the First Noble Truth. We suffer not simply because painful things happen, but because we keep expecting what cannot last to last forever.

Cyclists, of course, have their own version of the First Noble Truth: sooner or later, you're going to suffer. Every ride eventually climbs a hill. Every century ride has a point where your legs begin negotiating with your mind. The wind shifts against you. The rain starts falling. Your back aches. Your lungs burn. If you ride long enough, suffering isn't the exception; it's simply part of the journey.

Christianity recognizes this reality, but it tells a different story about suffering. Scripture knows the cycles of human existence well. "For everything there is a season," writes Ecclesiastes. We are born, we labor, we rejoice, we grieve, and we die. Yet Christianity insists that these cycles are not all there

is. Suffering is not merely something to be endured or escaped. In Christ, suffering can become redemptive. It can be transformed into the very place where grace, compassion, perseverance, and resurrection take root. In Christ, history is not merely a wheel turning endlessly upon itself but a journey with a destination. The resurrection interrupts the cycle. God does not simply teach us to accept impermanence; God promises to redeem it.

Summer is the season when we wish time would stand still—or at least slow down enough for us to savor it. Long evenings, family vacations, afternoons on the lake, and quiet rides down country roads all seem to whisper that perhaps this moment could last forever. But, of course, it doesn't. The world keeps turning. The sun begins setting a little earlier each evening. Gardens ripen toward harvest. The first school supplies quietly appear on store shelves. College students begin wondering where they'll live in a few weeks. Parents start thinking about bus schedules and soccer practices. Even while we are enjoying summer, summer is preparing us for autumn.

Perhaps that is not something to resist but to embrace. Every season has its work. Summer's work is not merely recreation; it is restoration. It is the season when we gather strength, deepen relationships, and remember what matters before the demands of fall return. The wheel keeps turning, but by God's grace we are not simply going in circles. We are being formed. We are becoming the people God is calling us to be.

So whether you are still actively riding a bicycle or simply remembering the freedom of rides long ago, the old saying still rings true: life is like riding a bicycle. It has its climbs and descents, its headwinds and tailwinds, its moments of exhilaration and exhaustion. The wheels keep turning. The road keeps unfolding. And faith reminds us that we never ride it alone. Christ meets us on every mile, redeeming even our suffering and guiding us toward the destination he has prepared. So enjoy these remaining days of summer. Let them restore your body, renew your spirit, and prepare you for whatever road lies ahead. And keep pedaling.



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TRC Golf Classic Surpasses \$2 Million Dollars in Proceeds



Pictured from left are the members of the winning team: Mike Bird, Jerome Lee Yaw, and Jeff Keppel (Todd Conklin was absent from photo)

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The Resource Center

Sunny weather and friendly competition highlighted the 30th annual TRC Golf Classic, which raised over \$78,000 to improve the lives of people with special needs in Chautauqua County. This officially brings the tournament’s cumulative net proceeds to over \$2 million since the event was first held in 1997.

Thirty foursomes competed in the tournament, held July 20 at Moon Brook Country Club near Jamestown. Winning the tournament with a score of 115 in the two-best-ball of four, was the team of Mike Bird, Jeff Keppel, Todd Conklin, and Jerome Lee Yaw. They will have their names engraved on the champions’ trophy, which is called The Gregg Bender Cup in honor of the retired TRC employee and former longtime chair of the tournament’s steering committee.

Earning top honors in the first flight with a score of 117 was the team Rob Foti, Dave Foti, Craig Lundgren, and Pete Morgante. Finishing atop flight two with a 120 was the team of Dan Bender, Joe Cala, Rob Bender, and Gregg Bender.

Once the tournament concluded, the traditional Special Olympics putting contest took place. 14 athletes participated, with each Special Olympian getting one chance to make a lengthy putt. The competitor whose ball entered the hole was Josh Holsinger.

Following appetizers and a buffet dinner prepared by Moon Brook staff, awards were presented to the top teams in the tournament, and prize drawings were held. Kelly Dimitri, TRC’s chief operating officer, thanked the golfers for participating in the tournament, which raises money to support people with disabilities in Chautauqua County.

For the 15th straight year, Lake Shore Bank was the presenting sponsor. Other major sponsors were HM Insurance Group, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, the Winifred Crawford Dibert Foundation Fund, Bryans & Gramuglia, Fenton Mobility, Gallagher, Jamestown Container Companies, Kinetic – Internet Service Provider, Ocean State Innovations, The Post-Journal, and USI Insurance.

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The tournament’s success is due in large part to the efforts of its steering committee: Chris Anderson, chair; Gregg Bender, chair emeritus; Nicholas Bell, Daniel Bender, Anthony Cusimano, Adam Dimitri, John Felton, R. Michael Goldman, Carrie Graham, John Gullo, Cindy Hitchcock, Sarah Pillitteri, Phil Ribaud, Mike Roberts, Patrick Smeraldo, Jason Stronz, Victoria Bardo, Timur Tyra, Ben Windoft, Tad Wright, and Gary Yager.

Also critical to the tournament’s success were the contributions of its other event-day volunteers: Michele Albaugh, Chris Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Victoria Bardo, Theresa Butts, Kayla DePane, Kelly Dimitri, Dick Erickson, Kathy Field, John Gullo, Cindy Hitchcock, Austin Mitchell, Jacqueline C. Phelps, Sarah Pillitteri, Karen Silzle, and Steve Waterson.

“The 30th annual TRC Golf Classic marked an incredible milestone, pushing the tournament’s cumulative fundraising total beyond \$2 million,” Chris Anderson, TRC Golf Classic Chair said. “This is truly an amazing accomplishment. The weather was perfect, and Moon Brook Country Club was in superb condition.

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The Invite to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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Reg Lenna Center for The Arts

Seth Rogen, Olivia Wilde (also directing,) Penélope Cruz, and Edward Norton star in the comedy-drama *The Invite* (Wed., August 12 at 7 p.m.) Joe and Angela’s marriage is on thin ice. When they invite their enigmatic upstairs neighbors for a dinner party, the night spirals into unexpected places. Have they reignited the spark or lit the match that burns it all down? The Invite is rated R and is 107 minutes long.

Upcoming movies at The Reg include: Comedian John Early directing and starring in the satirical

comedy *Maddie’s Secret* - Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. *Toy Story 5* - Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 22 at 2 p.m., the Deadhead community music documentary *Summer Tour* - Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. and *Minions & Monsters* - Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 29 at 2 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.

Jamestown’s Industrial Past Walking Tour

Learn about the original industry in Jamestown on the Fenton History Center’s walking tour this Saturday, August 15 at 10:00 A.M. starting at the Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St., Jamestown, NY. The tour will be near the Chadakoin River and the early industrial area of downtown Jamestown. Walkers will learn about the woolen mills, the railroad, the sawmills and the people who made it happen. Fenton Board of Trustees President and historian Tom Goodwill will lead the tour. The tour will begin and end at the Fenton History Center parking lot. The tour is approximately 2 hours long. The cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Participants can pre-register online at FentonHistoryCenter.org/historictours, in person at the Fenton, or by phone at 716- 664-6256. There is a limit of 20 people for each tour. Children up to age 18 are free with a paying adult, limit 2 children per adult.

Thank you to our sponsors Rodgers Land Surveying, Ahlstrom Schaeffer, and Weber Knapp.

The final two walking tours of the summer are Jamestown’s Hidden Alleys on August 22 and a military tour of Lake View Cemetery August 29. To see the full list and times, visit fentonhistorycenter.org/events.



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43rd Annual Tour of Chautauqua Bicycle Ride Westfield, New York, Saturday, September 12th, 2026 5, 25, 40, 75 & 100 Mile Tours Join other Riders for the Largest and Best Century Ride in Chautauqua County!

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Westfield Recreation Department

TOURS: You may choose to ride any one of the five tours. New this year, is a 5-mile tour designed for families and/or beginners that will stay in Westfield. The 25-mile tour follows the Lake Erie plain. Antique shops, restaurants, and wineries are on this tour. The 40-, 75-, and 100-miles tours feature a variety of flat roads, hills, lake views, small towns, and scenic areas of Chautauqua County and parts of Pennsylvania.

START: All tours begin and end in Westfield, NY. Westfield is located 1.5 miles south of I-90 exit 60. All four ride routes start and end by Moore Park in Westfield at the intersection of route 20 and Elm St. Check in and registration the day of the ride is between 7:30 and 8:45 am. Registration will be at the Eason Hall, 23 Elm St. across from the park. All tours begin with a mass start at 9:00 am. Maps/narratives are provided the day of the ride.

SUPPORT: As part of your

registration fee, a sit-down meal will be provided at the finish across the street at the Episcopal Church. Water stops (with light refreshments) are provided along all the tours. Sag Wagons will be on all tour routes and will follow the last riders. Priority will be given to injuries or breakdowns. The rider and bike should be in condition to go the distance you select. Medical Information Stickers will be provided.

COST: Registration is \$50.00 (for the 25, 40, 75, & 100 miles’ routes) and \$25.00 (for the 5-mile route) and must be received before August 19th to receive our traditional TOUR of CHAUTAUQUA T-shirt. After August 19th, late registration riders will receive a TOUR of CHAUTAUQUA water bottle. For more information contact the Westfield Recreation Dept at 716-753-6842 (Andrew), visit our website 2026 Tour of Chautauqua Registration Form | Westfield New York *Registration forms are also available online at the link listed above.

Sonsored by the Westfield Recreation Department. This is A Recreational Tour – Not a Race – Bicycle Helmet Required

The Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild will meet Wednesday, August 12 at Busti 5 Corners Community Church in Busti for its annual silent auction.

Items for the auction can be brought to the church Tuesday 9:30-3:30 during community sew. They may also be taken to Quilters’ Haven and Yarn Shop Monday and Tuesday, August 10 and 11 between 12:00-8:00. In addition to the silent auction Carol Lou Eisenhardt will be doing a program on label making. Refreshments/social time is 6:00-6:30 with the business meeting starting at 6:30. The church is at the 5 corners in Busti across from the fire department. Quilters’ Haven is in the Jamestown Mattress Plaza on Fairmount Avenue.

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Adventure by Bike in Chautauqua County

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For beginner riders, the best places to start are at Loud Performance and at Long Point State Park in Bemus Point, NY. These trail systems are separated by a mile of road, so it is possible to string together a nice 10-15 mile ride on more mellow terrain. The Trails at Loud were machine built and offer a variety of features without too much elevation. A spin around "Day Trail" or "Bubba's Back 40" provides new riders with a taste of mountain biking without much in the way of roots or rocks. Advanced riders can check out the jump lines at Loud Performance, which offer wooden features, big berms, and opportunities to get huge air. Just down the road at Long Point State Park, riders can find a bit more elevation, more roots, and longer, "flowier" stretches of trail. A spin out to the point opens amazing views of Chautauqua Lake and its incredible sunsets.

The trails at Whalen Memorial State Fo-

rest, just outside of Sherman, NY, offer a good deal of variety for intermediate and advanced riders. This trail system has a mix of machine-built flow ("Amish Buggy" and "Blue Heron") to rocky technical sections that provide plenty of challenge for even the best riders ("Thursdays" and "Friday Afternoon"). Even more, the singletrack trails at Whalen Memorial State Forest connect to the Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail, which thus allow the truly adventurous to put together epic rides of 60 miles.

The trails at Harris Hill Extension, just outside of Gerry, NY, have the most advanced sections of singletrack trail in the county. Primarily designed by Thom Wright, and built over the past seventeen years by numerous WNYMBA volunteers, these trails connect to the Earl Cardot Eastside Overland Trail and are perfect for huge rides with friends. Most riders warm up with trails close to the main trailhead: "Flo's Frolic" and

"Too Tall Paul" are machine-built and are perfect for getting your blood pumping. Venture farther from the trailhead, and you'll find the stellar trails called "Myrtle's Romp" and "The Gut," with more difficult trails fanning out from the bottom of the Folsom Creek Ravine.

In early fall, I typically park my car at the new lot on Eggleston Hill Road, adjacent to Whalen Memorial State Forest. I'll ride the singletrack trails at Whalen and then head north on the Westside Overland Trail to Sherman, where I pick up the Chautauqua Rails to Trails on Titus Road. Heading north on the Rails to Trails, I'll ride a loop at Chautauqua Gorge State Forest and then head south on the Overland Trail in Mount Pleasant State Forest and on sections of private land before arriving at my car to refuel. After refilling by hydration pack, I'll continue south on the Overland Trail through North Harmony State Forest, Panama State Forest, and Brokenstraw State Forest, before

turning around and heading back. All told, this ride is close to 65 miles, and it passes through rolling meadows on private property, beautifully wooded areas along the six State Forests, and a few road sections to link everything together. It is quite an adventure!

For more information about our mountain bike trails in Chautauqua County, visit wnymba.org. To plan your next adventure on a bike, check out chqtrails.org. Adventure awaits in Chautauqua County!

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) brings together public and private leaders to focus on county-wide and regional economic development. It serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life in Chautauqua County.



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Braw Caddie Clan Reunion



The first Braw Caddie Clan photograph, taken in 1932

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The Braw Caddie Clan

The Braw Caddie Clan Brothers will host a reunion at Wicked Warrens in Jamestown, NY, on Wednesday, August 12 at 5 pm. Wicked Warrens is recognized for its craft beer, distinctive décor, and welcoming atmosphere.

Although time, careers, and family commitments have dispersed Brothers across diverse paths and throughout the nation, our gatherings reaffirm that true brotherhood is defined by enduring friendships and shared values, such as excellence and service to family and community.

We invite you to join us in celebrating with fellow Brothers and reflecting on our shared journeys. We particularly encourage out-of-town guests and those who have not attended recently to participate, as your presence has been sincerely missed.

Although all fraternities at Jamestown High School were banned in 1973, we have continued to convene for reunions and scholarship award ceremonies. The Braw Caddie Clan Scholar-Athlete Excellence Award is regarded as one of the most

distinguished scholarships in Western New York. The Clan’s legacy endures as scholarship recipients become honorary brothers, serve on the selection committee, and contribute to the fund alongside Brothers and community members.

We remember with gratitude and affection those who are no longer with us or are unable to attend. All Brothers remain integral to our fraternity's history and legacy, and their lives and friendships continue to inspire our community.

On August 12 at Wicked Warrens, let us gather for food and refreshments and raise a glass to friendship, shared memories, the enduring spirit of Stanley A. Weeks, and our traditions rooted in the Golden Age of Scotland.

In today’s dynamic environment, the Braw Caddie Clan, founded in 1930, continues to thrive within the community. This longevity demonstrates resilience and a collaborative spirit as we work directly with Jamestown High School, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame to foster excellence among Jamestown High School youth.

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. Fathers

9. Wine grape

14. Al Bundy’s wife

15. Derived from ammonia

16. Venezuelan state

17. Interest rate

18. Experts

20. Vascular tissues

22. Smooth and glossy

23. Administrative region in S. Korea

24. One from Damascus

28. Special interest group

29. It cools your home

30. Oh, God!

31. Intestinal pouches

33. Men

37. Twelfth star in a constellation

38. Former CIA

39. Arrange in grades of size
41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

42. “The Great Lakes State”

43. Having earlike appendages

44. Momentarily stop

46. Ancient kingdom

49. Of I

50. White clerical vestment

51. Songs to one’s beloved

55. Charges

58. Computer application originator

59. A place to dock a boat

60. One guided by reason

64. Slang for cigarette

65. Sailboats

66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger

67. Screen type

68. Country legend Haggard

69. Puts together in time

70. When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

1. Involuntary muscular contraction

2. Eastern US transit agency

3. Leaves a place

4. Cease to participate

5. Current units

6. Cease to exist

7. General’s assistant (abbr.)

8. Earth vibration

9. Very strong winds

10. For each one

11. A bog

12. The creation of beautiful or significant things

13. Affirmative

19. Pie __ mode

21. Nonclerical

24. Indonesian island

25. Educational environment

26. Namibian peoples

27. Bring out or develop
31. Moves into a place of thought

32. Out of the way

34. Loads a ship

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

36. Distinguishes

40. The ancient Egyptian sun god

41. Secondary or explanatory title

45. Relating to a wing

47. One who gives a speech

48. In the middle

52. Loop with a running knot

53. Airborne (abbr.)

54. Sweet persons

56. Put into play

57. Small cattle breed

59. Millisecond

60. Revolutions per minute

61. They __

62. Moon crater

63. A place to stay the night

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Chautauqua Rails to Trails

Chautauqua Rails to Trails (CR2T) is proud to present the **Mayville Bluegrass Festival**, set for Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 10:00 am. to 11:00 pm. at Big Inlet Brewing in Mayville, New York.

This full-day celebration of bluegrass music will bring together an outstanding lineup of regional talent, highlighted by **Doerfel Brothers & Family – An MBF Reunion**, along with performances by **Beard and the Bird**, **Doug Yeomans & Mountain Run**, **New Dawgs**, **Old Tricks**, **Creek Bend**, **Sally Schaefer** and **Tyler Bagwell**, **The Bluegrass Session Band**, **Water Horse**, **Bill Ward and Friends**, **Blue Mule**, and the **CR2T Bluegrass All Stars**.

The **Doerfel Family** was a staple of the early bluegrass festivals in Lakeside Park in Mayville. A family bluegrass band, then led by parents Tom and Cheryl Doerfel, it included virtually every member of The talented family, at times numbering into the double digits.

On June 19, 2004, 15-year-old TJ and his 8-year-old guitar-prodigy brother, Ben, stepped onto the stage at the Mayville Bluegrass Festival. After years of using their family coffee table as a stage, they were finally playing a real festival alongside their parents and siblings.

That performance sparked a wild, 20-year journey. The family eventually sold their upstate NY farm, toured the country out of a bus for four years, and spent nearly a decade gigging weekly at

iconic Key West spots like Sloppy Joe's. By 2017, the band landed a management contract and relocated to Nashville, TN, to focus on original music.

While known as proficient genre-hoppers, TJ and Ben are bringing it back to their Bluegrass roots for this special show. Joining them on stage are TJ's teenage children, Jakob on mandolin and Callie on bass. Come witness this full-circle moment as they return to perform right where it all began. "I'm really excited to bring my talented kids to the event that started it all for me," TJ Doerfel said.

Festival goers can enjoy a relaxed outdoor atmosphere with food trucks on site and camping available. Please note that coolers are not permitted. The event is family-friendly, with free admission for children under 12.

In addition to Saturday's festivities, attendees are invited to return for a free Bluegrass Sunday show on August 16, extending the weekend celebration of music and community.

Presale tickets are available for \$30 and can be purchased at Big Inlet Brewing (6169 Elm Flat Road, Mayville, NY) or online at cr2t.org.

Proceeds from the festival support the ongoing work of Chautauqua Rails to Trails, helping to maintain and enhance local trail systems while fostering community engagement through events like the Mayville Bluegrass Festival.

For more information, visit cr2t.org, or call 716-753-2800.

Mayville Bluegrass Festival Schedule

10am-11am • August 15, 2026

- 11am **Blue Mule**
- 12pm **Water Horse**
- 1pm **Bill Ward and Friends**
- 2pm **Creek Band**
- 3pm ... **Sully Schaefer and Tyler Bagwell**
- 4pm **Old Dawgs New Tricks**
- 5pm **Bluegrass Session Band**
- 6pm **The Doerfel Brothers & Family**
An MBF Reunion
- 7:30pm **Doug Yeomans & Mountain Run**
- 8:30pm **The Beard and the Bird**
- 9:30pm **Big Inlet Bluegrass All-Stars**

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11th Annual CHRIC Classic Golf Tournament Set for Saturday, August 29, 2026

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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 11th Annual CHRIC Classic Golf Tournament. This is the 11th year that CHRIC will be hosting its annual golf tournament being held on Saturday, August 29, 2026 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 is open to the public and 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, and luncheon.

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Opera House to Screen Young Washington as Part of Cinema Series



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1891 Fredonia Opera House

The Cinema Series continues at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center with screenings of "Young Washington" on Sat., Aug. 15, and Tues., Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday night screening will be shown with captions visible on the screen.

Before he was the Father of a Nation, he was a soldier fighting to survive. A single misstep thrusts young George Washington into the center of a global conflict, testing his honor, loyalty, and courage. As alliances crumble and the frontier erupts into war, he must confront not only his enemies but the man he's becoming. This is the untold story of Young Washington.

Aisle Seat calls the film "alive, vibrant, and entertaining." AMFM Magazine calls it "a hero's journey and an origin story that's respectful, honorable, and quite timely." Reel Reviews calls it "an old-fashioned

coming-of-age adventure dressed in the uniform of a history lesson." AARP Movies for Grownups calls it "stirring and inspirational without being preachy." Rated PG-13 for some bloody images, strong war violence, "Young Washington" runs two hours, five 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 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 fredopera.org.



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Storytime: Mon. 10:30 am for preschoolers, Tues. 4:15 pm all ages
Book Club: 4th Sat. 2 pm

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Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
Book Club: Best Sellers BC 1st Tues. 6:30 pm, Book Talk 2nd Thurs 4pm, Mystery BC 3rd Wed. 4 pm

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Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
Book Club: First Monday 5:30 pm

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Carvings of Ralph Sandquist to Be Displayed at Local Library

Contributed by
Chautauqua County
Historical Society

Nearly a decade after his first attempts at a public display, the bird carvings of Ralph Sandquist have found a home at the Hazeltine Public Library.

“These birds were on display at RTPi early in 2026” said Katie Smith, library director. “The staff there was most helpful and put me in touch with Ralph’s son Clark. We exchanged emails, made proposals and plans and the end result is a very gracious donation by Clark and his sister Sharon of 19 birds to the Hazeltine Public Library. An additional number of carvings will be on loan to the library for an extended period of time.”

Ms. Smith continued “during our emails exchanges Clark and I talked about his dad’s earlier approach and display conditions. In one of his replies he wrote; “My dad’s strong desire for the birds was that they be able to be viewed/enjoyed by future generations in a way that could also support the community of Busti that had been so important to him throughout his life. As such, his vision was for an exhibit that would be permanent, in a safe/secure, yet accessible space, and of a scale that would draw people to seek out the exhibit by coming to Busti rather than merely stumble into it.”

“I feel very confident the Hazeltine Public Library is meeting Ralph’s wishes with our permanent display and the plans we have

for promotion and exposure,” said Smith. “The community has also realized what a great opportunity this is – the library board committed to this project, the Town of Busti and the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation awarded us the funds to construct a custom display cabinet. Kurt Sturzenbecker and his crew worked earlier this year to create and install this cabinet and give these birds a beautiful home. I truly believe we are preserving history and giving people the opportunity to experience some amazing works of art.”

Mr. Sandquist was a local signmaker who taught himself the art of woodcarving during retirement. His trademark was the inclusion of enviromental accents – flowers, wood, bark, wire’ in each piece. He worked primarily in tupelo – a wood from the gum tree family. Not only did he carve the birds – he detailed them with a wood burning pen and then painted them with acrylics or oils. His preferred subjects were birds – game birds, songbirds or birds of prey.

During his career he was awarded First Place in the 1999 World Competition, Open Division Game Birds., second place in the Florida Wildlife Exposition. He was also recognized as Best of Show and Master Carver in numerous other shows.

The exhibit is open to the public, free of charge, during library hours – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1 PM – 7 PM; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 AM – 5 PM; and Saturday, 10 AM – 1 PM. The library is located at 891 Busti Sugargrove Rd. and can be reached at 716.487.1281. Large groups and those wanting special hours are encouraged to call ahead.

SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

MARY E. SEYMOUR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Friday, August 14 | 2 PM (Cassadaga Branch)

Working with the Alzheimer’s Association on programming for those with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers. August’s workshop will be “Exploring Care and Support Services”.

Saturday, August 15 | 1 PM (Cassadaga Branch)

Stop in to hear Sheriff Quattrone read your popular titles at Story Time! Decorate Star cookies – but will they make it home?

Monday, August 17 | 5 PM (Cassadaga Branch)

“The Basics: Power Tools and Home Repair.” Taught by Bianca Riggle and aimed at women. In August, Bianca will teach you how to replace an electrical outlet! Sign up by calling either library!

Tuesday, August 18 | 1 PM (Stockton Branch)

Join canines of the Sheriff Department!

Wednesday, August 19 | 4 PM (Cassadaga Branch)

Chair yoga class with Isiss Pratz. This class is part of our Alzheimer’s programming.

Saturday, August 29 | 12 PM-2 PM (Stockton Branch)

Grand Finale for Summer Reading! There will be ice cream and the Cassadaga Fire Department will be bringing a truck to explore! Summer Reading Prizes will be handed out. Sign up at either library!

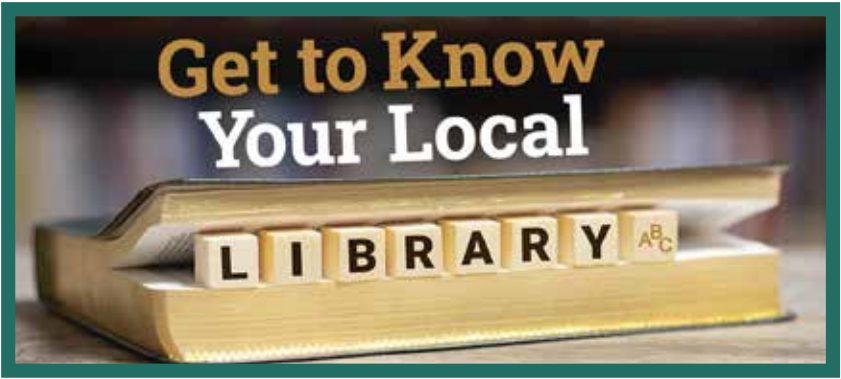
AHIRA HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Friday, August 14 | 3:30 PM-5 PM

Family Fun Day at the Ryckman Park in Brocton. Jump around in Rockin’ Ribbet Foam Party, play in the Tadpole Pond Bubbles, and enjoy Yard Games, Crafts, Music and Snacks.

Friday, August 28 | Dusk

Movie in the Commons: Patron Pick. Bring a chair or blanket to the yard behind the library for a family-friendly movie. Come into the Library before Wed 8/26 to vote which movie we should watch: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Meet the Robinsons, or Honey, I Shrunk the Kids. Individuals may vote up to once per day.



LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Mary E. Seymour Memorial Library

Contributed by
**Chautauqua-Cattaraugus
Library System**

One library, two locations - Just like a franchise! The Mary E. Seymour Memorial Free Library and Cassadaga Branch (newly branded as “The Seymour Library” with locations “Seymour Stockton” and “Seymour

Cassadaga” is open every day but Sunday at one or both locations. We offer traditional services, but are branching out with Yoga, Sewing, and The Basics: Power Tools and Home Repair, along with our new but growing Library of Things!

22 N. Main St., Stockton is the home of Seymour Stockton and has always been on the second floor, with a chair lift available. Built as a location for an insurance company by Henry Seymour in 1889, he made the upstairs a library,

chartered as “Stockton Library.” In 1901, the name was changed to, “Mary E. Seymour Memorial Free Library,” in memory of his daughter, Mary. He designated his second wife as librarian for life in his will.

In 1949, the Ladies Chorus of Cassadaga decided that Cassadaga needed its own library. They found a space in the elementary school on Maple Avenue. From there, they moved to a small location on Main Street (site of Chris Cooke’s architectural office)

before their return to Maple Avenue in 1993, when the dedicated community members’ coordinated efforts resulted in the current building.

Today the two libraries are under one charter and behave as one library! We share all staff, hours, and resources. We can’t wait to welcome you into both branches and are ready to help you find your next favorite read. Visit our website and Facebook page to keep up with all the upcoming programs.

Stockton Branch: 22 N. Main St Stockton, NY • 716-595-3323
Cassadaga Branch: 18 Maple Ave. Cassadaga, NY • 716-595-3822
info@stocktonlibraries.org
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SPECIAL EVENTS IN AUGUST CONT.

DUNKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monday, August 10 | 2 PM-3 PM
Building Healthy Habits #5

Monday, August 17 | 2 PM-3 PM
Building Healthy Habits #6 - Final Class

HAZELTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday, August 11 | 10 AM
Chalk Art

Thursday, August 13
10:30 AM-1:30 PM
Medicare Questions Answered. Drop-ins welcome or call 716.340.0969 to schedule a specific appointment.

Tuesday, August 18 | 1 AM
Rock Painting

Friday, August 28 | All Day
Health and Wellness Fair at Busti Church of God

KENNEDY FREE LIBRARY

Thursdays | 10 AM-11:30 AM
Glenn Colton Concert

Thursday, August 20 | 10 AM
Summer Reading Programs. Registration is encouraged

MYERS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wednesday, August 12 | 2 PM-4 PM
Do you love dinosaurs? Would you like to find out how to find fossils? Do you love rocks and gems? Kids are invited to join Lori and Lauren for “Fun with Fossils,” Where you will get to see and touch different fossils and even learn about fossils you might find in our region. We will

also identify and dig for gems that you can take home!

Monday, August 24
10:30 AM-2:30 PM
Medicare Presentation with Annette Gill. Are you or a loved one enrolling in Medicare this year? Are you already enrolled in Medicare but have questions? Do you know how your plan works? Do you need help understanding what services are available to you? No matter your situation, Annette can help you get answers to your Medicare plan questions: Medicare options, prescription drug review, dental and vision, retirement rollovers, live/burial insurance.

PATTERSON LIBRARY

Tuesdays | 1-3 PM
Cozy Crafters: work on any handcraft

Wednesday, August 12 | 11 AM
Roar-ing Good End of Summer Party!

Wednesday, August 19
Annual Benefit Auction & Chicken BBQ. Chicken dinner tickets on sale now. Event at Eason Hall, 23 Elm St., Westfield, NY. Bid on unique experiences, themed baskets, and one-of-a-kind treasures while supporting Patterson Library

Friday, August 21 | 5 PM-7 PM
Octagon Galley Opening: Joseph Grice

Through Sept. 11 | Library Hours (At 13Walls Gallery)
Sandra Maggio with Nature Unfiltered

PRENDERGAST LIBRARY

Tuesdays | 5:30 PM
Archaeology! Hear from local archeologists

about their specialties and projects in your own community.

8/11: Tom Greer: Fenton Site Artifacts
8/18: Noah Dorman: WDPS, Theropod Dinosaurs
8/25: Jenna Anderson: Archaeology, Stone Tools

Tuesday, August 11 | 11:30 AM
Outdoor Dino Dig & Mud Prints ages 12 and under. Registration is required, walk-ins welcome as supplies last.

Friday, August 14 | 4:30 PM-6:30 PM
Summer Movie: The Good Dinosaur

Saturday, August 15 | 1:30 PM
Make & Meet: Design and 3D Dino Egg

Monday, August 17 | 5:30 PM
Dino Watercolor for adults. Learn techniques for painting dinosaurs using watercolor, or go rogue creating your own dinos!

Friday, August 21 | 4:30-6:30 PM
Summer Movie: The Flintstones

Thursday, August 27 | 5:30 PM
Meet & Make: Dino Jewelry

Saturday, August 29 | 11 AM-1 PM
Summer Reading Finale! Join us on the patio to celebrate the end of summer reading with a Dino Waffle Party and Dino Trivia!

RIPLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Mon., August 10-Sat., August 15
Book Sale

Thursday, August 20 | 1 PM-3 PM
Crochet Class

BOARD MEETINGS:
All open to the public

Ahira Hall Memorial Library
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9:30 AM

Bemus Point Public Library
3rd Tuesday each month,
5:30 PM

Darwin R Barker Library Association
3rd Wednesday of each month,
4:00 PM

Dunkirk Public Library
4th Tuesday of odd months,
4:15 pm

Hazeltine Public Library
4th Tuesday of each month,
5:30 PM

Myers Memorial
3rd Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov, 6:30 PM

Patterson Library
2nd Thursday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov, 7:00 PM

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SMALL STEPS TO EXTEND A CAR'S LIFE EXPECTANCY

Courtesy of
Metro Creative Connection

Vehicles continue to get more expensive. The automotive experts at Kelley Blue Book indicate the average American car buyer paid \$50,080 for a new vehicle in September 2025, which was the first time the average price for a new car ever topped \$50,000. More drivers are looking for ways to push their current vehicles past the 200,000-mile mark to save money.

According to S&P Global Mobility, the average age of a vehicle on the road hit a record high of 12.8 years in 2025. Although major mechanical failures concern drivers of older vehicles, it's actually much smaller things that can affect vehicle longevity. There are small actions anyone can take to significantly extend a car's life.

- Use caution on cold starts. When a vehicle sits, oil settles at the bottom of the engine. To help combat damage that can occur, drivers can wait about 30 seconds before shifting into gear, as this will allow the oil pump to circulate the lubricant to the upper valve train and help prevent extra wear on the engine. Modern fuel-injected engines warm up faster and more safely by being driven gently rather than sitting still, so it's not necessary to idle for a long while with the vehicle in the driveway, says Smart Motors Toyota. In fact, long idles actually can strip away oil.
- Treat fluids wisely. According to EngineeringCivil.org, checking and replacing fluids is cheaper than replacing hardware. Recent data suggests that consistent oil changes can add between 50,000 and 100,000 miles to an engine's lifespan. It's important to follow a vehicle's manual for time-based in-

- tervals for fluid replacement, rather than just going by mileage.
- Drive faster on occasion. Oil will never get hot enough to evaporate internal condensation for those who primarily drive short distances under 10 miles. Once every few weeks, it's important for drivers to drive at least 20 minutes at highway speeds to help get rid of contaminants.
- Drive smoothly on roads. Aggressive driving will not just burn more gas; such driving also creates heat, which can impact longevity. According to Kia, hard braking generates immense heat that can warp rotors and stress suspension bushings. Likewise, it's key to ease into acceleration. Rapid acceleration forces the transmission to downshift abruptly, increasing wear. Reports from The Zebra, an insurance shopping company, indicate that mindful driving can reduce mechanical strain by up to 30 percent.
- Fight corrosion. Rust can kill a car before the engine actually fails. People who live in areas where roads are treated with salt in the winter should use a winter car wash that includes an undercarriage spray. Auto Recycling World says road salt can eat through brake lines and fuel lines. In addition, applying a coat of wax twice a year can prevent UV rays and other damage to the clear coat, which protects the metal body from the elements.
- Address engine lights promptly. CarMD says addressing a "check engine" light immediately is 20 percent cheaper than waiting until the vehicle has a driveability issue. For example, ignoring a \$150 oxygen sensor can eventually destroy a \$1,500 catalytic converter.

Small habits can help prolong the longevity of vehicles and help people save money.



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Conserving Fuel as Prices Rise

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Fuel is a necessity for millions of drivers on the country's roadways. According to a recent report from Experian Automotive, approximately 1.4 percent of the 292.3 million cars and trucks on the road in the United States in 2024 were electric. Even though the number of EVs is rising, there are still plenty of people behind the wheels of gas-powered vehicles that require routine fill-ups.

As of late March 2026, Canadian gas prices surged to an average of roughly \$1.68-\$1.86 per liter (there are roughly 3.785 liters in a gallon). The national average gas price in the United States at the same time was \$3.98 per gallon. When gas prices rise due to various factors, drivers are increasingly interested in ways to conserve fuel and stretch their dollars further. Here are some ways to mitigate rising gas prices.

- Rely on cruise control. Cruise control helps maintain a steady speed, which can save fuel on highway travel.
- Keep tires inflated. Properly inflating tires to the manufacturer's recommended PSI can improve fuel economy by roughly 0.6 percent to 3 percent for most drivers, offers the U.S. Department of Energy. Driving on tires that are 20 percent under-inflated can reduce fuel economy by as much as 10 percent. Removing unnecessary heavy items from the vehicle also can help to reduce drag.
- Limit idling and combine trips. Turn off the vehicle when stopped for more than a few minutes. When running errands, combine short trips to keep the engine warm, which is more efficient.
- Skip the premium fuel. Unless a vehicle owner's manual specifically recommends filling up with premium fuel, drivers will not see an increase in performance by choosing this more expensive option, offers Progressive Insurance. A person will just be paying more for premium, which is always more expensive than standard 87-octane fuel.
- Reduce your speed. Driving at moderate speeds increases efficient consumption of fuel. Some vehicles may feature an "ECO" mode that optimizes fuel consumption by restricting engine power, among other changes, or notifies the driver when they are driving in a manner that is using fuel wisely. Driving above 50 miles per hour reduces fuel economy considerably.
- Practice smooth driving. Drivers should avoid aggressive starts (gunning it) and hard braking, which

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Pierre Chagnon Named 2026 Recipient of the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award

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The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Pierre Chagnon has been selected as the 2026 recipient of the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award. A celebration honoring Chagnon's commitment to community service will be held on Friday, September 18, 2026.

Presented annually since 1994, the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award recognizes an individual whose dedication, leadership, and service have strengthened community spirit and enhanced the quality of life throughout the Chautauqua region. The award honors the legacy of John D. Hamilton, whose lifelong commitment to civic leadership continues to inspire generations of volunteers.

"The Foundation is proud to recognize an individual whose commitment to serving others has touched nearly every corner of our community," said Laura Otander, Chair of the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award Committee. "Some people devote themselves to one organization. Pierre has devoted himself to an entire community. Again and again, when organizations needed thoughtful leadership, Pierre stepped forward. His influence can be seen across Chautauqua County—not because he sought recognition, but because he consistently answered the call to serve. His lifetime of leadership embodies everything this award represents."

Throughout his 31-year professional career with SKF, Chagnon built an accomplished background in business analysis, product planning, purchasing, materials management, customer support, human resources, and manufacturing management. Yet while building that successful career, he also built something else: a remarkable legacy of volunteer leadership.

Over the course of four decades, and still continuing, Chagnon has served as a director, board member, board chair, committee chair, or president for an extraordinary number of local organizations. His leadership has helped guide economic development initiatives, strengthen educational institutions, protect Chautauqua Lake and the county's natural resources, advance development, support youth programs, and improve local government. Among the many organizations he has served are the Jamestown Area Development Corporation, Rotary Club of Falconer, Reg Lenna Civic Center, Bemus Point Central School District, Jamestown Audubon Society, Town of Ellery, Chautauqua County Legislature, Chautauqua County Sewer Agency, Chautauqua Lake & Watershed Management Alliance, Manufacturers' Association of the Jamestown Area, South and Center Chautauqua Lake Sewer Districts, Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District, and numerous other civic, conservation, faith-based, and community organiza-



Submitted Photo

Pierre Chagnon

tions. His service also includes years of coaching youth athletics, supporting his parish, and mentoring young people throughout the region.

His dedication has earned recognition from Rotary International, conservation organizations, youth sports associations, and numerous community groups—reflecting not only the breadth of his service, but the lasting impact it has had on generations of residents and the organizations they rely upon.

"Every community relies on volunteers," said Tory Irgang, Executive Director of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. "But every so often, someone emerges whom organizations repeatedly trust to guide them through challenges, build consensus, and move important work forward. Pierre has been that person for decades. His fingerprints are on countless projects and organizations throughout Chautauqua County, not because he wanted the spotlight, but because he was always willing to accept the responsibility. That's the kind of quiet, enduring leadership the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award was created to recognize."

The reception honoring Pierre Chagnon will be held Friday, September 18, 2026. The evening will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the award presentation at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the event, including how to purchase tickets or to send Pierre a congratulatory message, visit crcf.me/chagnon, or contact the Foundation at 716-661-3390.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation administers over 700 endowments in support of emerging community needs, charitable organizations, and local students pursuing higher education. For more information, visit www.crcfonline.org or contact Lindsey Goold, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or lgoold@crcfonline.org.



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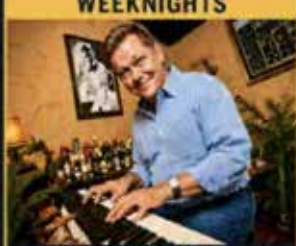
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sion. At Gould, students build their senior project around the school’s core values of curiosity, courage, creativity and kindness, and I wanted mine to be something that mattered to me. Riding 700 miles for my brothers checks every one of those boxes, and it lets me turn something my family lives with every day into a way to help other people. Finishing this ride on its campus, with my hometown behind me, means everything to me.

I won’t be making this trek on my own. My good friends, Finn Erlandson, son of Amanda and Drew Erlandson and a junior at Maple Grove, and Nathan Romboldi, son of Litza and Rusty Romboldi and a senior at Gould Academy, will join me. Finn is riding to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation after surviving his incredible fight against Stage 4 Cancer in elementary school, while Nathan is riding to raise funds for the American Cancer Society, a cause close to his family’s heart as well.

We will bike across four states over seven days, through New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Some days we will probably get tired of pedaling mile after mile just to reach the next stop on the journey. But we will remember that every destination is one more step toward our missions.

700 Miles for my Brothers

My mission is about the future for Ben, for Zach and for everyone living with Type 1 Diabetes.

Ben was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when he was just 10 years old, and it changed his life overnight. He learned that he would now be responsible for his own insulin doses, counting his carbs and tracking his glucose levels to keep himself steady. Then, barely a year later, lightning struck again. When Zach was 9, he received the same diagnosis. But that wouldn’t be the only major diagnosis Zach would face. When he was 13, he was also diagnosed with Epilepsy after having several seizures in a short stretch of time, usually when his blood sugar ran low. Managing his blood sugar was already a huge responsibility, and Epilepsy added a whole new layer of health challenges on top of it.

Through the years, my brothers have gone through many middles of the night wake ups and emergency hospital visits because of dangerous blood sugar levels or seizures. They fight all these challenges and work toward a solution by gathering the local community through JDRF walks to raise awareness. Ben is now 21, and Zach is 18, and they still show courage every day. Ben and Zach have shown me what resilience looks like over the past 10 years; I can complete this bike journey if I am resilient like them.

Please check out my friends’ websites to

learn more about their important missions too.

The Great meaning about our 700-Mile Route:

The first four days follow the Empire State Trail, which is the longest multi-use trail in the country. Most of those early miles trace the path of the old Erie Canal. When the canal first opened in 1825, it connected Buffalo and the Great Lakes to Albany and the Hudson River, and almost overnight, it turned New York into the gateway of a growing nation. The flat path we ride was once a towpath, where teams of mules pulled heavy boats east and west. As we roll out of Buffalo toward Palmyra and Marcy, past canal locks like Lock 20 just beyond Rome, where we will camp for the night, we get to travel the exact route that built the canal towns we pass through. It is quiet and beautiful, and it makes all that history feel close enough to reach out and touch.

At Albany, the trail turns north and becomes the Champlain Valley route, carrying us toward the small town of Whitehall. Whitehall is known as the birthplace of the United States Navy, where an American fleet was built in 1776 during the Revolutionary War. The Champlain Canal, which opened in 1823, once linked the Hudson River to Lake Champlain right here, another early “superhighway” that moved people and goods long before real highways

existed. Standing in a town that small, knowing how much American history started there, will be humbling indeed.

From Whitehall, the easy canal miles end, and the real climbing begins. We cross Vermont in one long day through the Green Mountains, grinding up hills that never seem to end and flying back down into valleys full of farms. We reach Hanover, New Hampshire, resting on the banks of the Connecticut River, before turning east into the White Mountains. This is the most stunning stretch of the entire ride. The peaks of the Presidential Range, including Mount Washington, will rise up all around us, and the roads twist through forests and mountain notches that feel wild and endless.

The final day carries us from Gorham, New Hampshire, across the Maine border and into Bethel, the home of Gould Academy. Here, the mountains soften into the western Maine woods, and after 700 miles, the finish line finally comes into view. Ending on that campus, where I go to school, ties the whole journey together.

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3. How have you seen local cycling interest change over the years — any trends in what customers are looking for?

There has definitely been an upswing in cycling interest over the years. COVID brought a wave of new riders looking to get into an outdoor activity. Over the last six years, we've seen a big swing toward e-bikes, and we've hopped on the trend. We offer many models to test ride and customize to the rider's taste.

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2. What sets your shop apart from bigger retailers or online sellers?

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3. How have you seen local cycling interest change over the years — any trends in what customers are looking for?

We've definitely seen cycling interest continue to grow and change over the years. One of the biggest trends by far has been the popularity of electric bikes. E-bikes have opened cycling up to a whole new group of people, including riders who may have thought traditional cycling was too difficult or intimidating.

We're seeing people use e-bikes for everything from recreation and fitness to commuting and simply getting out and enjoying the area. They also make it easier for families and groups with different riding abilities to enjoy a ride together.

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2. What sets your shop apart from bigger retailers or online sellers?

Customer service, first off: taking care of our customers. But also the trails at the shop, where we host rides and events and where people can test and demo bikes on the trails before they buy, as opposed to a bike in a parking lot. Big difference. We're also involved in local races and events and in our local bike-related organizations. We donate our time to work on the trails and make sure people riding here have a positive experience. We're also very proud of our famous weekly Mountain Bike Thursday NightShop Rides and Wednesday Night Kid's Rides in the summer.

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2. What sets your shop apart from bigger retailers or online sellers?

What sets local bike shops apart from big box stores and online retailers is experience and service. We specialize in bicycles and have the knowledge and training to fit you with the right equipment and provide excellent service after the sale.

3. How have you seen local cycling interest change over the years — any trends in what customers are looking for?

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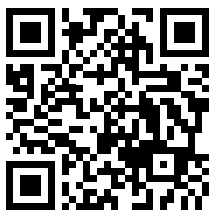
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Falconer Farmers & Artisans Market

Every Other Sunday
11 AM–2 PM
June 14–September 20

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Dunkirk Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 9 AM–2 PM
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Forestville Farmers Market

Thursdays, 1 PM-5 PM
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lakewoodny.gov/farmers-artisans-market | 716-763-8557

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Fridays, 9 AM - 3 PM
May 29–September 4

Lakeside Dr., Bemus Point

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bemuspointny.org/farmers-market
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Fredonia Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM
year-round

Baker Commons, Fredonia

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Jamestown Farmers Market

Saturdays, 9 AM–1 PM
June 6–November 21

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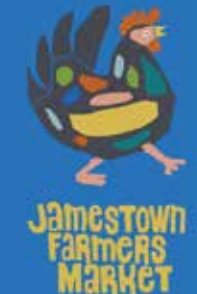
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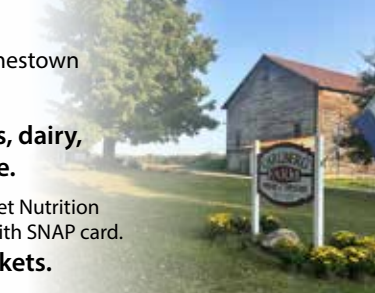
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Other Services:

Sundays: Denominational services begin at 9:30 am followed at 11 by a renowned speaker in the amphitheater. Sunday activities run from 6/28 through 8/30 and are free. Parking is free on Sundays until 5 p.m. Our Unity Sunday Celebration services are held in the beautiful Hall of Missions, adjacent to the Hall of Philosophy, Sundays at 9:30 am.

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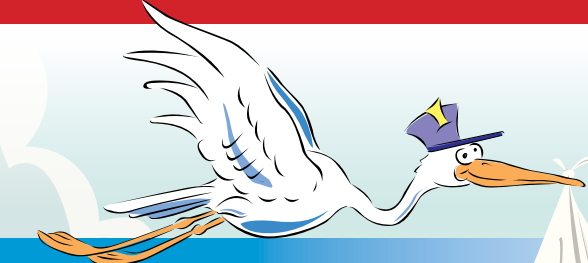
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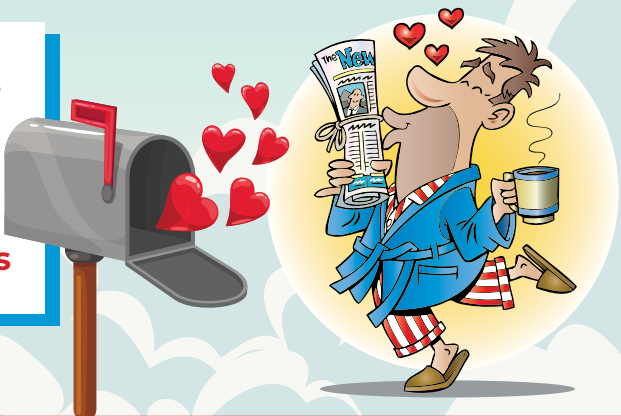
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WEEK SEVEN THEME:
GLOBAL POWER AND OUR EVOLVING INTERNATIONAL ORDER

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- Bandits on the Run (Free Sunday Concert) | Sunday, 8/9 at 3:00 pm
- Chautauqua Theater Company Presents August Wilson's *How I Learned What I Learned* | 8/9, 8/11-8/16 at various times
- Josh Groban: Stage, Screen & Symphony with Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra | Thursday, 8/13 at 8 :00 pm
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- The Revivalists | Friday, 8/14 at 8:00 pm | *Concessions will be available**
- The Music of Billy Joel with Tony DeSare and the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra | Saturday, 8/15 at 8:00 pm
- Chautauqua Theater Company New Play Workshop - *As You Like It* with live music performed by Bandits on the Run
Friday, 8/14 & Saturday, 8/15 at 2:00 pm

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WEEK 7 SCHEDULE							
SUNDAY 8/9	MONDAY 8/10	TUESDAY 8/11	WEDNESDAY 8/12	THURSDAY 8/13	FRIDAY 8/14	SATURDAY 8/15	SUNDAY 8/16
The Craft Shows at Chautauqua						Week Eight Begins	Chautauqua Food Festival August 16-19
10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Frank A. Thomas , Christian Theological Seminary	9:15am The Rev. Frank A. Thomas 10:45am Nancy Youssef , staff writer, <i>The Atlantic</i>	9:15am The Rev. Frank A. Thomas 10:45am Nazanin Boniadi , actress, producer, human rightst advocate. Karim Sadjadpour , sr. fellow, CEIP. Amna Nawaz , co-anchor, "PBS News Hour"	9:15am The Rev. Frank A. Thomas 10:45am Robert Chatterton Dickson , former sr. member, British Diplomatic Service 2:00pm Naaborle Sackeyfio , assoc. prof. of Global and Intercultural Studies, Miami Univ. of Ohio	9:15am Faith Journeys Service. The Rev. Frank A. Thomas 10:45am Miles Yu , sr. fellow and dir. of the China Center, Hudson Institute; former China policy advisor, U.S. Dept. of State	9:15am Ecumenical Communion Service 10:45am Robert Kagan , Brookings Inst.; contributing writer, <i>The Atlantic</i> 2:00pm CLSC Author Presentation. Rebecca Nagle , <i>By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Lands</i>	2:00pm Theater: New Play Workshop 3 - As You Like It 3:00pm Contemporary Issues Forum. Jonathan Deutsch , professor, Department and Food and Hospitality Management, Drexel University	10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Natalie Hanson , retired clergy, United Methodist Church
2:00pm Theater. <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Jeremy Ben-Ami , president & founder, J Street	2:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Rebecca Nagle , <i>By the Fire We Carry: The Generations-Long Fight for Justice on Native Lands</i>	6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	2:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>
3:00pm Bandits on the Run	4:00pm Chautauqua Chamber Music: JACK Quartet	6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	8:00pm School of Dance: Student Gala II. Sasha James , Bonnefoux McBride Artistic Director	6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	2:00pm Theater: New Play Workshop 3 - As You Like It	8:00pm The Music of Billy Joel with Tony DeSare and the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Stuart Chafetz , conductor	3:00pm Amphitheater Special
3:30pm WCR. Deborah Miranda (poetry) and AJ Eversole (prose)	8:00pm Music School Festival Orchestra. Timothy Muffitt , conductor.	8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Fate and Fury. Hannah Schendel , conductor.		7:30pm Theater: NPW 3 As You Like It	6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>		3:30pm WCR. Laura Marris (poetry) and Nishant Batsha (prose)
6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>				8:00pm Josh Groban: Stage, Screen & Symphony with Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra	8:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>		6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>
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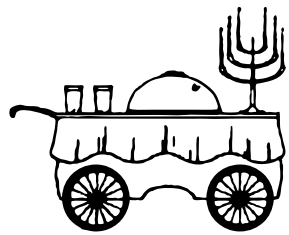
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Community Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative Grant Process

Grants up to \$2,500 available to small arts & cultural organizations

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Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo is now accepting applications for the 2026 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative competitive grants process. General Operating Micro-grants of up to \$2,500 for arts and cultural organizations with less than one full-time staff member are available to execute immediate programming. The deadline to apply is September 11, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

In 2021, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation established endowment funds at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo to support arts and culture in the eight counties of Western New York, plus Monroe County, in recognition of the key role arts and culture organizations play in a thriving economy.

Since the inception of the Arts & Culture Initiative, the Community Foundation has prioritized community feedback in the creation of this annual funding opportunity. Applications will be reviewed by experienced external evaluators who are artists, arts practitioners and arts administrators representing all nine

Western New York counties. Each county will be awarded a minimum of two Micro Grants, assuming eligible applications have been received in each county. Award decisions will be made in early November.

Applicants must be a small to mid-sized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that has arts and culture as their core mission with an operating budget of no more than \$500,000 in the most recent fiscal year.

For Monroe County arts organizations: To simplify the process and communication, Rochester Area Community Foundation will distribute funding for Monroe County. The expectation, where possible, is the funding will continue to align with the parameters set by the fund annually.

For additional details on eligibility and the grant opportunity, please visit cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/ralph-c-wilson-jr-foundation-arts-culture-initiative/

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Long before modern telescopes mapped the cosmos, the night sky served as an enduring record of human history, culture, and science. For the indigenous peoples of our region, the stars were not just distant points of light, but active participants in a rich tapestry of oral tradition.

The Haudenosaunee—historically known as the Iroquois Confederacy or the League of Five Nations—originally comprised the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Seneca nations. They expanded to become the Six Nations with the addition of the Tuscarora in the early 18th century. Today, we ask: how do these ancient celestial maps continue to guide and inspire the Six Nations? What deeper cultural truths are woven into the star patterns we see every night?

On Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 7:30 PM EDT, the Martz-Kohl Observatory will host Ja:no's Bowen for a special presentation titled, "Star Legends of the Haudenosaunee." Through the powerful art of storytelling, this presentation will explore the profound significance of well-known constellations, such as the Pleiades, among the Haudenosaunee people. Through a rich visual presentation, Bowen will reveal how these celestial patterns carry a legacy that spans generations.

"I find it important to remind Haudenosaunee people of our star legends," notes Bowen. "These legends contain cultural values and important reminders."

Ja:no's Bowen is a member of the Beaver clan of the Seneca Nation and a Faith Keeper of the Cold Spring Longhouse. She has centered her career on Seneca language reclamation efforts, beginning her journey in 2002 teaching Seneca language and culture to elementary and junior high school students on the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation. In 2015, she was appointed as the Director for what is now the Department of Seneca Language Teacher Support and Community Outreach.

Bowen holds an Ed.M. from the Harvard

University Graduate School of Education and an M.P.P. from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government. In 2020, she began coursework for an Ed.D. in Educational Leadership with the goal of merging her talents to support and train Indigenous language teachers. In addition to her language reclamation work, she sits on the USET Culture and Heritage Committee, the Natural Resources Committee of the Seneca Nation, the Board of Trustees for the Seneca Iroquois National Museum, and the Anti-Racism Initiative for the G20 Interfaith Forum.

The presentation will take place live at the Martz-Kohl Observatory and will also be available online via Zoom. The public is warmly encouraged to attend in person to experience this unique cultural perspective and meet the observatory's astronomy team. Admission is always free and donations are gratefully appreciated. The evening will include a post-talk Q&A session followed by guided tours of the facility. Visitors are advised to dress for the local weather, as the telescope domes are not climate-controlled. If skies are clear, the event will conclude with public viewing opportunities through the observatory's large-aperture telescopes

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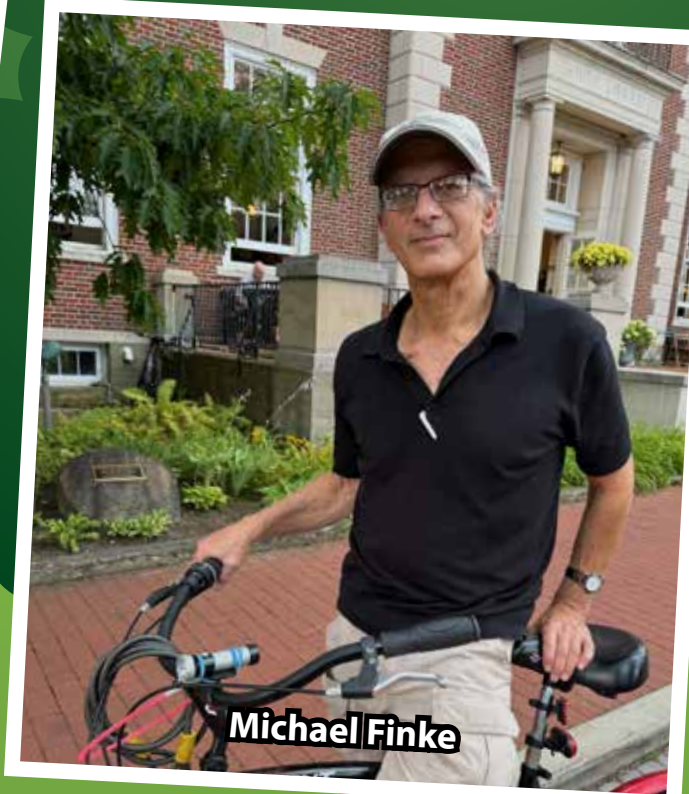


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