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LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER



Contributing Writer
Jordan Nicholson

There is something strange about watching an old stadium come down.

For decades, Western New Yorkers knew exactly what a Buffalo Bills Sunday looked like. We knew the drive to Orchard Park. We knew the parking lots, the grills, the layers of clothing required when the wind started blowing in December. We knew the concrete corridors of the old stadium and the sight of the field appearing as we walked through the tunnel.

Now, right next door, the Bills are playing in a new home while the old one is being demolished.

The new Highmark Stadium has different concourses, different amenities and a different feel. The technology is better. The building looks like it belongs to a different era because it does.

But when the Bills take the field, the objective is exactly the same as it was across the street.

Score more points than the other team.

In some ways, a community newspaper like the Chautauqua Gazette finds itself in a similar place.

The Gazette isn't the newspaper many of us remember landing on the front porch every morning. It isn't trying to be. The way people consume information has changed too much for that.

By the time a weekly newspaper reaches your hands, you probably already know the biggest headlines of the week. Your phone told you. Facebook told you. The television told you. A friend texted you about it. Maybe you watched it happen in real time.

Trying to compete with that would be a little like building a brand-new football stadium and installing rotary phones in the press box.

The opportunity for a weekly community newspaper is different.

It is to give a community a place to see itself.

That means telling the stories of the people, organizations, businesses and institutions that make Chautauqua County what it is. It means introducing readers to the person opening a new shop downtown, recognizing the volunteer who has quietly given decades to a local organization and celebrating the student doing something remarkable.

It means talking about the festival coming next weekend instead of simply reporting how many people attended it last weekend.

It means giving local organizations a place to explain what they're doing and why it matters. It means photographs of familiar faces, columns from familiar

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I love the Gazette for so many reasons! As an advertiser, the customer service is outstanding. It's a wonderful paper that truly cares about the community.

~ Cecelia Rhodes,
Chautauqua Vintage



"The Chautauqua Gazette does a wonderful job of keeping our community connected and giving a voice to the people, businesses, and events that make Chautauqua County special. Local journalism is so important because it keeps us informed about what is happening right here at home and helps shine a light on the people and organizations that make our communities stronger. What I appreciate most is that you can feel the heart and soul behind the paper. It is clear that the people at the Gazette genuinely care about this community and the stories they share."

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, AUGUST 24-MONDAY, AUGUST 31

Chautauqua County Overdose Awareness Spirit Week All Day
For Info: togetherwecanchq@gmail.com

MONDAY, AUGUST 24

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 25

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

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

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

Labyrinth Press Co. - Music on the Stoop - Stephen Case Foster | 6 PM-8:30 PM
12 E 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Movies at The Reg - Summer Tour | 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 27

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

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

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

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

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Beers, Burgers, & Fun! 6 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

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

Pearl City Hops - Karaoke Night | 7 PM
150 West 4th St. | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival | All Day
Various Venues | Jamestown
For Info: whirlybirdfest.com/schedule

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

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

Rural Mobile Medical Unit Health & Wellness Initiative Event | 10 AM-6 PM
Busti Church of God | Busti
For Info: 716 450 3960

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

Movies at The Reg - Minions & Monsters | 2 PM
116 E. 3rd St. | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

Infini-Con
Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Center | Jamestown
For Info: infinityperformingarts.org

Buffalo Arts Studio Presents "Presence" by Robert Booth Opening Reception | 5 PM-8 PM
2495 Main Street | Buffalo
For Info: sydney@buffaloartsstudio.org or 716-833-4450 x 114

Labyrinth Press Co. - Music on the Stoop - Jade Giambrone | 6 PM-8:30 PM
12 E 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Pearl City Hops - James Patrick | 6 PM-8 PM
150 West 4th St. | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

The Wine Cellar - Feverhawk & Royal Tea Service 6 PM - 9 PM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

Bemus Point Tap House - Smokin' 45 | 6 PM-9 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Movies at The Reg - Toy Story 5 | 7 PM
116 E. 3rd St. | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

An Evening with The Voice's Lucas West | 7:30 PM
1891 Fredonia Opera House | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

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

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

The Village Casino - Queen of the Beats 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspointcasino.com

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

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

Raven & Thorn - Wine and Yoga | 10 AM
26 Water St. | Fredonia
For Info: ravenandthorn.com

Labyrinth Press Co. - Music on the Stoop - Oliver Burdo 10 AM-1 PM
12 E 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Great Mid-Summer Fly-In/Drive-In | 10 AM-2 PM
3163 Airport Dr | Jamestown
For Info: chautauquacountyny.gov/jamestown-airport/jamestown-airport-jhw

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Blue Morning (Foreigner Tribute) with Charity Nuse Duo | 1 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Be the Light: Anyone Can Save a Life | 6 PM-8 PM
Point Gratiot Park | Dunkirk
For Info: togetherwecanchq@gmail.com

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

Wicked Warren's - Jimkata | 8 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

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

Raven & Thorn - Menage-a-Caw | 9 PM
26 Water St. | Fredonia
For Info: ravenandthorn.com

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

The Wine Cellar - Tsavo Highway & Fred Leopard 9 PM-1 AM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Little Mania Wrestling 12 PM-5 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

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

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Sunset Sundays with DJ Felony 1 PM-12 AM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Beach Dog Grill - Living Room Jam | 3 PM-6 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Mug Club Summer Picnic 3 PM-7 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Group Ther-Happy - Brown Dog Acoustics | 5 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupther-happy.com

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

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Live-N-Kickin' | 6:30 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.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

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER LOVES YOU



*Publisher
Lori Cornell*

I recently read a New York Times article that made the case for community newspapers like the Chautauqua Gazette. "Weeklies," as we are known in the publishing world, tend to present more of an ongoing overview of local businesses, organizations and events rather than the hard news coverage of the day. Community papers are typically just that: a showcase of one's community. And that "just" can make all the difference.

While statistics and downsized operations show that "daily" newspaper readership across the country is, in general, on an unfortunate decline, this New York Times article argues that many weeklies are holding strong based upon community connectedness. The author points to good old fashioned "shoe leather" as one rationale, and uses as examples several thriving weeklies that "pound the pavement" selling ads, distributing papers and interfacing directly with their loyal readership. Relationships, relationships, relationships! All of these things are packed within a trusted source of community pride in print. "The feel-good paper." The free coffee shop pick. That's your Chautauqua Gazette and the hundreds of other thriving weeklies across the country.

Please be clear: I'm not suggesting that weeklies are somehow a better newspaper than our trusted dailies like the Post-Journal and Dunkirk Observer. To the contrary - we pay respectful deference to these publications' superior role in news coverage. They continue to provide our community with strong reporting and delve deep to keep us informed. As always, we implore you to keep reading and supporting all types of local media!

We are, however, suggesting our local realization of this New York Times argument. While weeklies are not producing hard hitting news stories nor breaking news, we do appear to be landing a very strong place in the hearts of our readers with feature writing, small business appreciation and community highlights. As consistently researched, many free weeklies still enjoy a demand in their respective communities. We can attest to that blessing when we are both thrilled (and of course, concerned) to receive multiple calls, emails and even snail mails from readers each week patiently upset that they couldn't find a Gazette at one of their usual distribution locations. Not to mention the fact that we've maximized our print numbers to what we can afford and our volume is still not enough. That, dear readers, is a very good problem to have.

All this being said, our theme this week is simply a thank you for reading. Thank you for being the type of community that loves our community - that wakes up every Monday racing to beat your neighbors to the Chautauqua Gazette stands and calling me to please print more. We love and appreciate you!

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Featured Writer

Pastor Sherry Mahar

Christ First United Methodist Church

When I was a kid, I remember that Labor Day weekend marked the start of something new. A new school year, new teachers, possibly new subjects, hopefully some new friends while also holding on to the old ones. In preparation, there was school shopping for supplies like pencils, paper, and folders, but also for new clothes. The first day of school every year was filled with excitement, a little fear, and a lot of hope. It was going to be new. Of course, much of it wasn't really new. I was going back to the same school, with many of the same classmates, following the same routine I had followed the year before. But September still felt like a fresh start.

As an adult going to church, I experienced the same thing. We used to call it "Rally Day," as the Sunday after Labor Day would be a fresh start to a new season. Ministries that took a summer hiatus began again and, in theory, it prompted the rallying of people who had been away during the summer months to come back and reengage. But as I've been thinking about the old phrase "Rally Day," it makes me wonder if rallying isn't just a call to come back, but also God rallying us to go out. For so long, the new season of church has been focused on bringing people back into the building: come back to worship, come back to ministries and missions- and I certainly hope we do! Gathering together is very important. We need one another. We need to worship together, study together, pray together, laugh together, serve together, and grow together.

But Jesus called us to more than gather, he called us to go- to be witnesses, make disciples, reveal grace, and share God's love. That calling belongs to all who follow Christ. We gather, grow, and go-carrying what we have received beyond the walls of our churches and into the communities around us. In the church

I serve, Christ First United Methodist, we've been asking God what that might look like for us. So, over the summer, we began Covering the Community, opening our chapel on Monday mornings for anyone who wants a quiet place to pray or someone to pray with them.

Now, as we enter fall, one way we are seeking to live out that calling is by carrying our prayers beyond the walls of our church. We will head out into our neighborhood for a Prayer Walk. We aren't going out to knock on doors or try to convince anyone of anything. We're simply going to walk through the community God has placed around us- with open eyes, open hearts, and a willingness to pray. We will pass by homes without knowing the stories of the people inside. Someone may be grieving, or lonely, or facing a health concern, or wondering how the bills will be paid. There may be families in conflict, people carrying unspoken burdens, and some may just need to know there is hope. We may never know their needs. But God does. And we believe that prayer matters. We believe God moves through circumstances, through people, and within us. We know that God is good and powerful, full of love and grace. We will go, trusting that God is already at work.

When we pray for our neighbors, we begin to see differently, as strangers become neighbors. The communities around our churches become more than just the places where our churches are located- they become neighbors, people whom God loves and has called us to love. Our Prayer Walk is one step Christ First is taking in this fresh, new season. Covering the Community will continue to grow as we commit to praying regularly for the people who live around us. But this calling extends far beyond one church or one neighborhood. What might happen if churches everywhere began to see the people in the communities around them as more than those we hope to invite in, but as neighbors to pray for, care for, serve, and love?

As we rally together and then rally to go out, may God move through all of us, and through churches throughout our community, so that together we might become sources of hope, healing, and wholeness in the places God has planted us. A fresh, new season is beginning. May we be ready not only to gather, but also to go.

Love your Community Newspaper

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voices and stories about places readers pass every day.

A weekly community newspaper can be a record of a place, but it can also be an invitation to participate in it.

That distinction matters.

There is plenty in the world to be cynical about. Open social media for five minutes and you can find an argument. Turn on cable television and somebody will happily explain why the country is doomed.

There should also be a place dedicated to reminding us that good things are happening close to home.

That doesn't mean ignoring problems or pretending everything is perfect. Journalism remains an important part of what a community newspaper does. Facts matter. Accuracy matters. Asking questions matters. When something important happens in our community, readers deserve to understand it.

But a community newspaper can do something beyond reporting the news.

It can strengthen the community it covers.

The Gazette can tell you about the fundraiser that needs volunteers. It can introduce you to the nonprofit that could use your help. It can explain what your county government is debating before the vote happens. It can give a local business a chance to tell its story. It can remind you about a concert, a high school game, a community meeting or a festival worth attending.

And every once in a while, it can simply tell you something interesting about the person who lives down the road.

Those stories may not generate breaking-news alerts. They aren't supposed to. They are the stories that accumulate over time into something much more important: a sense of place.

A publication serving this county

should help connect those places rather than simply document them.

That requires evolving.

The Bills didn't build a replica of the old stadium. There would have been little point in spending billions of dollars simply to reproduce a building designed for another generation (looking at you Yankee Stadium). They built something suited for the way people experience football today.

A community newspaper should think the same way. The point is community.

The new Bills stadium doesn't need to look like the old one to mean something to Western New York.

A community newspaper doesn't need to appear on your stoop every morning or send you push alerts.

Today, the Bills walk out of a different tunnel. The seats are different. The scoreboards are different. The concourses are different. A new generation of memories is already beginning while a few hundred yards away lay the craggy ruins of football games past.

But the field is still 100 yards long.

There are still two end zones.

And nestled comfortable in section 328, a large bearded Bills is still going to be yelling about the play calling.

The building changed. The purpose didn't.

The same can be true of a community newspaper.

The Gazette doesn't need to recreate the newspaper of yesterday. It needs to be the community newspaper Chautauqua County needs today: a place that informs when necessary, celebrates whenever possible, connects people to one another and, once a week, reminds us that the place we call home is worth paying attention to.

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The Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities – Airports is inviting residents and visitors to attend the Great Mid-Summer Fly-In / Drive-In on Saturday, August 29, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jamestown Chautauqua County Airport (JHW) at 3163 Airport Dr, Jamestown, NY.

Originally scheduled for July 18, the event was postponed due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for August 29.

The free community event will showcase a variety of aircraft and classic vehicles while offering opportunities for attendees to experience aviation firsthand. Guests can enjoy discovery flights provided by Great Lakes Flight School, view visiting aircraft, and participate in raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

A featured attraction will once again be Whiskey 7, a beautifully restored Douglas C-47 Skytrain operated by the National Warplane Museum in Geneseo. The aircraft is one of the few remaining World War II transport planes still flying today and serves as a living tribute to the men and women who served during the war. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase rides aboard the historic aircraft for a once-in-a-lifetime aviation experience.

In addition to the aviation activities, Archie's Airport Restaurant will host a chicken barbecue during the event. With 300 chicken dinners available, attendees are encouraged to come hungry and enjoy lunch while supporting a great cause. Hamburgers and hot dogs will also be available for purchase.

"We're excited to welcome the community back for what promises to be a fantastic day celebrating aviation," said John Machemer, Deputy Director of Public Facilities – Airports. "Whether you're interested in historic aircraft, classic cars, or simply looking for a fun family outing, there's something for everyone. Every dollar raised helps support the Alan D. Fuller Memorial Flying Scholarship and inspires the next generation of pilots."

All proceeds from the event benefit the Alan D. Fuller Memorial Flying Scholarship, which helps aspiring pilots pursue flight training and aviation education.

The Great Mid-Summer Fly-In / Drive-In is sponsored by the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities – Airports, the National Warplane Museum, Archie's Airport Restaurant, and Great Lakes Flight School.

For more information about the event, contact the Jamestown Chautauqua County Airport at (716) 484-0202 or visit chautauquacountyny.gov/jamestown-airport/jamestown-airport-jhw.



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Together We Can CHQ

Together We Can CHQ invites residents, businesses, organizations, schools, and community leaders throughout Chautauqua County to participate in Chautauqua County Overdose Awareness Week, taking place August 24–31, 2026.

This county-wide initiative promotes hope, healing, remembrance, recovery, education, and community connection while encouraging meaningful conversations about substance use and mental health. Throughout the week, the community is invited to participate in themed Spirit Week activities, attend local events, and stand together in observance of International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31.

Together We Can CHQ is a community-driven overdose awareness coalition dedicated to fostering hope, healing, connection, and compassion. Through its Be the Light Initiatives, the coalition works to fight stigma, support recovery, honor lives, and strengthen the community through education, advocacy, harm reduction, and meaningful connection.

While the coalition's work is rooted in Chautauqua County, every Overdose Awareness Week initiative is officially registered through the International Overdose Awareness Day Campaign, connecting local efforts to the world's largest annual campaign dedicated to preventing overdose, reducing stigma, honoring lives lost, and supporting individuals and families affected by substance use.

Chautauqua County Overdose Awareness Week Spirit Week

Several community buildings, listed below, will be participating by "Keeping the Light On," illuminating their buildings purple to recognize this observance. Community members are encouraged to participate by wearing the daily themes, visiting buildings illuminated in purple, taking photos with coworkers, friends, family members, classrooms, or organizations, and sharing them on Facebook and Instagram while tagging Together We Can CHQ. These locations include: **Mayville Village Clerks Office; Mayville Depot;**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, August 24:
Challenge the Stigma
Wear recovery or mental health apparel.

Tuesday, August 25:
Peace Out to Accidental Overdose
Wear tie-dye.

Wednesday, August 26:
Band Together
Wear your favorite band or concert T-shirt.

Thursday, August 27:
Glow for Awareness
Wear neon or bright colors.

Friday, August 28:
Be the Light
Wear purple or your Together We Can CHQ shirt and join us for our community event.

Saturday, August 29:
Let's Team Together
Wear your favorite sports team apparel or jersey.

Sunday, August 30:
International Overdose Awareness Day
Wear purple, honor those we have lost, celebrate recovery, and join communities around the world in raising awareness and inspiring hope.

Jamestown City Hall; Dunkirk City Hall; Dunkirk Police Department.

Third Annual Be the Light: Anyone Can Save a Life

The signature event of Overdose Awareness Week is the 3rd Annual Be the Light: Anyone Can Save a Life, taking place on Saturday, August 29, from 6:00–8:00 PM at the Lower Pavilion, Point Gratiot Park in Dunkirk. Unlike a traditional awareness event, Be the Light combines education, prevention, remembrance, family activities, and community connection into one evening designed to reduce stigma, build hope, and bring lifesaving resources directly to the people who need them.

Event highlights include a community resource fair featuring local organizations, live music by Miranda Wilcox, community yoga led by Dyann Bourne of Reborne Wellness, inspi-

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ring stories of hope and recovery, children's activities, face painting, games, and prizes. Evergreen Health will provide free opioid overdose prevention education, naloxone (Narcan) training, harm reduction resources, and medication disposal education. Chautauqua County Sheriff James Quattrone will present information about New York State's 911 Good Samaritan Law. The evening will also include food, a basket raffle and 50/50 fundraiser, and freshly pressed Together We Can CHQ event T-shirts available for purchase.

As the evening concludes, attendees will gather for a community remembrance vigil led by Reverend Jim LaBarr of Harvest Chapel. The ceremony will include a moment of silence, prayer, and a purple glow wand tribute honoring the lives of those lost to accidental overdose while offering hope and healing to families, friends, and the community.

Together We Can CHQ's work extends throughout the year. The coalition offers free community opioid overdose prevention and naloxone trainings, is

launching the Be the Light Grief Support Group this September for individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to substance use, and established the Be the Light Scholarship, which supports the continuing education and professional development of first responders throughout Chautauqua County. This year marks the awarding of the coalition's first scholarship.

Community Support Needed

We could not do this without help. Thank you to the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County, The Recovery Center of Niagara and Lakeside Medical Practice for their donations and sponsorship. If you or your organization would like to support as well or for any additional information, please contact: Jennifer Larson, LCSW, CASAC-T: togetherwecanchq@gmail.com. Follow Together We Can CHQ on Facebook and Instagram for updates throughout Chautauqua County Overdose Awareness Week. Together, we can challenge stigma. Support recovery. Honor lives. Be the Light.

Mental Health Association Welcomes St. Susan Center Director



Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County Executive Director Michael Nordin welcomed Cherie Rowland, executive director of St. Susan Center, to the MHA's August recovery luncheon. Rowland announced that on Thursday, August 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,

Little Caesars Love Kitchen will be in the parking lot adjacent to St. Susan's entrance on the east side of the Gateway Building, 31 Water Street in Jamestown. The mobile pizza kitchen travels across the United States and Canada to serve free, hot meals to people who are hungry, homeless, or affected by natural disasters and major crises. She also described the recent vandalism of their freezer and its impact on the 150-200 meals they serve every day except Sunday. Jamestown Ice and Storage, Lindsey Refrigeration in North East, Pa., and several local food pantries have come to the rescue. They are storing 6,766 pounds of food, mostly recovered from partnerships with local farmers and retailers, including Wegmans, Tops Markets, Panera Bread, Ecklof's Bakery, Target, and Walmart. For locations, hours and services of the MHA's Jamestown and Dunkirk recovery centers, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHQ.org or Facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A vast desert in Africa

7. Reciprocal of a sine

10. Type of phone

12. Biblical figure

13. One who renounces a religious belief

14. Warren and Monroe are two

15. Wild ox

16. Dismounted a horse

17. Cave dweller

18. Where infants sleep

19. Popular type of shoe

21. Clumsy large person

22. Evil-like

27. Integrated circuit
28. Austin-based athlete

33. Postscript

34. Follows 18

36. People of Gambia

37. Popular actor Nicolas

38. Platform for a lectern

39. Taxi

40. American songwriter Sammy

41. Iranian city

44. Heavy clubs

45. One who is expelled

48. In bed

49. Lifelessness

50. Former CIA

51. Most slick

CLUES DOWN

1. Slovenly person

2. In addition

3.hovels

4. Pie ___ mode

5. Subway rodent

6. They ___

7. Indigenous S. American people

8. Fine sand

9. Central nervous system

10. Nightclub entertainment

11. The perfect example of something

12. Supreme Islamic leader

14. Pain

17. Binary-coded decimal

18. Projecting corner of an angle

20. "Succession" actor Brian

23. Dinner table decor

24. Ancient settlement in modern Turkey
25. You can call Paul Simon this

26. Opposite of a pro

29. Atomic #28

30. Type of drug (abbr.)

31. Arrives at

32. Nullifies

35. Bird's beak

36. Partner to "oohed"

38. Ray-finned fishes

40. Taxis

41. Sat on and controlled

42. Sea eagles

43. Remain as-is

44. Chinese revolutionary

45. Tooth caregiver

46. Snake-like fish

47. Compensate



INFINI-CON

EVENT SCHEDULE

Ongoing Activities	Scheduled Experiences
Open House	K-Pop Dance Class - 4:30-5:30pm
Instructor Meet & Greet	Cosplay Panel - 5:30-6:30pm
Artist Alley	Costume Runway- 6:30-7:00pm
Trinket Trading	FAMILY-FRIENDLY COSPLAY is highly encouraged, but not required. Props will be checked for safety upon arrival.
Infinity Registration	This is a free community event!
Photo Ops	All-ages welcome!
Make & Take Arts & Crafts	
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Infinity Creates a Family-Friendly Convention Experience with 'Infini-Con'

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is putting its own creative spin on convention culture with **Infini-Con**, a free, family-friendly community event taking place Friday, August 28, from 4pm-7pm at the Infinity Center in Downtown Jamestown.

Created and hosted by Infinity instructors, students, and staff, Infini-Con will transform the Infinity Center into an evening of small convention-inspired experiences alongside hands-on arts activities, music, movement, and an open house for families interested in exploring Infinity.

Rather than a traditional traveling convention, Infini-Con is a homegrown Infinity event designed especially with children, teens, and families in mind. Visitors can move throughout the building at their own pace, stopping into different spaces to participate, watch, create, meet instructors, or simply explore their interests.

Convention-inspired activities will include a mini 'Artists Alley' featuring Infinity youth creators, a cosplay panel, costume runway, ribbon game, trinket trading, live chalk art, photo opportunities, and more. The event will also give Infinity students who participated in a 'Cosplay Collaborative' class during Infinity's third trimester an opportunity to showcase the costumes and characters they have worked to create.

Art Instructor, Ash Pickering, will be presenting during the cosplay panel and shared, "It's a powerful feeling to be able to wear something you have spent a long time creating, and being in character can be a great way to confidently meet new people with less pressure to fit in. Cosplay provides a unique way to combine visual arts, sewing, acting and a multitude of other art forms. I love the enthusiasm our students have for their favorite characters and fandoms, and how this media inspires their art. Infini-con is a way to celebrate the hard work our cosplay students have put in, while showcasing the different programming Infinity has to offer."

Infinity Instructor, and fellow cosplay panel presenter, Laura Becker



added, "Cosplay covers a wide span of artforms; sewing, painting, prop construction, and then there's hair and makeup and wig styling. It's a lot to learn! There is a growing interest among young people to get into cosplay and each costume has very specific requirements which vary from character to character."

Family-friendly costumes are encouraged for all Infini-Con guests, whether they are experienced cosplayers, trying it for the first time, or simply want to dress as a favorite character. A prop check will also be available as guests arrive.

Throughout the rest of the Infinity Center, families can take part in hands-on activities including make-and-take art projects, an Instrument Petting Zoo, and a K-Pop Dance Class. Attendees can also browse an instrument and equipment sale and explore Infinity's lesson rooms and creative spaces.

Infini-Con also serves as an Open House for Infinity, giving children, teens, and their families an opportunity to connect directly with Infinity experiences. Families can meet instructors, try new activities and instruments, ask questions about private lessons and group classes, and learn more about the opportunities that interest them. Families interested in joining Infinity can also register for the new program year, which begins Monday, September 14.

Infini-Con is **free and open to the community from 4pm-7pm on Friday, August 28**, at the Infinity Center, located at 301 East Second St. in Downtown Jamestown. **Family-friendly costumes are encouraged but not required.**

"I truly feel having a local paper like the Chautauqua Gazette helps not only tourists in the summer, but it shows people that live here all the fun things that are going on around the area as well. Without a paper like this, people wouldn't know some of these small businesses even exist. Thank you for what you do!"

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Local Golfer Scores Hole-in-One to Benefit Crèche for Kids



Submitted Photos

John "Rick" Goodell, center, celebrates his hole-in-one on Hole No. 4 during the fourth annual Crèche Fore the Kids! Golf Scramble at Chautauqua Golf Club on Aug. 16. Goodell's ace earned him a \$2,500 prize, while an additional \$2,500 will benefit Crèche for Kids through the hole-in-one sponsorship provided by Ed Shults Auto Group. Joining Goodell are, from left, Robert Rappole, Gregg Wefining and Cody Gleason.

Contributed by Crèche for Kids

A local golfer turned an already successful day of fundraising into an especially memorable one Sunday when he recorded a hole-in-one during the fourth annual Crèche Fore the Kids! Golf Scramble at Chautauqua Golf Club.

John "Rick" Goodell aced Hole No. 4 during the 18-hole scramble, which was held Sunday, Aug. 16, to benefit Crèche for Kids, a 100% volunteer-run organization that provides assistance to local children and families in need.

Goodell's hole-in-one came on a hole sponsored by Ed Shults Auto Group, which provided a \$5,000 hole-in-one prize—\$2,500 for the golfer and \$2,500 for Crèche for Kids.

Goodell's ace was witnessed by Crèche volunteers Beth Snow and Kara Weinstein, as well as his team-

mates Robert Rappole, Gregg Wefining and Cody Gleason.

The tournament brought together local golfers, volunteers, sponsors and community supporters for a day of golf and fundraising. In addition to the golf scramble, participants had opportunities to take part in a putting contest, Get It on the Green game, 50/50 drawings and a raffle featuring donated prizes and baskets.

Proceeds from the tournament support Crèche for Kids' mission of helping local children and families with essential needs throughout the community.

"We were thrilled with how the day came together, and having a hole-in-one on the Shults-sponsored hole was an incredible bonus," said Meg Pickard, 2026 Golf Scramble chair. "We are so grateful to Ed Shults Auto Group for making the hole-in-one opportunity possible and to all of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers who supported the event."



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Retiring Educator Establishes Scholarship to Help Students Pursue their Goals

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family of Swan-Leuze*

After nearly three decades spent encouraging young people to keep moving forward, longtime physical education instructor Sean Swan-Leuze is making sure that encouragement continues well beyond his retirement. The family of Swan-Leuze, in recognition of his retirement after 29 years as an educator, has established the Sean Swan-Leuze Scholarship Fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to support graduating seniors from Southwestern Central School as they continue their education after high school.

The scholarship will recognize students who have overcome adversity while demonstrating a positive outlook and determination to move forward. For Swan-Leuze, those qualities are especially meaningful.

“I’m a pretty happy person and have always tried to see the glass half full,” Swan-Leuze said. “I’ve known a lot of great students in the past who have been on the bubble in terms of affording



Sean Swan-Leuze, with his wife Jen

college, and I hope this scholarship can be the help they need. I’ve seen students go on to do great things with a little help, be it college or workforce training.”

While retirement will bring his time as a

classroom educator to a close, he has no intention of turning away from his role as an encourager.

Swan-Leuze, who taught physical education at both Southwestern Central

School and Randolph Academy, currently lives with Jen, his wife of 30 years and their daughters Hadyn, Hannah, and Heidi. Living with ALS, Swan-Leuze intends to remain active through motivational speaking at schools and other venues. His message will focus on something he has valued throughout his career and experienced personally: the ability to face adversity without allowing it to define what comes next.

That same belief is at the heart of his scholarship. Swan-Leuze hopes to recognize not simply where a student has been, but where they have the potential to go.

“When Sean’s family reached out about recognizing his career with this Fund, we were honored to help define the scholarship selection criteria,” said Tory Irgang, Executive Director. “We look forward to announcing the first recipient next June.”

To learn more about the Sean Swan-Leuze Scholarship Fund or to make a contribution, visit crcfonline.org or contact the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation at 716-661-3390.

Free Jamestown Coin Club Show This Sunday at Celoron Legion

A 1/10 oz \$5 American Gold Eagle coin is among the prizes at the Jamestown Coin Club Annual Fall Show, this Sunday, August 30, 10 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The free event is at the Herman Kent Post 777 (Celoron) American Legion, 26 Jackson Ave., off Fairmount Ave., W.E., Jamestown. More than two dozen dealers will be buying, selling, and offering free appraisals of U.S., ancient, and foreign coins. To learn more, call (716) 720-1591.



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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

For the second year in a row the CHQ Chamber is proud to present Official Introductions to be held Thursday, September 10 at the Athenaeum Hotel at Chautauqua Institution. This special event is designed to facilitate personal connections between local businesspeople and their elected representatives from many levels of government, from village to town to county and state.

Municipal, town, county, state and federal elected officials have been invited to attend. Confirmed representatives at this time include State Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, and County Executive PJ Wendel. A number of county legislators and city, town, and village representatives are expected to attend as well.

This is a tremendous opportunity for local businesspeople to have direct conversations with our elected representatives in person. Official Introductions is a networking event like no other. It allows for personal dialogue in an informal gathering. The CHQ Chamber believes conversation is at the heart of meaningful relationships, and this event is a direct outreach of our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. CHQ Chamber staff will help facilitate introductions as needed during this gathering.

This year's Official Introductions will be held at the historic Athenaeum Hotel at Chautauqua Institution from 5-7pm, Thursday, September 10. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The cost is \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members. Advanced registration is required and replies are requested by September 4. Registration is open now through the CHQ Chamber's online event calendar at www.chqchamber.org. Elected officials that wish to attend are asked to contact Staunzie Grady at sgrady@chqchamber.org.

Many thanks to our sponsors: AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Athe-

naeum Hotel, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Glenora Radio Network, National Grid, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and State University of New York at Fredonia.

Music in the Green is August 26

The CHQ Chamber's Music in the Green summer series has one more event this year on Wednesday, August 26. This fun evening celebrates uptown Mayville businesses with live music at the Village Green Park, open businesses along Erie Street including shopping and dining, and local vendors and nonprofits as well.

This month's event features the Kokomo Time Band from 5:30-7:30pm. Chamber members participating are Franklin's Honey & Apples, Hope Counseling LCSW PLLC, Music for Your Mouth, Mustic Smoke BBQ, Opera House Home & Gifts, Southwest Region Small Business Development Center, and Weed Ross. Nonmembers include The Eclectic Bird and Handcrafted from the Heart.

Music in the Green is sponsored by the Town of Chautauqua and Village of Mayville and is free to the public.

First Friday is September 4

As Labor Day approaches and summer winds down, the CHQ Chamber has one more First Friday event on tap in Westfield this season on September 4. This exceptional community event offers numerous open businesses along Main Street and nearby areas along with vendors, live entertainment, food trucks, and more. First Friday runs from 5-8pm. It is sponsored in September by AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, the Village of Westfield, Westfield Ag & Turf, and Westfield Makerspace.

Save the Date for CHQ Chamber Awards Banquet

The 2026 CHQ Chamber Business Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, October 8 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia. Save the date now and watch for our full list of award recipients to be announced soon.

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The Bird is Back: Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival Returns to Downtown Jamestown August 28–29

Two days, nine venues and 14 shows bring national, regional and local music, art and community programming to downtown Jamestown, with most events free to attend.

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Whirlybird Music
& Arts Festival



Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival returns to downtown Jamestown on **Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, 2026**, for two days of live music, visual art and community programming throughout the city.

Presented by Lifted, Whirlybird 2026 features **14 shows across nine downtown venues, with the majority of festival programming free and open to the public.**

This year's lineup brings together nationally touring artists, regional favorites and local talent, including **Jimkata**, **Sugar Nova** featuring **Luke Miller of Lotus**, **Uncle Ben's Remedy**, **Grub**, **Feverhawk**, **Tsavo Highway**, **Royal Tea Service**, **Stereo Death**, **Invisible Dance**, **Mister Green**, **The Away Team**, **Adam McKillip**, **Circuit1**, **Oliver Burdo**, **DJ James Fiorella**, **Ryan Buzzetto**, **Gavin Paterniti**, **Bill Ward**, **Miki Farkas**, **Erik Thor**, **Jade Giambrone**, **Jerod Eggleston**, **Mike Brunacini**, **Campfire Junkie**, **Stephen Babcock**, **Fred Leopard**, **Tin Can Reverie** and **Cheney Maxine**.

The festival is hosted by **Jonny Johnson**, with visual art and installations from **Gary Peters Jr.**, **Joe Rice**, **Dangeruss**, **Darcy Farkas** and **Allie Farkas**.

FREE MUSIC RETURNS TO WINTER GARDEN PLAZA

At the center of Whirlybird weekend is the return of free, all-ages programming at **Winter Garden Plaza**.

Friday evening kicks off with a special performance from **Feverhawk**, marking the band's final show before an indefinite hiatus, followed by Warren-based jam, funk and groove band **Royal Tea Service**. Gates open at 5 p.m., with **Feverhawk** performing at 6 p.m. and **Royal Tea Service** at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, the **Whirlybird Block Party** returns to Winter Garden Plaza as **Lifted** celebrates its second birthday. The free, all-ages event features **Invisible Dance**, **Grub** and **Sugar Nova**, the dance-pop project featuring **Luke Miller of Lotus**, along with sets from **Farkas** and **DJ James Fiorella**.

Gates open Saturday at 2 p.m., with music beginning at 3 p.m. The **Block Party** will also feature live art, local vendors, food from **Taco Hut** and beer from **Wicked Warren's**. A suggested donation at the gate helps support Whirlybird's free community programming.

FESTIVAL NIGHT SHOWS

Whirlybird continues into the night with ticketed performances throughout downtown.

On Friday, Western New York favorites **Uncle Ben's Remedy** headline **Raven & Rune**, with **Adam McKillip of Smilo**

and the **Ghost and The Probables** opening the evening. Doors open at 8 p.m. The show is 21+.

Saturday night, **Jimkata** returns to Jamestown for a headlining performance at **Wicked Warren's**, with **Circuit1**, the electronic project of **Adam Gould**, opening the night. Doors open at 8 p.m., with **Circuit1** at 8:30 p.m. and **Jimkata** performing from 9:30–11:30 p.m. The show is all ages.

Additional night performances throughout the weekend include **Tsavo Highway**, **Stereo Death**, **The Away Team**, **Mister Green** and **Fred Leopard** at **Jamestown Wine Cellar**

Festival programming takes place across downtown Jamestown at **Winter Garden Plaza**, **Wicked Warren's**, **Raven & Rune**, **Jamestown Wine Cellar**, **Haggy's 4 Below**, **Labyrinth Press Co.**, **Jamestown Skate Products**, **2 Gingers Inn**, and **Jamestown Farmers Market**.

Most Whirlybird events are **free admission**. Night shows at **Wicked Warren's**, **Raven & Rune** and **Jamestown Wine Cellar** require a Festival Pass or individual venue admission. **Raven & Rune** and **Jamestown Wine Cellar** night shows are 21+.

Two-day Festival Passes and individual show tickets are on sale now at whirlybirdfest.com/tickets

Presale Individual Passes (\$10) for Jimkata are available without service fees at Lifted & Wicked Warren's

Presale Individual Passes (\$10) for Uncle Ben's Remedy are available without service fees at Lifted & Raven & Rune

The complete Whirlybird 2026 schedule, including performance times, venues and admission information, is available at: whirlybirdfest.com/schedule

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival 2026 is made possible through the support of **Lifted Dispensary**, **National Comedy Center**, **Jamestown Wine Cellar**, **Wicked Warren's**, **Haggy's 4 Below**, **Labyrinth Press Co.**, **Brazil Lounge**, **Jamestown Skate Products**, **Raven & Rune**, **Jamestown Spine**, **Snowbelt Gardens**, **Black Cherry Tattoo**, **Stanton's Garage**, **Chautauqua Art Gallery**, **Art & Cloth**, **Lee Yaw Law Office**, **Pine Cone Creamery**, **2 Gingers Inn** and **East Side Liquor**.

Whirlybird brings artists, venues, businesses and the community together for a weekend built around independent music, creativity and downtown Jamestown.

The Bird is Back. Join us August 28 & 29 for two days of music, art, smiles and sun.

St. Susan Center Revives Beloved Cooking Series, "So You Think You Can Cook" Competition

as Battle of the Badges: The Ladle Showdown!

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St. Susans Center

St. Susan Center, Jamestown's Soup Kitchen, Presents the Next Chapter of the Beloved Cooking Competition as Battle of the Badges: The Ladle Showdown, Our Community's Favorite Soup Competition Returns with First Responding Heroes, Friendly Rivalry, and a Mission to Feed the Future

Four years ago, during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Susan Center launched **So You Think You Can Cook**, a community soup competition that brought people together when the community needed it most. Today, that beloved event returns with an exciting new twist. This September, St. Susan Center proudly presents **Battle of the Badges: The Ladle Showdown**, the next chapter of its popular, **So You Think You Can Cook** series competition.

The four-week culinary showdown will feature police, fire and EMS teams from across Chautauqua County while raising funds for a much-needed walk-in freezer for St. Susan Center. The competition will be held **September 3, 10, 17 and conclude with a Championship Finale on September 24 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.**

Teams will prepare a signature soup for audience tasting along with a timed mystery basket appetizer and entrée challenge. Audience members will vote for the **People's Choice Best Soup** while judges score creativity, presentation, teamwork, and execution.

Proceeds from **Battle of the Badges** will help St. Susan Center purchase a walk-in freezer and refrigeration equipment, expanding its ability to safely store food and continue serving nutritious meals to individuals and families throughout the community.

"At St. Susan Center, we witness every day how a meal can change someone's life," said **Cherie Rowland**, Executive Director of St. Susan Center. "This event is about much more than food, it's about relationship. Around our tables, people find friendship, dignity,

compassion, and hope. **Battle of the Badges** celebrates those same values while honoring the first responders who dedicate their lives to serving our community."

Melissa Paterniti, Event Coordinator, noted, "When the original event was held in 2022, I was not part of the planning team, but I was asked to step in at the last minute. I had only a few short hours to prepare a soup, and by the end of the evening I had won the **People's Best Soup** award. It was an unforgettable experience that sparked my passion for this event.

Now, four years later, I'm honored to be coordinating the next chapter. I am not standing behind the stove, I'm working behind the scenes with volunteers, board members, first responders, sponsors and community partners to make this the biggest and best fundraiser for St. Susan Center.

I'm incredibly excited by the response from our community already. Nearly every judging position has been filled, and the support we've received from businesses, volunteers, first responders, sponsors and community members has been overwhelming. On behalf of St. Susan Center, thank you to everyone who has stepped forward before the event has even begun."

Melissa Paterniti, Event Coordinator, continued, "We've distributed more than 30 invitation packets to police, fire and EMS departments throughout Chautauqua County, and now we're looking for those final commitments. Calling all local heroes, gather your teammate and join us this September!

My hope is that people don't just come for the competition, they come because they believe in what St. Susan Center does every day."

Jamestown Ward 6 Councilman Andrew Faulkner, who attended the original competition in 2022 and will serve as a judge this year, said:

"I attended the first event back in 2022 to support my friends who were competing, and I had no idea how much

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Audubon Seeking Volunteers & Sponsors, Early Registration Open for Enchanted Forest

Creatures like this flying squirrel greet visitors and share stories along the trails at Audubon Community Nature Center's Enchanted Forest. From animal "actors" and trail guides to popcorn servers and parking assistants, Audubon needs many volunteers to make this magical event happen on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tefft, STefft@AudubonCNC.org, if you can help. If your organization or business would appreciate some publicity while supporting a popular family-friendly event, contact Executive Director Aaron Sidder at ASidder@AudubonCNC.org to learn more. Reservations for this guided walk are required and are now open to Audubon members at the Family level and higher. Walks go out every 10 minutes between 6 and 8 p.m. and last about 40 minutes. Regular registration opens September 1 at Auduboncnc.org/enchanted-forest. Any of these can be reached at (716) 569-2345.



Opera House To Present The Voice Finalist in Concert



Contributed by 1891 Fredonia Opera House

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center will present An Evening with The Voice's Lucas West on Fri., Aug. 28, at 7:30pm.

Rochester-based vocalist, instrumentalist, and songwriter Lucas West is thought by many to be a strong force of the next generation of popular music.

The 21-year-old West makes it his mission to pull from a variety of genres including rock, pop, jazz, soul, and R&B, and bring it back to the mainstream. He placed third on Season 29 of The Voice: Battle of Champions, and was John Legend's finalist. He has performed in front of the likes of Adam Levine, Kelly Clarkson, Katy Perry, Lionel Richie and Luke Bryan.

West is also known throughout New York State for his powerful rendition of the national anthem, which he has performed at two Buffalo Bills home games.

He is a 2026 graduate of SUNY Fredonia's School of Music with a BA in music and concentration in Jazz Stu-

dies. His journey on The Voice began in Fredonia's Mason Hall, where he recorded and submitted an audition video that ultimately led to his selection for the show. During the competition, he worked closely with celebrity coaches Legend, Levine, and Clarkson, gaining insight into the professional music industry.

General Admission tickets to An Evening with The Voice's Lucas West at the Opera House are \$20, \$18 (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 anytime at www.fredopera.org.

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

Summer Tour and Minions & Monsters to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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Summer Tour (Wed., August 26 at 7 p.m.) is a poetic documentary that follows Jerry and Annie, a magnetic young couple devoted to the music and community of Dead & Company, as they journey across America for the band's final tour. At once a love story and a celebration of a uniquely American tradition of wandering, Summer Tour reflects on what it means to seek belonging, adventure, and transcendence in a fleeting moment of cultural history. Summer Tour is unrated and is 80 minutes long.

Minions & Monsters (Fri., August 28 at 7 p.m. & Sat., August 29 at 2 p.m.) is the rambunctious, ridiculous and totally true story of how the Minions conquered Hollywood, became movie

stars, lost everything, unleashed monsters onto the world and then banded together to try and save the planet from the mayhem they had just created. Minions & Monsters is rated PG and is 89 minutes long.

Upcoming movies at The Reg include: The Rocky Horror Picture Show (Oct. 30 at 10 p.m.) and Cat Video Fest 2026 (Nov. 14 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.



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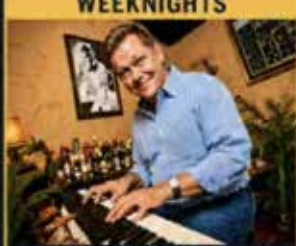
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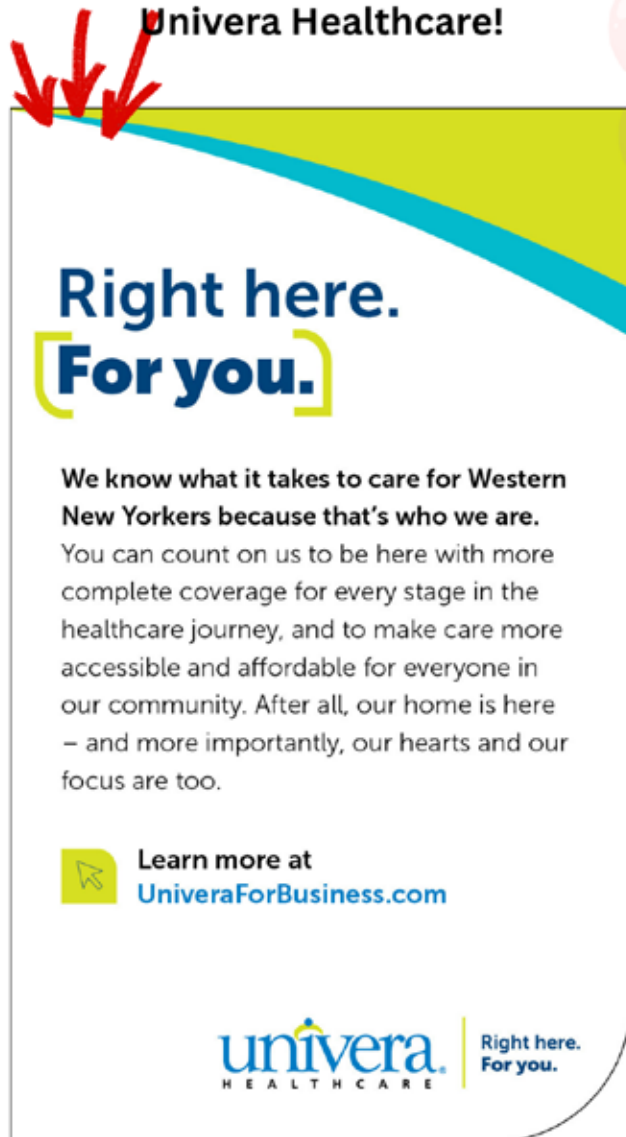
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Friday, August 28th • 10am-6pm



Coming Together for Health and Wellness

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Busti Church of God

Everyone is invited to the third annual Busti Church of God Rural Mobile Medical Unit Health & Wellness Event that is being held at the church, 996 Forest Ave. Extension, Busti, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday, August 28th!

The event will feature Supporters of our Communities (various agencies) who will assist people throughout the day. The Chautauqua County Mobile Medical Unit, the Erie Vet Center Mobile Unit and the Fidelis street van will be on site to assist as needed.

For the kids and elders, there will be various Bingo games and prizes, a scavenger hunt for the kiddos, bean bag toss (prizes!!) and other free fun things to do throughout the day! Each family will receive a free bag of home and hygiene products (while supplies last) and have a chance to win one of the various door prizes!

The purpose of events such as this is to bring together rural communities and services that usually are not physically present in the rural areas, so that those who are needing assistance can have access to the providers to learn more of what they offer and how to connect with them, as well as bringing medical services to the more rural areas of Chautauqua County.

There will be four Veteran's agencies on site, the Erie Vet Center Mobile Unit, the Chautauqua County Mobile Medical unit and the Fidelis Street Van. Services are free during this event!

Providers who will be on hand to assist our communities that day are: the Alzheimer's Association (Bingo!), Univera (sponsor!), Key Bank, Feed-

more WNY, Highmark Health, Chautauqua Blind Assoc., VA Healthcare, VA Suicide Prevention, Buffalo and Erie Vet Centers (Scavenger Hunt!), JCC Workforce Development, Roswell's Tobacco Free program, Erie Retina Research (free retinal exams and follow up), National Fuel, Center for Elder Law & Justice, Heritage, Total Senior Care, GoodSkills, WNY Epilepsy, Chautauqua Opportunities (Weatherization, Child Care Council, Head Start (Kids' BINGO!)), Silver Tree Senior Apartments, UPMC Chautauqua (blood pressure and basic health checks), Healthy Community Alliance, Aspire, The Chautauqua Center, Job Corps, Aftercare, NYS OMH, U of Rochester Cancer Services, Tanglewood, Hazeltine Library, SILC, The Resource Center, Peterson Funeral Home (pre-planning your funeral), Venture Forthe and University at Buffalo CTSI.

The event will also feature a presentation by the NYS Emergency Preparedness Team (providing enough people register). The lecture will provide information on how to survive natural disasters and other incidents, with those attending receiving free emergency kits for their families! You must pre-register to attend this lecture by utilizing the QR code attached to this article!

A Big Thank You to our generous sponsors: Univera, M & T Bank, and Busti Church of God!

All are welcome to come to this FREE event! Bring your lunch money for the concession stand and ice cream truck and enjoy a day with your local service providers!

For more information or to be a part of this event, please contact Miss Judy Wroda 716 450 3960.

Southwestern Independent Living Center

invites you to this free presentation by Homeland Security and Emergency Services Citizens Preparedness Corps
Friday, Aug. 28th, 12:00 P.M. at the Busti Church of God
996 Forest Ave. Ext. Busti

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WHERE: Busti Church of God
996 Forest Ave Extension
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WHEN: Friday, August 28, 2026
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Chautauqua County Complete Streets Workgroup Announces Water Street Tactical Bump-Out Artwork Pilot Project Begins August 21



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Chautauqua County is pleased to announce that local artist Erin Ruffino will begin installation of the Water Street tactical bump-out artwork on Friday, August 21, 2026, with work continuing through Monday, August 24, 2026. The project is located at the intersection of East and West Alley, closest to 21 Water Street in the Village of Fredonia, New York. The tactical bump-out project is a pilot initiative funded through the Chautauqua County Complete Streets Fund and identified through the Chautauqua County Complete Streets Workgroup, a collaborative group comprised of representatives from the County’s Department of Public Facilities, Chautauqua County Planning and Development, Department of Health, and County Executive’s Office.

As part of the project development process, the County Complete Streets Workgroup collaborated with the Village of Fredonia and the Village’s Safe Streets Workgroup to select the artist’s proposal and discuss the project location, artwork concept, and design. This collaborative approach helped ensure that the pilot project reflects the needs and character of the Fredonia community while advancing shared goals for pedestrian safety, accessibility, and a more welcoming public realm.

The painted bump-outs are intended to enhance the pedestrian environment while providing an opportunity to test a low-cost, creative approach to improving safety and visibility at crosswalks. Tactical bump-outs visually and physically narrow the roadway at pedestrian crossings, helping to shorten the distance pedestrians must travel while encouraging drivers to be more attentive to pedestrians crossing the roadway. The artwork further increases the visibility of the pedestrian crossing, contributes to traffic calming, creates a stronger sense of place, and makes the streetscape more welcoming and engaging for residents and visitors. These bump-outs provide a more cost-effective and flexible alternative to traditional curbed bump-outs, while allowing for easier snowplowing and winter maintenance.

As a pilot project, the Water Street installation will provide an opportunity for the County, Village, and community partners to evaluate how painted tactical bump-outs perform in a real-world setting and whether similar treatments could be appropriate at other locations throughout Chautauqua County. The project reflects the County’s commitment to Complete Streets principles that consider the safety and accessibility of all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and other modes of transportation. In addition to the painted bump-outs and crosswalk, the Department of Public Facilities will be installing removable bollards and pedestrian crosswalk signage.

“Complete Streets improvements are about more than making our roads safer—they are about creating main streets where people want to be. When we invest in attractive, walkable, and welcoming corridors, we create an environment that encourages investment, draws people to stop, visit local businesses, spend time in our communities, and come back, said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency. “This work is part of Chautauqua County’s broader commitment to downtown revitalization and improving quality of life through investments in public art, trails, parks, recreation, housing, and complete streets. Together, these efforts help create vibrant communities that attract people, support local businesses, and strengthen the places we call home.”

Artist Erin Ruffino stated, “It’s my hope the mural invites pedestrians and traffic alike to slow down and appreciate Canadaway Creek’s beauty, power, and rich history.”

Community members are encouraged to be aware of artists working in the area from August 21–24 and to use caution when traveling near the project site. The County appreciates the community’s patience and support as this creative placemaking and pedestrian safety pilot project is implemented.



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St. Susan Center Revives Beloved Cooking Series, “So You Think You Can Cook” Competition

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fun it would be.

I was excited to hear the event was returning in 2026, and even more honored when Missy asked me to serve as a judge for one of this year’s competitions.

It’s a great opportunity to cheer on members of our police, fire, and EMS departments as they enjoy some friendly competition, all while supporting the incredible work of St. Susan Center.

Events like this bring our community together, celebrate the people who serve our county every day, and help make a real difference for a great local organization.

And there is one added benefit this year, Faulkner adds, the fire department will already be there in case the cooking gets a little too hot! Anyone who attended the inaugural event in 2022 will probably remember the fire alarm trying to become part of the show. Hopefully, this year the only thing heating up is the competition!”

Get Involved Whether you are interested in volunteering, competing, becoming a sponsor or advertising in the official event program, we would love

to have you join us.

To volunteer or join in on the cooking fun, please contact Bonnie Kyle at secretary@stsusancenter.org for more information and event inquiries.

Event at a Glance

Location: St. Susan Center, 31 Water Street, Jamestown, NY

Dates: September 3, 10, 17 and Championship Finale September 24

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Mission: Raising funds for a new walk-in freezer and refrigeration equipment

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Buffalo Arts Studio presents Presence by CHQ Resident Robert Booth



Robert Booth in his studio, 2026

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Buffalo Arts Studio

Buffalo Arts Studio is excited to present *Presence*, an exhibition of sculptural and two-dimensional work by artist Robert Booth of Chautauqua County, on view from August 28 through October 31, 2026. *Presence* highlights the relationship between allegory and human existence, encouraging reflection on how we make and mark meaning. An opening reception will be held on Friday, August 28, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm as part of M&T Fourth Friday at Tri-Main.

Whether intentional or by chance, symbols surround us in our daily life, as every person, place, or thing has the potential to hold some hidden meaning for us. Seeing them may stir a memory, spark an emotion, or call us to act. Every day, we feel called to that allegorical impulse: to make sense of our world by piecing together fragmented signs into one cohesive narrative.

Each varied sculptural form and two-dimensional work is packed full of recurring motifs, common symbols that stretch across the entire series in different pairings and configurations. Booth presents scenes that suggest the passage of time, consequences, and memory of something that has or will happen. Everyday imagery, such as houses, pencils, and chairs, points

to and suggests something deeper—a meaning that is in flux depending on the symbols surrounding it.

Pulling from a series of artworks entitled Prompts, the work in *Presence* reveals how Booth flips that core question we might ask when engaging with a work of art—“What does this mean?”—onto the viewer. The symbols and contexts he creates are not intended to hold supreme intrinsic meaning, but instead function as a sort of vocabulary. As a prompt for something more. As a set of ideas inviting the viewer to piece them together from personal memory and experience to articulate meaning. To tell him what it means.

About the Artist

Robert Booth is a Western New York sculptor and educator. He received his BFA in sculpture from the Massachusetts College of Art in 1976 and his MFA from Syracuse University in 1978. Booth has presented his work in more than 100 solo and group exhibitions over the past thirty years, including at the Burchfield Penney in 1995 and 2015. A retired Distinguished Teaching Professor at the State University of New York, Fredonia, he was in charge of the sculpture curriculum there for over 40 years. Booth has served on the Board of Directors for the Mid-America College Art Association and is a former president of the SUNY Council of Art Department Chairs.

About Buffalo Arts Studio

Buffalo Arts Studio (BAS) connects diverse communities through visual arts, offering inclusive exhibitions, educational programs, mentorships, and public art initiatives. BAS provides vital resources for visual artists, including affordable studio space and paid opportunities. Through its programs, BAS serves as a catalyst for self-empowerment, innovation, and regional enhancement.

BUFFALO ARTS STUDIO PRESENTS PRESENCE BY ROBERT BOOTH

On View
August 28 – October 31, 2026

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5:00 – 8:00 pm

Part of M&T Fourth Friday
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August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

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**Chautauqua Child
Care Council**

August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month, an annual observance dedicated to supporting nursing families, promoting the benefits of human milk feeding, and increasing awareness of resources available to parents and infants.



In recognition of the month, the Chautauqua Child Care Council's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) is encouraging registered and licensed child care providers throughout the region to become Breastfeeding Friendly (BFF) designated programs. The BFF designation is awarded by the New York State Department of Health to child care providers who complete specialized training and a program assessment demonstrating their commitment to supporting breastfeeding families. Providers who earn the designation create environments that help parents continue breastfeeding after returning to work or school.

Breastfeeding provides babies with the most complete and “custom-made” nutrition with the correct balance of proteins, fats and carbohydrates needed for optimum growth and development. Breastfeeding also helps babies experience fewer serious illnesses including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), obesity, Diabetes, and Leukemia; lowers the incidence of respiratory and gastrointestinal issues as well as rashes, allergies and ear infec-

tions; and helps protect mothers from developing Diabetes, breast and ovarian cancers and postpartum depression. It's a more cost effective option than formulas that can run upwards of \$.50 to over \$2.00 per ounce costing families and child care programs over \$200 per month or \$2,400 annually. Breastmilk is creditable in the CACFP at any age allowing child care programs to claim meals and snacks served to babies and children that include breastmilk.

Parents looking for a list of centers and family child care programs that have earned the BFF designation can use this link: <https://www.health.ny.gov/prevention/nutrition/cacfp/breastfeedingspon.htm>. In addition, the Chautauqua County government's website lists a number of local agencies and resources that support breastfeeding including a breastfeeding support group. Parents can use this link for more information: <https://chautauquacountyny.gov/public-health/breastfeeding-support>.

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**Northern Chautauqua
Community Foundation**

If your charitable organization has a community improvement project that needs a little financial help to come to fruition, take a few minutes to submit a Community Benefit Grants Program proposal to The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) highlighting what the charitable organization wants to achieve and how it will do that.

Please send a Letter of Interest proposal of no more than two pages and a brief project description to NCCF Grants Program Coordinator Eileen Ardillo at eardillo@nccfoundation.org by September 1, 2026. The project proposal should show measurable impact

and total project cost. Learn more by visiting nccfoundation.org/helping-nonprofits/, where detailed eligibility requirements and guidelines are available. After review by the NCCF Grants Committee, selected organizations will be invited to submit full grant applications.

The Community Benefit Grants Program is made possible through the generosity of donors who have established or contributed to Community Funds at the NCCF. Community Funds allow the NCCF's Board of Directors flexibility to address the community's emergent needs and maximize opportunities as they arise.



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WEEK 9 SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 8/23	MONDAY 8/24	TUESDAY 8/25	WEDNESDAY 8/26	THURSDAY 8/27	FRIDAY 8/28	SATURDAY 8/29	SUNDAY 8/30
CHQ Food Festival	CHQ Food Festival	CHQ Food Festival	CHQ Food Festival	CHQ Food Festival	CHQ Food Festival		
10:45am Worship and Sermon. Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. , Founder, Homeboy Industries	9:15am Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.	9:15am Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.	9:15am Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.	9:15am Faith Journeys Service. Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.	9:15am Ecumenical Communion Service	8:00pm Tower of Power	10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Right Reverend Eugene Sutton
3:00pm Community Gathering with Dance Theatre of Harlem. (Bestor Plaza)	10:45am Priya Parker , author, <i>The Art of Gathering: How We Meet and Why it Matters</i>	10:45am Lara Downes , award-winning classical pianist; host, NPR's "Amplify with Lara Downes." John McWhorter , associate professor of linguistics, Columbia University	10:45am Henry Louis Gates, Jr. , Alphonse Fletcher University Professor and Director of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research, Harvard University	10:45am Ampitheater Lecture	10:45am Ampitheater Lecture		3:00pm Obon Gathering (Bestor Plaza)
3:30pm Writers' Center Reading. January Gill O'Neil (poetry) and Jimin Han (prose)	2:00pm Jose Arellano , vice president of operations, Homeboy Industries	1:00pm Naturalization Ceremony. Hon. Meredith A. Vacca, U.S. district judge	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle: Author Presentation. Kelly Link , <i>White Cat, Black Dog: Stories</i>		8:00pm Sacred Song Service. "Closing Sacred Song and Three Taps"
5:00pm Feast With Friends: Farm to Table Dinner with 3 C's Catering	3:00pm Battle of the Bites: Best Slider	3:00pm Masters Series Culinary Masterclass: Chef Darian Bryan	3:00pm Taste of Chautauqua Featuring The Probables	3:00pm Masters Series Culinary Masterclass: American Cheese – Not the Yellow Slices	3:00pm Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle: Author Presentation. Kelly Link , <i>White Cat, Black Dog: Stories</i>		
8:00pm Sacred Song Service	4:00pm Chautauqua Chamber Music: American Bass Quintet		8:00pm Samara Joy	5:00pm Premium Tasting Event	8:00pm The Australian Pink Floyd Show		
	8:00pm Dance Theatre of Harlem	8:00pm Get Happy with Lara Downes and Kurt Elling		8:00pm An Evening with Kenny G			



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