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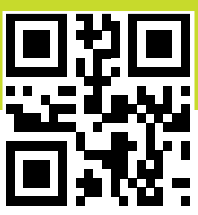
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LUCILLE BALL COMEDY FESTIVAL RETURNS BIGGER THAN EVER

Seinfeld, Kreischer & Meyers headline 35th annual celebration
featuring more than 50 live events across four days

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National Comedy Center

For 35 years, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival has brought the biggest names in comedy to Lucille Ball's hometown. This summer, the festival reaches a new milestone with its biggest lineup yet, welcoming Jerry Seinfeld, Bert Kreischer and Seth Meyers to headline more than 50 live events across four days in Jamestown.

Returning Aug. 6–9, the festival once again transforms downtown Jamestown into one of the country's premier destinations for comedy fans. Five major theater and arena performances anchor the weekend, complemented by stand-up showcases, Comedy Late Night, foudoor block parties, live music, Lucy celebration events, museum experiences and family activities that together create an unforgettable celebration of comedy's greatest voices—past, present and future.



BERT KREISCHER
SAT AUG 8



SETH MEYERS
SUN AUG 9

Drawing more than 15,000 ticket buyers from over 40 states each year, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival has evolved into one of the nation's premier comedy events. Anchored by the National Comedy Center—recently named the **#1 Best Pop Culture Museum in the Country** by USA Today—and the Lucy Desi Museum, the festival offers visitors a one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience

today's biggest comedy stars while exploring the history of the art form in Lucille Ball's hometown.

This year's festival also arrives during a landmark year as fans celebrate the 75th anniversary of I Love Lucy, the groundbreaking television series that

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JOURNEY THROUGH YEARS OF LAUGHTER & LEGACY

Featured Writer
Katrina Fuller

The archetypal “Hero’s Journey” typically starts in the hero’s hometown and leads to a faraway place. Journey Gunderson, Executive Director of the National Comedy Center, started her journey here in Chautauqua County, traveled to a faraway place, but returned to bring the adventures - and the laughs - home with her. Gunderson, a Chautauqua County native, counts herself lucky to have had the chance to follow alongside the legacies of two incredible women.

“I’ve had the privilege of working for two incredible women visionaries,” Gunderson said. “Before this, I was working in New York City for Billie Jean King’s Women’s Sports Foundation, and then to work on the vision of Lucille Ball to transform her hometown into a destination that would celebrate the art form she built her life around. It all makes me feel really fortunate and humbled.”

Gunderson, while always a fan of comedy, hadn’t quite pictured herself immersed in it on a daily basis. However, she said she looks back on her teenage years and can see threads of it throughout



Submitted Photo
Journey Gunderson, Executive Director,
National Comedy Center

her youth.

“I never imagined working in comedy, but looking back, I read both of Peter

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

- TCC Annual Community Picnic | 11 AM-1 PM**
The Chautauqua Center | Jamestown
For Info: tcchealth.org
- Southern Tier Brewing Co - Zeke's Music Trivia | 6 PM**
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.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 - Diamond Sound | 7 PM**
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving | For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

- Gerry Rodeo and BBQ | All Day**
4351 Route 60 | Gerry | For Info: gerryrodeo.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

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

- Southern Tier Brewing Co - Bonsai Forest Class 6 PM-7:30 PM**
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.com

- Labyrinth Press Company - Music on The Stoop - Drew Minton 6 PM-8:30 PM**
12 East 4th Street | Jamestown
For Info: labyrinthpressco.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 6- SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival | All Day**
Jamestown | For Info: comedycenter.org

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

- 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
- CHQ Professionals Group Coffee Meetup | 9:30 AM**
Lake Life Café | Bemus Point
For Info: choosechq.com/chqprofessionals
- TCC Annual Community Picnic | 11 AM-1 PM**
Dunkirk Salvation Army | Dunkirk | For Info: tcchealth.org

- 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

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - Carol Leifer in Conversation | 2 PM**

- Northwest Arena | Jamestown | For Info: comedycenter.org

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - Jerry Seinfeld | 6 PM**
Northwest Arena | Jamestown
For Info: comedycenter.org

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

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

- Ashville Library Books and Bottles Preview Sale 6:30 PM-8:30 PM**
2200 N Maple | Ashville | For Info: ashvillelibrary.com

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

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

- The Village Casino - Pat Hacket | 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 7 - SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

- America's Grape Country Craft Beverage Festival | All Day**
Chautauqua County Fairgrounds | Dunkirk
For Info: agcfestival.com

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

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

- Ashville Library Book Sale | 10 AM-6 PM**
2200 N Maple | Ashville | For Info: ashvillelibrary.com

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

- Pearl City Hops - Super Fan Trivia | 2 PM**
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

- Pearl City Hops - Lucy and Desi Bingo | 5 PM**
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

- Pearl City Hops - Britt See | 6 PM-8 PM**
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: pearlcityhops.com

- Southern Tier Brewing Co - Reset to Vinyl (Journey Tribute) | 6 PM-9 PM**
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.com

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - Stand-Up Showcase | 6 PM**
Reg Lenna Center for The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: comedycenter.org

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

- Beach Dog Grill - Ion Sky | 7 PM-10 PM**
Wright Park | Dunkirk | For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

- Group Ther-Happy - Logan and Laura | 8 PM-11 PM**
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

- Sunset Bay Beach Club - Kurt's Back | 8:30 PM**
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving | For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

- The Wine Cellar - Andy and the Outpatients | 9 PM**
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

- The Village Casino - Two Towns | 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 8

- Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival | All Day**
Lucille Ball Memorial Park | Celeron
For Info: chautauqualakeassociation.org/chq-dragon-boat/

- Waterfroud Foundation Annual 5K Run & Walk | 8 AM**
Wright Park | Dunkirk | For Info: twfcommunity.org

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

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

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

- Fenton Historic Walking Tours - Lucille Ball & Three Churches 10 AM**
Fenton History Center & 515 E. 7th St. | Jamestown
For Info: fentonhistorycenter.org

- Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers 10 AM-11:30 AM**
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnrc.org/events

- Ashville Library Book Sale | 10 AM-3 PM**
2200 N Maple | Ashville | For Info: ashvillelibrary.com

- Pearl City Hops - General Trivia | 11 AM**
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood | For Info: pearlcityhops.com

- Southern Tier Brewing Co - Hello City (Barenaked Ladies Tribute) | 2 PM**
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.com

- Southern Tier Brewing Co - 23rd Anniversary Celebration | 2 PM-9 PM**
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbbeer.com

- Beach Dog Grill - Two Towns | 4 PM-6 PM**
Wright Park | Dunkirk | For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - Bert Kreischer | 6 PM**
Northwest Arena | Jamestown
For Info: comedycenter.org

- Bemus Point Tap House - Porcelain Busdrivers 6 PM - 9 PM**
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

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

- Steelbound Brewery - Party McFly | 8 PM-11 PM**
30 Lake Shore Dr. E | Dunkirk | For Info: steelboundevl.com

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

- Sunset Bay Beach Club - Key West Fest | 1 PM**
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving | For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

- Bemus Point Tap House - Derek Davis & Angel | 2 PM - 5 PM**
72 Main Street | Bemus Point | For Info: bemustaphouse.com

- Beach Dog Grill - Bug Eye and the Flashback | 3 PM**
Wright Park | Dunkirk | For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

- Schumann/Dvorak Duo Concert | 4 PM**
First Covenant Church | Jamestown

- Raven & Thorn - Dark Romance Book Club | 4 PM**
26 Water St. | Fredonia | For Info: ravenandthorn.com

- Sunset Bay Beach Club - Kuarantine | 4 PM**
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving | For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

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

- Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - Seth Meyers | 6 PM**
Northwest Arena | Jamestown | For Info: comedycenter.org

- 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

The National Comedy Festival:
Adrenaline Rush & All



Publisher
Lori Cornell

Every comedian has a record of hilarious bits and quips. This weekend's headliner, Bert Kriescher, is well known for one in particular. It's a quote that especially resonates with personalities like mine.

"If there's an adrenaline rush, I will find it; if there's an anxiety attack, I will have it."

Case and point, my son was recently debating some travel logistics for his girlfriend and I suggested he consider a certain alternative plan that could have been more favorable to the family. It was arguably a course of action that he knew could possibly work - albeit strategically complicated

and aggressive. He thought about my proposal - knowing I had come up with a creative solution while searching his brain for a counter argument that kept peace on the homefront. He shot me down simply with: "Most people don't do things as crazy as we do, mom."

The adrenaline. The anxiety. I can't operate in any other way sometimes. Maybe oftentimes.

I get Bert Kriescher. And I can't wait to see him on Saturday.

And Bert...along with Jerry and Seth and the huge and impressive slew of national caliber talent heading our way...GETS US.

We ARE Comedy's Hometown. And we ARE ready.

Thank you to the many dedicated comedians, local leadership, and loyal fans that have made Lucille Ball's dream for this National Comedy Center and its annual festival come true. We are so grateful, so proud.

Now get out there and catch the adrenaline rush next weekend!



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For Lucy Fans: Five Festival Experiences You Won't Want to Miss



Submitted Photo: Lucille Ball Statue in the Lucille Ball Memorial Park

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Seventy-five years after *I Love Lucy* first changed television forever, Lucille Ball's hometown remains the ultimate destination for fans eager to celebrate her remarkable life and legacy. During the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, visitors can do far more than visit a museum—they can immerse themselves in the places, stories and experiences that continue to keep Lucy's spirit alive. Here are five ways to make the most of your Lucy-filled festival weekend.

Step Inside Lucy's World: Explore the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum

Throughout festival weekend, discover why the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum has become a must-visit destination for fans from around the world. Authentic costumes, recreated television sets, rare memorabilia and interactive exhibits bring Lucy and Desi's extraordinary careers to life while celebrating the couple who forever changed television. Whether it's your first visit or your fifth, the museum offers an unforgettable opportunity to relive the magic of *I Love Lucy* and experience the enduring legacy of America's most beloved comedy couple.

Discover Lucy's Hometown: LucyTown Tour

On Friday and Saturday, climb aboard the LucyTown Tour for a guided motorcoach journey through the places that shaped Lucille Ball's life. Accompanied by a knowledgeable step-on guide, guests visit many of the landmarks that tell Lucy's story—from the house where she was born and the neighborhood where she grew up to the iconic *I Love Lucy* murals, the famous Lucy statues, her final resting place at Lake View Cemetery, and other locations that celebrate her lifelong connection to Jamestown and nearby Celoron. It's a unique opportunity to experience the community that inspired one of America's most beloved entertainers.

Dine with Lucy and Ricky: Lunch & Dinner Shows at the Tropicana Club

Throughout festival weekend, enjoy lunch or dinner while being entertained by Lucy and Ricky Ricardo. At the Tropicana Club, acclaimed tribute artists Sirena Irwin and Bill Mendieta bring

television's favorite comedy couple to life through live musical performances and comedic vignettes inspired by classic *I Love Lucy* episodes. Combining a delicious meal with unforgettable live entertainment, this one-of-a-kind experience transports guests into the world of America's favorite sitcom and has become one of the festival's most cherished traditions.

Test Your I Love Lucy Knowledge: Lucy Desi Super Fan Trivia & I Love Lucy Trivia 101

On Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8, put your Lucy expertise to the test with two fun-filled trivia events designed for fans of every level. Lucy Desi Super Fan Trivia challenges even the most devoted followers with deep-cut questions about Lucy, Desi and their extraordinary careers, while *I Love Lucy* Trivia 101 offers a lively celebration of the television classic through memorable episodes, characters and behind-the-scenes stories. Whether you're competing for bragging rights or cheering from the audience, both events are a great way to connect with fellow fans who know every Vitameatavegamin commercial, candy factory mishap and grape-stomping scene by heart.

Spend an Evening with Lucy and Desi: Lucy Under the Stars

On Friday evening, August 7, gather on the lawn in front of the National Comedy Center for Lucy Under the Stars, where fans can enjoy classic episodes of *I Love Lucy* beneath the evening sky. Watching Lucy's timeless comedy in the company of fellow fans creates an experience that feels both nostalgic and communal, reminding audiences why the series continues to delight new generations more than seven decades after its debut. It's the perfect way to end a day celebrating television's First Lady of Comedy.

From the museum galleries to the streets where Lucy grew up, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival offers fans the rare opportunity to celebrate her life where it all began. Whether you're revisiting cherished memories or introducing a new generation to *I Love Lucy*, there's no better place to experience the enduring legacy of America's Queen of Comedy. For a complete schedule of Lucy events, museum experiences and festival activities, or to purchase tickets, visit ComedyCenter.org/Festival.

Faith Matters

JESUS WAS A COMEDIAN



Featured Writer
Adam Rohler

Who doesn't love a good joke? As a former pastor and current mental health counselor, I can tell you that laughter is truly the best medicine. The National Comedy Center celebrates comedians, both past and present, and I'm proud to support and promote the Center and its upcoming comedy festival. And, let's talk about something many don't consider: the idea that the Gospel—the good news about Jesus Christ—might actually be a comedy.

Now, before you think I've gone off the deep end, hear me out. Seeing the Gospel as a comedy doesn't mean it's not serious. It just means it's also got some surprising twists and a whole lot of joy. Think of it as the ultimate feel-good story.

First off, let's talk about Jesus' birth. The King of Kings shows up not in a fancy palace but in a barn. Picture it: the Savior of the world surrounded by cows and sheep! It's like the ultimate underdog story. This unexpected twist sets the stage for Jesus's entire ministry. He picks his crew from some pretty unlikely places—fishermen and tax collectors. It's like assembling the Avengers but starting with the guys who hang out at the docks and the IRS office.

Jesus's parables? Comedy gold. These stories often use irony and exaggeration to drive home their points. Take the parable of the prodigal son. The younger son is a total screw-up, blows his inheritance on wild living, and ends up feeding pigs. When he finally decides to go home, expecting to grovel for forgiveness, his dad runs to meet him and throws a massive party. No lectures, no "I told you so." Just hugs, kisses, and a barbecue. It's the ultimate feel-good ending, like a Hallmark movie but with more depth.

And then there's the crucifixion, which might seem like the biggest tragedy ever. But wait for it—the resurrection is the divine punchline that flips the script. It's the ultimate plot twist: Jesus, who was dead, is now alive! Death is defeated, and the empty tomb is the biggest mic drop in history!

The Gospel's impact on individual lives is full of these comedic twists. Look at the apostle Paul. One minute he's the villain hunting down Christians, and the next, he's their biggest advocate. It's like Darth Vader switching sides and becoming a Jedi. His transformation shows the incredible power of God's grace, turning a persecutor into a preacher.

Early Christians also lived out this comedy. They shared everything, supported each other, and found joy even in tough times. Despite facing persecution, they celebrated their faith and the promise of resurrection. Their community was like a giant, happy family reunion where everyone's invited.

Seeing the Gospel as a comedy has big implications for today's Christians. It encourages us to find joy and hope in our faith, even when life gets tough. It calls us to look beyond immediate problems to a hopeful ending. This perspective helps us laugh in the face of adversity, knowing the final victory is already ours.

In the end, viewing the Gospel as a comedy reveals the deep joy, hope, and redemptive power at the heart of the Christian story. It shows a God who loves surprises, who brings life out of death, and who invites us into a story that ends in celebration. This comedic view of the Gospel enriches our faith, offering a way to understand and live out the Christian life with a whole lot of joy and laughter. And because this is true, remember that God loves you and I love you too!

Adam is a licensed mental health counselor, pastor, and musician who helps people find steadiness when life gets overwhelming. Known for his grounded, hopeful approach, he works with all ages in the community. He lives locally with his wife, Amy, and their kids.

Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

Looking Back at Lucy 2011: The 100th Birthday Festival Celebration



Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

Most county residents and visitors will remember the Lucy Festival that celebrated Lucille Ball's 100th birthday. I do because I was there. The year was 2011 and 916 people dressed as Lucy, setting a world record for the most Lucy look-alikes. The special event included a parade that featured several drum and bugle corps and the hilarious comedians Joan Rivers and Paula Poundstone. In that year, Sirius XM Radio channel 82 hosted by Greg Bell launched "Redhead Radio: 100 Years of Lucille Ball" from The Lucille Ball Festival of Comedy. It was a limited-run channel celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the comedy legend with non-stop broadcasts for two days of classic radio shows featuring the comedienne at key moments in her storied career, as well as interviews with her fans, devotees and fellow comedians. Redhead Radio launched at 12:00 a.m. ET on Aug. 6, 2011.

I have two memorable experiences to share during Lucy Fest in 2011. The first was being able to greet Lucie Arnaz as she entered the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum on the corner of Main and Third Street. The second was meeting a young gal who had traveled to Jamestown from Australia. As a festival volunteer that

year, I took the time to welcome her to Jamestown.

We came together to honor Lucy's 100th birthday 15 years ago only to realize that she was the one bringing us together all along. Lucy's story isn't measured just in years, but in memories shared. As a family of Lucy fans we know that homes are built with walls, but they are remembered through the love, laughter and memories shared within them and Lucy has given us more than a century's worth.

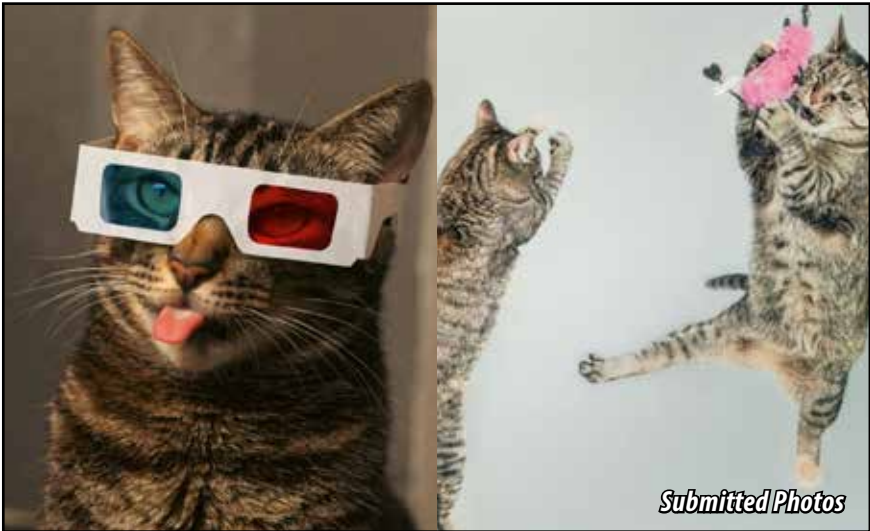
In 2026, as we celebrate Lucy's 115th birthday, we know 115 candles couldn't burn brighter than Lucy's smile. Here's to Lucy and a spirit that keeps shining, long after the party ends. For today, let's keep the party going as we sing the opening lyrics to the "I Love Lucy" theme song just in time for the 2026 Lucy Fest ... "I love Lucy and she loves me."



Many of you know me as a personal friend and as author of this special column, "Pat's Pen". But I also invite you enjoy my unique blog that features people, places, and preservation in our community. To those who already follow my blog, thank you. To those who might have interest, simply tap on the word, FOLLOW upon entering the blog site: offshoremuse2023.blogspot.com. I appreciate your help in increasing my readership.

Sincerely - Pat Locke.

Opera House to Screen CatVideoFest 2026 as Part of Cinema Series; Event to Benefit Westfield Stray Cat Rescue



Submitted Photos

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1981 Fredonia Opera House

The Cinema Series continues at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center with screenings of "CatVideoFest 2026" on Sat., Aug. 8, and Tues., Aug. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The Tuesday night screening will be shown with captions visible on the screen.

"CatVideoFest 2026," is a compilation of the latest and best cat videos culled from countless hours of unique submissions and sourced animations, music videos, and classic internet powerhouses.

Each year, across the country, local theaters partner with nearby cat-focused charities, animal welfare associations and shelters alike — a portion of ticket proceeds from every show goes directly to local cats in need. This year, the Opera House is working with Westfield Stray Cat Rescue (WSCR).

At both screenings of this entertaining film, WSCR will be on hand before the movie starts with several cats that are available for adoption. So, not only come see the movie, but come early and meet the adorable felines from WSCR! They'll be there starting at 6:30pm.

As long as you're coming, maybe bring some along some items on WSCR's list of needed supplies: Fancy Feast, ProPlan or Royal Canin canned kitten food, KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) powder, Purina Li'l Gravies, paper towels, unscented powdered laundry detergent, unscented clumping cat litter, and cardboard scratch boxes. ALSO, the organization is always looking for new volunteers!

The Wall Street Journal says "watching silly cat videos is good for you." The Guardian (UK) says "'CatVideoFest' will save us all." Unrated, the film runs one hour, 14 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 www.fredopera.org.

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Whether audiences know Carol Leifer from her stand-up career, her television writing, or her work on the Academy Awards, her appearance in Jamestown offers a rare opportunity to hear firsthand from one of the creative minds responsible for making generations of audiences laugh—and to celebrate a career that continues to shape what America laughs at today.



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Special Museum Experiences Highlight Festival Weekend

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While the National Comedy Center offers an award-winning museum experience year-round, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival brings exclusive conversations, behind-the-scenes archive presentations, special guest appearances and other live experiences available only during festival weekend.

Visitors can also step inside the world of late-night television during *Live From New York: It's a Talk!*, exploring the history and cultural impact of *Saturday Night Live* through conversation and archival insights. The museum also explores comedy from fresh and unexpected perspectives. *Comedy and Puppetry* examines how puppets became unforgettable comedy characters across television and film, while *Scatological Movement Through Comedy* traces the surprising history of physical and bathroom humor through the centuries. Families can also discover the art of making people laugh together during the *Kids Comedy Workshop*, where young comedians learn the fundamentals of joke writing, performance and creative expression through fun, interactive activities.

Festival weekend also provides rare opportunities to experience treasures from the National Comedy Center's world-renowned archives through a series of *Archive Encounters*. These presentations include a deep dive into the legacy of *I Love Lucy* as we mark its milestone 75th anniversary, a look back at the 70th anniversary of *Forever, Darling*, an exploration of the comedy partnership of Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, and stories behind the legendary career of Don Rickles, all featuring original artifacts and materials rarely presented to the public.

Beyond these presentations, visitors can also discover some of the National Comedy Center's newest additions. Among them is wardrobe worn by Jean Smart and Hannah Einbinder in the Emmy Award-winning series *Hacks*, one of television's most acclaimed contemporary comedies. As the museum continues to expand its collection and rotate artifacts on display, returning visitors will find new connections to the artists, characters and performances that continue to shape comedy today.



Submitted Photo
Fozzie Bear

Also back on display is one of the museum's most beloved characters: Fozzie Bear, the beloved Muppet stand-up comedian, voiced and performed by comedy legend Frank Oz, delighting guests once again with his unmistakable brand of "Wocka Wocka!" humor.

These new displays join an extraordinary collection celebrating comedy's greatest performers, television shows and films. Visitors can stand face-to-face with Lucille Ball's iconic polka-dot dress, see wardrobe from beloved television classics including *Cheers* and *Frasier*, and get up close to costumes and artifacts from hit films including *Anchorman*, *Wayne's World* and *Zoolander*. Throughout the museum, guests will also discover legendary artifacts representing comedy icons including Joan Rivers, George Carlin, Richard Pryor, Rodney Dangerfield, Don Rickles, Carl Reiner, the Smothers Brothers and many more, alongside exhibits celebrating groundbreaking television series including *Saturday Night Live*, *In Living Color*, *Seinfeld* and *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.

These exclusive programs offer visitors even more opportunities to experience comedy's history, its creators and the stories behind some of America's most beloved performers.

All of these special museum experiences are included with National Comedy Center admission during the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival. A complete schedule of presentations and activities is available at ComedyCenter.org/Festival.

"I don't wanna be a Pirate!!!!"

~Jerry Seinfeld

Beyond the Headliners: Five Festival Experiences You Won't Want to Miss



Submitted Photo: Comedy Festival Block Party

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National Comedy Center

Jerry Seinfeld, Bert Kreischer and Seth Meyers may headline this year's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, but they're only part of what makes festival weekend one of America's premier celebrations of comedy. From discovering rising stand-up talent to exploring the National Comedy Center and enjoying live music in downtown Jamestown, here are five ways to make the most of your festival weekend.

Discover Your Next Favorite Comedian: Stand-Up Showcase

On Friday, August 7, the Stand-Up Showcase features some of the funniest comedians working clubs across the country and seen on late-night television. Whether you're discovering a new favorite or catching a familiar face in an intimate setting, it's one of the festival's best opportunities to experience outstanding stand-up. Many performers have appeared on some of comedy's biggest stages while continuing to sharpen their craft in clubs nationwide, making the showcase a favorite for audiences who appreciate discovering exceptional talent in an up-close setting.

Laugh Into the Night: Comedy Late Night

Thursday through Saturday nights, laugh into the night at Comedy Late Night. Some of the funniest comedians working clubs across the country—and seen on television shows such as The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, Conan and Comedy Central—take the stage in the intimate Tropicana Club to perform their newest, and sometimes uncensored, material. With its relaxed atmosphere and close connection between performers and audience, Comedy Late Night captures the energy of a classic comedy club while giving festivalgoers another chance to laugh long after the headliners have left the stage.

Go Behind the Scenes with a Comedy Legend: A Conversation with Carol Leifer

On Thursday afternoon, August 6, one of television's most accomplished comedy writers, Carol Leifer shares stories from a remarkable career that includes Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Saturday Night Live, Modern Family and Hacks, along with serving on the writing team for the Academy Awards telecast 12 times. Joined by comedian Emmy Blotnick, Leifer offers an insider's look at the

craft of comedy from one of its most influential voices. From writing iconic television moments to performing stand-up, Leifer's conversation offers comedy fans a rare opportunity to hear firsthand how some of television's most memorable laughs came to life.

Step Inside Comedy History: Explore the National Comedy Center

Throughout festival weekend, discover why the National Comedy Center was recently voted USA Today's #1 Best Pop Culture Museum in the Country. Through immersive exhibits, rare comedy artifacts and personalized experiences, visitors can step inside the worlds of comedy's greatest performers while exploring the history, creativity and cultural impact of the art form across television, film, stand-up, radio and more. During the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, the museum offers even more to discover with exclusive programming including Archive Encounters, Live From New York: It's a Talk!, Comedy and Puppetry, Scatological Movement Through Comedy and the Kids Comedy Workshop—special experiences available only during festival weekend.

Join the Celebration: Downtown Block Parties

On August 6, 8 and 9, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival extends beyond the theaters with lively block parties that transform downtown Jamestown into a weekend-long celebration. Live music from Darkwater Duo & Company, Tanny Danner and Nerds Gone Wild keeps the energy high, while food, beverages and entertainment create a festive atmosphere before and after the headlining performances. It's a chance to relax between shows, meet fellow comedy fans and experience the welcoming spirit that has made the festival a summer tradition for visitors from across the country. Whether you're heading to a performance or simply soaking up the excitement, the block parties are an unforgettable part of the festival experience.

Together, these experiences showcase what has made the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival one of America's premier celebrations of comedy—combining world-class headliners with unforgettable live entertainment, exclusive museum experiences and the welcoming atmosphere of Lucille Ball's hometown. For a complete schedule of performances, museum programs and festival events, or to purchase tickets, visit ComedyCenter.org/Festival.

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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!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian bull god

5. Romanian monetary unit

8. Santa's helper

11. Fictional Pink Floyd corporal

13. Sea eagle genus

14. Broad volcanic crater

15. Minneapolis suburb

16. Actual commercial worth (abbr.)

17. Exchange rate

18. Ethnic peoples in Guinea

20. Men's fashion accessory

21. Craft material

22. Offerings

25. Early

30. Large room

31. Soviet Socialist Republic

32. One who hauls
33. Shorthand for accepting

38. Promotional materials

41. Loss of memory

43. One who beheads

45. Photographers

48. Small, rich sponge cake

49. White clerical vestment

50. Partner to "oohed"

55. Abba __, Israeli politician

56. Zero

57. Owl monkey genus

59. Lace bug genus

60. Mild expression of surprise

61. Storage devices

62. Keyboard key

63. Make a mistake

64. One-time Korean president

CLUES DOWN

1. Bridge building degree

2. Expression of sorrow or pity

3. Large, stocky, lizard

4. Rumanian river

5. Missive

6. Stout-bodied moths

7. Brings out

8. Bird of prey

9. King of Thebes

10. Cleaving tool

12. African antelope

14. Three are particularly famous

19. Satisfy

23. C. European river

24. Dictator

25. Portion of (abbr.)

26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

27. Consume food

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

34. Popular vegetable

35. Pacific Standard Time

36. Brazilian state capital

37. Paddle

39. Cause to become insane

40. Drier and flakier

41. Mimic

42. ESPN host Kimes

44. One who moseys

45. Secret political clique

46. Behind the stern of a ship

47. Supernatural force

48. Sanctuary in Orthodox churches

51. Swiss river

52. Grayish white

53. Engrave

54. UNC's chief rival

58. Midway between south and southeast

Pearl City Clay House Presents An Explosion of Color Featuring the Work of Janet Cookson

Contributed by
Pearl City Clay House

Pearl City Clay House is pleased to present *An Explosion of Color*, a new gallery exhibition featuring the vibrant work of artist Janet Cookson. The exhibition opens with a public reception on Saturday, August 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pearl City Clay House, 220 E. Second Street in Jamestown.

Using a palette of just nine colors, Cookson creates striking paintings that celebrate the power of color, light, and movement. Through layered underpaintings and expressive brushwork, familiar floral subjects are transformed into bold, contemporary compositions that seem to glow from within.

"*An Explosion of Color* invites viewers to explore the visual energy created through complementary colors, optical blending, and the joyful possibilities of paint," said Cookson. "It's a celebration of how a limited palette can inspire limitless creativity."

The exhibition showcases Cookson's distinctive approach to painting, demonstrating how thoughtful color relationships and dynamic mark-making can create artwork that is both visually captivating and emotionally uplifting. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the artist during the opening reception while enjoying an evening of art, conversation, and community.

The reception is free and open to the public.

The exhibition will remain on display throughout the month of August during Pearl City Clay House's regular business hours.



As Jamestown welcomes visitors for the annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival weekend, Pearl City Clay House invites festival attendees to add *An Explosion of Color* to their itinerary. Whether taking a break between performances or exploring downtown, the gallery offers a unique opportunity to experience the work of a talented regional artist while enjoying one of Jamestown's creative destinations.

For more information about the exhibition or Pearl City Clay House, visit Pearl City Clay House at 220 E. Second Street, visit pearlcityclayhouse.org, or follow Pearl City Clay House on Facebook and Instagram.

About Pearl City Clay House

Pearl City Clay House (PCCH) is a satellite location under the nonprofit umbrella of Infinity Visual and Performing Arts, Inc. PCCH provides hands-on arts experiences in clay, contemporary crafts, and paint your own pottery experiences for adults and families. 100% of PCCH profits directly support youth programming at the Infinity Center.

For more information, visit pearlcityclayhouse.org.

Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild Announces Scholarship Recipient



Kim Kahanic, Mary Lundmark, and Julie Minor

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Chautauqua Region
Quilt Guild

Mary Lundmark of Kennedy is this year's recipient of the \$500 scholarship offered annually by the Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild.

Mary graduated from Falconer High School in June and is the daughter of Charlie and Stefanie Lundmark. She is active in community service projects, tutoring, and track and field sports, including pole vaulting.

Mary's sewing specialty is hand embroidery, sharing with us some examples of her work. One was of an embroidered finch; her mother's favorite bird.

Mary learned to sew from her grandmother who also told her when she had problems with a project "it is okay, give it here, no need to throw a fit". She would then show Mary how to solve the problem so when Mary had the same problem again, she would stay calm and remember "no need to throw a fit". Something we all need to remember. While she doesn't quilt, she attended a

quilt show in Warren, PA and was amazed by the quilted projects on display.

Mary plans on attending JCC and then SUNY Fredonia majoring in communications and science disorders and ultimately, earning her Master's Degree in speech



Mary Lundmark's embroidery

pathology. She would like to work with children, in a hospital with stroke patients or with individuals with eating and swallowing disorders. Mary wants everyone to have the opportunity to express their thoughts to the people they care about.

We appreciate all who applied for the scholarship and encourage upcoming seniors to apply in the spring after picking up an application from their guidance counselor.

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~Bert Kreischer

CHQ Professionals Group Hosts Coffee Meet Up at Lake Life Café

Local professionals invited to August 6 event to network and share details about their work



The CHQ Professionals Group during a recent coffee meetup event at Tulip's Brunch House in Mayville.

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CHQ Professionals Group

The CHQ Professionals Group will be hosting its sixth coffee meetup of the year the first week of August. These meetups provide a free and inclusive space for area professionals to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen community ties in a relaxed, casual setting, while also highlighting and supporting local business.

The next coffee meetup will be held at Lake Life Café, located at 22 Main Street in Bemus Point, on Thursday, August 6, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

The coffee meetup is part of a monthly networking series that gives local professionals an opportunity to connect and share information about their work. This year, CHQ Professionals is hosting meetups at businesses throughout Chautauqua County, including locations in Fredonia, Cassadaga, Lily Dale, Bemus Point, Westfield, Jamestown, and Mayville. The series will continue with other events during the remainder of 2026.

The event is free and open to professionals of all ages and career stages. Attendees are invited to network, build new connections, and share information about the work and activities taking place throughout Chautauqua County.

The CHQ Professionals Group is an initiative of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth. “We’re excited to bring the CHQ Professionals Coffee Meetup to a new location in Bemus Point and continue introducing participants to businesses and communities

throughout Chautauqua County,” said Monica Simpson, co-chair of the CHQ Professionals Group. “Each meetup has given us the opportunity to welcome new faces, build meaningful connections, and learn more about the professionals who are contributing to our community. We look forward to continuing that momentum at Lake Life Café.”

In addition to hosting events, the CHQ Professionals Group distributes a monthly newsletter, shares local job postings, and continues to explore volunteer opportunities related to workforce and career development. For more information, email simpsonm@chqgov.com or call 716-363-3770. More details can also be found at ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

About the CHQ Professionals Group- The CHQ Professionals Group, housed under CCPEG, aims to provide social, civic, educational, and networking opportunities for professionals at every stage of their careers. For more information, visit ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

About CCPEG - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources in Chautauqua County. As an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC), CCPEG acts as the catalyst for advancing economic prosperity, focusing on job creation, retention, and quality of life enhancements. For more information, visit CHQPartnership.org.

The Chautauqua Center Announces Annual TCC Community Picnics as Part of National Health Center Week 2026

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The Chautauqua Center

The Chautauqua Center, Inc., (TCC Health), a nonprofit leader in healthcare in the Southern Tier, is proud to announce the upcoming celebration of **National Health Center Week from August 2-8, 2026**. This special week honors the critical role Community Health Centers like TCC Health play in providing comprehensive, affordable, and accessible healthcare to millions across the country.

As part of the festivities, **TCC Health will hold its annual Community Picnics**, both from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The **Jamestown Community Picnic** will happen on Tuesday, August 4 at The Chautauqua Center, 107 Institute Street. The **Dunkirk Community Picnic** will be held on Thursday, August 6 at Dunkirk Salvation Army on Central Avenue.

During the two picnic events, TCC Health will be giving away **free backpacks filled with school supplies to the first 300 kids** in attendance at each location. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and adults must have a child with them to get a backpack.

“National Community Health Center Week is a powerful reminder of the incredible impact Community Health Centers have on the lives of millions across the nation, and right here in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Chemung Counties,” TCC Health CEO Michael Pease said. “At the heart of TCC Health’s mission is our unwavering commitment to enhance the overall health and wellness of our community through prevention and treatment, one patient at a time. Our goal is to alleviate financial burdens on families and empower children for success in school, reflecting the holistic support that is central to the Community Health Center model.”

In addition to the crucial backpack giveaway, the Community Picnics will offer a range of **FREE** engaging, family-friendly activities. Picnickers can look forward to:

- Live music and dancing with Marty’s Bubble Gum Machine
- A bounce house and face painting, with Eventz by Scott
- **FREE** photo booth picture mementos with Jermaine James
- Snacks and water compliments of The Salvation Army Anew Center
- A Jamestown Mobile Market experience featuring **FREE** fresh produce
- Local, state, and federal elected officials will help us celebrate
- Community Health Care Association of New York State in attendance
- Valuable community resources and essential health information

We are immensely grateful for the administrative support of The Waterfront Foundation and the generous support of our sponsors, whose contributions have made these vital community health events possible over the years. We extend our sincere appreciation to our presenting sponsor **Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York**. Other sponsors include **Salvation Army Anew Center** for providing snacks and water, **Cattaraugus County Bank**, and **Jamestown Rotary Club AM**.

More than 20 vital community partners and agencies, aligned with the mission of accessible care will be on hand to provide valuable information, engaging activities, and essential services that may be offered at little or no cost, further amplifying the impact of Community Health Center Week.

For further information and updates about Community Health Center Week and the Community Picnics, please visit our website at www.TCCHealth.org or contact the organizers at The Waterfront Foundation at (716) 294-3995.

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The Legacy of Jamestown

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Serving on the Board of Trustees for the Fenton History Center often surprises people. I'm in my late twenties, work full-time as a licensed mental health therapist with children and families and was elected this past year to my first term on the Jamestown City Council. History isn't always the role people expect me to embrace. To me, preserving our community's story is one of the most meaningful ways we can invest in the future. If we don't pass along the people, places, and events that shaped our community, those stories risk being forgotten.



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Lucille Ball

Chautauqua County is rich with history, and Jamestown alone offers countless stories worth telling. Although we're a relatively small city, our influence stretches much farther than many realize. Time and again, our local history intersects with events and people who left a lasting mark on the nation and even the world. No example illustrates this better than Lucille Ball, whose legacy continues to draw visitors from across the globe.

Today, millions remember Lucille Ball as the groundbreaking star of *I Love Lucy*, but before Hollywood, she was simply a girl growing up in Chautauqua County. She was born in a modest home on Stewart Avenue in Jamestown. Soon after her birth, her mother joined Lucy's father, who had relocated west for work. Tragedy struck when her father died of typhoid fever while Lucy was still very young, prompting her mother to return to Jamestown. It was there that Lucy's younger brother, Fred, was born several months later.

Much of Lucy's childhood unfolded in the village of Celoron, where she was raised by her maternal grandparents. She attended the neighborhood school only a short walk from home, where teachers recognized her creativity and encouraged her interest in performing. Following her mother's remarriage, Lucy briefly lived in Jamestown with her stepfather's parents on 12th Street before eventually returning to Celoron.

Life, however, was not without hardship. After an accidental shooting during target practice on her grandparents' property left a

neighborhood boy permanently paralyzed, legal expenses forced the family to sell their home. Several generations of the family, including Lucy, her brother, her mother and stepfather, her grandparents, and a cousin, all moved together into a small apartment on what is now 5th Street in Jamestown. During this period, Lucy attended Jamestown High School and continued pursuing her growing passion for acting.

Although she enrolled in several acting schools and classes, success did not come easily. She encountered criticism and rejection, but rather than allowing setbacks to define her, she continued refining her craft and pursuing every opportunity available. Her determination eventually led her to become one of the most influential entertainers in television history. This serves as a reminder that persistence often matters more than early praise.

Stories like Lucy's demonstrate why local history deserves our attention. In the rush of everyday life, it's easy to focus on work, family responsibilities, current events, or the challenges facing our communities. Yet understanding where we come from provides a valuable perspective on where we're headed. Local history strengthens our connection to the places we call home, reminds us of the resilience and accomplishments of those who came before us, and inspires future generations to leave their own mark. Preserving these stories isn't simply about remembering the past, it's about building a stronger future rooted in an appreciation of our shared heritage.

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Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

Protect Yourself from Scams: Knowledge Is Your Best Defense



Contributed by

Dana Corwin

Director of Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services

Every day, scammers become more sophisticated in their attempts to steal money, personal information, and peace of mind from older adults. Whether through phone calls, text messages, emails, social media, or even traditional mail, fraudsters continually change their tactics—but one thing remains the same: education is the best protection.

To help older adults and their families stay informed, the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services (CCOFAS) is partnering with George M. Borrello to present a Fraud and Scam Prevention Program on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Jamestown Community College (JCC) 10AM-Noon. The presentation will provide practical information on recognizing today's most common scams, protecting personal and financial information, and knowing where to turn if you or someone you know becomes a victim.

Older New Yorkers are increasingly targeted by criminals using impersonation scams, fake government agency calls, romance scams, Medicare fraud, tech support scams, grandparent scams, and requests for payment by gift cards or cryptocurrency. The New York State Office for the Aging reminds older adults to remember one simple rule: **Stop. Verify. Protect.** Never feel pressured to act immediately. Hang up, independently verify the caller or organization using a trusted phone number, and never provide personal information, banking information, Medicare numbers, passwords, or Social Security numbers to someone who contacts you unexpectedly.

Senator Borrello has long championed fraud prevention education for older adults, noting that while technology has made our lives easier, it has also created new opportunities for criminals. He has emphasized that scams can have devastating financial and emotional consequences and that education empowers older adults to recognize warning signs before becoming victims. His previous fraud prevention workshops have brought together law enforcement, aging services professionals, consumer protection experts, and the Center for Elder Law & Justice to provide practical guidance and resources.

The Office of the New York State Attorney General also advises consumers to be skeptical of unsolicited contacts, avoid clicking suspicious links or attachments, never pay unexpected bills with gift

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This Saturday: Join Audubon Little Explorers to Learn About Insects

At Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers this Saturday, August 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m., you and your favorite 3 to 8-year-old(s) can learn about "Insects and Invertebrates," like this katydid. Meet some insects during a short indoor lesson, then head outside to search for these animals by flipping logs and looking along the edges of ponds. A snack is provided after the hike and a craft if there is time. Dress according to the weather. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$9 for ages 3 to 8 and Nature Center members. To register by the Thursday deadline, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org/august-little-explorers. The Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren.



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Schumann/Dvorak Duo Concert



Join Pianist Gloria Marsh and Violinist Cody Hiller in concert Sunday, August 9th at 4:00pm performing at the First Covenant Church (520 Spring St.) Jamestown, NY! The program will include Schumann's Violin Sonata in A minor as well as works by Czech composers Antonin Dvorak and Bedrich Smetana. Parking will be available on-site. The concert will have free admission with a freewill donation taken during intermission to support our local musicians. Please consider donating to support future performances.

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Lucille Ball Comedy Festival Returns Bigger Than Ever

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forever changed television comedy and introduced generations of viewers to one of the most beloved comedians of all time.

Festival headlining performances include:

- **Thursday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m.** – Jerry Seinfeld (Northwest Arena)
- **Thursday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m.** – Carol Leifer in Conversation (National Comedy Center)
- **Friday, Aug. 7, 7 p.m.** – Stand-Up Showcase (Reg Lenna Center for The Arts)
- **Saturday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m.** – Bert Kreischer (Northwest Arena)
- **Sunday, Aug. 9, 5 p.m.** – Seth Meyers (Northwest Arena)

"The National Comedy Center's museum and archive were established to celebrate the art form's distinct voices and contributions throughout time, and this year's festival brings together artists who represent distinct approaches to the craft. I love that audiences can experience the best of live comedy while connecting it to the larger story we preserve and share every day in Jamestown," said Journey Gunderson, Executive Director.

"Our festival has grown into one of the premier comedy events in the country, and this year's lineup reflects that momentum," said Malachi Livermore, Vice President of Programming & Guest Experiences. "With three of today's top artists and an expanded slate of performances across the city, anchored by the award-winning museum, the multi-day experience brings audiences closer to comedy's biggest stars and rising talent."

Seinfeld Takes Center Stage

Jerry Seinfeld's comedy career took off after his first appearance on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson in 1981. Eight years later, he teamed up with fellow comedian Larry David to create what was to become the most successful comedy series in the history of television: Seinfeld. The show ran on NBC for nine seasons, winning numerous Emmys, Golden Globes and People's Choice awards, was named the greatest television show of all time in 2009 by TV Guide, and in 2012 was identified as the best sitcom ever in a 60 Minutes/Vanity Fair poll.

His latest Emmy-nominated Netflix projects include Jerry Before Seinfeld and 23 Hours to Kill, along with the highly acclaimed web series Comedians

in Cars Getting Coffee. Seinfeld has also starred in, written and produced films (Comedian, Bee Movie), directed and produced a Broadway hit (Colin Quinn: Long Story Short), and written three best-selling books (Is This Anything?, The Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee Book and Seinlanguage) and a children's book (Halloween). He stars in the Emmy-nominated comedy film Unfrosted, which he directed, co-wrote and produced.

Seinfeld continues to perform nationally and internationally and returns to Jamestown for the first time since his acclaimed appearance at the 2015 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival.

Kreischer Brings the Party

Bert Kreischer's career has evolved from Rolling Stone's infamous "Number One Partier in the Nation" to one of the top-grossing stand-up comedians in the world—and a powerhouse entrepreneur, actor, producer, content creator and entertainment brand. Named by Forbes as "one of the best storytellers of his generation," Kreischer has parlayed his signature comedy and authenticity into a dynamic media empire.

His sixth Netflix special, Lucky, premiered in Netflix's "Top 10 Most Watched TV Shows" in March 2025. Through Bert Boy Productions, Kreischer oversees hit podcasts and series including Bertcast, Something's Burning and 2 Bears, 1 Cave (with Tom Segura), commanding more than 16 million fans and four billion impressions. He also founded the Fully Loaded Comedy Festival, a touring juggernaut that's expanded to stadiums, arenas and sold-out cruises.

Kreischer's Netflix scripted comedy series Free Bert debuted in January 2026 and quickly broke into Netflix's U.S. and global Top 10. His Permission to Party World Tour continues to blend comedy, business and culture into one of the most recognizable personal brands in entertainment today. Festival audiences will have two opportunities to experience Kreischer live with performances at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 8.

Seth Meyers: From Late Night to Jamestown

Seth Meyers is an Emmy Award-winning writer, New York Times bestselling author and host of NBC's Late Night with Seth Meyers since 2014. Meyers began his television career with Saturday Night Live in 2001, where he was a cast

member for 13 seasons. He served as head writer for nine seasons and anchor of "Weekend Update" for eight. He has released two critically acclaimed stand-up specials to date, Lobby Baby (Netflix) and Seth Meyers: Dad Man Walking (HBO Max). In all, Meyers has garnered 35 Emmy nominations for his work in television.

In addition to his onscreen success, Meyers is a New York Times bestselling author, having published his first picture book, I'm Not Scared, You're Scared, in 2022. He currently co-hosts two podcasts, Family Trips with the Meyers Brothers, alongside his brother Josh Meyers, and The Lonely Island and Seth Meyers Podcast, with Andy Samberg, Akiva Schaffer and Jorma Taccone.

Meyers performs stand-up to sold-out crowds across the country and co-headlines a monthly residency with John Oliver at the Beacon Theatre in New York.

Emmy and Golden Globe-Winning Comedian and Writer Carol Leifer

The festival will also welcome one of television comedy's most accomplished creative voices. Carol Leifer—comedian, producer and Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning writer—will appear in conversation with comedian, writer, actor and producer Emmy Blotnick on Thursday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. at the National Comedy Center.

An eight-time Emmy nominee, Leifer received her latest nomination just this past week for Outstanding Writing for a Variety Special for the 97th Academy Awards, bringing her career total to eight Emmy nominations, including one win. Her groundbreaking career has helped shape modern comedy through writing credits that include Seinfeld, Curb Your Enthusiasm, Saturday Night Live, Modern Family and the Emmy-winning Hacks. She has written for the Academy Awards 12 times—more than any other female writer—and is also the co-author of How to Write a Funny Speech: For a Wedding, Bar Mitzvah, Graduation and Every Other Event You Didn't Want to Go to in the First Place. From stand-up stages to some of television's most celebrated comedies, Leifer remains one of the industry's most influential creative voices.

Over 50 Live Events

Beyond the headlining performances, the festival's Friday Night Stand-Up Showcase and Comedy Late Night feature an exciting mix of nationally touring comedians and rising stars,

giving audiences the chance to discover some of comedy's freshest voices alongside the festival's marquee performers.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can enjoy free outdoor block parties, live music and special programming inside the National Comedy Center, including exclusive experiences that explore the art and history of comedy. Guests can experience special archive encounters, attend presentations on comedy history, take guided museum tours, and participate in interactive workshops for kids and families—all designed to offer a deeper appreciation for the comedic craft.

The festival also features I Love Lucy celebration events, LucyTown tours, and themed lunches and dinners at Ricky Ricardo's Tropicana Club, the re-creation of the iconic nightclub from I Love Lucy.

"We've built this festival to offer something for every kind of comedy fan," Livermore added. "From nationally touring headliners to the stand-up showcases featuring a wide range of distinct comedic voices, along with late-night shows, block parties and special events throughout the city—audiences can experience comedy in multiple ways across the entire weekend."

The National Comedy Center and Lucy Desi Museum will be open for visitors throughout the weekend to explore immersive exhibits celebrating comedy's greatest performers, television shows and cultural moments while experiencing the story of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz in the city where it all began.

Over its 35-year history, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival has welcomed generations of comedy's biggest stars to Jamestown, including Jon Stewart, Bill Murray, Lily Tomlin, John Mulaney, Nate Bargatze, Trevor Noah, Jim Gaffigan, Taylor Tomlinson, Sebastian Maniscalco, Amy Schumer, Gabriel Iglesias, Jeff Foxworthy, Brian Regan, Joan Rivers, Lewis Black, The Smothers Brothers and many more. This year's lineup continues that tradition with three of today's most accomplished and influential comedians, reaffirming Jamestown's place as one of America's premier destinations for the art of comedy.

See the full festival schedule, get tickets for all festival events, and purchase museum admission at ComedyCenter.org/festival.

Journey Through Years of Laughter & Legacy

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Farrelly's novels when I was 17. And even when I was in sports, I loved those who mixed it with humor, like Rick Reilly," said Gunderson. "I've always appreciated and valued good comedy. Now I get to study and celebrate it, or help others study and celebrate it."

Gunderson was hired by the National Comedy Center's Board of Directors, led by Tom Benson, in 2011, to help bring the comedic institution into being.

"They described that this was the time Jamestown was really going to focus on making this whole concept a reality," she said. "It was daunting, but everybody involved was in it for the right reasons and rolled up their sleeves to work together to make it happen. It was a team effort, and it was a community effort."

All jokes aside, the center has taken its mission to preserve and honor comedic history. The center has collaborated with numerous artists and estates to preserve various materials from comedy greats such as George Carlin, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz, Lenny Bruce and more. Gunderson said at the start of the center, the hope was for it to be "a Smithsonian of Comedy," and that hope has been realized this year in a new endeavor with the incredible institution.

"In 2026, we released a book in partnership with the Smithsonian called 'Funny Stuff: How Comedy Shaped American History,'" she said. "It feels great to have achieved the most esoteric part of this: the credibility, the authenticity and the role as a national preservation institution."

In the years since, the Center has carried on the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, now in its 35th year. The festival has featured stars including Jerry Seinfeld, Trevor Noah, John Mulaney, Lily Tomlin, Amy Schumer, Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, Taylor Tomlinson and Jim Gaffigan. This year's festival, slated for Aug. 6 to Aug. 9, has a line-up sure to provide ample laughs throughout the community, including headliners Jerry Seinfeld, Bert Kreischer and Seth Meyers.

Behind the scenes, Gunderson and her team are dotting the i's and crossing the t's to make sure this season's festival is a barrel of laughs from start to finish.

"There is very much no typical day. Right now, it's advancing details with the teams from Seth Meyers, Bert Kreischer, Jerry Seinfeld and more," Gunderson said.

Asked what her favorite part of the entire

process is, Gunderson didn't hesitate to say she enjoys sharing the National Comedy Center with the talented performers who come for the festival.

"Touring artists through the museum is the greatest part," she said. "They often have the same general feeling, which Jon Stewart put into words: 'No one's ever done this for us before. No one's done this for comedy.'"

Gunderson said one thing sets the festival apart: seeing today's biggest comedians up close.

"When you see a Bert Kreischer or Seth Meyers in Jamestown, you're in a 2,000-seat venue, not a 20,000-seat venue, which is a special experience, especially considering that Seth Meyers is a current late-night host who broadcasts to millions of people every night, and Bert Kreischer has multiple Netflix specials and his own series, in addition to a podcast audience of millions," she said. "So seeing these artists in Jamestown, right next to the National Museum and Archive, is an experience you cannot find anywhere else in the world."

Gunderson said Bert Kreischer and Seth Meyers offer the audience comedy that they can relate to on a personal level, wherever they're at in life.

"If you watch Seth Meyers' stand-up specials, they are stories and experiences that everyone can relate to. He and Bert Kreischer take the everyday experience of being a parent and turn it into amazing comedy," she said. "I think anyone attending these shows will leave feeling like they saw some of the greatest comedic talent in a generation. There is no replacement for seeing live comedy and being in the room. Period."

Gunderson's journey led her home and back again, bringing with her a heart for comedy, dedication to its preservation and a great deal of pride in the community. Gunderson said the National Comedy Center is what Chautauqua County, including Jamestown, worked hard for and it is well-deserved.

"We came together as a community to make it happen, to raise more than \$50 million to pull it off and to do something that no one else prior to us, anywhere in the nation, has ever done for comedy," she said. "And, it was the idea of our hometown girl, Lucille Ball. So we made it happen."

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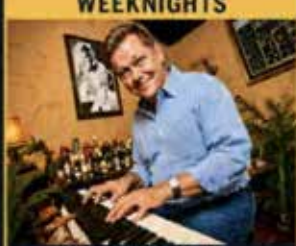
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The Waterfront Foundation Announces First Annual Waterfront 5K Run & Walk to Support Community Health and Wellness



The starting line of the 2026 Maurader Trotter at Wright Park on July 4, 2026.

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Waterfront Foundation

The Waterfront Foundation is excited to announce its first annual 5K fundraiser, the Waterfront 5K Run & Walk, taking place on the morning of Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Wright Park in Dunkirk, NY. This event is designed to bring the entire community together, regardless of ability, by creating opportunities for wellness, connection, and a healthier future for everyone

The 5K Run and Walk. The 5K race will be run on the existing Marauder Trotter 5k course beginning in Dunkirk Wright Park. The course continues on the walkway next to beautiful Lake Erie, past the pier, loops around Dunkirk Memorial Park, and follows the walkway back to the Wright Park finish line. The Chautauqua Striders Runner of the Year program participants get a 10% discount, however, this race does not give ROTY points at this time. The walk in support of The Waterfront Foundation will kick off at the same time and follow the same path.

There will be a live DJ and a basket raffle as part of the festivities.

Where: Dunkirk Wright Park, is located at 198 Lake Front Boulevard, Dunkirk, NY 14048. Sign-in and final registration for the 5K will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the official race beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Race and Walk Fees
Runners and Walkers
\$25.00 + 2.75 fees

Baby Crawl Race - Little Watermelons. During the registration window from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., families can cheer on the community's tiniest competitors in a special **Baby Crawl Race - Little Watermelons** event. Official registration for the crawl will be available on the event website. We will not be able to accommodate same-day signups for the baby crawl.

Little Watermelons Fee
\$5.00 + \$2.75 fees

Pet Adoption and Pet Friendly. It is well documented that pets add to overall health and well-being. The **Chautauqua County Humane Society** and other pet-adoption facilities from around the area will be attending with adoptable pets. Additionally, furry

friends are welcome to join the fun. Pets may participate in the walk/run as long as they follow all Wright Park rules and guidelines as set by the City of Dunkirk.

Community Health. Proceeds from the fundraiser will directly support The Waterfront Foundation's ongoing mission to foster community health and wellness. The 501c3 organization accomplishes this by supporting community health through charity funds that focus on patient support, dental professionals, and nursing students. TWF also provides administrative services to The Chautauqua Center, a regional Federally Qualified Health Center located at 75 E. 3rd Street, Dunkirk.

"We look forward to bringing the community together for this exciting first annual event," The Waterfront Foundation CEO Michael Pease stated. "It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our beautiful Dunkirk lakefront while investing in a healthier future for Chautauqua County and the rest of our service area."

Sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cattaraugus County Bank, Newburg Spine and Sports, and Hideaway Bay Resort. In partnership with The City of Dunkirk, The Chautauqua Striders, Trackqua and Chautauqua County Humane Society. Supported by Chautauqua Health and Fitness.

We are still looking for additional sponsors to help make this event a success. A large charitable cause like this is made possible only by the generous time donated by volunteers. To help with the race, contact fundraising@thechautauquacenter.org or call (716) 294-3995.

Event details, registration deadlines, and additional updates can be found on the official race and event site at <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Dunkirk/Waterfront5kRunWalk>. Community members, sponsors, and volunteers are encouraged to check back regularly for information.

The official website of The Waterfront Foundation is www.twfcommunity.org. Contact the race team through email at foundation@thechautauquacenter.org or call (716) 294 - 3995.

Frewsburg's Dalton Anthony Announces Campaign for Third Term as Chautauqua County Legislator for District 16

Contributed by
Anthony for CHQ
County Legislator

Chautauqua County Legislator Dalton Anthony has announced his candidacy for a third term representing District 16 on the Chautauqua County Legislature, pledging to continue his work on behalf of local taxpayers with a focus on fiscal responsibility, government efficiency, and public safety.

Anthony's commitment to public service began before his election to the County Legislature. Prior to taking office, he served for two years on the Town of Carroll Board, gaining firsthand experience in local government and the importance of responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. Anthony brings a new generation's perspective to the Legislature and has worked to earn the confidence of his constituents through accessibility, transparency, and a strong work ethic.

A 2021 graduate of Frewsburg Central School, Anthony currently serves as Scheduler and District Representative for New York State Senator George Borrello, where he works closely with constituents, municipal leaders, and community organizations throughout the region to help address local concerns and navigate state government.

Anthony currently serves on the Town of Carroll Water Committee. He also serves on the Chautauqua County Youth Board, the Chautauqua County Airport Commission, and the New York State Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

Within the County Legislature, Anthony serves on the Public Facilities, Administrative Services, and Audit & Control Committees. Throughout his tenure, he has advocated for responsible budgeting, efficient county operations, strategic infrastructure investments, and policies that protect taxpayers while maintaining essential county services. During Anthony's time in office, Chautauqua County has lowered



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Dalton Anthony

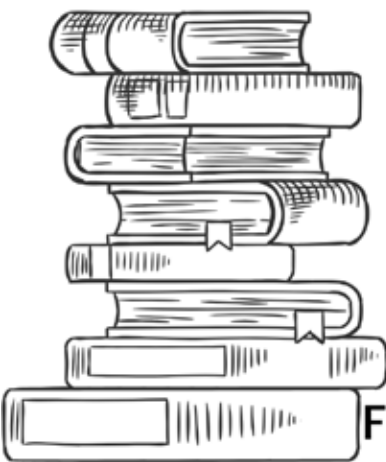
or held the county property tax rate steady for five consecutive years. The 2026 county budget reduced the county property tax rate to \$6.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value, reflecting the Legislature's commitment to fiscal discipline while continuing to invest in the services residents depend on.

"As your legislator, I've always believed government should live within its means while providing the essential services our residents expect," Anthony said. "Over the past two terms, we've demonstrated that we can reduce the property tax burden, improve the efficiency of county government, and continue investing in our communities. Fiscal responsibility, government efficiency, and public safety will remain my priorities as I seek the privilege of serving District 16 for another term."

"Every decision I make is guided by what is best for our communities and the taxpayers I represent. I am proud of what we've accomplished together, and I respectfully ask for your support as we continue building a stronger future for Chautauqua County," Anthony concluded.

The general election will be held in November. Anthony encourages residents of District 16 to reach out throughout the campaign with their ideas, concerns, and priorities as he seeks a fourth year on the Chautauqua County Legislature.

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At the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services, protecting older adults extends beyond providing programs and services—it includes helping residents stay safe from financial exploitation. We encourage seniors to attend this important educational event and learn simple strategies that can prevent devastating losses.

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- Verify before you trust.

- When in doubt, hang up and call a trusted source directly.

Working together, we can make Chautauqua County a safer place for older adults by staying informed, asking questions, and sharing what we learn with friends, neighbors, and loved ones.

For additional information about the August 27 program or other services available through the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services, contact **NY Connects** at **716-753-4582** or **CCYNC@chqgov.com**.

Seats for the August 27, 2026 event are limited to 85 and preregistration through the Chautauqua County NY Connects helpline will be required for this important presentation. Registration will open August 3, 2026.

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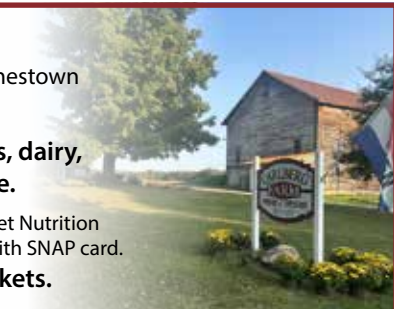
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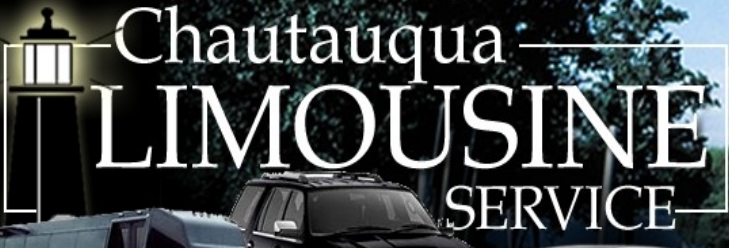
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- Lecture: Ken Burns & Jeffrey Rosen | 8/3 and 8/4 at 10:45 am
- Old First Night | Tuesday, 8/4 at 6:00 pm
- Puppy Pals Live | Tuesday, 8/4 at 7:30 pm
- Chautauqua Opera Company Workshop Presentation: Anne of Green Gables & A Prayer for Owen Meany | Thursday, 8/6 at 3:15 pm
- Chautautqua Opera Company Orchestral Workshop Presentation with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra: Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead Friday, 8/7 at 3:15 pm
- Flame of Revolution: A Colonial Williamsburg 250th Commemoration Friday, 8/7 at 8:00 pm

Week Six is presented in partnership with The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and will include Historic Trades & Skills Demonstrations across the grounds such as Blacksmith, Cabinetmaker, Carpenter, & Joiner in Bestor Plaza and Milliner and Journeyman Founder at the Oliver Archives Center.

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Submitted Photos: Historic Trades & Skills Demonstrations

WEEK 6 SCHEDULE							
SUNDAY 8/2	MONDAY 8/3	TUESDAY 8/4	WEDNESDAY 8/5	THURSDAY 8/6	FRIDAY 8/7	SATURDAY 8/8	SUNDAY 8/9
Art in the Park 11am-4pm		Old First Night	CLSC Recognition Day		The Craft Shows at Chautauqua 8/7-8/9	Week Seven Begins	
10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Anna Carter Florence , Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching, Columbia Theo. Sem.	9:15am The Rev. Anna Carter Florence	9:15am The Rev. Anna Carter Florence	9:15am The Rev. Anna Carter Florence	9:15am Faith Journeys Service: The Rev. Anna Carter Florence	9:15am Ecumenical Communion Service	11:00am Contemporary Issues Forum. Jim Rasenberger , author and journalist	10:45am Worship and Sermon. The Rev. Frank A. Thomas , Christian Theological Seminary
2:00pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	10:45am Ken Burns , documentary filmmaker. Jeffrey Rosen , CEO emiritus, National Constitution Center	10:45am Ken Burns , documentary filmmaker. Jeffrey Rosen , CEO emiritus, National Constitution Center	10:45am David Blight , Sterling Professor of History and director of the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University	10:45am Melody Barnes , exec. dir., Karsh Institute of Democracy, University of Virginia	10:45am Robert P. George , Princeton University	2:00pm Theater. <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	2:00pm Theater. <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>
3:00pm <i>Cabinet of Wonder Live!</i> with Natalie Merchant & Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra.	2:00pm Interfaith Lecture	2:00pm Manisha Sinha , Draper Chair in American History, University of Connecticut	2:00pm Cliff Fleet III , president and CEO, The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation	2:00pm Jane Kamensky , pres. & CEO, Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, Trumbull Professor of Am. Hist. emerita, Harvard University	2:00pm CLSC. Laurie Halse Anderson , <i>Rebellion 1776</i> . Adrian Matejka , <i>Be Easy</i>	7:30pm Alonzo King LINES Ballet with the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Rossen Milanov , conductor.	3:00pm Bandits on the Run
3:30pm WCR. John Hoppenthaler (poetry) and Roy Hoffman (prose)	4:00pm Chautauqua Chamber Music: Ruckus	6:00pm Old First Night CHQ Institute Birthday Celebration	7:30pm Alonzo King LINES Ballet	3:15pm Opera Workshop: <i>Anne of Green Gables and A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>	3:15pm Opera Orchestral Workshop: <i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead</i>	3:30pm WCR. Deborah Miranda (poetry) and AJ Eversole (prose)	3:30pm WCR. Deborah Miranda (poetry) and AJ Eversole (prose)
7:30pm Theater: <i>Best for Baby</i>	8:00pm Music School Festival Orchestra with the Chautauqua School of Dance. Dean Whiteside , conductor. Sasha Janes , Artistic Director	7:30pm Family Entertainment: Puppy Pals Live: The Action-Packed Comedic Stunt Dog Show		8:00pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra with Aubrey Oliverson , violin. Rossen Milanov , conductor.	6:00pm Theater: <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	6:00pm Theater. <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>	6:00pm Theater. <i>How I Learned What I Learned</i>
8:00pm Sacred Song Service					8:00pm Flame of Revolution: A Colonial Williamsburg 250th Commemoration	8:00pm Sacred Song Service	8:00pm Sacred Song Service



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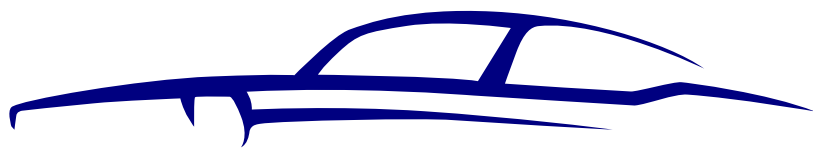
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The other tour on August 8 is of three churches in Jamestown. Beginning at the Jamestown Free Methodist church on 515 E. 7th Street and traveling to the First Congregational and First Presbyterian churches. The tour begins at 10 AM and the tour guide is Cindy Dustin, a volunteer with the Fenton History Center.

The Fenton History Center conducts historic walking tours from June to August. The cost is \$8 for members and \$12 for non-members. Participants can pre-register online, at the Fenton, or by phone at 716-664-6256. There is a limit of 20 people for each tour. Thank you to our sponsors Rodgers Land Surveying, Ahlstrom Schaeffer, and Weber Knapp



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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is excited to announce the addition of two new instructors to their team!

Christine Porter (Voice & Theater Instructor)
Christine Porter comes to Infinity with over three decades of performance experience on both stage and screen. She is a graduate of The Hartt School, earning a Bachelor of Music degree in Musical Theater. She graduated as a member of both Pi Kappa Lambda, the National Music Honor Society, and Alpha Psi Omega, the National Theatre Honor Society. Her singing and acting career has taken her across four continents, from the stages of New York City and Las Vegas to performance venues in Canada, England, and Australia.

She currently resides in Warren PA where she was the inaugural winner of Warren's Got Talent. Christine's love of music began in her local church as a small child and continues today through her work as a cantor at several area churches in Warren, Bradford, Erie, and Lakewood. She also serves as the liturgical music coordinator for St. Paul's Church in Warren. She has worked extensively in youth

arts education through Missoula Children's Theatre and as the founder of YoungSong, a program focused on music, movement, and theater for young children. Christine is excited to continue inspiring and encouraging young performers through the arts.

Brian Hanna (Guitar, Ukulele, & Creative Writing Instructor)
Brian Hanna has been involved in the local music scene for the past 30 years. During that time has played hundreds of shows as a solo artist and as part of the duo, Hanna and Horton. He has a wide variety of styles with lots of original songs he has written over the years. Brian teaches beginners guitar, ukulele, and creative writing/singer songwriter classes at Infinity.

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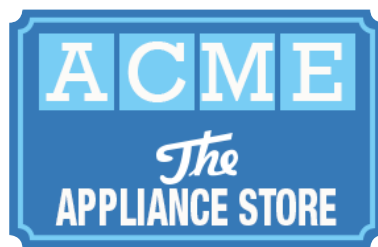
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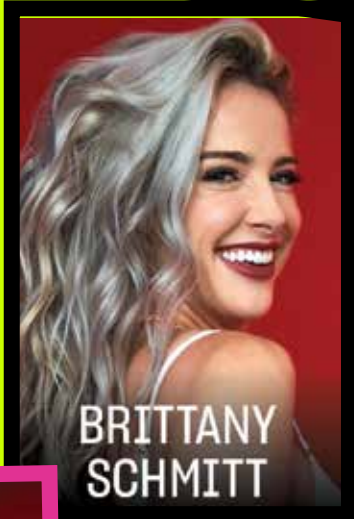


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