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*Cecily Colburn,
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The Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature an exemplary local student as we celebrate the start of the school year during America's 250th. Cecily Colburn and her mother, Rochelle Colburn, showcase an educational adventure and creative, civic engagement on page 21 of this edition.

BACK TO SCHOOL: LEARNING WHAT MATTERS

Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

Until this week, I never really stopped to think that at some point, I will no longer go school shopping. Probably a silly thought, but it struck me recently as I was scrolling through social media and saw a post of a woman who had taken a fun day out since she no longer had to do back-to-school shopping. I froze, and thought to myself, “In a few years, that will be me.”

When you start this journey of parenthood or motherhood, at least for me, you’re wrapped up in figuring out what you’re doing. I remember bringing my eldest home as a baby. I was 21, inexperienced with babies and mildly terrified. I remember looking into her beautiful blue eyes and cradling her, thinking “My God, they let me come home with you?!”

It was a little less scary when I brought my youngest home. I had, after all, experienced six years of parenting by then and felt a little more sure of myself. But, as they say, every child is different and I kept learning how to be a mother over and over again.

I still do.

My oldest is now a teen and is always thinking about this one brilliant, strange opportunity we call life and what she wants to do with it. She is contemplating colleges, career paths

and dreams of travel and adventure. She is such a bright, determined and beautiful soul, I know she will do well at whatever she puts her mind to. But sometimes, when she is dreaming aloud, I can’t help but want to hold on to her and tell her not to forget to visit her mother every now and again in between her adventures.

My youngest is coming a bit more into her own this year. I can see it a little more clearly than I could with my eldest - a little more independence here, a little quirk of personality there. I guess that is the benefit of experience - knowing enough to recognize these things as time goes by. She, too, is strong and capable and it is a joy to see her grow and learn. I see her free spirited joy, her desire to help and her incredible sense of compassion grow every year.

As we come into this school year, after my awakening to the swift passage of time that of course everyone warned me about but I never truly understood, I can’t help but feel a little wistful. My youngest already has her backpack packed up, is excited to meet her teacher and is contemplating her first day of school outfit. My oldest is reconnecting with friends, discussing her upcoming academics and already lamenting a little about the hectic pace she knows will hit come September. Selfishly, I hold them both a little tighter these days, grasping at the moments a little longer, as I look in to those beautiful blue eyes my daughters share and



Katrina Fuller and her daughters, Lilianna (10th Grade) and Annalee (4th Grade).

wonder, “Where has the time gone?”

This coming school year, perhaps I will learn a little something, too. To cherish a little more the before school rush, to enjoy the afterschool snack fests and flurry of activity, to remember the moments are fleeting and time is a gift. I can only hope that the learning going on this year isn’t purely academic. That maybe I, as a mother, will learn to chase those moments with abandon and store them up for the time when I no longer have to buy notebooks and highlighters, school shoes and shiny new backpacks.

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This Week Around Town

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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 - Johnny Dee | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Magic the Gathering with GM Geoff | 5 PM-6:45 PM
Dunkirk Public Library | Dunkirk
For Info: dunkirklibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

Fireside Lecture: Aviation in Chautauqua County with Dennis Webster | 6 PM
Patterson Library | Patterson
For Info: pattersonlibrary.org

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, SEPTEMBER 3

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

Splash Bemus - The Beatles Tribute | 6 PM-8 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: splashbemus.com

Bemus Point Tap House - Derek Davis Band | 6 PM-9 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Rich Maiola (Concrete Peach) 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 Wine Cellar - Open Mic Night | 9 PM - 12 AM
309 N Main St | Jamestown
For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

FRIDAY, SEPT 4 - MONDAY SEPT 7

Cassadaga Labor Day Festival
Cassadaga
For Info: Cassadaga Lakes Community & Business Alliance or see page 10

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

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

“Meet Your Neighbors” with Twan Leenders 11 AM-12 PM
Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

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

First Friday Westfield | 5 PM-8 PM
Main Street | Westfield
For Info: chqchamber.org

Street Dance - Cassadaga Labor Day Festival 5:30 PM-8:30 PM
American Legion post 1280 | Cassadaga

Kenneth Labuskes’ “A Personal Mythos” Opening Reception | 6 PM-8 PM
Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Splash Bemus - Swinging Jazz with Nick | 6 PM-9 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: splashbemus.com

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

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

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

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

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

Tribute to Hall-of-Famers, Aereosmith | 8 PM
Struthers Library Theatre | Warren
For Info: strutherslibrarytheatre.org

Group Ther-Happy - Interstate Dream | 8 PM-11 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

Steelbound - Ion Sky | 8 PM-11 PM
30 Lake Shore Dr. | Dunkirk, NY
For Info: steelbounddevl.com

Movie at the Library: The Sheep Detectives | 8:15 PM
Struthers Library Theatre | Warren
For Info: strutherslibrarytheatre.org

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Bleeding Hearts | 8:30 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, SEPTEMBER 5

Cassadaga Man Triathlon - 8 AM
Cassadaga Beach
For Info: www.coachmarkwilson.com

Sunshine & Strength HIIT at Bemus Point Tap House 9 AM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

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

CLPOA “Wetlands” Public Meetings #17 | 9:30 AM-11 AM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: chqlpoa.org

Yoga & Brew at Bemus Point Tap House | 10 AM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Tanny Danner & Brotherhood 1 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Bemus Point Tap House - Skinny Moo | 4:30 PM-8:30 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

All-Ages Crafting: Beeswax Candles | 2:15 PM-3:45 PM
Prendergast Library | Jamestown
For Info: prendergastlibrary.org

The Great Gold Ball Drop at Bemus Point Tap House | 4 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Southern Tier Brewing Co - L.E.D. | 6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Splash Bemus - Swinging Jazz with Nick | 6 PM-9 PM
60 Lakeside Dr. | Bemus Point
For Info: splashbemus.com

10,000 Maniacs 45th Anniversary Concert Extravaganza 7:30 PM
116 E. 3rd St. | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com/events/10kmfestival

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

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

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Flipside | 9 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.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 - Porcelain Bus Drivers 9:30 PM - 1:30 AM
1 Lakeside Dr | Bemus Point
For Info: bemuspointcasino.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Jamestown Labor Day Festival | 12:00 - Dark
Bergman Park | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

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

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

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Public Water Supply 3 PM-7 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Group Ther-Happy - Jacob Blair Debut Party | 5 PM-8 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

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

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

Bemus Point Tap House - Ion Sky | 7 PM-10 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

Fireworks at the Golf Course | 9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

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

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

GO-TIME



Publisher
Lori Cornell

It's Back-to-School Week!

Best wishes to students and families as they say a sad goodbye to summer vacation and a happy hello to a promising new school year.

To the students: May the 2026-27 school year be filled with academic success and extracurricular achievement! Lock in, study hard and thrive. Whether you're a

sports star or musical genius or excel in any other scholastic realm, we hope you give it your all. But, as always, don't forget to enjoy this time and treasure each moment as you make your academic dreams come true.

To the parents: As summer fades and the school year becomes a reality, we hope the transition is a seamless one. While you switch from the relaxed pace of the warmer months and head into the busier days of after school activities, study nights and spirit days, we hope you also pencil in some restful time for you and your families.

And lastly, to the teachers and administrators as they launch into the September start as well: We are grateful for your dedication to our community's students and your leadership in the classroom and beyond.

Let the learning begin!
(I mean, "continue!")



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Thank you!

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Best wishes to all the students heading back to school!

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2:00 - 4:00 Pearl City Jazz

4:00 - George Ritzer Labor Award Presentation

4:30 - 6:00 - Johnny Bauer Band

6:30 - 8:30 - Porcelain Busdivers

Other Events Throughout the Park

12:00 - Empire State Wrestling presents Professional Wrestling

1:00 JAMFL All City JV/Var Scrimmage

3:00 - 6:00 PM Kids Lawn Games

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BY ESW
12:00 PM

The Magic of Nick Mambretti!
12:30 PM

JAMFL Scrimmage
1:00

Community Bingo
2:00

Live Music Begins at
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that Anne Marie would be honored to know that patients, families and staff, now have a peaceful space for worship, quiet reflection, and spiritual comfort. “Anne Marie cared deeply about this community, and this project is a meaningful way to honor both her faith and connection to health care,” said Stephen Moulton, administrator of the Anne Marie Valone Trust. “We are grateful to see her legacy carried forward in a place that will serve people during some of life’s most personal and important moments.” Through gifts such as this, the WCA Foundation helps donors make a lasting difference at UPMC Chautauqua. To contribute to the UPMC Chautauqua Chapel, visit WCA Foundation at wcafoundationjamestown.org or contact, Executive Director, Kristin Melville, 716-664-8665 or melvillek@upmc.edu.

Faith Matters

BLESSED BACKPACKS



Featured Writer
The Rev. Rachel Erin Stuart
Senior Pastor of Hurlbut Memorial Community UMC

“So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar.”
- Genesis 28:18

It’s time once again. Textbooks bought, uniforms donned, backpacks packed, and a new year begins, with all the hope and trepidation that brings. School can be exciting. New teachers, new ideas, new friends, new activities. Maybe it’s finally time to start that math class we’ve been looking forward to, or learn that musical instrument we’ve been wanting to try. Maybe this is the year we move up to the varsity team, join the school play, help make the yearbook. Maybe it’s our very first day of school, ever—or maybe it’s our last first day before we graduate. There’s an energy in the air. The joy of imagining what can be. The natural momentum of something new. But school can also be scary. There are new teachers, and new ideas, and new friends, and new activities. The familiar is gone, at least in part, and we have to reckon with the unknown. Maybe we’re in a new district or a new building this year. Maybe it’s finally time for that math class we’ve been dreading. Maybe

it’s the year we have to choose between soccer and gymnastics because the practices have gotten too long. Maybe it’s our first time at school all day, every day—or maybe all we can think about is college applications. Imagination is in the air, but sometimes it’s not so helpful. Sometimes we struggle not to focus on imagining all the things that could go wrong. A lot of churches these days are celebrating the beginning of the school year with a particular ritual called the “Blessing of the Backpacks.” It’s one of my favourite simple moments in church life. Even into seminary and doctoral work, I used to bring my backpack to worship to be blessed with all the others. The haphazard pile grew like a makeshift altar of leather duffles, canvas bags, and staples from Staples, all dotted with unicorns and sharks and meticulous monograms and glitter. Bound in that altar of found stones were all the hopes and dreams and fears of a new school year, gathered together and lifted to God to help us hold. Throughout the world, gathered stones have served as ritual markers of significant moments and holy places. There is the cairn in Scotland, the ovoo in Mongolia, the standing stone in the ancient Near East. We gather whatever is to hand, and we make it holy. When Jacob dreams of the angels of heaven, he wakes to make an altar with the stone he had used as a pillow. And today, churches across the country are gathering backpacks to make them holy. May those of you beginning a new school year feel all the love and support and encouragement you need to dream.

Grace and peace,
The Rev. Rachel Erin Stuart
Senior Pastor of Hurlbut Memorial Community UMC

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Falconer FBLA Members Represent New York at 2026 National Leadership Conference in San Antonio



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Five students from Falconer Central School traveled to San Antonio, Texas this summer to compete against the best young business minds in the country at the 2026 Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference. Representing New York State, the students showcased their skills across three different events, while their longtime adviser earned major national honors for her decades of dedication.

In the high school division, Finley Darr, Ella Garrison, and Lilli Szal-Williams teamed up to present the Local Chapter Annual Business Report. Their presentation highlighted the chapter's community service, financial planning, and project management efforts over the past year.

The Middle-Level division was represented by Lydia Cross and Maci-Lynn Akin. Miss Cross competed in Exploring Customer Service, tackling a real-world scenario focused on client relations and effective problem-solving. Miss Akin competed in Digital Citizenship, testing her knowledge on internet safety, technology ethics, and online literacy.

All five students put in months of preparation to earn their spot at the conference, where they joined more than 15,000 fellow competitors, gaining invaluable real-world experience and professional skills along the way.

The conference was particularly special for chapter adviser, Michelle Johnson, who received major accolades for her career-long dedication to business education. Johnson was recognized on stage as the NYS Outstanding Local Chapter Advisor alongside the state president and the 2026 NYS Who's Who in FBLA, Clymer's Jeffrey Perry.

Her honors didn't end there. She was also officially inducted into the FBLA National Adviser Wall of Fame, recognizing more than 27 years of active service. Over nearly three decades, Mrs. Johnson has held leadership roles at the local, state, and national levels across all three divisions of the organization--FBLA Middle-Level, FBLA High School, and FBLA Collegiate. Her induction highlights a lifetime of mentorship that has guided generations of Falconer students toward professional success.

With strong student representation and dedicated leadership guiding the way, Falconer FBLA continues to make great strides toward professional development and excellence.

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James B. Thompson

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Back to School Healthy Habits

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As students gear up for back to school this fall, building healthy habits can help set the stage for a successful year.

One of the best ways to support learning is by starting the day with a healthy breakfast to provide students with the energy they need to focus, learn, and grow. Fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, and proteins all play a

role in helping students perform at their best, both in and out of the classroom. Many of these foods are grown or produced right here in Chautauqua County, connecting students and families directly to local agriculture!

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County works to promote local agriculture, support farmers, and encourage healthy food

choices. CCE is currently revitalizing the Chautauqua Grown program on our website to make it easier for you to find local farms and farmers markets throughout the county. Chautauqua Grown serves as a directory to help you find nutritious local food near you. If you or someone you know would like

to be featured on the updated Chautauqua Grown site, please be sure to fill out the survey on our website, or reach out to our Marketing Coordinator at ssr236@cornell.edu, so we can get connected.

Supporting local agriculture not only strengthens our community's economy but also helps families access fresh, nutritious foods!

As the school year begins, consider making local foods a part of your family's routine. A healthy breakfast, a balanced lunch, and a connection to local agriculture can help students start the year ready to learn and succeed.



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MY ST. SUSAN'S STORY

41 Years Later, It All Comes Full Circle

Contributed by

Melissa "Missy" Paterniti
St. Susans Center

My story with St. Susan Center didn't begin five years ago when I became actively involved with the organization.

It began 41 years ago, although I didn't know it at the time.

I was 10 years old and a member of St. James Church, where the soup kitchen that would eventually become St. Susan Center first began. I went to church every week, usually sitting in the front pew, and I attended catechism there.

There are things about that building I can still remember as if I were standing there today.

The smell of the gym. The bingo chips. The cigarette smoke. And almost always, the smell of food coming from the kitchen.

As children, we knew there was a soup kitchen, but we didn't really understand what that meant. At night, when we were there for catechism, the building felt completely different than it did during the day. We saw the kitchen and smelled the food, but we didn't understand who came through those doors while we were at school or why they needed to be there.

We didn't understand that people in our community were going without meals. We didn't understand what it took to feed them.

And I certainly never imagined that 41 years later, I would be helping raise money for the organization that grew from that little soup kitchen.

Today, I understand it very differently.

For more than five years, I have had the privilege of being actively involved with St. Susan Center. During that time, I have learned that hunger is only one part of the challenge many people face.

Sometimes a meal is the immediate need. But long-term success requires more than meeting an immediate need. People need opportunity, structure, responsibility and a chance to become productive and engaged in their community.

I have always believed there is an important difference between simply giving someone a handout and giving someone a **hand up**.

That is what I appreciate about the di-

rection St. Susan's is taking.

Yes, someone who is hungry can receive a meal. But there is also an increasing emphasis on **participation, work experience, community service and personal responsibility**.

Helping someone through a difficult moment is important.

Helping create a path for that person to move forward is even more important.

MORE THAN A MEAL

St. Susan Center currently serves approximately **175 to 200 meals every day**.

Think about that for a moment.

Prepare enough food for as many as 200 people. Serve it. Clean everything up.

Then come back tomorrow and do it all over again.

That is a tremendous undertaking for an organization operating with a very small paid staff and relying heavily on volunteers.

But the work doesn't end when the plates are cleared.

Executive Director **Cherie Rowland** works tirelessly to make St. Susan's a place where people can find not only food, but also opportunity, responsibility and a connection to their community.

One of her ideas captures that philosophy perfectly.

She calls it "**Just Show Up.**"

The concept is simple. Agencies from throughout Chautauqua County are welcome to bring individuals to St. Susan's who need work experience, structure, volunteer experience or simply a place to become involved and begin building those skills.

Sometimes the first step doesn't need to be complicated.

Just show up.

Show up somewhere you are needed. Take responsibility for something. Work beside someone else. Learn something new. Discover that you have something to contribute.

St. Susan's also participates in the **Youth Employment Program (YEP) through COI**, giving teenagers an opportunity to gain paid summer work experience. COI pays participating teens while they work at St. Susan's, where they learn responsibility, workplace expectations and valuable job skills while



Submitted Photos

contributing to the operation of the Center.

The Center also provides **work experience opportunities through DSS**, with six individuals currently participating. They contribute their time and work as part of requirements connected to their benefits.

St. Susan's also welcomes people who need to complete **community service hours**, providing another opportunity to fulfill a responsibility while doing meaningful work.

All of these efforts reinforce something I believe very strongly:

People need purpose.

Sometimes helping someone means feeding them today.

Sometimes it means giving them somewhere to be tomorrow.

A responsibility. A routine. A place where their contribution matters. A chance to develop skills and prove to themselves that they are capable of more.

That is a hand up.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT POSSIBLE

None of this would happen without St. Susan's volunteers.

With such a small paid staff, volunteers are essential. They prepare and serve food, clean, organize donations and handle countless other jobs that keep the Center operating.

When an organization is serving as many as 200 meals every day, every person willing to contribute matters.

And that brings me to this year and a very personal challenge.

For the first time, I am responsible for leading a **large fundraiser**.

I want it to succeed because we need to raise money for St. Susan's, but I also want this event to give people a better understanding of what St. Susan Center really represents.

And in a way, it brings my entire story full circle.

TAKING IT OUTSIDE UNDER THE BIG TENT

Years ago, when St. Susan's held its cooking competition, the event took place inside the Center.

This year, we are bringing that spirit back, but we're doing it a little differently.

We're taking it outside under the big tent.

I want people to picture the atmosphere of an old-fashioned Italian festival or a big community gathering.

Long tables filled with people. Friends and families talking and laughing. Volunteers moving throughout the tent. Homemade soup being served by teams proud of what they created

People tasting different soups, having fun and learning more about St. Susan's along the way.

I want it to feel like **community**.

Each cooking team will prepare approximately **five gallons of soup, enough to serve around 200 people**. The soup will be prepared before the event and brought in ready to serve.

There is a reason we chose that amount.

It represents approximately what St. Susan's does every single day.

For our cooking teams, it will be one large pot of soup for one event.

For St. Susan's, feeding 175 to 200 people is an everyday reality.

That is something I hope our cooks and everyone attending will think about when they see those five-gallon pots of soup.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A PROFESSIONAL CHEF

I don't want anyone to decide they can't participate simply because they don't have access to a commercial kitchen.

For food safety, **all soup must be prepared in an approved commercial kitchen**.

But if you don't have one, we can help.

Participating teams can arrange to use the commercial kitchen at **St. Susan Center**, and **The Pantry's commercial**



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TRIBUTE TO HALL-OF-FAMERS, AEROSMITH!

Contributed by

Yankee Bush Productions

On Friday, September 4th, 8 pm, Draw the Line will perform their most excellent Tribute to Aerosmith.

Draw the Line - the "Officially Endorsed Aerosmith Tribute Show" - originated near Boston Massachusetts, the same as Aerosmith themselves. Established in 1991, Draw the Line has been touring for more than 30 years spanning the continental United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, the Caribbean and Europe. DTL has played over 3,000 shows to sold out audiences of up to 20,000 people, from the MGM Grand Arena Las Vegas to festivals throughout the USA, plus many legendary theaters, casinos, and cruise ships. Draw the Line features lead vocalist, Neill Byrnes, a true Steven Tyler doppelgänger. Neill won a Steven Tyler look-alike contest during Aerosmith's Pump tour, which kickstarted his 30 plus year career as Steven Tyler. During a January 1998 radio interview, Aerosmith Lead

Singer, Steven Tyler, singled out Draw the Line as the best of the Aerosmith tribute bands. With disc jockey Nik Carter adding, "I've seen Draw the Line. They are Aerosmith!!" Byrnes and four more very talented musicians perfectly recreate the sound, energy, and vibe of an Aerosmith concert. Come enjoy hits "Dream On," "Sweet Emotion," "Walk This Way," "Janie's Got a Gun," "Dude (Looks Like a Lady)," "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" and much more!

If you love Aerosmith, this is a show you Don't Want to Miss!

Aerosmith is an American rock band that was formed in Boston, Massachusetts in 1970 by vocalist Steven Tyler, guitarists Joe Perry and Ray Tabano, bassist Tom Hamilton, and drummer Joey Kramer. Tabano was replaced by Brad Whitford in 1971. Aerosmith has won a total of four Grammy Awards over the

course of their career (primarily 1990 and after). Aerosmith has also collected six American Music Awards, four Billboard Music Awards, two People's Choice Awards, sixteen Boston Music Awards and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. The MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs), ranks Aerosmith as the ninth most successful artist (and the third most successful group) of all-time. Aerosmith is also the all-time leader in the categories Best Rock Video (with four such awards) and Viewer's Choice (with three such awards) and has also won once each in the categories Video of the Year, Best Group Video, and Best Video from a Film.

Twenty-one of Aerosmith's songs have reached the top 40 of the Billboard Hot 100. Aerosmith achieved nine number-one hits on Mainstream Rock. An additional 28 of the band's songs have

reached the top 40 on various charts worldwide. The band has achieved four multi-platinum singles ("Dream On," "Sweet Emotion," "Walk This Way," and "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing"), while an additional eight singles have attained silver, gold, or platinum certifications in various territories. Aerosmith is estimated to have sold well over 150 million albums around the world including 66,934,334 in the United States, making them the biggest-selling hard rock band in United States history.

Join us Friday, September 4, 8 pm, for Draw the Line's Tribute to Aerosmith, a LIVE performance at the beautiful, historic Struthers Library Theatre, Warren, PA! Give a gift of music to yourself, your friends or your family! This show has reserved seating. All seats are \$35 each. Purchase your tickets today online at strutherslibrarytheatre.org or in Warren, PA at the Library Theatre Office, 302 W. 3rd Ave., or call the office @ (814) 723-7231, 10 am - 5 pm, Mon. - Fri. Tickets are always available at the door!



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Some heats will be scheduled with themed participants ahead of time. Two heats will be determined on site by a lottery drawing for folks in the audience.

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The Lucy contest does not require pre-registration, but does require pre-preparation!

Included in the stomping schedule will be the three best Lucy look-alikes, determined by audience response.

The winner of the Lucy stomp will be featured in the parade on Sunday, which begins at noon.

**Visit the website: festivalofgrapes.org
for information and a list of our sponsors - please patronize them!**

Bring your own chairs. Events schedule is subject to change, due to weather and unforeseeable circumstances

4-H GOES BACK TO SCHOOL



As 4-H Camp Curiosity, comes to a close, 4-H Spark Educator Sarah Hatfield is gearing up for going back to school! Sarah provides programming for schools, afterschool programs, and youth serving organizations across Chautauqua County. Her programs center around nature and agricultural education and she’s happy to tailor programming for organizations’ needs.

Her most requested programs last fall included a program about apples where youth smashed apples and pressed them into cider – right in the classroom, learned about roots as food with root vegetables like beets and did a taste test, and exploring turkeys habitat and diet and how they fit into our diet.

She also provides education for schools through an Environmental Education BOCES Co-Ser where she has programs that cover topics such as introduction to cartography: mapping natural resources, rocks as tools, and the environmental cost of food.

If you’re interested in having Sarah provide programming for your youth, reach out to her at sph76@cornell.edu.

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Here's How It Works:

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

Level: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Manila hemp plant

6. Turkish river

10. Something to read

14. In a way, initiated

15. Popular Apple TV series

17. King Charles is part of it

19. Earlier

20. Foot (Latin)

21. Zodiac sign

22. A browning of the skin

23. Remain as is

24. Turfs

26. It’s used to slaughter animals

29. Volcanic crater

31. The mother of Jesus

32. One’s life story

34. One-time Liverpool coach Slot

35. Counterparts
37. Jacob __, American journalist

38. Digital audiotape

39. River in South Africa

40. Kimono sashes

41. Rooting somewhere

43. American spy Aldrich

45. A way to call for

46. Taxi

47. Pancakes made of buckwheat floi

49. Swiss river

50. Popular type of video game (abbr)

53. Have surgery

57. Formal withdrawal from a union

58. Performs spoken improv

59. Greek war god

60. 2,000 lbs.

61. Helps to evade capture

CLUES DOWN

1. Swedish rock group

2. “Friday Night Lights” director Peter

3. Currency exchange fee

4. Feline

5. Folk singer DiFranco

6. Ghastly pale from distress

7. Rapid eye movements

8. Monetary unit of Macao

9. Lawmakers

10. Colorless mineral

11. At some prior time

12. American protest singer

13. Opener

16. Seldom

18. Relaxing places

22. Touchdown

23. From end to end

24. Kids love him

25. Metal-bearing solid

27. Skin care product manufacturer

28. Thirteen

29. Angry

30. Member of a Semitic people
31. One-thousandth of an inch

33. Former CIA

35. Most lemony

36. Engage in

37. Mass of fish eggs

39. Food supplies

42. Backbones

43. American real estate investment firm

44. Megabyte

46. “Three Coins in the Fountain” songwriter

47. Dutch colonist

48. Full-grown pike fish

49. Emergency prep expert Edwards

50. Flute

51. Dismissive sound

52. Slang term for marijuana

53. Young women’s association

54. Cosmopolitan city

55. Narrow isthmus in Thailand

56. Pointed end of a pen



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Sunday, cont.....

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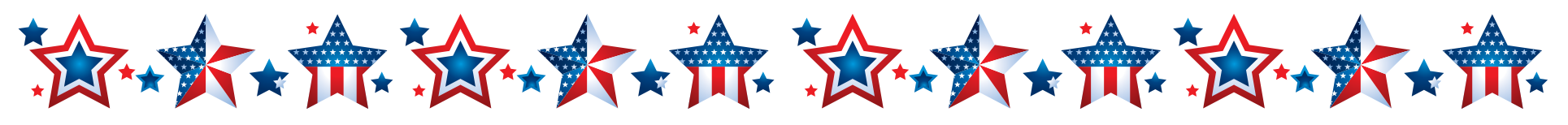
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Area Businesses Invited to Participate in Vendor Fair

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Witco Inc.

Just because the summer has come to an end and the new school year is about to begin, there is plenty of family-fun lake life activity to close out the season with the start of Cassadaga Days.

Starting on September 5th, Witco, Inc., led by AJ Witkowski is sponsoring a fun filled day of activity at 86 N. Main Street, Cassadaga including,

Vendor Fair - Area businesses are invited to participate in a vendor fair on Saturday, September 5th from noon to 8 PM. Set up in an around Witco businesses - King Kone, Fermentation Station and VP Racing. There is no fee for participating. Contact Jake Toy,

716.595.3855 to confirm a spot and logistical arrangements. Interested business, vendor, or organization can also go to this link to register - <https://forms.gle/SwJPVsiJSu8X836j8>.

Family Fun - All day family fun to include a bounce house, dunk tank, Korn Hole and more. And don't forget to get some of your favorite ice cream treats and pizza available at King Kone.

From there you can take a walk up Main Street to check out the seasonal sports products available at Valley Outdoors, specialty coffee and food at 3 Lakes Café, unique artisan gifts at The Heart of the Valley and activities in Ames Commons.

Saturday Night Entertainment - Live music by Waiting on Jenna, a five-piece Buffalo-based band, will fill the location

from 5-7 pm. Bring a chair and come enjoy some music and outdoor dancing if you feel the beat.

"Our goal is to get people out to discover Cassadaga, visiting our businesses, enjoying our lakes, and community, and seeing everything our village has to offer," said AJ Witkowski, CEO, Witco, Inc. "Come hungry, bring the family, listen to some music, meet local businesses, and spend the day with us."

A full line up of community activities can be found on websites and Facebook pages for Cassadaga Lakes Community & Business Alliance (CCBA), Citizens for a Better Cassadaga (CBC), Cassadaga Lakes Association (CLA) and the Cassadaga American Legion Post 1280 and Auxiliary sponsoring:

Saturday, September 5th

8 AM - Cassadaga Man Triathlon, brought to you by Wilson Endurance Sports.

9 PM - Fireworks at Johnny Fessenden Ballfields, Maple Avenue.

Sunday, September 6th

4:30 PM - Boat Parade themed "Our Country's 250th Birthday Celebration"

5 PM - Cassadaga Beach Floating Stage Concert - Aces & Eights

Monday, September 7th - the day starts out with the Labor Day parade beginning at 11 am on Maple Avenue, Followed by the Cassadaga Lakes Association (CLA) 28th Ducky Derby fundraiser at the Fire Hall bridge, 12 noon.



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Business of the Week

Celebrating Local Businesses & Giving them the Spotlight!

4-POINT DRIVING SCHOOL “POINTS” THE WAY TO SAFETY

Submitted Photos



Editor-in-Chief

Katrina Fuller

For Sam Qadri, owner of 4-Point Driving School, teaching people to drive safely has become a multigenerational part of serving the Jamestown community. Qadri has helped educate drivers who then bring their children to learn from him.

“When I get a student driver that says to me, ‘You were my mom’s or dad’s teacher,’” Qadri said when asked what he enjoys most about his work. “That by itself is a great honor to me.”

4-Point Driving School is a local business focused on automobile driver and traffic safety education. Authorized and licensed by New York State and the Department of Motor Vehicles, the school was started to help fill what Qadri described as an important gap in driver education in the community, where most public school districts offer driver education classes only during the summer.

After working with students in the area for the past 30 years, Qadri said he still appreciates the opportunity to continue to teach such an important range of skills.

“Serving in my own hometown, friends,

neighbors, co-workers and working with my students and then their own children in the past 30 years is a great rewarding feeling,” he said.

The school also provides the New York State prelicensing course to new and returning drivers. Students can enroll in the course either in person or online through Zoom.

“Most students sign up with us for the prelicensing course certification, which would qualify them to sign up for the DMV road test,” Qadri said.

4-Point Driving School also offers rehabilitative driver evaluations, a service geared toward returning drivers who are typically referred by a family physician, family member or the DMV Medical Unit. Through a partnership with the National Traffic Safety Institute, or NTSI, the school also offers the Insurance Point Reduction driver safety course.

When instructors are available for behind-the-wheel driving lessons, Qadri said the school works with “new and returning drivers of all ages and levels.” Qadri said one of the things that sets 4-Point Driving School apart is the professional training students receive.

“Students are paired with a professionally certified driver and traffic safety education instructor who is well trained and prepared to do all that’s necessary to create safe and success stories, one student-driver at a time,” he said.

While earning a license is an important milestone, Qadri wants students to leave the program with a broader understanding of what it means to be a safe driver.

“Students are taught to be fully attentive and aware of their driving environment, always practice defensive driving, drive sober, as well as be an educated and a safe driver,” he said.

Qadri also has advice for parents who find themselves in the passenger seat while helping a new driver learn the ropes.

“Be patient. Provide very specific instructions,” he said. “Remember that when there is yelling and screaming in the car while trying to teach a lesson, learning would be very difficult, if not impossible.”

He encourages parents to remain aware of what is happening around the vehicle so they can help their new driver anticipate situations on the road.

“Be two to three steps ahead of your driver,” Qadri said. “Be the extra pair of eyes and ears for your driver.”

Just as importantly, he said, parents should model the same safe driving habits they want their children to develop.

“Always follow the rules of the road and local/state laws,” Qadri said.

Students, he added, sometimes report learning bad driving habits from their parents. One example is accelerating to make it through a yellow traffic light before it turns red.

As 4-Point Driving School continues serving the area, Qadri said there may also be something new on the horizon.

“We’re going to try and bring a ‘Drunk Driver’ rehab program,” he said.

Those interested in 4-Point Driving School can visit the business’s local webpage at

<https://www.drivingschooltime.com> for enrollment information and additional details. Potential students and parents can also leave a voicemail at 716-777-3451.

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My St. Susan's Story

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kitchen will also be available for teams that need somewhere to prepare their soup.

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There is another important part of **Battle of the Badges** that means a great deal to me.

Throughout the event, we will be recognizing members of our local **Police, Fire and EMS** for everything they do for our communities.

These are the men and women who show up when people need help. They respond in the middle of the night, on holidays and during some of the most difficult moments people will ever experience.

Many serve professionally. Many serve as volunteers. And so often, they do it without expecting recognition.

During Battle of the Badges, we want to take some time to change that.

Each night, we will recognize local

first responders and give our community an opportunity to thank them for their service, sacrifice and commitment.

There is something especially fitting about doing that at this event.

St. Susan's mission is about showing up when people need help.

Our Police, Fire and EMS personnel spend their lives doing exactly that.

In the end, it comes back to the same thing:

People showing up for people.

A COMMUNITY THAT SHOWED UP WHEN ST. SUSAN'S NEEDED IT

There is another part of this story that I don't want to overlook.

Following the recent incident with St. Susan's freezer, the outpouring of support from our community has been incredible.

When the Center suddenly found itself facing a serious problem, people, businesses and organizations stepped forward and asked:

"What can we do to help?"

A very special thank you goes to **Home-town Rental** for allowing St. Susan's to use their freezers when they were desperately needed. That immediate generosity helped the Center continue doing what matters most: making sure meals could continue to be served.

We also want to give special recognition to **Jamestown Ice**, which has always been one of the best supporters of St. Susan Center. Their continued generosity and willingness to step up for St. Susan's never go unnoticed.

We are also incredibly grateful for the continued support of **The Chautauqua Center, Jamestown Engine Plant, Falconer Printing, Wegmans, Target, Panera Bread, Tops Friendly Markets and Walmart.**

These businesses and organizations support St. Susan's throughout the year, and their contributions make a real difference.

When you are preparing and serving 175 to 200 meals every day, partnerships like these aren't simply appreciated.

They are essential.

We truly could not do this without them.

The response following the freezer incident reminded me once again of what can happen when people decide to step forward when they are needed.

Businesses showed up.

Organizations showed up.

Volunteers showed up.

People showed up.

To everyone who has donated, volunteered, provided food, equipment, freezer space, financial support or simply asked how they could help:

Thank you.

AND FOR ME, IT COMES BACK TO ST. JAMES

As I've planned this fundraiser, I keep thinking about that little girl sitting in the front pew at St. James Church.

I still remember that gym.

I remember the bingo chips.

I remember the cigarette smoke.

And I remember the smell of food coming from that kitchen.

At 10 years old, I didn't understand what was happening there.

At 51, I understand why it matters.

Today, St. Susan's represents compassion, but it also represents something equally important:

Responsibility. Opportunity. Work. Purpose. Dignity.

It means providing a meal when someone needs one while also recognizing that **the meal can be a starting point, not the finish line.**

It means giving a teenager an opportunity to experience their first job.

It means giving someone receiving assistance a way to contribute.

It means providing a place for someone to fulfill community service.

It means volunteers giving their time because this work simply could not happen without them.

It means businesses and organizations stepping forward when St. Susan's needs them.

It means recognizing the Police, Fire and EMS personnel who continually show up when our communities need them.

And it means giving people a **hand up.**

So, 41 years after my St. Susan's story unknowingly began, I'm asking Chautauqua County to help me write the next chapter.

Come cook.

Come volunteer.

Come sit with us under the big tent.

Come taste some soup.

Come help us recognize our Police, Fire and EMS.

Come see what St. Susan's is really about.

And if you aren't sure what you have to offer, start with the simplest thing you can do.

Just show up.

Because sometimes showing up is the first step toward something better.

BE PART OF IT

To purchase tickets, sign up to cook or learn more about **Battle of the Badges**, visit the **St. Susan Center Facebook page** or visit us online.

St. Susan Center:

<https://stsusancenter.org>

Battle of the Badges:

<https://stsusancenter.org/battle-of-badges/>

Come taste the soup. Come support St. Susan's. Come help us honor those who serve.

Just show up.

CALLING ALL COOKS!
WE'VE CHANGED THE PLAN!
 CAN YOU COOK? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CAN?

THE HEART OF BATTLE OF THE BADGES ISN'T CHANGING. EACH NIGHT, WE WILL RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LOCAL **POLICE, FIRE & EMS** FIRST RESPONDERS WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES EVERY DAY.

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- ★ PUT TOGETHER YOUR TEAM
- ★ BRING YOUR BEST RECIPES
- ★ SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO
- ★ HELP SUPPORT ST. SUSAN CENTER
- ★ AND COMPLETE TO TAKE HOME THE LADLE!

WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING FIRST RESPONDERS EVERY NIGHT!

WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	FINALS!
SEPT. 3	SEPT. 10	SEPT. 17	SEPT. 24
5:30-7:30 PM	5:30-7:30 PM	5:30-7:30 PM	5:30-7:30 PM
SOUP • APPETIZER	SOUP • APPETIZER	SOUP • APPETIZER	CHAMPION TAKES THE LADLE!
ENTREE • FUN!	ENTREE • FUN!	ENTREE • FUN!	

SIGN UP TODAY! VISIT ST. SUSAN'S FACEBOOK PAGE OR WEBSITE.

ONE COMMUNITY. THREE BADGES. ENDLESS HEART.

St. Susan Center is inviting community cooks to step up for the new "Battle of the Badges: Ladle Showdown" soup cook-off series. Proceeds from the event will go toward a walk-in freezer for the center. (Submitted photo)



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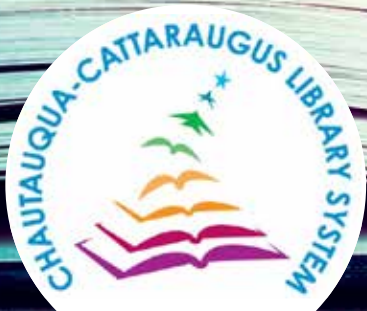


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Alexander Findley Community Library (Findley Lake)
2883 North Rd. Findley Lake 14736
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Hours: M/Sa 9-2 TU/TH 1-7



Anderson- Lee Library (Silver Creek)
43 Main St. Silver Creek 14136
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Hours: M/TU 12-8 TH 10-8 F 12-5 Sa 10-2



Ashville Free Library
2200 N. Maple St. Ashville 14710
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Hours: M/T/W 9:30-7, TH/ F 9:30-5 Sat 10-1



Bemus Point Free Library
13 Main St. Bemus Point 14712
716-386-2274 • bemuspointlibrary.org
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Book Club: 1st Mon. 6 pm



Clymer- French Creek Free Library
564 Clymer-Sherman Rd. Clymer 14724
716-355-8823 • www.cfclibrary.org
Hours: M 9-12; 1-5 W 10-4 F 9-1; 3-6 Sa 9-2



Dunkirk Public Library
536 Central Ave. Dunkirk 14048
716-366-2511 • www.dunkirklibrary.org
Hours: M/TU/W/TH 10-7 F 10-3 Sa 10-2
Storytime: Tues. 11 am, Thurs. 11 am
Book Club: 1st Thurs. 5:30 pm



Darwin R Barker Library Association (Fredonia)
7 Day St Fredonia 14063
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Hours: M/W/F 10-5 TU/TH 1-6 Sa 10-2
Storytime: Mon. 10:30 am for preschoolers, Tues. 4:15 pm all ages
Book Club: 4th Sat. 2 pm



Ellington Farman Library
760 Thornton Rd. Ellington 14732
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Falconer Public Library
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891 Busti-Sugar Grove Rd Jamestown
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James Prendergast Library Association
509 Cherry St. Jamestown 14701
716-484-7135 • prendergastlibrary.org
Hours: M/TU/W/TH/F 9-7 Sa 10-4
Book Club: 2nd Wed. 5:30 (at Labyrinth)
Storytime: Tues. 10:30am, Wed. 10:30am, Tues. 9:30 Lapsit (non-walkers)



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Hours: TU/TH 12-6 Sa 10-2
Cassadaga Branch:
18 Maple Ave Cassadaga 14718
Hours: M/W/F 12-6 Sa 10-2
716-595-3822
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Storytime: 2nd Sat. 11 am



Mayville Library
92 South Erie St Mayville 14757
716-753-7362 • mayvillelibrary.com
Hours: M 10-6 TU/F 11-5 W 10-5 TU 11-7 Sa 10-1



Minerva Free Library (Sherman)
116 Miller St. Sherman 14781
716-761-6378 • www.minervalibrary.org
Hours: M 10-4 TU 3-8 TH 9-8 Sa 9-12



Myers Memorial Library (Frewsburg)
23 Ivory St Frewsburg 14738
716-569-5515 • www.myerslibrary.org
Hours: M/TU/W/TH/F 10-1; 3-6 Sa 10-2
Storytime: Thurs. 10 am
Book Club: After-hours book club 6pm



Patterson Library (Westfield)
40 South Portage St. Westfield 14787
716-326-2154 • www.pattersonlib.org
Hours: M/W/F 10-6 TU/TH 10-8 Sa 10-2
Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
Book Club: Best Sellers BC 1st Tues. 6:30 pm, Book Talk 2nd Thurs 4pm, Mystery BC 3rd Wed. 4 pm



Ripley Public Library
64 W. Main St. Ripley 14775
716-736-3913 • www.ripleylibrary.org
Hours: M/W/F 10-5 TU/TH 10-7:30 Sa 9-2
Storytime: Thurs. 10:15 am Ages 0-3 Fri. 10:30 am Ages 3-5
Book Club: First Monday 5:30 pm



Sinclairville Free Library
15 Main St. Sinclairville 14782
716-962-5885 • sinclairvillelibrary.org
Hours: M/TH 2-7 W 9-5 F 10-4 Sa 10-1



Smith Memorial Library (Chautauqua)
21 Miller Ave Chautauqua 14755
716-357-6296
www.chq.org/visit/resources/smith-memorial-library
Hours: Sept – June M 12-6 W/F 10-5 Sa 10-3 Su 12-3
June 21- Aug 24 M/TU/W/TH/F 9-5 Sa 9-3 Su 12-3

How to make the most of your local library

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Local libraries are invaluable resources for residents, including students and their families. The value of libraries has been recognized for far longer than many may realize. The Franklin Public Library, opened in 1778 in Franklin, Massachusetts, is considered the first lending library in the United States. Since then, libraries have become integral components of communities across the nation and even the globe.

It's easy to overlook a local library, but residents who resolve to make the most of these venerable institutions can do so in the following ways.

- Get or renew your library card. The first step to making the most of a local library is to sign up for or renew your library card. Each member of the family, including children, can get their own card, which affords access to books on site and often additional texts and offerings the library can request from other branches.

- Acquaint yourself with all the offerings at your local library. Books may be the first thing people think of when pondering local libraries, and modern branches still maintain extensive catalogs of books spanning the genres. But libraries also offer more than books. Film fans may be surprised to learn libraries typically have extensive catalogs of films that can be borrowed on DVD, and some even al-

low movies to be streamed through library-affiliated streaming services. Libraries also offer services to adults, including seniors, and children that can range from tax preparation tips to passport application assistance to craft projects for youngsters.

- Utilize the research capabilities of local libraries. Card members have access to a wealth of resources at their local libraries, and that includes research databases like JSTOR that might require paid subscriptions if users try to access them on their own. These databases can help individuals grow their knowledge about the world they live in and prove invaluable to students young and old who are conducting research for school projects.

- Open doors to new career opportunities. Many libraries offer career counseling services free of charge. These can be particularly useful to prospective small business owners, recent graduates looking to get a foot in the door in their chosen field, and even mid- and late-career professionals who want a change but aren't sure where to begin.

- Grow your social network. Not all social networks are grown online. Community-based events and programs sponsored by and hosted at local libraries can be great places to meet neighbors with similar interests.

Local libraries are more than just places to borrow a book. Residents can utilize an array of services to make the most of their local libraries.



SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

DUNKIRK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Hours will end with Labor Day. We will once again be open Saturdays 10 AM- 2 PM following the holiday.

September 1st 15th, 29th – 5 – 6:45 PM – Magic the Gathering with GM Geoff

September 11th 3 PM – Author visit with Wendy Corsi Staub

September 12th 10 AM- 2 PM – Annual DPL Booksale

KENNEDY FREE LIBRARY

September 4th 8:15 PM – Movie at the library: The Sheep Detectives. All are welcome!

September 18th 5 – 7 PM – Meeting the Artist! Join us for a special evening with Don Armstrong

September 19th 9 AM- 1 PM – Visit Kennedy Library at the Jamestown Farmer's Market, get a library card on the spot!

MARY E. SEYMOUR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

September 26th 10:30 AM- 12 PM – Confetti Bookmarks! All ages are welcome to drop in and make your sown confetti bookmark. Decorate a clear bookmark with beads, buttons, paper and more.

PATTERSON LIBRARY

September 3rd – 6 PM - Fireside Lecture: Aviation in Chautauqua County with Dennis Webster

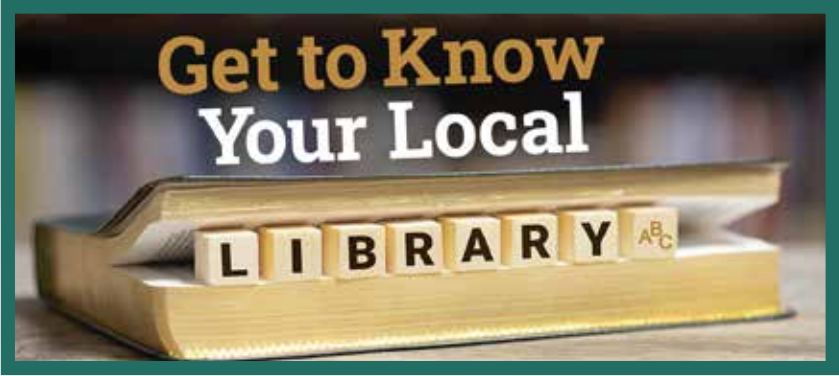
September 8th- 5:30 PM Author E.R.B Stepansky talking about Life Beyond the Human Soul

September 14th 12 PM- Culinary Creations

September 12th 10:30-12:30 PM – Beginning Bead Weaving with Christine Zeitler

September 19th 10:30-12:30 – Beginning Tapestry Weaving with Christine Zeitler

September 25th and 26th – Cemetery



LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

Ripley Public Library

Contributed by
**Chautauqua-Cattaraugus
Library System**

The Ripley Public Library has moved around – a lot. Chartered in 1939, our little traveling library found its first home in the basement of the bank building that stood on the corner of State and Main Streets in Ripley, NY. Kept in the damp depths of the bank with no handicap entrance, the library moved to the Charles Hamilton Estate on West Main Street. The townspeople and school children were given a glimpse of the opulence of the house, under the strict supervision of the librarian. In 1968, the library was uprooted again, this time to a small storefront on East Main Street. From

there, the final move was made in 1982 to the old First Baptist Church on the corner of Goodrich and Main Streets.

The church needed a bit of renovation in order to house a library. The floor of the church sloped downward to the pulpit and sacristy and needed to be raised. The large flat-screen television sits where countless young people were immersed in the waters of baptism. Some of the beautiful stained-glass windows were auctioned off around 2018. One has been refurbished and donated back to the library where it now hangs over the entrance.

And then the roof caved in. Or so the rumors went. In mid-March of 2019, the ceiling buckled. Efforts were made to shore up the drop-ceiling until repairs could be made. The next day the droop ceiling was even more pronounced. The drop ceiling had

to come down. But, a second drop ceiling was discovered. The framework was likely constructed in the 1950s and made with real 2x4s and real 2x8, not the whittled down versions of today. The contractor estimated that approximately 5 tons of weight was pulling down on the roof for the last 70 years. The entire ceiling had to be removed. That revealed the beautiful tongue-and-groove geometric original ceiling.

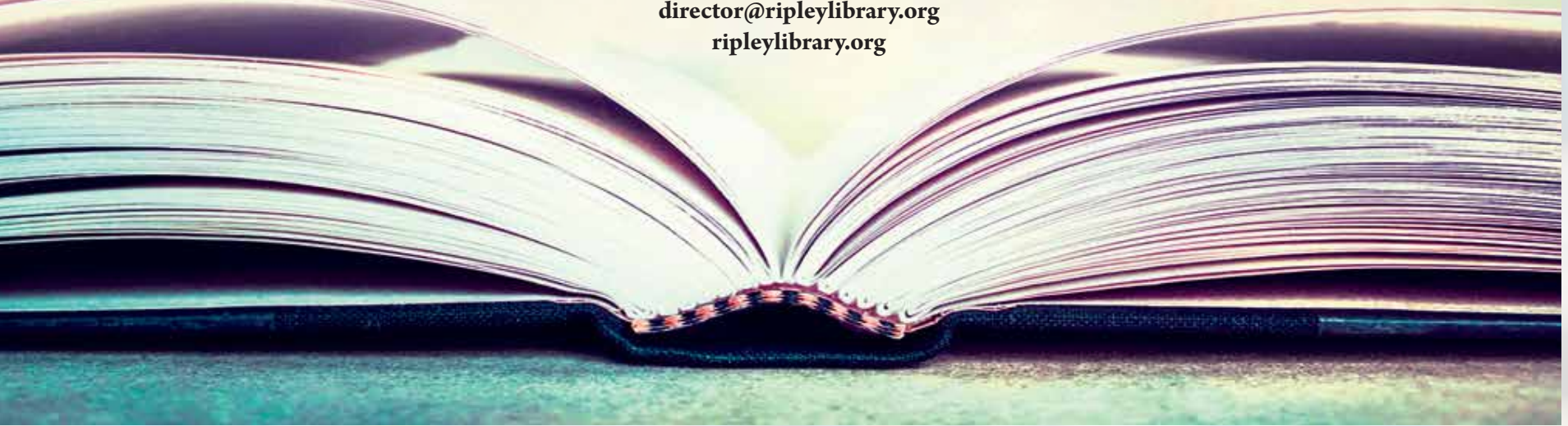
Unfortunately, some of the original weight-bearing beams had split, necessitating “sister” beams be installed. There were two balconies from the old church days, as well as a bell tower. These were turned into a lovely crows-nest office and wrought iron railings overlooking the main library. In order to hold the weight of the non-fiction book collection, a third

balcony was added, with heavy-duty footings installed in the basement to hold the weight of these books.

The Ripley Library has come a long way from its basement days. The current facility is bright and airy, offering thousands of books, eight computer stations, a children’s play room, a baby grand piano (donated by a local resident), meeting space, and a functioning kitchen where kids can get a snack to help them through the day.

Those of us who have watched this library grow into more than a place to get a book, but a burgeoning community center, are very proud of how far we’ve come. Grand plans are being made for future growth. We urge you to come visit and see our non-traditional, beautiful library.to welcome you to the library.

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SPECIAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER CONT.

Tours Through History with CCH, LSCFTA and Westfield Cemetery Assoc.: Ticket Link on our website

Tuesdays 1-3 PM - Cozy Crafters: work on any handicraft

September 25th 5-7 PM -Octagon Gallery Opening: SUNY Fred Book Art
13Walls Gallery Through Sept. 11th – Sandra Maggio with Nature Unfiltered
13 Walls Reception Patrick Tokes – Faces of Ukraine on September 18th 4-5 PM

PRENDERGAST LIBRARY

September 5th 2:15-3:45 PM- All-Ages Crafting: Drop in to make beeswax candles in the Front Lobby.

September 8th – 12th – Half-Off Booksale: Open during library operating hours of 9 AM- 7 PM on weekdays and 10 AM – 4 PM on Saturday. Hardcover books are \$2, paperbacks are \$1, all children’s books are .50.

September 14th, 3:30- 5 PM – Explore Origami in the Makerspace, all ages, though younger children may need assistance.

September 18th 4:30- 6 PM- All Ages Movie

Night: Despicable Me 4. Drop in to watch a movie and eat snacks in the Fireplace room.

September 18th 5:30 PM – Hanging Butterfly Feeder – adults and teens are invited to make and decorate their own feeders

September 21st 5:30 PM- Media Review Club: How to Read and Make Zines.

September 21st 3:30- 5 PM – Make Air Clay Creatures in the Makerspace, all ages, though younger children may need assistance.

September 26th 2:15 PM – Seed Kits – adults and teens are invited to create their own seed planters to take home, learning about seed cycles, germination observation, and how to help your plants grow. Call to register or drop in while supplies last.

September 28th 3:30- 5 PM – Have fun with Doodlebots – robots that can draw in the Makerspace, all ages, though younger children may need assistance.

Learn more at prendergastlibrary.org

RIPLEY LIBRARY:

September 12th 10 AM – Craft of 3 wooden pumpkins to paint. \$15, call to reserve a spot.

BOARD MEETINGS:

All open to the public

Ahira Hall Memorial Library
3rd Friday of each month, 9:30 AM

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

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

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

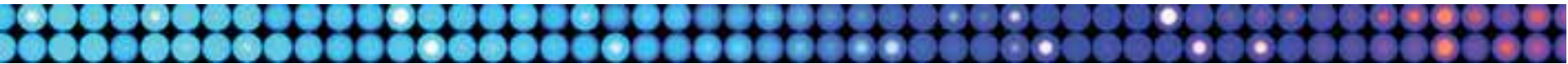
Hazeltine Public Library
4th Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM

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

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

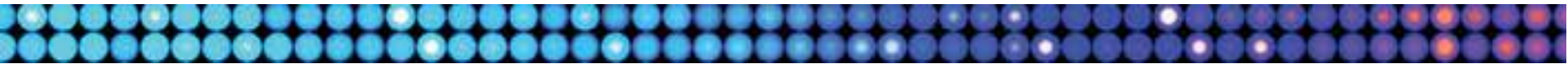
Prendergast Library Association
3rd Thursday of even months, 5:15 PM

Ripley Public Library
4th Wednesday each month, 6:00 PM



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Unknown Legends 7-10pm
Saturday, August 5th..... Furious George 7-10pm
Sunday, August 6th White Bronco 7-10pm

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
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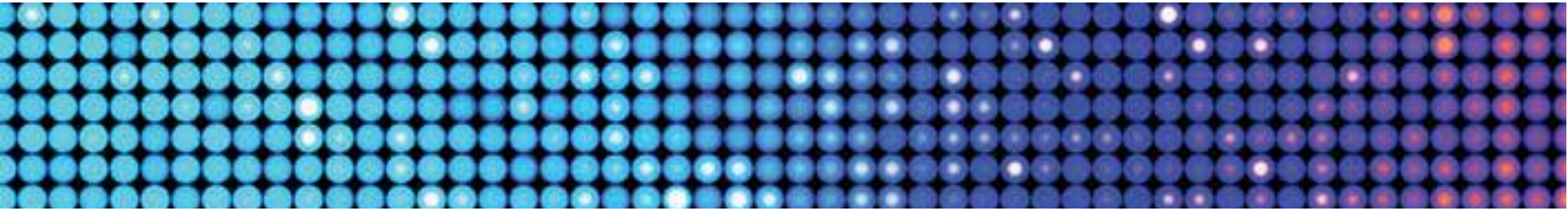
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Friday, September 4
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Pictured are: Chad Ecklof, Jamestown Mayor Kim Ecklund and Richard Ecklof

Contributed by Senator Borrello & Assemblyman Molitor

Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, Jamestown Mayor Kim Ecklund and other members of the community joined Chad Ecklof, the Ecklof family, and employees of Ecklof Bakery today to celebrate the longtime Jamestown business's 70th anniversary. During the visit, Borrello and Molitor presented a proclamation recognizing seven decades of success, service and dedication to the Jamestown and greater Chautauqua County community.

Founded in 1956 by Dick Ecklof, Ecklof Bakery has grown into a Jamestown institution while remaining a family-owned and operated business. Today, the bakery is owned by Chad Ecklof, a fourth-generation baker and U.S. Navy veteran who took ownership from his father, Rick, in 2019.

For generations, Ecklof Bakery has been known throughout the area for its traditional scratch baking, Swedish heritage and signature pink-striped cookies. While the business has evolved through the years, the Ecklof family has continued many of the recipes and traditions that have made the bakery a familiar part of life for generations of Jamestown and Chautauqua County residents.

"As a small business owner myself, I understand the dedication, perseverance

and sacrifice it takes to build and sustain a successful business," Senator George Borrello said. "To carry that success forward for 70 years and across generations is truly remarkable. Ecklof Bakery is more than a local business — it is part of Jamestown's history and a wonderful example of the entrepreneurial spirit and strong family values that have helped shape Chautauqua County."

The bakery moved to its current location at 832 Foote Avenue in 2004, providing additional space for its operations while continuing the traditions established by the Ecklof family decades earlier.

Local businesses such as Ecklof Bakery play an important role in the strength and character of Chautauqua County. Beyond providing goods and services, locally owned businesses create jobs, support other community organizations and help preserve the unique traditions and relationships that make communities like Jamestown special.

Borrello and Molitor thanked Chad Ecklof for taking the time to visit with them and share the history of the bakery and congratulated Chad, the entire Ecklof family and their employees — past and present — on 70 years of serving the Jamestown community.

They wished Ecklof Bakery continued success and many more generations of carrying on a tradition that has become part of the fabric of Jamestown and Chautauqua County.

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Congressman Langworthy Announces \$20 Million USDA Purchase of Concord Grape Juice Following Advocacy to Support Lake Erie Grape Growers

Federal purchase will help stabilize market and provide critical support to growers across Western New York

Congressman Nick Langworthy today announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture's decision to purchase \$20 million worth of Concord grape juice, providing critical support to growers across the Lake Erie Grape Belt following months of advocacy urging USDA to intervene in a rapidly deteriorating market.

The USDA purchase comes after Congressman Langworthy pressed Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins to use the department's authority under Section 32 to conduct a bonus purchase of surplus Concord grape juice to help stabilize the market and protect growers. This is the third federal buyback purchase Congressman Langworthy has facilitated with amounts totaling \$85 million.

The Concord grape industry has faced significant challenges following Refresco's decision earlier this year to cancel grower contracts across Western New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. Approximately 126 growers representing roughly 2,600 acres of primarily Concord grapes were impacted, leaving many farmers without a buyer for their crop after making substantial investments to prepare for the 2026 growing season.

"Keeping our Concord grape industry strong and thriving is a top priority, and I am extremely pleased to see USDA take this important step to support our growers," said Congressman Nick Langworthy. "When Refresco

walked away from its contracts, it put hardworking family farmers across the Lake Erie Grape Belt in an incredibly difficult position. I immediately pressed USDA to act, and this \$20 million purchase will help provide much-needed stability and relief to growers while reducing excess inventory and strengthening the market. I will continue fighting to make sure our grape growers have the support they need to keep their farms productive and pass them on to the next generation."

The Concord grape market was already under significant pressure due to declining juice grape consumption, elevated carryover inventories and a large 2025 harvest. Congressman Langworthy's June letter to USDA warned that without timely intervention, growers could be forced to mothball or abandon vineyards, creating lasting economic consequences for farmers, processors, suppliers and communities throughout the region.

Congressman Langworthy concluded, "The Lake Erie Grape Belt is an important part of our agricultural heritage and a major economic driver for communities across Western New York. Our family farms have weathered difficult markets before, and we are going to do everything we can to make sure this industry has a future here. I appreciate Secretary Rollins and USDA for listening to our concerns and taking action to help our growers."

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CHAMBER CORNER

Final First Friday This Season is September 4

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
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The 2026 First Friday season is winding down in Westfield, but there's one more on tap! We urge you to visit Westfield this coming Friday, September 4, for another great event that features local businesses, live entertainment, and much more.

First Friday is a long-running event designed to bring community together with business for a monthly celebration that includes dining, shopping, music, and fun for the entire family. The CHQ Chamber is proud to present First Friday with sponsorship from AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, the Village of Westfield, Westfield Ag & Turf, and Westfield Makerspace.

From 5-8pm on Friday, September 4, Main Street in Westfield will be closed to traffic to allow pedestrians to move safely from one business to another and to see all the vendors and food trucks participating. Chamber member season pass holders are 21 Brix Winery, 3 C's Caterin, AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Betts Insurance, Blue June Blooms, Country Charm Boutique, Dave Warren Powersports, Franklin's Honey & Apples, Full Strength Coffee Company, Johnson Estate Winery, Mazza Chautauqua Cellars/Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing, Mumpsimus Books, Peaceful Designs Pottery & Specialty Gifts, Sanfilippo Solutions Inc., Surroundings Art Gallery & Framing, Suzanne's at Overton, Weed Ross, and Westfield Ag & Turf. Non-member season pass-holders are Burr Road Butt Nuggets Farm and Hatchery, Fit N Yum, Fudge & Stuff, Kristine's Wynn-ing Nails, Stockings by Missy, Tastefully Simple, The Puzzle Connection, The Tap Room, Westfield Fire Department, Westfield Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, Westfield Stray Cat Rescue/Thrifty Kitty, Westfield VFW Auxiliary, and Westfield Women's Organization.

deral 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. Also confirmed are representatives from the Towns of Clymer and Pomfret, the City of Dunkirk, and the Villages of Falconer and Lakewood. Several county legislators and additional municipal 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, Athenaeum 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.

3rd on Third is September 17

Join us in downtown Jamestown for the last 3rd on Third this season. From 5-8pm Thursday, September 17, you can stroll the street, enjoy live music and entertainment, discover local makers, and experience everything that makes downtown Jamestown unique. This event highlights the incredible variety of arts, culture, and talent found throughout the region.

3rd on Third is sponsored by Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, The Gebbie Foundation, and Sukanya Burman Dance

CHQ Chamber Presents Official Introductions

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.

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Legislator Larson Seeks Re-Election

County Legislator Fred Larson has announced his run for re-election to the County Legislature.

“I am running for re-election to fight to make it more affordable to live in Chautauqua County and to fight to reverse our catastrophic job losses of the past 15 years. Employment in Chautauqua County has collapsed from 64,000 to 50,000,” Larson observed.

Larson, most recently elected in 2023 and 2025 to serve his Jamestown District, said. “The people of Chautauqua County deserve to live in a more affordable County.”

Legislator Larson sponsored a 2027 County Budget Policy Resolution calling for a \$2,000,000 County Property Tax cut in the 2027 County Budget.

“In the past number of years, the County has routinely raised County taxes by about \$2,000,000 a year. The County’s \$30,000,000 plus ‘slush fund’ (Unappropriated Fund Balance) can easily allow for a \$2,000,000 County Property Tax reduction to give our residents a break,” Larson pointed out.

In addition to supporting the County Property Tax cut, Larson voted this year for the “Affordability Act of 2026.” This law called for reducing the County Sales Tax from 8% to 7 ¾% and sharing more of the sales tax with towns, villages and cities. This law also called for making more senior citizen homeowners eligible for the County’s 50% property tax exemption,” Larson said.

Larson, who served as Chautauqua County Attorney from 1998-2005 and served on the County Industrial Parks Task Force that planned for 3 new Industrial Parks, one of which is the home of Southern Tier Brewing, stated that: “Economic development that creates jobs for our residents has been my passion for almost 30 years. My heart aches for the workers and their families who have recently lost their jobs at Truck-Lite, Serta Mattress,



Bush Industries and now Monofrax, all in the Town of Ellicott,”

Larson served two stints as a volunteer Board member on the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities.

As a County Legislator, he passed a law ending the payment of County Property Taxes on the Jamestown sewage treatment plant, (the only sewage plant in the County that paid taxes), saving Jamestown residents millions of dollars over the years.

Larson was the Co-Chair of the Route 17 Expressway Committee that succeeded in securing the completion in 1997 of what is now I-86 from the Chautauqua Lake Bridge to the Pennsylvania line.

County Legislator Larson is a graduate of Jamestown High School, Princeton University and the Yale Law School.

Larson had a private practice of law in Jamestown for 38 years before ending his law career as a Jamestown City Court Judge for 8 years.

Larson has been married for 45 years and he has 2 sons and 3 granddaughters.

He is an active member of First Lutheran Church, a Past President of the Jamestown Kiwanis Club and a long-time Board member of the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.

For More Information:
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2026 Chamber Business Awards Announced



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The CHQ Chamber will honor a diverse group of award recipients during its annual Business Awards Banquet on October 8th. This event is designed to recognize local businesses and organizations for their outstanding efforts year-round, and meets our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

The Business of the Year Award will be presented to DFT Communications in Fredonia. Designed to recognize a business that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in employee growth, product development or exemplary service, DFT Communications was nominated by its own Director of Customer Experience, Scott Wise. He noted, “Providing quality residential service has always been important to DFT, but over the years we have also sought to establish ourselves not just as a business provider, but a business partner. We are proud of our reputation of being locally owned and family operated.” DFT is completing an upgrade to its fiber-optic network, and this fall will implement a brand evolution campaign called “Broadband Evolved.”

The Business Champion Award is intended to recognize an organization that has contributed most to the economic development, quality of life and stability of Chautauqua County. Chautauqua Lake Dental in Mayville will be honored as Business Champion of the Year. Brian Pender nominated his wife, Dr. Erin Pender, for the award noting she “exemplifies what it

means to be a true business champion. She has successfully grown a thriving local business, created meaningful employment opportunities, expanded access to quality healthcare, and invested in development of the next generation of dental professionals. Her leadership has improved the quality of life for thousands of residents across Chautauqua County.”

The award for Emerging Business of the Year recognizes a newer or growing business that has demonstrated vision and/or filled a need in Chautauqua County. Westfield Makerspace, owned by Kimberly MacKay, offers a place for trying new tools, crafts, and skills as well as space for local vendors to sample a sales market. The business which launched last year was nominated by Erica Caccamise who noted, “Kim is passionate about investing in the community and helping others succeed.”

Hospitality Business of the Year awardee 3 Lakes Café in Cassadaga was nominated by Jessie Andersen, who noted, “Their coffee is amazing, their food is great, and they offer options for gluten and dairy free individuals, but most of all it’s their atmosphere and personality that make it great. Abi and Jake have created more than just a café; they have created a space for community to gather.”

Sanfilippo Solutions, Inc. of Falconer, which will receive Service Business of the Year, was nominated by owner Joe Sanfilippo, who credited his employees for their success saying, “they go over and above to help their neighbors and friends in the community with a smile.”

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Cecily Goes to Washington: Local Student Takes on “Gen Alpha Correspondent” Role



Cecily with her mom, Rochelle Colburn



Cecily with Rep. Imani Barnes



Cecily with Rep. Kayla Young



Cecily with Rep. Stephen Sainz

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Future Caucus

At just 10 years old, Southwestern Elementary School student Cecily Colburn is already asking elected officials some pretty big questions about the future of America. The Southwestern Central School District student has taken on the role of “Gen Alpha Correspondent” for Future Caucus, a nonpartisan nonprofit organization that works with young state and federal lawmakers to encourage bipartisan collaboration.

Future Caucus was founded in 2013 with a mission of activating young lawmakers to bridge the partisan divide. The organization has served more than 2,000 millennial and Gen Z lawmakers since its founding, and has established 36 State Future Caucuses and a Congressional Future Caucus.

As part of a video series commemorating America’s 250th anniversary, Cecily traveled to Washington, D.C., to interview young lawmakers about their hopes for the country’s future. The idea grew out of a trip Cecily took to Washington last summer with her mother, Rochelle Colburn, who previously served as chief operating officer of Future Caucus.

Cecily, then 9, spent several days shadowing her mother and interacting with the organization’s staff. After the visit, Garrett Wyatt, who oversees Future Caucus’ digital and social media content, approached Rochelle with an idea: What if Cecily interviewed young lawmakers for a video series celebrating the nation’s 250th birthday?

“He’d watched her interact with our staff — they put her to work that week — and he loved how fearless and funny she was,” Rochelle said.

The concept also offered Future Caucus an opportunity to approach conversations about politics and America’s future from a different perspective.

“Gen Alpha is the first generation to have grown up knowing only an era of intense political polarization,” Rochelle said. “They are also the generation that will inherit the political consequences of the decisions today’s leaders make.”

Instead of having an adult ask elected officials about the country’s future, the organization wanted lawmakers to speak directly with someone from a younger crowd.

“That’s how the idea for making Cecily Future Caucus’ ‘Gen Alpha Correspondent’ was born,” Rochelle said.

Cecily returned to Washington in November during Future Caucus’ annual Rising Star Awards, which recognizes young legislators and changemakers for bipartisan collaboration and future-focused leadership. Three state legislators agreed to sit down with Cecily: West Virginia Rep. Kayla Young, Democratic co-chair of the West Virginia Future Caucus; Georgia Rep. Steven Sainz, Republican co-chair of the Georgia Future Caucus; and Georgia Rep. Dr. Imani Barnes, a member of the Georgia Future Caucus and a recipient of the 2025 Rising Star Award. The interviews were filmed on the rooftop of a building near the U.S. Capitol where the awards ceremony

was taking place.

Cecily’s work as Gen Alpha Correspondent did not end with the first video. She returned to Washington in July during Future Caucus’ annual Future Summit to continue speaking with young lawmakers. For Rochelle, watching her daughter conduct the interviews demonstrated how a child’s perspective could change the tone of a political conversation.

“Watching Cecily interview lawmakers about the future of America offered a perspective that adults rarely bring to political conversations,” she said. “It also proved to be a relatable, non-threatening way to give lawmakers an opportunity to share their hopes for the future without the conversation feeling partisan.”

Most importantly, Rochelle said, the project offered a reminder of who will ultimately live with the decisions being made by today’s political leaders.

“Today’s policy decisions are ultimately about the generation that will inherit the country we leave behind,” she said.

Cecily’s familiarity with Washington and politics goes back much further than her new correspondent role.

She was born in 2016 while her mother was working as a congressional scheduler on Capitol Hill. Before Cecily turned 2, Rochelle said, she had taken more than 100 flights traveling between Washington and Florida with her mother. She spent some of her earliest years accompanying Rochelle on airplanes and trains and spending time in congressional of-

fices, committee hearings and other events in Washington. Rochelle credits that unconventional upbringing with helping Cecily become comfortable talking with people from many different walks of life.

Rochelle also worked as a political consultant in Florida and as a congressional staffer for several members of Congress, including Reps. David Jolly, Curt Clawson and Virginia Foxx. She later served as chief operating officer of College to Congress, a nonprofit that helped Pell Grant-eligible college students secure congressional internships they otherwise could not afford.

When Rochelle’s work became fully remote during the COVID-19 pandemic, she and her husband, Casey, relocated their family to Lakewood, where Casey grew up, to be closer to his family. They originally planned to return to Washington after the pandemic subsided but decided to remain in Chautauqua County, purchasing their Lakewood home in 2021.

Cecily is an incoming fifth-grader at Southwestern Elementary School. When she isn’t interviewing lawmakers about the future of the United States, she enjoys performing in community theater productions at the Lucille Ball Little Theatre, taking music classes at Infinity Performing Arts, sailing on Chautauqua Lake and playing basketball and softball.

The first video installment featuring Cecily was released July 2 on YouTube and Future Caucus’ social media channels. The video, “The Gen Alpha Correspondent: Future Caucus Celebrates America’s 250th Birthday!!,” can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/_0l61P7_eu4.

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2026 Chamber Business Awards Announced

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Wells Enterprises of Dunkirk will receive the Producer of the Year Award. Nominated by Jessica Dunten, she said, "Wells has undergone a multi-million-dollar strategic transformation, demonstrating the company's commitment to employees while reconstructing a world-class facility that enables significant business growth through one of the largest single private investments in Chautauqua County history."



The Not-for-Profit of the Year Award will go to the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. Celebrating 40 years of service this year, the mission of NCCF is to focus on strategic and responsive grant making, encouraging local philanthropy and building permanent endowments for the future, and actively serving as a community leader and partner for the benefit and enrichment of the community.

CHQ Chamber President and CEO Daniel Heitzenrater noted, "These

awards represent the CHQ Chamber's ongoing commitment to champion local businesses countywide. From the smallest storefront to the largest manufacturing plants, we are proud to honor the people and organizations that make Chautauqua County a great place to do business."

In addition, multiple businesses will be recognized for milestone service years.

The CHQ Chamber Annual Awards Banquet will be held

Thursday, October 8 at 6pm at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia with a buffet dinner. Major sponsors for the event are AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Glenora Radio Group, Lake Shore Bank, and the State University of New York at Fredonia. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar.

Women's Giving Circle of Chautauqua County Awards \$75,000 in Grants Through Childcare Innovation Challenge to Support Local Families and Caregivers

The Women's Giving Circle (WGC) of Chautauqua County celebrated another milestone of collective giving at its 2026 Annual Meeting, bringing members together to reflect on the Circle's continued growth and vote on this year's grant recipients. The event highlighted the power of women-led philanthropy and the impact that can be achieved when community members come together with a shared commitment to building a better future for women and girls in Chautauqua County.

The centerpiece of the Annual Meeting was the announcement of the 2026 grant recipients, selected through the WGC's Childcare Innovation Challenge. Following a full membership vote, the Circle approved funding for both finalists, awarding a total of **\$75,000** to programs addressing childcare access, availability, and support for families throughout the region.

The Childcare Innovation Challenge was designed to explore innovative solutions to childcare challenges, including non-traditional childcare needs, school breaks, and enrichment opportunities. Facilitated in partnership with Ally Co and led by Katie Castro, the Challenge guided participants through a collaborative process focused on identifying community needs, developing innovative solutions, and strengthening proposals. The process engaged more than 40 representatives from 28 local organizations, bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise to address childcare challenges across Chautauqua County.



"The Childcare Innovation Challenge demonstrated what is possible when community members come together with a shared commitment to solving complex challenges," said Jane Cleaver Becker, founding member of the Women's Giving Circle.

The 2026 grant recipients include:

Capable & Connected Caregiving – Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System

Funding Award: \$40,000

In partnership with Ahira Hall Memorial Library, Darwin R. Barker Library, and Dunkirk Public Library, this pilot program will support informal caregivers by providing training, resources, and enrichment opportunities through local libraries. The program aims to equip caregivers with tools to better support children while creating accessible learning opportunities for families throughout the community.

Happy Haven Respite – Healing Word Ministries Church of God

Funding Award: \$35,000

Happy Haven Respite provides free, reliable childcare for families facing barriers to traditional childcare options, including parents in recovery, single parents, and grandparents serving as caregivers. The program offers care during critical gaps, such as school breaks, while connecting families with additional community resources and support services.

The Annual Meeting also celebrated the continued impact of the WGC's inaugural grant recipients, who shared updates on how 2025 grant funding strengthened and expanded their programs. Their stories served as a reminder of the meaningful difference members can make through collective giving.

Members also heard from WGC member Sheila Schroeder, author of *It's Time to Talk: A Woman's Guide to Navigating Money Conversations*, who shared insights on navigating important financial conversations. The WGC looks forward to continuing the conversation with Sheila through a virtual

member event this fall.

Since launching in June 2024, the Women's Giving Circle has continued to grow as a member-led philanthropic initiative. The Circle now includes **148 members** and continues to grow, with members pooling their resources and experiences to create greater collective impact in Chautauqua County. Membership contributions directly support the Circle's annual grantmaking efforts, ensuring that 100% of membership dollars are invested back into the community through mission-driven grantmaking.

The Women's Giving Circle is an independent, member-led initiative hosted by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, which provides administrative and back-office support. The continued success of the Circle is made possible through the dedication of its members, Leadership Team, Grants Committee, Membership Committee, and Programming & Events Committee.

Looking ahead, the Women's Giving Circle remains committed to creating opportunities for members to connect, learn, and engage with important community issues through educational programming, networking events, and continued investment in local solutions.

For more information about the Women's Giving Circle of Chautauqua County, visit crcfonline.org/circle or contact Lindsey Goold at lgoold@crcfonline.org.

Chautauqua County Health Department Alerts Residents to Measles Activity in Surrounding Areas

Residents Encouraged to Check Vaccination Status and Make Sure They Are Protected

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Chautauqua County
Health Dept.*

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) is alerting residents that measles activity is occurring in parts of Western New York and neighboring states, including Ohio and Pennsylvania. The CCHD is encouraging everyone to take steps to protect themselves and their families.

Measles is one of the most contagious infectious diseases. It spreads through the air when an infected person coughs, sneezes or breathes. The virus can remain infectious in the air for up to two hours after an infected person leaves an area, meaning people can be exposed without having direct contact with an infected individual.

The Best Protection: Get Vaccinated

The most important step residents can take is to make sure they are up to date on measles vaccination. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is highly effective, with two doses providing approximately 97% protection against measles.

Residents should:

- Check vaccination records to determine whether they have received the MMR vaccine series.
- Contact their health care provider if they are unsure of their vaccination or immunity status.
- Get vaccinated if they are not adequately protected.
- Make sure children receive routine MMR vaccinations, with the first dose at 12–15 months and the second at 4–6 years.
- Talk with a health care provider about vaccination before traveling to areas where measles activity has been reported.

“Measles is a highly contagious disease, but it is also preventable through vaccination,” said Lacey Wilson, Chautauqua County Public Health Director. “Our goal is to make sure residents have the information and resources they need to protect themselves and their families. We are working closely with our health care and community partners to stay prepared, and we encourage anyone who is unsure of their vaccination status to review their records and talk with their health care provider about getting protected.”

Upcoming Mobile Health Clinics

Free MMR Vaccination Available

The CCHD offers free immunization



clinics Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at its Mayville office, as well as Mobile Health Clinics throughout the county. Here is a list of upcoming mobile health clinics:

- **Friday, September 4th**
9:00am-1:00pm at Trinity Church
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- **Wednesday, September 9th**
9:30am - 12:00pm at Abbe Reformed Church
595 Clymer-Sherman Road, Clymer,
NY 14724
- **Friday, September 11th 9:00am - 1:00pm at Troyer Greenhouse**
1669 Weeks Road, Panama, NY 14767
- **Wednesday, September 16th**
11:00am - 2:00pm at Fredonia Presbyterian Church
219 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14036
- **Thursday, September 24th**
11:00am - 2:00pm at West Portland Baptist Church
7081 US Route 20, Westfield, NY 14787
- **Tuesday, September 29th**
9:00am - 1:00pm at Baptist Church of Ellington
530 Route 62, Conewango Valley, NY 14726
- **Wednesday, September 30th**
10:00am - 3:30pm at Salvation Army Food Distribution Center
83 S Main, Jamestown, NY 14701
- **Monday, October 5th 9:00am - 1:00pm at Cherry Creek Country Church**
6813 North Main Street, Cherry Creek, NY 14723

Visit HealthyCHQ.com to find more clinic dates or call (716) 753-4491 to schedule an appointment.

Know the Symptoms

Symptoms of measles may include:



- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- A rash that typically begins on the face or hairline and spreads downward

If you believe you have been exposed to measles or develop symptoms, call your health care provider before going to a medical office, urgent care or emergency department. Calling ahead allows medical staff to take precautions to protect other patients and staff from potential exposure.

What to Do If You Think You Were Exposed

Measles symptoms typically develop 7–14 days after exposure but can occur up to 21 days after exposure. If you believe you may have been exposed:

- Contact your health care provider or the CCHD for guidance.
- Check your vaccination records to determine whether you are protected.
- Monitor for symptoms for 21 days after exposure.
- If symptoms develop, call your health care provider before arriving at a medical facility and let them know you may have been exposed to measles.

People who are unsure whether they received the MMR vaccine should contact their health care provider or the CCHD for guidance.

What the Chautauqua County Health Department is Doing

CCHD is taking proactive steps to prepare for the possibility of measles cases in our community, including:

- Working with local hospitals, health care providers and community partners to ensure they are aware of regional measles activity and

prepared to identify and respond to potential cases.

- Supporting service areas throughout Chautauqua County to help ensure access to MMR vaccine.
- Working closely with neighboring county health departments and New York State health officials to monitor regional activity and coordinate public health response.
- Providing free MMR vaccination to eligible Chautauqua County residents.
- Monitoring regional measles activity and providing information to residents as circumstances change.

Learn More and Stay Informed

Residents are encouraged to get information from trusted health care and public health sources.

General measles information:

- Chautauqua County Health Department: HealthyCHQ.com
- New York State Department of Health: health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/measles
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov/measles

For questions about measles or vaccination, contact your health care provider or the Chautauqua County Health Department at (716) 753-4491.

About Chautauqua County Health Department - The Chautauqua County Health Department is the leading Public Health organization in Chautauqua County dedicated to the support of the community's health. The Health Department takes innovative approaches to provide technical assistance to partner organizations, and offers various programs and services in order to help prevent disease, protect the public's health and promote our community's overall health and wellness. For more information visit www.HealthyCHQ.com.

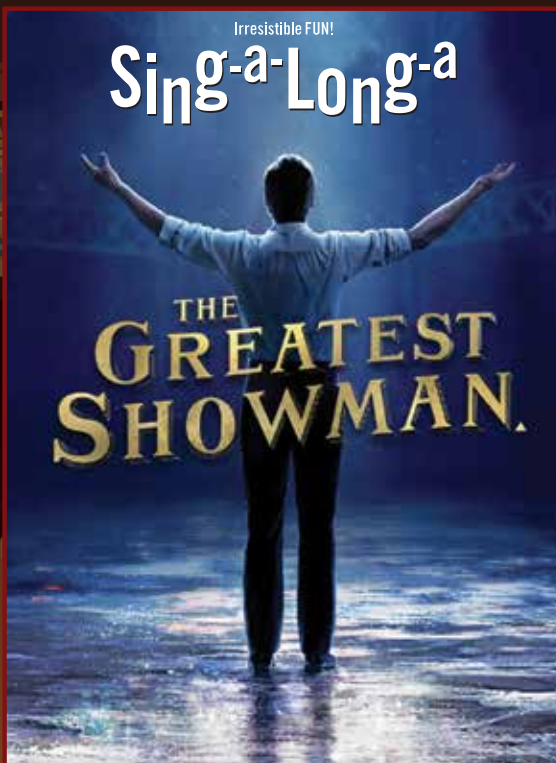
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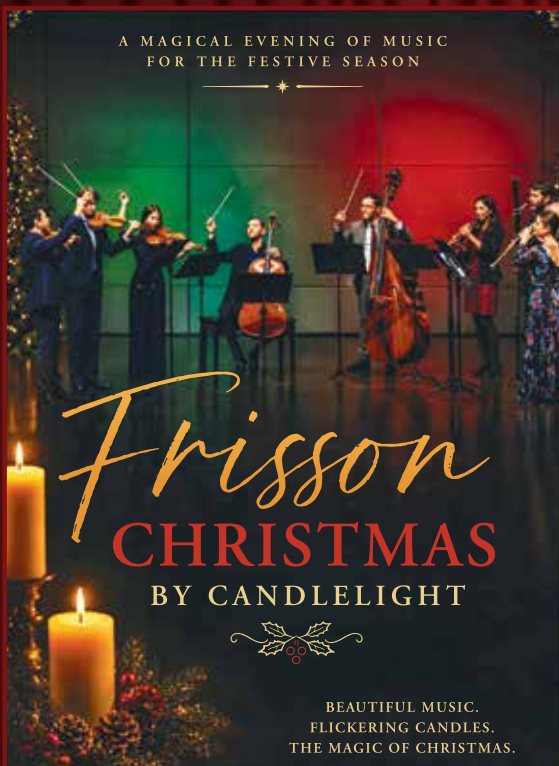
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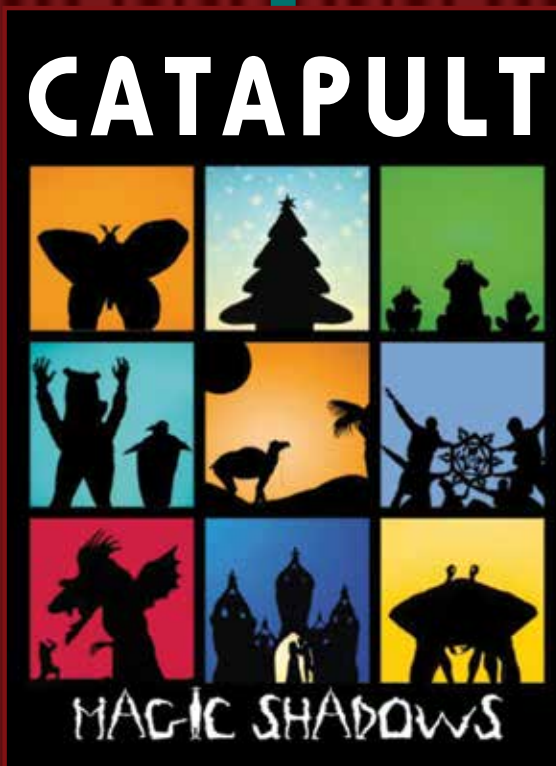
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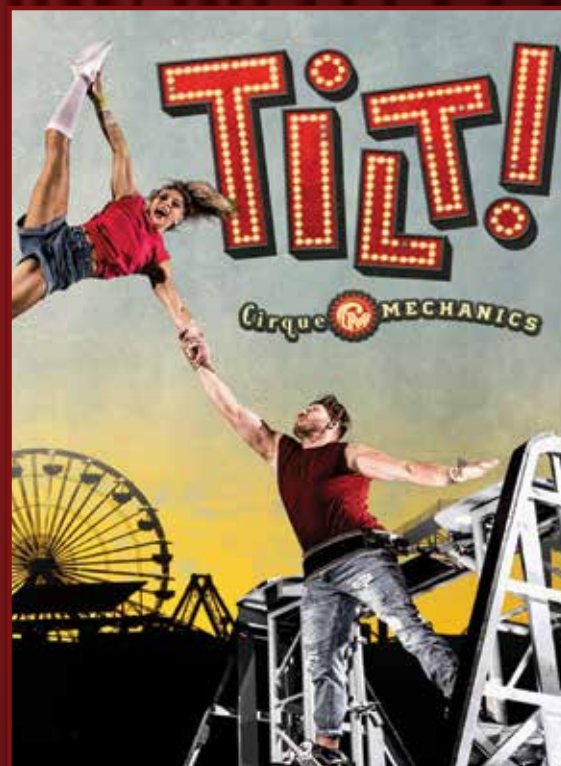
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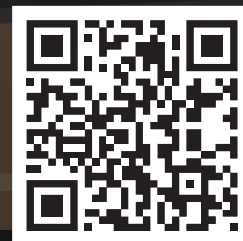


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Chautauqua County to Host Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day in Falconer

Free disposal event helps residents safely discard hazardous household chemicals



Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Saturday, August 29, 2026
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Chautauqua County
Department of Public Facilities
454 North Work Street in Falconer, NY

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Chautauqua County
Department
of Public Facilities

Chautauqua County’s Department of Public Facilities (DPF) Division of Solid Waste is inviting residents to safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste during a special collection event on **Saturday, Aug. 29, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities, **454 North Work Street in Falconer.**

This free service is open to households only. Commercial businesses are not permitted to participate.

Residents can bring a variety of hazardous household materials for safe disposal, including:

- Used antifreeze
- Fluorescent tube lights
- Flammable adhesives and solvents
- Paint thinner and mineral spirits
- Deck cleaners
- Pool chemicals
- Non-empty aerosol cans
- Herbicides and pesticides
- Chemistry sets and flammable floor polish
- Latex and oil-based paint

“Many common household products contain chemicals that can be harmful to people, pets, and the environment if they are disposed of improperly,” said

Aaron Gustafson, Deputy Director of Public Facilities (Environment). “This collection event provides residents with a safe, convenient, and environmentally responsible way to dispose of hazardous materials while helping protect our waterways, land, and communities.”

To participate, residents must complete a registration form listing the materials they plan to drop off. Registration forms are available online at chautauquacountyny.gov/landfill/hazardous-waste-collection-schedules and will also be available at the event. A complete list of accepted materials is included on the form.

Items not accepted at this event include:

- Batteries
- Fire extinguishers
- Motor oil and other waste oils
- Caulk and drywall compound
- Electronics
- Prescription drugs and medical sharps
- Smoke detectors

This collection event is sponsored by Chautauqua County, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Storer’s Container Services and Chautauqua County Hazmat.

For questions or more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day and accepted materials, contact the Solid Waste Analyst’s Office at 716-661-8424.

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Audubon Plans Full Weekend: Twan Leenders at First Friday, Saturday Photo Club, First Sunday Story Tim



At Audubon Community Nature Center’s 11 a.m.-noon First Friday, Twan Leenders, Director of Conservation for Everwild Land Trust, will share photographs about “Meet Your Neighbors.” From the giant stick bug in the cloud forests of Costa Rica (pictured on his face) to the fascinating wildlife found right here at home, each photograph reveals a story of natural wonder. Audubon Photography Club meets Saturday, 10-11 a.m. To be included in the slideshow, by Wednesday submit five photos under the meeting’s themes of clouds or a “looking up” perspective to Nature Educator Taylor Spontaneo (TSpontaneo@AudubonCNC.org), who took this picture of Audubon’s Red Pine forest. You and your favorite 2–8-year-old(s) can go on nature reading adventures at First Sunday Story Time, 12:30-1 p.m. with storyteller Claire Certo; then stay to visit the live animals and enjoy the Nature Play Areas, indoors and out, all for free. Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. To learn more about all these and make Story Time reservations by Saturday, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org/event



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ArtScape Best in Show Winner Kenneth Labuskes Brings *A Personal Mythos* to Pearl City Clay House Gallery



“A PERSONAL MYTHOS”: GALLERY EXHIBITION BY KEN LABUSKES



On Exhibit: SEPT 4-OCT 16, 2026
Opening Reception: FRI., SEPT 4TH | 6-8PM
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Pearl City Clay House • 220 East 2nd St • Jamestown, NY

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**Infinity Visual and
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Pearl City Clay House will welcome artist Kenneth Labuskes for *A Personal Mythos*, a solo exhibition opening Friday, September 4 with a public reception from 6pm-8pm. The exhibition will remain on view through October 16.

The exhibition follows Labuskes’ recognition as Best in Show at ArtScape Jamestown 2025 for his painting *Earth Goddess*. As part of that award, Labuskes received the opportunity to present a solo exhibition at Pearl City Clay House.

A Personal Mythos brings together a colorful collection of paintings that combine mythology, imagination, everyday observations and humor. Labuskes builds his work around what he describes as the classic elements of art: color, shape, line and texture, layering imagery and detail to invite viewers further into each piece.

“Some images are from mythology, some from my imagination,” Labuskes said in his artist statement. “I do not know where the characters come from. They are a response to my everyday life, things I see and ideas that occur to me. Sometimes they are there to make me laugh.”

Among the works featured in the exhibition is Labuskes’ *Elemental Goddess* series, including *Air Goddess*, *Fire Goddess*, *Water Goddess*, *Earth Goddess* and *Aether Goddess*.

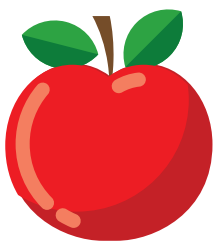
Labuskes developed the series around the idea of five elemental goddesses, creating the works in a style reminiscent of Gustav Klimt. By placing specific limits on the project, he found that the paintings developed with more structure than much of his other work.

The larger exhibition moves beyond the *Goddess* series to explore an eclectic cast of subjects and characters, from animals and insects to figures drawn from mythology and Labuskes’ own imagination. Works range from playful pieces such as *Magic Bunny* and *Zen Kitty* to *Three Graces*, *Juggler*, *Memento Mori* and others, reflecting the mix of humor, symbolism, vivid color and layered detail found throughout Labuskes’ work.

The public is invited to meet the artist and explore *A Personal Mythos* during the opening reception on Friday, September 4 from 6pm-8pm at Pearl City Clay House, 220 East Second Street in Jamestown. The exhibition will remain on view through October 16 during regular Pearl City Clay House hours.

Pearl City Clay House is a program of Infinity Visual and Performing Arts that provides opportunities for the community to experience, explore and engage with the arts. Proceeds from Pearl City Clay House help to support Infinity’s youth arts and music programming.

For more information about Pearl City Clay House and upcoming exhibitions, visit www.pearlcityclayhouse.org.

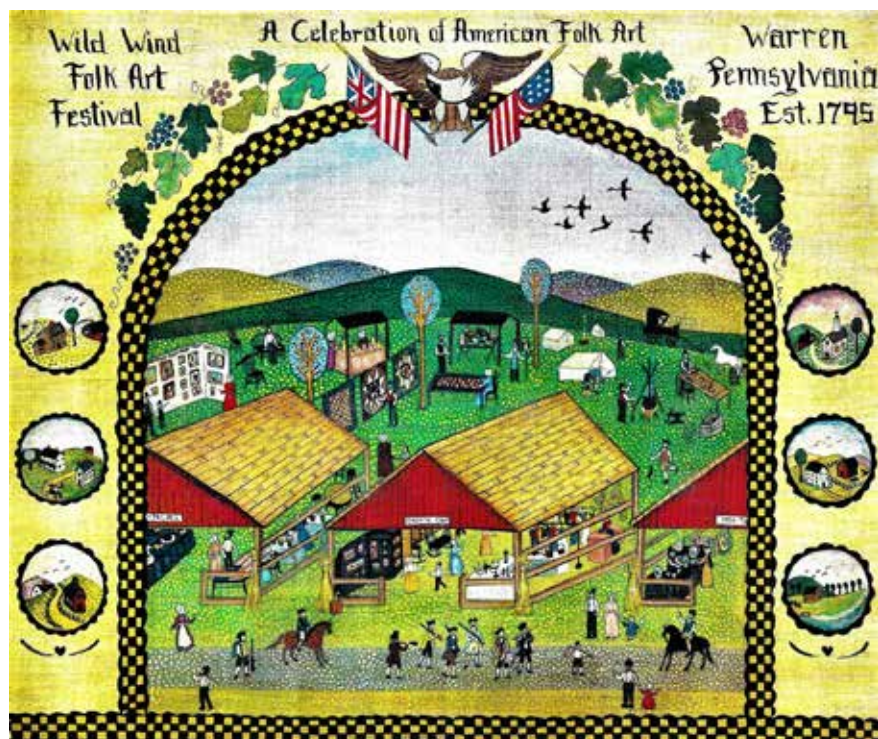


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46th Annual Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival

Celebrating Handcrafted Artistry and Family Fun!



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**Wild Wind Folk Art
& Craft Festival**

This year's event takes place on Saturday, September 12th & Sunday, September 13th at the Warren County Fairgrounds, 371 Barton Run Road, Pittsfield, PA. Held rain or shine, hours are 10 am to 5 pm each day.

For nearly five decades, the Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival has become a cherished tradition held each year the weekend after Labor Day. It continues to draw art lovers, families, and friends from near and far for a memorable celebration of creativity and community. Visitors are welcomed by the familiar sights, sounds, and aromas of early fall—kettle corn popping, the scent of homemade pies and apple strudel, vibrant mums, crisp apples, and the warm greetings of artists reconnecting with loyal customers.

At its heart, the festival is a celebration of handcrafted artistry. More than 150 skilled artisans will be on hand, offering a wide variety of unique, high-quality creations. Throughout the grounds, live demonstrations highlight traditional and contemporary techniques, from wool spinning to the captivating process of glass blowing.

Beyond the artistry, the event offers a full weekend of family-friendly entertainment. Children and families can enjoy a traveling petting zoo, balloon art, hula hoop fun, and other interactive activities. The Tamarack Wildlife Center returns with its popular birds of prey exhibit, along with educational presentations. Weather permitting, Double C Ranch Carriage Services will offer scenic horse-drawn rides around the fairgrounds.

A special highlight this year is the return of Alexander the Magician, who is sure to enchant audiences with a blend of humor, magic, and many

new surprises. For those eager to learn some magic themselves, lesson will be offered throughout the weekend. All ages are welcome to join!

Live chainsaw carving demonstrations will also be featured, with talented artists Lisa Barr of Barrnone Carvings & Creations and Brian Fox of Fox Sawmill and Custom Design transforming raw wood into impressive works of art. Visitors are encouraged to watch these creations come to life!

Rich Selfridge of Selfridge Studios will return with live glass blowing demonstrations and a collection of his handcrafted glass artwork. Known for his beautiful functional and sculptural glass pieces, Rich brings years of experience and artistry to the festival, giving visitors the opportunity to watch the fascinating process of glass blowing while exploring his one-of-a-kind creations.

Festivalgoers can take a break in the shaded picnic area or enjoy a wide variety of food options, including BBQ, gyros, crab cakes, pierogies, hand-cut fries, French artichokes, homemade pie,

old fashioned root beer, and more. Live music will provide the perfect backdrop, with the Kokomo Time Band performing on Saturday and Old Dawg Bluegrass taking the stage on Sunday.

The Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival welcomes you to join them for a weekend of award-winning artistry and family fun. The admission fees are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and veterans, and free for children 12 and under. As a bonus, those who attend on Saturday can return on Sunday free of charge. This is a special event, one not to be missed! We look forward to seeing you there!

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Senator George Borrello to Host Senior Fraud Prevention Workshop

Thursday, August 27, 10 a.m. – noon

Lenna Theater inside Jamestown Community College's Hultquist Building, 260 Curtis St., Jamestown, NY 14701

Senator Borrello will be hosting a Fraud Prevention Workshop aimed at helping individuals to identify scams and prevent themselves from being victimized. Assemblyman Andrew Molitor will also be participating, as will representatives from the following organizations:

the Chautauqua County Office for the Aging, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's office, the Office of the New York State Comptroller, and the Center for Elder Law and Justice.

Members of the media are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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Ellicott's Lisa Vanstrom Announces Campaign for Chautauqua County Legislature, District 15

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Legislator Lisa Vanstrom*

Chautauqua County Legislator Lisa Vanstrom has announced her candidacy for re-election, representing District 15 on the Chautauqua County Legislature.

Vanstrom is seeking to continue to work on behalf of local constituents, with a focus on fiscal responsibility, efficient government, public safety, infrastructure, and economic development that supports local jobs and strengthens our communities. She first began serving on the County Legislature in January 2014 and has a leadership role on the Chautauqua County Legislature as Assistant Majority Leader.

Vanstrom has been endorsed by the Chautauqua County Republican Party and the Chautauqua County Conservative Party.

Vanstrom currently serves as Constituent Specialist for New York State Senator George Borrello, where she works closely with constituents, municipal leaders, and community organizations throughout the region to address local concerns and help cut through red tape in state government.

She also serves on the Chautauqua County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Traffic Safety Board, and the Stop DWI Board.

During her time on the County Legislature, Vanstrom serves on the Administrative Services Committee and has served on Public Safety and Health and Human Services committees. She has advocated for responsible budgeting, efficient county operations, infrastructure investments, and policies that protect taxpayers while maintaining essential county services.

Vanstrom points to the county's efforts to manage spending and the property tax burden as an important part of her record of service. The 2026 county budget reduced the county property tax rate to



\$6.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

"I believe every decision I make should be driven by doing what is right for our neighbors," Vanstrom said. "I have worked to demonstrate 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 continuing to serve District 15."

Vanstrom also emphasized her commitment to preserving Chautauqua Lake and supporting outdoor recreation throughout the county.

"Chautauqua Lake is a valuable natural asset, and I believe in protecting it for future generations," Vanstrom said. "I also believe in supporting the rights and activities of our county sportsmen and women and everyone seeking recreational opportunities here."

"It is an honor to serve our communities and the taxpayers I represent," Vanstrom added. "Teamwork makes the dream work, and together we have accomplished a great deal. I am asking for the support of the residents of District 15 as we continue building stronger opportunities for the future of Chautauqua County."

Lisa Vanstrom encourages residents of District 15 to come out and vote—and join her in building a stronger, safer, and more prosperous community.

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Phase V of Chautauqua County Overland Trail Project is Complete

Project focuses on Eastside trail reroutes in Boutwell Hill State Forest



CCPEG Phase V Trail Improvements

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Growth*

In cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and the Chautauqua County Parks Department, the Chautauqua County Partnership of Economic Growth (CCPEG) is pleased to report that Phase V of the “Chautauqua County Overland Trails Revitalization Project” is complete. Phase V focused on updating the Earl Cardot Eastside Overland Trail in Boutwell Hill State Forest, just outside of Cherry Creek.

The work was completed by Trail Construction Associates (TCA) without any issues, thanks to relatively dry weather during the months of July and August.

“This marks the fifth year that TCA has been working on the Overland Trails and its familiarity with the scope of work is evident in the finished product,” explained Jacob Bodway, CCPEG Trail Consultant. “Updating this section of the Eastside Overland Trail was a monumental undertaking, with numerous stretches of incredibly wet soil that wouldn’t dry until late summer. However, TCA managed to build four key reroutes that not only added sustainability and necessary drainage to the trail, but which also relocated the trail along beautiful sections of the State Forest.”

Bodway added that TCA also remediated other stretches of trail, which will assist with drainage and accessibility.

“This phase of the Overland Trail Project will be especially beneficial to the

Boutwell Hill Ski Club, as the updated sections of trail will remain far drier during the winter months” Bodway said. “I’m excited to ski the updated trail this winter!”

Phase V was funded through the generous support of local and regional foundations, including: Chautauqua Region Community Foundation; Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo; Jessie Smith Darrah Fund; Lenna Foundation; Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation; and Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation.

Phase VI of the Overland Trails project will focus on both the Canadaway Creek Wildlife Management Area (Town of Arkwright) and Mount Pleasant State Forest (Town of Chautauqua) in 2027. Phase VI will be the final phase of the Overland Project, which initially began in 2021.

About CCPEG - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key projects that achieve economic prosperity in Chautauqua County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for improving the quality of life in our communities, thereby attracting people and businesses to Chautauqua County to live, work, recreate, and invest. It is an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC).

For more information visit CHQPartnership.org.

A New Era Begins for the New Horizons Band of Western New York

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SUNY Fredonia*

The Fall session of the New Horizons Band of Western New York is set to begin on Wednesday, September 2nd at the SUNY Fredonia School of Music under the direction of Joseph Newton, our new music director.

Many current and past members had spent decades away from instruments they initially learned to play in grade school, others are retired music teachers or professional players, and several had never played an instrument before coming to New Horizons Band. An interest in playing is what links its members together. The band is always interested in expanding its membership.

Full band rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. and Fridays from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. from September 2nd through November 6th. In addition to concert band rehearsals, members also choose, for no additional cost, two ensemble groups to participate in, such as Jazz Band, Blue Band (which is a smaller beginner band), and different brass, woodwind, and mallet ensembles. These groups are conducted by music majors from SUNY Fredonia’s School of Music and meet in Mason Hall from 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays during the 10-week session. If you feel you are not certain about joining the band, you can sit in on a couple practices to see if it is something you might like to do.

Membership in New Horizons Band is open to mature adults over age 17 who are interested in playing an instrument. The cost is \$120 for the ten-week Fall

session. Prior experience in playing an instrument is not required to join New Horizons Band.

Private lessons with student conductors are also available for an additional charge of \$180 for ten half-hour lessons. They are open to anyone interested in learning to play their first instrument, a new instrument, or just to brush up on their skills after several years away from their instrument.

The completion of the band’s 2026 Spring session also marked the end of Dr. Kate McKay’s 21-year tenure as the Western New York Chapter’s founding music director of New Horizons Band of Western New York. This past summer the band welcomed Joseph Newton as its new music director of New Horizons Band. Newton is a recent graduate of the SUNY Fredonia School of Music who has been conducting the Cassadaga Area Community Band for the past three summers. He was recently hired as the middle school orchestra teacher in Jamestown.

To register for the Fall session, please go to the New Horizons Band of Western New York page (search “New Horizons Band” on the top of the page) on the SUNY Fredonia website (fredonia.edu) and click on the “Register Now” link. If you have any questions about joining the band, please contact Joseph Newton at newton.nhb@gmail.com.

If you are interested in joining a concert band, learning to play a new instrument or returning to an instrument you haven’t played in years, New Horizons Band of Western New York might be just the right choice!

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Art Trail 2026

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Art Trail

The Chautauqua–Lake Erie Art Trail returns Labor Day weekend, Saturday, September 5th, and Sunday, September 6th, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore Chautauqua County while meeting artists in their studios, galleries and special hub locations.

Marcia Merrins, President of the North Shore Arts Alliance, commented, “Chautauqua County is home to seasoned professionals, skilled artisans and talented craftspeople who draw inspiration from the natural beauty that surrounds them. Our thriving arts events are not only well attended, but also make a significant contribution to the local economy.”

Presented by the North Shore Arts Alliance (NSAA), the self-guided driving tour gives artists the opportunity to open their studios to the public or exhibit their work in galleries and non-traditional venues. Visitors can discover handcrafted artwork, meet the people who create it, and learn about the inspiration and techniques behind the work.

“After 13 years on the art trail, the excitement never fades. My Busti studio, surrounded by nature and filled with light, is where I create vibrant, layered works that combine abstract landscapes with collage, vintage ephemera and unexpected elements. I’m grateful for every commission, exhibition, friendship and new opportunity that continues to make this artistic journey so rewarding.” said Art Trail Artist Nancy Nixon Ensign.

The Art Trail has become an important contributor to regional tourism and the local economy, attracting visitors from throughout New York State, neighboring Pennsylvania and beyond. In 2025, nearly 14 percent of visitors came from outside New York State. Overall attendance increased 20 percent in 2025, while out-of-state attendance rose 21 percent.

The Trail stretches across a wide geographic area, with participating artists from Jamestown to Sherman and Kennedy to Fredonia. While Chautauqua County is well known for destinations such as Chautauqua Institution, many visitors are drawn specifically to the Art Trail because of its accessibility and the opportunity to interact directly with artists.

To encourage visitors to explore more stops—particularly working studios—the NSAA has introduced an Art Trail Passport. Passports are available at any Art Trail location, and visitors collect stamps as they travel from stop to stop. Completed passports may be entered into a drawing for gift certificates redeemable for artwork from participating artists. Visitors who have a partially completed passport from the Memorial Day Art Trail are encouraged to bring it along for the Labor Day weekend event. The passport program grew by 24 percent from 2024 to 2025.

The Art Trail also features a network of hubs, making it possible for visitors to meet several artists at a single location. Hubs may be indoors or outdoors and are hosted through partnerships with artists and community organizations. One example is the Bemus Point Library, which provides outdoor space for artists to exhibit while receiving promotional support in return.

This year marks the largest Art Trail yet, with 16 stops featuring 36 artists.

The interactive online map, also available in print, includes locations, artist profiles, images and links to artists’ websites. QR-code access makes it easy for visitors to find information while traveling the Trail and provides artists with visibility beyond the two annual Art Trail weekends.

Labor Day weekend hubs and participating locations include:

Fredonia: Thomas Annear and Tom Janik at Thomas Annear Art Studio; Waldo Latimer at Walter Latimer Art Studio; and Marcia Merrins, Ronnie Lafferty, Larissa McConnell and June Burns at Kniti Griti Works Studio; and Sandra Maggio at Sandra Maggio Studio

Portland: Patrick Stokes, Seri Beeson, Sarah Brown, Brian Millspaw, and Karen Taverna at 21 Brix Winery.

Lily Dale: D’Arsie Mae, and Gaia Woolf-Nightinall at Sacred Ground Coffee House

Westfield: Audrey Kay Dowling, David Gregor, Myriam Mayshark, Tim Sivertsen at Portage Hill Art Gallery.

Dewittville: Jim and Pat Reno at Reno Pottery.

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Chautauqua: Cynthia Norton at Cynthia Norton Studio.

Sherman: Peter Hamilton at LM-NOP Gallery.

Bemus Point: Jackie Damore and Lisa Summerfield at the Bemus Point Library.

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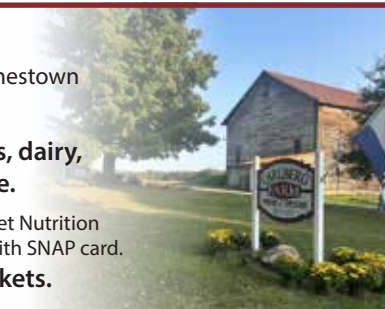
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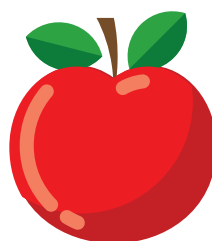
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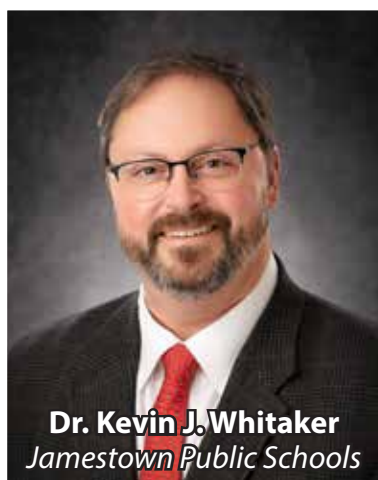
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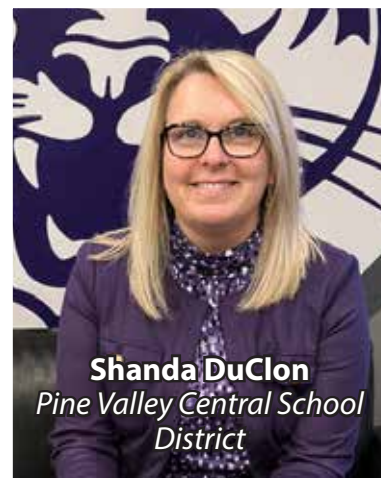
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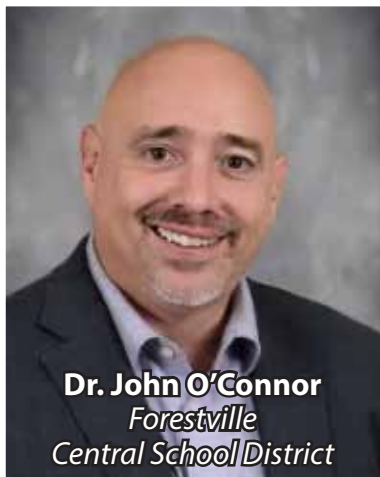
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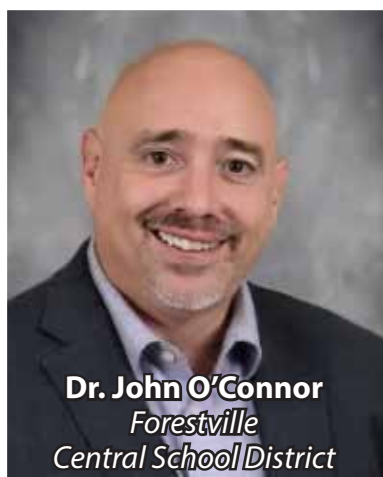
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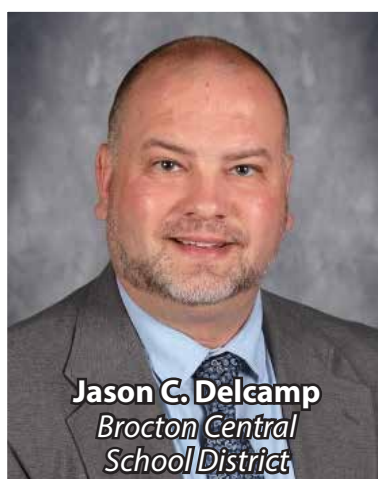
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