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AUTUMN IN CHAUTAUQUA: CLAIMING THE SEASON

Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

There's a crispness in the air in the mornings that wasn't there before that tells us that Fall is approaching. The leaves on the trees are beginning their change, their edges gilt with golden yellows or bright fire-like orange. We are blessed here in Chautauqua County to have such beautiful wooded areas that turn to a brilliant quilt of colors as summer fades and the cooler months begin.

Yet, the season is a short-lived one. We only get such bountiful colors for a handful of weeks;

we all know what comes after. (Some say snow is a four-letter word for a reason!) While we can certainly mourn the loss of sunlight and the lazy relaxation of Summer, I love the brief but cozy interlude of Autumn. There is something about a thick sweater, my favorite boots and a walk through the leaves that leaves my soul feeling refreshed. And yes, dear readers, I have been known to love a pumpkin-spiced latte from time to time.

Perhaps my soul recognizes the magic in the turning of the seasons. A sense of grounding as we head from warmth and

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Contributing Writer
Paul Leone

*This sonnet is sort of a companion piece to
Shakespeare's famous sonnet #18 which begins:
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?*

NOT THEE A LOVELY SUMMER'S DAY

Not thee a lovely summer's day,
Her brief resplendent stay haughty
As Heaven. Bleak November grey
Broods lovelier o'er thy beauty.
Rough May winds are but gentle breath
'Gainst the Wild West Wind's wild spirit,
That blows within thy placid breast,
Like passion loos'd, intemperate.
Thine is an autumnal beauty,
Stoic as late denuded trees,
Who silent speak solemnity
And fortitude before the freeze.
As a goddess here I see thee
In thy serene intensity.

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This Week Around Town



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Movies at The Reg: It's Never Over, Jeff Buckley | 7 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts
Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Cardio Drumming | 9 AM

Dunkirk Senior Center | Dunkirk
For Info: 716-467-5306

Jumpstart to Third Thursday

4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Downtown Jamestown
For Info: <https://chautauquanycoc.weblinkconnect.com/events>

Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic

5 PM-7 PM

Town of Ripley Highway
Department | Ripley
For Info: HealthyCHQ.com/rabies

Third Thursday | 6 PM

Wintergarden Plaza
Jamestown

For Info: 716-708-6761

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Constitution Day | 10 AM

Robert H. Jackson Center
Jamestown
For Info: roberthjackson.org

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 -
SEPTEMBER 20

Westfield Grape & Wine

Festival | 3 PM-8 PM

2 East Main St | Westfield
For Info: westfieldny.com/living-here/westfield-grape-and-wine-festival

Broadway Star Nick Adams

7:30 PM

1891 Fredonia Opera House
Performing Arts Center
Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Harmony Historical Society

Living History Fair

10 AM-4 PM

Harmony Historical Society
Ashville
For Info: harmonyhistoricals.org

Basil & Bones Fall Festival

11 AM-6 PM

Basil & Bones | Jamestown
For Info: 716.488.7590

Rock off the Roof | 3 PM-11 PM

The Spire Theater | Jamestown
For Info: The Spire Theater
Facebook Page

Hispanic Heritage Festival

4 PM

Jackson Taylor Park | Jamestown
For Info: YWCA Jamestown
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The Cinema Series: Sketch

7:30 PM

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Harvest Estate Tour

10:30 AM

Johnson Estate Winery
Westfield
For Info: johnsonwinery.com

FALLconer Fest 12 PM - 5 PM

Davis Park | Falconer

Great Grape Walks | 11 AM

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CHAMBER CORNER

Cheers to Local Businesses! Join us October 2

Article Contributed by

Daniel J. Heitzenrater

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

The only way to get noticed is by showing up! How do you show up for your business? Do you introduce yourself; your business; your products and services? Do you make a point of being in the room for celebrations?

When you're looking for a way to meet other businesspeople where they are you don't have to look much further than the CHQ Chamber's upcoming Business Awards Banquet. Every year it's the largest gathering of businesspeople in Chautauqua County, all together in one space to help celebrate business. This year the CHQ Chamber Business Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, October 2 at 6pm at the Williams Center on the SUNY Fredonia campus, and we will be recognizing high-achieving businesses and organizations from all across the county, as well as honoring service to the community ranging from five to 125 years.

But this evening is not just about awardees; it's also about the importance of making connections. The show of support from business to business and person to person builds community, and the CHQ Chamber is proud to provide this tremendous opportunity to encourage camaraderie, applaud hard work and dedication, and highlight the organizations that build our unique sense of place here in Chautauqua County.

The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House will receive our Business of the Year Award for its growth, development, and commitment to community. The Business Champion Award will go to the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities for its ongoing commitment to Retool WNY conferences that build and support local business and for its partnership this year with the Jamestown Department of Development for a first ever Developers Forum. Emerging Business of the Year is West Main Mercantile in Falconer;

Hospitality Business of the Year is The White Inn in Fredonia; Service Business of the Year is Porter-Blair Cleaning & Co. in Jamestown; Producer of the Year is Triple E MFG & Design Inc. in Sherman; and Not-for-Profit of the Year is Chautauqua County Rural Ministry in Dunkirk.

Milestone recognition will go to the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier, 125 years; Westfield Nursery & Garden Center, 90 years; Jamestown Community College, 75 years; Gebbie Foundation, 60 years; Kiwanis Club of Westfield-Ripley, 55 years; Falconer Power Sports, 50 years; Peaceful Designs in Westfield and Shawbucks in Jamestown, 30 years; Elegant Edibles Catering in Jamestown, 25 years; Betts Insurance Agency, Concord Quilting Studio, and Lake Shore Center for the Arts, all in Westfield and all ten years; and for five years each: Chautauqua Soap Company in Jamestown, Full Strength Coffee Co. in Westfield, Porter-Blair Cleaning & Co. in Jamestown, Stella: A Kitchen and Bar in Lakewood, and Whizz-n-Smash in Dewittville.

This spectacular event would not be possible without our sponsors: AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, Cattaraugus County Bank, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Lake Shore Bank, Jamestown Community College, and Media One Radio Group.

The CHQ Chamber Business Awards Banquet includes a delicious buffet dinner and a carving station. There will be local beverage tastings and a cash bar. The \$65 price per person also includes a complimentary bottle of local wine on each table. You can reserve a full table of eight for \$470 – a savings of \$50. Your admission pays for your dinner and also helps support the year-round work of the CHQ Chamber. You can register online now by visiting www.chamberrsvp.org.

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

Mums the Word!



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The four-letter "F" word. FALL. Yes, pumpkin spice lovers, I share your affinity for apples, grapes, and gords. The gorgeous fall foliage takes my breath away. And there's something special about our fall fests, especially with a "Harvest" in hand.

But the topsy turvy temps and drizzly days of the shoulder seasons drive me batty. By the time we hit winter, I'll be resolved and snug in my snowsuit and snowflakes, but when September hits I'm just not ready to give up my sundresses. The hotter the better in my book.

Our Editor-in-Chief Katrina Fuller happens to strongly disagree, so I'm going to keep the

rest of my fall laments to myself and simply refer you to her much more beautiful tribute to the season on the front cover of this edition.

As for me, I'll simply focus on one of our community's most exciting landmark Autumnal events: the CHQ Chamber's Annual Awards. Please make your reservation today and join me at the banquet on October 2nd to honor an impressive lineup of very deserving businesses and organizations. (See page eight.) And heck, while you're at it, become a Chamber member. The supportive benefits and networking opportunities are unparalleled. As the owner of a small business now myself - this paper! - I've grown an even greater understanding and appreciation for the incredible amount of time and energy that these dedicated entrepreneurs give to our community. Come celebrate with them this fall!

And here's your countdown: only eight more months until we kickoff next summer. Woohoo!



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Trivia

1. What is the first day of fall called?
2. Which hemisphere experiences fall in March?
3. Which gas do trees release less of in the fall?
4. What type of trees drop their leaves in the fall?
5. Which grain crop is typically harvested in the fall across the United States?
6. What flower is most associated with fall gardens?
7. What flower is September's birth flower?
8. What kind of moon is often seen in September?
9. What is the shedding of leaves called?
10. What weather event helps disperse maple seeds?

1. Equinox 2. Southern 3. Deciduous 4. Oxygen 5. Corn 6. Mums 7. Aster 8. Harvest moon (Corn moon) 9. Abscission 10. Wind storm



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September 4

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Lakewood
Lind Funeral Home

September 6

(Hope) "Melonie" Vebber, 84
Lakewood
Lind Funeral Home

Norman A. Lopus, 80
Kiantone
Peterson Funeral Home

September 5

James R. Perry, 89
Jamestown
Falconer Funeral Home

Valerie S. Holmes, 80
Jamestown
Peterson Funeral Home

September 9

Betty J. Puleo, 92
Jamestown
Falconer Funeral Home

Doris Larson Landy, 88
Ashville
Lind Funeral Home

Mary E. Peterson, 84
Jamestown
Lind Funeral Home

Donald J. Enick, 67
Panama
Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

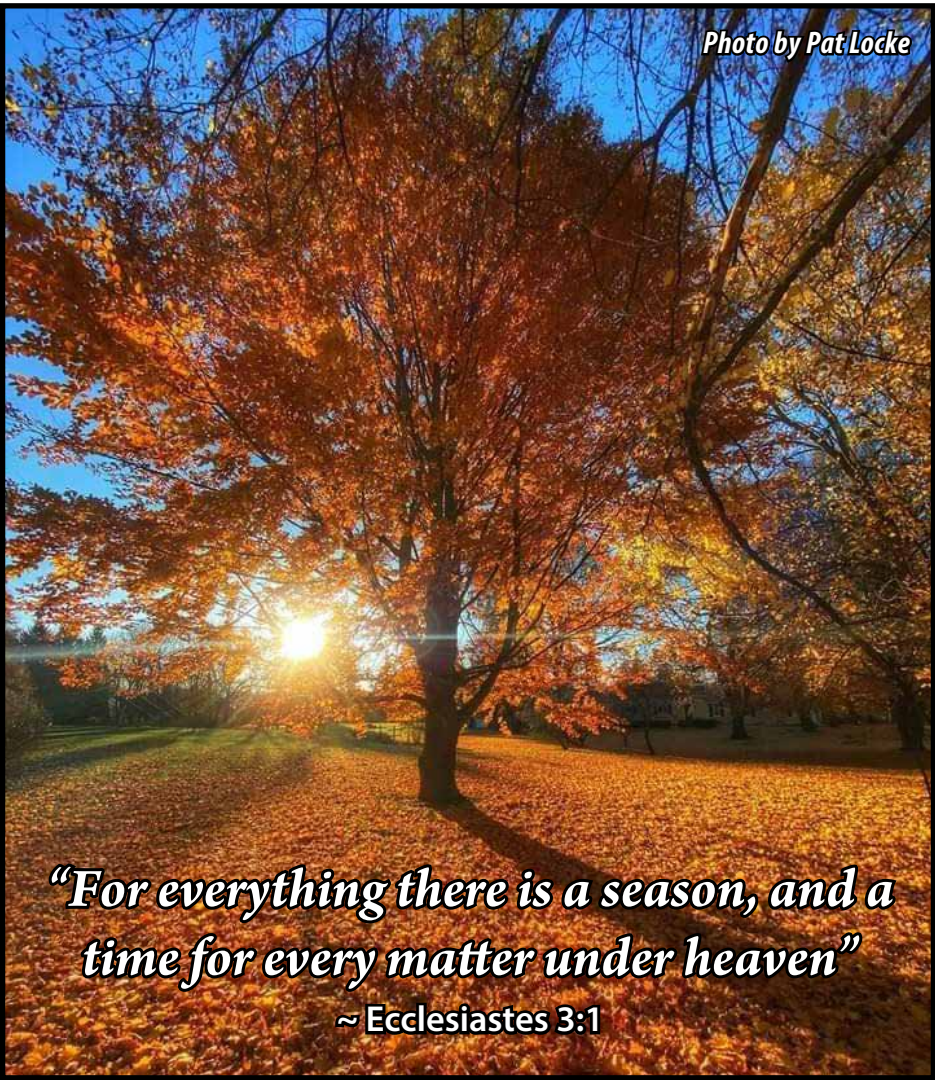


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"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"
~ Ecclesiastes 3:1

Faith Matters

A GIANT SLAYER OR A MADMAN? A look at Psalm 34



Featured Writer
Senior Pastor Nate Hlad
Lakewood Baptist Church

Growing up in church I heard a lot of songs about slaying giants; and I endured more than a few sermons encouraging us to do the same. So, when I came upon Psalm 34, I supposed I had found another such ballad of heroism and bravery, but it turned out I was wrong.

I didn't assume I had found another uplifting and encouraging hymn of success for no reason. David is enthusiastically praising the Lord for providing success: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together; I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all of my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed." (Psalm 34:3-5) ESV That definitely sounded like something David would write after slaying the gigantic adversary, Goliath with nothing but a sling, a few rocks and the Lord's help.

But then I noticed the heading I had conveniently skipped over in my hurry to get to the Psalm itself: Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. That didn't sound like victory over an impossible foe. So, I did a little digging and discovered that the heading is referring to a short story in 1 Samuel 21:10-15.

In short, David wasn't welcome in Israel because the priest had chosen him to replace King Saul. Saul, not ready to give up the throne, ran David out of the country to the Philistine city of Gath. David knew that Gath was Goliath's hometown. The Goliath that he defeated in battle. The same Goliath whose head David removed and brought with him on a victory tour around the country. And if there was any doubt if the residents of Gath would recognize the killer of their hometown hero, we're told in the passage that the Philistines asked amongst themselves, "Isn't this King David, the one of whom they sang, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands?'"

David heard this, and was obviously afraid of the Philistines and their king. So, he pretended to be a madman. He scribbled on the doors, and drooled all over himself. Achish the King was repulsed by David and mocked him. The Philistines had a good laugh. And that's where the story ends. We assume that David was set free because in the next story he's on his way out of Gath.

After coming to grips with the fact that this Psalm was not written on the heels of a glorious victory for David, but rather it was composed following an extraordinarily humiliating escape, I wrestled with dilemma: How does David, God's anointed, acting like a madman magnify the Lord? After some time and prayer I saw that the deliverance that David provided by defeating Goliath and the deliverance David experienced in Gath were not about magnifying David, but were always meant to magnify the Lord. David was all about God and God's salvation, whether that made him a hero or madman in everyone else's eyes. I wonder why we don't have too many songs about the latter?

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK



Harvey

Harvey is all heart and fun. Harvey loves to stay busy investigating squeaky toys, sniffing out snacks, and following the trail of belly rubs. Harvey loves hanging out with his "partners," whether that's romping around the yard with dog friends or tagging along on walks like he's on an important case. When playtime is over, he's quick to flop down for cuddles-because even the best detectives need a nap. Shelter No. RR179.

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Cookie

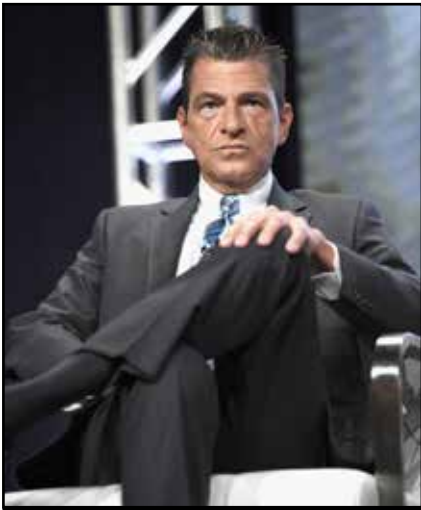
Criminologist to present live true crime show "Serial Killers" at Reg Lenna.

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Renowned criminologist, Dr. Scott Bonn, will take audiences inside the minds of the world's most savage and prolific murderers in *Serial Killers* - live at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts - Sat., Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

In this thrilling 90-minute show, Dr. Bonn reveals the insatiable, psychological hungers that drive the likes of Ted Bundy and Jeffrey Dahmer to kill repeatedly with impunity and no remorse. He explains why the majority of serial killers are either psychopaths or sociopaths, how the two differ, and he reveals that every serial killer is compelled to murder by a unique fantasy need. In addition, Dr. Bonn explains our curious fascination with serial killers and true crime.

Dr. Bonn is a best-selling author, professor, public speaker, and he has interacted with such notorious serial killers as Dennis Rader ("Bind, Torture Kill") and David Berkowitz ("Son of Sam"). He also developed a profile of the unknown "Long Island Serial Killer" in 2011 that matches the alleged perpetrator, Rex Heuermann, perfectly. Bonn has comprehensively studied, extensively corresponded with, personally interviewed, and accurately profiled some of the



Dr. Scott Bonn

world's most notorious predators. The event will be followed by a dynamic Q & A session with Dr. Bonn. He will also sell signed copies of his book "Why We Love Serial Killers" at this time.

Tickets for *Serial Killers* with Dr. Scott Bonn range from \$25 to \$40. The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts box office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12-5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 716.484.7070 or at reglenna.com. Reg Lenna Center for The Arts is located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY.

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Autumn in Chautauqua: Claiming the Season

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whimsy into the cold and snow of Winter. Or, some may find meaning in the metaphor of this liminal season: it's another step in the cycle of life, where we hold on to what we are in our heart of hearts and let go of what no longer serves us. Maybe this Autumn, we can watch the changing trees and find the courage to let go of the burdens we have carried for so long. Maybe our "falling leaves" can be the unnecessary expectations we hold ourselves to; the comparisons we hold ourselves up against, putting us at odds with others; and perhaps we can at last lay down the differences we have as neighbors, as people, as beings with hearts, minds and souls.

Perhaps in the Autumn-like "seasons" of our life, we recognize within ourselves and in the natural

world that, as Robert Frost wrote, "Nothing gold can stay." We can hold on to moments in our lives in our memories, but they slip by like leaves on a breeze, leaving nothing but those memories behind. We are not promised the warmth of Summer, the beautiful crisp mornings of Fall, the cold ice of Winter or the promising blooms of Spring. Each day, each season, each wonderful rotation of the Earth is a gift. This Fall, whether you enjoy the foliage with family, gather with loved ones for the beloved rite of Bills season or simply breathe in the small miracle of a cool breeze with your coffee in the morning—I pray that you grasp that gift and hold onto the moment to seize it with all your soul. After all, it's all we're guaranteed in these ever-changing seasons.



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FREE FALL RABIES CLINICS

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The Chautauqua County Health Department, in partnership with the Chautauqua County Humane Society and the Towns of Ripley, French Creek, and Charlotte, will host four free rabies vaccination clinics throughout September.

Clinic Dates and Locations:

- Thursday, September 18th
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Town of Ripley
Highway Department
50 Ross Street, Ripley
- Tuesday, September 23rd
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Town of French Creek Highway
Department
10106 Ravlin Hill Road, Clymer
- Saturday, September 27th
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM Sinclairville
Volunteer
Fire Company
30 Main Street, Sinclairville

How to Participate:

- Eligibility: Dogs, cats and ferrets three months of age and older are eligible for a vaccination.
- Pre-registration required: Visit HealthyCHQ.com/rabies to schedule an appointment. If unable to attend, please cancel via your confirmation email to open your spot to others.
- Bring prior vaccination records: These are needed to determine if your pet is eligible for a three-year booster.
- Secure your pet: All dogs must be on a leash. Cats and ferrets must be in individual carriers. Animal handlers will transport animals to the veterinarian for vaccination.



Photo by Nate Allen

Senior Scene with Dana Corwin

Dining Out Program: Past, Present, and Future.



Contributed by

Dana Corwin

Director of Chautauqua County
Office for Aging Services

We are thrilled that the Dining Out program offered by the Office for Aging Services (OFAS) has become a favorite program among Chautauqua County older adults. This program is part of the Older Americans Act where meals are served while providing opportunities for social engagement. Studies show that people who dine with others regularly eat healthier and report a better quality of life. Benefits include improved nutrition, better mobility, reduced anxiety and depression, reduced loneliness, and opportunities to connect. While a reduced appetite can be common as we age, nutrition intake generally improves when we eat with others.

Over the past two years, an average of 90 new clients each month have joined the Office for Aging Services Dining Out Program. In just two short years we have gone from 500 participants using a paper ticket system to nearly 3,000 participants using a CHQAging card for digitally tracking usage of the Dining Out location. We have several locations that registered Dining Out participants can use their CHQAging card for a well-balanced meal. While the card is used as “payment” for the meal when dining at one of these locations, participants are given the opportunity at the end of each month to make a contribution of \$5.00 for each meal they consumed as part of the Dining Out program. Additionally, the back of the card has a QR code that links the participants directly to a monthly nutrition topic aimed to help improve total wellness. This card can also be used for other nutrition programs by taking attendance at events and education classes.

With such an explosion in the Dining Out program in a short period of time, we understand the need to look at ways to better serve the increased number of people participating in the program. We actively look for new participating locations in order to provide more variety to our current and future clients as well as decrease the burden on our current Dining Out partner locations. This is done by a “Request for Proposal” (RFP) process. Interested restaurants or traditional sites, such as groups meeting

at fire halls or churches, can participate by submitting an RFP application to possibly enter into a contract with the OFAS. This is the work that happens behind the scenes in order to continue current or bring new locations to our county’s older adults.

Through this process, we hope to add additional locations in the near future! The Office for Aging Services follows the requirements set forth in the Older Americans Act. We work to serve those at greatest economic need and greatest social need. We work to serve all groups of older adults over 60 years of age all over Chautauqua County. This means we strive to provide diversity and ensure equitable access to our programs and services.

We understand that the Dining Out program has gone through some growing pains over the past two years. We thank our current Dining Out participants for their patience as we continue to strive to add new Dining Out locations and maintain our current Dining Out location partnerships, all while following the regulations and processes we are directed to follow.

Check out our website at <https://chqgov.com/office-aging> to see all the programs and services offered. Additionally, by signing up for our communication system called Blooming Health, if you are not already registered, you will receive program information at your fingertips. We send messages about the current programs you may be interested in through your preferred communication method: text, email, or an automated call. If you are not already signed up to receive these messages, just call us at our NY Connects line 716-753-4582.

By making simple and healthy choices on a daily basis, you will be well on your way towards achieving total wellness. We know the healthy choice is not always the easiest choice, but small changes can make a big difference. Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services offers Nutrition & Wellness programs to support you in your journey toward total wellness. Call NY Connects at 716-753-4582 for more details and information about any of the Nutrition and Wellness programs provided by Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services.

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My September School Lament



Contributing Writer
Ryan Chambers-Leonard

School’s back in session, and somehow it already feels like we’re back in the rough, just a week in. Schedules are shifting, phones are being confiscated, and students are groaning over homework. Stress levels have been high over the past few years, and they appear to be increasing. With devices labeled as “distractions” banned during the school day by New York State, students may have a different opinion. To some, they lose more than screen time; they lose access to their music, communication with their parents, and even the ability to capture memories throughout the year. While phones certainly have drawbacks, I won’t lie: I miss listening to music during my study halls, since it always seemed to help me work more efficiently. Ironically, I’m writing this very article while listening to the new Twenty One Pilots album (Breach), which dropped just hours ago, something I can’t do in study hall anymore, even though it would help me focus.

Among my junior classmates, most would say their daily homework takes somewhere between two to three hours once the year ramps up. It’s worth asking: how do all these factors affect student stress levels? Homework can definitely be valuable, but how much of it is just busywork? I can’t imagine any adult coming home from work wishing their boss had assigned extra tasks to fill their evening. Yet that’s often how it feels for students. Add on sports or other extracurriculars, then factor in waking up before sunrise, and many of us are left with only a few hours of sleep, if even that. Some students also work jobs on top of it all. We’re

still expected to perform well in school, but under those conditions, it can be downright miserable. And honestly? Most students probably wouldn’t admit it, but school without today’s academic stress might actually be more enjoyable than summer. That’s not as wild as it sounds. A lot of students don’t inherently dislike school life; it just doesn’t come across that way when all adults hear about is how stressed we are.

Now, I’m not saying the phone ban should be repealed right away. It does have its benefits. The students who used their phones to be disruptive in class are facing actual consequences, instead of just a slap on the wrist. And while I know that makes me sound like a cranky old man, I still stand by it. Still, it’s worth considering how rules like this affect other parts of student life.

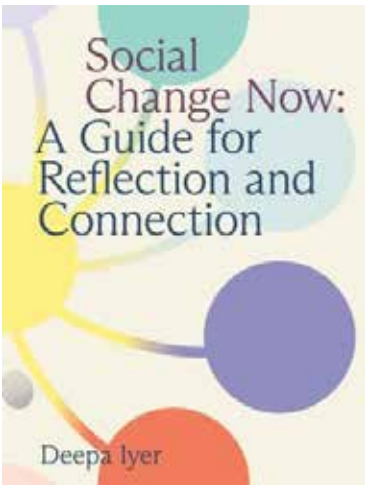
Fortunately, there are plenty of ways for students to unwind outside of school. Chautauqua County has a full lineup of fall events and fun for all ages. And most schools are hosting their own back-to-school events. At Maple Grove Jr.-Sr. High School, we just held our Dragon Homecoming, not to be confused with our forthcoming Homecoming Dance. (Why we named them the same thing, I’m still not sure?)

Finally, and to the joy of many, including myself, fall is on its way in, and summer (along with its relentless heat) is on the way out. In just a few weeks, we’ll step into the season of crisp apples, spicy cinnamon, warm caramel, and pumpkins everywhere....not to forget Halloween. Hopefully, the rest of September eases up on the stress, and students can enjoy the season to its fullest once it mellows

Among our impressive team of contributing writers is Ryan-Chambers Leonard. At only 16-years old, this Chautauqua County student writes well beyond his years and takes great care to research interesting topics for our readers. We are proud to showcase his talents.

Join Zoom Discussions of Social Change Now by Deepa Iyer

Deepa Iyer is a strategist, lawyer, and racial justice advocate who created the social change ecosystem map—a way to identify the different roles needed to bring about change in the world. This fall you are invited to join monthly virtual discussions about her book Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection. For details and to register for free, visit UUJamestown.org, the Unitarian Church’s website.



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Contributing Writer
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Inside our homes, we might consider replacing light throws for warm plaid throws, changing the bedding for warmer layers, arranging cinnamon or apple-scented candles on a rustic table runner with natural touches of pinecones, acorns and mini gourds. An added welcome gesture might be to serve up a delicious homemade chili with cornbread or a hearty vegetable soup with crusty bread for family and friends, next to a cozy fire in the hearth.

Our yards and gardens are taken into clean-up mode by raking leaves, cutting back perennials, pulling spent annuals, trimming shrubs, planting spring bulbs and fertilizing the lawn for winter health. Tend to the yard now and it will thank you come spring.

A little fall prep means more time to enjoy the season's colors while crunching leaves, underfoot. So check your to-do list, then savor the cider while visiting a local pumpkin patch, picking apples, taking a fall foliage drive, having a bonfire with s'mores, going on a hayride or corn maze adventure, baking seasonal pies or even reading a book with a fall backdrop. Heck, you might even decide to jump into that pile of raked leaves when nobody's looking!

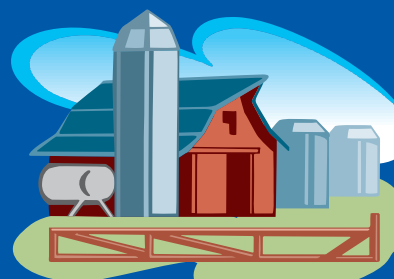


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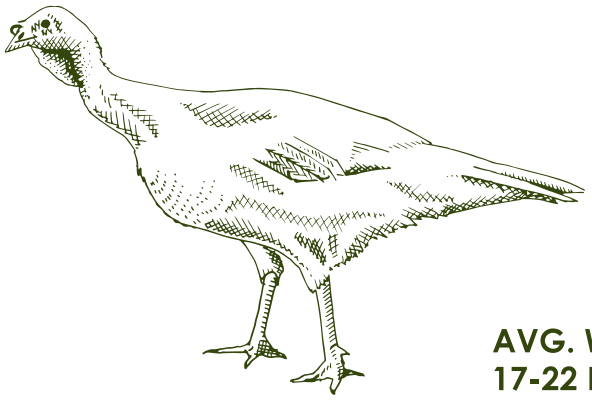
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Come and immerse yourself in a celebration of grape growing and harvesting while indulging in a wide selection of award-winning wines. The festival offers a remarkable experience at two wonderful locations:

Westfield Farmers' and Artisans' Market / Moore Park: Discover a vibrant marketplace filled with local

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Grape Discovery Center: Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of grapes at this captivating center. Learn about the art and science of grape

cultivation, explore the rich history behind the region's vineyards, and gain insights into the intricate process of winemaking. Engage with interactive exhibits, expand your knowledge, and experience the true essence of grapes. Additionally, at the Grape Discovery Center, you'll have the chance to savor the incredible flavors of a variety of grape juices, providing a refreshing and delightful experience.

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Earlier in the day, Adams will lead a master class with musical theatre students at the State University of New York at Fredonia, at 2 p.m. in Rosch Recital Hall. Observation of the master class is free and open to the public.

Adams is a native of Erie, PA, and is most known for originating the role of Adam/Felicia in the Tony Award-winning *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert: The Musical*. For his performance he was named an American Theater Hall of Fame honoree, received two Broadway.com Audience Choice Awards, and an Astaire Award nomination.

Recently, he starred in the Off-Broadway production of *DRAG: The Musical* as Alexis Gillmore, a role he originated in the successful Los Angeles premiere of the show. For his performance, he received an Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Lead Performer in an Off-Broadway Musical.

He has been seen on Broadway in *A Chorus Line*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Chicago*, the Tony Award-winning revival of *La Cage Aux Folles*, and *The Pirate Queen*. He played Whizzer in the North American tour of Lincoln Center Theater's revival of *Falsettos*, and was Fiyero in the first national tour of *Wicked*. He also recently was featured in the *A Chorus Line* 50th Anniversary Celebration.

On film, he starred as Cooper in the Emmy-nominated *Fire Island*, which won the cast an ensemble Gotham Award. Other TV and film credits include *The*



Broadway star Nick Adams

Holiday Exchange, *The Other Two*, *Sex and the City 2*, *An Englishman in New York*, *As the World Turns*, *Guiding Light*, and *It Could Be Worse*.

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Jumpstart to Third Thursday is designed to get more people moving throughout downtown Jamestown to enjoy a plethora of local businesses, featuring more street entertainment, sidewalk sales, and open restaurants. It's a lead-in to the free Third Thursday concert at Winter Garden Plaza that begins at 6pm.

This coming week you'll find two musical acts along Third Street for Jumpstart, and Face Paint by Patti will return! Daniel Cecil blends ballads with wit and storytelling for a charming performance for all. Daniel Siracuse will join us with a blend of acoustic country, folk rock, and Americana tunes. Face painter and cheer bringer, Face Paint by Patti brings color, magic, and a dash of sparkle to every smile

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Tournament Winners Announced for 4th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Charity Golf Tournament to Benefit CASA of Chautauqua.



First place ladies tournament winners, Gloria Barrett, Nancy Rodriguez, Lois Piscitelli & Paulette Degenars.



First place men's tournament winners, Matt Reese, Pat Allen, Greg Auge & Derrick Nickerson



First place ladies/men's tournament winners, Madeline Contiguglia, Bridget Anderson, Eric Anderson & Sam Young

Contributing Editor

CASA of Chautauqua County

First place winners for ladies were Gloria Barrett, Nancy Rodriguez, Lois Piscitelli & Paulette Degenars with a score of 69.

First place winners for men's were Matt Reese, Pat Allen, Greg Auge & Derrick Nickerson with a score of 59.

First place winners for ladies/men's

were Madeline Contiguglia, Bridget Anderson, Eric Anderson & Sam Young with a score of 67.

The 4th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Chautauqua Golf Course on Saturday, August 16. Golfers and CASA supporters gathered for a great day of golf while supporting area abused and neglected foster children.

All funds raised from the 4th Annual A Voice Fore A Child Charity Golf Tournament will be used to fulfill

CASA's mission of supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County. If you would like to support the mission of CASA, a tax-deductible donation can be made by sending a check to CASA of Chautauqua Co., Inc. at 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757.

About CASA of Chautauqua

The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is to provide an independent voice in court, advocating for the best interest

of abused and neglected children in the pursuit of finding safe and permanent homes. CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc. relies on highly trained volunteers who are appointed by a Chautauqua County Family Court Judge to advocate for children in court. These volunteers work with relevant agencies and parties in order to advocate for the best interest of the child. With the information provided by the CASA volunteer, Family Court Judges are better able to make informed decisions as to what is best for the child. CASA of Chautauqua County is a United Way Community Partner.



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New members Margo Stuart, Eric Nickeson, and Ellie Nickeson with sponsors

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Lions Club

The summer of 2025 was a busy season for the Mayville/Chautauqua Lions Club.

In addition to hosting a sold-out Weidner Chicken Barbeque, the club installed new officers and welcomed three new members. A donation was made to Rural Minds, and another check will be presented to the Dwyer Group in October. Both organizations focus on mental health issues and reflect the Lions’ mission to support and strengthen our communities.

On June 11, 2025, Past District Governor Jeff Jarvis, assisted by his wife, Lion Aimee, inducted new members Margo Stuart and Ellie and Eric Nickeson. Becoming a Lion is always a meaningful occasion, and the ceremony did not disappoint. It was inspiring to see the inductees receive their new pins while smiling proudly. The community now has



John Savage, Ann Akin, and Past District Governor Jeff Jarvis

three additional volunteers ready to serve.

The newly installed officers are: President John Savage, Vice President Shannon Biekarck, Treasurer Jeff Szabo, and Secretary Ann Akin. The club expressed appreciation to Shannon for her service as President and recognized Jeff and Ann for their continued dedication.

Lions Clubs International has more than 49,000 clubs worldwide with 1.4 million members. We are a service organization dedicated to supporting those in need, both locally and globally. Learn more at lionsclubs.org, or join us for a meeting at the Mayville VFW on the second Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. We hope to see you there!

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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

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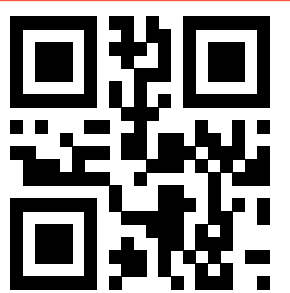
CLUES ACROSS

1. Carved into
7. ___ Rogers, cowboy
10. Unruly locale
12. Edible mushroom
13. Influential noblemen
14. Rattling breaths
15. David ___ George, Brit. P.M.
16. Musician Clapton
17. Small Eurasian deer
18. Invests in little enterprises
19. Perimeter
21. Chicago ballplayer
22. Animal body part
27. It's everywhere these days
28. Fictional ad exec
33. Mr. T character Baracus
34. Against the current
36. Subway rodent
37. Armor plate
38. Hair on the head
39. Strong insect
40. Swollen lymph node
41. A way to lessen
44. Walter White poison
45. Sleeveless garment
48. Long accompanied song
49. Without features
50. Yankee great Mattingly
51. Removes from record

CLUES DOWN

1. Root of taro plant
2. Those ones
3. Appliances have one
4. A way to sing
5. Midway between east and southeast
6. Animal dwelling
7. An object that as survived from the past
8. Oil cartel
9. Affirmative
10. Foul smell
11. Brisk tempo
12. S. American indigenous person
14. Restored
17. Official
18. Skin lesions
20. Electroencephalograph
23. Middle Eastern country
24. Extremely angry
25. Title used before a woman's name
26. British thermal unit
29. By the way (abbr.)
30. Anger
31. Nullifies
32. Ones who acquire
35. Time zone
36. Arabic name
38. Protein in mucus
40. Ballpoint pen
41. Mimics
42. Humans have a lot of it
43. Expressions of good wishes
44. Cool!
45. One point east of due south
46. City of Angels football team (abbr.)
47. A way to save for retirement

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A 5K LIKE NO OTHER

Stomp Out the Stigma on the Jamestown Airport Runway



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Department of Mental
Hygiene**

On Saturday, September 27, 2025 Chautauqua County will make history with a first-of-its-kind event: the Stomp Out the Stigma 5K, a powerful evening run/walk taking place directly on the runway at the Chautauqua County/Jamestown Airport.

This unforgettable event will raise awareness for mental health and suicide prevention, lighting the way for hope and healing across our community.

As the sun sets and the runway lights glow, participants will race down the tarmac—symbolizing our collective journey from darkness into light. Whether you run, walk, or cheer from the sidelines, your presence sends a strong message: no one walks alone when it comes to mental health.

Event Date:

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Event Time: Registration 5 PM-6PM Race starts 6:05 PM

Location: Jamestown Airport, 3309-3499 Airport Dr, Jamestown, NY 14701

Register Now:

Run Sign Up-Event Page

“We wanted to do something bold, and what’s bolder than lighting up a runway for suicide prevention?” said Carri Raynor, Director of the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County. “This 5K is about movement and meaning. It’s about showing up for those who need support,

honoring those we’ve lost, and proving that hope is alive and well in our county.”

Register by September 19th to Get an Awesome Event T-Shirt!

Register by Friday, September 19th, 2025 will receive a limited-edition Stomp Out the Stigma race T-shirt, a symbol of your commitment to breaking down barriers and shining light in dark places.

Why You Should Join Us:

- ✓ Glow gear encouraged! Let’s light up the runway in honor of hope and resilience.
- ✓ Music, community booths, and inspiration will be waiting at the finish line.
- ✓ All proceeds benefit local suicide prevention and mental health initiatives.
- ✓ Team and group registration is encouraged. Walk or run with your school, workplace, or in memory of a loved one.
- ✓ Fundraising is welcome. Every dollar makes a difference!

Whether you're walking to remember, running to raise awareness, or showing up for someone you love-this is your moment to help stomp out the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health in our community. Step onto the runway. Step into hope. Together, we can light the way. Together, we stomp out the stigma!

For questions, sponsorships, team sign-ups, or volunteer opportunities, visit the Facebook event page, coalition website preventsuicidechq.com, or registration site Run Sign Up-Event Page.



The Benjamin Prescott Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently met at the White Inn in Fredonia. New members Sandra Haskin, Marilyn Desnerck, and Shannon McRae were warmly welcomed with an induction ceremony led by Regent Myra Johnston and Chaplain Deborah Cenni. Members also shared upcoming plans, including a Save the Date for the next gathering on October 2, 2025, at the Patterson Library in Westfield. Photo (L to R): Regent Myra Johnston, new member Sandra Haskin, new member Marilyn Desnerck, new member Shannon McRae, and Chaplain Deborah Cenni.

Creche Celebrates its 125th Anniversary

Contributing Editor
Crèche Inc.

The Crèche, Inc. organization is pleased to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of its founding by Josephine Fenton Gifford with the opening of the Explore 125 Years of Crèche exhibit at the Fenton History Center Museum on September 18, 2025. The exhibit will remain on display at the Fenton History Center during its daily open hours until November 8, 2025.



Josephine Fenton Gifford

On opening night, the community is invited to view the exhibit from 4:30pm - 6:30pm to learn how Governor Reuben Fenton's daughter Josephine Gifford was a trailblazer in the City of Jamestown at the turn of the twentieth century. She was deeply involved in community service and played a major role in establishing WCA Hospital (serving on its Board of Directors for two decades), is attributed to starting the Chautauqua County Chapter of the American Red Cross and is the founding member of the Mozart Club, the first women's club in Chautauqua County. In 1900, she was inspired to instill the same spirit of service in her teenage daughter, Cecile, by suggesting that she and her friends sew garments after school for the infants at WCA Hospital. From this modest beginning, Josephine created Crèche to evolve into a major philanthropic and service group focused on helping children in need.

The scope of Crèche's impact has increased over the past 125 years, but the organization has never wavered from its original mission of caring for the children of the Jamestown

area. The call to action that Josephine made in 1900 has been answered by every succeeding generation: passed down to daughters, colleagues, and friends. Crèche's endurance through multiple global pandemics, the First and Second world wars, the Great Depression, and significant social and political change is a testament to the dedication and talents of the many women who have volunteered to join the cause.

The exhibit consists of four life-sized panels displayed in intervals throughout the museum. The panel descriptions span from the founding of Crèche in 1900 to the present. A dynamic timeline of The Crèche's notable community projects, throughout its history, will also be on display.

Crèche is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, established in 1900, by local Jamestown women to provide on-going support to fill any 'gap needs' for infants, children, and youth. To date, the organization of dedicated women continues to provide childcare needs, beds, educational supplies, holiday gifts and countless other needs that cannot be timely met by other organizations. Learn more at www.crecheforkids.org





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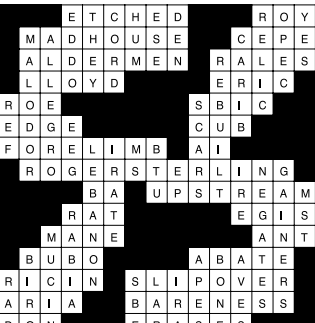




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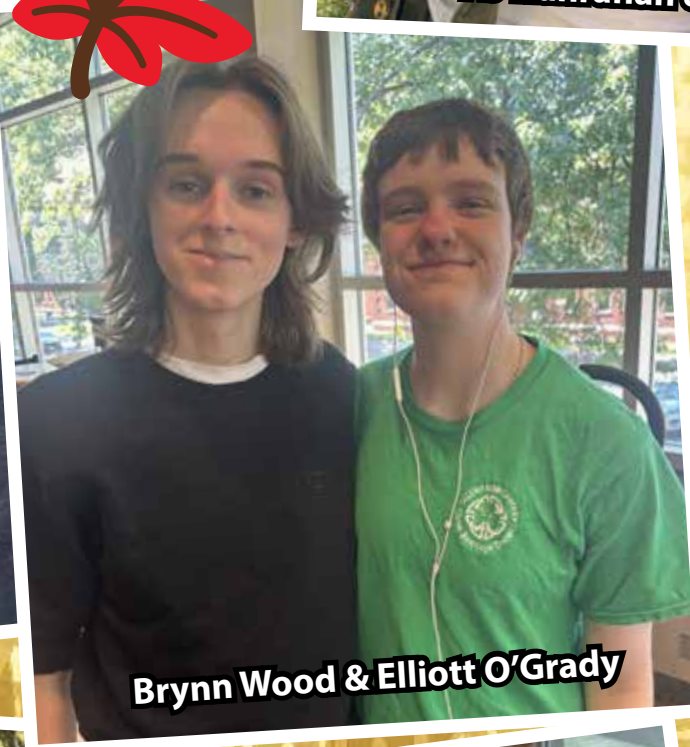
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