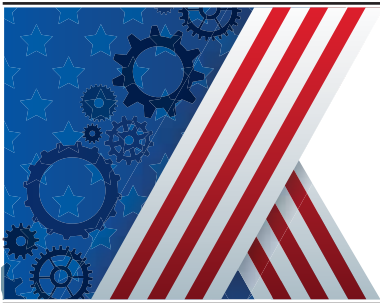






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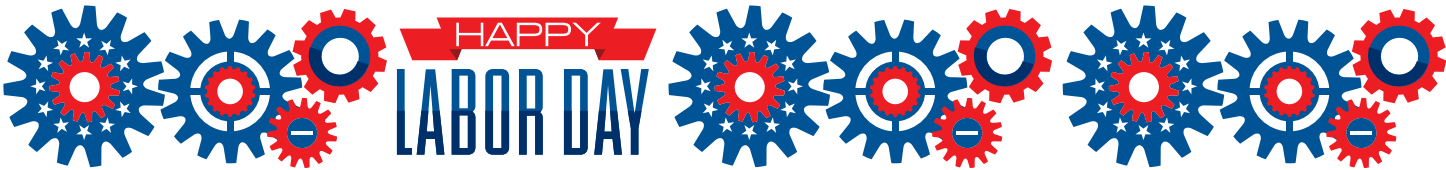
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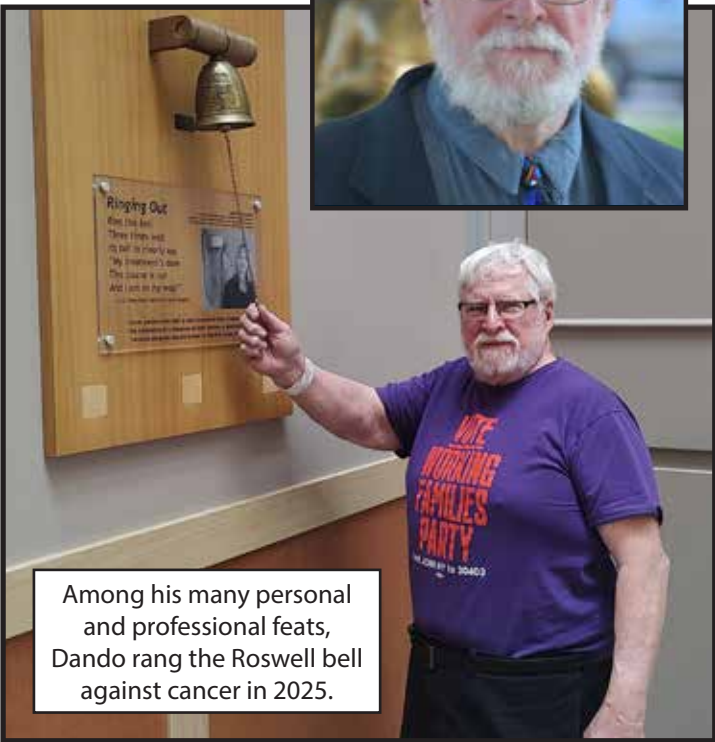
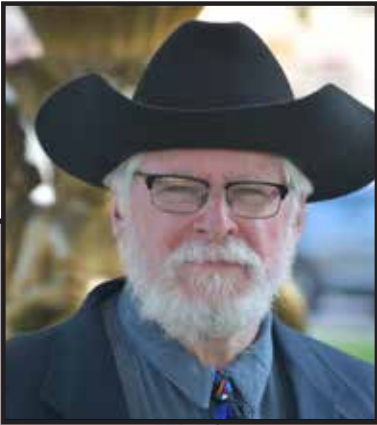
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For Robert “Bob” Dando Jr., a lifetime of involvement in organized labor and community service has largely come down to a simple philosophy: keep going.

“It’s perseverance,” Dando said. “It’s putting one foot in front of the other and just keep on going until you get it done.”

That perseverance, and decades spent advocating for working people throughout Chautauqua County, have earned Dando recognition as the recipient of the George Ritzer Memorial Labor Award.

Presented by the Jamestown Area Labor Council AFL-CIO, the award dates back to 1984 and recognizes an individual who has contributed to the labor movement while also volunteering time to community organizations. The award is named for longtime local labor leader George Ritzer, who served as president of the Jamestown Area Labor Council for more than 20 years and organized and



Among his many personal and professional feats, Dando rang the Roswell bell against cancer in 2025.

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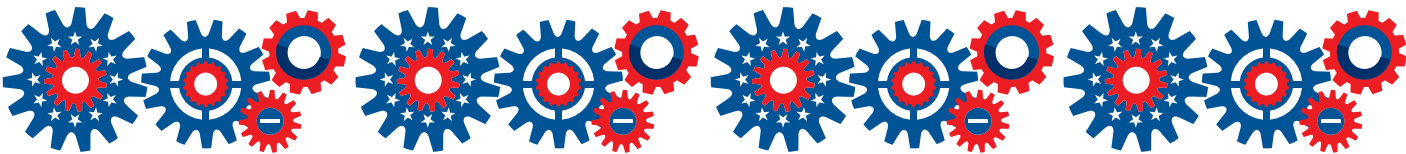


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Contributing Writer
Jordan Nicholson

There is something bittersweet about Labor Day weekend in Chautauqua County.

The calendar says summer has a few weeks left, but we know better. The evenings get cooler. The sun disappears earlier. Baseball enters its stretch run, football takes over Friday nights and Sunday afternoons, and school buses return to our roads.

It is fitting that the holiday marking this transition is Labor Day because Western New York was built by labor — and, more specifically, by union labor.

For generations, a union card represented a pathway into the middle class

here. Union jobs in steel plants, factories, construction sites, public works departments, schools, hospitals, utilities, and the skilled trades allowed working people to buy homes, raise families, send children to college, and retire with dignity.

Buffalo, Dunkirk, Jamestown, and the communities between them grew around people who made things, built things, moved things, and maintained things.

We should also acknowledge an uncomfortable part of our history: Western New York’s long economic decline coincided with the disappearance of many of those good-paying union jobs. Plants closed. Manufacturing moved. Union membership declined. Young people left looking for opportunity elsewhere. The consequences weren’t confined to individual workers. When

good jobs disappeared, neighborhoods, Main Streets, schools, and entire communities felt the loss.

That history makes Labor Day more than another three-day weekend.

At Chautauqua Institution, another summer season has ended. Behind the concerts, lectures, theater, opera, and dance were stagehands represented by IATSE Local 266, alongside members of Buffalo’s IATSE Local 10. They hung lights, ran sound, moved scenery, and did the countless jobs required to make a Chautauqua summer possible.

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Sunset Bay Beach Club - Labor Day with DJ Felony All Day
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Nate Curtis & Fat Cat Freddy 11 AM-7 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Bemus Point Tap House - Bloody Mary with Music by OsbornNash | 1 PM-4 PM
72 Main Street | Bemus Point
For Info: bemustaphouse.com

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

Labyrinth Press Co. - Trivia Night | 6 PM-8:30 PM
12 E 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

Beach Dog Grill - Open Mic with Don | 6 PM-9 PM
Wright Park | Dunkirk
For Info: Beach Dog Grill Facebook

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 -

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

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

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

Labyrinth Press Co. - Music on the Stoop - Brody Schenk
12 E 4th St | Jamestown
For Info: labpressco.com

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

CHQ Professionals Group Coffee Meet | 8 AM-9:30 AM
Full Strength Coffee Co | Westfield
For Info: ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

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

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

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

Group Ther-Happy - Trivia Night | 7 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
For Info: groupher-happy.com

Here & There – Chautauqua County History, Travelers and Memories | 7 PM
The 1891 Fredonia Opera House | Fredonia
For Info: fredopera.org

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 -

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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

9-11 Remembrance Ceremony | 12 PM
Chautauqua County Courthouse | Mayville

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

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - I-90's | 6 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Jamestown Dance Festival 2026 - Music From The Sole + Sun Kim Dance Theatre | 7 PM
Reg Lenna Center for the Arts | Jamestown
For Info: reglenna.com/events/jamestown-dance-festival-2026

Wicked Warren's - 2 DJ Legends Dance Party 8 PM-11 PM
119 West 3rd Street | Jamestown
For Info: wickedwarrens.com

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

Raven & Thorn - Midnight Margaritas | 10:30 PM
26 Water St. | Fredonia
For Info: ravenandthorn.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Wild Wind Folk Art & Crafts Festival | 10:30 PM
371 Barton Run Rd., Route 6 | Pittsfield
For Info: wildwindfestival.com

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The Wine Cellar - 50th Anniversary Celebration | All Day
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For Info: The Wine Cellar Facebook

Sinclairville History Fair | 7 AM-9 PM
Main St | Sinclairville
For Info: tourchautauqua.com/events/sinclairville-history-fair

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

Talent Has No Borders: Immigrant Artists Panel | 10am
St. Luke's Undercroft | Jamestown
For Info: www.facebook.com/NewNeighborsCoalition

Free Rabies Vaccine Vet Clinic | 10 AM - 12 PM
83 South Main Street | Jamestown
For Info: HealthyCHQ.com/Rabies

Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers: Fantastic Fungi | 10 AM-11:30 AM
1600 Riverside Road | Jamestown
For Info: auduboncnc.org

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Midnight Bearhug & Smokin 45 | 1 PM-9 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Jackson After Dark | 6 PM-9 PM
Robert H. Jackson Center | Jamestown
For Info: roberthjackson.org/events

Sunset Bay Beach Club - Live N Kickin' | 7 PM
1028 South Shore Dr. | Irving
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Group Ther-Happy - Jerod Eggleston | 8 PM-11 PM
103 Chautauqua Ave. | Lakewood
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Shawbucks - DJ Xcite | 9 PM
212 West 2nd St. | Jamestown | For Info: shawbucks.com

Steelbound Brewery - DJ KT Styles | 9 PM-1 AM
30 Lake Shore Dr E | Dunkirk
For Info: Steelbound Dunkirk FB Page

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

Southern Tier Brewing Co - Side Eye | 3 PM-6 PM
2072 Stoneman Circle | Lakewood
For Info: lakewood.stbcbeer.com

Splash Bemus - Live Music with Shawn | 6 PM-8 PM
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“May We Never Forget”: Chautauqua County to Honor 9/11 Victims, Heroes & Survivors on 25th Anniversary

Annual remembrance ceremony will bring together first responders, veterans, community leaders and residents to reflect on the lasting impact of Sept. 11, 2001

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Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. invites the public to join County officials, first responders, veterans, community leaders, and fellow residents for the County’s Annual 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony, marking the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The ceremony will be held at noon on Friday, September 11, 2026, on the front steps of the Chautauqua County Courthouse, 3 N. Erie St., Mayville, NY. The public is invited to attend this solemn observance.

“Twenty-five years later, we continue to remember the lives forever changed on September 11, 2001,” said County Executive Wendel. “We remember the nearly 3,000 innocent people who lost their lives that day, the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Global War on Terror, and those who have since lost their li-

ves to illnesses connected to 9/11. We also remember those who continue to struggle with the physical and mental health consequences of that day and of their service.”

The 25th anniversary provides an opportunity to pause and reflect on the profound impact of September 11 and to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who responded, served, and continue to live with the lasting effects of that day.

“May we never forget,” Wendel said. “And may we continue to support one another and those who still carry the visible and invisible wounds of September 11th and the years of service that followed.”

The public is encouraged to join County officials, first responders, veterans, community leaders and fellow residents for this solemn remembrance. For those unable to attend in person, a livestream will be available on Chautauqua County’s YouTube page.



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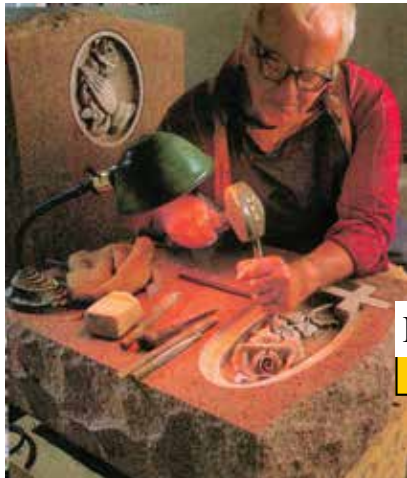
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Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

As the result of efforts by organized labor, Labor Day became a federal holiday in this country in 1894. Similar recognition of the importance of labor exists throughout the world. Although advocacy for this recognition lay mostly with labor organizations, the honor and appreciation we accord

labor belongs to everyone who performs any kind of work. All honest labor, be it manual labor or esoteric scientific research, is sacred.

As we celebrate Labor Day, the faithful should consider how our daily endeavors intersect with our faith. It is not difficult to understand that labor is a part of God's plan for us. We were created with needs for products and services that can only be met with human effort, labor. Even in Eden, we read in Genesis 2:15 that Adam was given a job to do. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it."

Both the scriptures and our secular society expect adults to accept personal responsibility for supporting themselves and their dependents.

2 Thessalonians 3:10b is blunt: "If anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat." With varying degrees of effectiveness, modern society tries to address the needs of those who lack the physical or mental capacity to be self-sufficient.

Our labor takes three directions. We work to directly provide services and products for ourselves and our dependents, and we participate in an economy that compensates us for vocations so we may purchase goods and services from others. The third direction enhances the quality of all our lives.

It is the labor of volunteers, people who labor for the benefit of our society without compensation in response to the second Great Commandment to love our neighbors.

Comments honoring labor often speak

of "honest labor" because labor should be performed with integrity, honesty with respect to employers, employees, colleagues, customers, and others with whom we may engage in work-related relationships. We know many efforts do not conform to this standard including

criminal activities, careless or negligent performance, and people taking unfair advantage of each other.

Our labor is to be the product of our best efforts. "Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans,..." Colossians 3:23. Colossians 3:17 tells us, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving

thanks to God the Father through him." Similar direction is provided in other scripture. The late Dolly Parton was not alone in exemplifying the appropriate attitude when she prayed before each performance that it would be a blessing to her audience.

We are to take pride in our work, notwithstanding the many scriptures that condemn pride. The condemnation is of conceit, arrogance, and self-aggrandizement. Other scripture recognizes the appropriateness of the humble pride of one who applies God-given gifts with diligence and care to perform as God would

have him or her perform. Galatians 6:4 tells us, "All must test their own work; then that work, ..., will become a cause for pride."

The important role of compassion in our labor varies considerably. Suffice it to say, whatever we do should be done so as to incorporate compassion for those involved and affected, those whom Christ designates as the neighbors we are to love.

Let us enjoy Labor Day and take time to recommit to incorporation of our religious values into our labor.

Rev. John Jackson is an Air Force veteran and the pastor of Camp Street United Methodist Church in Jamestown. He was called to pastoral ministry in 2011, after retiring from a previous career and moving into this area in 2006. Pastor John's church involvement includes presidency of the Conference trustees, chair of the district lay speaker committee, and member of the District Superintendent committee in addition to local church responsibilities. John served as a lay speaker for many years, and after retirement became a licensed local pastor, pastoring North Harmony UMC for six years and serving as associate pastor at Hurlbut UMC for several years thereafter.

Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

WHAT DOES LABOR DAY MEAN TO YOU?



Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

opportunity to build a better life for those who come after us.

Labor Day offers something else worth celebrating: a well-earned pause. A day of rest to gather with family and friends and to appreciate that behind nearly everything we enjoy is someone who showed up and did the work. In that sense, Labor Day is a simple thank you to the hands, hearts and determination of our workers.

As Labor Day brings summer to a close, it also gives us a moment to pause and recognize the people whose work keeps our communities moving forward. Their contributions are woven into the fabric of everyday life. This Labor Day, we celebrate not only the work that is done, but the hardworking people behind it. They are the backbone of our towns and of our country.

And by the way...did you know that Labor Day is also the unofficial end of hot dog season? The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council reports that between Memorial Day and Labor Day, Americans consume an estimated 7 billion hot dogs.

So let's honor our dedicated workforce this weekend while we enjoy one more grilled hot dog!

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. Workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square for better conditions. President Grover Cleveland signed Labor Day into law on June 28, 1894, making the first Monday of each September a national holiday.

To many, Labor Day means honoring the people whose hard work is acknowledged. They are the early risers, late-shift workers, builders, teachers, doctors, nurses, caregivers, shopkeepers, farmers, first responders, firefighters, bus drivers, mail carriers, grocery store workers and countless others who often work without much recognition. It is also a reminder that work is more than a paycheck. It can represent pride, purpose, perseverance and the

The Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild will meet Wednesday, September 9 at Busti 5 Corners Community Church in Busti.

Refreshments are available from 6-6:30 with the business meeting starting at 6:30. This month's program "Organizing your Quilting Space" is being presented by Birgit Hanson. Membership cards for 2026 are now available which may be used to get a discount at select quilt shops. Parking is available at the church and across the street at the fire department. Visitors are always welcome. Come join us.

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International Observe
the Moon Night



A View of the Moon and Earth from Artemis II Credit: NASA

Contributing Writer

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Martz-Kohl Observatory

The Martz-Kohl Observatory invites the public to celebrate International Observe the Moon Night on Saturday, September 19 at 7:30 p.m. This free, educational event will be held live at the observatory (not Zoom streamed) and is suitable for all ages. Joining over 1.3 million observers across 127 countries and all seven continents, visitors will learn more about our nearest celestial neighbor.



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telescopes may be set up outside.

International Observe the Moon Night is a NASA-sponsored annual worldwide public engagement program celebrating the Moon and its connection to space exploration and human culture. This event brings together Moon enthusiasts from around the world. More info: <https://martzobservatory.org>

The Martz-Kohl Observatory, located at 176 Robbin Hill Rd., Frewsburg, NY, is operated by the Marshal Martz Memorial Astronomical Association, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to amateur astronomy. The emphasis of the association is observational astronomy, education outreach, citizen science, and enjoyment of the starry skies.



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Western New York Was Built by Labor

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takes a large space in the middle of a quaint village and turns it into SUNY Fredonia, one of our county’s greatest economic assets that features a dedicated union workforce.

Teachers represented by New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) return to classrooms across Chautauqua County, alongside unionized bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers, aides, clerical employees, and maintenance crews.

The buses they drive travel roads maintained by public employees represented by the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), including NYSDOT road workers and Chautauqua County highway crews based out of Mayville.

Our infrastructure carries the fingerprints of the building trades, too: Operating Engineers Local 17, whose members operate heavy equipment and perform construction and public-sector maintenance; Laborers Local 621 of LiUNA, which provides construction craft training and apprenticeships; and Iron Workers Local 6, representing ironworkers in northern Chautauqua County and the Buffalo area.

This year, when the Buffalo Bills take the field, they’ll do so in a brand-new Highmark Stadium — and Western New York should take particular pride in who built it.

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 22, Laborers Local 210, Carpenters Local 276, Electricians Local 41, Operating Engineers Local 17, Ironworkers Local 6, Bricklayers Local 3, Sheet Metal Workers Local 71, Roofers Local 74, Insulators Local 4, Cement Masons Local 111, Painters and Finishers from District Council 4, Elevator Constructors Local 14, and Plasterers Local 9 all participated in its construction.

Different trades. Different skills. Different

rent locals. One stadium.

It’s also worth noting that the very same players we cheer on Sundays are, themselves, represented by a union (NFLPA). Professional sports unions have often been trailblazers in the American labor movement.

When the television cameras sweep across that building this fall (cameras operated by unionized professionals) remember what it represents. Western New York can still build big things, and working people can still build good lives when skilled work is treated as something worthy of good wages, benefits, training, and respect.

Before long, winter will arrive, and CSEA-represented highway crews and other public employees will climb into snowplows while most of us sleep. They’ll keep roads open so ambulances reach hospitals, workers reach their jobs, and children reach their schools.

Members of the Chautauqua County Sheriff’s Employees Association will be working, too, alongside thousands of other public employees whose jobs don’t stop for weekends, holidays, or snowstorms.

Labor Day exists because generations of workers organized for something better.

The eight-hour day, the weekend, overtime, workplace safety, pensions, benefits, apprenticeships, and the basic principle that working people deserve a voice on the job weren’t gifts. Workers organized, negotiated, marched, struck, and sacrificed for them.

Western New York knows what strong organized labor can build because we live among the evidence.

And we know what happens when good-paying jobs disappear because we have lived through that, too.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Dunkirk Lodge 922 wishes to congratulate our Exalted Ruler, Robert (Bob) Dando,

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It is with much gratitude that our Vice Chair, Robert E. Dando, Jr. follow a proud legacy of George Ritzer recipients in our community.



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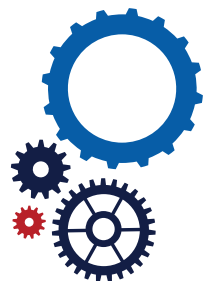
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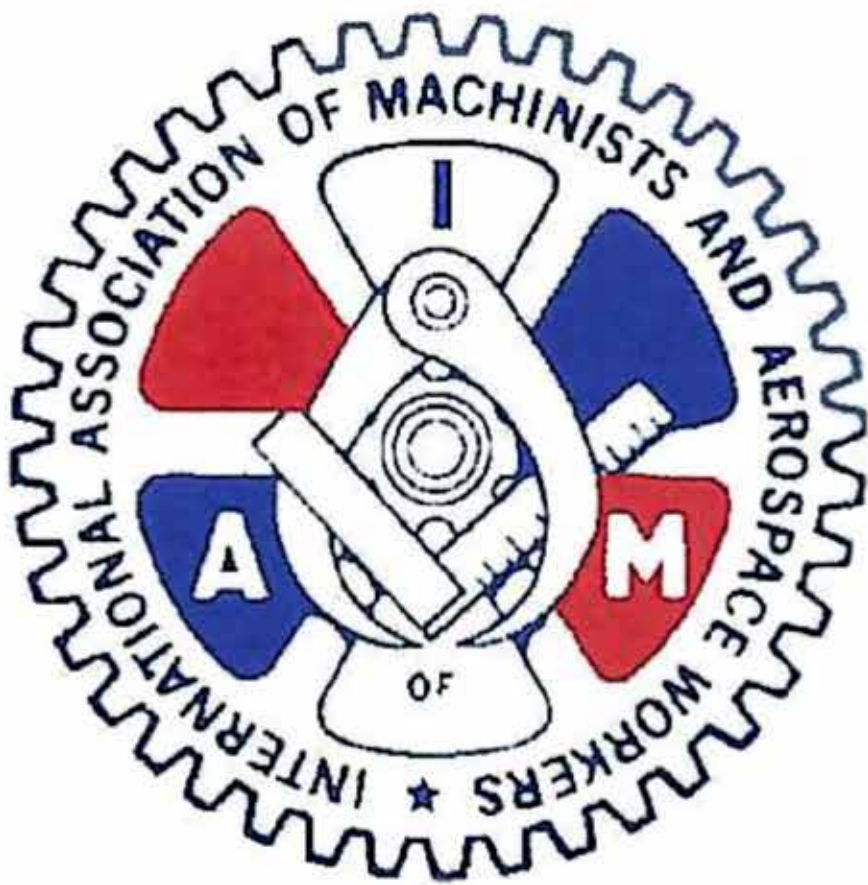
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

Celebrating Handcrafted Artistry and Family Fun!

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Wild Wind 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!

For more detailed information, please visit www.wildwindfestival.com, email info@wildwindfestival.com, or call 802-689-0609.

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What Does It Feel Like to Belong? Welcoming Week Invites Jamestown into the Conversation

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New Neighbors Coalition

When was the last time you walked into a room and knew you belonged? Maybe someone knew your name. Maybe you recognized something of yourself in the people around you. Maybe you simply knew your presence mattered. That question—what does it mean to truly belong?—is at the heart of this year's Welcoming Week, September 11–19, organized locally by the New Neighbors Coalition (NNC).

“We all know the difference between being allowed into a space and actually feeling that we belong there,” said Momina Di Blasio of the New Neighbors Coalition. “Welcoming Week asks how we can create that sense of belonging for one another, especially for neighbors building a life in a new country and community.”

The week begins in partnership with Sukanya Burman Dance and the Jamestown Dance Festival. On Friday, September 11 at 7pm at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, immigrant-founded Sun Kim Dance Theatre and Music From the Sole will perform. Sun Kim's Alien of Extraordinary explores the experience of navigating the U.S. immigration system while pursuing a life as an artist. Tickets can be purchased through the Reg Lenna box office.

You can get to know the performers more deeply by attending the Talent Has No Borders: Immigrant Artists Panel on Saturday, September 12 at 10am in the St. Luke's Undercroft. This will be an intimate conversation on the impact of the immigration system on the creation and performance of art in the United States. Hear directly from the artists, how their journey and experiences have shaped their work.

NNC will then host a Welcoming and Belonging Through Everyday Advocacy Workshop in the St. Luke's Undercroft on Monday, September 14 at 5pm. Explore how to practice immigrant advocacy from a place of bridging and connection, considering ways to have difficult conversations with curiosity and compassion.

The week's central community conversation takes place Wednesday, September 16 at 6pm, when NNC, the Jamestown Justice Coalition, and the Robert H. Jackson Center host Community Conversation: Welcoming & Belonging. Moderated by Kristen McMahon, President of the

Robert H. Jackson Center, the conversation will feature Daniel DeMarte, President of Jamestown Community College, Michael Edwards, Director of Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, Patricia Graves, Director of Chadakoin Valley Project, Twan Leenders, Director of Conservation at Everwild Land Trust.

Together, they will explore how schools, neighborhoods, public spaces, history, and community institutions can help create a Jamestown where people don't simply feel welcomed but know they belong. The September 12 panel, the September 14 workshop, and the September 16 community conversation are all free and open to the public.

What does welcoming mean to you? When we stay curious and open to one another, we find the stories that remind us we're not navigating this moment alone.

Welcoming Week is where these stories become action—where what communities say about themselves starts to shape what they do. Working through our own vulnerability to welcome others,

to be seen, and to make our communities stronger; that is a courageous act.

Storytelling is a powerful tool for connection. When we are open to sharing the experiences that have shaped our perspectives, values, and ideas, we can build a deeper level of understanding that helps us find what connects us.

Be a part of the local welcoming story. NNC will be conducting short interviews before and after Welcoming Week events with community members to share their own experience with welcoming and belonging. Interviewees are welcome to share a personal story, some family history, or a moment of welcoming and belonging they witnessed of someone else. There will be various ways participants can share their stories including, via video recording, audio recording, and written interviews. There are no requirements or expectations for community members who participate in these brief interviews; the goal is simply to listen and preserve local stories.

New Neighbors Coalition is a community-based immigration support effort housed at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. For general inquiry, to volunteer and to stay connected, follow www.facebook.com/NewNeighborsCoalition, email Momina Di Blasio at momina@stlukes-jamestown.org or call the St. Luke's office at (716) 483 – 6405.

The Australian Pink Floyd Show: A Concert Like No Other

Photo Credit: Lilianna Fuller



Editor-in-Chief
Katrina Fuller

I've gone to quite a few concerts in my life. Live music has been a large part of my life - my parents made sure of it. The concerts I've attended over the years run the gamut: rock, pop, country and so on. None of them held a candle to the experience I had on Aug. 28 with my daughter seeing The Australian Pink Floyd Show at Chautauqua Institution.

The experience started as we walked down the famous Brick Walk to the Amphitheater. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as people hurried along, ready to start the fun of the evening and get to their seats. The Amphitheater awaited, an iconic open-air venue that seats 4,400 people and offers a unique experience that allows the music to wash over the crowd in ways that cannot be explained. We entered through the gates, found our seats and took in the stage set up.

I didn't know what to expect from the Australian Pink Floyd Show, but I could tell when we sat down and gazed up at the stage, it was going to be quite the performance. There was a large, circular screen at center stage, surrounded by lights. My eldest daughter had never been to a rock concert before, and was giddy with excitement.

“They have a fog machine,” she whispered, awestruck.

The lights went down, the fog thickened, and the band members took the stage for what turned out to be a thrilling almost three hour concert. Dear readers, I use the term concert lightly, as the term does not completely explain the experience of such a show. It was as if the Australian Pink Floyd Show took us on a journey through laser lights, visuals, vocals and music

that completely captured our senses. In a time when society's collective attention span measures as long as a Tik Tok video, this experience was a godsend. My daughter and I joined the massive crowd of hundreds in being told a story of not only Pink Floyd's greatest hits, but something deeper: passion for the beauty in the world, a warning of the dangers of control, the pain that life can sometimes bring and the incredible balm that a collective experience of music can provide.

Chris Barnes, band member and singer, gave haunting renditions of Pink Floyd's songs in such a way you would've guessed he wrote them himself. Paired with the incredible vocals and expert bass playing of Ricky Howard, the soul-clenching guitar solos of lead guitarist David Domminney Fowler and Luc Ledy-Lepine, the keyboard master Matt Riddle, the talented rhythm and groove of drummer Paul Bonney and the incredible gusto of saxophone playing by Alex Francois, the night was made instantaneously into magic through the sound and performance.

The band's performance of hits such as “Another Brick in the Wall,” “Time,” and “Money” enveloped the entire amphitheater in energy, awe and excitement. Every time the opening riffs would sing out, the crowd responded with calls of joy and applause. A personal favorite, though it's hard to pick just one, was the opening “call and response” to the song, “Wish You Were Here.” A well-known opening to fans across the globe, Fowler and Ledy-Lepine successfully performed the haunting cords in a musical conversation that froze time and quieted the crowd.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the breathtaking performances of

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CHQ PROFESSIONALS GROUP HOSTS COFFEE MEET UP AT FULL STRENGTH COFFEE CO.

Local professionals invited to September 10 event to network and share details about their work



The monthly coffee meetups, hosted by the CHQ Professionals Group, gives professionals from across Chautauqua County an opportunity to network and connect in a casual and friendly environment. The next meetup is scheduled for September 10 at Full Strength Coffee Co. in Westfield.

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CHQ Professionals Group

The next coffee meetup of the CHQ Professionals Group will be held at Full Strength Coffee Co., located at 55 E. Main St. in Westfield, on Thursday, September 10, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

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

“These meetups provide a free and inclusive space for area professionals to connect, exchange ideas, and strengthen community ties in a relaxed, casual setting, while also highlighting and supporting local businesses,” said Monica Simpson, co-chair of the CHQ Professionals Group.

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

“The meetups allow us to meet new people, strengthen professional connections, and learn more about the work happening across the county. We’re excited to return to Westfield and continuing that momentum at Full Strength Coffee Co.,” Simpson added.

The CHQ Professionals Group is an initiative of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth. In addition to hosting events, the group also distributes a monthly newsletter, shares local job postings, and continues to explore volunteer opportunities related to workforce and career development.

For more information, email simpsonm@chqgov.com or call 716-363-3770. More details can also be found at ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

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

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5. A Spanish title of respect
10. A way of looking
12. Properly
14. Rolled steel
16. Not down
18. Law degree
19. Consume food
20. Intermediate ecological stage
22. Old world, new
23. Dispense justice
25. Stiff hair-like structure
26. Ethiopia
27. Cool!
28. Father
30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
31. Holm oak
33. Be united
35. Rattling breaths
37. Supermarket chain
38. Provided with a quality
40. Samoan monetary unit
41. Swiss river
42. Hill (Celtic)
44. Have already done
45. ATM company
48. Syngman __, Korean president
50. Very willing
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Food listings
55. Bachelor's place to crash
56. Big Blue
57. Sports magazine
58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A type of laugh
66. Slovenly women
67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT
2. Zero
3. Midway between north and northeast
4. Concurred
5. Added flavor
6. Amount of time
7. Eggs of parasitic insects
8. S-shaped moldings
9. Atomic #45
10. __ d'art: small artistic item
11. A godparent's "kids"
13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard
15. Hit lightly
17. Aircrafts
18. Witness
21. Alluding to something
23. Take to the limit
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Start over
29. Administered
32. Romanian monetary unit
34. Unit of liquid capacity
35. Equips with weapons again
36. Disney town
39. Female deer
40. Title of respect
43. A place to go rafting
44. A way to conclude
46. Type of television
47. Georgia rockers
49. Leonhard __, Swiss mathematician
51. Slang for gun
54. River in Bosnia and Herzegovina
59. Bar bill
60. Small, gray-headed crow
61. Frozen water
62. Norwegian krone
64. Commercial



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backup singers Lorelei McBroom, Emily Lynn and Kelly Lamont. These three incredible performers offered show-stopping vocals and vibrant energy to the stage in a way that is hard to put into words. From the choreography to their inspiring singing talent and the beautiful way they weaved their performance into the entirety of the show, it was an absolute testament to their passion.

While the Australian Pink Floyd Show is known as a tribute band, those who attend the show leave knowing that these musical artists can proudly stand on their own two feet. They very capably walk the line between honoring the artists who created the music they perform and adding their own verve and sense of identity to their performances. What I loved the most were the odes to Australia tucked into the show: the snippets of Australian television interspersed into the video clips, the kangaroo themes throughout the show and the appearance of the largest inflatable Kangaroo I've ever seen.

The best moment, albeit a personal



Photo Credit: Lilianna Fuller

one, was as we were leaving the venue after the concert. Overcome with emotion and euphoria, my daughter ran up to me and wrapped me in a hug, whispering, "That was epic."

I know one thing: if The Australian Pink Floyd Show returns to Chautauqua County, I will be the first in line to get tickets. I have never been to a concert or experience quite like that before, and I can only hope to experience it just one more time. I hope, dear readers, you will take this to heart and find yourself in that line when the time comes. I'd hate to have to say, "Wish you were here."

For more information on The Australian Pink Floyd Show, visit www.aussiefloyd.com or find them on Spotify to hear their music.

Audubon Little Explorers Saturday, Registration Open for Enchanted Forest



It's time to register for Audubon Community Nature Center's **Enchanted Forest on October 2 and 3**, when human-size creatures like this little brown bat will tell you about their lives. Details at AudubonCNC.org/enchanted-forest.

This Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m., 3 to 8-year-old Little Explorers and their adults will study "Fantastic Fungi." Learn how molds and mushrooms benefit plants, animals, and people and see how many different colors, shapes, and sizes you can discover outside.

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Reg Lenna Center for The Arts continues Memory Café program with support from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Fund for Caregivers. The funding is administered by the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

Memory Cafés are accepting and welcoming environments to engage people living with any stage of dementia (diagnosed or not) in enjoyable, non-clinical interventions designed to enhance the quality of life for them and their care partners.

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Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' participation in the program began in 2024 with Executive Director, Hillary Meyer completing training in Memory Café implementation with a cohort of other non-profit leaders in the Western New York region. After staff training,

The Reg began offering the program in February of 2025.

The first year and a half of Memory Cafés at The Reg featured live music from Gavin Paterniti, Bill Ward, John Cross, Randy Graham, Karen Suber, and Jamestown Harmony Express; dance, movement and theater from Sukanya Burman Dance, Andrea Dimaio, Madness Most Discreet and Lipps Poppin Productions; visual art from Deb Eck, Sarah Brown-Millspaw, Leslie Calimeri, and Joe Grice; and flower arrangements from Wild Blossom Hollow and Brigiotta's.

Upcoming Cafés include Chair Yoga with Andrea DiMaio - Sept. 8, up-cycled fall crafting with Heather Felton - Oct. 13, art with Sarah Brown-Millspaw - Nov. 10, and holiday music with Karen Suber - Dec. 8.

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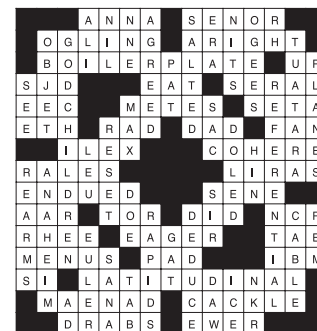
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Westfield Hospital Foundation welcomes new board member

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Westfield Memorial Hospital

The Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation recently welcomed Nancy Scriven to its Board of Directors.

A lifelong resident of Westfield, Scriven brings extensive professional, community, and fundraising experience to the hospital Foundation. She spent 28 years as a secretary at Welch Foods and served on the board of the Welch Foods Employee Association.

Scriven has remained active in the Westfield community through a variety of roles. She served as manager of the Westfield Farmers Market for two years, helping enhance its presence within the community. She also managed the wine store at Merritt Winery at Crossroads.

In addition to her professional experience, Scriven brings valuable fundraising experience through her involvement with Toys for Tots, WACS Cheerleaders and Stepping Out Dance Academy.

“I feel that my skills and experience align well with the mission of the Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation, and I’m honored to have the opportunity to contribute,” Scriven said.

Her connection to Westfield Memorial Hospital is also deeply personal. Her brother, Jon Belcher,



is a former emergency department (ED) technician – a role now held by his son, and Nancy’s nephew, Joshua, while Jon’s wife, Deborah Belcher, is a former hospital employee who served many years as a registered nurse.

Even more meaningful, four generations of Scriven’s family have personal ties to Westfield Memorial Hospital. Nancy Scriven, her husband, James, their daughter, Lisa Spencer and Nancy’s mother, Isabelle Belcher were all born at the community hospital.

With her longstanding commitment to the Westfield community, professional experience, and personal connection to the hospital, Scriven looks forward to supporting the Foundation’s efforts to strengthen and sustain one of Westfield’s greatest treasures – its community hospital for many years to come.

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In 2027, the Chautauqua County Fair will celebrate its 110th birthday!

While the first recorded countywide fair was held in 1821, such events were held at irregular intervals until the 20th century. Beginning in 1917, the fair has been held every year except the three years of World War II, during which the grounds and buildings were used by the U.S. Government to house prisoners of war, and two years (2020 and 2021) during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual event has grown over the decades into the summer event that many look forward to today.

Join Dave Wilson and representatives of the Chautauqua County Agricultural and Fair Association as they share the History of the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds.

Admission to the lecture is free, with donations gratefully accepted. Opera House programming is made possible, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and by the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County.



CHAMBER CORNER

2026 Chamber Business Milestones to be Recognized

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

As the CHQ Chamber continues to gear up for our annual Business Awards Banquet this year, we are pleased to announce a list of Chamber member businesses and organizations that will be recognized for anniversaries in 2026.

Observing 200 years this year are the State University of New York at Fredonia and The Post-Journal. Community Bank, NA, has been in business for 160 years. Celebrating 135-year anniversaries are the 1891 Fredonia Opera House and Lake Shore Bank. Jamestown Mattress Company has been in business for 140 years. Putnam Record Insurance Agency in Dunkirk is observing 95 years in business. Johnny's Lunch in Jamestown is celebrating a 90th anniversary. The Elizabeth Warner Marvin Community House in Jamestown is observing 75 years of service. Jamestown Container Companies and JRSC Digital in Jamestown have each been going for 70 years. Alliance Financial Network, Inc. is in its 60th year. Celebrating 50 years are The Wine Cellar in Jamestown and US Steam Lines LTD & The Chautauqua Belle in Mayville. The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame is in its 45th year. Celebrating 40 years are the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Southwest Region Small Business Development Center, and Springville Door & Window. Marking 30 years are both 3 C's Catering in Kennedy, and Festivals Fredonia, Inc. Commemorating 25 years are the Robert H. Jackson Center, Inc. in Jamestown and Thru the Grapevine Travel in Silver Creek. The Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center in Mayville has a 20-year anniversary. Celebrating 15 years are Bag & String Wine Merchants in Lakewood and Portage Pie in Westfield. Marking 5 years in business are Art Cloth & Craft and Ballgame Heroes, both in Jamestown, and Buddy Brewsters in Lakewood.

Each of these organizations has made a profound mark in Chautauqua County, providing service, education and training, expertise, quality merchandise, and more to help build the quality of life in our region. Collectively they employ hundreds of people. Their longevity is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff, owners, volunteers, and customers who make these businesses and nonprofits work to serve our community.

All are invited to help us honor these milestones, and our other Business Award recipients, during the CHQ Chamber Business Awards Banquet which will be held Thursday, October 8 at the Williams Center at SUNY

Fredonia. The CHQ Chamber Business Awards Banquet is designed to help meet our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

Our business awardees for 2026 are: Business of the Year – DFT Communications; Business Champion – Chautauqua Lake Dental; Emerging Business of the Year – Westfield Makerspace; Hospitality Business of the Year – 3 Lakes Café; Service Business of the Year – Sanfilippo Solutions, Inc.; Producer of the Year – Wells Enterprises; and Not-for-Profit of the Year – Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

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 at www.chamberrsvp.org.

Official Introductions is This Thursday

Limited space remains for the CHQ Chamber's Official Introductions, which will be held Thursday, September 10 from 5-7pm at the Athenaeum Hotel, Chautauqua. 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. Official Introductions is a networking event like no other. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and the CHQ Chamber will help facilitate meetings as needed with legislators, council members, and more so local businesspeople can have meaningful discussions with elected representatives.

This year's event is sponsored by 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. The cost is \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members. Due to remaining space constraints, we ask that you contact Director of Events Staunzie Grady to register at (716) 484-1101 ext. 300.

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Robert H. Jackson Center welcomes *The Voice* singer for end of summer fundraiser

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Robert H. Jackson Center

The Robert H. Jackson Center will host its signature end-of-summer fundraiser, Jackson After Dark, on Saturday, September 12, from 6 to 9 p.m., featuring performances by rising star Lucas West, who placed third on Season 29 of NBC's "The Voice."

West, a Fairport, N.Y., native and recent SUNY Fredonia graduate, captured national attention with a knockout-round cover of Billy Joel's "New York State of Mind" that Joel himself shared, a moment West called a "dream come true." Since his run on "The Voice," West has released his debut single, "But I'm Alone," now available on all streaming platforms.

"Jackson After Dark will not just be an event, but an experience. A celebration of the five senses," says David Niles, RHJC's Director of Development. "Guests will be free to wander the

elegant, candlelit rooms of the historic Kent Mansion as the evening unfolds around them."

The senses will be engaged at every turn: company members of Sukanya Burman Dance will weave improvisational performances throughout the Center, finding guests wherever they roam. Cellist Mandy Majtan will perform from the front porch, while guitarist Norm Karin plays inside the mansion.

Studio D Catering will offer hors d'oeuvres from a live Chef Action Station in the Grant Room, sponsored by M&T Bank. The Jackson Bar will serve specialty cocktails featuring spirits from Evans Wines & Liquors and wines from Johnson Estate Winery. The evening will also debut a new craft beer by Wicked Warren's, "The Justice," brewed in honor of Robert H. Jackson.

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First Outdoor Digital Touchscreen Kiosk (ODTK) in Chautauqua County Installed in Mayville

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the Chautauqua Town Historical Society’s Museum Modernization Project, generously supported by grants from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Lakeshore Bank, DFT Communications, Chautauqua County Program for Economic Progress, and the Village of Mayville. Phase One included installation of WIFI, broadband and fiber optic, computers, printer/copier/scanner, and a touchscreen wall video system for showing short historical videos of Mayville and the Lake Chautauqua area. Prior to this, all secretarial and other informational work was done 19th century style – with pen and paper. Phase Two is the installation and operation of the kiosk, provided by Empire Digital Signs, and establishing what promises to be a new venue in Mayville for public and personal interaction. Conveniently located by the Rail-to-Trail path next to the Depot parking lot, it should become a central information node for not only Mayville, but the entire Lake Chautauqua area. The content capacity of ODTKs is virtually



unlimited. Want to find out about local businesses, public services, natural and commercial attractions, or simply local history? The Depot kiosk is the place to go! There will be a Grand Launch and ribbon cutting Saturday, September 12, at 3 pm. In addition to a demonstration of the kiosk, there will be a large mobile LED screen on site, compliments of Empire Digital Signs, showing historical videos and other related items from 3-5 pm. This precedes the 2nd Annual Mayville Community picnic in Lakeside Park at 5 pm

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music by Rachel Eisenstat, free downtown walking tours by the Fenton History Center, and the Jamestown Farmers Market with eleven vendors. This event is Thursday, September 17 from 5-8pm and is sponsored by Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Gebbie Foundation, Sukanya Burman Dance, and SumoFiber. **Business After Hours at RTPi** Business After Hours is back for the fall at the Roger Tory Peterson Ins-

titute, 311 Curtis Street, Jamestown on Thursday, September 24 from 5-6:30pm. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Chamber members can send two people free of charge. Additional members or non-members are \$10 each. This Business After Hours is sponsored by the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, LaBella Associates, Phillips Lytle, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and State University of New York at Fredonia. Registration is open now through the CHQ Chamber's online calendar.

Dando Honored With George Ritzer Memorial Labor Award

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served as president of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1. The award will be presented at the City of Jamestown's annual Labor Day Festival.

For Dando, learning he would join the notable list of past recipients came as a surprise. During a Labor Council Zoom meeting, Dando had actually been thinking about someone else he could nominate for the honor when the conversation unexpectedly turned toward him.

"Somebody else kind of piped in, 'I was going to nominate Bob,'" he recalled. "I was totally surprised. I really appreciate it, and I feel honored by it."

Dando's path to Chautauqua County began in 1967, when he arrived to attend SUNY Fredonia. He graduated in 1971 after an active college career that included student organizations, Student Government and varsity wrestling. He went on to work at Red Wing, later Carriage House, in Fredonia from 1973 until his retirement in 2011. It was there that Dando's long involvement with organized labor began.

"I didn't really know much about unions until I wound up working at Red Wing," he said.

He soon became a union steward, beginning years of work representing employees, participating in contract negotiations and serving in leadership roles. Dando eventually became president of NCFO Local 266 SEIU and also served as a general vice president on the Western New York Area Labor Federation Board. For Dando, however, union work was never simply about holding a title. Much of it was about advocating for individual workers when they needed someone in their corner.

"I've saved a lot of jobs over the years," he said.

Those experiences also taught him the importance of understanding both sides of the negotiating table. Early in his union involvement, Dando recalled questioning a company vice president about why the company paid employees overtime rather than simply hiring additional workers. The conversation introduced him to costs associated with hiring that he had not previously considered.

"I understood that, and it helped me when I was negotiating contracts later on," he said. "I understood where the company was coming from when they were talking about all these costs."

That did not diminish his belief in the importance of organized labor. Dando said unions remain important in this day and age, as people still need their efforts on their behalf.

"That's one of the good things about unions," Dando said. "They fight for the workers, make sure the company sticks to the contracts and doesn't take



unfair advantage of them."

His involvement in labor has extended well beyond his own workplace. Dando serves on the executive boards of both the Dunkirk and Jamestown Area Labor Councils and has been treasurer of the Dunkirk council since 2000, as well as Financial Secretary when the the positions were combined in 2023. He has participated in picket lines and labor rallies across Western New York and has assisted other bargaining units during contract negotiations and labor disputes.

One cause that has remained particularly important to him is the Chautauqua County Workers' Memorial. Dando has been involved with the organization since 2006 and has served as secretary/treasurer since 2010. Each year, the memorial gathers at Erlandson Overview Park in Frewsburg to remember Chautauqua County residents who died on the job. More than 180 names dating back to 1852 are now read during the annual service. Dando has helped research potential additions to the memorial, sometimes following tips from relatives or finding names buried in old newspaper accounts.

His service outside organized labor has been similarly extensive. An Eagle Scout himself, Dando spent years as an adult Scout leader, serving in roles that included Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, district commissioner and merit badge counselor. He coached youth wrestling in Fredonia, served nine years on the Northern Chautauqua United Way Board and three years on the New York State United Way Board. He currently serves on the Town of Pomfret Planning Board and Chautauqua County Parks Commission and is serving his second term as Exalted Ruler of Dunkirk Elks Lodge 922. Over the years, Dando said joining organizations became a way to meet people, form friendships and find opportunities to contribute.

That desire to get involved is something he hopes younger workers will carry forward. Dando said in many of the organizations he has been involved in, it has been somewhat difficult to attract younger people to get involved.

"Find out what your contract reads," Dando advised. "Actually read it, know what your rights are, but get involved. Go to union meetings. Find out what's happening, because decisions made at the union meetings affect you."

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Chautauqua County Health Department Reports Incidence of Measles

Residents Encouraged to Review Vaccination Status and Monitor for Symptoms

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Health Department**

The Chautauqua County Health Department (CCHD) reported its first lab-confirmed measles case in a Chautauqua County resident in more than thirty years last week. As part of its ongoing efforts to prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect the health of Chautauqua County residents, CCHD is taking proactive steps to respond to this case, reduce the risk of further spread, and ensure residents have access to the information, assistance, and support they need.

CCHD is working with the individual and appropriate health care partners to identify people who may have been exposed and provide guidance to those who may be at risk. CCHD will continue

working with the community to provide access to vaccination, education, and treatment recommendations when necessary, while helping ensure individuals and families can access assistance and support as needed. More information will be shared if contact tracing identifies any known public exposures. Public health staff are also coordinating with local health care providers and New York State health officials to support a coordinated response.

Residents are reminded that measles is highly contagious and can spread through the air. Individuals who may have been exposed should monitor for symptoms and contact their health care provider or the Chautauqua County Health Department for guidance.

If you develop symptoms that may be consistent with measles, **call your health care provider before going to a medi-**

cal office, urgent care or emergency department. Calling ahead allows health care staff to take appropriate precautions to protect other patients and staff.

The Health Department strongly encourages residents to make sure they are up to date on the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. Free MMR vaccination is widely available throughout the county and at the CCHD. Residents who are unsure of their vaccination status, do not have insurance, or are having difficulty accessing vaccination can contact CCHD at (716) 753-4491. A list of clinic sites can be found on their website at HealthyCHQ.com.

Individuals who cannot be vaccinated or who are not yet fully protected—including infants too young to be routinely vaccinated, pregnant persons, and certain individuals with medical conditions—are at greater risk if exposed to measles.

These individuals and their caregivers should consider avoiding crowded public settings where they may be more likely to encounter someone who is infected, particularly while measles activity is present in the region.

Residents should continue to monitor HealthyCHQ.com for updates such as additional measles cases, information and public health guidance.

General information regarding measles can be found at:

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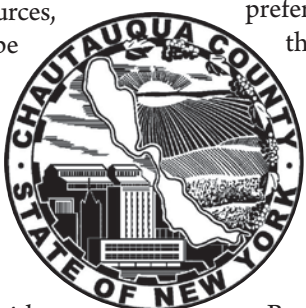
Healthy Aging Month: Supporting Your Health for Years to Come

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Office for the Aging**

September is Healthy Aging Month, a great reminder that while we cannot stop the clock, there is plenty we can do to support our health and independence as we get older. Healthy aging is not about chasing youth. It is about maintaining strength, energy, mobility, and quality of life for as long as possible.

As we age, our bodies become less efficient at absorbing and using certain nutrients, which means paying attention to what is on our plate becomes even more important. Three nutrients that deserve special attention are calcium, vitamin D, and vitamin B12.

Calcium plays an important role in maintaining strong bones and reducing the risk of osteoporosis and fractures. Dairy products such as milk, yogurt, and cheese are excellent sources, but calcium can also be found in foods like fortified plant milks, canned salmon with bones, tofu made with calcium sulfate, and some leafy green vegetables.



Vitamin D works closely with calcium to support bone health, but it also plays a role in immune function and muscle strength. Unfortunately, vitamin D can be difficult to get from food alone, and our ability to produce it from sunlight decreases with age. Fatty fish, fortified dairy products, and fortified cereals can help, but many older adults benefit from having their vitamin D levels checked and discussing supplementation with their healthcare provider if needed.

Vitamin B12 is essential for healthy nerves, red blood cell production, and brain function. As we get older, our stomach produces less acid, making it harder to absorb vitamin B12 from food. Good food sources include meat, fish, poultry, eggs, and dairy products. Some older adults may need fortified foods or supplements to meet their needs.

Nutrition is only one piece of the healthy aging puzzle. Preventative care and regular health check-ups are just as important. Routine visits with your healthcare provider can help identify concerns early, often before symptoms

appear. Screenings, vaccinations, vision and hearing exams, dental care, and medication reviews all play a role in helping older adults stay healthy and independent.

Healthy aging does not happen overnight, and it certainly does not require perfection. Small, consistent habits like eating nutrient-rich foods, staying active, keeping up with preventative care, and staying socially connected can make a big difference over time.

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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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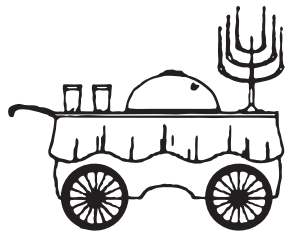
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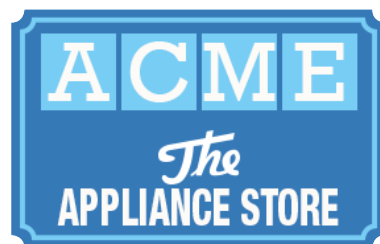
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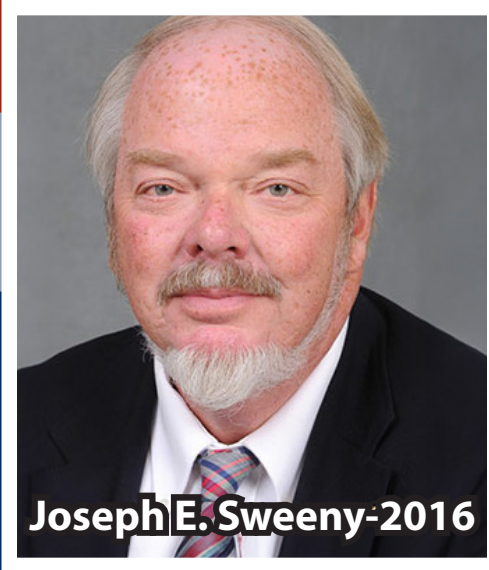
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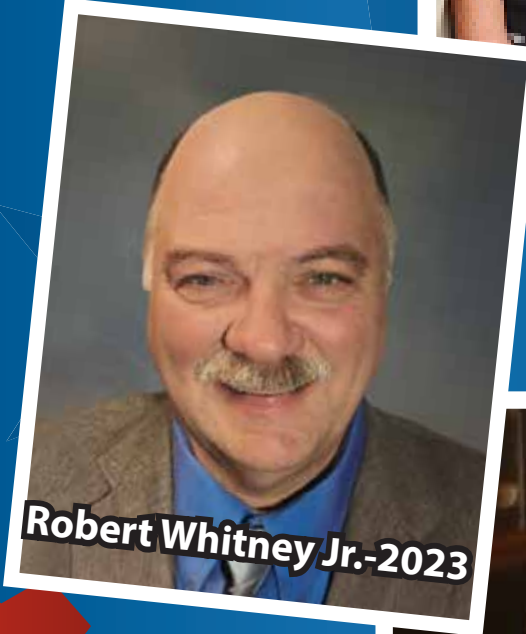
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A photograph of an outdoor patio area at Pearl City Hops. A large red umbrella is in the foreground, with a wooden table and chairs underneath. In the background, there are more tables and chairs, and a building. The text "LIVE MUSIC" is prominently displayed in the center. The DoubleTree by Hilton Jamestown logo is in the top left, and the Pearl City Hops logo is in the top right. The event details are in the center, and the address is at the bottom. There are also illustrations of musical instruments (trumpet, guitar, violin) on the right side.

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