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Still Crushing It: Senator Borello Kicks Off Festival of Grapes With a Stomp

Contributing Editor

Katrina Fuller

For State Sen. George Borello, the Festival of Grapes is more than a community celebration. It is family history. Born in 1967, the same year the very first festival took place, Borello's roots in the tradition run deep.

"My father was actually on the original Festival of Grapes committee," he said. "My father, my grandparents, my whole family ... the Festival of Grapes has always been a big deal for my family every year for my whole life."

Borello said he fondly remembers the early days of the Festival of Grapes. "Some of the earliest memories are going down to the park, where they have the rides set up, with my grandfather and riding the rides and playing the games," he said. "My grandfather was a trustee and then mayor of the village of Silver Creek. I'm named after him."

While he enjoyed the entire festival, Borello said the parade was always a main highlight. One float in particular stuck in his mind.



Senator George Borello

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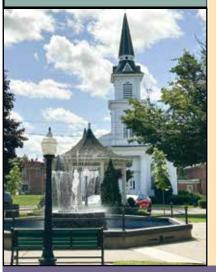


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Silver Creek and Irving: Two Grapes on A Vine

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he neighboring communities of Irving and Silver Creek have long been places where tradition and innovation meet. Whether you're stopping by for a bite, shopping local or looking for a service you can trust, this Concord region is brimming with small-town pride and entrepreneurial spirit.

Food has always been at the heart of these communities. While both celebrate the local grape legacy, there is also a smorgasbord of culinary delights to experience between the two. Locals will tell you that no trip through Irving is complete without a stop at Aunt Millie's on Route 20, where comfort food, tradition and giant baked goods go hand-in-hand. Around the corner,



Grape Basket Label. Courtesy of the Vince Martonis Collection.

Hanford Country Market continues to serve as a hub for the community, offering everything from fresh groceries to their beloved pizza.

If you're looking for a sweet treat during the upcoming Festival of Grapes right in the village, Bee-licious Bakery is ready to satisfy your sweet tooth as they hope to open right in time for

the event. This exciting newbie joins established favorites like Tom's Family Restaurant, the kind of classic spot where you can still get a hearty breakfast and see familiar faces.

For those looking for lakeside dining with a modern flair, Silver Creek is also home to Hideaway Bay, a

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This Week



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Memory Cafe: Floral Arrangements with Wild **Blossom Hollow's Christy Muck**

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Jamestown

For Info: reglenna.com

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The Chautauqua Region Quilt Guild Monthly Meeting | 1 PM

(Sewing), 6 PM (Refreshments), 6:30 PM (Meeting) Busti 5 Corners Community Church

For Info: 716-267-5833

Music in the Green | 5-8 PM

Village Green Park, Mayville For info: chautauquanycoc. weblinkconnect.com/events

Movies at The Reg: Superman

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Cardio Drumming | 9 AM

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

CHQ Chamber Business After Hours | 5 PM-6:30 PM

Liberty Vineyards | Sheridan For Info: chqchamber.org

The Story of the Stone Cutters: Headstones and Beyond | 7 PM

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 -SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

The Festival of Grapes

Village Park | Silver Creek For Info: (716) 679-8707

Chautauqua Region Quilts of Valor Group Meeting 10:30 AM

Quilters' Haven (Jamestown Matress Plaza) | Lakewood For Info: 716-267-5833

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 -SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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50th Annual Seneca Fall

Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory For Info: 716-532-4900

Bemus Point Fall Fest

Village of Bemus Point For Info: visitbemuspoint.com

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Tour of Chautauqua Bike Ride 7:30 AM-8:45 AM (registration) 9 AM (tour)

Moore Park | Westfield For info: 716-753-6842

Free Rabies Vaccine Clinic 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Chautauqua County Humane Society | Jamestown For Info: HealthyCHQ.com/rabies

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Falconer Mural Festival 1 PM-5 PM

Davis Park | Falconer For Info: Event on Facebook

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WRFA's 21st Extravaganza 2 PM-6 PM

Reg Lenna Media Arts Studio | Jamestown For Info: reglenna.com

Sherman Music Festival 2 PM-11 PM

Main Street | Sherman For Info: Sherman Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page

Jackson After Dark - Cocktail Fundraising Event | 6 PM-9 PM

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



History of Silver Creek

Featured Writer

Supervisor Louis Pelletter Town of Hanover

The history of Silver Creek reaches back before settlers arrived, to the Native American Tribe known as the Eries, or the Nation of the Cat. Their territory stretched across northern Ohio, northwestern Pennsylvania, and into southwestern New York as far east as the Genesee River.

The first settler in Chautauqua County was Amos Sottle, who arrived by canoe at the mouth of Cattaraugus Creek. He lived for a time with Native Americans and later surveyed much of the region for the Holland Land Company. Sottle eventually built his home in the area of Buffalo Road, and today, two historical markers in Irving honor his presence.

By 1803, new arrivals began to establish what would become the village. Abel Cleveland, David Dickinson, and John Howard purchased much of the land, cleared fields and built a grist mill and sawmill. Their settlement was marked by the great Black Walnut tree, believed to be the largest in New York State, with a trunk ten feet in diameter. When it blew down in 1822, it was even repurposed as an annex for a pioneer store. As the War of 1812 loomed, Cleveland and Dickinson returned east, leaving John Howard as the lone resident. His home became a refuge for westward travelers, referred to as a "House of Entertainment" or what we would deem a "hotel" in modern terms. This particular "House of Entertainment" became known as "Howard House".

Though that first settlement dwindled, a second grew nearby. Known as Fayette, it developed around upper Main Street, near the site of the Black Walnut tree. Here, Nehemiah Heaton, Thomas Kidder and the Rogers brothers restarted the abandoned mills, cutting logs into planks for sturdier homes. In 1815, Asa Gage, Fayette's first blacksmith, built the first plank house on Main Street, signaling the start of permanent settlement.

Growth truly accelerated with the arrival of Oliver Lee in 1828. A War of 1812 veteran and descendant of Mayflower passenger William Brewster, Lee purchased John Howard's 350 acres, straightened Main Street, built bridges, and laid out new roads. He constructed a pier, warehouse, and hotel, launching Silver Creek's shipping industry. He founded a bank, served as a railroad president, opened businesses, and even donated the land for the Village Park. Lee's vision transformed the tiny settlement into a thriving community.

Tragedy struck on Lake Erie in the decades that followed. In 1838, the steamship Washington caught fire just three miles from Silver Creek. Villagers saved many, but about 40 passengers perished. Survivors were sheltered in the village, and victims were buried locally. Just three years later, in 1841, the Erie burned eight miles off the coast, killing more than 250 people in one of the worst disasters in Great Lakes history. For weeks afterward, bodies washed ashore and were laid to rest in Silver Creek,

Sheridan, Dunkirk, Irving and Glenwood Cemetery.

By the 1850s, shipping gave way to railroads, and the waterfront turned toward recreation, a legacy that continues today at Hideaway Bay Resort. The railroad era began with the Buffalo and State Line Railroad in 1852, with Charles Lee, Oliver's son, as its first vice president. Silver Creek became a hub, though not without sorrow; in 1886, a wreck near the village killed and injured more than twenty people.

Engineering marvels also left their mark. The Skew Arch Stone Bridge, built in 1869, was one of only two of its kind in the world. Designed by French engineer E. Laguerre, it still stands on Jackson Street. Nearby, the Double Trestle, built in 1868, carries the stamped name of Charles Lee.

Silver Creek's people also bore the cost of the Civil War. Local historian Rev. Fred Kates recorded the stories of local veterans who never returned home. Their sacrifice was honored, though a local celebration of the war's end in 1865 turned tragic when a cannon misfire killed one man and injured two others.

Through the late 19th and 20th centuries, Silver Creek became known for its celebrations. A firemen's celebration in 1890 drew 10,000 visitors. Old Home Days in 1909 reunited early residents, while the village centennial in 1948 and sesquicentennial in 1998 honored milestones of incorporation. The tradition carries on with the Festival of Grapes, begun in 1967 and now one of New York's longest-running festivals, drawing families, former residents and visitors each fall.

The community's industry has also been central to its identity. S. Howes Company, founded in 1856, once manufactured 80 percent of all grain-cleaning machinery. Today, it continues with diversified products. Companies like Newbrook and Excelco, founded after World War II, contributed to the space program and nuclear technology. More recently, Dave's Christmas Wonderland opened in the former Petri Bakery, offering holiday goods, while redevelopment projects are reshaping the former Lakeshore Hospital and Main Street School into new community resources.

Landmarks help preserve Silver Creek's story. The Millstone Monument is the original millstone of first settlers David Dickinson and Abel Cleveland, and marks the spot of the large Black Walnut tree. The Village Park, donated by Oliver Lee's family, features historic light poles, a replica bandstand and a war memorial. The Ward-Dickinson Dining Car, built in 1938, survives as a small museum. And the ballpark known as Horseshoe Park still recalls the days when local pitcher Howard Ehmke went on to strike out 13 batters in the 1929 World Series.

From its Native roots to its pioneer struggles, from tragedies on the water to triumphs of industry and celebration, Silver Creek's history is a story of resilience, vision and community spirit that continues to shape the village today.

Editorial with Lori Cornell

Top of the County



Owner & Publisher Lori Cornell

We are thrilled to announce our expansion to the northernmost reaches of Chautauqua County! Beginning with this debut Silver Creek-Irving showcase edition, we will now proudly cover and distribute our free, weekly newspaper to key locations throughout the Silver Creek-Irving area. We hope all readers in these communities will find us every Monday at the Silver Creek Tops Friendly Markets and the other small business locations found within this edition. With this expansion, we are moving closer toward our goal of eventually covering all of Chautaqua County and lean further into our mission: to live CHQ, love CHQ and read CHQ!

We have timed our Silver Creek/ Irving showcase to help highlight the "Top of the County's"

annual, signature events. The Silver Creek Festival of Grapes is one of our county's oldest and most historic festivals. This iconic weekend celebrates Silver Creek's proud agricultural roots and its beloved grape crop before harvest each fall. Right up the road, let's not forget to also check out the annual Seneca Nation of Indians Fall Festival. Please see page XX of this edition for more details about this equally impressive tradition and the chance to honor our region's strong Native American heritage. Located in close proximity, the Festival of Grapes and the SNI Fall Festival make for the perfect double-hit of fun.

Finally, we wish to take this opportunity to thank Silver Creek native, Vince Martonis, who works tirelessly as a dedicated volunteer for the Gazette. With an incredible depth of knowledge and passion for local history, he shares his exclusive collection of historic photographs readers enjoy in this and all of our community showcase editions. His efforts are truly appreciated by both our publishing team and readers alike and help us cherish and appreciate our community's rich history.



Silver Creek Vineyard - c. 1906. Courtesy of the Vince Martonis Collection.



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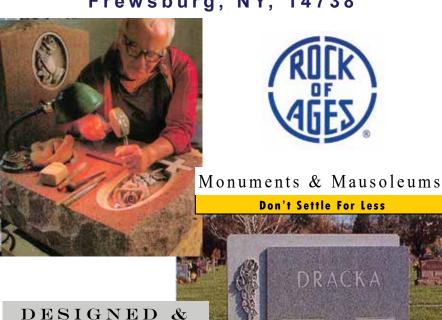
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GRAPEVINE LESSONS FOR LIFE



Featured Writer Pastor Mark Swan Grace Church (PCA)

Ineverimagined at my age that I would be sitting at my computer screen reflecting on my relationship with grapes. As a child in the 1980's, my mom packed this fruit in my Dukes of Hazzard lunchbox for school. As a teenager in the 1990's, I thought the California Raisins were very cool. I believe I even owned a shirt with these cartoon, singing, shrivelled grapes on it. As a husband, father, and pastor who now lives in western NY grape country this fruit has taken on new meaning. I learned early on that part of the rhythm of living in Silver Creek NY is the Festival of Grapes. Everyday routine stops as the entire community celebrates through stomping, retail, food and music. Everything is about grapes.

Grapes, of all things, remind me that I am unable to do anything worthwhile in life apart from God. Jesus when explaining to His disciples their need for total dependence on Him, actually chose grapes as His illustration. Take a drive through Chautauqua county and look at the ordered rows of green vines and fruit and you will be reminded of Jesus' words in John's gospel chapter 15.

⁵ "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do

The grapevine provides the grapes with all the nutrients and water they need to produce healthy grapes. The vine is always there connected to the branches. The vine is producing new fruit for the new season. Jesus is our vine. This fall connect yourself to Jesus. Paul explains this connectedness in his letter to the Romans chapter 10, when he writes,

⁹ "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved."

Apart from the vine the grapes will wither. The grapes separated from the vine will be baked in pies, juiced, or turn brown on the supermarket shelf. Apart from the vine, grapes will fall to the ground and be trampled or even rot. But connected to the vine there is life, health, and purpose. They will continue to grow, thrive and remain healthy.

Humans can stay connected to Jesus through placing confidence and faith in Him. Our connectedness is strengthened when we worship, pray, read the Bible and have fellowship with like-minded "branches". Stay connected to Jesus and watch spiritual fruit, your very own grape vineyard so to speak, grow in your life.

The next time you look out your car window to the ordered rows of grape vines in the fields be reminded of Jesus' words. Follow my example as I strive daily to abide in Jesus. Pray that your life, like mine, will bear fruit displaying for the world your connectedness to Christ. Be encouraged that in seasons of pruning and decay that staying connected to Jesus, the vine, means a new growth season is on the way. Let's join together as we connect to the vine. Watching as our love for God and our fellow man like grapes, grow in our hearts and our actions.

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Article Contributed by

Judy McCord, Educator Grape Discovery Center

Nestled among the vast acres of Concord, Niagara, and Delawares, as well as various wine grapes, is the Grape Discovery Center (GDC), a true gem of our county and the official Visitor's Center for the Lake Erie Concord Grape Belt, designated a New York State Heritage Area. The Belt is the oldest and largest Concord grape-growing region in the world. Established to educate visitors about the history and preservation of the Concord grape industry, the GDC is located just a few minutes from historic downtown Westfield along Route 20. The Center opened its doors in May 2013 and has delighted local visitors as well as those from all over the world. Comments are often heard about what a treasure we have in our area and how people can't wait to tell their family members and friends about the GDC.

The Grape Discovery Center operates as a program of the Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association (CGBHA). The CGBHA, which is dedicated to promoting and preserving the agricultural heritage of our Concord grape region, is located along the western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania shores of Lake Erie. This region boasts over 30,000 acres of various grape types, with Concord grapes comprising 70% of these grapes. The history of the Concord grape dates back to 1849, when Ephram Bull propagated the Concord grape in Concord, Massachusetts. Bull planted over 22,000 seedlings before producing the ideal slipskin, cold-hardy Concord grape. In the 1870's, some of these seedlings were purchased by a local resident and planted in our area where our climate, geography, and soils are

conducive to the growing of the hardy, slip-skin Concord grape.

Since 2013, the Grape Discovery Center has grown and become a popular destination for families, organizations, schools, and tourists. Admission is free, and The Center features four main components: 1. An Exhibit Room that includes family-friendly hands-on interactive displays and videos that highlight the rich history of 150 years of grape-growing in the Lake Erie grape region. 2. A Tasting Room where visitors can enjoy wine and food sampling at the Tasting Bar, as well as wine and concord grape slushies, grape ice cream, grape pie, and various food products. 3. A Patio, surrounded by grapevines, allows guests to observe grape growth while sitting under umbrellas, sipping wine, and relaxing near a fountain of wine bottles pouring wine into a barrel. During the fall harvest season, the aroma of grapes from the clusters can be detected on the patio or anywhere along the Concord grape belt. 4. The first room through the entrance to the GDC is a Gift Shop. The shop sells a unique variety of grape products, food, gifts, artwork from local artists, and apparel. It also features a wine corner where guests can purchase wine from the various wineries along the Lake Erie Wine Trail.

In addition to these attractions, the Center hosts meetings and classes, bus tours, participates in wine weekends and is available for public rentals. Come discover and enjoy an afternoon or a whole day in a family-friendly environment right here in Chautauqua County where a friendly staff waits to introduce you to one of our area's true 'grape' treasures. The Grape Discovery Center is located at 8305 US-20, Westfield, NY.

HANOVER HISTORY CENTER

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As Published by

Seneca Nation Iroquois Museum

This year, friends, families, and neighbors come together to celebrate the 50th Annual Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Fall Festival, a tradition that has united the community for generations. What began in 1975 as a community vision has grown into a cherished tradition rooted in the celebration of Seneca culture, heritage, and unity. The idea was first inspired by the historic Indian Fairs of the 1860s, where gathering, sharing, and cultural pride were at the center. Carrying forward that spirit, the Fall Festival was established to create a modern space where Seneca people could come together while also welcoming friends, neighbors, and visitors from across the region.

The movement to bring this festival to life was strongly supported by then-Seneca Nation President Robert C. Hoag, who recognized the importance of establishing an annual celebration. Much of the vision was shaped and advanced by Frank Kettle, whose efforts gave the Fall Festival its foundation. After his passing, his daughter, Winifred "Wini" Kettle, took on the responsibility with dedication and heart, chairing and organizing the event for many years. Her leadership and commitment ensured that the Festival became not just a local gathering, but a long-lasting tradition woven into the cultural fabric of the Seneca Nation.

The very first Fall Festival carried a theme of uniting the "old" and the "new," reflecting on its mission to honor the past while building bridges toward the future. That inaugural year featured a parade, a beauty pageant, homemaking and agricultural exhibits, art displays, and dancing. These activities laid the groundwork for what would become a multi-generational celebration. By the late 1970s, the Festival had expanded to include lacrosse games, dance and dress contests, children's events, and demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts. The 1980s brought themed celebrations such as "The Year of the Child" and "Cultural Pride of the Woodland Indian," each highlighting the values of family, tradition, and cultural identity.

As the years went on, attendance grew into the thousands and drew visitors from across Western New York and beyond. The 1990s and early 2000s saw the Festival flourish into a vibrant space where artisans, storytellers, and cultural leaders could showcase their skills and pass down Seneca traditions to younger generations while sharing them with the wider public.

Now, half a century later, the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Fall Festival has become so much more than just an annual event. It is an expression of cultural endurance and community spirit. It is a time when elders and youth, families and neighbors, Seneca citizens and guests all gather to honor the past, celebrate the present, and carry the Nation's traditions into the future.







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	5:00pm	Sully Bldg.	Art Show reception
	6:00pm	ccc	Fall Festival Alumni Dinner
	6:00pm	Sachem's Field	Men's/Boy's Pick up Lacrosse game
	7:00pm - 11:00pm	Seneca Fire	Seneca Fire Fall Festival Dance
3.0	7:30pm	Sachems's Field	Devonne Gardner Memorial Alumni - Women/girls game
	Saturday: Septe	mber 13th	
	9:00am	Clinic Ponds	Fishing Derby
	9:00am - 12:00pm	Sully Bldg.	Rez Kids Closet
	10:00am	Sully Bldg.	Art Show
	10:00am	V 4	Vendor stands open
			Culture, Maker's Fair Dwahsoni:h
			Health Tent
	10:30am	Housing Bldg.	Parade line up
	11:00am		Amusement rides open
	12:00pm		Fall Festival Parade
	1:00pm		Pedro and the Smooth Cats
	1:00pm	Sachem's Field	Seneca Sachems Football
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	2:00pm		Hoop Dance Demonstration - Seneca Strong
	3:00pm	Saylor Gym	Smoke Dance contest
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	9:00am-1:00pm	Seneca Fire	CPR class - Seneca Fire
	9:00am	CCC	5K registration
N N	9:00am	Saylor	Cornhole Tourney
	10:00am	CCC	5K Starts
	10:00am		Vendor Stands, Maker Fair, Culture tent open
	11:00am		Amusement rides open
	11:00am		Kokomo Band
	11:00am	Saylor Gym	Baby contest
	11:00am	Health Tent	Wheel Strong Bike event
	11:00am	Iroquois Post #1587	Archery Shoot
	12:00pm	CCC	Women's Box Lacrosse Tourney
	12:00pm		Horseshoes - Singles
	1:00pm	CCC	Master's Lacrosse exhibition game
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The Future of Space Flight

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Martz-Kohl Observatory

Retired Physics Instructor, Mike Stafford, will grace the Martz-Kohl Observatory once more to deliver his talk, "The Future of Space Flight," on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.

Mike will embark on his cosmic journey with a brief introduction to the history of space flight. He'll then bring us up to speed with current and proposed space missions to bodies within our solar system, using technology of the next few decades. He will then expand his talk to interstellar travel, discussing how we might achieve it. This part of the talk will become highly speculative.

As is Stafford's custom, his narrative will be interwoven with accessible physics instruction, illuminating the fundamental principles of space flight. All of it will be rendered digestible and fascinating, leaving the audience intellectually enriched and utterly pain-free, with not a single mathematical equation in sight.

Mike Stafford initially taught at Penn State Behrend and later spent 37 years as an adjunct instructor of physics at Gannon University. His passion lies in classical mechanics the branch of physics dealing with forces and motion, essentially the stuff that explains how everything moves. Beyond the classroom, Mike is also an accomplished aviator, holding licenses as a single- and multiengine land airplane pilot. And if that's not adventurous enough, he's a licensed parachute rigger and an expert skydiver with an incredible 3,700 jumps under his belt! He's even been known to joke that he is "able to speak on any subject, sometimes coherently," which also tells you he has a great sense of humor.

This presentation will be live at Martz-Kohl Observatory and available online via Zoom. You are encouraged to come to the observatory to meet Mike and the astronomy team at MKO. We'll have Q&As after his talk and then provide tours. Dress like you're outside because the domes aren't climate-controlled. If the weather cooperates, we'll have public viewing through the observatory's large telescopes. For 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 non-profit organization devoted to amateur astronomers. The emphasis of the association is observational astronomy, well-rooted in education outreach, citizen science, and enjoyment of the starry skies.

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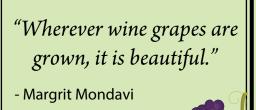
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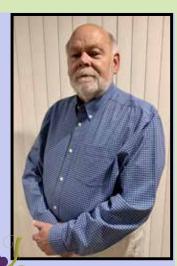


The Village of Silver Creek is proud to support the Festival of Grapes Board as they prepare to host this 58th annual event. It has been my pleasure to work with this energized group whose dedicated efforts keep the festival strong. I am particularly pleased that the festival will return to its traditional four-day event this year. From the Grape Stomping on Thursday to the Grand Parade at 1pm on Sunday, the 2025 festival will no doubt be JAM-packed with fun, rides, local crafters and some great food vendors. I encourage everyone to visit our GRAPE village. We look forward to welcoming residents and visitors alike.

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Mayor, Village of Silver Creek

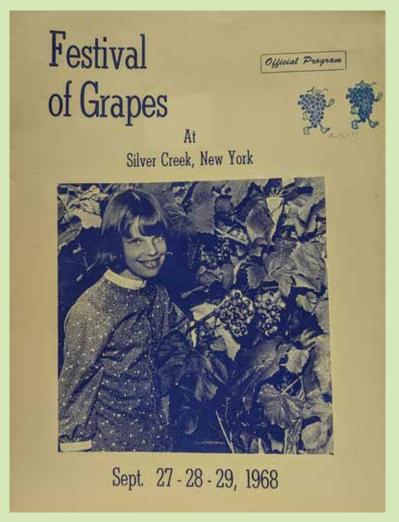




Program for the first Festival of Grapes in 1968.

Betsy Clothier, 12, the daughter of Supervisor and Mrs. Hamilton Clothier family, represents fifth generation of the Clothier family which pioneered the Grape Industry in Chautauqua County. Betsy was an eighth grade pupil at Silver Creek Central School.

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58th SILVER CREEK FESTIVAL OF GRAPES!

Thursday, September 11 Patriot Dau

- Festival of Grapes Headquarters Open Noon - 9 PM
- Midway by: Amusements of America Rides & Games • 5 PM - 9 PM
- Arts & Crafts Vendors in the Village Square • 4 PM- 9 PM
- Food Vendors 3 PM 9 PM
- Opening Ceremonies Starts at 5:30 PM
- Grape Stomping in front of the Gazebo at 6 PM
- Paul Alguire
 Mixed Music 7 PM 9 PM

 Performing at the Backline

Friday, September 12 School Spirit Day

- Festival of Grapes Headquarters
 Open 10 AM 9 PM
- Midway by: Amusements of America Rides & Games • Hours: 4 PM - 10 PM
- Arts & Crafts Vendors in the Village Square • Noon - 10 PM
- Food Vendors 2 PM 9 PM
- Merritt's Wine and Beer Tent 6 PM - 10 PM

Music Performances

- Dan Siracuse 6 PM 8 PM Performing at the Gazebo
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Thursday, September 11th - Sunday September 14

Saturday, September 13 Silver Creek Kiwanis Kids' Day

- Festival of Grapes Headquarters
 Open 9 AM 9 PM
- Scavenger Hunt 11 AM 12 Noon Starts at the Gazebo
- Midway by: Amusements of America Rides & Games • Noon - 10 PM
- Arts & Crafts Vendors in the Village Square • Noon - 9 PM
- Food Vendors Noon 9 PM
- Merritt's Wine and Beer Tent 3 PM - 10 PM

Music Performances

- Keith Medley 2 PM 4 PM Performing in front of the Gazebo
- KOKOMO Time Band 4 PM 7 PM Performing at the Backline
- Silver Xtreme Band 7 PM 10 PM 80's rock music • Performing at the Youth Rec. Bldg.
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Sunday, September 14 Fire Fighters' Day

- Festival of Grapes Headquarters
 Open 9 AM 6 PM
- Midway by: Amusements of America Rides & Games • Hours: Noon - 5 PM
- Arts & Crafts Vendors in the Village Square • 10 AM - 5 PM
- Food Vendors Noon 5 PM
- Merritt's Wine and Beer Tent Noon - 4 PM

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58th SILVER CREEK FESTIVAL OF GRAPES



Still Crushing It: Senator Borello Kicks Off Festival of **Grapes With a Stomp**

Continued from Front Page

"My father, 40 years ago or more, took a little riding lawn mower and made it into a train," he said. "It was called the Concord Special. He painted it purple and had cars attached to the back. My father would be the engineer, and we would all walk alongside. For many years, he put that float in the parade every year."

Now in public life, Borello has kept those traditions alive throughout his time as an elected official in many capacities. He said he was proud to walk in the parade and maintain his family's legacy in being a part of the grape stomping competition.

"My grandfather did the first grape stomping competition when he was mayor, and I've done it now as a county legislator, the county executive and I'm going to do it again this year," he said. The grape stomping competition takes place Thursday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m. as part of the opening ceremony.

Borrello said he isn't the only one keeping the tradition alive.

"My wife Kelly sits on the Festival of Grapes board," Borello added. "My father, my stepmother, and so many people I know have been on that board for so many years. So it's kind of now moved on to the next generation with my wife being on the board."

This year's parade will carry extra meaning for Borello, as a goal he has been working toward for many years comes to fruition.

"This year is going to be extra special because the first time, you know, walking in that parade on Sunday, we're going to walk past the Main Street school that was a horrible eyesore for decades," Borrello said.

The building was deteriorating, but thanks to hard work from Borrello and the efforts of other government officials, a new facility will be built that will bring much-needed services to the community. In its place, a new senior living facility will be built by STEL.

"They've cleared the area and they're starting construction," he said. "This is something I have worked on since my first day as a county legislator. It took 15 years. So this year, I'm going to be very happy to march in that parade and walk past what will be next year the new senior living facility there. That's really a proud moment for

The festival also shines a spotlight on the region's grape heritage. "We are the largest and oldest Concord grape growing region in the world," Borello said. "Concord grapes really thrive in the environment that we have here. Along Lake Erie, it is really ideal for growing grapes."

Borello said grapes are more than just a crop in the area. From wine and grape juice to wine, baked goods and more, there are so many products available thanks to the incredible availability of Concord grapes in this area. He added that

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These promotional photos from the early 1940's were used in a grape products advertising pamphlet. The photographer, M. Russell McLaren, had studios in Silver Creek and Fredonia.

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Barry named director of SUNY Fredonia's Rockefeller Arts Center

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A Chautauqua County native with more than 30 years of experience in the world of performing arts has been selected to lead the Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center into its next chapter. Alison L. Barry, a Jamestown resident, has been named director of the arts center following a national search earlier this summer.

Barry comes to Fredonia from Chautauqua Institution, where she was serving as director of patron experience and ticketing. She officially began her duties on Sept. 2, following Jefferson Westwood who retired on Aug. 16 after 43 years as director of RAC.

"I am thrilled to be returning to Fredonia and Rockefeller Arts Center," said Barry, who served as ticketing & audience services manager with the Fredonia Campus Ticket Office from 2007 to 2019. "Much of my career has been spent understanding patrons and what makes them tick. I believe that knowledge will serve me well as I delve into programming and audience development."

The arts center is the original and oldest center for performing and visual arts in the SUNY System. With four performance venues and two galleries, RAC hosted 125 performances and art exhibitions in 2024-25, with attendance topping 30,000 people.

As the director of Rockefeller Arts Center, Barry's duties will include leadership and strategic planning, overseeing Programming and Artistic Direction and fundraising in collaboration with Fredonia College Foundation development staff.

Westwood, who served as Barry's supervisor during her time at the Campus Ticket Office, thinks she is an excellent choice for the post.

"I have the utmost confidence in Alison and her ability to do this job," he said. "She has an extensive background in performing arts administration and a record of great success with a number of organizations."

In addition to positions at Fredonia and Chautauqua Institution, Barry previously served as treasurer and box office manager for Broward



Alison L. Barry has been named director of the Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center at the State University of New York at Fredonia. She began her tenure on Sept. 2.

Center for the Performing Arts in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She holds a Master of Arts degree in leadership from St. Bonaventure University and a Bachelor of Science degree in management from Houghton College.

During her previous stint at Fredonia, Barry served as an instructor for the ticket office practicum course under Fredonia's Arts Administration Degree Program from 2007 to 2019, guiding students to the skills needed for a career in professional ticketing and arts administration. From 2018 to 2019, Barry served as coordinator for the Arts Administration minor.

Barry said her interest in a career in performing arts administration goes back to her childhood, where she "grew up in a household of artists and musicians."

"I recall being taken to the ballet as a child and was mesmerized and to this day, am deeply moved by live dance," she said. "These experiences prompted me to pursue dance and music, but being on stage always made me anxious."

At age 19, Barry had the opportunity to work in an arts center box office. It was a transformative moment.

"The hiring manager liked my skills: I was good with numbers and could correctly pronounce classical composer names," she said. "Iloved coming to work every day: walking through backstage, catching a glimpse of the performers, sneaking into the balcony to watch rehearsals. It was magical - and I was hooked!"

Barry continues to enjoy the

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Village of Westfield

The Westfield Recreation Department is once again sponsoring the Chautauqua Bicycle Ride. The 42nd Annual Tour of Chautauqua Bicycle Ride will take place on Saturday, September 13th. Hundreds of riders are expected to participate in the largest and best Century Ride in Chautauqua County.

Past participant, Steve Cockram, plans to join again this year and said, "I have loved riding the Tour of Chautauqua for nearly 20 years. The organization, support, and rest stops are great. There are different routes each year and a distance for every level of cyclist. I recommend it highly."

Riders have a choice of four distances: 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles. The 25-mile tour follows the Lake Erie plain. Antique shops, restaurants, and wineries are on this tour. The 40-, 75-, and 100-mile tours feature a variety of flat roads, hills, lake views, small towns, and scenic areas of Chautauqua County. All tours begin and end in Westfield, NY. Westfield is located 1.5 miles south of I-90 exit 60. All four of the ride routes start and end at Moore Park in Westfield at the intersection of routes 20 & 394 (Main and Portage Streets).

Check-in and registration on the day of the ride is between 7:30 and 8:45 am. Registration will be at Eason Hall, 23 Elm St., across from the park. All tours begin with a mass start at 9 am. Maps/narratives are provided on the day of the ride.

Each rider is responsible for any food they want during the ride. The tours pass through several small towns where food can be purchased. As part of your registration fee, a sit-down meal will be provided at the finish across the street at the Episcopal Church. Water stops (with light refreshments) are provided along all the tours. Sag Wagons and radio people will be on all tour routes and will follow the last riders. Priority will be given to injuries or breakdowns. The rider and bike should be in condition to go the distance you select. Medical Information Stickers will be provided. THIS IS A RECREATIONAL TOUR - NOT A RACE - BICYCLE HELMET REQUIRED.

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First Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor, J. Davis Creach

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First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown

The Presbytery of Western New York and the First Presbyterian Church of Jamestown will hold a service of Ordination and Installation of J. Davis Creach on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The public is invited to attend both the service and the reception that immediately follows the service.

First Presbyterian Church will be Creach's first call to ordained ministry. A graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS) and three-year intern with Shadyside Presbyterian Church, Creach has a deep sense of call to preaching, a genuine love for scripture, and a remarkable ability to engage others in thoughtful theological conversation. A clear articulate writer and speaker, he demonstrates a spiritual maturity beyond his years and a gift for truly listening to others. He comes highly recommended by his Presbytery as one of their top candidates going



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Stroll down Main Street and explore the Fall Fest Street Market, open Friday through Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM. With more than 70 vendors over the weekend, and many attending on Friday, you'll find handcrafted goods, local artwork, jewelry and clothing, baked treats, and plenty of fall favorites.

Shops & Discounts

Local shops will be open all weekend for shopping, with many offering fall specials. Stores like Bemus Point Pottery, G.I. Threads, Lakeside Arts & Furniture, Petals & Twigs Gifts and Children's Shoppe, Skillmans, The Ugly Peacock, and Illustrious Order of Makesmiths will welcome visitors.

Some shops will also be offering the popular "Draw-a-Leaf" discount, where customers pull a leaf at checkout for savings from 5% to 50%.

Food & Drink Specials

Restaurants around town are rolling out fall menus and seasonal specials just for the weekend. Guppy's Tavern will be serving Jagerschnitzel, pumpkin bread pudding with custard sauce, and fall cocktails like spiced apple cider sangria, caramel apple martinis, and apple cider margaritas. Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua is launching its fall menu and hosting live music with Jenuine Cello on Saturday, September 13, from 2–4 PM. Local favorites like Bemus Point Inn, Lake Life Café, Splash, The Fish, The Green Door Tavern, Coppola's Pizzeria, 14 Main, Bemus Point Market, and The Village Casino will also have specials running all weekend.

Live Music & Entertainment at Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House

The Tap House Beer Garden will be busy all weekend with music and events:

- Friday, September 12: Cowboy Hat Happy Hour (4–9 PM), Lenny & The Landshark (6–9 PM)
- Saturday, September 13: Sunshine & Strength HIIT with Jess (9:30 AM), Yoga & Brew (10:30 AM), DJ Carmello during the Car Show (1–4 PM), Rockabilly Steve (6–9 PM)
- Sunday, September 14: Buffalo Bills Watch Party (1 PM), Lana Marie Duo (1–4 PM)

Classic Car and Motorcycle Cruise-In

On Saturday, September 13, head to the Tap House for the Classic Car and Motorcycle Cruise-In from 1–6 PM. Stick around for Mikey's Famous Chicken BBQ, served until it's gone.

History & Open Houses

The Bemus Point Historical Society will hold an open house on Saturday from 11 AM to 3 PM. The Lawson Center will also be open all weekend

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Murals Can Shape the Way We See

Contributing Writer

John Brantingham

My wife and I spent last Wednesday driving around Chautauqua County to see four new murals that were being painted across the

We saw them at the first stages of their development. Some of the murals hadn't even started, but what I saw reminded me of why I love public art.

Public art like murals has the power to remind us of who we are and where we live. That doesn't seem important until you remember how often we lose touch with those things. On a daily basis, I can revert back to a self-absorbed cocoon state where I'm thinking about work or lost in a daydream about my past or what I want in the future, and then I miss what is around me. Public art has a way of snapping me out of that and seeing where I am.

So I wanted to see them and see what these artists had to say about who we are.

We drove down to the mural being created at Sherman first. Even as the artists were outlining what they were doing, before it was done, I could see the beauty and logic of what they were creating.

This mural overlooks the parking lot for Chautauqua Rails to Trails trailhead and French Creek with all its life and biodiversity. The mural captures that, and Emily Ding and Justin Suarez were already beginning on a frog. Soon the side of the building they are working on will be transformed into a scene of the natural and aquatic world that we live around and in.

It's easy to miss a frog in our daily lives, to forget that we live in a natural world that is rich with frogs, but this mural reflects that and grounds me. It reminds me to spend a moment listening to them in the evening or morning.

The mural in Westfield grounds us in our history. Here, Dom Laporte is depicting the vineyards of Chautauqua. Again, it's easy to forget something like a vineyard. They can become a part of the cluttered white noise that we ignore while we're picking up kids or running errands. But they matter. They helped to form our region and identity.

Although the artists in Dunkirk and Falconer still hadn't started their work on Wednesday, we were able to stop by and see the primered walls that would become their canvases. What I realized was that not only will these pieces exist here and ennoble me in the coming years, but that I have the rare opportunity of watching all of them being created, watching as the artists paint them over the next week.

The tour of the four spots took me about an hour and a half of driving. My wife and I spent a lot of that time talking about what we saw and the significance of vineyards, frogs and rivers in our lives. The murals helped us to be here in the present moment.

The Choosechq.com website lists events centering around the creations of these murals including artist talks and mural dedications, but honestly there's nothing like watching this art being created. I plan to take this self-guided tour several times during the week of September 7 as these talented people create work I'm going to live with happily for the rest of my life, probably.

When I see it I know I'll be thinking about where I am, where I am going, and where I have been.

Come out next week and check out the work and while you're there, take the time to stop at one of the local restaurants and enjoy some coffee or pie while you're talking about what you saw!



Inaugural Paint CHQ Mural Festival Artwork Begins

September events will celebrate new public murals in four Chautauqua County communities



Five professional muralists have been announced for the 2025 Paint CHQ mural festival, taking place in September in four different Chautauqua County Communities: Dunkirk, Falconer, Sherman, and Westfield. The five artists not only come from across the United States, but two also come from Canada and Europe. The Paint CHQ initiative is a joint effort between the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth and Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development.

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Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) and Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development (CCDPD) are pleased to announce that five world-renowned muralists are starting the work of painting four large-scale, public murals during the inaugural Paint CHQ mural festival.

Announced in February, Paint CHQ is a new initiative intended to help focus on the important role public art plays in placemaking and strengthening local communities. For the inaugural year, four communities have been selected to host the new murals: Dunkirk, Falconer, Sherman, and Westfield. Coordinating the effort is Alexandra Hall from A H Public Spaces Consulting, LLC, who has assisted with other community mural project around the country. Official Paint CHQ events are scheduled to occur the week of September 7, with other adjacent community-related events also scheduled during the

The commissioned muralists have begun work on their respective projects, and all four murals will be completed by the end of September. The public is encouraged to visit the participating communities during the mural installation process, but the public is also encouraged to maintain a safe distance from heavy equipment and also save any questions for the muralists until their respective Artist Talk and Dedication events.

PAINT CHQ MURAL LOCATIONS

The public murals wouldn't be possible without the cooperation from four property owners, who each signed up to participate in the Paint CHQ mural festival. Those locations

- Dunkirk: The Coburn Block, 123 Central Ave.
- Falconer: State Lanes, 16 E. Main St.
- Sherman: The Cornerstone Restaurant, 104 E. Main St.
- Westfield: Grace & Abe's, 14 N. Portage St.

In each of this year's PAINT CHQ communities, a local Steering Committee was formed, consisting of local business owners, local artists, municipal leaders, and invested community members. Over the last six months, these individuals have been highly engaged in the artwork development process. The Steering Committee participated in town hall meetings, promoted the public feedback survey, selected the muralist,

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CHAMBER CORNER

2025 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 celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2025. The longevity of businesses is a testament to the hard work and dedication of owners, staff, and in some cases volunteers, who make systems work and keep businesses and nonprofits operating to serve our community.

Congratulations to Westfield Nursery and Garden Center, celebrating a 90-year anniversary this year! We will also pay tribute Jamestown Community College for its 75 year anniversary! The Gebbie Foundation is being recognized for 60 years of service. Falconer Power Sports is celebrating its 50-year anniversary. Being honored for 30 years in business are Peaceful Designs in Westfield and Shawbucks in Jamestown. Elegant Edibles Catering has been in business for 25 years and Maple Springs Tree Service for 20 years. Three Westfield businesses are all celebrating ten-year anniversaries this year: Betts Insurance Agency, Concord Quilting Studio, and Lake Shore Center for the Arts. We will also recognize five businesses that started at the height of the pandemic in 2020 and are still going strong: 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.

Each of these organizations has made a mark in Chautauqua County, providing service, support, education and training, financial assistance, and more. Collectively they employ well over 500 people, and importantly, they have made significant differences in the quality of life in our communities.

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 2 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia. Our awardees are: Emerging Business of the Year -West Main Mercantile in Falconer; Hospitality Business of the Year -The White Inn, Fredonia; Service Business of the Year - Porter-Blair Cleaning & Co., Jamestown; Producer of the Year - Triple E Manufacturing, Sherman; Notfor-Profit of the Year - Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Dunkirk; Business Champion Award - Jamestown Board of Public Utilities, Jamestown; Business of the Year - Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House, Bemus Point.

Major sponsors for the event are 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, Media One Radio Group, Observer, and The Post-Journal. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at www.chamberrsvp.org.

Business After Hours at Liberty Vineyards is September 11

The next CHQ Chamber Business After Hours will be held at Liberty Vineyards & Winery, 2861 Route 20, Sheridan, from 5-6:30 pm on September 11.

Business After Hours is a great opportunity to make new professional connections. Designed as relaxed networking event, the CHQ Chamber provides a Who's Who in the Room list for all pre-registered guests. There are complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Chamber member businesses can send two people at no charge. The cost is just \$10 for non-members or anyone above the two-person limit. We

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A.W. ANDERSON:

Commemorating the Jamestown Historian

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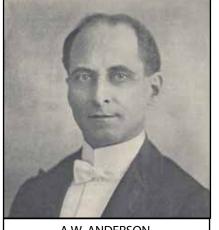
Fenton History Center

Local historian and genealogist Andrew Kolstee will be giving a presentation on Anderson's life and the continuing research into his past at the Fenton History Center's lecture series on Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. The talk is a chance to learn about an extraordinary local figure and an invitation to help preserve his memory.

Kolstee said, "most people in Jamestown today have never heard of Arthur Wellington Anderson-better known as A.W. Anderson. Yet for more than two decades, he served as City Historian, working tirelessly to preserve the story of this community through research, writing, and public speaking."

2025 is the 150th anniversary of his birth. Kolstee added, "it's the perfect time not only to share

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A.W. ANDERSON.

his remarkable story but also to correct a longstanding oversight: Anderson lies in an unmarked grave in Lake View Cemetery. We are now raising funds to finally provide him with a proper marker." At this time the fund is in need of \$700 to purchase and install the chosen marker.

To donate to the gravestone fund, visit fentonhistorycenter. org/donate, and make a note that it is for Anderson, or mail or deliver a check to the Fenton History Center.

Happenings at the Fenton History Center! LECTURE PATRIOTIC BINGO SERIES Sat., Oct. 18, 2025 @ 2 PM CARRIAGE TOURS Held at Fluvanna Fire Hall SAT., OCT. 4 WED. SEPT. 10 3536 Fluvanna Ave, SAT., OCT. 11 7:00 PM Jamestown, NY 14701 WALKING TOURS **Andrew Kolstee** Bingo Cards are \$10 extras for a nominal fee. A. W. Anderson SAT., OCT. 4 SAT., OCT. 11 50/50 • Raffle Baskets **Monetary Game Prizes • Food MAUSOLEUM TOURS Grand Prize:** Held in the **Lottery Ticket Basket** SUN., OCT. 12 Fenton Mansion dining room; For tickets and times, visit FentonHistoryCenter.org/ss Free and open to the public. All proceeds support the

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Former Lutheran pastor Ruby Wiles, the founder/ director of Warren's Free Books for Kids Town, speaks at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown's 10:30 a.m. hybrid service this Sunday, September 14. In her message, "Equal Opportunity for All," Wiles addresses how we create a community, a society, a country, where everyone has equal opportunity. While talent is universal, opportunity clearly is not. Did abolishing Affirmative Action help or hinder this cause? Were working class and poor folks asked to sacrifice so others could have opportunities, when the wealthy were not asked? All are welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue, Jamestown, N.Y., and the coffee hour that follows. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



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Inaugural Paint CHQ Mural Festival Artwork Begins

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created design themes, selected the artwork, and joined in festival event planning.

As a sneak peek, the Westfield mural's design statement, Where the Vines Meet, pays homage to the unique identity, heritage, and natural beauty of the region, blending vibrant, nature-based imagery with historical and figurative elements to reflect the community's deep-rooted pride. The three other communities also developed their own design statement to help capture the theme for their respective mural.

ARTIST TALKS

Each community will also host an artist talk with their respective muralist. These talks will include presentations and discussions on the creation of the artwork, process, creative briefs that informed the artists, and the inspirations, providing insight into their creative choices and fostering a deeper connection with the public. It is an opportunity to get to know more about the artist and their artwork. The full Artist Talk schedule can be found online at ChooseCHQ.com/PaintCHQ.

- Monday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. The Corner Stone Restaurant, Sherman Emily Ding (Houston) and Justin Suarez, aka "Aerosol Kingdom" (Rochester, N.Y.)
- Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 5 p.m. Hall, Westfield Dom Laporte of DRIFT Mural Co. (Ottawa, Ontario)
- Thursday, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m. -Falconer High School (Cafeteria) Mandi Caskey, aka "Miss Birdy" (Columbus, Ohio)
- TBD Dunkirk Alain Welter (Luxembourg)

DEDICATION EVENTS

The Paint CHQ mural festival celebrations and mural dedications kicks off on Friday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. in Westfield. On Saturday, Sept. 13, two more dedications will take place at 1:30 p.m. in Sherman and 3 p.m. in Falconer, with other community events continuing all day. Due to

changes in Dunkirk's artist arrival, dates for the dedication and festival will be announced shortly. A full list of locally led events and Paint CHQ festivals and events schedule can be found online at ChooseCHQ.com/ PaintCHQ.

Paint CHQ has also created a Mural Passport program. Passports will be available at the Paint CHQ website, and hard copies will be available at the artist talks and dedication events. If you visit at least three of the four murals during the artist talks or dedication events, you will be entered to win a Live CHQ basket and Paint CHQ prize. Stamps will be provided at each site.

PAINT CHQ APPRENTICE PROGRAM

Paint CHQ also features an Apprentice Program. The Paint CHQ Apprentice Program offers professional artists and aspiring muralists an opportunity to garner valuable experience installing largescale murals. Participation in this project increases their artist network and helps artists build their resume. Local and regional artists were encouraged to apply to participate, and the local artists selected to be involved in this program are: Carrie Blitz, Rose Crane, Pamela Corsoro, Jackie Damore, Jackie Doyle, Lily Foster, Sam Gast, Chris Labuskes, Kenneth Labuskes, Jewel Lin, Melissa Meyers, Sara Baker Michalak, Victoria Parker, Joseph Rice, Jenna Robino, Erin Ruffino, and Stacey Seleen.

Funding for this project is allotted through CCPEG's placemaking initiative, and additional funding has come from grant funding through New York State Council on the Arts, Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Services Inc., Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Lake Shore Savings, and the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County.

For more information about Paint CHQ, visit ChooseCHQ.com/ PaintCHQ.

Bemus Point Fall Fest

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with exhibits on local boating history.

And be sure to ride the Historic Bemus Point-Stow Ferry. Fall Fest weekend marks its last days of the season. Take one more trip across the lake and celebrate a tradition that has been part of our community for more than 200 years.

Petting Zoo & Family Fun

The petting zoo will be set up across from the Bemus Point Fire Hall and open Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Kids can also enjoy face painting at Lakeside Arts & Furniture.

The Village Casino will host pumpkin painting for children, a favorite activity that adds even more fun to the weekend.

Fall Fest Beer Garden

The Beer Garden at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House will once again feature craft beer, food specials, and live entertainment all weekend.



Thank You to Our Sponsors

A big thank you to this year's sponsors: Shults Auto Group, UBS Auer & Associates, Southern Tier Marina, Bemus Point Lodge, and the Bemus Point Business Association. Their support makes Fall Fest possible.

Fall Fest in Bemus Point is all about celebrating the season and the community. With something for everyone and the backdrop of Chautauqua Lake, it's the perfect way to spend a September weekend. We can't wait to see you there.

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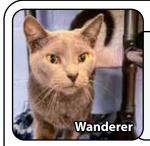
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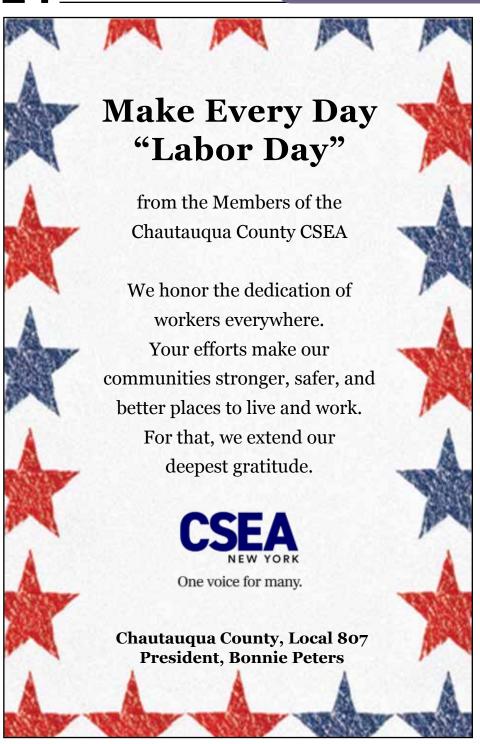


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Sassy is a young pup with a big zest for life! True to her name, she's full of personality and always ready for her next adventure. Whether it's racing through the yard, exploring every nook and cranny, or trotting happily by your side, Sassy brings joy and excitement wherever she goes. She's smart, curious, and loves to keep busy. Sassy is looking for a family who can match her adventurous spirit and give her all the love she deserves. Shelter No. RR179.





Statement by Senator George Borrello on Serta Simmons Closing its Falconer Manufacturing Facility

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Senator George Borrello (R/C) 57th Senate District

"The news of Serta Simmon's decision to close its Falconer facility is deeply disappointing, especially for the hardworking men and women who will be affected. My priority is to ensure these employees – upwards of 80 individuals - can continue working and supporting their families right here in Chautauqua County. We will work closely with our local partners, including the IDA, the Workforce Investment Board, and the Department of Labor, to connect these workers with new

opportunities and help keep their talents and skills in our community. It is also important to put this decision in perspective. Serta Simmons announced this summer that it was closing its California plant as well. They are reorganizing nationally, and they are choosing to close in the two states that make it the most expensive and difficult for businesses to survive -- New York and California. That fact speaks volumes. Unless Governor Hochul and the Democrat-led Legislature change course and start making our state more affordable and businessfriendly, we will continue to see good jobs and good employers forced to leave."





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Still Crushing It: Senator Borello Kicks Off Festival of Grapes With a Stomp

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when he was growing up in the 70s and 80s, grapes were produced for homemade wines, preserves and grape juice, but the industry has matured to include a wide range of products and an incredible amount of wineries that have become part of the Lake Erie Wine Trail.

"We're creating award-winning wines here, and that's really a testament to the strength of that industry," he said. "Our great industry is critical to the agricultural economy here in New York State. There are really three grape growing and wine producing regions in New York ... you combine all of those, and certainly now as a state is a big competitor globally. New York is second only to California when it comes to volume."

However, it goes further than that, he said. The grape industry, from growing and producing to creating products and celebrating the agricultural success of the bounty of grapes, is intrinsically connected to the county's land, the people and their communities.

"It is part of our culture in so many ways. All of my relatives either made wine or made preserves out of the grapes that they grew," he said. "You're starting to smell the grapes. If you walk outside, now that the weather's getting a little crisper and you can start to smell the grapes pretty much everywhere you go in the northern part of the county. And that's just an amazing feeling."

Visitors to the festival will find many uses of grapes on full display.

"If you come to the Festival of Grapes, you're going to see so many different products made from grapes," Borello said. "Everything from grape ice cream to grape pies and preserves. People make

moisturizers and other cosmetics out of grape, like candles made using a natural fragrance. If you come to the Festival of Grapes, you'll see all those different uses."

Borello also makes time for one personal favorite. "The church on the square sells homemade grape pies and that's my favorite thing," he said. "I try to get there because they usually sell out the first day."

The festival is not only about grapes, but will include other exciting entertainment as well, such as live music. There is a full-line up for the weekend, including Paul Alguire on Thursday, Dan Siracuse and DTO on Friday, and Keith Medley, Kokomo Time Band and Silver Extreme on Saturday. Merritt Winery's Beer and Wine Tent will be open Friday through Sunday. On Saturday, visitors can also tour the Silver Creek Historical Dining Car from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"It is very much, in my opinion, quintessential festival that celebrates agriculture, but also all the things that make our community so special," Borello said. "We're going to have rides and games for the kids, crafts for people that love to indulge in unique homemade crafts, and then of course the food that everybody loves. From the homemade French fries and fried dough, the Festival of Grapes has a lot to offer."

The festival runs Sept. 11 through Sept. 14. The festival will be held on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., on Friday from noon to 10 p.m., on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can expect food, crafts, midway rides and games, a car cruise on Sunday morning and the parade will be held on Sunday at 1 p.m. For more details, visit FestivalofGrapes. org or follow them on Facebook.

Community Movement of Warren County, PA to Help End Cancer As We Know It

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Band Aid of Warren County, PA

The 6th annual Band Aid of Warren County, PA will be held on September 13, 2025 at Pellegrino's Creekside, 449 Conewango Ave, Warren, PA from 12pm until 7pm to celebrate survivors, caregivers, remember those lost to the disease and FUNdraise to benefit the American Cancer Society's efforts. Band Aid will be filled with live music, vendors, food, beverages, activities, families, friends and our Path of Hope. Band Aid will fill in a fundraising gap created when Warren County, PA lost its Relay For Life as the Community Movement Event for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life a few years ago.

Added to Band Aid this year will be a second stage!!! The Hallow Stonehenge, Underground, Dark Rhythm and Cheap Thrill bands are scheduled to appear on the Cathedral of Rock stage. New to the event will be the Acoustic Stage featuring The Hensens Project, Kallie Williams Music, Fred Leopard and Interstate Daydream with MegaSound providing stage production and Nigel Metal Productions as emcee.

"Band Aid is a volunteer-led movement that hopes to unite the Warren County, PA communities to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families," said Deb Yoakum. "Thanks to that shared passion of our bands and volunteers, we are working to help the American Cancer Society advance its mission through advocacy, research

and patient support in an effort to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat and survive cancer."

There are many ways to get involved in Band Aid of Warren, PA, including:

Join: Join the FUNdraising Band Aid Warren team, create your own or donate at RelayForLife.org/ PAWarren. Recruit family and friends to join the team with you.

Donate: Donate products and services for raffles/prizes by contacting one of our volunteers or emailing us at The Hallow Society Band @gmail.

Sponsor: Contact us on how you can sponsor the event with a cash or in-kind donation

Dedicate A Luminaria: Honor a life touched by cancer by dedicating a luminaria online or at the event. Your luminaria will be displayed on our Path of Hope during the event.

Vendor: Email The Hallow Society Band @gmail. com for information and an application

Volunteer: Contact us if you are available to volunteer your time and/or services

Cancer continues to be the second most common cause of death among Americans, after heart disease. Thank you for your time and consideration. To learn more about Band Aid of Warren County, PA visit us on Facebook. For more information on this year's American Cancer Society Community Movement event, visit RelayForLife.org/PAWarren.











Calling Chautauqua County to Step Up for Hope: United for Hope Walk Series

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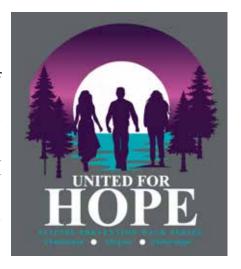
This September, residents Chautauqua County are invited to walk in unity, raise awareness, and show up for one another during the first-ever United for HOPE Walk Series—a collaborative, tri-county effort to bring attention to suicide prevention and promote mental wellness across the Southern Tier. includes series three community walks held in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties, offering a unique for opportunity individuals, families, schools, workplaces, and organizations to come together and walk in support, remembrance, and hope.

WALK DATES & LOCATIONS:

- September 6 Allegany County, Island Park, Wellsville, NY
- September 13 Chautauqua County, Ellery Town Park, Bemus Point, NY
- September 20 Cattaraugus County, Lincoln Park, Olean, NY, 4-8 pm

"This first-ever tri-county walk series is a chance for the Southern Tier to stand together, amplify our support for one another, and highlight the suicide prevention work happening across our communities," said Carri Raynor, Director of the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County.

Each walk will include a brief program, remembrance activities, and a community walk designed to inspire connection, healing, and awareness. Walks are open to all and free to attend, but registration is encouraged.



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Community members are especially encouraged to gather a team, from workplaces, schools, churches, clubs, or neighborhoods, and walk together. Teams can choose to attend just the Chautauqua County walk or go the distance and join all three across the region.

"This is a great opportunity to show your school spirit, represent your business, honor a loved one, or simply take a stand for mental health," said Raynor. "Bring a banner, wear matching shirts, carry a sign—whatever brings your team joy and purpose."

Whether you walk to remember someone, to support someone struggling, or to be part of something hopeful, your steps matter. Let's show that Hope Walks Strong in Chautauqua County.

To register your group or find more details about the United for HOPE Walk Series, visit preventsuicidechq.com.

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always encourage the exchange of business cards for networking.

This Business After Hours event is sponsored by Liberty Vineyards & Winery, Brooks-TLC Hospital Systerm/Kaleida Health, DFT Communications, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and by Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, Observer, and The Post-Journal.

Register online now through the web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Music in the Green is September 10

The CHQ Chamber is pleased to offer one additional Music in the Green event in Mayville this year. Join us in uptown Mayville September 10 from 5-8pm with special musical guests Bill Ward and John Cross.

This is not your typical vendor fair. It's designed as a business expostyle experience that invites local storefronts and organizations to creatively showcase what they offer in engaging ways. Local businesses are encouraged to stay open and create unique in-store experiences to attract and engage visitors. Save

the date and join us for Music in the Green, September 10, being offered with the support of the Village of Mayville and the Town of Chautauqua.

Save the Date for Made in Falconer October 4

Made in Falconer will be back for the second year in a row on Saturday, October 4. Save the date now and watch for additional details to be announced.

Made in Falconer is designed as an open house at local manufacturing plants. It's an opportunity for the public to see where and how things are made. Manufacturers that have confirmed participation so far this year are Fancher Chair Company, Hanson Sign Company, SKF, and Stuart Tool & Die. We anticipate the list will grow. The CHQ Transit trolly will help to move guests among the tour locations, and a number of restaurants and retailers will be open for the day, involving the entire Falconer-area business community.

The CHQ Chamber is proud to work with the Falconer business community on this event, and to have the support of Live CHQ-Choose CHQ. Additional details will be announced soon.



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Community Foundation Announces Grant Process is Open for Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative

Funding in three categories will support small to mid-sized arts organizations serving WNY

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Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo is now accepting applications for the 2025 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Arts & Culture Initiative competitive grant process in three categories and the deadline to apply is September 12, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

In 2021, the Ralph C. Wilson, established Foundation endowment funds at the Community Foundation Greater Buffalo to support arts and culture in the eight counties of Western New York, plus Monroe County, in recognition of the key role arts and culture organizations play in a thriving economy.

Since the inception of the Arts & Culture Initiative, the Community Foundation prioritized has community feedback in the creation of this annual funding opportunity. The result of these conversations is three funding opportunities for 2025:

1. Combined Capacity-Building and General Operating Funds: \$15,000 for organizations with at least one full-time (or one FTE) staff member to help build the solid foundation necessary to pursue an ambitious mission and vision.

- 2.General Operating Micro Grants: Up to \$2,500 for organizations with less than one full-time staff member to execute immediate programming.
- 3.Year 2 Capacity-Building and Operating General **Funds** for 2024 Grantees ONLY: Continued Capacity-Building support to build upon the work started in 2025.

Monroe County arts organizations: To simplify the process and communication, Rochester Area Community Foundation will distribute funding for Monroe County. The expectation, where possible, is the funding will continue to align with the parameters set by the fund annually.

For additional details on eligibility and the grant opportunity, please visit cfgb.org/nonprofits/grants/ ralph-c-wilson-jr-foundation-artsculture-initiative/

Applications are due September 12, 2025, at 4 p.m.



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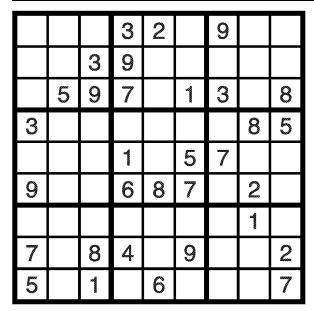
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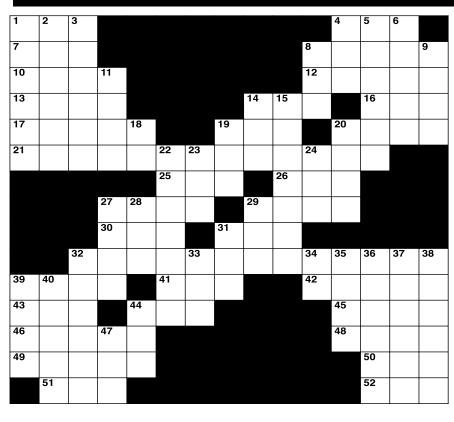


Here's How It Works:

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. Utilitarian fashion accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Macaws
- 8. Listens to
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person 12. Made of wood
- 13. Chinese lute
- 14. Beginning military rank
- 16. Indicates near
- 17. Ties the score
- 19. Chum
- 20. Long ago 21. Localities
- 25. Midway between northeast and east
- 26 Make fun of
- 27. Tennis great Arthur

- 29. Construction location
- 30. Cow's noise
- 31. Blue
- 32. One of the Fab Four
- 39. Formula 1 team 41. Dash
- 42. Lifting device
- 43. Basics
- 44. Keyboard key
- 45. Old Irish alphabet 46. Shaking of the Earth's surface
- 48. Covered stadium
- 49. Sword handles
- 50. Longing or yearning
- Creators' social network
- 52. Boxing's GOAT

CLUES DOWN

- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Ocean 5. Givers and
- 6. Gets ready
- 8. Ad
- 9. Fit of irritation
- 11. Criminal organization 14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 15. American state
- 18. Sensor hub
- 19. Before
- 20. The boundary of a surface
- 22. Witnesses
- 23. Singular 24. Type of meal

- 27. Music awards show
- 28. Former French coin of low value 29. A bag-like structure in an animal
- 31. Schenectady County Airport
- 32. Calm down
- 33. Partner to cheese
- 34. Cola brand
- 35. Stepped on
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Type of coating
- 38. A citizen of Yemen 39. Popular breakfast item,
- corned beef 40. On a line at right angles
- to a ship's length 44. First responders
- 47. Short-term memory



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Barry named director of SUNY Fredonia's Rockefeller Arts Center

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performing arts outside of work.

"My husband and I saw 'Rocky Horror 'performed at Oberlin College this past spring," she said "The cast and crew hit it out of the park - Great Scott!"

Barry currently serves as the U.S. representative to the Greater Niagara Ticketing Professionals, a cross-border organization of live-event professionals.

Previously, she served on the board of directors for the International Ticketing Association (INTIX) and the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

Barry is a graduate and member of the Chautauqua Leadership

Network and was named to its 2011 list of the Chautauqua Region's "40 under 40 Community and Business Leaders."

Barry resides in Jamestown with her husband, Len. They have two adult children, Kate and Pete.

And her music playlist is currently headed by multi-Grammy Award winner Jason Isbell.

"Jason Isbell's, 'Foxes in the Snow' is a gut punch and so, so good," she said of the singer/songwriter's most recent album. "I've been hitting repeat on the track 'Open and Close.' He's arguably our greatest modern-day songwriter. I'd highly recommend checking out his catalog of work!"

First Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor, J. Davis Creach

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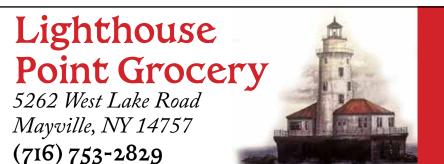
Second Coming and Jesus, the Gospels, and the Galilean Crisis in the Library of New Testament Studies series.

Rev. Kendra Buckwalter Smith will be leading the Prayer of Ordination and Installation. Smith is an accomplished vocalist and the Pastor for Discipleship and Director of the Worship Program at Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

Creach holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rhodes College and a Master of Divinity degree from PTS, where he met his wife, Elizabeth. Creach is the son of two pastors; his father is a renowned Old Testament scholar, Creach is a vocalist, plays the string bass and drums, and enjoys resistance training.









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Irving and Silver Creek: Two Grapes on A Vine

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beachfront resort that opened last year and has quickly become a local gem. Its on-site **Drift Restaurant** serves up fresh, seasonal dishes against a backdrop of stunning Lake Erie sunsets, a perfect reminder of why this area is so special.

Irving is also full of businesses that keep daily life running smoothly while adding personality to the community. **Stagecoach West** is a destination in its own right. The shop has become known for its wide selection of western wear and outdoor gear. For those with furry friends in mind, Just Pets caters to the area's four-legged residents with everything from food to toys. For those looking to spruce up their backyards, porches and more, Sunset Backyard Living specializes in Amish polywood furniture built to last. Keeping vehicles on the road is Sunset Truck & Auto's specialty as a reliable repair shop that locals depend on. Meanwhile, if you need a new vehicle for a great price from a local dealer you can trust, make Public Auto Connect your first stop.

Silver Creek also has no shortage of local businesses that add to the fabric of the fantastic community. Ehmke Well Drilling has long been known for their expertise, while Peace of Mind Wellness & Counseling Services offers vital support for mental health and wellbeing. And when it comes to home comfort, TPS Propane not only fuels households but also brings a bit of fun with its annual propane

tank decorating contest, where residents can win up to a year of free propane just by showing off their creativity.

The backbone of the area's growth is its deep history of craftsmanship and labor. Double A Specialties, with more than 35 years of excavation experience, continues to serve the region with land clearing, drainage, grading and pond work; while Hae Jude stands ready to design and manufacture your next quality printing project. These family-owned and operated businesses reflect the kind of generational commitment that defines small towns like Silver Creek.

Irving and Silver Creek are more than just dots on a map; they are communities that thrive because of the people and businesses that call them home. From fresh-baked goods to handcrafted signs, from well-drilled water to propanepowered heat, life here is made up of countless local touches. As newer businesses like Bee-licious Bakery bring a new spark to the community and long-standing institutions like Aunt Millie's, Hanford Market, and Stagecoach West continue to welcome generations of families, one thing is clear: the spirit of the Silver Creek and Irving is as vibrant as ever. It is a place where tradition and progress live side by side, where sunsets over Lake Erie are just the beginning of the story.

Pearl City Clay House Invites Community to "Clay & Play" Open **House and New Gallery Exhibition**

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Pearl City Clay House

Pearl City Clay House invites the community to explore, create, and connect during its upcoming Clay & Play: A Pearl City Clay House Open House on Saturday, September 13, 2025, beginning at 12:00 p.m. at 220 East 2nd Street in downtown Jamestown.

This free event offers a fun and welcoming chance for visitors to experience the wide variety of classes, events, and walk-in opportunities offered at Pearl City Clay House. Guests can enjoy pottery wheel demonstrations, a display of completed class project samples from upcoming fall workshops, and opportunities to meet instructors, ask questions, and learn more about upcoming classes.

addition demonstrations, our Paint Your Own Pottery studio and Bucket Projects are always available for purchase anytime we are open! Enjoy self-guided painting and unique hand-building clay and contemporary craft experiences that come with everything you



need to create a project on your own: clay, tools, instructions, and firing included. Complete them at PCCH or take them home to complete on your own time.

Visitors who register for a class in person during the event will receive exclusive one-day-only discounts, and surprise giveaways and prizes will be handed out throughout the day for those who explore the space and participate.

The Clay & Play event also coincides with the opening weekend of a brand-new gallery exhibition: "Shelf Life - Worthy of Forever," a heartfelt collection of favorite, forever-cherished works created by the teaching artists and studio members of Pearl City Clay House.

The public is invited to the Opening Reception on Friday, September 12 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The exhibition will remain on display through October 31, 2025, and will be viewable during regular studio hours and during the open house event on September 13.

"Our goal with Clay & Play is to demystify the creative process and welcome people of all artistic and creative backgrounds into the studio," said Deb Eck, Program Director at Pearl City Clay House. "Whether you're here to meet instructors, try a project, or just get inspired, there's something for everyone."



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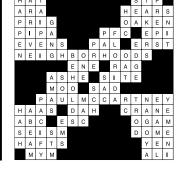
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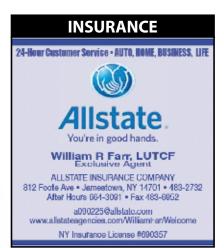






















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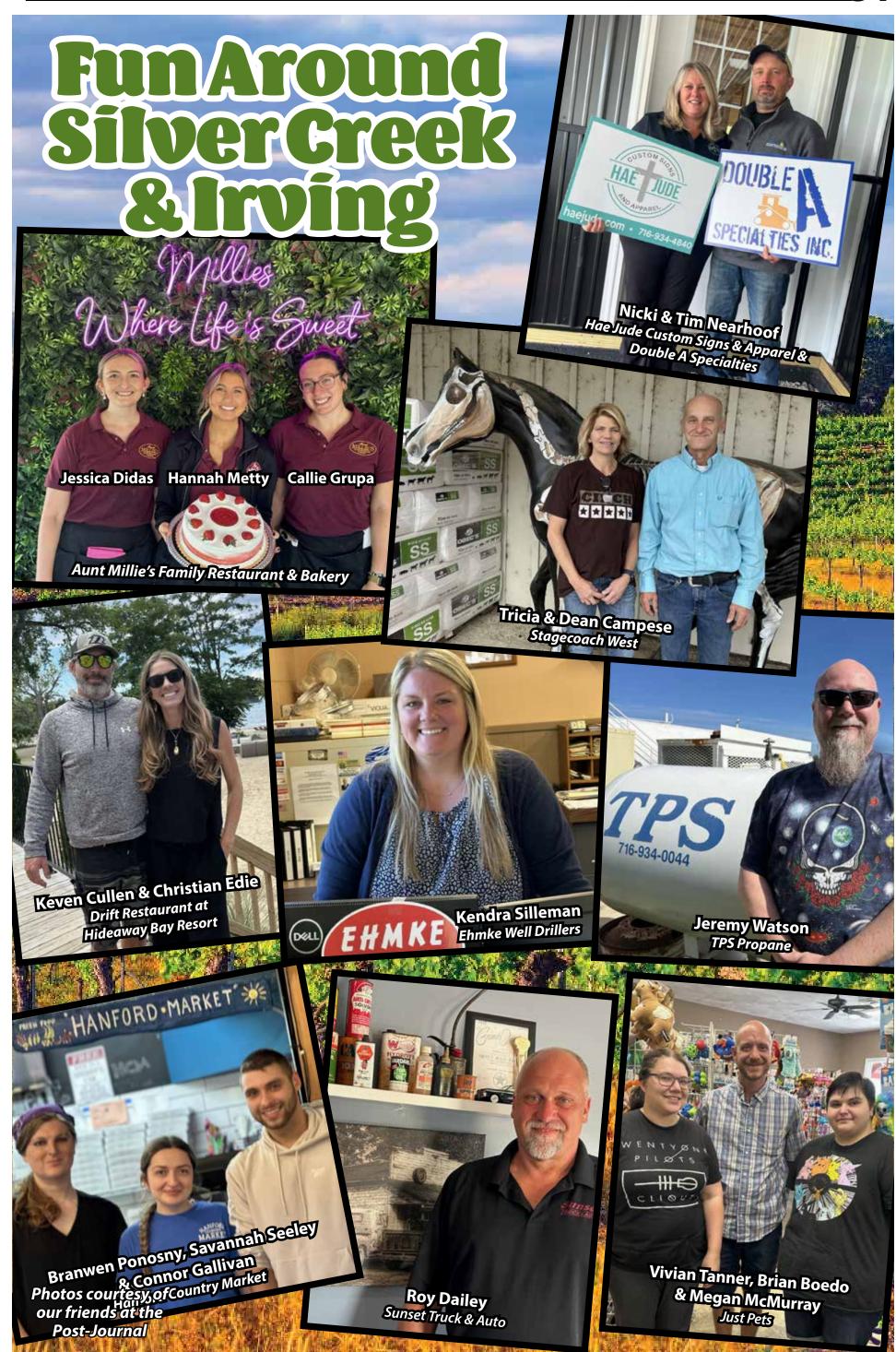


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