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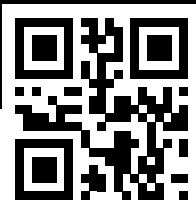


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- Unknown

## Warm Up with Wine this Winter

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### LAKE ERIE WINE COUNTRY

*Contributing Editor*  
**Katrina Fuller**

Spanning more than 50 miles from Western New York to Pennsylvania on the shores of Lake Erie, Lake Erie Wine Country is a vibrant collective of 21 wineries. Known for its picturesque vineyards, warm hospitality, and diverse winemaking styles, the region offers visitors an unforgettable journey into the heart of wine country. Lake Erie Wine Country is more than just a destination for wine lovers—it’s a community built on collaboration, celebration, and a shared love for the art of winemaking.

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For Lake Erie Wine Country, events are more than occasions to pour a glass of wine—they’re an opportunity to tell the story of the region’s rich winemaking heritage and celebrate the unique character of each member winery.

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## Where Wine, Community, and Craftsmanship Flourish

*Article Contributed by*  
**Grape Discovery Center**

Nestled among the vast acres of Concord, Niagara, and Delawareans, 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

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# This Week Around Town

**Monday, January 27**

For Info: 716-664-2166

**Young Marines Program  
6 PM**

First Covenant Church | Jamestown  
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**POSE Running Clinic with  
Coach Mark Wilson  
6 PM - 7 PM**

Pearl City Cycle | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-353-1288

**Tuesday, January 28**

**Raising Our Voices To Share  
His Dream: Celebrating Dr.  
King's Vision | 4 PM - 5:30 PM**

Williams Center | SUNY Fredonia  
For Info: events.fredonia.edu

**Friday, January 31**

**CHQ Chamber: State of  
Business Panel Discussion  
7:30 AM**

DoubleTree by Hilton | Jamestown  
For Info: chqchamber.org

**Jamestown Community  
Microgrid Project Public  
Meeting | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

Police Training Room (4th Floor of  
City Hall) | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-661-1680

**Happy Hour Songs: Oldfish  
at Brazil | 5 PM - 8 PM**

Brazil Lounge | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-708-2471

**Wednesday, January 29**

**Alzheimer's Association  
Free Education Program:  
"Empowered Caregiver"  
11 AM**

Chautauqua County Office for Aging  
Services | Jamestown  
For Info: 1-800-272-3900

**Movies at The Reg: Babygirl  
7 PM - 8:45 PM**

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts |  
Jamestown  
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**Friday, January 31 - Sunday,  
February 2**

**12 Angry Men | 7 PM, 7 PM, &  
2 PM**

Lucille Ball Little Theater | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-1095

**Movies at The Reg: Moana 2:  
Lunar New Year Matinee  
2 PM - 3:45 PM**

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**Cassadaga Winter Festival**  
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**Intro to Triathlon  
6 PM - 7 PM**

Dunkirk Fitness | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-353-1288

**Wine and Chocolate Month**  
Lake Erie Wine Country  
For Info: 877-326-6561

**Thursday, January 30**

**Wine On The Trail Walk  
4 PM**

Salomon Family Nature Preserve  
Sherman

**Sunday, February 2**

**First Sunday Story Time  
12:30 PM - 1 PM**

Audubon Community Nature Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: AudubonCNC.org/Events

## Grapes & Wine at Our Core



Contributing Writer  
**Daniel Becker**

As winter drags on and freezing temperatures persist, many of us find ourselves day-dreaming about the warmer, sunnier, greener days ahead. For many in Chautauqua County, those days are filled with the unmistakable aroma of lush grapes and the sights of sprawling vineyards coming back to life. There's something special about stepping outside and taking in the smells and views that make this region so unique.

The aroma of grapes ripening on the vine and the process of turning them into wine is a treat for both residents and tourists. Chautauqua County has a deep history in viticulture, making it a cornerstone of the region's culture and economy. With over 30,000 acres of vineyards, the Lake Erie Wine Country—including parts of Pennsylvania—is home to 21 member wineries. These local growers contribute around 65% of New York State's total wine production, which is remarkable

to consider given the state's size and diversity.

The story of Chautauqua's grape industry dates back to the 1800's - with Johnson Estates proudly reigning as the oldest estate winery in New York State! Grapes were first planted in the region in 1818, though it took about 30 years before they were commercially sold. One reason the area is so ideal for grape production is Lake Erie's role in protecting the crops; when the lake freezes over, it shields the vines from damaging spring frosts.

For many, Welch's grape juice is a childhood staple, but not everyone knows its origins trace back to Chautauqua County. In 1897, Dr. Charles Welch set up production in Westfield, further cementing the region's place in the grape and juice industries.

Before we know it, the weather will warm, and Chautauqua County's vineyards will again flourish. But our wineries are alive and well all year long. This year, whether you're a local or a visitor, you'll have an even greater appreciation for the area's rich history as you enjoy the sights, smells, and tastes that make this place so special. Visit and enjoy one of our many unique wineries today.

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- Rumi, circa 1200s



Editorial with Lori Cornell

# Winter is the perfect time for Wine!



Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**

collective sigh from many of these otherwise very enthusiastic and successful winery owners. In my new role as this newspaper's publisher, I have been privileged with the opportunity to get to know many of them. Truly, they represent some of the most creative and hardworking small business owners in our region. Not only are they running a full-scale business - with many of them also offering a dining component to boot - they are creating and continually reinventing a fragile product that they then sell and ship all over the world!

But apparently, these special entrepreneurs are experiencing slower traffic this winter. That is understandable given our weather since the holidays, but we are hearty Western New Yorkers, are we not? So, let's stop hibernating and step up. Yes, it's cold, but grab your finest snow gear, designate your driver, and hit the wine trail! Buy a ticket to the "Wine & Chocolate" festival for any weekend this February and you'll enjoy a complimentary chocolate treat with your wine pairings at each stop. What's not to love (especially during the month of love) about that?!

Why is it that many of us have been conditioned to think of fall as the perfect season to hit our local wineries? True, September through November are our grape harvesting months when the ripe vine aroma hits your nostrils for miles and the foliage is then so picturesque...but anytime is a great time for wine. And ANYTIME is definitely a great time to support the one and only, Lake Erie Wine Country - a national gem in our own backyard!

As we worked to compile this special edition in support of the Wine Country's upcoming "Wine & Chocolate" weekends, I sensed a



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**Denny G. Lewis, 65**  
Cherry Creek  
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**January 15**

**Elsie V. Nordland, 90**  
Kiantone  
Peterson Funeral Home

**Hipolita Soto-Gonzalez, 77**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Norma Mae Deering, 95**  
Falconer  
Falconer Funeral Home

**January 16**

**Ann F. Sardi, 88**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Barbara Stewart, 58**  
Jamestown  
Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

**January 17**

**Charleene Wallgren, 99**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Marietta Davison, 91**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**John McCanna, 77**  
Warren  
Lind Funeral Home

**James Lamphear, 97**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**January 19**

**Lori Beth Mistretta, 48**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Steven Pearson, 77**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Phillip Pascatore, 54**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Althea L. North, 80**  
Jamestown  
Falconer Funeral Home

**January 20**

**John A. "Jack" Nord, 94**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**January 21**  
**Deborah Elizabeth "Debbie"**  
**Mohney, 67**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Susan M. Kilmartin, 67**  
Jamestown  
Falconer Funeral Home

**January 22**

**Paul J. Bush, 56**  
Jamestown  
Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

**January 22**

**Sandra Tidquist, 83**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Sally A. Shavaliar, 77**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Karen Canfield, 81**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**January 23**

**Maurice M. "Maury" Wright, 72**  
Jamestown  
Lind Funeral Home

**Marilyn Sabino, 79**  
Jamestown  
Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

# Faith Matters

## No Wine



*Featured Writer*

**Rev. Dr. Scott D. Hannon**  
St. John Lutheran Church,  
Amherst, NY

Imagine you're at a wedding that ran out of beverages. Worse yet, imagine you are hosting a wedding that runs out of things to drink. Consider the panic, the worry, the stress, the frustration, and the embarrassment that would come from such an event.

This is the scenario that prompts one of Jesus' most infamous miracles. He is at a wedding that runs out of wine. As panic and worry slowly creep into the room, Jesus' mother informs him that he needs to do something about it. He responds the way sons often do... "Mom, do I have to?" (my paraphrase). When she leaves the room, he instructs the servants who are present to grab the six stone water jars that are nearby and fill them with water. Scripture says these jugs held 30 gallons of liquid and the servants filled them to the brim.

You likely know the rest of the story. The servants bring the water jugs to the party and give it to the steward running things. He tastes it and discovers it is not only new wine, but also the best wine they've had all night. The panic turns to party as despair gives in to joy. The dead end becomes a new beginning. Stress is relieved and strength is renewed.

We may not run out of wine, but there are times in life when it feels like we've run out. We run out of energy. We run out of time. We run out of patience. We run out of hope. We run out of money. We run out of

ideas. We run out. There are times of panic and stress, times of worry and embarrassment, and times of frustration and fear. There are times we are left to wonder not just how we are going to make it but also if we are going to make it.

What this popular miracle story of water turning to wine teaches us is that at moments like these – at times when it feels like we've run out – it is important to invite Jesus to the party (or better yet, make sure he is there in the first place). With Jesus present dead ends always lead to new beginnings. Even the biggest dead end, death, is just the gate to new, eternal and abundant life.

I hope that anyone reading this who feels like they're running on empty immediately finds blessing and abundance. But I also hope that everyone who is reading this can see himself or herself in this story. May we see ourselves not as the guests who are waiting to be served, but as the servants who listen to the Lord and fill up the cup of someone else.

With Jesus at the party –  
With the possibility of new life on the table –  
And with people who are ready to serve –  
May we find not just new wine or new life, but the best yet.

May your cup runneth over and may your heart be filled with grace.

In the Way,  
PSDH

*The Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature different faith leaders from throughout the Greater Jamestown area each week, in an effort to connect and inspire. We endeavor to provide a variety of religious and faith perspectives well-aligned with our diverse community and values. If you are a faith leader and wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at [cornell@CHQgazette.com](mailto:cornell@CHQgazette.com).*



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# GRAPE DISCOVERY CENTER

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## The Grape Discovery Center, a True Gem of Our County

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dates back to 1849, when Ephram Bull propagated the Concord grape in Concord, Massachusetts. Bull planted over 22,000 seedlings before producing the ideal slip-skin, 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.



Submitted Photo

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.



*"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food."*

- W.C. Fields, circa 1930s



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## The Hermit of Chautauqua Lake



Featured Writer

**Ryan Chambers-Leonard**  
Chautauqua County Student

Well folks, the first month of 2025 has already about wrapped up which is an insane statement on its own, but we also have plenty of history to look back on this year. While it feels like a lifetime ago, 2015 was only 10 years ago and it gave us a LOT. To throw out a few, you have Fall Out Boy's "American Beauty/American Psycho," Twenty One Pilots' "Blurryface," the adoption of the Paris Climate Accord, the founding of OpenAI (which was integral to the rise of A.I. in the last few years), and the continued War on Terror. And now that we're entering 2025 I have one piece of advice specifically for the younger readers of the *Gazette*: talk to the older members of your community. Chautauqua County has some incredible history that you aren't going to hear from anyone your age. I was talking with Maple Grove Jr/Sr High School's incredible Art teacher the other day, Mr. Kevin Johnson, and while I wouldn't dare call him old (you don't look a day over 20, Mr. J), he's definitely older than me. And he told me about a unique character, the "Hermit of Chautauqua Lake." So now, I'm going to teach you a little about a unique part of Chautauqua County's history, Charley Cowden.

Though Cowden may be referred to as a hermit, he doesn't particularly fit that definition. He was an *incredibly* lively and social individual who, upon the arrival of winter, would take it upon himself to travel around the country and visit the homes of his acquaintances throughout the county. And he was always a rather polite guest, as he would personally craft a gift of a white pine wood fan and gift it to the lady of the house. He was an incredibly versatile individual as well. He practiced the aforementioned woodcarving using jack-knives that he kept on him as well as the fiddle. I can't fathom

how he managed it, but he was able to mimic a number of instruments on his fiddle. Banjos, pianos, and a few others. Understandably, this earned him plenty of guests during the summer months. People would come to hear his songs and listen to his stories- and honestly, I totally understand. Social media can be great, but it sounds way more entertaining to visit a friendly old man by the lake and hear his stories.

Cowden also seems to have been an incredibly thoughtful individual, in any case. While I already mentioned his wooden gifts, he was also known to treat guests to cooked fish that he had caught on the lake (which, I'll say it again, sounds like such an interesting experience). He would take residents of the area on fishing and sightseeing trips and, as evidenced by these trips, had a clear desire to show others how special the lake was. Then across the lake, the Whiteside Hotel stood tall until 1985, and it was once home to some exhibitions of Cowden's unique performances. He wore Native American attire even though it is unlikely he was actually of Native American descent, and performed "Native American acts" for the hotel guests, presumably implying some sort of dance or music; which would make sense given how adept he was at music, and that he was an avid dancer. He was especially notorious for clogging, which was a Western folk dance. And while I'm sure he wasn't going around calling clogging a Native American dance, he WAS very passionate about his clogging performances. So much so, that he eventually got a solid gold medal for winning a contest here in Jamestown. He primarily resided around the lake (hence the title "Hermit of Chautauqua Lake"), but Cowden moved around quite a lot, and it gave him the opportunity to showcase his various talents wherever he went.

While Cowden might not have done much that had an apparent lasting impact he left a legacy behind him by simply being a kindhearted individual. *Hopefully* this serves as a lesson about what merely being a good person can result in. At the end of the day, he got to do what he loved and be remembered fondly because of it. And he's only one of many, many examples of this. Regardless, 2025 is only just getting started. I wish everyone the best!

Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

## Snowflakes and Their Presence in Winter



Contributing Writer

**Pat Locke**

A snowflake is a single ice crystal large enough to fall through the Earth's atmosphere as snow. Snow appears white in color despite being made of clear ice. This is because the many small crystal facets of the snowflakes scatter the sunlight between them. Each snowflake begins by forming around a tiny particle called as nucleus, accumulating water droplets which freeze and slowly form a crystal. According to scientific consensus, all snowflakes are considered to be different from one another because as they fall through the atmosphere, they encounter slightly varying temperature and humidity levels, leading to unique growth patterns and shapes, making it nearly impossible for two snowflakes to be exactly alike. Essentially, each snowflake's shape tells the story of its unique journey through the air.

Key points about snowflakes fall under 3 categories. These categories

are unique growth patterns, humidity impact and molecular variations. Higher humidity can lead to more complex branching patterns while low humidity results in flatter snowflakes. Even though snowflakes are made of the same basic components (hydrogen and oxygen) the slight variations in their molecular arrangement contribute to their individuality.

Most of us as a child have tried catching snowflakes with our tongue. It typically symbolizes a moment of pure, childlike joy and wonder in the midst of winter. It represents the simple pleasure of experiencing the beauty of falling snow, often associated with carefree play and embracing the cold weather.

Catching snowflakes is a childhood rite of passage. All you have to do is tip your head back, stick out your tongue and try to catch a snowflake in your mouth.

To take a closer look at snowflakes before they melt or join a pile on the ground, simply put a piece of black construction paper in the freezer. When it is snowing, grab your frozen sheet of paper and head outside. Once your paper is full of flakes, you can return it to the freezer to inspect later with a magnifying glass.

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## Stay Safe, Stay Warm, Stay Ready



Article Contributed by

**Justin Gould**

Chautauqua County  
Media Information Officer

As Chautauqua County emerges from last week's bone-chilling temperatures, residents are reminded that the heart of winter still lies ahead. While the frigid cold has eased, staying prepared and informed is key to enjoying the season safely.

### Warming Centers and Code Blue Shelters

Chautauqua County's Code Blue initiative remains a vital resource for those without adequate heating or experiencing homelessness. These shelters provide safe, warm spaces during dangerously cold weather.

"Code Blue shelters save lives when the temperatures drop," said Carmelo Hernandez, Director of Mental Hygiene and Social Services. "If you or someone you know needs help, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support our community."

Details on shelter locations and services can be found at [chqgov.com/CodeBlue](http://chqgov.com/CodeBlue).

### Fire Safety During Winter Heating

Heating devices like space heaters and fireplaces provide much-needed warmth but can pose fire hazards if not used correctly.

"Warmth is important, but safety is essential," emphasized Noel M. Guttman, Chautauqua County Emergency Services Coordinator. "Keep heaters away from flammable materials, test your smoke detectors, and never leave heating devices unattended."

Key safety tips include: maintaining a 3-foot clearance around space heaters; avoiding overloading outlets or power strips; cleaning chimneys regularly, and extinguish all fires before sleeping or leaving the house.

### Emergency Preparedness for Winter Travel

Snowstorms and icy roads are common hazards in Western New York winters. Being prepared can make all the difference.

Vehicle essentials include: warm blankets and extra clothing; flashlight, batteries, and a portable

charger; shovel, sand, or traction mats for icy situations; first aid kit, non-perishable snacks, and bottled water.

### Supporting Vulnerable Populations

Winter weather poses unique risks for older adults, young children, and those with chronic health conditions.

"This time of year can be especially challenging for seniors," said Dana Corwin, Director of the Office for Aging Services. "Check in on neighbors and loved ones, and lend a hand with outdoor chores like snow shoveling to keep them safe."

Regularly ensure they have sufficient heating, food, and medical supplies, and offer help whenever possible.

### Celebrate Winter's Beauty

Despite its challenges, winter in Chautauqua County is a season of breathtaking beauty and family fun. The pristine snow blankets the countryside, offering countless opportunities for outdoor enjoyment.

On sunny days, bundle up and take advantage of the area's natural wonders: winter walks through scenic trails; snowmobiling on the county's vast trail system; cross-country skiing in serene wooded areas and enjoying the thrill of sledding with loved ones or building snowmen with the kids.

"Winter is a magical time in Chautauqua County," said County Executive PJ Wendel. "While safety should always come first, don't forget to embrace the season and make memories with family and friends."

Whether you're marveling at a snow-covered forest, enjoying hot cocoa by the fire, or experiencing the rush of outdoor sports, Chautauqua County offers something for everyone.

### Stay Informed

For the latest updates on weather conditions, travel advisories, and community resources, follow Chautauqua County on social media or visit [chqgov.com](http://chqgov.com).

With the right precautions and a spirit of adventure, winter in Chautauqua County can be as safe as it is enjoyable. Bundle up, stay safe, and make the most of this magical season.

## Ripley Community & Heritage Fund Accepting Grant Applications

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**Ripley Community & Heritage Fund**



The Ripley Community & Heritage Fund (RCHF) is currently accepting grant applications. Charitable, not-for-profit organizations that serve the Ripley community are eligible to apply for funding. Interested organizations can find grant applications and guidelines at [nccfoundation.org/community-advised](http://nccfoundation.org/community-advised) or by contacting RCHF Board Chair Richard Wade, 716-269-9304, or Co-chair Pete Ryan, 716-252-6542. Please mail completed applications to the RCHF, c/o Dick Wade 25 North State St. Ripley, NY 14775, postmarked by January 15, 2022. Additional RCHF committee members include Mary Beth Chess (Secretary), Lew Barnes, Dave Bower, Terry Eggleston, Calvin Janes, Andy Knight, and Ryleigh Interline.

The RCHF was formed in 2000 with a mission to enrich the lives of Ripley residents. To help the community, the RCHF

administers a grant program specifically for volunteer organizations providing valuable services within the Ripley community. The RCHF is a community donor-advised fund of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF). The grants awarded by the RCHF have been made available through the Ripley Community & Heritage Fund Endowment created at the NCCF by over 140 community businesses, citizens, and organizations. To date, the RCHF has distributed nearly \$86,000 to local organizations.

If you would like information about establishing a community donor-advised fund for your community, please contact NCCF at [nccf@nccfoundation.org](mailto:nccf@nccfoundation.org) or by phone at 716-366-4892.

## WINE & CHOCOLATE

### Trivia

1. What states does Lake Erie Wine Country span across?
2. In total, how many wineries make up the Lake Erie Wine Country?
3. How many wineries are located in the New York State part of the Lake Erie wine trail?
4. What type of chocolate dessert sold at many local candy shops is said to be invented in the Western New York region?
5. Which local grape variety is indigenous to the Lake Erie region and often used in sweet wines?
6. What is the primary body of water that influences the climate of Lake Erie Wine Country?
7. What is the key chemical compound in both wine and chocolate that enhances the flavors when paired together?
8. With approximately 20,000 acres of grape vineyards, what county is the grape-growing county in the United States (outside of California)?
9. What type of chocolate is considered the best for pairing with dry red wines?
10. Spanning from Harborcreek, PA to Silver Creek, NY, how many miles make up the Lake Erie Wine Trail?

1. Pennsylvania and New York 2. 21 3. 11 4. Sponge candy 5. Concord 6. Lake Erie 7. Tannins 8. Chautauqua County 9. Dark chocolate (70% cocoa) 10. 53 miles



# Business of the Week

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## From Schuyler's to Lake Life Kitchen: A Fresh Start with Familiar Flavors



Joe Gerace III, General Manager & Amy Martis, Business Owner



Submitted Photos

### Contributing Editor

#### Katrina Fuller

Schuyler's Kitchen, a cherished Lakewood breakfast spot known for its cozy charm and classic menu, has a new name and a fresh look. Owner Amy Martis and General Manager Joe Gerace are excited to share the new name, Lake Life Kitchen, and updated space with customers. However, they also hope to assure them that despite the changes, their favorite foods and customer-centered atmosphere remain center stage.

Martis said the new name combines the incredible legacy left behind by Schuyler's Kitchen's previous owner, Debra Schuyler, and the Lake Life brand that began with Lake Life Cafe in Bemus Point. After owning the beloved restaurant for fifteen months, Martis said the team has learned the recipes and business model from Schuyler. They have strived to maintain them in this remodel and rebrand while combining them with new and exciting offerings.

Gerace added that the name change brings all the care and effort built into the "Lake Life" brand.

"The Lake Life brand carries more than just a catchy name - it carries an experience and an atmosphere as well as the principles of how we operate and how we treat each other. I think it also translates to our customers," he said. "The Lake Life Brand is important not just for the name, but for what it means as well."

Martis said many of the changes made for 2025 were geared toward maintaining the legacy of Schuyler's Kitchen, while still adapting and refining operations, space, and offerings.

"We wanted to be able to attract those who have families as well as the visitors to the area," Martis said. "What brought me to the lake was being a lake visitor, and we want to open the doors and expand our

clientele that way."

The dining room addition and a new kitchen addition allows the restaurant to accommodate more guests, and in particular, large families with children. Martis said as a parent herself, she was excited at the opportunity to expand the seating and also offer a kids' menu for those with little ones.

"That was one of our main goals," she said. "We went from 11 tables to 22 now. We basically doubled the amount of tables, but they're also bigger tables. We can actually host groups of 10 to twelve, which we've never been able to do before."

While there have been changes to the appearance and size of the restaurant, Gerace said they have been very mindful of keeping the classic foods, recipes, and extraordinary customer service patrons came to expect of the 13 years Schuyler's Kitchen operated in Lakewood.

"We were very intentional to hold on to not just the food and the recipes, but the overall experience at the restaurant was something that we by no means wanted to change," he said. "This restaurant has been known for its exceptional service and its really family-like atmosphere for over a decade. We've been really specifically in tune on keeping that."

Martis said she is incredibly thankful for the firm foundation and well-loved legacy Debra Schuyler left in their hands.

"We just want to shout out Debra Schuyler as a thank you for what she developed and for giving us the option to take our brand and extend it here," she said.

Gerace echoed her sentiments, adding that he is also grateful for Schuyler's efforts, in the past, during the transition between the two

owners and now.

"We just want to thank her, and recognize she spent years establishing what is known as one of the most popular and well-known breakfast spots in the county," he said. "We also appreciate her excitement for us to be able to take it and attach the Lake Life brand. Her work and support previously and since has been awesome."

While longtime patrons will still find their favorite dishes on the menu, they can also look forward to new tasty offerings like Hot Honey Chicken and Waffles, French fries and chicken fingers as well as

an inviting remodel that blends tradition with a modern, lakeside vibe.

"We have on our menu Lake Life Cafe specialties that we brought over from the cafe that range from our Western wrap and lunch salads, our avocado toasts and Cobb salads and things like that which are at both restaurants now," Martis said. "We brought fryers in - which is huge. For lunch, the big attraction is that we have French fries and onion rings which was a huge

request. It allowed us to bring in home fries as well as country-fried steak."

With the debut of the new name and new space at the restaurant, Lake Life Kitchen also has new operating hours. They expanded their hours to be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day. Gerace said they have also now started offering all-day breakfast as well.

"You eat it for dinner - you might as well eat it for lunch," he said.

Gerace added that one of his favorite breakfast dishes is the country fried steak, a meal you can't often get locally.

"I know that some of our regulars were ecstatic they could get it here," he said. "There were some people that would go farther away just to have that specific thing."

Martis said she prefers the spinach omelets but also has a soft spot for the pancakes, which were and continue to be a well-loved specialty.

Lake Life Kitchen is located at 4477 W. Fairmount Avenue in Lakewood. The restaurant also offers online ordering and delivery through Toast, available here: <https://order.toasttab.com/online/lake-life-kitchen-lakewood>.



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# The Resource Center Again Ranked Among America's 100 Healthiest Employers



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Smiling proudly after The Resource Center finished first in its division at the 2024 Western New York Healthiest Employers competition are, from left, STARS wellness team members Jon DeSantis, Donna Trusso and Heather Courtney.

## Article Contributed by The Resource Center

A commitment to its employees' well-being has resulted in The Resource Center again being named one of the healthiest employers in the United States.

For the ninth straight year, The Resource Center was included on the list of the "Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America" by Springbuk, a health analytics company that has conducted the annual Healthiest Employers competition since 2009. In the latest listing, The Resource Center is ranked No. 63.

The Healthiest Workplaces in America program honors people-first organizations that prioritize the well-being of their employees. These Healthiest 100 companies were recognized because of their commitment to workplace wellness and their exceptional health and benefits offerings. They were chosen out of the national pool of applicants from all regions, size categories and industries. Award applicants were evaluated across six categories: culture and leadership commitment; strategic planning; communications and marketing; programming and interventions; reporting and analytics; and foundational components.

The Resource Center also is a member of the Healthiest Employers Hall of Fame.

The Resource Center was eligible for the Healthiest 100 Workplaces competition after finishing atop the other finalists among Extra Large companies (those with 500 to 1,499 full-time employees) at the annual Western New York employer

wellness competition in August. It marked the eighth time in the last nine years TRC claimed the top spot in its division.

The key to The Resource Center's inclusion as one of the country's healthiest workplaces is its STARS employee wellness program. STARS assesses each person along five life dimensions: basic needs, physical health, mental wellness, family/social relationships, and employment issues. STARS participants meet with a certified health coach to develop and monitor a personalized wellness plan. STARS members receive discounts on their health care costs and wellness activities, and they can earn incentive points that may be redeemed for prizes.

Participation in the STARS program is voluntary. Many of the wellness activities are open to all TRC employees, not just those who are enrolled in STARS.

TRC officials were happy that the agency again is ranked among the healthiest workplaces in the country.

"We are so proud of our wellness team and the work they do every day to support our workforce to be healthy," said Heather C. Brown, assistant executive director. "The STARS program combines so many factors that engage team members to reach for their goals in a customized way that best fits their life-style. The Resource Center is so fortunate to have this as part of our benefits package."

Read more about the Healthiest 100 Workplaces at <https://www.healthiestemployers.com/winner/2024-healthiest-100-workplaces-in-america>.

## SUDOKU

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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: Advanced

## CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Loser" rocker
- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister
- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief
- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. \_\_\_ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotain
- 26. Male reproductive gland
- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle



## The Resource Center Aids Area Animal Shelters



Submitted Photo

Joe Popielarz from The Resource Center's Information Technology Department poses with some of the items collected at TRC this holiday season to aid area animal shelters. Popielarz developed this initiative last year, calling it "Santa Paws Is Coming to Town." The goal was to gather donations of toys; food and treats; towels and blankets; cleaning products; and office supplies. The initiative was so successful that Popielarz decided to do it again, this year calling it "Santa Paws Is Coming Back to Town." The items collected were delivered to the Chautauqua County Humane Society and Pick of the Litter.

## Tips for Navigating Winter Weather for Loved Ones with Alzheimer's or Dementia

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Alzheimer's Association



Sub-freezing temperatures, snow and ice can be hazardous for all seniors and are especially concerning for those living with Alzheimer's or dementia. The Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is pleased to share safety tips for navigating the season and keeping loved ones safe throughout winter.

By preparing themselves and their homes in advance, caregivers can make a big difference in keeping their loved ones with Alzheimer's or dementia safe. Some tips include:

Be prepared. Winter storms can be dangerous for anyone. Check weather conditions regularly and have contingency plans in place. If a snowstorm is on the horizon, consider rescheduling appointments that are not urgent. Tackle to-do lists in one trip to avoid making multiple trips out of the house.

Bundle up. Help the person living with Alzheimer's dress warmly for winter weather conditions by covering exposed skin. A good option to consider is wearing several layers of lightweight clothing for easy movement.

Prevent slips. Balance and mobility can be a challenge for a person living with Alzheimer's or dementia, so

assume all surfaces are slick. Assist the person living with dementia by wearing sturdy shoes and walking slowly when outside. Keep sidewalks and driveways clear, use handrails or walk arm-in-arm. Consider acquiring a state-issued Handicapped placard to enable closer access to buildings.

Prevent wandering. Wandering is one of the most frequent and challenging problems caregivers face and can be extremely dangerous in colder conditions. If a family member wanders, start by searching the immediate vicinity inside and outside the home. In winter weather, a missing vulnerable adult is an emergency, so don't hesitate to call 911 and alert responders that the individual has Alzheimer's. Consider installing a doorbell camera or other outdoor monitoring device.

Make daylight last. Winter months bring decreased sunlight and shorter days. Turn on indoor lights earlier or install timers, open curtains during daylight hours, and consider installing motion detector lights to help illuminate walkways around the home.

To learn more about Alzheimer's disease and ways you can support families and people living with the disease, visit [alz.org/wny](http://alz.org/wny).



## Continuing The Journey

### Chautauqua Tapestry's First Year Under the 2023-2027 Grant

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Justin Gould

Chautauqua County  
Media Information Officer

#### Key Year-One Highlights:

- **Expanding Access:** Enhanced screening, assessment, and referral pathways to ensure children and youth receive timely, effective services, including expanded integration with schools and community-based organizations.
- **Strengthening Supports:** Provided support and trauma-informed care training for providers and conducted community mapping in collaboration with CCDMH Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHC) to assess care integration.
- **Community Collaboration:** Engaged in partnerships with local schools, colleges, and community organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs and pediatric offices. Supported expansion of Prevention Works Evidence Based PAX training and implementation.
- **Building Capacity:** Conducted workforce training on evidence-based programs including Youth Mental Health First Aid, Adult Mental Health First Aid, It's REAL, Sources of Strength, and SAFE-T assessments, alongside peer-driven suicide prevention initiatives.
- **Family Engagement:** Supported Hillside Family of Agencies to establish and provide Family and Youth Peer Support Services.

Chautauqua Tapestry is pleased to share a brief summary of the impactful first year of its four-year federal grant (2023-2027) awarded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This \$4 million grant supports the strengthening and expansion of Chautauqua County's system of care.

The Chautauqua Tapestry operates locally under the supervision of the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene (CCDMH). Most communities have care services, but do not function as one "system". A System of Care (SOC) is a network of programs and services delivered to children, youth, and families. SOC is an organizational philosophy that creates a framework for support recognizing that children and families have needs in many areas of life. Chautauqua Tapestry focuses on children and youth 0 to 21 years of age who are at risk for or diagnosed with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and their families. The grant seeks to integrate behavioral health services into every level of the community.

#### Key Priorities for Chautauqua County's SOC Include:

- **Identify** SOC gaps and generate solutions to address and resolve them collaboratively.
- **Provide** an evidence-based and culturally appropriate continuum of behavioral health supports and services to children, youth, and young adults, with or at risk of Social Emotional Disturbance (SED)/Serious Mental Illness (SMI).
- **Implement** services and supports to promote and sustain family and youth engagement and involvement in the SOC.
- **Promote** trauma-informed and grief-informed approaches to care services to enhance recovery and mental health wellness while addressing behavioral health disparities.
- **Develop** referral pathways to prepare children and youth with or at risk of SED for successful transition to adulthood; to adult roles, responsibilities, and recovery support services.

These efforts are part of the groundwork for long-term improvements in mental health and wellness for Chautauqua County's youth, and the families that support them. As Tapestry moves into Year Two, the focus will be to deepen collaborations, advancing grief-informed care initiatives, and expanding outreach to underserved populations.

Stay tuned for updates on the goals and initiatives planned for Year Two of the Chautauqua Tapestry grant. You can learn more about Chautauqua Tapestry, available evidence-based practices and other outreach efforts, by visiting [www.tapestrychq.com](http://www.tapestrychq.com) or [www.chqgov.com/mental-hygiene](http://www.chqgov.com/mental-hygiene).

To learn more about SAMHSA, SED, and SMI visit <https://www.samhsa.gov/substance-use/treatment/co-occurring-disorders>.



## Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy Opens New Pediatric Gym in Jamestown



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### The Chautauqua Center, Inc.

Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy of The Chautauqua Center, Inc., is excited to announce the opening of its new Pediatric Gym in Jamestown, NY.

This innovative facility, located on the second floor at 107 Institute Street, is dedicated to addressing the developmental needs of children with sensory and motor challenges. Therapists use the gym to offer an array of specialized services, including physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy, tailored specifically for children aged 0-8 who have a wide range of developmental disabilities.

The facilities include rock climbing walls, monkey bars, therapeutic trapeze bars with a variety of swings, crash pits and pads, zip lines and ladders, a two-story play structure with stairs, a slide, a ninja ramp, and designated areas for fine motor activities, and a quiet space to support

speech and language development.

All services are evidence based and are tailored to meet the individual needs of each child. The team at Chautauqua Physical and Occupational Therapy has experience working with children with a variety of diagnoses, including developmental delay, torticollis, drug exposure, Down Syndrome, prematurity, and autism spectrum disorder.

"We are committed to making a positive impact on the lives of children with developmental disabilities in our community," Occupational Therapy Supervisor Sue Green said. "We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their fullest potential and have fun doing it. We have a competent and compassionate team to carry out that philosophy."

Therapists are always accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment or to tour the facility, please call the Therapy Team number at 716-705-6150 or fax 716-488-2574. Visit TCCHealth.org for more information.

## Public Invited to First Meeting Outlining the Jamestown Community Microgrid Project

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Public Utilities



### Awardee

The public is invited to the first community information meeting outlining the Jamestown Community Microgrid Project. The session will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, in the Police Training Room, on the fourth floor of Jamestown City Hall, 200 East Third Street.

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) a contract to create a microgrid and install associated distribution system resiliency upgrades in the Jamestown electric territory. The grant was awarded in late 2023 and the contract was finalized in October, 2024.

The BPU microgrid system will use existing electricity generation equipment to power a strong network of underground electrical distribution circuitry, ensuring a high level of utility reliability and resiliency in the core of downtown Jamestown, independent of the regional grid system.

The microgrid will guarantee that energy is delivered to critical public services, the regional hospital and medical facilities, designated emergency shelters, schools, and other businesses. It will include a secure electric vehicle fleet charging station so emergency electric vehicles can be charged if there is an unexpected grid interruption.

If an emergency occurs outside BPU territory to cut power to the BPU's service area, the microgrid system will be able to black start the utility's existing gas turbine. The utility's network of underground circuits, the District Heating system and the addition of a black start battery storage system will enable the core area of Downtown Jamestown to remain in electrical and thermal service. The Microgrid Project will help ensure that any unexpected electrical interruption from the grid will be brief if the BPU's power plant can be operated.

The January 28 public session will include an explanation of the Jamestown Community Microgrid Project followed by a brief question-and-answer session. To attend the meeting, people should enter through the main City Hall door on Tracy Plaza, step through security and take the elevator to floor 4. Turn right off the elevator and follow signs to the Police Training Room.

For interested residents who cannot attend the meeting in person, a virtual link is set up using the Microsoft TEAMS meeting application. That link can be found on the BPU's website at <https://www.jamestownbpu.com/417/Microgrid-Community-Benefits>.

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## This Sunday is Audubon's Free First Sunday Story Time



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For a fun learning adventure with your favorite 2-8 year old(s) this winter, go with them to Audubon Community Nature Center's First Sunday Story Time, 12:30-1 p.m., February 2. Then, indoors and out, visit Audubon's live animals and enjoy the Nature Play Areas. Story Time and Sunday building admission are both free. To reserve your space, click through Programs and Events at [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org).

# National Comedy Center and Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Unveil Memory Cafés for Individuals with Memory Loss and Their Caregivers

*Featured Writer*

**Shannon Nixon**

Two of Jamestown’s leading cultural institutions, the National Comedy Center and the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts, are launching memory café programs to provide engaging, supportive environments for adults experiencing memory loss, including dementia and Alzheimer’s, as well as their caregivers and family members.

## National Comedy Center’s Memory Café: One Laugh at a Time

The National Comedy Center, the nation’s official institution dedicated to the art of comedy, will host One Laugh at a Time: A National Comedy Center Memory Café on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. This free program offers participants the chance to explore the museum’s interactive exhibits and theater presentations, enjoy comedy’s greatest legends and moments from Johnny Carson, I Love Lucy, Laugh-In, and much more. The event also provides opportunities to socialize and connect in the Comedy Center’s Karaoke Lounge.

“Comedy has always been a bridge to shared experiences and cherished memories,” said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. “With the launch of our memory café, the National Comedy Center is creating a space where laughter becomes a powerful tool for connection and joy – offering meaningful engagement for those navigating memory challenges as well as providing respite and stress relief for caregivers and family members.”

“We understand that caregiving can place significant demands on relationships with family members and friends,” stated Rochelle Mole, National Comedy Center Chief Operating and Financial Officer. “We’re pleased to be creating a welcoming space where participants can take a pause, reconnect, share a laugh, and simply enjoy meaningful moments together.”



*Submitted Photos*

**Gavin Paterniti**  
Performing February 11 at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts



**Bill Ward**  
Performing March 11 at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

The first session will take place on Monday, February 3, 2025. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register at [ComedyCenter.org/memorycafe](http://ComedyCenter.org/memorycafe).

The National Comedy Center’s Memory Café is supported by Exhale, The Family Caregiver Initiative, with funding from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York.

## Reg Lenna Center for The Arts: Memory Café with Music, Crafts, and More

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts will also host Memory Cafés on the second Tuesday of each month at 12 p.m. in the Media Arts Studio (3rd floor). These free sessions will feature live music performances, crafts, and accessible activities to foster social interaction in a welcoming environment. Light refreshments will be provided, and participants are free to join in or simply observe.

The first events will feature musicians Gavin Paterniti (February 11) and

Bill Ward (March 11). The Media Arts Studio is elevator-accessible via the entrance at 108 E. 3rd St.

The program focuses on engagement in activities to improve memory and brain health, keeping older adult attendees mentally and socially active while at the same time providing a positive, supportive, bonding experience for caregivers of all ages. Memory cafés also provide caregivers with information, resources, referrals, and a network of support.

To register, patrons can email [rsvp@reglenna.com](mailto:rsvp@reglenna.com) or call The Reg Box Office at (716) 484-7070. A suggested donation is appreciated but not required.

## Shared Goals and Support for Caregivers

Both memory café programs aim to create inclusive spaces for individuals living with cognitive decline and their caregivers. These initiatives reflect a growing national movement to address the increasing prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, providing tools, resources, and social connections to

improve overall well-being.

The National Comedy Center and Reg Lenna Center for The Arts are among eleven institutions in Western New York selected to participate in Exhale’s Memory Café Collective, funded by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York.

## About the National Comedy Center

The National Comedy Center, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is the first Congressionally-designated national archive for comedy and one of TIME magazine’s “World’s Greatest Places.” Its state-of-the-art exhibits showcase comedy’s role in shaping American culture. Learn more at [ComedyCenter.org](http://ComedyCenter.org).

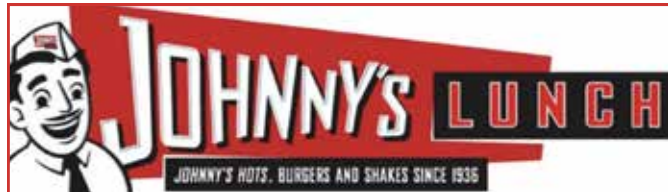
## About the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts offers dynamic arts programming and serves as a hub for cultural engagement in Jamestown. For more information, visit [RegLenna.com](http://RegLenna.com).



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## Lake Erie Wine Country

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Contributing Editor  
**Katrina Fuller**

Signature events like the annual Wine & Chocolate Weekends have become a hallmark of the region's appeal. Held during the weekends in February, this event held at various wineries pairs the decadence of fine wine with gourmet chocolates, creating an indulgent experience for attendees. Guests enjoy the chance to tour the wineries, meet the winemakers, and savor each perfect pairing.

Lake Erie Wine Country Executive Director Linda Nissley said the organization is proud of the wineries that are a part of the trail - a collection of different businesses that complement one another so fully.

"To me, the diversity of our wineries is truly amazing. You can find something different at each one. We have everything from music to history to the arts. Although we are one trail and well-unified, each winery is so distinct and special in its own unique way." Said Lake Erie Wine Country Executive Director Linda Nissley.

Another crowd favorite is the Wine & Tapas weekend, scheduled for April 25-27, 2025. This culinary experience invites guests to explore expertly paired small plates with each winery's signature wines. From rich, savory bites to light and refreshing dishes, every pairing offers a new way to appreciate the artistry of winemaking.

By hosting events that appeal to a wide range of tastes and interests, Lake Erie Wine Country creates lasting memories for visitors while boosting visibility and revenue for its member wineries.

While the charm of the region's vineyards is best experienced in person, Lake Erie Wine Country's state-of-the-art website ensures that the experience begins long before visitors arrive. Designed to be as welcoming and accessible as the wineries themselves, the website serves as a comprehensive resource for wine enthusiasts.

The platform features detailed profiles of all 21 member wineries, complete with information on their unique offerings, operating hours, and contact details. For those looking to make the most of their trip, the website

provides a wealth of resources on touring tips, transportation options, and group planning. From organizing a romantic getaway to coordinating a bachelorette party, visitors can find all the tools they need to create a safe and memorable experience.

The events calendar is another standout feature, keeping visitors informed about both region-wide celebrations and individual winery happenings. Whether it's a live music night, a new wine release, or a special dinner, guests can stay connected to the vibrant culture of Lake Erie Wine Country.

Under the "Places to Stay" tab, potential visitors will be greeted with the area's lovely lodging options. From hotels and bed and breakfasts to cozy cottages and vacation rentals, trip planners will have plenty of options to find the lodging of their dreams.

The website even extends its reach into e-commerce, allowing users to purchase their favorite wines online through various shopping sites. This feature ensures that the flavors of the region can be enjoyed no matter where you are.

Lake Erie Wine Country offers a unique blend of accessibility, charm, and innovation. Its commitment to collaboration and its forward-thinking approach to event planning and digital engagement make it a standout destination for anyone looking to explore the world of wine in our region.

Whether you're drawn by the promise of decadent chocolate pairings, the allure of tapas or just enjoy tasting locally made wines, there's something for everyone in this vibrant community. With a state-of-the-art website to guide your journey, planning your visit has never been easier.

Lake Erie Wine Country offers visitors and area residents alike a unique and inviting experience throughout the year. From the first sip to the last memory, it's a celebration of craft, connection, and the enduring appeal of great wine. With its picturesque vineyards, welcoming wineries, and thoughtfully curated events, every visit promises something new to discover. For more information, to view upcoming events, or to check out the 21 member wineries online, visit [www.lakeeriewinecountry.org](http://www.lakeeriewinecountry.org). The organization is also available on both Facebook and Instagram under Lake Erie Wine Country.

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## Babygirl and Oh, Canada to Show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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A scene from *Babygirl*.

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### Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

In *Babygirl* (Fri., Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.) a high-powered CEO (Golden Globe Best Actress nominee Nicole Kidman) puts her career and family on the line when she begins a torrid affair with her much younger intern. *Babygirl* is rated R and is 108 minutes long.

In *Oh, Canada* (Wed., Feb. 5 at 7 p.m.) aging filmmaker Leonard Fife (Richard Gere), still fiery despite his battle with illness, wants to tell his life story, unfiltered, before it's too late. Leonard sits for an extended interview with his former student Malcolm (Michael Imperoli), relating candid stories about his younger self (Jacob Elordi) in the tumultuous 1960s and beyond. His successes are held up against his failings and, as the man is cleansed of the myth, Leonard must confront what is left. *Oh, Canada* is rated PG and is 100 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Best Actor Oscar-nominee Timothée Chalamet as Bob Dylan in Best Picture nominee *A Complete Unknown* (Feb. 7 at 7 p.m.), Oscar-nominee for Best Actress Cynthia Erivo and Best Supporting Actress nominee Ariana Grande in the Best Picture nominee - the movie musical *Wicked* (Feb. 14 at 7 p.m.) and two showings of Disney's *Mufasa: The Lion King* (Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. & Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.)

Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online ([reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com)) & by phone - 716.484.7070. Family showings are \$7 in-person at the box office and \$9 online & by phone. Special engagements are priced differently. The theater and box office at The Reg are located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. The box office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 - 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events.



A scene from *Oh, Canada*.

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## Zonta Club of Jamestown Welcomes New Members



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New members, holding yellow roses, are pictured with their mentors  
Left to Right: Suellen Carlson, Paula Kirsch, Christine Schuyler, Carol Hay, Betsy Knowlton, Bethany O'Hagan, Christine Melice, Mary Cook

### Article Contributed by Zonta Club of Jamestown

The Zonta Club of Jamestown is proud to announce the induction of its newest members, further strengthening its mission to build a better world for women and girls.

The induction ceremony, held on January 22, welcomed four new members into the organization. The new members bring a diverse range of talents, perspectives, and a shared commitment to advancing the status of women in the local community and beyond.

Rosie Papalia, a member of the club who also serves as Area 5 Director in District 4 presided over the

induction ceremony alongside club president, Eileen Healy.

As part of the international Zonta community, the Jamestown chapter has a long history of serving the local area through scholarships, advocacy campaigns, and hands-on service projects. With the addition of these new members, the organization is poised to expand its impact even further.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown invites community members interested in learning more about its mission to build a better world for women and girls and becoming involved to visit [zontajamestown.org](http://zontajamestown.org) or reach out to them at PO Box 913, Jamestown, NY 14702.

## Advocacy Committee of the Zonta Club of Jamestown Hosted a Local People's March



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On January 18, 2025, in addition to the tens of thousands of everyday people from all over the U.S. and the world who converged in Washington, D.C. for a mass march, the Advocacy Committee of the Zonta Club of Jamestown hosted a local People's March. Participants from as far away as Erie and Coudersport, PA joined club members and local participants.

The participants all marched for different reasons, but they marched for the same cause: to defend our rights and our future.

This march was a movement to remind Washington elites — and Americans everywhere — where the power truly lives: with the people.

The mission of the club is to build a better world for women and girls. For more information about the Zonta Club of Jamestown go to [zontajamestown.org](http://zontajamestown.org) or reach out to them at PO Box 913, Jamestown, NY 14702.

## Fredonia Welcomes New Dining Out Program Location for Older Adults

Hot Meals, Social Activities, and Wellness Programs Featured



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**Justin Gould**  
Chautauqua County  
Media Information Officer

allows us to serve our community in a deeply meaningful way."

Chautauqua County celebrated the grand opening of its newest Dining Out Program site at Fredonia First Methodist Church on Friday. This milestone marks the first program specific location in the county, offering older adults a welcoming space to enjoy hot, healthy meals and meaningful social connections twice weekly.

Grand opening festivities featured information tables, entertainment, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by local officials and community members. Lunch was served at noon, with participants enjoying a celebratory meal followed by cake and social activities.

"This program embodies our mission to create connections and reduce isolation among older adults," said Dana Corwin, Director of the Office for Aging Services. "The Fredonia First Methodist Church is the perfect partner to help us expand this important initiative. Their commitment to service and creating a community around the table is inspiring."

The Dining Out Program is part of the Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Program, which aims to reduce food insecurity, hunger, and malnutrition; enhance socialization; and promote the health and wellness of older adults. With the addition of Fredonia First Methodist Church, over 800 seniors across Chautauqua County now have access to this initiative, which served over 22,000 meals countywide last year.

Pastor Annette Puleff, who was instrumental in bringing the program to Fredonia, shared her enthusiasm: "As a former restaurant owner and cook, I've always believed in the power of food to bring people together. Hosting the Dining Out Program at Fredonia First Methodist Church

In addition to meals, the Fredonia location will offer various social activities before lunch, including games, puzzles, interest-based groups, and evidence-based wellness programs like "Moving for Better Balance." Special series from the Office for Aging Services, such as SNAP-Ed Nutrition and Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE), will also be brought to this site.

"The Dining Out Program is an invaluable asset to our county," said Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. "This initiative not only addresses nutritional needs but also fosters the connections and camaraderie that are vital to our residents' well-being. I'm thrilled to see Fredonia First Methodist Church join this effort."

The Fredonia location is open every Wednesday and Friday, with lunch served at noon. Interested participants aged 60 or older must complete a nutrition risk screening assessment through the Office for Aging Services. While there is no fixed cost, participants are encouraged to contribute \$5.00 per meal to support the program.

For more information or to register, community members can contact the Office for Aging Services at 716-753-4582. Those interested in volunteering at the Fredonia site can reach out to Pastor Annette Puleff at 716-679-1513.

The success of this event underscores the collaborative efforts between the Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services, Fredonia First Methodist Church, and the Administration on Community Living. As the county continues to prioritize the health and wellness of its older residents, plans are already underway to expand the Dining Out Program to additional locations in the coming year.



# CHQ Chamber Scores New Talent for the New Year

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**CHQ Chamber**

The CHQ Chamber is pleased to announce the promotion of Staunzie Grady to the newly created position Director of Events and to welcome Bob Lingle to the team as the new Director of Membership Development.

Staunzie joined the team at the Chamber in 2022 as a part-time Chamber Coordinator and has served primarily the Westfield and Mayville areas, with a focus on event planning including the very successful expansion of First Fridays. She also helped to organize and manage the first ever Made in Falconer event in October.

Director of Events is a new position for the CHQ Chamber, encompassing the development, planning, and management of all Chamber events throughout the year. It includes working with venues, volunteers, and Chamber staff to execute a variety of events both large and small.

CHQ Chamber President and CEO Daniel Heitzenrater said, "Over the past two years, Staunzie has proven herself to be a person who is highly skilled in event planning and dedicated to the work we are doing at the CHQ Chamber to provide events that meet our mission and make a difference for local businesses. Beyond her wide-ranging skillset Staunzie is passionate about supporting the local business community and we are very excited to promote her to this position."

Ms. Grady noted, "I have enjoyed working with a variety of community committees on several CHQ Chamber events in the past and look forward to continuing those relationships and expanding that work countywide. I want to be sure that our Chamber members find benefit in all the events we organize and promote."

Originally from Washington state and a long-time resident of Springfield, Illinois, Staunzie has over twelve years of experience creating unique events, fostering talent, and strengthening community ties. Through her work at Staunztastic Art and various roles as a curator, she has collaborated with hundreds of creative individuals to craft engaging events ranging from art shows and festivals to singer-songwriter showcases. She and her partner James Maxson moved to Westfield when he became head brewer for Ghostfish Brewing East, and they have since



Submitted Photo  
Staunzie Grady

fallen in love with their new home and Chautauqua County's natural beauty, outdoor recreational opportunities, and its welcoming residents. She was recently named a Live CHQ Workforce Ambassador and looks forward to working with other new-to-the-area people to help them get the most out of creating a healthy lifestyle in Chautauqua County.

The CHQ Chamber is also pleased to announce the addition of Bob Lingle to the team as the new Director of Membership Development, starting January 2, 2025. Mr. Lingle has owned and operated Good Neighbor Bookstore in Lakewood since 2018.

CHQ Chamber President and CEO Daniel Heitzenrater noted, "We are delighted to have Bob join our team in this role. He brings a strong professional background in sales and marketing to the position, as well as a background in community building. As a small business owner, Bob is already a strong advocate for local business. His skills align closely with the mission of the CHQ Chamber to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County."

Director of Membership Development is a new title for the CHQ Chamber staff, with a focus on leading membership recruitment and retention, as well as sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

"As the Chamber continues to take a strategic look at its operations, we crafted a job description configured to meet our mission as we move into the future," Mr. Heitzenrater added. "Bob brings a lot of aptitude and proficiency to this professional position, and we look forward to having him on board."

Mr. Lingle said, "I'm excited to work with the CHQ Chamber. Supporting our local business



Submitted Photo  
Bob Lingle

community has always been a passion of mine, and I'm eager to make a meaningful and positive impact."

He added, "My family is dedicated to carrying on the mission of Good Neighbor Bookstore. My wife,

Shannon, will be taking the lead in managing the store during the week."

Prior to his own experience as a small business owner, Mr. Lingle was a communications consultant with a focus on brand development, messaging and social media marketing. He was also a store manager for Follett Higher Education Group at Canisius College and Medaille College where he demonstrated a history of increasing sales and reducing expenses. In volunteer roles he serves on the Bookseller Advisory Council with the American Booksellers Association and is a past board member with the Lakewood Memorial Library and the Buffalo International Film Festival. He holds a BA in Communications from SUNY Fredonia and an MA in Integrated Marketing from St. Bonaventure University.

## 2024 Runner of the Year Series Results



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**Chautauqua Striders**

Chautauqua Striders and the Chautauqua Striders Athletic Club are proud to announce the results of the 2024 Runner of the Year Series sponsored by KeyBank. The series featured a variety of races throughout the year across Chautauqua County, including the St. Pat's Dash 3 Mile, 1891 Run 5K, Rosie's Run, Buns on the Run, Marauder Trotter 5K, Laurel Memorial Run, Old First Night 2.75 Mile, Stephen's Run 6K Cross Country, Daniel Feather Memorial 5K, Glow Your Mind 5K, Trailblazer Challenge, and Yeti Dash.

Overall Winners: Judy Porpiglia (F) and Adam Rowe (M). Masters: Sherri McCall (F) and Grant Vincent (M). Female age groups: 35-39 Lexi Schosek (1st), Sarah Burns (2nd); 40-44 Nichelle Carlberg (1st), Brienne Fadale (2nd); 50-54 Aurelia Taylor (1st), Roxanne Buffone (2nd); 55-

59 Lydia Samuelson (1st), Tina Swanson-Swauger (2nd); 65-69 Judy Rowe (1st); 70-74 Mary Nelson (1st); 75+ Mac Mackenzie (1st). Male age groups: 14 & under Flynn Fadale (1st); 15-19 Finnegan Fadale (1st); 25-29 Karl Holmberg (1st); 35-39 Lane Wolfe (1st), Elliot Raimondo (2nd); 55-59 Tom Rankin (1st), Jeff Rupp (2nd), Lawrence Scalise (3rd); 60-64 John Jablonski III (1st), Bruce Rockwell (2nd); 65-69 Tim Gribbin (1st), Rodney Daum (2nd), Kris Meekins (3rd); 70-74 Jeff Carlson (1st)

Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, and the community for supporting another successful race season. The 2025 Runner of the Year Series will kick off with the St. Pat's Dash on March 15th. For more information on the Chautauqua Striders Runner of the Year Series and Athletic Club, visit [www.chqstriders.org/athletics](http://www.chqstriders.org/athletics).





# Chautauqua Striders Hosts "Full House" for National Mentoring Month Event



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Chautauqua Striders welcomed mentors, mentees, and their families last week for their annual National Mentoring Month Mentor Recognition Dinner. The event, with a gaming theme, was held at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel on January 23rd. It recognized the dedication and efforts of the mentors in their ongoing mentoring program, which offers students in the area a chance to pair with volunteer mentors in Chautauqua County.

The night began with an opening by Executive Director Jen Swan-Leuze, and included musical performances by students Levi Treacy and Rachel Hobbs. Remarks were given by several local officials, including State Sen. George Borrello, Jamestown Mayor Kim Eklund, Elisabeth Rankin from the office of Assemblyman Andrew Molitor, Chautauqua County Legislature Chairperson Pierre Chagnon, County Executive PJ Wendel and Chautauqua County Sheriff Jim Quattrone. "A Wealth of

Wisdom" was read by students Jasmine Velasquez, Joshua Treacy and Milani Morales in three parts.

Chautauqua Striders Director of Mentoring and Advocacy Erika Maberry said the event was the organization's way of recognizing the incredible efforts of its mentors.

"Our volunteer mentors give so much of their hearts, time and resources to

help local youth, supporting them and encouraging them to dream big and achieve their goals," Maberry said. "Even though they volunteer for the impact and not the recognition, we love holding an annual dinner to honor and publicly say thank you to them. I believe having Chautauqua County legislators and other community leaders in attendance helps elevate the importance of mentoring. It also makes our volunteers - who are

strengthening Chautauqua County by building connections with, guiding, encouraging, and inspiring youth - feel valued, important, and appreciated."

Sponsors for the event included Artone Furniture by Design and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union. Jordin Lynn Photography donated their time and photography skills to capture the event.

Funders of the Chautauqua Striders Mentoring Program include the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, Holmberg Foundation, Jessie Smith Darrah Fund, The Lenna Foundation, Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation and the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County.

Chautauqua Striders currently has a waiting list of over 50 students who would like to have a mentor.

For more information, visit their website at [chqstriders.org](http://chqstriders.org), call Erika at 716-489-3483, or email [erika@chqstriders.org](mailto:erika@chqstriders.org).



# Jackson Center Welcomes David Niles as Director of Development to Drive Strategic Objectives

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**Robert H. Jackson Center**

The Robert H. Jackson Center recently appointed David Niles to be its next Director of Development. He will be responsible for planning and directing the Center's fundraising, including the Center's Annual Fund, major gifts, capital campaigns, and sponsorships.

"The Center is working on a number of strategic objectives, locally and nationally, and David's drive and varied experience will help us achieve those goals," said Kristan McMahon, the Center's president. "David has a deep passion for the mission and work of the Jackson Center, and we are excited to have his talents contribute to our continuing growth and success."

A Jamestown native, Niles pursued acting in New York City's live performance community before finding a niche in high-end event production. Since returning to Chautauqua County in 2020, he has served as Program Director, and then Advancement Director, at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. During his tenure at RTPI, Niles drove significant growth in attendance, membership, and annual fund contributions.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at RTPI and am grateful for the relationships I was able to cultivate within the community. I am excited to start working at the Center, and supporting its powerful mission," Niles said.

Niles' leadership will be critical to advancing strategic priorities such as the renovation of the Center's Cappa Theater and helping to create or expand endowments for our programs and physical space.

The Robert H. Jackson Center, a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, advances the legacy of Robert H. Jackson and our vision of a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness and justice prevail.

To learn more about the extraordinary local, national, and international contributions of Robert H. Jackson, the public is invited to visit the Center from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at 305 East 4th Street in Jamestown, NY or online



Submitted Photo

David Niles

at [roberthjackson.org](http://roberthjackson.org). Docents are available to provide tours from 10 - 2 Monday through Friday, Saturdays between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and by appointment. Donations are welcome to support the free programs the Center provides to all ages throughout the year.



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## Documents to Bring to Your Tax Preparer

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In many parts of the country, April marks a return to warm temperatures, landscapes marked by blooming foliage and perhaps even a colorful flower or two. April also signals tax season, a notion that may elicit different reactions than warmer weather and budding plants, particularly among those who do not anticipate receiving a tax refund.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, the deadline to file a 2023 tax return is Monday, April 15, 2024. Individuals who file more complicated returns or those who simply don't have the time to file on their own typically look to tax preparation professionals to ensure their returns are filed correctly and on time. As the tax deadline draws closer, taxpayers who work with tax preparation professionals can make that partnership go more smoothly by ensuring they bring along these necessary documents and details to their appointments.

- **Social Security numbers:** Individuals who are filing as single or jointly with a spouse will need to list the Social Security numbers of each person on the return. Taxpayers with dependents will need to provide the full names and Social Security numbers of each dependent as well as their own Social Security numbers.
- **Identification:** A copy of a form of identification, such as a driver's license or passport, also must be included in a tax return. The identification confirms a person's identity and the name on the ID provided must match the name associated with the Social Security number provided.
- **Income statements:** Tax preparers need a copy of each taxpayer's W-2 form, which

employers must provide by the end of January. Taxpayers with more than one job must provide a W-2 from each employer. Additional income statements, such as forms indicating gambling winnings or retirement account distributions, also must be provided to the tax prep pro. Taxpayers who have such income should contact their tax preparation pro prior to their appointment to determine which additional income form they need to file.

- **Tax deduction documents:** Tax deductions save taxpayers money, and taxpayers may be eligible for a range of deductions. For example, homeowners who finance their home purchases with mortgages will receive a 1098 form from their mortgage provider each January. That form is a mortgage interest statement that can help homeowners reduce their tax obligations. Donations, student loan interest payments and college tuition costs are some additional potential deductions. Charities, student loan servicing firms and colleges or universities should provide tax deduction documents by the end of January, and taxpayers can turn these forms over to their tax preparation professional so they earn all eligible deductions.

- **Receipts:** Some expenses are eligible for tax deductions. Taxpayers can contact their tax preparation professional to determine if any medical bills, business expenses, charitable contributions, or additional expenses are deductible. Receipts may be required, and individuals are urged to hold on to any receipts they might be able to use to earn a tax deduction.

Tax season has arrived, and taxpayers are urged to provide all relevant documents to their tax preparers to ensure their returns are filed correctly and on time.



Babe

## CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

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### Increased Foot Traffic Means Increased Revenue for Businesses

Building a customer base is crucial for all businesses. Whether your business is a large manufacturer, a service provider, or a small retailer or restaurant, customers and the revenue they provide are truly the life blood of an organization.

Sometimes customer numbers grow organically, but more often it happens because of strategic steps taken by the business owner and staff. Those steps can include marketing, advertising, merchandising, offering needed or desired products or services, and providing a certain level of customer service before, during, and after a sale. All these things work in tandem to help businesses grow.

The CHQ Chamber works year-round on initiatives that help to drive foot traffic into local businesses. That includes the ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card, direct events designed to encourage people to visit local businesses such as Doors Open Jamestown, First Friday in Westfield and Made in Falconer, thousands of direct referrals each year, ribbon cuttings designed to showcase new businesses, and social media content that consistently and directly promotes local business.

Each year the CHQ Chamber sells approximately \$70,000 worth of ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards. Because the ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card program is a closed loop system encompassing only members of the Chamber, that is money that ultimately gets spent at local businesses. Each gift card sold comes with a list of the 165+ locations where it can be redeemed, making it not just a revenue producing program, but also a foot traffic driver. Countless times people who have purchased the card have glanced at the list and exclaimed, "Wow! I didn't know you could use it at so many places!" Whether the card holder wants to enjoy a meal in a local restaurant or make a purchase in a local store, they can find a place to use the ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card. And just by entering those businesses, they will learn about other products

and services available.

Doors Open Jamestown has always been an event that drives local people to local attractions, museums, and businesses. In the past we have run a variety of contests to encourage multiple-venue visits on a single day. This year is no exception, but our foot traffic initiative has taken yet another step forward. Visitors can easily sign on to our Doors Open online pass, answer a quick question at each location, and then enter to win one of four enormous prize packages which will be given out next week. By working with a new online platform we have streamlined the process and made it into a fun online game so players can use their phone without even downloading an app or facing text charges. It's easy and fun. To play along today (Saturday, January 25) visit [go.chqchamber.org](http://go.chqchamber.org) and sign in to the pass.

The CHQ Chamber will hold a workshop in late February on building foot traffic, and we hope to see numerous businesspeople there to get more tips and information.

### CHQ Chamber to Convene the State of Business January 31

Monday, January 27 will be the final day to register for the first annual State of Business breakfast in Chautauqua County. The CHQ Chamber has convened a panel of experts that cut across economic sectors to provide updates as well as answer questions from the audience. Each panelist will have five minutes to present some of their successes and challenges to provide a comprehensive look at how the business community is faring in our county. Following the presentations we will take questions from the audience and allow for a moderated discussion with our panelists. Our panelists will be Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development; Courtney Curatolo, Executive Director of the Small Business Development Center at JCC; Todd Trantum, Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier & President of Dream It Do It WNY; Andrew Nixon, Executive Director of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau; and Katie Geise, Executive Director of Chautauqua Works.

The State of Business breakfast will be held at 8am, Friday, January 31 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 150 West 4th Street, Jamestown. Advanced

## Fredonia Senior Honored for Athletic & Academic Excellence

### Elizabeth Pucci-Schaefer Recognized for State Diving Championship



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Chautauqua County recognized Elizabeth Pucci-Schaefer for her outstanding athletic, academic, and community achievements during its January meeting on Wednesday night.

Pucci-Schaefer, a senior at Fredonia High School, was honored with a proclamation presented by County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. and legislators Robert M. Scudder and Thomas A. Carle.

The proclamation highlighted Pucci-Schaefer's accomplishments as the 2024 State Champion in 1-meter girls diving. She secured the title with a score of 503.5 at the state and federation championships in Webster, N.Y., and completed her diving career as a four-time New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section VI Diving Champion.

In addition to her athletic success, Pucci-Schaefer is ranked among the top five in her class academically. She is an active member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Student Council, and the Fredonia High School String Orchestra. She also participates in school musicals and various athletic teams, including swimming and diving, indoor track, and outdoor track.

Pucci-Schaefer has made significant contributions to her community through volunteer work with the Special Olympics, the Walk to End Alzheimer's, and Santa's Workshop. Her academic achievements include being named Fredonia High School Student of the Month, receiving the WDOE Leadership Award, and earning department honors in Spanish and English.

After graduating, Pucci-Schaefer will attend Penn State University to continue her athletic and academic career in the NCAA Big Ten Conference.

registration is required. Registration is open online through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org). The cost is \$27, which includes a buffet breakfast as well as support for the year-round activities of the CHQ Chamber as we focus on building vital connections, providing professional resources, and championing our local businesses in Chautauqua County. The State of Business breakfast is sponsored by the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, UPMC Chautauqua, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, the Observer, and The Post-Journal.

### Business Builder Workshop: Boost Your Foot Traffic

The CHQ Chamber will present its first Business Builder Workshop of the year

on the crucial topic of boosting foot traffic for local businesses. Whether you have a retail shop, restaurant, or service industry, you'll gain some tips on how to drive more customers through your door.

This Business Builder Workshop will be held Wednesday, February 26 from 9:30 – 11:30 am at the SUNY Fredonia Center for Innovation and Economic Development (formerly the Technology Incubator), 214 Central Avenue, Dunkirk. This event is designed to be both a learning experience tied with a bit of networking. It is free for all to attend. Pre-registration is requested for planning purposes and is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

# 4 MEMORABLE MOMENTS IN THE HISTORY OF THE NFL'S BIGGEST GAMES

Feature by

**Metro Creative Connection**



The National Football League offers no shortage of notable moments over the course of a typical season. Memorable plays and exciting moments begin when the NFL kicks off its season in early September, and the excitement only builds as the season inches closer to the Super Bowl, the league's much-watched championship game.

The winner-take-all nature of the Super Bowl certainly adds to the gravity of the game, and that has laid the foundation for some unforgettable plays since the first Super Bowl was played in 1967. Any list of notable moments in Super Bowl history could be endless, but the following are four moments that fans of the game won't soon forget.

**1.** The Seattle Seahawks decide to throw the ball. The Seahawks were trailing the New England Patriots 28-24 with 20 seconds left in Super Bowl XLIX in Arizona in 2015 but had the ball at the goal line. Most football fans fully expected Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson to hand the ball off to running back Marshawn Lynch, who scored a rushing touchdown earlier

in the game. But Seattle instead chose to pass, and Wilson was intercepted by undrafted rookie Malcolm Butler, a play that sealed the Patriots' victory and prompted second-guessing from millions of fans.

**2.** David Tyree makes a catch for the ages. Acrobatic catches have become the norm in the modern NFL, but there may still be no more unlikely catch than New York Giant David Tyree's "Helmet

Catch" in Super Bowl XLII in 2008. The Giants trailed the Patriots 14-10 late in the fourth quarter when Tyree and his teammates faced a third down. Tyree leapt in the air to catch an Eli Manning pass with one hand, pinning the ball to his helmet and maintaining possession for a first down and 32-yard gain. The Giants ultimately scored a touchdown on the drive to secure a 17-14 victory.

**3.** Joe Montana keeps his cool. When the Cincinnati Bengals kicked a go-ahead field goal with a little more than three minutes left in Super Bowl XXIII in Miami in 1989, things were looking bleak for quarterback Joe Montana and his San Francisco 49ers teammates. But Montana kept his cool, even pointing into the crowd as the Niners offense huddled on the field and asking, "Hey, isn't that John Candy?" Montana's cool demeanor undoubtedly helped the 49ers pull off a stunning comeback, which culminated when he connected with wide receiver John Taylor on a 10-yard touchdown with 34 seconds to go to cap an incredible 11-play, 92-yard drive.

**4.** Scott Norwood breaks hearts in Buffalo. Memorable plays leave some fans cheering and others lamenting what might have been. Super Bowl XXV in Tampa, Florida, between the Giants and the Buffalo Bills in 1991 certainly featured such a play. Trailing 20-19 with just four seconds to go, the Bills lined up to kick a 47-yard field goal that would have earned the franchise its first Super Bowl victory. But Buffalo placekicker Scott Norwood's kick sailed wide right, handing the Giants the win and starting a string of four straight Super Bowl losses for the Bills.

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# Our Grape History



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Even in the coldest days of winter, workers can be seen in the grape vineyards along the Lake Erie shoreline, ensuring that the grape vines are ready for budding in the spring. Those of us who grew up in the grape belt know what it means to "pull brush," "stomp posts," and "tie grapes," just some of the activities that happen before and after the fall harvest season.

For generations, housewives earned extra money by tying grapes for local farmers, cutting the fingers off a pair of gloves to be able to fasten the newly cut vine to the supporting wire that ran between grape posts. This work has to be done before the grapes start to bud and is still primarily done by hand, although less so by housewives and more so by migrant labor.

Visitors to the Chautauqua County Historical Society's McClurg Museum, located in the heart of Westfield, often ask about the endless rows of vineyards that are visible from Harborcreek, PA to Silver Creek, NY whether you are driving along Interstate 90, or Routes 5 or 20. The vineyards hug the southern shoreline of Lake Erie in a sixty-mile stretch known as the grape belt. It encompasses 20,000 acres of vineyards in what is the oldest and largest Concord grape growing region in the world.

The Portage Escarpment, also known as the Chautauqua Ridge, contributes

to the perfect conditions for grape growing along the lake shoreline, where climate, terrain and soil are perfectly suited for the crop that first arrived in Chautauqua County in 1818.

Grapes are not native to Chautauqua County. But Elijah Fay, a young New Englander, began experimenting with several varieties of grapes that were native to his home state of Massachusetts. By 1830 he was successfully harvesting grapes and making wine. His son planted the first commercial vineyard in the county in 1851. But there were not Concord grapes. The Concord was created in Concord, Massachusetts (hence the name) by Ephraim Bull in 1849.

Fay's nephew, Lincoln Fay, introduced the Concord in Chautauqua County in the 1850s, and it was Elijah's grandson Garrett Ryckman who started the Brocton Wine Cellars. The Concord quickly became the dominant variety grown along Lake Erie. With the first year's harvest, Brocton Wine Cellars produced 2,000 gallons of wine; in 1865 production increased to 37,000.

Ryckman hosted a visit from Thomas Lake Harris, a mystic and religious leader who brought his Brotherhood of New Life to Brocton, eventually owning 2000 acres of vineyards and producing their own grape baskets and wine.

Between 1870 and 1880 Concord grape acreage grew from 500 to 14,000, primarily because the Concord could survive harsh winter weather. The region was producing more grapes than the local markets could sell. Luckily, there were several railroads running between Buffalo, Cleveland, and Pittsburgh, and local grape

growers worked to establish markets in larger cities to sell their fresh grapes.

In 1892, 169,000 acres of grapes were grown for shipping to markets across the northeastern United States. By 1897 4,444 train car loads of fresh grapes were shipped from the Chautauqua - Lake Erie Grape Belt. The railroad cars had to be loaded by hand, one grape basket at a time.

Picking grapes during the approximate 6 week harvest was extremely labor intensive. Grapes to be sent fresh to market had to be picked, carefully packed in baskets, and transported to the nearest siding for loading onto train cars.

Meanwhile, in Vineland, NJ, Thomas B. Welch and his son Charles were working to bottle grapes in a way that would prevent fermentation. Staunch Methodists, the Welchs did not think it proper to use wine for communion while preaching about the evils of alcohol use. They were successful in 1869 in bottling the first nonalcoholic grape juice.

In 1897 Charles Welch moved to Westfield and began construction of a grape juice processing plant, hoping to have it ready for that fall's harvest. In the first year, 288 tons of grapes were processed at the plant.

Even grapes that were being sent for processing into grape juice had to be picked by hand. Dr. Welch stated, "everywhere is hustle and bustle during the Chautauqua grape harvest." Local farmers relied on temporary help from family, friends, neighbors, and people from surrounding communities who wanted to make some extra money.

Ads in the local newspapers advertised that "all can find work picking and packing grapes."

In 1897 a local newspaper reported that there were 15,000 transient people in North East, PA for the grape harvest. In Brocton, a farmer hired a group of Italians and an Italian-speaking foreman from a local city to help pick grapes. Workers were put up in barns and outbuildings if they couldn't travel home overnight.

An ad in the Westfield Republican reminded parents and farmer that it was illegal to keep school age children out of school to help with the harvest. However, during World War II there was such a shortage of manpower that local schools actually closed for several days at a time so that children and teachers could help pick grapes. Ads in the local papers pleaded for help, encouraging men and women to pick grapes when they weren't working at their "Victory Shift jobs."

In 1963 a mechanical grape harvester was invented, and shortly thereafter, the Orton brother from Ripley, NY, built a mechanical harvester of their own design. The first mechanical harvester was used in Westfield in 1968. This revolutionized grape-picking and allows growers to more easily meet the 24/7 picking and delivery schedules during harvest season.

In 1976 the Farm Winery Act allowed grape growers who produced wine to sell directly to the public. The first estate winery in New York State was Johnson Estate Winery in Westfield. There are now at least 24 wineries in the grape belt, creating a tourist attraction that grows each year.



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## 4 Popular Wine Varieties and the Foods that Go with Them

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**Metro Creative Connection**

Ingredients and culinary skills are not the only components that can bring out the flavor in a delicious meal. Wine can serve as the perfect complement to a meal, particularly when individuals identify which varieties go well with certain foods.

Wine lists can sometimes be intimidating when dining at establishments known for their extensive offerings. In such instances, diners can ask servers for recommendations, as many restaurants teach staff about which wines go well with the various dishes on their menus. But diners also can learn which wines pair best with certain types of food, a process that can be both enjoyable and illuminating. The following are four popular wine styles, their flavor profiles and foods that go well with them.

### 1. Pinot Noir

Pinot Noir is a popular style of wine that can be found on the red wine list at many establishments. Wine Folly notes that Pinot Noir is a dry, light-bodied red that has a very fruity, floral taste. Wine Folly notes that a Pinot Noir typically pairs well with chicken, pork, veal, duck, or cured meat.

### 2. Cabernet Sauvignon

Wine.com reports that Cabernet Sauvignon is the most planted and popular red wine grape in the world. A Cabernet Sauvignon is full-bodied and tends to be higher in alcohol by volume (ABV) than other styles, which is something diners should keep in mind. Wine Folly indicates lamb, beef and smoked meats pair well with Cabernet Sauvignon.

### 3. Chardonnay

Chardonnay is widely considered the most popular white wine in the world. In fact, WineInsiders.



com reports that almost every wine region around the world grows the variety of grapes necessary to make Chardonnay. Wine Folly indicates Chardonnay boasts a yellow citrus fruit taste that can be akin to banana or pineapple and often features a touch of butterscotch, vanilla or toasted caramel. Chardonnay pairs well with seafood like lobster, crab and shrimp, but also goes well with chicken and pork.

### 4. Sauvignon Blanc

Sauvignon Blanc is another white wine that boasts a fruity flavor profile. The profile of Sauvignon Blanc calls to mind exotic fruits like honeydew melon and kiwi. Sauvignon Blanc is considered a light- to medium-bodied white wine, and Wine Folly reports that it goes well with fish, chicken, pork, and veal. In addition, Sauvignon Blanc pairs well with various ethnic cuisines, including Mexican, Vietnamese and French dishes.

When paired with the right dish, wine can make a night out at a favorite restaurant that much more memorable.

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## Wine and Dessert Pairings

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Love is in the air come February, when plenty of sweethearts enjoy romantic evenings together. When the Valentine's Day meal is through, it is prime time for something sweet. Often individuals feel they have to put away the wine from dinner and switch over to coffee or tea at this point in the meal. However, with a little knowledge of how to pair wine with dessert, Valentine's revelers can continue the celebration through this final course.

According to Wine Folly, when pairing wine with dessert or other foods, the secret is to think of wine as an ingredient that will add a new flavor profile. Generally speaking, when it comes to choosing the best wines for desserts, a sweet wine is preferable as the sweetness in the wine will match the sugar in the dessert, suggests the wine resource Vin Yang. Here are some additional pairing pointers.

- The wine should be sweeter than the food in most cases.
- The flavors in the wine should match the flavors in the food.
- Chocolate and caramel are best paired with a sweet or fruity red wine, as dry wines may taste too bitter against chocolate due to the tannins found in both the wine and chocolate. Port, Sherry, Marsala, and Zinfandel are good options.
- Mild, buttery or sweet vanilla desserts work best with white wines, including sparkling wines. Muscat, off-dry Rieslings, and Prosecco are some ideas.
- Keep in mind that very sweet desserts or those with fruits, like cobblers or shortcakes, may benefit from a burst of acidity. A drier Riesling may work or a Vouvray Brut.

Those who may be unsure of how to pair their desserts with wine can always speak with a wine retailer or a trusted restaurant sommelier for suggestions on wines for an extra-special Valentine's Day.

- A darker dessert usually requires a darker wine, as the wine should have a similar intensity to the dessert.

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# Classic Wine & Food Pairings

Article by

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The renowned writer Ernest Hemingway is credited with saying, "My only regret in life is that I didn't drink more wine." Perhaps if the author had a better understanding of pairing wine with food, he would have enjoyed his wine a bit more often?

Unless you're spending time with a master sommelier or a seasoned oenophile, you're unlikely to be given a hard time if your wine and food pairings are not perfect. Although there is no need to always pair a bottle with food like an expert - and it's certainly alright to break the rules if you're particularly passionate about a specific type of wine - a general knowledge of classic food-and-wine pairings can help anyone expand their knowledge and please their palate. And yes, it goes beyond white is for fish and red is for beef. These pairing pointers, courtesy of the experts at Food & Wine, Tasting Table and Wine Folly, can help anyone find the right combination for their dinner table.

## Basic Methodologies

As you grow more familiar with wine, you'll learn why these tried-and-true suggestions often work.

- Red wines pair best with bold flavored meats (red meat).
- White wines pair best with light-intensity meats (fish and chicken).
- The wine should have the same flavor intensity of the food.
- The wine should be sweeter than the food.
- The wine should be more acidic than the food.
- It is better to match the wine with the sauce than with the meat.
- Think about whether you want contrasting or congruent pairings. Red wines often create congruent pairings while white,

sparkling and Rosé will create contrasting pairings.

## Congruent Versus Contrasting

Congruent pairings, according to Wine Folly, create balance in the mouth by amplifying shared flavor compounds. For example, earth wines paired with earthy mushrooms. Contrasting pairings create balance through contrasting flavors. Therefore, a salad with acidity and bitterness may be complemented with a wine that is sweeter and not so acidic, or so may be the case with a fatty, salty food like foie gras.

## Common Pairings to Try

- Mushrooms, lentils and even salmon go great with reds like Pinot Noir or Dolcetto. These wines are light-bodied but also full of savory appeal.
- Champagne and oysters work because Champagne has a touch of fruity sweetness. This helps it cut through salty foods like oysters or even chips.
- Cabernet, and Bordeaux are ideal with steaks and lamb dishes. The tannins in cabernet will cut through the protein and fat in these red meats, while the fat balances out the rich tannins.
- You'll need a wine that pops like Sauvignon Blanc, to go with tangy foods, such as grapefruit or scallops. This white wine also can work with various vinaigrettes or tangy cheeses.
- Chianti is a prized Italian wine made from Sangiovese grapes. High acidity and noticeable tannins will help chianti pair well with high acid foods like those featuring tomato sauces, such as a rich pasta dish.

It may take some time to gain experience pairing wine and foods. However, with a little practice, individuals can perfect their wine pairing skills.

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# Liberty Vineyards: Where Great Vines Make Great Wines!

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**Liberty Vineyards & Winery**

While Gary and Pam Burmaster first opened Liberty Vineyards & Winery's doors in 2008, its history goes back much longer—to the 1860s, when Gary's ancestors planted a vineyard in Sheridan, NY. Six generations later, Liberty remains devoted to producing high-quality grapes, and turning the fruit of their vines into fine wines. Liberty Vineyards believes that great wines start in the vineyard, and the winery is committed to the quality that comes from careful attention to every step of the winemaking—from the vine to the bottle.

Visit Liberty Vineyards for a fun and informative tasting with their family and great staff. Winter hours continue through March and are 10am-5pm Monday through Friday, 10am-6pm Saturdays, and 11am-5pm Sundays. Taste their wide variety of award-winning wines made from grapes grown in our their own vineyards or sourced from friends' and neighbors' local

farms. When you taste their wine, you'll know why they say "great vines make great wines!"

Liberty Vineyards hand crafts over 20 different wines in a variety of styles—from dry to sweet and from red to white.

Plus, check their website and social media pages for upcoming special events like the Murder Mystery dinner in April. Liberty Vineyards tasting room is open daily for wine tastings and sales. Guests are also welcome to enjoy a glass of wine and a charcuterie board or snack, and maybe even sit by the fire in their fully-enclosed vineyard-view pavilion (open most of the year, but may be closed on extremely cold or snowy days, ask in our tasting room).

Visit [libertywinery.com](http://libertywinery.com) for more information.

# Meet Cellar '54

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**Cellar '54**  
**Our Story**

Our family history of grape farming goes back to 1954 when Daniel and Alta Coletta purchased "Coletta Vineyards" thus giving us the inspiration for our name, Cellar '54. There they raised 9 children. They later passed the farm onto their only son, Dan. Dan and his wife Ann Coletta carried on the tradition with their 5 children.

The love of the vineyards expanded into passion for the craft of winemaking. Dan and Ann had always dreamed of having a winery. After her unfortunate passing, Dan made dreams a reality. Keeping her memory alive with every bottle we make, her passion is the soul of this family business.

Coletta Vineyards is ever evolving while we continue to plant new roots. After starting out with several acres of the traditional Concord variety harvested for Welch's, we have expanded our

focus into more wine varieties. With a farm including 13 varieties, we are becoming more diverse as we grow within the Lake Erie wine region.

## Our Wines

At Cellar '54, our wines began with the generations of care our family put into cultivating our vineyards. Made from grapes grown and harvested on the shores of Lake Erie, each wine we create has something special to offer.

Our table wines range from sweet to semi-dry and have been given an inspiring name reflecting their unique characteristics. They tend to be wines you drink more casually with meals, but are also great by themselves. Exceptional quality can be found in our premium wines that deliver a more luxurious feel. We proudly invite you to open a bottle and to try for yourself the wonderful wines our young winery has produced, and patiently wait for the fine aging process to reveal what is to come!

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This year Mobilia Fruit Farms will be celebrating its 100th anniversary and Arrowhead Wine Cellars will be celebrating its 27th anniversary. While Nick and Kathy Mobilia are still overseeing the day-to-day operations on the farm and at the winery, their daughters Nikki and Jennifer (4th generation) are proving women really can do it all.

Last year Arrowhead Wine Cellars released a variety of new wines, hard ciders, sodas, and fresh juices. Some of their 2024 notable awards include:

**Finger Lakes International Wine Competition:**

**GOLD:** Midnight Proposal, Franc n' Berry, Chambourcin.  
**SILVER:** Unexpected, Sweetheart.  
**BRONZE:** Gruner Veltliner, Niagara.

**The Pennsylvania Wine Invitational:**

**DOUBLE GOLD BEST IN CLASS:** Underboss.  
**GOLD:** Cabernet Sauvignon Blues, Underboss.  
**SILVER:** Geisenheim, Merlot, Unexpected.

Arrowhead Wine Cellars is also excited to announce in January they donated over \$1,200 to the ANNA Shelter in Erie, PA from the 2024 proceeds of their Sweet Sophia wine.

As Mobilia Fruit Farms and Arrowhead Wine Cellars get ready to celebrate milestone anniversaries they are planning exciting family-friendly events throughout the year. Be sure to follow Arrowhead Wine Cellars on Facebook and on their website ArrowheadWine.com for event details.

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# What makes Johnson Estate Special this Time of Year? Our World-Renowned Ice Wine!



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**Johnson Estate**  
**Ice Wine History**

It is said that ice wine was first made in Europe during Roman times and rediscovered in Germany after an unexpected frost in the late 1700's. The production of this very sweet wine became popular in Germany and Austria and is known as "eiswine". Today, over one million liters of ice wine is made in Canada, where winters are cold enough to reliably produce it every year. A similar climate is also found in Niagara County, NY and certainly, here, in the "snow belt" of western New York. Grapes which have spent the fall hanging on the vines experience a freeze and thaw cycle that desiccates them and enhances their flavors. When the grapes are solidly frozen, the water in the fruit may be separated from the concentrated sugars – as the sugary liquid freezes at a lower temperature. When the berries are pressed, the frozen water remains in the press with the seeds and skins and an intensely flavored grape juice is extruded. To achieve the highest standards and to produce a non-diluted product, extreme care must be taken to harvest AND to press the grapes while they are still frozen. In western New York, this mean watching the forecasts

carefully so as to harvest when the pressing may also be completed at optimally low temperatures.

We, at Johnson Estates, have been producing ice wine since 1995. "Ice Wine" is the legal name for wines made from grapes frozen by "Mother Nature". It can be made only from grapes that have ripened and frozen naturally on the vine – something that our region's cold winters and blizzards can readily produce. Some wineries do make a "faux" ice wine, which is produced by harvesting grapes and THEN freezing them in freezers prior to being crushed. Regulatory authorities have deemed that they must declare this difference by naming these "faux" ice wines.

**What Grapes May Be Used to Make Ice Wine?**

Any wine grape may be used for ice wine, although grapes which are later ripening and which tend to stay on the vine are more successful choices. The French-hybrid grape, Vidal Blanc, is a traditional white wine grape used for making ice wine. Riesling, too, is often used. It ripens at the end of the harvest season and also "hangs" well during the winter months. Red wine grapes, of several varieties, typically Cabernet Franc, but also Chambourcin, are also utilized to make ice wine.

**Johnson Estate's Three Ice Wines**

What makes a good ice wine? Ice wines are known to be wines with very complex, interesting flavors. The sweetness of good ice wines is balanced by an appropriate level of acidity, creating a delicious dessert wine. Johnson Estate's ice wines are regularly awarded gold medals by Tastings.com and other wine competitions. Here are our latest vintages:

**2017 Vidal Ice Wine**

Vidal Blanc grapes are an industry standard in the production of ice wine in North America. Each vintage reflects the weather - from the spring until harvest - and the 2017 year resulted in a fine bright, honey-flavored wine with fresh notes of pear. This wine is excellent with nuts, cheeses, cookies, and cakes. Or, even more simply, let it be the star of the show by pairing with crostini with goat cheese and a drizzle of honey, or a slice of peach or apricot. This ice wine was awarded 93 Points at the 2019 International Eastern Wine Competition.

**2019 Chambourcin Ice Wine**

Chambourcin, a late-ripening red variety of grape makes a rare

"red" ice wine. In contrast to the Vidal Blanc Ice Wine, this wine is redolent with fruit notes of plum and currant and even raisin with additional finishing notes of berries. It has a real affinity for any desserts made with chocolate, walnuts, cinnamon, or any combination thereof. Our 2017 vintage was awarded 98 Points, Best of Class, and Best of Show at the 2019 International Eastern Wine Competition. The new 2019 vintage was awarded Silver at the 2021 San Francisco International Wine Competition.

**2016 Sparkling Rosé Ice Wine (THE "Champagne of Ice Wine")**

In 2011, Johnson Estate first released its Sparkling Rosé Ice Wine, America's first sparkling ice wine, and the only sparkling ice wine in North America made using the traditional, in-the-bottle, "méthode champenoise". Bubbles from in-bottle fermentation add a balancing level of bright crispness to the honey-peach-red currant sweetness of traditional ice wine. Only by using the traditional Champagne method, with higher bottle pressures, can yield the fineness of bubbles and the level of fizz that make a first-quality sparkling wine.





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