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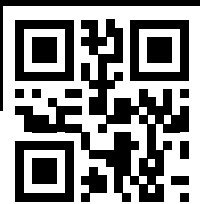
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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

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Featured Writer

Craig Robbins

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Fall in Western New York is nothing short of magical, transforming Chautauqua County into a sportsman's paradise. Whether you're hunting whitetail deer from a tree stand, pursuing fall turkeys, or waterfowl hunting, the region offers abundant opportunity. For sportsmen and sportswomen alike, autumn in Chautauqua County is an unparalleled experience.

Hunting is a cherished tradition for many residents and the experience of hunting alongside family—grandparents, uncles, cousins, parents, and siblings—creates lasting

memories. For many, the time spent in the autumn woods represents a rite of passage.

While the reasons behind our passion for hunting are varied, the love for the outdoors is evident on the faces of hunters each season. Whether it's your first opening day or your fortieth, the joy of being in nature is as contagious as a common cold.

Early reports indicate a successful hatch of turkeys this past spring, promising fantastic turkey hunting opportunities this fall and in the years to come. Although goose hunting started slowly last month, many hunters ended up enjoying a successful season. Whitetail deer populations are stable, offering

archery enthusiasts great chances in the coming weeks. Additionally, black bear numbers are at an all-time high in our region, with reports of bears weighing around 300 pounds becoming increasingly common.

The 2024-25 hunting season is shaping up to be promising for local sportsmen and women. However, the economic impact of hunting on the local economy is often overlooked. You may wonder why this information is relevant to you as a hunter. Understanding these numbers is crucial for several reasons, so let's break them down.

It's widely recognized that hunting

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Inspire the Next Generation

Featured Writer

Wade Robertson

Author, Wade Writes Outdoors

It sometimes surprises me what we as seasoned hunters take for granted, forgetting the years spent in the woods and the painful trial and error we experienced developing our skills. The basics have become so much a part of us we don't even realize that they are learned behaviors and not something we were born with. When a young and inexperienced hunter is afield for the first time many forget that the new hunter is literally a babe in the woods and doesn't have a clue about the excitement, even panic when a deer suddenly appears. Here are some

thoughts on how to better prepare new hunters, young or old, male or female, for success.

Two things must be avoided when hunting; motion and sound. Animals know this and are constantly alert for either. A new hunter must be taught they can't move; that they must contain their excitement and their voice when they first see a deer, turkey, etc. Teaching requires experience, so your new hunter needs time in the woods to recognize just what happens when animals see or hear them. The old adage of freezing when you sight a buck is as true today as it was in caveman times. A hunter must freeze when an animal appears.

My first deer rifle was a military 30-40 Kraig about the same weight and height as I was. Ignorant of the true situation, I loved the rifle, but in reality, stood about as much chance of shooting a deer with it as the man in the moon. It was impossible for me to handle the heavy rifle properly, get a rest, aim, figure out the military trigger and so on. The deer were safe.

Your new hunter needs a rifle or shotgun that fits them, one they've shot and handled often. If the rifle has a scope on it, the newcomer must practice and practice throwing up

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This Week Around Town

Wednesday, October 9

C.R.A.F.T., Community Reinforcement and Family Training | 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Gateway Building (31 Water St) | Jamestown
For Info: mhachautauqua.org

Movies at The Reg: Didi 7 PM

Reg Lenna Center For The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: 716-484-7070

Thursday, October 10

Chautauqua County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) Monthly Meeting 7 PM

Fluvanna Community Church
Jamestown
For Info: 716-664-9502

The Women in Networking (WIN) Program | 12 PM

Carnahan Building (Room 120) at Jamestown Community College | Jamestown
For Info: 716-338-1024

Martz-Kohl Observatory Program | 7 PM

Bemus Point Library | Bemus Point
For Info: 716-386-2274

Chamber Annual Awards Banquet | 6 PM

State University of New York at Fredonia | Fredonia
For Info: 716-484-1101

Friday, October 11

Haunted Objects Live 7:30 PM

Reg Lenna Center For The Arts | Jamestown
For Info: 716-484-7070

Dinner & Movie Screening: "My Name is Pauli Murray" 5 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Jamestown
For Info: 716-483-6405

National Coming Out Show 7 PM

Secret Undisclosed Location
(100 East 2nd St) | Jamestown
For Info: 412-660-0271

Saturday, October 12

"Wetlands" Public Meeting #5 | 9:30 AM - 11 AM

The Lawson Center | Bemus Point
For Info: cpoarepresentative@gmail.com

Audubon Little Explorers: Study Deer, Elk, & Moose 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Audubon Community Nate Center | Jamestown
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Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic | 9 AM - 11 AM

Lakeshore Humane Society | Dunkirk
For Info: 716-753-4664

Vietnam Veterans Spousal and Survivors Benefits - Informational Meeting 1 PM - 3:30 PM

American Legion Post #556 | Frewsburg
For Info: 716-499-4266

Sunday, October 13

3rd Annual Helga Hulse Memorial Concert | 4 PM

First Lutheran Church | Jamestown
For Info: 716-664-4601

Happy 106th Birthday Dorothy Valone Snitger

— One of the Gazette's Biggest Fans! —

Article by

Dottie Maitland

Dorothy Valone Snitger has led a rich and inspiring life. On October 16, this remarkable woman will celebrate her 106th birthday! With a smile that lights up a room and the quickest of wits, it is my honor to reflect upon her steppingstones along life's journey.

Born at WCA Hospital in Jamestown, Dorothy arrived at noon, weighing six pounds. Her father, Dr. James Valone, a prominent Jamestown physician, and her mother, Olga Stover Valone, a nurse, cherished and protected her like a fragile gem, as documented in Dorothy's baby book. Her mother noted that Dorothy's first outing was to Niagara Falls, and she took her first steps on October 19, 1919, at one year old. Even as a child, she had adventures, from visiting the Barnum & Bailey Circus to seeing Babe Ruth in Celoron—sparking a lifelong love of baseball.

Dorothy recalls a childhood surrounded by loving family members. Her uncles, all hardworking professionals, were a significant part of her world, which still centers around family today. Her mother, Olga, kept beautiful gardens, including a row of hollyhocks lining the driveway. Dorothy fondly remembers picking the blossoms to make hollyhock dolls with her good friend—a creative act her mother didn't quite appreciate! Dorothy's home today also boasts beautiful gardens. As a child, she loved playing games at home, especially "I Doubt It" and Monopoly, with a special fondness for the Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

Family vacations were cherished breaks from her father's demanding medical career. They traveled often to Atlantic City, NJ, where Dorothy remembers her father carefully placing a towel on the sand, allowing only 15 minutes in the sun to avoid burns. One of her fondest memories was watching saltwater taffy being made along the Boardwalk. The smell alone, she says, could make anyone's mouth water. The family also vacationed at Lake George and in Florida. Dorothy's love for travel continued into her adult life, with visits to Hawaii, Germany, Austria, and Italy. Though she never made it to France or Spain, she keeps those destinations on her bucket list.

Educated within the Jamestown School system, Dorothy graduated in 1923. Her initial college choice was rejected by her father, who insisted on an all-women's college, Ashville Women's College—a decision Dorothy didn't enjoy. She eventually transferred to Penn Hall in



Submitted Photo

Dorothy Valone Snitger

Chambersburg, PA, where she majored in music. Her talent extended beyond piano; her operatic voice was discovered, and she excelled in challenging pieces like "Faust." After college, Dorothy continued to travel with her family, including trips to Florida, where she indulged her passion for baseball during Spring Training. It was during one of these trips that she met Bob Snitger, an Army soldier, and they began a correspondence that led to their marriage. They moved to Philadelphia, where Bob managed the family business, and Dorothy quickly made friends, actively participating in the "Daughters of the American Revolution" (DAR) and attending many social events.

The most recent pre-birthday celebration was hosted by Harriet Sessler, owner of HatTea's Tea Room in Lakewood, who brought a mobile tea party to Dorothy's home. Dorothy's joy at the surprise was evident, and her delight in all the delectable, handmade treats was unforgettable. During the tea, friends asked about Dorothy's memories of history, spanning decades of change. She fondly remembered the 1950s as the best years and spoke highly of President Dwight Eisenhower. She cherished her friends for their intelligence, talents, and loyalty. Dorothy was also dedicated to teaching four-year-old children, using simple yet profound lessons, such as comparing the veins of fallen leaves to the veins in our bodies, illustrating life's interconnectedness.

After Bob's passing, Dorothy returned to Jamestown, living briefly with her mother before establishing her own home. She remained socially active and continues to inspire those around her with her zest for life. The steppingstones Dorothy has shared each year on her birthday have created a beautiful pathway for others to follow. Let's wish Dorothy Valone Snitger a very happy 106th birthday by making someone smile today, just as she has done for everyone she meets.



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Small Brownie Sundae
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Pecan Pie Tart w/ Homemade Whipped Cream



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Editorial with Lori Cornell

With Great Respect



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

I'm going to have to plead ignorance, albeit with sincere appreciation.

I am not a hunter. I have never shot a gun in my life. And I'm even a vegetarian!

But whether one is a sportsman (or woman!) themselves, or more akin to me, we can all value that fact that hunting has a critically important impact on our local economy and regional ecology.

In a practical sense, those who hunt help keep the deer populations down and provide work for the butchers in our area that process the meat. Those who hunt also help keep local shops in business by purchasing what they need to complete their hunting gear, or buying provisions for an early morning jaunt into the woods. And out-of-town hunters, attracted to our deep woods and ample wildlife, help keep our local tourism industry alive and well in the fall. While we may not all participate in the hunting season, surely, we can recognize the critical part hunters play in the ever-connected, ever-continuing cycle of life, reaching back to the days when our ancestors lived off the land, and in turn, revered and honored it.

And we can envision the thrill of the hunt. Like any other sport, hunters no doubt work very hard to achieve their goal. It's a careful, strategic endeavor that requires the utmost persistence and determination. We can imagine

the practice and discipline it must take to wait patiently for hours for just the right deer to avail; the sheer perfect performance required to pull the trigger successfully; and the know-how to complete the adventure with tracking one's hunt. We can imagine the feat, the joy, the accomplishment.

But maybe most importantly, we can imagine the peace and tranquility that comes with a walk in the woods, especially in the crisp cool autumn air, among the changing, falling leaves this time of year. With beauty all around and a grave appreciation for the interconnectedness of nature, a hunter co-exists. To sit for hours upon a tree stand among one's closest friends and family, the time-honored skills and tradition are passed down from generation to generation. As my brother-in-law Chad Jaquith of Dunkirk put so aptly, "There's something about being quiet in the woods. Hunting, to me, is as much a stress-relief as it is the chance to bring valuable meat home to my family." We can imagine this cathartic experience.

For certain, hunting in Chautauqua County is as intricately a part of our culture as grapes and apples - interwoven into the basic fabric of our community. It is an ancient and time-tested way that allows fellow community members to reconnect with nature. To fall into that primordial drive, into that hard-won legacy of providing for the family table; connecting to our hardscrabble ancestors through a shared activity. It is a way to recognize the strength and beauty of the animals and environment around us - not as a comfortable world in the woods - but as a natural one.

Hunting is a way of life - an intrinsic love and passion for nature.



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AFTER YOU SHOOT

Featured Writer

Wade Robertson

Author, Wade Writes Outdoors

You've had an exciting morning and hit a nice buck with your bow. You're shaking like a leaf and your first natural reaction is to immediately follow the deer which has run out of sight. Whatever you do, don't and here's why.

Reacting properly after your shot is a critical decision often made under extreme excitement and emotion. Trophy horns make even seasoned hunters go loopy, but the decision made immediately following the shot will often be THE deciding factor in recovering or not recovering the animal.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having a solid, carefully thought through, and disciplined game plan. With archery especially and oftentimes with firearms the hunter has to have made a series of decisions before even going afield and then needs to review them in his or her mind as often as possible.

First, you have to make a good shot. When the deer is sighted and your heart begins hammering wildly on your ribs you must control your emotions. It's of the utmost importance to remember 3 rules that must be obeyed at all costs.

- 1). Remain as calm as possible, don't panic or rush, control your actions.
- 2). Do not aim at the entire deer, pick a small spot, a wrinkle behind the shoulder or a group of hairs and try to split them!
- 3). Last and not least you must always constantly think to

yourself; "Squeeze" the trigger... squeeze, squeeze, squeeze and hit the tiny spot you're aiming at.

Once you've fired, mark in your mind the exact spot the animal stood and the exact spot it was last seen. No matter how good the shot looked, stay in your stand for an hour or leave, grab a bite to eat, listen to music, drive around or take a nap. If you leave be sure to not spook the animal on the way back to the vehicle even if it means taking a long detour.

If your shot looked a little too far back, a liver hit, give the animal at least 2 hours before following up. Once a wounded animal gets up out of that first bed the odds are very high the wound will have clotted and there will be no blood trail to follow, so whatever you do, give a borderline liver hit or 1 lung hit a minimum of 2 hours.

If for whatever reason, you make a poor shot, hit a limb, the animal moves, you hit the stomach area, leave the trail till morning, do not attempt to follow it up. Given enough time blood poisoning will kill the animal overnight, but a badly hit deer can travel miles making recovery largely impossible.

On the opposite side of the coin, no or little blood doesn't mean you haven't made a good, even an excellent shot. Many times, a double lunged buck will run off as if nothing is wrong and leave only a drop of blood here and there in the leaves.

Many inexperienced hunters seem to believe that a solid hit with an arrow will always leave a good blood trail, the deer dropping quickly. This simply isn't true.



Here I pose with a decent buck I shot with my crossbow. Only by following a strict gameplan was I able to locate this deer. I called a buddy, waited an hour and together we were able to follow a very skimpy blood trail, with 3 right angle direction changes to the low cliff the buck leaped off despite being hit through both lungs.

Many deer, especially hit high in the chest, bleed internally, they may only live 20 or 30 seconds after a fatal shot, but a deer in that time can run 200 yards.

Summing up, make a great shot, a perfect shot or don't shoot. This is the single most important goal you can accomplish. Second, be patient, wait before following up a good shot, an hour on a liver shot and overnight on any shot you feel is questionable.

When you're starting to track, mark clearly where you shot from, the spot the animal was standing when you fired and once tracking carefully, methodically mark that trail. Every 30 yards or so is not too often, you should always be able to see, at minimum, your last 2-3 ribbons. Watch carefully to the sides, deer often make radical 90-degree changes in course, cutting sharply left or right.

A wounded animal, if not pushed, will seldom travel any distance before lying down. You want them to stay right there until they expire. Again, once you jump your quarry out of its bed and the deer runs, your odds of ever finding it

become very poor.

I highly recommend calling your buddies to help follow the blood trail. Three people spread out, searching carefully, ups your chances geometrically. As I mentioned, deer often suddenly turn and as they do so, make as long a leap as possible. This is instinctive I think, it cuts their scent trail slowing down predators if chased, but it also cuts the blood trail and it can be difficult to find it again.

Patience is the key to finding and recovering your trophy, whatever size it is. If you make a poor shot and are excited and impatient, force yourself to get out of the woods, go to a restaurant, grab some food, call a friend or friends for assistance or watch a little football, whatever it takes, but leave your animal alone! Let them bed down close to where you last saw them.

If all else fails, call a tracker with a good dog.

The time will come when I guarantee you will be very glad you followed the above advice.

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Faith Matters

Our Father in Heaven, My Dad on Earth, and the Harvest of our Land



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Genesis Chapter 1: Verses 29-30

"And God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so."

Our God created the earth and its creatures for our benefit and nourishment.

The harvest...the hunt...the reaping of the land and its creatures bestowed as gifts at the table of Faith, Family, and Tradition are the greatest honors and blessings in the life of an archer and/or venator/venatrix. Through sharp and precise practice throughout days, months, and years - our local harvesters perfect their craft. They bring holistic meat to their families and friends, keep our roads free of collisions, and assist area farmers in their fruit, grain, and vegetable production.

A profound reverence exists within the American hunter - a devout love of the land that almighty God created, a feeling of awe as they watch a whitetail deer majestically run through a cornfield and then leap over a fallen tree, and a humbling awareness as a mighty black bear displays its prowess. Harvesting an animal of the land brings a raw energy to our hunters that aligns with our Native ancestors. The moment of harvest brings these upstanding men and women to their knees, as they bow down in thankfulness to their Creator and to the Earth.

Ethical hunters that we admire are our neighbors and friends who respect property lines, DEC regulations and requirements, and weapon safety policies and procedures. They are our Little League, soccer, football, and sports coaches. Our Chautauqua County hunters are doctors, artists, lawyers, pro-sport enthusiasts, musicians, moms,

dads, grammas, grandpas, educators, carpenters, small business owners, officers of the law... Our wild game harvesters are found in every career path and walk of life imaginable. These men and women with accurate aim and follow-through are trusted leaders in our communities who we rely upon during trying times. They bring food to those who need it most and are community leaders and advocates.

On a personal note, there were no greater days throughout the entire year, than when Dad claimed a mighty buck. An abundance of life lessons were learned in our glorious seasonal adventures - awareness, patience, diligence - an eternity of caution and wisdom. The awakening of my senses was a powerful gift as we keenly listened to the holy silence and earthly music of the woods. Witnessing the magic of early morning fog floating over our sacred hunting ground while walking hand in hand with the most devout, generous, and holiest man I could ever know and love, was pure bliss. Standing beside Dad as he made the Sign of the Cross after a clean shot was taken, allowed me to see the purest form of strength and weakness all in one instant. A lasting and unique bond between parent and child is fostered and strengthened during the hunt, one that has existed since the beginning of time. In my eyes, my Dad as the hunter and Father, was my hero.

During this season of plenty, we are thankful for, and blessed by, our faith-based hunting heroes who lead by example and help build us up to be spiritual stewards of the land and all of God's inhabitants.

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.

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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: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Unsheared sheep
- 5. Rock TV channel
- 8. Streetcar
- 12. Concerning
- 14. Exclamation
- 15. Greek goddess of youth
- 16. Popular type of device
- 18. Alcoholic beverage
- 19. Ancient Olympic Site
- 20. Sharpshoots
- 21. Tyrion Lannister was characterized as one
- 22. Pointed ends of pens
- 23. Measuring instruments
- 26. Midsection body part
- 30. Made a mistake
- 31. Adjusted
- 32. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 33. Yell
- 34. Civil rights city in Alabama
- 39. Young boy
- 42. Type of sea bass
- 44. To call (archaic)
- 46. Unfortunate
- 47. Separate oneself from others
- 49. Hero sandwiches
- 50. Spy group
- 51. Florida is famous for them
- 56. Irritating individuals
- 57. Luck
- 58. Hunting expedition
- 59. WWII diarist Frank
- 60. Peyton's younger brother
- 61. Type of wrap
- 62. Type of overseas tax or levy
- 63. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 64. Wake up

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Works of body art
- 2. Israeli politician Abba
- 3. Renowned desert
- 4. Eat greedily
- 5. She didn't make it through the Fr. Revolution
- 6. Beat
- 7. Bloodsucker
- 8. From a place already noted
- 9. Counted on
- 10. Alberta Assn. of Baccalaureate World Schools
- 11. Something one can make
- 13. One who abstains
- 17. Wild ox
- 24. Type of student
- 25. Bacterial infection of the skin
- 26. Expresses surprise
- 27. What engaged couples ultimately say
- 28. Crony
- 29. Where one begins (abbr.)
- 35. Architectural designation
- 36. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
- 37. More (Spanish)
- 38. Autonomic nervous system
- 40. Indigenous peoples
- 41. Deflections
- 42. Circulating life force
- 43. Executes with a rope
- 44. Natives of an island nation
- 45. Girls
- 47. Logician and philosopher
- 48. Nocturnal hoofed animal
- 49. Relaxing spaces
- 52. From a distance
- 53. Form of Persian language
- 54. Amounts of time
- 55. Mathematical designation

In Loving Memory

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Barbara Diane Evan

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Barbara was born in Jamestown, New York to Robert and Doris Lundgren on May 15, 1937. She had younger siblings; Sylvia Link of Cincinnati, OH, and Norman Lundgren of Beverly, WA.

She lived in Warren, PA with her first husband, Michael F. Evan, of 24 years, who preceded her in death. They raised their three children; Kristen Evan of Boston, MA, Michael Evan of Stow, OH, and Kimberly Evan of Lakewood, NY. While there, she worked as an elementary teacher and principal before moving to Gardner, ME with her second husband, Dr. Ronald Snyder of 15 years, who also preceded her in death. She continued working in education in

Booth Bay, ME, before briefly living in Portsmouth, NH, and a short time in Lakewood, NY. She then settled in Munroe Falls, OH.

Barbara was a very positive person who embraced life and all that it offered. She appreciated all types of music, including playing and teaching piano. She was fond of golf, walking, playing bridge, and spending time with her many friends and family. She adored her four grandchildren; Michael and Caleb Peress, sons of Kristen Evan; Hannah Hartman (Brett), and Gretchen Evan, daughters of Michael and Jacquelyn Evan.

Private services will be held at Sunset Hill Cemetery in Jamestown, NY.

Peace, Hope and Joy with Linda Kent

Routine Change



Contributing Writer

Linda Kent

Stuck in a rut? Nothing seems to change? How many times have we had those thoughts? I was tired of always having them, so I decided to change one thing I did every day to see if it would make a difference.

When I divorced, I was already retired and not working. I found I was sleeping in later each day. The longer it went on, the less I was getting done and the worse I was feeling, both physically and mentally. So, I set an alarm. Not so early that I felt I was depriving myself, but early enough that I didn't lose a big part of the morning. It was hard at first, and there was quite a bit of back-sliding,

but once I became used to the new habit, what a difference! I had more energy and accomplished more. One small change in my routine created positive results in a way I wasn't expecting, but happily worked out very well.

Hopeful I could find other simple, positive changes, I've tried other things. One, was not to eat for three hours between meals. It's a healthy way to let your food digest fully. Not a huge change, but I don't feel bloated like I used to, so I count it as a bonus. Another is to watch less TV and listen to uplifting music. We all have our favorite style. I'm putting my focus on what makes me feel better. I'm much calmer, happier and more focused.

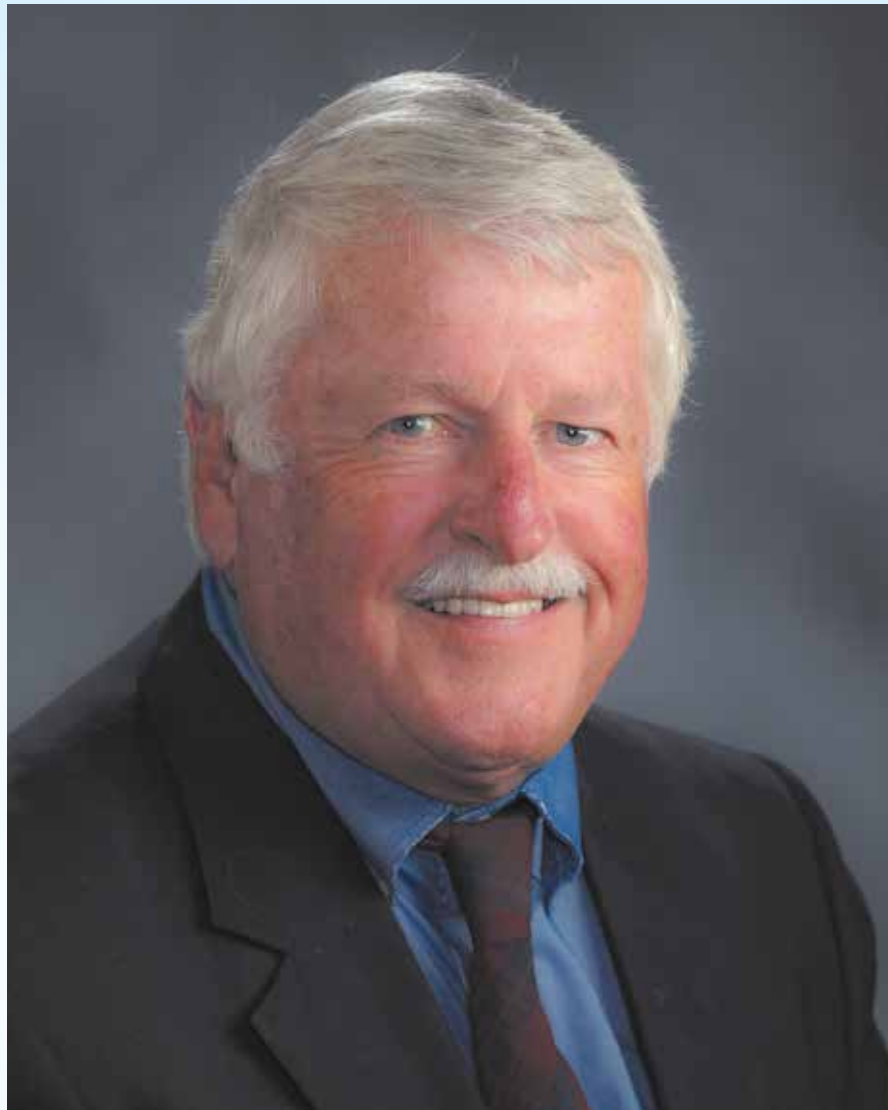
I've read about changing small habits and their benefits for years, but I guess I thought those benefits were for others. They're not. They're for all of us. It's never too late to make one small change to your day and see what a difference it can make in your life. So set an alarm. Turn off the TV. Read a book. Take a walk. Look forward to making your life more joyful one small change at a time.

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~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Rotary Club of Jamestown and Jamestown Young Professionals Hold Successful Joint Networking Event



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Rotary Club of Jamestown & Jamestown Young Professionals

In a lively evening filled with food, music and fellowship, the Rotary Club of Jamestown and the Jamestown Young Professionals (JYP) came together recently at Southern Tier Brewing Company for a successful networking event.

Bringing together more than 50 members from both organizations, the event provided a platform for established professionals of the Rotary Club to connect with the next generation of

young leaders from JYP, fostering new relationships which promise to benefit the community.

Founded in 1919, the Rotary Club of Jamestown is a thriving organization of business and professional leaders, dedicated to the principle of "Service Above Self." The club is deeply involved in the community, supporting local and international projects through both volunteer efforts and grant funding. With more than a century of service, the Rotary Club remains a bedrock institution in the Jamestown area.

"It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the Jamestown Young Professionals to

this event," said Marion Beckerink, President of the Rotary Club of Jamestown. "By connecting our members with the next generation of local leaders, we hope to inspire and mentor these young professionals as they continue to grow in their careers and civic engagement. Events like these create the partnerships that will strengthen our community for years to come."

Though based in Jamestown, JYP is the only young professionals networking group operating in Chautauqua County. Its membership hails from all corners of the county, with its Planning Committee being comprised of individuals from the city of Jamestown as well as Lakewood, Bemus Point and as far north as Dunkirk and Fredonia.

JYP is powered by the United Ways of Chautauqua County, and the partnership makes sense – as United Way and JYP are working to cultivate the next generation of leaders who believe strongly in giving back to the community. JYP events are open to professionals of all ages to attend. The purpose of such networking events is to leverage the networks of established professionals with JYP's membership for the betterment of the community at large.

Those who attended Monday's "Fall Into Service" event at Southern Tier enjoyed craft beer, a buffet of food from the restaurant's kitchen as well

as music from the band Two Towns. The event succeeded in facilitating meaningful interactions between both seasoned and emerging professionals.

"This event truly embodies what JYP is all about—building connections that inspire positive change," said Katie Castro, Director of Advancement for the United Ways of Chautauqua County. "It's wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation and collaboration between these two groups."

With the success of Monday night's event, both organizations are looking forward to continued collaboration and opportunities for their members to make a meaningful impact on the community.

The Jamestown Young Professionals can be found online at Facebook.com/JamestownYoungProfessionals and Instagram.com/JamestownNYYoungProfessionals. For more information, email JYP at: JamestownYoungProfessionals@GMail.com.

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U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Awards \$17,377,034 in Grant Funding for the Jamestown Community Microgrid Project

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Jamestown Board of
Public Utilities



The United States Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded and signed a contract with the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) to finalize an agreement for \$17,377,034 in grant funding to create a microgrid and install associated resiliency upgrades in Jamestown with a start date of October 1, 2024.

After the DOE selected the project for possible funding in late 2023, contract negotiations have now been completed, and work is authorized to begin in the Greater Jamestown Community.

The funds will advance the "Jamestown Community Microgrid Project," with the BPU providing a \$5,792,648 match. Within five years, the project will deploy a microgrid with electric vehicle charging, energy storage and underground cabling replacement.

"The BPU works hard to provide dependable utilities for our customers," stated BPU General Manager David L. Leathers. "The Jamestown Community Microgrid Project will significantly upgrade the BPU electrical system to further enhance consistency and durability, especially during a catastrophic event."

Leathers explained that the BPU microgrid system will utilize existing generation equipment to power a strong network of underground electrical distribution circuitry, ensuring a high plane of utility service reliability and resiliency in the core of Downtown Jamestown, independent of the regional system.

If an emergency occurs outside BPU territory to cut power to the utility's service area, the microgrid system, utilizing the utility's existing gas turbine, its 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 up and running with both electric and thermal service. The second possibility would be that the area experiences only a brief outage in a disruptive event if the microgrid is in place.

The microgrid will enable most of the community's first responders and critical services to operate more efficiently in case of a significant service interruption during a disastrous event.

These organizations will include the Jamestown Police Department, the Jamestown Fire Department, the Jamestown Department of Public Works, the BPU Electric

and Water Resources Divisions, Alstar EMS Ambulance Service, UPMC Chautauqua Hospital, the Urgent Care Medical Facility and several large community buildings that could host shelters in case of a prolonged emergency event.

In an earlier news announcement, Congressman Nick Langworthy noted that the grant will be disbursed to the BPU to undertake a microgrid project to assist the electric utility in enhancing the power grid's ability to deliver affordable, clean energy.



At the time of the selection announcement, DOE Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm said that extreme weather events fueled by climate change will continue to strain the nation's aging transmission systems. She stated that the grant announcement represents the largest-ever direct investment in critical grid infrastructure, supporting projects that will harden systems and

improve energy reliability and affordability, all while generating union jobs for highly skilled workers.

"The Microgrid Project will enable our administration and employees to continue the delivery of utility services to our customers in the case of a major interruption in power from outside our community," confirms Jamestown BPU Chair Greg Anderson. "We are gratified to have received this grant and will work to safeguard electric distribution in the Downtown Jamestown core area."

"The implementation of this project will provide the Jamestown BPU with critical infrastructure to maintain essential services during power outages," commented Jamestown BPU Board President and Jamestown City Mayor Kim Ecklund. "The project aligns with the BPU's ongoing effort to modernize our utility infrastructure, reduce operating costs and continue to improve the customer experience."

Leathers expressed his deep appreciation for the Department of Energy grant.

"Significant assistance from this grant will enable the BPU to further strengthen our delivery of electrical services to our customers," stated Leathers. "We thank the DOE administration and staff as well as our government officials for their support during this application, selection and contract negotiation process. I also commend BPU staff for the grant preparation and all the effort needed to successfully get to this point of starting work on the project."

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Small Business Development Center Hosts Women in Networking Program October 10

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Small Business Development Center at Jamestown Community College



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Monica Simpson

For over a decade, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Jamestown Community College has hosted the Women in Networking (WIN) Chautauqua program every month. This program is for female business owners and women working in the business sector. The program is also sponsored by Community Bank.

The SBDC Women in Networking program was developed for woman to exchange ideas, experiences, and address challenging issues. The SBDC has helped to build productive business relationships that benefit women throughout the region with this program. Cost to attend the lunch in person is \$18 with check or credit card. This event will take place at Jamestown Community College, Carnahan Building, Room 120. To make a reservation or for more information on this monthly program, contact the SBDC at 716-338-1024 or go to our website at www.sbdcc.org.

The next WIN program will take place on Thursday, October 10 at 12pm at JCC and will focus on the impact of the Choose CHQ and Live CHQ Initiatives in our county as well as the CHQ Workforce program, CHQ Trail

Map, and CHQ Professional Group of young people. Join us to learn how these efforts shape the community and the opportunities you can benefit from individual and as a small business. Our speaker is Monica Simpson, Partner Engagement Coordinator for the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), an initiative of the Chautauqua Regional Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). With over 12 years of experience in economic development, Monica has worked as a Program Manager at the Fredonia Technology Incubator, at the State University of New York at Fredonia, and as a Grants Administrator at the University of New York at Buffalo. She has been with CCPEG for the past five years. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of New York at Buffalo. She is a member of the CHQ Chamber of Commerce, Chautauqua Leadership Network, CHQ Workforce Ambassador, and co-founder of the CHQ Professionals Group.

Dana Corwin Named Interim Director of Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services



Submitted Photo

Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. (left) stands with newly appointed Interim Office for Aging Services Director Dana Corwin, as she steps into her new role following the retirement of Dr. Mary Ann Spanos.

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Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. has appointed Dana Corwin as Interim Director of the Office for Aging Services. Corwin takes the helm following the retirement of longtime director Dr. Mary Ann Spanos, who dedicated decades to serving the aging population in Chautauqua County.

“Dana Corwin is an exceptional leader and advocate for the aging community,” said Wendel. “Her deep knowledge of healthcare, coupled with her passion for service, makes her the ideal person to carry on the important work of the Office for Aging Services. Dana has been an integral part of this office for years, and I am confident that under her leadership, we will continue to provide critical services to our seniors and their families.”

Corwin, a registered nurse and Mayville resident, joined the Office for Aging Services in 2008. Throughout her tenure, she has been instrumental in providing advocacy, connecting clients with essential services, and responding to emergencies.

Previously in her post as Office for Aging Services Deputy Director, Corwin supervised such as the OFAS home care program, health and wellness, Meals on Wheels and NY Connects, which provides assistance to seniors, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers across the county.

“I am honored and excited to take on this role,” said Corwin. “Having

worked alongside Dr. Spanos for many years, I have learned a great deal about the importance of creating a network of care for our seniors. I look forward to continuing her legacy while also bringing my own perspective to the table.”

Wendel expressed gratitude to Spanos for her years of service and praised her commitment to the aging population in Chautauqua County.

“I want to personally thank Dr. Mary Ann Spanos for her dedication and leadership,” said Wendel. “She has made a lasting impact on our community, and we are fortunate to have had her at the helm for so many years. I trust she will enjoy retirement. Dana’s appointment ensures that we will continue to build on that strong foundation.”

Corwin echoed those sentiments, thanking Spanos for her mentorship and guidance.

“Dr. Spanos taught me so much about not only the logistical side of running this office but also the heart behind it,” Corwin added. “Her passion for helping people stay in their homes and connected to their communities is something I will carry forward in this new role.”

As interim director, Corwin will continue to advocate for seniors and vulnerable populations in the county. She highlighted her team's dedication to addressing unmet needs through collaboration with various county departments and external partners.

“We are always looking for ways to improve the lives of our clients,”

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Senior Scene with Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

The Last Director's Article



Contributing Writer

Dr. Mary Ann Spanos

Director of Office for Aging Services

Goodell, who supported and assisted with state advocacy for funding and worked collaboratively with our office to solve difficult problems for older adults.

The last 17 years has not been the easiest time of my life but has certainly been the most fulfilling. Through out this time I have let my faith guide me and the mantra of do onto others as you would have them do to you. I am sure I did not please everyone along the way but I hope what we created at OFAS has touched lives in our community and that we made a difference in ways that we may never realize. We certainly built the programs with our own families and friends in mind because that is what you have all become. There are a few quotes that have graced my walls over the year one by Margaret Mead saying that, "a small group of committed individuals can change the world indeed it is the only thing that every has." And this quote from Mother Theresa that has sustained me through the difficulties and reminds me that a calling is not about accolades but about the people you touch every day in a positive way. I hope you find inspiration and comfort in it when you are facing life's changes and never forget that the OFAS staff will always be here for you and your older loved ones.

"People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives: Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friend and some true enemies; Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone may destroy overnight; Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway. Give the world your best and it may never be enough; Give the world your best anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; It was never between you and them anyway!"

Please stay well and remember... For more information on programs and services in Chautauqua County call OFAS first and NY Connects Helpline at (716)753-4582. We will always be standing by to help you!

Dear Older Adults,

Later this month I will be retiring from Chautauqua County after 17 years as the Director of the Office for Aging Services. It has been the greatest privilege of my life to serve in this role and to represent you locally, statewide, and nationally as the President of USAging. I hope you feel that I represented you well and that I along with my team really leaned in to your needs to provide the quality programs and services that help you live your best life. Thank you to my colleagues and team members at OFAS. I could not have accomplished anything over my tenure without these professionals beside me, especially my Deputy Director, Dana Corwin. I know she and the rest of the team will keep the great work going as well as take the organization in new directions that exceed my hopes and dreams. Change is sometimes difficult but it is also necessary so we can continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of society and our older adult population.

Thank You to former county executive, Greg Edwards, and his search team including Russ Dietrick who took a chance and hired me back in 2007. Thanks to my husband George, who encouraged me to apply for the position. I never realized I would find my life's work and calling in county government but that is exactly what happened. Thank you to all the other County Executives who reappointed and supported me. Thank you to all those who have served and currently serve on the OFAS advisory board including Ellen Coffaro, board president. Thank you to the county legislatures who supported Aging Services throughout the years especially Dan Pavlock, Susan Parker, Paul Whitford and the late Jay Gould, who served on our board and guided our work. Thank you to Senator George Borrello and Legislator Andy

Celebrate National Coming Out Day with Two Community Events in Jamestown



Submitted Photo

Jamestown Pride is partnering with PFLAG Chautauqua and St. Luke's Episcopal Church to host two events to honor National Coming Out Day on Friday, October 11th

Article Contributed by Jamestown Pride

On October 11th at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm), Jamestown will celebrate National Coming Out Day in a way like never before, with a comedy show that promises to be full of laughter, inclusivity, and local talent. In collaboration with PFLAG CHQ and Jamestown Pride, this special event marks PFLAG CHQ's 1-year anniversary, a milestone that shows the strength and unity of our LGBTQ+ community.

The show will be hosted at Secret Undisclosed Location (100 East 2nd Street, on the second floor) by Paul Clemente, a local comedian and advocate who's been a driving force behind many community events. The night's headliner is Cindy Arena from Rochester, known for her unfiltered and relatable comedic style. Also joining the lineup is Nicole Benedi from Erie, PA, alongside Katerina Valentine, Nicole Beatty, and Karma—all performers bringing their talents from Buffalo.

The comedy show is not just about laughs—it's about community. This night is a chance for everyone to come together in celebration of the progress and support of the LGBTQ+ community in Jamestown and beyond. Whether you're part of the community or an ally, you'll enjoy a night filled with heartfelt humor and a welcoming atmosphere.

This is a one-of-a-kind show you

won't want to miss! Seats are limited, so be sure to arrive early for an evening of celebration, laughter, and community. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted; Proceeds will support PFLAG CHQ and Jamestown Pride.

Earlier that afternoon, at 5 pm on October 11th, Jamestown Pride will partner with St. Luke's Episcopal Church to host a dinner-and-a-movie screening of "My Name is Pauli Murray" — a documentary about a Black, non-binary legal trailblazer whose ideas influenced Ruth Bader Ginsburg's fight for gender equality and Thurgood Marshall's civil rights arguments. Episcopal priest and attorney. This is a portrait of their impact as a non-binary Black luminary: Lawyer, activist, poet, and priest who transformed the world. Pauli Murray is currently being commemorated as the 11th coin in the American Women Quarters program. This film screening in St. Luke's Undercroft (enter at 4th & Main Street Doors.) The documentary is approximately 90 minutes – so participants can come for the screening, and then attend the comedy show, for a one-of-a-kind double feature!

For more information on the Comedy Show, contact Paul Clemente via email (paul@crescentcity.agency) or phone (412-660-0271). To learn more about "My Name is Pauli Murray," contact Jessica Frederick (frederickj@jamestownpride.org) or St. Luke's Episcopal Church (716-483-6405).

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Ripley Interstate Shovel Ready Site Development Project

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The Appalachian Regional Commission announced today approval of a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 to the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) for the Ripley Interstate Shovel Ready Site (RISRS) project. ARC's investment will to be used to extend electrical service to prepare a 147-acre site for future employers.

The availability of development-ready acreage is low in the project area while demand from the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing industries is growing higher. In response, CCIDA is in the midst of a multi-phase project turning the large parcel in Ripley, NY, into a shovel-ready site. The RISRS project is expected to spur economic growth and raise the standard of living in Chautauqua County by developing strategically located land in a region characterized

by high unemployment and population loss.

As part of the ARC-supported project, 34.5 kv electric service will be extended from the existing utility mainline and provide five megavolt-amperes (MVA) to the Ripley site. Approximately two miles (11,457 linear feet) of new tap line and sixty new structures will be constructed. Installing infrastructure like electricity will ensure the site is more attractive to developers and employers looking to expand or move to western New York, thus bringing employment opportunities and tax revenue to the region.

In addition to ARC funds, local sources will provide \$2,000,000, bringing the total project funding to \$3,000,000.

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CCIDA Board Approves Brownfield Cleanup Loan for Gateway Lofts Project in Jamestown

Funding comes from CCIDA's New Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund



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The Gateway Lofts project will transform the former Chautauqua Hardware Factory into a 110-unit, multi-family affordable housing complex, with supportive wrap-around services for tenants and the community at large.

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 County of Chautauqua
 Industrial Development
 Agency

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved its first loan from a newly established Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) for brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Southern Tier Environments for Living (STEL) was approved for a \$325,000 low-interest loan that will help jumpstart the Gateway Lofts project at 31 Water Street in Jamestown.

Loan funding will help with STEL's urgent need to install a sub slab depressurization system, which is required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation before development can take place.

The Gateway Lofts project will

transform the Gateway Center, the former Chautauqua Hardware factory, into a 110-unit, multi-family affordable housing complex, which will be anchored by supportive wrap-around services. The \$67 million project is a collaboration among Community Helping Hands, the YWCA of Jamestown, and STEL. STEL is hopeful that the overall project financing will be finalized in the coming months, with construction anticipated to begin in mid-to-late 2025.

Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO, Mark Geise stated, "This type of project aligns perfectly with the intended purpose of the new BRLF, which is to provide critical gap financing to ensure complicated brownfield remediation and redevelopment projects can come to fruition. While this is a complex project, we're excited to see it moving forward, and we hope our assistance will help get it over the finish line."

According to Tom Whitney, Executive Director of STEL, the Project was ready to close on all sources of financing in April 2020. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the tax credit investor for the project pulled out. Inflationary factors contributed to a much higher overall project cost; however, STEL has the project back on track with all required local approvals obtained and a new investor on board.

"We are incredibly thankful to the CCIDA for providing critical financing for the environmental-cleanup and monitoring components of this project while we wait for New York State Brownfield Tax Credits to become available," said Whitney. "We're hopeful that with this challenge addressed, we can button up the remaining project components and move to construction next year."

This project marks the second time the CCIDA and STEL have collaborated in the last year. In 2023, STEL and their partner, Park Grove Development, took over as the developer of the Silver Creek High School property in the village of Silver Creek. That project, which involves the demolition of the derelict former school building and the development of 54 affordable senior housing units, is slated to close and move forward by the end of 2024.

"STEL has been a great partner of the CCIDA in redeveloping key properties of community importance, delivering more affordable housing opportunities, and eliminating blight in Chautauqua County, all of which align with our economic development goals," said Geise. "I can't thank Tom Whitney and his team enough for their determination in making these complicated projects realities."

In 2019, Chautauqua County and the CCIDA re-engaged in brownfields redevelopment activities to improve blighted and underutilized areas in the County, improve the health and safety of

its citizens by cleaning up contaminated sites, increase the County's tax base, spur job creation, and where applicable, kick-start revitalization activities within neighborhoods throughout the municipalities in the County.

The CCIDA was able to establish its BRLF in 2023 after it applied for and received a \$600,000 United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant in late 2022 to initiate this program. Coupled with funding the CCIDA received from Chautauqua County, the Agency's BRLF was established to provide loans to for-profit and non-profit developers, and subgrants to municipalities to facilitate brownfield remediation and redevelopment of key properties. Being accepted into this program also places the CCIDA in a favorable position to secure supplemental EPA resources to replenish the fund as more loans are made.

"It was imperative Chautauqua County Government support the establishment of the CCIDA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund," said Paul "PJ" Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. "Like so many other municipalities in the Northeast, there is a long list of legacy industrial sites in Chautauqua County that need attention and remediation. This fund will help in that effort and, as a result, help to grow and strengthen our local economy as we continue to move forward."

Since its inception in 1995, EPA's investments in brownfield sites have leveraged more than \$35 billion in cleanup and redevelopment activities, which has led to significant benefits for communities across the country. The CCIDA was one of only 17 awardees across the United States to receive a Revolving Loan Fund grant to establish the program.

Exciting Events at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts: Sundance Winner *Didi* and Haunted Objects Live

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 Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts is set to host two exciting events this October, showcasing the mysterious and the cinematic.

On October 9 at 7 p.m., the Reg will feature the Sundance Film Festival winner *Didi*. The film, which secured the U.S. Dramatic Audience Award and Special Jury Award for Best Ensemble Cast, follows a 13-year-old Taiwanese American boy during the summer before high school, navigating life lessons about skating, flirting, and familial love. Rated R, *Didi* runs for 93 minutes.

Upcoming screenings also include a special engagement of the silent film classic *Nosferatu* on October 16 at 7 p.m., underscored by Radiohead's albums *KID A* and *Amnesiac*. Other films scheduled include the horror film *Cuckoo*

on October 23, the cult classic *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on October 25, and Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice* on October 30. Additional offerings include *Between the Temples* on November 6, *Lee* on November 13, and a special engagement of Cat Video Fest 2024 on November 16, with proceeds benefiting the Chautauqua County Humane Society.

Tickets for most films at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online, while family showings are \$7 in-person and \$9 online. Special engagements may vary in pricing. The theater is located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY, with box office hours from 12-5 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and one hour before events. Tickets can be purchased by phone at 716.484.7070 or online at reglenna.com.

On October 11 at 7:30 p.m., paranormal investigators Dana and Greg Newkirk will present Haunted Objects Live, an interactive exploration into the intriguing



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A still from *Didi*, playing Wednesday, October 9 at 7 pm at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

tales behind some of the world's most haunted artifacts. The Newkirks, known for their work on *The Haunted Objects Podcast* and appearances on Amazon Prime's *Hellier* and Travel Channel's *Kindred Spirits*, will guide the audience through the history and folklore surrounding cursed items, including the Crying Boy Painting and the infamous Dybbuk Box, which is said to contain a demon. Attendees will also have the unique opportunity to collaborate with the Newkirks in creating a new haunted artifact using

just the power of their minds.

Tickets for Haunted Objects Live range from \$30 to \$46.50, with a special Meet and Greet Experience available for those wishing to take a photo with the Newkirks and gain induction into their Sacred Order of the Haunted Object. The event is part of a nationwide tour this fall and is made possible by support from the New York State Council on the Arts

NEW EXHIBIT - FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



The Story of Our Participation is at Robert H. Jackson Center September 6 - October 18



Adapted from *American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith* currently on display at the Smithsonian Institution, *Voices and Votes* and the Center's companion exhibit, *The Story of our Participation*, combines historic election photos, memorabilia, and multimedia interactive displays. Material collected from the Chautauqua region for a local perspective on our important role in national democratic systems.

For location, hours, and exhibit information, call (716) 483-6646, or visit RobertHJackson.org



Voices and Votes is a Museum on Main Street (MoMS) exhibition developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It's based on an exhibition by the National Museum of American History. It has been made possible in New York State by the Museum Association of New York. Support for MoMS in New York State has been provided by the United States Congress and the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

"A New Agora for New York: Museums as Spaces for Democracy" humanities discussion programs are made possible in part by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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There is No Room for Party Politics as a Sitting Judge

Article Contributed by

Sally Jaroszynski
for Family Court Judge

County families? Of course not. Learn about the candidates. Learn about my true experience in representing individuals including children in Family Court. NEVER in his career has my opponent represented a child in Family Court, but he wants to be your judge. There is specific certification needed to represent a child. "Attorneys for Children" go through special training before assignments to children



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may be received. I have cared for, and represented, hundreds of deserving children in our community. YOU decide. And think of it this way. If you had a loved one who needed brain surgery, would you go to your family practitioner or would you go to the experienced brain surgeon? Why would you choose less when your family and loved ones deserve more. I will ensure that all have a voice and that all are heard in our Family Court. I will ensure that there will be no rush to judgment, nor forced resolution. I will seek the safest and most fair outcome for all.

Chautauqua County Families deserve better.

Can we honestly say that my opponent's last ten years as a clerk in family court made lives better for Chautauqua

County families? Of course not. Learn about the candidates. Learn about my true experience in representing individuals including children in Family Court. NEVER in his career has my opponent represented a child in Family Court, but he wants to be your judge. There is specific certification needed to represent a child. "Attorneys for Children" go through special training before assignments to children

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I, The Honorable Sally A. Jaroszynski, ask for your vote on November 5, 2024.

Please vote.

MY OPPONENT
- HAS MORE POLITICAL LINES!
- HAS MORE CAMPAIGN FUNDS!

I MAY BE THE UNDERDOG
BUT MY OPPONENT
DOESN'T HAVE MY EXPERIENCE :

- ✓ REPRESENTS CHILDREN IN FAMILY COURT
- ✓ 15 YEARS JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE
- ✓ 30 YEARS REPRESENTING FAMILIES IN FAMILY COURT
- ✓ CONGRESSIONAL RECOGNITION FOR HER WORK IN FAMILY COURT

✓ **OTE - FAMILY COURT JUDGE**
SALLY JAROSZYNSKI

Paid for by committee to elect Sally Jaroszynski for Family Court Judge

Making Things Clear

Article Contributed by
Peter Johnson for Family Court Judge

When talking to voters during this campaign about my experience and what I stand for, I often hear from people that they are confused about my opponent, Ms. Jaroszynski. In her advertisements she states, "Sally is a registered Republican and is endorsed by the Democratic Committee and Working Families parties." I totally understand why folks may be confused.

Let's unpack this. It is true that Jaroszynski switched parties to register as a Republican in February, 2024. Prior to this year, she ran unsuccessfully twice for Family Court Judge on the Democrat Line-losing to Judge Piazza in 2014 and Judge Sullivan in 2016.

Also, it confuses people that she currently touts being endorsed by the Democratic Committee. What she conveniently fails to mention is she failed to collect enough support from Democrats to run as a Democrat in this

election. She is running only on the Working Families line in this election.

Ultimately, the voters should pick the candidate that they believe will do the best job as judge. In deciding who is best, I believe the voters deserve to know clearly who the candidates are and their history. Don't be misled- Jaroszynski has never served as Family Court Judge, and she has never worked for the Family Court.

Working for the Chautauqua County Family Court for the last decade has given me the firsthand experience needed to handle the challenging job of Family Court Judge. More importantly, I believe serving as judge requires integrity, discernment, and a strong sense of conviction. For those reasons, I am asking the voters for the honor of serving as the next Family Court Judge.

The Importance of Debates for Candidates

Article Contributed by
Marcia Westling Johnson
Chair, Chautauqua County Democratic Committee

Debates are a very important part of the democratic process. It creates a platform for the candidates to engage with the electorate; it creates trust between the community and the candidate; and it helps the candidate understand the needs and concerns of the community. Debates show respect for the voters, demonstrating that the candidates understand that they report to the people, not the other way around. Meeting face-to-face with voters creates transparency and accountability. This is an integral part of the election process, allowing the voters to get to know the candidates, what they stand for, and to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

One of the primary functions of debates is to clarify candidates' policies and plans for the future. Campaigns are often filled with vague promises and slogans. However, when candidates face questions from voters, they are forced to provide concrete answers about how they intend to govern. Debates also help the citizens understand how knowledgeable candidates are on issues. Do they have a full grasp of the issues that are important to the people. Voters have a right to know

where their candidates stand on such issues.

Debates are also important for challengers to incumbent candidates. It gives the challenger an opportunity to explain how they differ from the incumbent. Being an elected official does not mean that you should avoid the scrutiny of those you serve.


Debates also encourage public engagement between the people and their elected officials and candidates. The interface also helps the candidates build trust with the people, explain their positions and demonstrate their leadership skills.

I have noticed a growing trend among the Republican candidates in this area who refuse to attend public debates where the people can ask questions regarding their stand on the issues. They claim they are doing debates, but the ones they agree to do not allow the actual voters to ask the questions that are on their mind. One can only suppose they may not be completely upfront regarding their views and visions for the future. Why are they afraid to face the people they serve?

Democracy thrives on transparency and accountability, and debates are a cornerstone of this system. Candidates who avoid them weaken the democratic process. Do they care about democracy?

Peter
Johnson
For

★
Family Court Judge



Who am I?


I am the only candidate that has worked for the family court, serving as Court Attorney for the Honorable Jeffrey A. Piazza for the last decade. If you know an attorney that you trust, I encourage you to ask them about me.

I believe that the family court is the most important court, and that I'm the most qualified candidate to be our next Chautauqua County Family Court Judge. I'm asking you for the honor of serving in your courtroom.

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WHY SHOULD I VOTE?

1. America is a Great Country. Vote for Democracy, not Autocracy.
2. Voting is the foundation of our Democracy.
3. The future of your children will be impacted.
4. The tax rate is set by elected officials. Elect a representative who supports the Middle Class, not the billionaires.
5. Your representative will decide on significant matters that have an impact on your life.

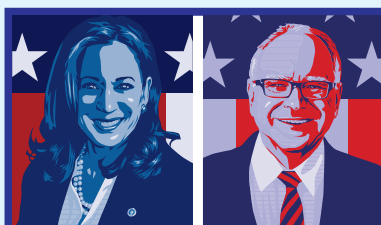


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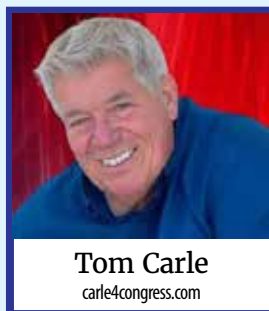
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VOTER GUIDE TO PROP 1

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Voters filling out their ballots this year would do well to turn them over and ensure they vote on a ballot measure this year. These measures, which are actually amendments to the New York State Constitution, are typically located on the flip side of normal scanner ballots.

While the Equal Protection Clause of the US Constitution resides within the 14th Amendment, the similar language in the NYS Constitution can be found in Section 11, Article 1. Currently, this portion of our NYS Constitution prohibits discrimination on the basis

of race, color, creed, or religion. The majority of the State Legislature has determined this provision to be too narrow for contemporary sensibilities, and is, therefore, seeking voter approval on codifying new protections into law.

The measure, if passed, would extend New York's protections against discrimination to cover ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy.

Many of these protections are already present in various state laws, but a constitutional amendment means they would be universal across the state, and any law passed by the Legislature

would have to adhere to the language.

The Legislature went a step further by including a second section, which stipulates that any law, including existing laws, designed to dismantle discrimination on the basis of characteristics included in the newly-broadened definition, will not be affected.

In order to amend the Constitution, the State Legislature must pass the amendment in each house and then put it to the voters via referendum. The Constitution can also be amended at a Constitutional Convention, and voters have the opportunity to vote on whether or not one should be called every 20 years. If the Legislature feels a Constitutional Convention is

necessary, they may vote to put the issue to the voters early and let them decide whether or not a Convention needs to be called.

Constitutional Conventions are very rare and will likely remain so as long as state government is dominated by one party. The last such Convention took place in 1967, but none of the proposed changes were approved by the voters during the next election, with the Legislature generally agreeing that it's more effective to amend the Constitution issue-by-issue rather than all at once.

The proposed ballot measure is simply called "Proposal Number One" and will appear on the ballot of every registered voter in New York.

ELECTION TIMELINE

Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day

Polls are open 6am-9pm

Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, Nov 3

Early Voting Available

Note: The Gazette will publish these local sites and complete schedule in October.

Saturday, October 26 - Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, October 21 - Last day for Voter Address or Name Change

Same form as registration - see above.

Note: Voters who provide a change of address after this date may still vote via a "Provisional Affidavit Ballot" at their new poll site.

Three ways to REGISTER TO VOTE and/or to CHANGE voter name/address:

1. Online: nyovr.elections.ny.gov
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page). *Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct. 26.*
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



Three ways to request an application to vote EARLY BY MAIL:

1. Online: ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page). *Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct 26.*
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



Three ways to request an application to vote by ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. Online: <https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee>
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page). *Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct 26.*
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



What's the difference between voting by "ABSENTEE BALLOT" and voting "EARLY BY MAIL"?

Nothing, in reality.

Either application allows the registered voter to receive an early ballot by mail whether they currently are in Chautauqua County or are currently out-of-town.

The only difference is that the "absentee" application requires a reason and the "vote early by mail" application does not.

(ie. "I can't vote in person, because...I'm away at college; I am disabled; I'll be in on vacation/snowbirding/on business, etc, etc. on Election Day...") So why not just simplify the choices and have just one mail-vote option?

The reason is due to some historic and legal complexities as the process developed under state law, ie. nothing-is-ever-simple in NYS.

Bottom line: The Gazette recommends that if you are unable or prefer NOT to vote in-person, just fill out a "vote early by mail" application online. It's the easiest option and available to any voter who wishes to vote this way! UNLESS, you are permanently homebound (elderly or disabled). In which case, an "absentee" ballot application is the only way that you may sign up to "permanently" receive an absentee ballot by mail every year.

If you request a mail ballot, but your plans change and you decide you want to vote in person after all, you may still show up to the polls, but you will be required to vote by a "Provisional Affidavit Ballot" that will not be counted until after the election, ensuring no one votes twice.

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Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County Announces New Group for Families Dealing with Addiction

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Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County



According to a 2017 study conducted by the Pew Research Center, in the United States, almost half of adults (46%) report that they have a family member or close friend who has struggled with addiction at some point. The experience cuts across different demographic and political lines, affecting people of various backgrounds equally. The Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County is pleased to announce the addition of a new group geared toward those dealing with a family member or friend battling addiction.

C.R.A.F.T., Community Reinforcement and Family Training, will be facilitated by staff member, Michelle Colaiacovo. The group begins a new session October 9 and runs for 12 weeks, meeting each Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 P.M. at MHA, located in the rear of the Gateway Building (behind St. Susan's), 31 Water Street, Jamestown. There is no fee. All services offered at MHA are free of charge. For individuals struggling with addiction, their loved ones are most likely suffering as well. C.R.A.F.T. provides families with

support, education, and tools to help them as well as the addicted individual.

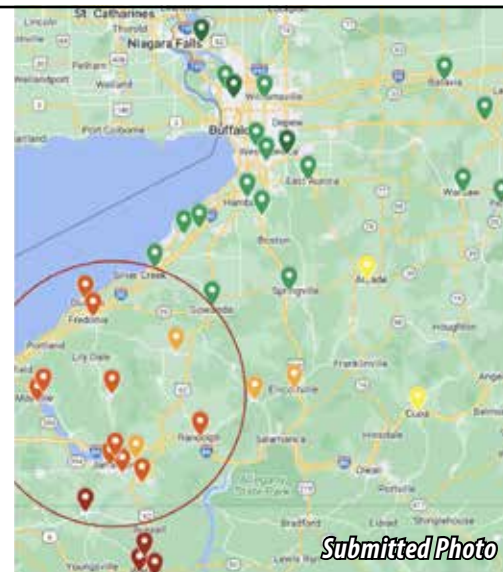
Developed by Drs. Robert J. Myers and Jane Ellen Smith of the University of New Mexico, whose rigorous studies were conducted for more than two decades, C.R.A.F.T. was determined to be more successful than the traditional strategies of Al-Anon and intervention. The program has been very successful in engaging individuals in treatment and decreasing their substance abuse.

C.R.A.F.T. is a safe environment where each member protects the confidentiality of fellow group members, treating one another with dignity and respect. To register for this group, please contact Michelle Colaiacovo at Admin@mhachautauqua.org. With training and certification in Peer Services, we offer an understanding ear and a guiding hand to the resources and opportunities for growth in our community. To learn more about MHA'S free services, support groups, and classes, visit www.mhachautauqua.org.

Bobseine Calls Out Gasoline Pricing

Gas Prices at United Refinery Owned Stations
September 19-23, 2024

- \$3.71 - \$3.76
- \$3.66 - \$3.70
- \$3.60 - \$3.66
- \$3.50 - \$3.60
- \$3.40 - \$3.50
- \$3.20 - \$3.30



Article Contributed by
Mike Bobseine for NY State Assembly

Chautauqua County residents have put up with higher gas prices than our surrounding neighbors for years.

Assembly Candidate Mike Bobseine has asked New York State Attorney General Letitia James to investigate gasoline pricing in Chautauqua County, which is part of the 150th Assembly District.

Bobseine filed his request after studying gasoline prices throughout western New York and finding nearly identical higher prices in Chautauqua County as compared to surrounding counties.

“We have traveled the district extensively during our campaign and talked with consumers who complain about the consistently higher prices in our county,” said Bobseine.

“Gasoline prices in Chautauqua County are typically thirty cents more than gasoline prices in surrounding counties in our state.

“For example, the typical price for a gallon of gasoline in Jamestown, Dunkirk, Fredonia, Mayville, and Falconer is \$3.70. In Erie County,

the price per gallon in Gowanda and Springville is \$3.40, \$3.50 in Hamburg and Angola, and typically 30 cents cheaper in and around the City of Buffalo.

Our report shows that most of the gasoline sold in Chautauqua county is refined and supplied by a single refinery located in nearby Warren, PA. According to the American Petroleum Institute (API), gasoline pricing can be explained as a function of three elements, in addition to profits: the cost of crude oil, refining costs, and distribution and marketing costs.

“Based upon the API’s simple formula and what we know and experience at the pumps, the higher retail gasoline prices in our county make no sense,” Bobseine said.

Bobseine provided a map and chart showing his price survey, which he also sent to the Attorney General together with his request for an investigation. The price survey indicates that over 86% of the highest-priced gas sold in Western New York is in Chautauqua County.

“It’s time to get an explanation for the higher gas prices paid by our county’s consumers,” said Bobseine. “I’ve been asked the question repeatedly and our residents deserve an answer.”



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Andrew Molitor Endorsed by NYS Senator George Borrello



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Friends of Andrew Molitor Committee

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Representing you as your State Senator is a privilege that I take very seriously. Fighting to defend our shared values in Albany is vital to preserving the quality of life that is so unique to our beautiful region.

Assemblyman Andy Goodell has been an amazing leader, partner and mentor. Choosing who will succeed him is a vitally important decision in this year's election.

That is why I strongly support Andrew Molitor as our next Assemblyman.

Andrew Molitor had dedicated his life to the safety of Chautauqua County as the First Assistant District Attorney. Ensuring that those who break our laws are held accountable. He has chosen to raise his family here in our community and is committed to making sure it remains safe, strong and prosperous for us now and for future generations.

I'm proud to call Andrew Molitor my friend and with your help and support in the November 5th election, he will be my new partner in the state legislature as our next Assemblyman!

Thank You and God Bless,

George Borrello
NYS Senator - 57th District



Dana Corwin Named Interim Director of Chautauqua County Office for Aging Services

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Corwin said. "Our team knits together a 'quilt of care' by identifying any gaps in services and finding solutions, whether through county resources or our many community partners. It's an approach that I am proud to continue."

Corwin is a graduate of Union Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Notre Dame of Maryland University, and Bellevue University,

where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

"I am most proud of the opportunity to help those in need," said Corwin. "This role allows me to expand my passion for healthcare with my dedication to serving the community. I look forward to continuing advocacy for the seniors, caregivers, and families of Chautauqua County."



Andrew Molitor ★★★ NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Andrew Molitor will be our strong voice in Albany. He is focused on what is important to us. That's why he's committed to:

Public Safety – Equipping law enforcement with the tools they need to protect us, while overturning laws that favor criminals.

Business Growth – Fueling new businesses by slashing burdensome regulations and lowering taxes.

Lower Cost of Living – Cutting wasteful spending, reducing taxes, and keeping our best and brightest in New York.

Supporting Our Schools – Securing top-tier funding for education and empowering parents to take an active role.

Lower Utility Costs – Fighting against bans on natural gas furnaces and appliances.

Illegal Immigration – Rolling back sanctuary state policies that undermine the Constitution.

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We need Andrew to fight for us in the NYS Assembly!

VFW Announces 2024-2025 Scholarship Programs

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Post 53 VFW

Veterans of Foreign Wars John W. Tiffany Post 53 is pleased to announce its Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship programs for the 2024-2025 school year.

The VFW is dedicated to promoting patriotism and investing in future generations. High school students can compete for a chance at a \$35,000 college scholarship, while middle school students can win \$5,000.

The Voice of Democracy (VOD) audio-essay program invites high school students to submit a recorded essay on the theme "Is America Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" Over 25,000 students nationwide compete for a share of more than \$1 million in scholarships.

For middle school students, the Patriot's Pen contest encourages sixth through eighth graders to write a 300- to 400-word essay on "My Voice in America's Democracy." Each first-place state winner receives at least \$500, with the national first-place winner earning \$5,000.



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Cara Pillitteri, 2023 VFW-Post 53 winner of the Voice of Democracy, graduate of Falconer Central School and current student at Roberts Wesleyan University. Daughter of Joseph and Diana Pillitteri.

Information is available in the Southwestern, Jamestown, Falconer, Frewsburg School Districts, and Bethel Baptist Christian Academy. Interested students should contact their school officials for details. Home school students or those with questions can reach VFW Post 53 Commander William Johnston at 716-499-3731.

All entries must be submitted by midnight, October 31, 2024.

Chautauqua County, A Sportsman's Paradise

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participation has declined across the United States, a trend we've all heard about. However, New York State presents a more surprising picture. We'll focus on statewide numbers, as county-level statistics are less reliable than they once were.

Many hunters now purchase their licenses online, and with the new HuntFish NY app, obtaining a license is more convenient than ever. The days of visiting local sporting goods stores or town clerks to acquire licenses are fading, with many opting for online purchases.

According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in the 2006-07 license year, a total of 562,250 hunting licenses were sold in New York, encompassing all types of licenses, including big game, small game, and various stamps for archery and turkey hunting. Fast forward to the 2023-24 hunting season, and that number has increased to 564,363—an increase of 2,113 hunting licenses over the last 18 seasons. Diving deeper, non-resident hunting licenses sold during the 2006-07 season totaled 40,445. In the 2023-24 season, that number rose to 42,004, marking an increase of 1,559 non-resident licenses over the same period.

Now that we have a baseline of total hunting licenses in New York State, let's explore the statewide economic impact of hunting. According to the latest survey from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in 2022, the average hunter spent \$1,407 on equipment and trips. While this figure may seem low to some and high to others, it reflects an average across the entire country. The staggering economic impact of hunting in New York State for the 2023-24 season reached \$794,058,741.00. For non-resident hunters, the economic impact was \$59,099,628.

Calculating the precise economic impact of hunting in Chautauqua County is challenging, but considering how far we've delved into these numbers, we can attempt to make sense of them. It's no surprise that



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Craig Robins

hunters aren't flocking to large cities like New York City, Albany, Rochester, or Buffalo. While some may travel extensively, the majority of hunters prefer to visit counties that border their home states. This is where Chautauqua County shines on a hunter's radar. Research shows that during the 2023 deer season, licensed hunters in New York State harvested a total of 209,781 deer (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation). Notably, Chautauqua County ranked second in the state for total deer taken during this season, just behind Steuben County.

Further analysis reveals that four out of the top five deer-harvesting counties in the state are border counties. This highlights the significant role that Chautauqua County plays in attracting hunters looking for prime hunting opportunities. With over 2,000 acres of public hunting land, Chautauqua County is not only a sportsman's paradise but also a destination for hunters from neighboring states seeking some of the finest hunting experiences in the Northeast.

As we embrace the hunting season, let's also remember to introduce our children to the joys of outdoor sportsmanship. After all, they are the future stewards of our cherished outdoor traditions.

First Lutheran Church Sponsors 3rd Annual Helga Hulse Memorial Concert



Submitted Photos

Valerie Lettieri Mann



Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson

Article Contributed by First Lutheran Church

First Lutheran Church Concert Series will sponsor the Third Annual Helga Hulse Memorial Concert featuring Valerie Lettieri Mann and Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson as guest piano recitalists on Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m. Valerie was a former piano student of Helga Hulse for many years. She will perform music by Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Grieg, Poulenc, and Rachmaninoff for her portion of the concert.

Valerie was guided to music by her parents, Michael and Theresa Lettieri, and by her inspirational music teachers, Rudolf Schrek, Helga Hulse, Mary Anne Harp, and Brian Bogey. At age 14 and 15, Valerie was the rehearsal/piano accompanist for musical productions at St. James Church. At 16, Helga Hulse presented Valerie for her first solo recital at the Fenton Mansion. At age 17, Valerie performed Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the Jamestown High School Orchestra, under the direction of Jeffrey Corbin.

As a piano student of Phyllis East at SUNY, Fredonia, she won the prestigious Concerto Competition, performing Mendelssohn's *G Minor Piano Concerto* with the Fredonia College Orchestra under the direction of Harry John Brown. After receiving her Bachelor of Music, she became a general music teacher for the Jamestown School District as well as other schools in New York State for many decades. Lettieri continues her private piano teaching to students of all levels at the Valerie Lettieri Mann Piano Studio. Valerie has two grown children, Cameron and Morgan, and they reside in New York City.

Dr. Amber Shay Nicholson is the second artist who will perform music by Franz Joseph Haydn and Frederic Chopin. She earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Eastman School of Music, where she studied extensively with

renowned pedagogue Nelita True and served as her studio assistant. In addition to currently serving as Adjunct Professor of Piano at SUNY Jamestown Community College and Instructor of Piano at Rocsato Conservatory of Music, Nicholson also runs a private piano studio and has served on the keyboard faculties at Allegheny College, Slippery Rock University, and University of Southern Mississippi.

Dr. Nicholson has been featured as soloist with the Warren Philharmonic Orchestra, the Southern Miss Symphony Orchestra, and Eastman Philharmonia. She has collaborated with faculty artists from Eastman School of Music, East Carolina University, Yale University, Indiana University of PA Penn State University, Shenandoah University, and the University of Southern Mississippi, among others.

Notable honors include invitations to perform at both the 2002 International Workshops in Stavanger, Norway, and the 2002 International Summer Music Academy in Leipzig, Germany. Nicholson was the only U.S. citizen to be accepted into the 2001 TCU/Van Cliburn International Piano Institute in Fort Worth, TX. She won the 2001 Rachmaninoff Concerto No. 3 piano concerto competition at Eastman and performed that work with orchestra. In 1997, she received a special prize at the Vladimir Horowitz International Piano Competition in Kiev, Ukraine. Dr. Nicholson was named a Liberace Scholar at Eastman School of Music.

Nicholson lives in Tidiout, PA with her husband Jeremy (owner of King Building Supply) and homeschools their four children. There will be no concert fee, however, a freewill offering will be received to cover concert expenses and to go towards the Helga Hulse Scholarship Fund through the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. A reception will follow in the church parlors. Welcome one and all!



Nate Bargatze Joins National Comedy Center Advisory Board



Submitted Photos

Nate Bargatze at National Comedy Center.



Nate Bargatze & Exec Director Journey Gunderson with SNL cue cards.

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National Comedy Center

The National Comedy Center, the U.S. museum and national archive dedicated to comedy, has announced that Nate Bargatze has joined its Advisory Board of Directors. Bargatze, known for his record-breaking shows and commitment to comedy's legacy, will aid the Center in its mission to educate and preserve comedic arts for future generations.

Bargatze joins fellow board member Amy Poehler, with his addition following the losses of George Shapiro and Carl Reiner.

"The story of comedy is vast, and Nate has demonstrated a commitment to our mission to preserve that vital story," stated National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey

Gunderson. "He is influencing the comedy of the present and setting a precedent with his accomplishments and dedication to the craft while being equally dedicated to honoring the legacies of the long line of artists who came before him."

"I've immersed myself in the exhibits for hours each time I've explored the National Comedy Center in Jamestown. It's the only place that truly celebrates the essence of what we do. For an artist, it's a tribute to this thing we work so hard at, and for the average visitor, it pulls back the curtain on what elevates it to being an art. The experience is just awesome," stated Nate Bargatze.

"Stand-up means so much to me, so I'm happy to be welcoming my good friend Nate, who shares that feeling, and who also supports the Comedy

Center's work to preserve the history of our craft while showcasing the process," said fellow board member Jim Gaffigan.

Bargatze has contributed artifacts to the Center, including cue cards from his viral Saturday Night Live sketch "Washington's Dream," and will host SNL again on October 5 as part of its 50th season. He has sold over 1.2 million tickets on his The Be Funny Tour and is recognized as the #1 earning comedian, according to Pollstar.

Since 2018, the National Comedy Center has showcased comedy's cultural significance through interactive exhibits, collaborating with artists like George Carlin and Lucille Ball. The Center also operates the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum and hosts the annual Lucille Ball

Comedy Festival, featuring stars like Jerry Seinfeld and Trevor Noah.

The National Comedy Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit institution funded by philanthropic support. For more information, visit comedycenter.org.

About the National Comedy Center
The National Comedy Center is the U.S. Congress-designated archive for comedy, providing an immersive experience using state-of-the-art technology. Named the "Best New Museum" by USA Today and one of TIME's "World's Greatest Places," it attracts visitors from all over. Its mission, inspired by Lucille Ball, is to educate on the comedic arts and preserve their heritage. For more updates, follow on X and Instagram @ntlcomedycenter, and Facebook at National Comedy Center.

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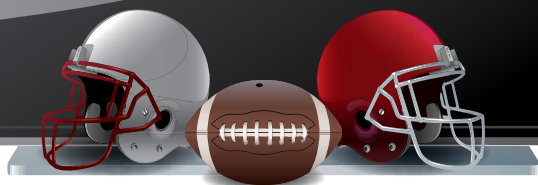
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Thursday, October 10

Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
8:15 PM (EST)	49ers	Seahawks

Sunday, October 13

Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
9:30 AM (EST)	Jaguars	Bears
1:00 PM (EST)	Buccaneers	Saints
1:00 PM (EST)	Commanders	Ravens
1:00 PM (EST)	Cardinals	Packers
1:00 PM (EST)	Colts	Titans
1:00 PM (EST)	Texans	Patriots
1:00 PM (EST)	Browns	Eagles
4:05 PM (EST)	Chargers	Broncos
4:05 PM (EST)	Steelers	Raiders
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Fredonia Mayor Presents Proclamation to Campus and Community Children's Center



Submitted Photo

State University of New York at Fredonia's Campus and Community Children's Center Executive Director Beth Mulkin (center) received a congratulatory proclamation from Fredonia Mayor Michael Ferguson recognizing the center's half century of service. Also pictured (from left) are former board president Nathan Kropp, current Board President Rachel Martin, board member Shannon Chmura and Vice Provost Judith Horowitz.

SOCKTOBER Sock Drive to Warm Hearts & Toes in October



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**Northern Chautauqua
Community Foundation**

Here's how you can contribute:

- Donate New Socks: Drop off new socks at collection bins at partner locations.
- Host a Sock Drive: Encourage your group to host a drive.
- Make a Financial Contribution: Funds will be used to purchase additional socks.
- Spread the Word: Share #SOCKTOBER on social media to raise awareness.

The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation (NCCF) kicks off its annual SOCKTOBER sock drive this October, aiming to collect warm socks for individuals and families in need. The need is more significant than ever this year, as rising costs and increased homelessness have left many without this basic necessity.

As winter approaches, many community members are left without proper footwear. SOCKTOBER addresses this critical need by accepting sock donations throughout the month. Collaborating with Agricultural Logistics, Cattaraugus County Bank, James Prendergast Library, and Lake Shore Savings Bank (Dunkirk, Fredonia, and Westfield branches), NCCF encourages donations of new socks in all sizes, from warm winter socks to everyday wear.

In 2023, thousands of socks were distributed to organizations like Chautauqua County Rural Ministry and the Jamestown YWCA. Please join us in making SOCKTOBER a season of hope and warmth. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of those in need.

For more information, contact Leslie Wille, Community Engagement Coordinator, at 716-366-4892 or lwille@nccfoundation.org.

HUNTING

Trivia

1. What is the primary game species hunted in Chautauqua County during the fall season?
2. In which year did Chautauqua County first establish a deer hunting season?
3. What type of hunting license is required for residents of New York State to hunt deer?
4. What is the legal hunting method for deer in Chautauqua County during each of their regularly designated seasons?
5. Which waterfowl species is commonly hunted in Chautauqua County during the migratory season?
6. What type of habitat is most common for pheasant hunting in Chautauqua County?
7. In addition to deer, what small game is often pursued by hunters in Chautauqua County?
8. What is a common method for tracking deer in the woods of Chautauqua County?
9. What is the primary reason for implementing hunting seasons and regulations in Chautauqua County?
10. What type of firearm is commonly used for hunting deer in Chautauqua County?

1. White-tailed deer 2. 1939 3. A resident hunting license 4. Firearms or bow & arrow 5. Puddle duck 6. Open agricultural fields 7. Rabbit (cottontail) 8. Following tracks and scat 9. To manage wildlife populations 10. Shotguns or rifles



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MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY

How Did the Moon Form?

Contributing Writer

Andy Felong

Public and Media Relations
Martz-Kohl Observatory



Submitted Photo

Dr. Darren Williams

How and when did the Moon form? Theories have come and gone. One current theory is that when the Earth was young - less than one-hundred millions old - a planet hit the Earth. If true, then the Moon might have formed out of the collision debris launched into orbit around the devastated Earth. Another theory is that the Moon was captured by the invisible hand of gravity without a collision. Are one of these correct? How are we to know?! In this talk, Dr. Darren Williams, professor of astronomy and astrophysics, will describe what is known about the Moon and use facts to debate the merits of old and new ideas for how and when it formed.

Darren Williams is a Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, and Planetary Science at Penn State Behrend in Erie Pennsylvania. In addition to teaching astronomy, he studies the climates, orbits, observable characteristics, and dynamical evolution of planets and satellites. He is perhaps best known for his innovative work on the formation and habitability of exoplanetary moons, as well as the climates of Earth-like planets with unusual spins and orbital shapes. His present work is on the final stages of planetary accretion, the formation of the Moon, and designs for a new

miniature space telescope (The "Pale-Blue-Dot" Telescope) to remotely observe the terrestrial planets at sub-pixel resolution.

This talk will be live at the Martz-Kohl Observatory and available online via Zoom. You are encouraged to come to the observatory to meet Dr. Williams and join in our always lively Q&A after his talk. If the weather permits, there will be public viewing opportunities. More info: <https://martzobservatory.org>

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

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How Did the Moon Form?

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Jamestown Native Joseph Bednarik on "Cosmic Time in the Middle of Nowhere"

While visiting his parents in Jamestown, Joseph Bednarik will speak on "Cosmic Time in the Middle of Nowhere" this Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown. Bednarik grew up in Jamestown and has many fond memories of Bergman Park, Chautauqua Lake, and shoveling way too much snow.



Submitted Photo

After graduating from Jamestown High School in 1983 and earning a degree from Haverford College, he moved to the Pacific Northwest, where he began a long career in literary publishing and is a frequent speaker at UU churches. He has edited several books and recently published a collection of his Sunday morning talks titled *Invited to Speak: Tell it true, make it vivid, keep it tight.*

Everyone is welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.



CHAMBER CORNER
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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

October is Manufacturing Month

Did you know there are over 800 manufacturing establishments in Chautauqua County? Those businesses are producing goods that range from food products to furniture to engines to ball bearings to healthcare products, and much more. And those businesses represent the largest employee sector – almost 17% of the total county workforce. Those employees are divided almost evenly between men and women. Median earnings in local manufacturing jobs are \$49,000. Manufacturing plants in Chautauqua County ship over \$26.8 billion worth of products annually.

Now that you know some of the statistics, you may have a new outlook on manufacturing in our county. Most of us have driven through some of the manufacturing sectors in our communities or past large plants and wondered what they really do there. The answers are as varied as the types of businesses. Some involve very skilled labor, some require advanced technologies, some are very hands-on, some are loud, and some are quiet. But they are all making things – things we often take for granted like the chairs we sit on at our dining room table or the juice we drink for breakfast.

Manufacturing is not just vital to our economy; it is vital to our way of life. Look around your home or office. Everything you touch from your furniture to your food to your clothes to phone to your TV was manufactured. All those items are the result of teams of employees working together to create the products we use every day. We are proud to salute our local manufacturers this month and all year round.

Business Builder Workshop is October 21

Get your business ready for the holiday season! Come to our next Business Builder Workshop and we'll help you prepare for the fast-paced months ahead.

The next CHQ Chamber Business Builder Workshop topic is Prep Your Business for the Holidays. It will be held from 1-3pm, Monday, October 21 at the Roger Tory Peterson

Institute in Jamestown Topics will include Small Business Saturday, and the Chamber's programs aimed at helping support small businesses such as the ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card and our countywide Holiday Window Decorating Contest. We'll have some new programs and resources to unveil for you! Also on the agenda will be social media strategies to help you market your business – not just during the holiday season but all year round.

Business Builder Workshops are free for all local businesspeople to attend, and always include opportunities for networking. We appreciate advanced registration for our planning purposes. You can learn more or register now through our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Two Business After Hours Events Coming Up!

The CHQ Chamber is pleased to add another exceptional venue to our lineup of Business After Hours sites for this year: Downtown Brew, 13 Water Street, Fredonia. This next Business After Hours networking event will be held Thursday, October 24 from 5-6:30pm.

Business After Hours is a great way to get to know a wide variety of local businesspeople from all over Chautauqua County. Enjoy complimentary appetizers and a cash bar, while getting to know Who's Who in the Room. It's an engaging experience for all! We always encourage attendees to bring business cards for networking.

Each Chamber member business may send two people for free to each Business After Hours. The cost is just \$10 per person for non-members or for anyone over the two-person limit. We appreciate advanced registration for planning purposes. Register now through our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

After the October event we'll have one final Business After Hours for the calendar year with the always popular event at Southern Tier Brewing Company. This event will be held Wednesday, November 13. Please book early as the Southern Tier Brewing location tends to fill quickly.

The CHQ Chamber looks forward to seeing many local businesspeople at our Business After Hours events. Please bring business cards for networking.

Generous Building Donation Fuels Collaboration to Combat Hunger & Homelessness in Jamestown, NY



Photo by Melissa Paterniti

David Conklin, past President of Jamestown Business College; Sharon Hamilton, President of UCAN City Mission Board or Directors; Cherie Rowland, Director, St. Susan Center, and several UCAN/St. Susan Center Board Members gather to celebrate the historic building donation aimed at expanding vital services to combat homelessness in Jamestown, NY.

Article Contributed by

St. Susan Center

In response to Jamestown, New York's homelessness crisis, Jamestown Business College (JBC) has donated its historic building to the St. Susan Center and United Christian Advocacy Network (UCAN) City Mission. This landmark donation not only launches a capital campaign fundraiser, but also fosters a collaborative partnership aimed at significantly expanding vital services to combat hunger and homelessness in the region.

Past JBC President David Conklin shared the news on Thursday, stating that the decision aligns with the college's commitment to supporting the community it has served since 1886.

Due to ongoing maintenance challenges at the Gateway Center, where St. Susan Center has operated since 2006, the Board of Directors began a years-long search for a new location. During this process, they identified Jamestown Business College as a potential site and initiated discussions with past President David Conklin about the possibility of purchasing the building.

"The decision to donate the building to these incredible organizations ensures that JBC's impact on Jamestown will continue for generations," said Conklin. "We are proud that the space where so many students have launched their careers will now be a place where the most vulnerable members of our community can find support, dignity, and hope."

Earlier this year, JBC made the difficult decision to stop enrolling new students, which will eventually lead to the institution's closure. While the college's educational mission will conclude, its legacy of community support will live on through this substantial gift.

"This expansion is a direct response to the ongoing homelessness crisis in Jamestown, an issue St. Susan Center has been on the front line of for decades," said St. Susan Center Director Cherie Rowland. "The new location and planned renovations will significantly enhance our ability to serve those in need, providing a more welcoming and efficient space to support our guests. We are deeply grateful for the Conklin family's incredible gift."

In an effort to expand services and help address the homelessness crisis in Jamestown, the St. Susan Center has launched a Capital Campaign to renovate JBC.

The renovation plans include transforming the first floor into a spacious, welcoming dining room, a fully equipped kitchen, and a new dock area. The lower level will house a pantry, dedicated programming spaces, and staff accommodations, allowing St. Susan's to greatly enhance its ability to serve the community.

UCAN City Mission became involved in the project through St. Susan Center's vision of collaboration to better tackle Jamestown's homelessness crisis. Recognizing the



Audubon Little Explorers Study Deer, Elk, and Moose Saturday, October 12



Submitted Photo

Come with your 3 to 8-year-old(s) to Audubon Community Nature Center's Little Explorers on Saturday morning, October 12 to learn about "Deer, Elk, and Moose."

Article Contributed by Audubon Community Nature Center

White-tailed Deer are found everywhere from forests to fields to front yards. They can be seen grazing in fields and flashing their white tails as they run.

Just like many other animals, White-tailed Deer are spending the fall months preparing for winter. The fawns of spring and summer have matured, and as food sources begin to decrease, deer become more active and mobile. Deer, along with their close relatives, elk and moose, have adaptations that aid them in finding food throughout the seasons, as well as ways to avoid predators. These behaviors and physical adaptations have allowed them to thrive in both natural and human-created habitats.

This Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m., you and your 3 to 8-year-old(s) can join other Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers and their adults to learn how these

animals interact with their habitat and the body parts and behaviors that help them survive. Participate in a hands-on exploration of natural objects, and activities to see how deer diets change throughout the year.

After a short lesson exploring these adaptations, you will head outside to look for tracks and traces of deer to see where they travel, how they find food, and where they rest in the winter months.

A snack is provided after the hike and a craft is offered if there is time.

Little Explorers takes place rain or shine, so dress for the weather. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$9 for children ages 3-8 and Nature Center members.

Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. For details and reservations, required by Thursday, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.

Join Me in the Kitchen with Vicki McGraw

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Vicki McGraw

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Happy Fall, y'all!

While our recent weather may seem to the contrary, the calendar does tell us the seasons have changed. The days are getting shorter, the kids have settled into their school routines and Friday night lights shine bright. Just stroll through a local farmers market or supermarket produce display and you will be enticed by the sights and smells of fall...late harvest corn, ripe red tomatoes, hearty fall squash, and deep purple concord grapes. I bought a basket of concord grapes just this morning. I love the smell of fresh concord grapes; the scent just screams "fall in western New York"! I spent several of my early years living on the shores of Lake Erie and spending time at my grandparent's home near Westfield. To me, the scent of grapes ready for harvest is like a warm hug. It just envelopes my senses and takes me back to my youth. I remember going into the vineyard behind my grandparent's house and sneaking a few of those precious purple gems. I could never get away with eating many, though, as the purple would always stain my mouth!

I am a western New Yorker through and through. After graduating from Jamestown High School, I choose to attend SUNY at Fredonia. The scent from my youth seemed to follow me there...if you are like me and remember driving through Fredonia in the fall, you know what I am talking about. The scent wafting from the former Red Wing canning facility seemed to be all through the village! Grapes being readied for jams and jellies as well as tomatoes that would be turned into chili sauces and ketchup were the harvest of choice. If only I could have bottled that smell!

There are many food specialties that you just can't get when you leave the confines of western New York...beef on 'weck sandwiches, a good fish fry, "real" Buffalo wings, and my very favorite, Concord grape pie. For those of you that

may not be familiar with it, grape pie is a true WNY delicacy. I once saw a chef from the west coast making grape pie on a TV show. I was very excited to see my favorite dessert making it big, but was quickly disappointed to see that they made it wrong! Well, wrong by my standards, that is. Where I work very hard to remove the seeds from my concords, the TV chef left them in, making her pie as you would a blueberry pie by simply mixing the grapes with sugar and cornstarch. When asked why she left the seeds in, her response was that they added a "nutty flavor". Nutty flavor perhaps, but who wants to crunch on all of those hard little seeds? One of the more tedious parts of making grape pie is removing those annoying seeds, but it is well worth the effort! I remember sitting at the kitchen table with my Nana, slipping the skins from the pulp of the grapes so we could cook down the pulp and strain the seeds away. This was always a silly job, because every so often when you squeezed the pulp from the skin, it missed the bowl and went sailing across the table (frequently hitting my brother. Go figure?!). Just another memory that makes me smile!

In my opinion, it just wouldn't be fall without a fresh grape pie, so I strongly suggest you pick up a basket of grapes and feel the love as you slip those skins!

Bake on!!

Concord Grape Pie

- 2 lb concord grapes
- 1 c sugar
- ¼ c flour
- ¼ t salt
- 1 T lemon juice
- 1 ½ T melted butter
- Pastry for double crust pie

Slip pulp from skins into a sauce pan, setting skins aside, and bring pulp to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes. Press pulp through a sieve or food mill to remove seeds, discarding them.

Add reserved skins to pulp. Combine sugar, flour and salt, add lemon juice, butter and grape pulp mixture. Mix well and pour into a prepared pastry lined pie pan. Add top crust* and bake at 400* for 40-45 minutes, until crust is golden and juices bubble through slits in the top crust.

*I like to place my prepared pie on a baking tray before it goes in the oven. This way, in case it bubbles over I can avoid a big mess in my oven!



Sonnet by
Paul Leone

Be Bold, Lover

Be Bold, Lover, be unabashed,
Thy mistress will love thee the more;
Feast on her sumptuous flesh repast,
Savory sweet, dare to explore.
A robust appetite ensures
Lusty wanton dining pleasure;
Thy sweet mistress alike prefers
Gluttony's immodest measure.
A timid appetite subverts
A mistress's preparation;
Likely her table's lush desserts
Advance her preoccupation.

Be bold, lover, be confident,
Taste ev'ry choice ingredient.



Inspire the Next Generation

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Submitted Photo

Your first buck is an adventure and a thrill beyond description. First time hunters need guidance and preparation for the few critical seconds when a shot becomes possible. By carefully coaching young Nick Colley on what was likely to take place, how an approaching buck would most likely appear and act Nick was prepared when this 8-point ran by.

the rifle until what he is looking at appears in the scope immediately!

A very effective drill involves placing a picture of a buck on the wall and having your hunter practice raising their rifle and finding the deer immediately. Both my daughters groaned going through this exercise, it took time and practice to perfect, but the groaning stopped when they shot their first deer. Suddenly, everything made sense and Dad was, maybe, cleverer than they originally thought.

Even with the proper firearm and practice you still need to mentor them constantly. When a deer appears, always speak very calmly, place your hunter in the proper shooting position, the rifle steady, the safety off when ready to shoot, whisper to remain calm and exactly when to fire. You must constantly, calmly, remind them to squeeze the trigger! Rehearse aiming in different directions. Remember, they have no experience, no data to draw from, no idea what the options or choices may be. It is up to you to make those few seconds count when the deer is within range. When they know what is likely to happen, they are much better prepared to deal with the situation.

For instance, if the deer comes from the left, you need to face this way, place the rifle here, the first clearing is there, the second down by the hemlock tree. Make them face left, position the rifle and aim at the 2 clearings. Then repeat the process for the other trails the deer may come from. Once they have rehearsed this you will see them visibly relax, they now have a plan and an idea of what to do. This greatly reduces their odds of panicking when a deer appears. Buck fever is a very real and often powerful emotion and

has caused even the toughest of men to melt down at their first encounter with old mossy horns. You just never know how any individual will react. Make sure you keep safety in mind and be prepared to keep the muzzle always pointing in a safe direction.

Be very matter of fact when a shooting opportunity appears, containing your own excitement. Assume your new-be has forgotten everything you taught them. Don't say, "Shoot, shoot, shoot!" or anything to fluster your hunter when the deer stops. Make sure he or she is in position, the rifle steady, the safety off, the scope covers up, gloves removed and they're not breathing on the scope, fogging it up, is the stock is on their shoulder, their eye back far enough from the scope, etc., etc., etc. See what I mean? There are a thousand things that can go wrong and you are trying to monitor and calm your shooter during those crucial moments.

A far-reaching consideration might be preparing to keep disappointment levels in check if something goes wrong. I like to briefly rehearse what is likely to happen and how to react when the deer appears at your stand. When you are sure they understand and are prepared as well as they can be, make some type of statement like; "I know all this because I have missed deer in all these situations!" and laugh. The message should be to give it your best effort, but if something goes wrong, well, it's no big deal; we'll get the next one.

Good luck, good hunting and above all be safe and have fun. The memories you share will be priceless.



Jamestown Jackals Join the Basketball Super League

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Jamestown Jackals

The Jamestown Jackals, a professional basketball team with a strong commitment to community engagement and athletic excellence, are thrilled to announce their official entry into the prestigious Basketball Super League (BSL) for the upcoming season. This exciting new chapter for the Jackals marks a significant milestone in the team's evolution and solidifies their position as a competitive force in the world of professional basketball.

Joining the BSL, known for its high-caliber competition and dedication to showcasing top-tier talent, will provide the Jamestown Jackals with new opportunities to excel both on and off the court. The move also reflects the team's continued commitment to fostering local talent, providing thrilling entertainment for their loyal fanbase, and creating positive change within the Jamestown community.

"We are incredibly excited to take this next step with the BSL," said Kayla Crosby, Team Owner and

General Manager of the Jamestown Jackals. "Our players, coaches, and entire organization have worked tirelessly to build a program that not only competes at a high level but also impacts the lives of individuals and families in our community. Joining the BSL aligns with our vision to grow the game of basketball while maintaining a strong focus on giving back."

The Jamestown Jackals have been a staple in their region, known for their community outreach initiatives, youth programs, and unwavering dedication to making basketball accessible to all. With their entrance into the BSL, the Jackals look forward to expanding their reach, creating new partnerships, and continuing their mission to promote excellence in sportsmanship, leadership, and community service.

Fans can expect a highly competitive season with increased visibility, as the BSL offers a national platform for teams and athletes to showcase their talent. The Jackals are preparing for a thrilling season that will bring even more excitement, competition, and heart to the court.

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Seeks Vendors for Holiday Art Market

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Infinity Visual and Performing Arts

Calling all local artists and crafters!

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is seeking vendors for their Holiday Art Market on Saturday, December 7th, 10am-4pm. Showcase your handmade goods, fine art, and crafts at this festive event!

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event in Jamestown's Downtown Arts Campus! Vendors will set up at the Infinity Center and Pearl City Clay House, with foot traffic back and forth across 2nd Street. This is a great opportunity to reach holiday shoppers and support local youth arts programming!

Vendor spots are filling fast, so apply today! For more information and to reserve your booth, visit infinityperformingarts.org.

Let's make this holiday season special with your creativity!



Generous Building Donation Fuels Collaboration to Combat Hunger & Homelessness in Jamestown, NY

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shared mission of both organizations to support vulnerable populations, St. Susan Center initially invited UCAN to join them in purchasing the Jamestown Business College building. However, with the generous donation from David Conklin and JBC, this partnership took on new momentum.

“We are thrilled to be part of this collaboration,” said Sharon Hamilton, UCAN City Mission Board President. “This donation allows us to realize our vision of creating a safe haven for women with children in need, furthering our mission to serve those experiencing homelessness.”

The collaboration will allow UCAN to expand its services by establishing a dedicated women's and children's

shelter, filling a critical gap in local resources. Together, these two organizations will fully utilize the building, providing comprehensive services for those facing homelessness and hunger in the community.

To support the St. Susan Center's Capital Campaign, donations will be instrumental in transforming the newly acquired building into a more modernized facility that will enhance the organization's ability to serve the community. Every contribution, no matter the size, will play a crucial role in addressing the pressing needs of those experiencing hunger and homelessness in Jamestown. To make a donation and help create a brighter future for our community, please visit stsusancenter.org/give.

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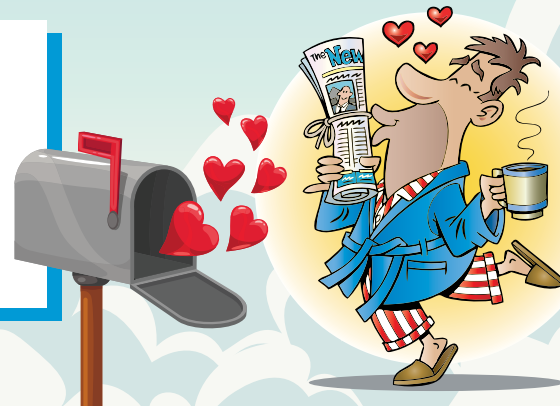


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