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WHY VOT

Contributing Writer Jordan Nicholson

oting is the most critical responsibility of citizens in a democracy. This is particularly true in the United States in 2024.

From a (small-d) democratic perspective, voting is the cornerstone of civic engagement, and empowers individuals to have a say in who represents them at various levels of government. The United States Constitution is not subtle about who wields the power in our system of government.

The Historical Significance of Voting

early ideals of American democracy. When the United States was founded, the concept of government by the people and for the people was *literally* revolutionary.

While contemporary political movements frequently try to coopt the actions of the founders, the focus is usually on taxes. It wasn't taxes the founders were mad about. They were moved to arms over being taxed without having adequate representation in the British Parliament. Having a say in your own governance became so "en vogue" that the French were moved to violence a few years after helping us in our own revolution.

Though the right to vote was initially limited to a small segment of the The right to vote is rooted in the population, the gradual expansion

of voting rights became shifting reflection of American ideals of equality and justice, precisely as the founders intended.

Over time, representatives of the American people introduced changes—such as the 15th which prohibited Amendment, racial discrimination in voting, the 19th Amendment, which extended voting rights to women, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965—ensured that more people had access to this fundamental right.

These historic milestones were hardwon and represented the struggles and sacrifices (often deaths) of countless Americans. By exercising our right to vote, we honor this

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Who's on the Ballot: Your Ultimate Voter Guide

Contributing Editor

Katrina Fuller

The Election is here - and the sound bites and ads abound. The time for big decisions is near as everyone focuses on national elections. Who will win the presidency? Who will join the ranks of the Senate and the House of Representatives? But so often, the local elected offices are drowned out of the discourse - yet, those elected offices can often be just as important.

Several local offices in Chautauqua County are up for grabs this year and will be on the ballot on Nov. 5. The Chautaugua Gazette has rounded up some information on these candidates to make sure readers have a resource to turn to when contemplating these important local decisions

NYS SENATE

For State Senate District 57, there is one candidate running for office: current State Sen. George Borrello. Borrello, running as a Republican, is a Chautauqua County resident who has held various elected offices including county legislator, county executive and now is the current representative for this district in District 57.

Borrello said he understands the difficulties of running a small business in New York and hopes to continue to "be a voice for small business." He has made criminal justice, affordability, public safety and many other issues priorities during this campaign.

"I'm running for reelection to continue addressing these challenges and to secure a better future for New York," Borrello said. "It has been the privilege of my lifetime to represent the residents of the 57th Senate District, and I would be honored to have your support once again."

NYS ASSEMBLY

The seat for District 150 Member of the Assembly is also up for election

this year, with two candidates: Mike Bobseine (Democrat) and Andrew Molitor (Republican).

Bobseine worked as an attorney in the Chautauqua County Family Court and later served as a magistrate judge in the family court. He also served the City of Dunkirk as City Attorney, and for over ten years, served the county as a county legislator and Chair of the Legislature.

Bobseine names women's rights, working across the aisle, economic opportunity, homelessness and many other issues as important priorities. He said he is "not the kind of politician who will only listen to or survey those who agree" with him and he said he will strive to "have the best constituent services in the state."

"You can vote for the status quo and send a candidate to Albany who will make noise outside of the majority," he

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Tues, Nov. 5

VOTE 2024

Chautauqua Countywide Races 2024





Kamala Harris & Tim Walz



Donald Trump



& JD Vance

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Senate



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Mike Sapraicone mikesapraiconeforsenate.com

Tom Carle carle4congress.com

Nick Langworthy nicklangworthy.com

NYS Supreme Court (vote for up to four)



Michael Norris



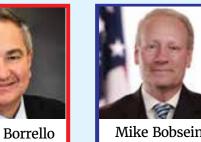
Henry Nowak



NYS Assembly



NYS Senate



Mike Bobseine mike4nyassembly.com



Andrew Molitor

Family Court Judge





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See pages 15-18 for local candidates and local committee contacts.



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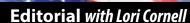
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Owner & Publisher Lori Cornell

I have literally spent thousands of hours of my professional life encouraging people to vote. Depending on how you count the time, maybe millions.

For the most part, it has come with the territory. I was a political science major in college and immediately went into about a 25-year career in government and politics that found me working from Washington to Albany to Mayville and back again, in various appointed and elected positions. I've worked on policy, community outreach, constituent services, and every facet of governmental operations. I've run for office twice and won; I've run for office twice and lost. And I've campaigned for countless others, including my own husband and dear friends.

But at the core of every political venture has been the quest for The Vote. It's the basis for all else in our United States government. It's our basic and most inherent duty and function as a democracy. Despite any political choices of the day: The Vote, The Election, is at the heart of this principled action, not the person. We vote to uphold our freedom and to do so, more in and of itself than to support one pick over have donuts like Ellery's!) Call

we are as Americans, because brave men and women fought to give us this privilege, and because strong women and minorities suffered to further extend this right to all. We vote not because we always like, or feel completely knowledgeable about, all the candidates. We vote because it's our critical exercise in democracy and our recommitment as a citizenry to conscientiously affirm that precious opportunity. Yes, it's important to support the candidates that you believe will best represent our country, state, and local communities. But in the Chautauqua Gazette, we argue, that it's even more important to simply VOTE.

I found myself recently explaining to my pastor why I could not attend our women's study group this Tuesday night and was sort of (yes, believe it!) at a loss of words. "It's Election Day," I stated and stared blankly. To me, it's sacred. And while neither you nor my fellow group members need share my "drop-everything else" impassioned MO this week, I do encourage all readers to pause, if even for a minute on Tuesday.

Definitely vote (if you haven't done so "early" already) - and think about how truly blessed we are to have this right as Americans. And then GO, encourage at least one other person, perhaps someone that might not be otherwise inclined, to vote too. Volunteer for your candidates or party of choice. Or help the elderly person you love (or a total stranger!) get to the polls. Show your littles your polling place and ballot (if they're lucky, they'll another. We vote because of who your college students to support

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Tuesday, November 5

Election Day Polls Open: 6 AM - 9 PM

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St Luke's Election Day Prayer Services: Morning Prayer, Eucharist, & Evening Prayer

8:30 AM, 12:05 PM & 5 PM

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

Jamestown Kiwanis Club: **Election Night Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** 4:30 PM - 7 PM

The Salvation Army (83 S Main St) Jamestown

For Info: 716-450-6874

Wednesday, November 6

Movies at The Reg: Between The Temples | 7 PM

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Jamestown

For Info: 716-484-7070

Thursday, November 7

The Resource Center 35th **Ability Awareness Awards Celebration** | 12 PM - 1:30 PM

Shorewood Country Club | Dunkirk For Info: 716-661-1477

Chautauqua Rails to Trails Annual Meeting | 6 PM

Olive's Restaurant at Chautauqua Suites | Mayville For Info: 716-753-2800

Friday, November 8

RTPI Guided Gallery Walk 2 PM

Roger Tory Peterson Institute Jamestown

For Info: 716-665-2473

Art Class: Melted Snowman Ornament | 5 PM - 6 PM

Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown For Info: info@pearlcityclayhouse.org For Info: UUJamestown.org/calendar

Jazz Concert Series: Featuring Rebecca Magnuson of She Sings Cafe 6:30pm

First Covenant Church, Jamestown For info: jazzcatjohnny@gmail.com For Info: 716-753-6720

Puddles Pity Party | 7:30 PM

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Jamestown

For Info: 716-484-7070

Jayhawks Hockey Game 7 PM

Northwest Arena | Jamestown For Info: 716-484-2624

On the Homefront Exhibit Opening | 11 AM - 4 PM

Fenton History Center | Jamestown For Info: 716-664-6256

Veterans Remembrance Ceremony | 3:30 PM

The Williams Center Multipurpose Room (SUNY Fredonia) | Fredonia For Info: 716-673-3323

Friday, November 8th -Sunday, November 10th

Lake Erie Wine Country's Harvest Weekends Friday 12 PM - 5 PM, Saturday 10AM-5PM Sunday 10AM-4PM

For Info: lakeeriewinecountry.org Lake Erie Wine Country

Saturday, November 9

The Service Learning Mini-**Grants Program: Applebee's** Flapjack Fundraiser 8 AM - 10 AM

Applebee's | Dunkirk For Info: 716-366-4892

Public Skate | 3:30 PM - 6 PM

Northwest Arena | Jamestown For Info: 716-484-2624

Jamestown City Revival: "Honoring Those Who Served" (Free Veterans Day Event) | 6 PM

The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Jamestown For Info: (716) 708-9709

Sunday, November 10

UUCJ Explores Solutions to the Limits of Free Speech 10:30 AM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation Jamestown

The Honduras Promise **Children Mission: Annual Honduras Auction & amp;** Chinese Auction | 6 PM - 8 PM

St. Timothy Lutheran Church | Bemus Point For Info: 716-753-6319

November Camp for Ages 4-12 (Reservation Deadline Nov. 7) | 9 AM - 3 PM

Audubon Community Nature Center For Info: AudubonCNC.org

Honduras Promise Children Mission to hold Annual Auction, November 10







Article Contributed by Honduras Promise Children Mission

The Honduras Promise Children Mission will again hold the annual Honduras Auction and Chinese Auction, Sunday, November 10th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 3748 Route 430, Bemus Point, NY. Everyone is welcome.

Andrew Campbell is the live auctioneer. Many businesses and individuals have donated certificates, gift baskets and other items for the auction. Viewing begins at 5:00 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

The auction supports the ongoing weekly program in the small village of la Villa de San Francisco in Honduras. St. Timothy and many other local or gales 1949@gmail.com

churches support children and their families year-round. Recently, we have added English, computer and music classes for the children, and a microloan program for the mothers.

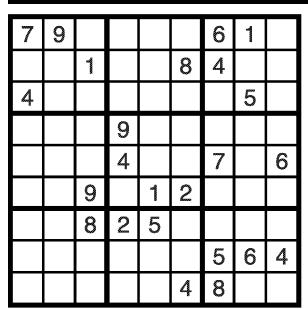
A mission team is planning to go to Honduras in January, 2025, to work with the children, assess the needs of the program, provide medical checkups and teach the mothers new skills.

This auction is one of the major fund raisers for the Honduras Promise Children Mission, which has been going on for over 25 years. New sponsors are always needed for the children, since we support the yearround weekly program, plus give protein based foods to the family once a month.

For more information contact Gale Svenson-Campbell - 716-753-6319



SUDOKU



Here's How It Works:

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

Level: Advanced

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Absence of effort
- 5. Preserve a dead body
- Gratitude
- 14. The act of coming together again
- 15. Simpler
- 18. Visionaries
- 19. Large, fish-eating bird
- 21. Indicates near
- 23. Former CIA agent and critic
- 24. Icelandic poems
- 28. Pop
- 29. "Hammer" is one
- 30. Senses of self-importance
- 32. Thyrotrophic hormone
- 33. Not around

- 35. Electronic data processing
- 36. Licenses and passports are
- two types 39. Snakelike fish
- 41. Air Force
- 42. Popular computers
- 44. Of a withered nature
- 46. Wings
- 47. Used in combination
- 49. Laid back 52. Jeweled headdress
- 56. In slow tempo
- 58. Falls
- 60. Assertions made again
- 62. Periods of history 63. Hyphen

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Body part
- 2. Mimics 3. Expel large quantities rapidly
- 4. Sea eagle
- 5. A type of subdivision 6. Variety of Chinese
- 7. Mr. T's name on "The A-Team" 43. Ray-finned fishes 8. Consumed
- 9. Chinese dynasty
- 10. NFL great Randy
- 12. Ireland
- 13. Palm trees with creeping roots 51. A small bundle of straw or hay
- 16. Fungal disease
- 17. Impressionable persons
- 20. Affirmative! (slang) 22. Instinctive part of the mind
- 25. "The First State"
- 26. A way to develop
- 27. Fraternities
- 29. Woman (French)

- 31. Sunscreen rating 34. Beer
- 36. Spiritual leader
- 37. Indigo bush
- 38. Burn with a hot liquid
- 40. Junior's father
- 45. Morning
- 48. Line passing side to side through the center (abbr.)
 - 50. Double curve
- 53. Got older
- 54. Crater on Mars
- 55 Humanities
- 57. Relating to the ears 58. "To the ___ degree...'
- 59. Residue of a burned product
- 61. It cools a home

In Loving Memory

October 21

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October 22

Gary L. "Radar" Fellows, Sr., 78 Greenhurst Lind Funeral Home

October 24

Steven J. ten Pas, 87 Frewsburg Peterson Funeral Home

October 25

Rodney D. Best, 67 Gerry Lind Funeral Home

October 26

Imogene G. Truax, 96 Bemus Point Falconer Funeral Home

Vicky Lee Kelwaski, 64 Jamestown Riccardi's Family Funeral Home

October 27

Sharon Stapleton, 72 Jamestown Lind Funeral Home

Gary Ehrman, 71 Jamestown Lind Funeral Home

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Voting is a civic sacrament. ~ Fr. Theodore Hesburgh President, University if Notre Dame (1952 - 1987)



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Equanimity



things disappear and she lets them go. She has but doesn't possess, acts but doesn't expect. When her work is done, she forgets it.

Contributing Writer

Rev. Luke F. Fodor Saint Luke's Church

here are many people country Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike - who are unhappy with the current political landscape. The American news and social media cycle fuels anxiety and division, sucking us into high conflict with our neighbors. It doesn't have to be this way. The country stands in need of community and a sense of collective charity for our neighbors - that is, a generous and a just spirit. Prayer is one of the spiritual 'technologies' we have inherited to build community and expand our hearts toward our neighbors. It fosters strong feelings of equanimity.

Throughout holy scriptures of all traditions, we hear about the importance of practicing equanimity—often defined mental calmness, composure, and evenness of temper, especially in a difficult situation. The Buddhist tradition teaches us to foster it through meditation by clearing our minds and softening our desires. The ancient Chinese sage, Lao Tzu, wrote in the Tao Te Ching,

> When people see some things as beautiful, other things become ugly. When people see some things as good, other things become bad. Being and non-being create each other. Difficult and easy support each other. Long and short define each other.

High and low depend on each other. Before and after follow each other.

Therefore the Master acts without doing anything and teaches without saying anything. Things arise and she lets them come;

In my own Christian tradition, the Hebrew Bible and New Testament alike both testify to God's benevolencelike rain and the sun—extends "to the good and the wicked." Jesus tells us that we are to do the same:

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.[Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

I believe that regardless of which party "wins" the election, we will all lose unless we start practicing equanimity and begin to work together to build the world we want to live in. And it starts with prayer. St. Luke's will host three prayer services throughout on November 5th, for Morning Prayer, Eucharist, and Evening Prayer. The schedule of services is as follows:

- Morning Prayer Service at 8:30 AM in the church, with prayers for peace, liberty and justice for all.
- Noonday Eucharist Service at 12:05 PM in the chapel; where participants will share in the communion meal, symbolizing the sacred nature of our common life.
- Evening Prayer Service at 5 PM in the church, designed to close the day of prayer with petitions for discernment, strength, and unity in the days to come.

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 leaderand wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at cornell@CHQgazette.com.



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Why Vote

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legacy and uphold the principles for which so many have fought, both here and abroad. This is as relevant today in Jamestown as it is anywhere else in the country. Each voter becomes part of this legacy, ensuring that democracy remains a living, evolving institution; a reflection of the society it governs.

Voting as a Safeguard of Democracy

Democracy relies on the active participation of its citizens. Voting is a direct way for individuals to have a say in the issues that affect them, whether they relate to education, public safety, or economic policies. When people vote, they choose representatives and leaders who will make decisions on their behalf, giving power and direction to local and national institutions. This process keeps leaders accountable and ensures they act in the best interests of their constituents - if done correctly.

For a democracy to be healthy, voters must take their responsibility seriously. This means remaining informed and up-to-date on the machinations of government.

In small communities like here in Chautauqua County, residents often feel the direct impact of local policymaking. As such, voting becomes even more crucial. When voter turnout is high, it reflects a healthy democracy where diverse voices and opinions contribute to decision-making. Conversely, low voter turnout can weaken democracy, as it allows a smaller, less representative portion of the population to make decisions for everyone, and fosters corruption

by limiting choices.

Community Impact and Local Decision-Making

Voting is especially significant for local elections which directly affect community resources, schools, public services, etc. Local governments have significant authority over areas such as zoning, public safety, and education, all of which have a direct impact on daily life. Ironically, the elections with the greatest impact over the daily lives of Americans are the ones with the lowest turnout.

Moreover, local elections are often decided by a small margin of votes. This means that each voter's choice is amplified, making it reasonable to believe an individual's vote will impact the outcome. By voting, citizens contribute to a stronger, more engaged community where leaders are more attuned to the specific needs of their constituents.

Promoting Civic Responsibility

Voting is also a way to fulfill civic responsibility and demonstrate an investment in the future. By voting, citizens not only participate in shaping current policy, but also help set the course for generations to come. This responsibility is especially meaningful for young people, who will live with the long-term consequences of today's decisions. When people vote, they model civic engagement for future generations, creating a culture of participation that strengthens democracy. It is also the least you can do to honor the sacrifices of the men and women who fought for the preservation and expansion of those rights.

Jazz Concert Series at First Covenant Church

Article Contributed by

First Covenant Church

On Friday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m., the Jazz Concert Series at First Covenant Church (520 Spring St., Jamestown, NY) will feature Rebecca Magnuson, a singer-songwriter, composer, concert pianist, and playwright. As a child she was considered a child prodigy at the piano, and became the church pianist at her father's church in Brooklyn, NY, in the third grade. Joining her will be Doug Schutte on trombone and host, John Cross, on woodwinds. A free will offering will be taken.

After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Piano Performance and Pedagogy, Ms. Magnuson began teaching and concertizing. She eventually moved to Nashville, TN, where she first caught the attention of Bob Doyle, Garth Brooks' long time business partner who signed her songs to Garth's publishing company, Major Bob Music and Sony Nashville. Rebecca's catalog is now owned by She Sings® Publishing, one of the companies formed by Ms. Magnuson. She is a member of ASCAP, the Nashville Songwriters Association, The International Society of Female Professionals, The Kennedy Center, The International Documentary



Association, The National Music Teachers Association, and the

American Federation of Musicians.

Ms. Magnuson wrote and produced her one-woman show, She Sings®, A Soaring Musical that premiered to sold-out audiences beginning in November of 2018 in Washington, DC, Los Angeles, CA, Nashville, TN, and off-Broadway in NYC. Tickets for her musical are available at www.SheSings.com for the 7:00 p.m. performance at the Robert H. Jackson Center on November 23rd.

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Article Contributed by Mike Bobseine for New York State Assembly

Mike Bobseine is the best candidate to represent this District in the New York Assembly.

Why? Because Mike has the experience, leadership, and integrity to solve the very real problems this district is facing. Mike is not a candidate of tricks and smears who relies on partisan bluster.

With Mike, what you see is what you get: someone with the insight, energy, and compassion to make things better for the residents of this Assembly district.

Who is Mike Bobseine?

Mike is an attorney who practiced

primarily in the Chautauqua County Family Court, representing children and families. He also worked as a guardian for elderly clients unable to care for themselves, and helped clients with mental health issues in their court proceedings.

As an attorney, Mike helped children and families in often difficult, emotional, and trying situations.

Mike left private practice after 10 years to serve as a Magistrate judge in the Family Court. There, he worked hard to ensure that every case received his time and attention and that everyone appearing in his court was treated fairly and respectfully.

After retiring from Family Court, Mike has volunteered his time to help people with difficult legal issues and most recently served as the City of Dunkirk Rosas's final year in office.

As a city attorney, Mike worked cooperatively with the mayor and city council to provide practical legal advice, help solve problems for residents and businesses, and support a healthy community.

Mike was a Chautauqua County Legislator for over ten years, and served as the Chair of the Legislature when Mark Thomas was County Executive.

In the County Legislature, Mike promoted efficient government services, encouraged manufacturing and small business development, and helped grow Chautauqua County's tourism industry.

Mike has served on a host of not-forprofit boards in Chautauqua County. He was elected to the Fredonia Central School Board three times and served as Board President for the last six of his twelve years as a board member.

As a school board president and member, Mike advocated for quality public education for all students while ensuring that taxes were reasonable and your tax money was best spent.

Mike has been married to Chautauqua County Legislator, Susan Parker, for 43 years. Together, they have three children and six grandchildren. Mike's focus on family is at the heart of his campaign.

Mike believes that our community deserves good, quality public services at a fair and reasonable cost.

Mike believes that everyone's concerns should be considered and weighed in policy and taxing decisions—and insists that the public is always included in his representation and his public service.

What does all of this mean to you as a voter?

There is only one candidate in this race who will listen to and serve all his constituents, whether you voted for him or not. Mike will always listen and take your views and needs to heart. He is not the kind of politician who will only listen to or survey

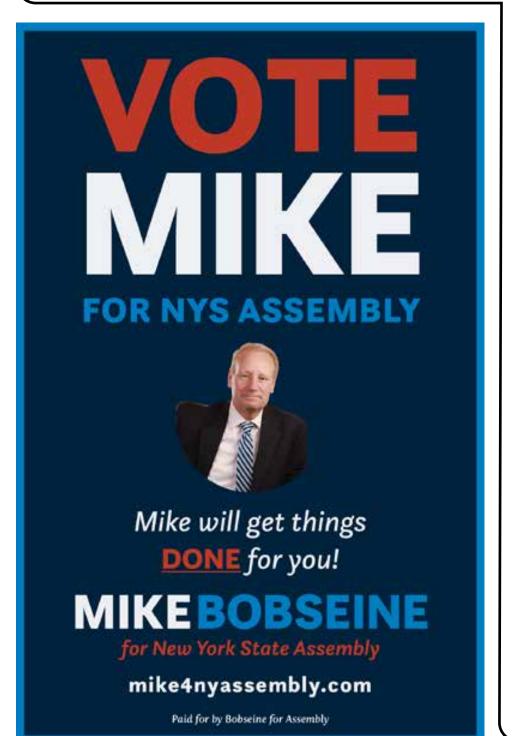
Attorney during Mayor Willie those who agree with him, and he strives to have the best constituent services in the state.

> There is only one candidate in this race who can work with Assembly colleagues in the majority and across the aisle to promote understanding of our rural area's needs and ensure that one-size-fits-all policies aren't the norm in Albany. Mike Bobseine is thoughtful and critical and understands that policy impacts in our rural district have to be balanced in a state as large and diverse as New York.

> There is only one candidate in this race who will always defend women's reproductive freedoms. While our current laws protect women's rights, laws are only as good as the next legislature. There have been 53 challenges over the last decade to women's reproductive rights from Republican legislators in New York State, and Mike's opponent would work to further his own views rather than those of the district's women.

> There is only one candidate in this race who has the experience to develop solutions to the host of issues our next Assembly person will face. This district struggles—and has struggled consistently over the last decade—with a loss of economic decreasing opportunity, school enrollments, increasing poverty, persistent drug trafficking, crises of addiction and mental health issues, declining housing stock, and rising homelessness. Mike has spent this campaign reaching out to the people who understand these issues best to add to his deep understanding of these issues. He is prepared to work on solutions from day one.

You can vote for the status quo and send a candidate to Albany who will make noise outside of the majority. Or you can vote for someone who will make policy to create a better future for yourself and your family. Mike Bobseine stands for that better future.



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Andrew Molitor

(endorsed Republican, Conservative Parties)

Article Contributed by

Andrew Molitor for New York State Assembly

Andrew Molitor is the Republican/ Conservative Party candidate for the 150th District of the New York State Assembly. He is the First Assistant District Attorney prosecuting some of the most serious crimes in Chautauqua County, a former president of the North County Bar Association, and he lives in Westfield with his wife, Celia, and their 5 children.

As a prosecutor, I have seen first-hand how Albany's radical pro-criminal policies are hurting our community. My top priority is to make our communities safer by reinstating judicial discretion to impose bail, making the discovery timeframes more reasonable to avoid technical dismissals, reinstating parole revocation for substantial violations, supporting law enforcement funding, and restoring better working conditions for correction officers while also providing a safer environment in our prisons.

It is fair to ask, how were laws passed that eliminated cash bail for over 400 crimes while handcuffing law enforcement at the same time? Since 2019. Democrats have had a supermajority in the legislature, which means we have one-party rule in New York. It also means that over the last 5 years almost every elected Democrat has fallen in line with the most radical policies coming out of New York City.

We don't need a larger radical

Democrat majority, we need more common sense. After all, the most basic purpose of government is to keep us safe.

Since 2019, New York has increased its spending by billions of dollars each year and we are paying for it. Unfortunately, New York currently has the highest combined taxes in the nation. Rather than over taxing its citizens. New York should focus on having the strongest economy, highest employment levels, and lowest taxes.

We can start by cutting excessive spending like (a) reducing hidden health care taxes, (b) cutting tax subsidies to Hollywood and Broadway, (c) repealing sanctuary state policies that encourage illegal immigration and cost New Yorkers

over \$2.4 Billion this year, (e) reducing Medicaid costs, which are the highest in the nation, and (f) supporting incentives for local municipalities and school districts to operate more efficiently so that we can provide high quality services at a lower cost. Once we cut excessive spending, we can lower your taxes.

Than we can make New York's economy a strong economy. A strong economy is the backbone of a prosperous community. We can support our businesses by providing job training initiates, supporting STEM education, career and technical diplomas, lowering business taxes to spur investment, and creating a more reasonable more communicative regulatory

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Andrew Molitor

Andrew is ready to FIGHT for you!

- √ Safer Communities
- **✓ Lower Taxes**
- √ Wiser Energy Policies
- **✓ Eliminating Sanctuary State Policy**
- **✓** Reducing Excessive State Spending

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE

Sally Jaroszynski

(endorsed Working Families Party)

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Judge Sally A. Jaroszynski for Family Court Judge

I am a lifelong resident of Chautauqua County. I was raised in the Village of Falconer, the youngest of eight children. At a very young age I learned about compassion and empathy. Why you ask? Four of my siblings were born with a learning disability. I became a caretaker at a very young age and found beauty and love in their disabilities. I was a protector, cheerleader, and teacher. I learned to protect the most vulnerable and gave them their voice.

I have dedicated my career to serving others. I have worked three decades with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, abused and neglected

children and victims. I never shy away from a challenging case and seek the best outcome for everyone involved.

I have been a Judge in the Town of Ellicott for 15 years. The Town of Ellicott is one of the busiest Justice courts in Chautauqua County. As a sitting judge I have presided over thousands of cases from criminal, traffic and civil matters. I have managed dockets with over a hundred appearances in one evening. I have managed a caseload at both my private practice and Court while ensuring that all participants are heard and treated fairly. I have used my years of knowledge, in the courtroom together with my decades of work with families to render fair and just outcomes for those innocent until proven guilty.



I am the only person in this race who has a proven record, not only in the courtroom as an advocate, but also on the bench as a judge. My opponent works for the current judge and pledges to keep running it the same as the last 10 years. Chautauqua County families deserve better. The Court and its employees deserve better.

I pledge to the families of Chautauqua County that in my court they will not be silenced. Their voices will be heard. They will be treated with dignity and respect.

I earned my bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and my

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Go Vote Edition

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE;

Peter Johnson

(endorsed Republican, Conservative Parties)

Article Contributed by

Peter Johnson for Family Court Judge

The time has finally arrived for you to cast your vote! In case you have not decided yet, let me remind you of who I am and what I stand for. On the ballot, I am the Republican and Conservative candidate for Family Court Judge, but enjoying those two parties' support is not the main reason to make me the next Judge; rather, you should vote for Peter Johnson, because I am the most qualified candidate to serve as Judge.

Early on in my campaign when asked about my qualifications, I encouraged people to ask an attorney, any attorney, they may know about me. You see, I am willing to bet that any attorney they ask that knows me will speak highly of my understanding of the law, my abilities as an attorney, and most importantly, who I am as a person. After all, it is the practicing attorneys that get an up close view of how lawyers and judges actually conduct themselves. These attorneys may also know my opponent.

When serving as Court Attorney, as I have for the last ten years, your work is largely out of public view. It isn't flashy. You don't sit up on a bench wearing a robe. Most folks that have a case before the Court, probably never know the Court Attorney's name. You are prohibited from representing any and all clients-except the judge you serve under. Honors and awards are quite rare. Nevertheless, the practicing lawyer can attest to the job done by someone in my position day in and day out. I am confident you will hear from them about the care I

give each case, how I treat people, and why I will be a solid decision maker on the bench.

Another reason I invited voters to ask any attorney they know about me, is that they may also learn more about my opponent. Throughout my campaign I have resisted making any negative attacks on my opponent, despite her willingness to attack me with falsehoods. Despite false claims of "pledges" that I have never made, knowingly untrue statements about my and my predecessor's lack of credentials, an offer of an entry to win Bills tickets in exchange for taking her yard sign, and now most recently her pending criminal charges, I have continued to take the high road by leaving it to the voters to form their own opinions without my commentary.

This election I am counting on you, the voter, to be the judge of which candidate is qualified to be our next judge. My firsthand experience in working for the Chautauqua County Family Court for the last decade, has equipped me with the knowledge and skill to best handle all the cases that come before the Family Court. While that experience is critical, I believe that it is even more important that the person tasked with making such consequential decisions in people's lives possesses a high degree of integrity and keen sense of discernment. With that in mind I am asking you, the voter, for the honor of serving in your courtroom as the next Chautauqua County Family Court Judge!

Peter Johnson

Family Court Judge



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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environment while also eliminating burdensome regulations; we can support our agricultural sector by opposing restrictions on the use of treated seeds, more expensive overtime requirements and having balanced representation on the Farm Labor Board.

In addition, we should roll back New York's climate action plan, passed in 2019, to make it less expensive for business, taxpayers, and consumers. New York State produces 0.44% of all greenhouse gases in the world, while China produces almost 26-29%. Remember, the concern is about global warming, not New York State warming.

Neither the current technology nor the current infrastructure can support New York's aggressive climate policy without resulting in severe costs to consumers. Many of the current mandates are extremely expensive. Converting a house to all-electric, for example, is estimated to cost \$30,000-\$35,000.

According to the former DEC Commissioner, the cap and invest legislation, a tax on fuel producers passed last year, is expected to increase gasoline prices by 62 cents per gallon, and increase natural gas prices by 80%. These cost increases will hurt many working families, seniors, and others.

Requiring school districts to spend an estimated \$16-20 Billion for electric school buses that rely on batteries made in China and that are recharged using fossil-fuel produced electricity makes no sense at all; taxpayers are already rejecting even fully-funded electric buses.

should reduce New York greenhouse emission by converting the remaining coal plants and fuel oil heating systems to state-ofthe-art natural gas using locally produced natural gas. In addition, New York should encourage hybrid vehicles, which studies indicate are actually more environmentally friendly than all-electric vehicles. New York should allow consumer choice, invest in new technologies, and set realistic timelines for

renewable energy sources.

We need common sense in Albany to fight against policies that impact our quality of life. Cutting sales tax revenue from our County and our municipalities will only result in loss of funding for services like our highway departments, fire departments, and libraries, will increase our property taxes, or both. You can count on me to keep our sales tax revenue the same. Sales tax is paid by all of the people who visit our County and is not imposed on us for our basic needs like food and clothing. Cutting state spending will reduce our state tax burden, including our property taxes.

One of the most important assets in Chautauqua County are our beautiful lakes, which help support our \$260 Million tourism sector. My extensive comments on the proposed DEC wetland regulations support the effort to make the proposed regulations balanced. I also support legislation to make it clear that the navigable portions of our lakes are not "wetlands." Keep our lakes, lakes.

I will oppose any efforts to allow men to participate against women in all-women activities. Men do not belong in women's spaces, especially in women's sports.

Youth sports, like football, are important to developing hard work, team work, self esteem, character and a sense of community; I will vote against banning football and to provide more resources so that our kids have proper safety equipment and training.

Collectively, we know the net result of these disastrous radical policies—New York is leading the nation in out migration and the largest group of people leaving our state are young families.

I will continue to do everything within my power to represent the best interests of the residents of this district, regardless of their political affiliation. Let's bring common sense to Albany!

Make Your Voice Heard Vote November 5, 2024

Chautauqua County Libertarian Party Encourages Write-In for President/Vice President; Pays Tribute to Late Chair Len Morlock

Article Contributed by

Andrew Martin Kolstee

Chair, Chautauqua County Libertarian Party & Secretary, Libertarian Party of New York

The Chautauqua County Libertarian Party recently held its eighth convention at the Lakeview Hotel & Restaurant in Mayville. Chair/ Vice-Chair Bob Peterson called the convention to order. The following officers were elected for 2024-2026: Andrew Kolstee as Chair/Treasurer, Bob Peterson as Vice-Chair, with a vacancy left in the Secretary position.

Kolstee recently completed a twoyear term as State Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) until he declined to run for re-election at the State Convention held in Albany this fall. He is now serving as State Secretary, a position he also held from 2020 to 2022. Former 1st Vice-Chair of the LPNY and current Erie County Libertarian Party Chair Duane Whitmer was elected State Chair of the LPNY.

A tribute and moment of silence was held in memory of Len Morlock, longtime Libertarian Party activist who served as Chair of the Chautauqua County Libertarian Party from 2022 until his unexpected death on August 26, 2024 at the age of 52. He was also Vice-Chair of the county party from 2017 to 2022.

The Chautauqua County Libertarian Party recently put out a statement on Morlock's passing, stating "Len was a pillar of the local liberty community and an unwavering advocate for freedom and libertarian principles... Len's loss is deeply felt by the Chautauqua County Libertarian Party, the Libertarian Party of New York, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. His passion for liberty and his tireless work for our cause will be remembered always." The full statement can be found on the party's website.

The Chautauqua County Libertarian Party is promoting the National Libertarian Party nominees Chase Oliver for President and Mike ter Maat for Vice President, who can only be voted for as write-in candidates in New York State due to recent changes in ballot access laws that have made it difficult for third parties to obtain ballot access.

Anyone with questions about the party or interest in getting involved, whether it is attending meetings, running for office, participating in a town committee, contact the party. Follow the page on Facebook (facebook.com/chautauquaLP), visit the website (www.chautauqualp. org) or email organizers at info@ chautauqualp.org.



Reason's No Longer Adequate

Sonnet by Paul Leone



Reason's no longer adequate. A brain corrupted won't compute; Instead, it will confabulate Some preposterous absolute. Never mind high priorities, Scrupulous data conclusions, Verifiable certainties, Or elegant computations; Rather blather tired distortions, Inappropriate mockeries, Dyspeptic regurgitations, And laughable absurdities.

To a perverted electorate, Reason's no longer adequate.

Community Health and Elder Care

Article Contributed by

Marcia Westling Johnson

Chair, Chautauqua County **Democratic Committee**

Can you afford to pay higher health insurance rates for coverage of a pre-existing condition?

Can you afford the cost of longterm care, either for yourself or an aging parent?

For most of us, the answer is NO, we can't. We can't afford the high costs of long-term care, nor can we afford to take the time off work to provide care for aging parents in our homes. Kamala Harris, Tom Carle, and Mike Bobseine recognize this threat and want to empower you with options for care. For their opponents, the issue is dead on arrival.

Just last week, House Speaker Mike Johnson was caught on a hot mic talking about the first 100 days' agenda of a prospective second Trump administration. He talked about taking a "blowtorch" to existing regulations. In response to the question, "No Obamacare?" he rolled his eyes and said, "No more Obamacare."

Kamala Harris would protect the Affordable Care Act (ACA), otherwise known as Obamacare, which is wildly popular with most people, regardless of party. It's no wonder.

I remember the days when preexisting conditions weren't covered by health insurance—when cancer survivors and people with birth defects could be denied care; and when people with replacement hips and knees or people taking medication for asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, or heart arrhythmia had to pay higher premiums to access care for their chronic, treatable conditions.

We cannot go back.

proposed an expansion of Medicare that would, for the first time, cover long-term supports and services focused on care delivered at home. This policy change would allow our parents to age in place, supported by their families and professional

caregivers in their homes. This is about dignity and quality of care.

Democrats care about the health of our communities and families. They care about you and the costs that keep you up at night. The leading cause of bankruptcy is medical debt. This could get worse if Republicans destroy the ACA. They have no plan to replace itjust "a concept of a plan."

By contrast, Republicans focus on taking a "blowtorch" to the government, even to policies you rely on to keep yourself healthy and out of financial distress.

At the local level, we see a similar contrast in our candidates for NYS Assembly. Mike Bobseine is focused on improving the Medicare reimbursement rate that the county receives from the state so we can pay the people who take care of our loved ones a decent wage.

Asked how we can better take care of our aging population, Mike's opponent provided a nonsensical answer. He said that nursing homes, like the Lutheran home in Jamestown, faced closure because "business taxes are incredibly high" and what we need is "more nursing homes competing with each other to provide high quality care in our state."

This is untrue and woefully uninformed. New York State property tax law establishes a mandatory exemption for not-forprofit nursing home companies. And not-for-profit businesses are exempt from the kinds of business taxes Mike's opponent cites as high barriers for business success in our

What is true is that the state's Medicare reimbursement rate has not kept up with the cost of doing business, causing closure of businesses providing medical transport services and long-term care facilities in our communities.

In addition, Kamala Harris has Mike Bobseine is focused on policy changes that will protect our families and support our community, and he knows how to get this work done. His opponent doesn't understand the issues and will deplete our community of the care our loved ones need.

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- 1. How many electoral votes are needed to win the presidency?
- 2. Before former President Donald J. Trump, which U.S. President won the election but lost the popular vote?
- 3. Which year was the first U.S. presidential election held?
- 4. Which amendment grants 18-year-olds the right to vote?
- 5. Who were the first candidates to officially campaign for the presidency?
- 6. What is the total number of electoral votes in the Electoral College?
- 7. Which Former President founded the Republican Party?
- 8. Which President served four terms in office?
- 9. What is the name of the organization that monitors campaign finances?
- 10. Who was the first African American to be nominated for president in the 19th century?

Roosevelt 9. Federal Election Commission (FEC) 10. Frederick Douglass & Thomas Jefferson 6. 538 7. President Abraham Lincoln 8. President Franklin D. 1. 270 2. George W. Bush (2000) 3. 1788-1789 4. The 26th amendment 5. John Adams

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I'll close with a special note to all our local candidates and political party leaders out there. Yes, it's a very significant Presidential Election year---maybe one of the most imperative ever. We might have the first woman President ever. Or we might have the secondin-history nonconsecutive termer ever. But since this is a community publication, we have chosen to focus most of our time on our state and local races. As the tried and true famous Tip O'Neil saying goes, truly: "All Politics is local". It's where the rubber hits the road literally and figuratively in the essential duties and core public services that these electeds provide.

It has been such a pleasure to work with each one of you in this publication's exhaustive effort to help inform and educate our readers. We hope we have likewise been helpful as we appreciate your support in making this nine-week "Election Centerfold" series and culminating "Election Edition"

stretched thin, and working so hard on all our behalf to offer the type of public service that we love, deserve, and hold dear in Chautauqua County. No doubt campaigning for office is the most grueling work I've ever done. My knowing heart goes out, and my heavy hat goes off in wishing each one of you the best. If you are successful, may you have the strength and fortitude to always fight hard for us. And if you're not, may you have the courage to pick back up and keep dedicating your very worthy talents toward our community's betterment. We are proud of and grateful to each and every one of you for giving us our rightful choice and providing for our local democracy.

Citizens of Chautauqua County, let's show the rest of the state and nation how it's done. Regardless of party, picks, or otherwise....Please vote!





November 4, 2024

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TOWN OF CARROLL

Office	Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)	Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic A		
Republican	Justin T. Lingenfelter	17 Tamera S. Gustafson
Conservative C	Justin T. Lingenfelter	17 Conservative Tamera S. Gustafson

TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE

Office		Highway Super Vacancy (Vote for one)	Village Trus (Vote for up to	tee two)
Democratic	Α			
Republican	В	15 Terry G. Sanden	20 Janel Webb	O ₂₁ Daniel Roush

TOWN OF CHAUTAUQUA **OUTSIDE VILLAGE OF MAYVILLE**

Office		Highway Super Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α	
Republican	В	15 Terry G. Sanden

TOWN OF CHARLOTTE

Office		Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α	
Republican	В	14 Larry H. Green

TOWN OF CHERRY CREEK

Office		Councilmember	Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α		
Republican	В	14 Becky M. Rowicki	17 Kristin N. Sercu

TOWN OF CLYMER

Office		Town Clerk Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α	
Republican	В	13 Wendy S. Trisket

TOWN OF DUNKIRK

Office		Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	A	14 Robert W. Price
Republican	В	

TOWN OF ELLERY VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT

Office		Town Justice (Vote for one)	Village Trus (Vote for up to	tee two)	Village Trustee Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α				
		Republican	O ₂₀ Republican	Republican 21	Republicar 23
Republican	В	John A. Ferrara	Ted Farnham	David Lipsey	David Chertoff

TOWN OF ELLERY OUTSIDE VILLAGE OF BEMUS POINT

Office		Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	A	
Republican	В	John A. Ferrara

TOWN OF ELLICOTT VILLAGE OF CELORON

Office	Village Trus (Vote for up to	tee two)
Democratic	Valerie R. Murphy	C ₂₁ Kate Burnett
Republican		

TOWN OF HANOVER VILLAGE OF SILVER CREEK

Office		Town Justice (Vote for one)	Village Trus (Vote for up to t	tee two)
Democratic	Α	17 Martin S. Buchnowski	James Castiglia	Democratic 21 Benjamin Lewis FROM PAGE
Republican	В	17 Gary J. Cerne	20 Republican Dwayne Haskins	O ₂₁ Republican William Barnes





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DUTSID	E VILLA	GE OF	SILVER	CREEK

Office		Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	A	17 Martin S. Buchnowski
Republican	В	O ₁₇ Republican Gary J. Cerne

TOWN OF HARMONY VILLAGE OF PANAMA

Office		Town Clerk Vacancy (Vote for one)	Harmony/ North Harmony Town Justice (Vote for one)	Village Mayor (Vote for one)	Village Trustee (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α				
Republican	В	13 Amy N. Ecker	18 Howard E. Peacock	19 William F. Schneider	Todd E. Eddy

TOWN OF HARMONY OUTSIDE VILLAGE OF PANAMA

Office		Town Clerk Vacancy (Vote for one)	Harmony/ North Harmony Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α		
Republican	В	13 Amy N. Ecker	18 Howard E. Peacock

TOWN OF KIANTONE

Office		Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α	Jeffrey B. Peterson
Republican	В	14 Richard A. Hooks

TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY

Office		Harmony/ North Harmony Town Justice (Vote for one)
Democratic	Α	
Republican	В	18 Howard E. Peacock

TOWN OF POLAND

Office		Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic	A	
Republican	В	April D. Ericsson

TOWN OF POMFRET

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Office	Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic A	14 Michael R. Lee
Republican	14 Pavid R. Bird
Conservative C	14 David R. Bird

TOWN OF PORTLAND VILLAGE OF BROCTON

Office	Town Tax Collector Vacancy (Vote for one)	Village Mayor (Vote for one)	Village Trus (Vote for up to	tee two)
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Republican	Debra S. Delcamp	19 Craig Miller	Drew A. Ransom	O ₂₁ Republican Brandy L. Smith
Conservative	Onebra S. Delcamp			

TOWN OF PORTLAND OUTSIDE VILLAGE OF BROCTON

Office	Town Tax Collector Vacancy (Vote for one)
Democratic A	Nicole J. Young
Republican B	16 Debra S. Delcamp
Conservative	Onservative 16 Debra S. Delcamp

TOWN OF RIPLEY

Office	Vacancy	Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)	Town Justice (Vote for one)
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Republican		14 Philip Chimera	
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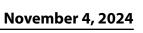
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Office		Town Clerk Vacancy (Vote for one)			
Democratic	A				
Republican	В	13 Annette T. Swan			
Conservative	e C				

TOWN OF STOCKTON

Office		Town Councilmember Vacancy (Vote for one)
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Republican	В	John F. Sipos Jr.
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Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown Explores Solutions to the Limits of Free Speech



Following up on his message for Banned Books Week in September, Rev. Lauren Turner will discuss ways to protect society from danger without curbing free speech at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday, November 10, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown. Hint: It isn't easy. Everyone is welcome to the service and the coffee hour that follows at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.

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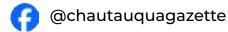
At November Camp, children ages 4–12 can enjoy a day of Audubon Community Nature Center activities from learning about changing trees to autumn insects and migrating birds. Part learning, part play, part exploration, November Camp gives children the opportunity to connect with the natural world as it prepares for the long winter rest. Paid reservations are due Thursday, November 7: Call (716) 569-2345 or click through Programs and Events at AudubonCNC.org.







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Peace, Hope and Joy with Linda Kent

Morning Coffee



Featured Writer

Linda Kent

of coffee in the morning? Okay, some of you don't, but that is one of my guilty pleasures. I'm one of those who wants to have one peaceful, undisturbed cup of coffee in the morning before starting my day. I love the routine of making it. Starting the water, measuring the grounds, waiting for it to brew. I don't use one of the pod coffee makers, it ruins the moment. For me, it's a soothing start to the early hours of each new day.

This was something I was unable to have during my earlier years of childrearing and work. They were always the priority. When I could, I did ask to have my coffee in peace.

Don't talk to me. Don't ask me a question. Just leave me alone for one cup of coffee and let me prepare myself to start the day. Needless to say, this rarely happened. Now that I'm alone and retired, it's still something I jealously guard. After giving myself to everyone else all these years, I don't think I'm asking too much. I need those first moments of alone time for peace and reflection.

Taking that first drink in peaceful solitude is heavenly. I relax, enjoy and savor both the flavor and the moment. I will usually do a devotion and then move on to the daily news, all the while sipping the steamy brew clutched in both hands. Maybe I'll remember something that happened the previous day and wonder if I could have done something different. Could I do better today? Another sip of coffee. What's on the agenda for today? How do I get everything done? Keep sipping. Anything I missed? Better check the calendar and make a list.

Soon the last of the coffee gets cold. It always seems to do so before I get to the bottom. But that's okay. I've had my alone time, my very much needed peaceful start to the day.

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Cornell Cooperative Extension Welcomes Back Wahlstrom

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County is pleased to welcome back Lynne Wahlstrom as a Temporary 4-H Youth Development Educator.

Wahlstrom was previously involved with the Chautauqua County 4-H Program as both a 10-year member and later as an adult volunteer before moving to Indiana to pursue a career with Purdue Extension as a 4-H Youth Development Educator.

She attributes much of her success today to the Chautauqua County 4-H Youth Development Competing in Program. Public Presentations made her comfortable speaking in front of a crowd, a skill that many fear. Learning to keep financial records for her livestock taught her how to budget and handle money responsibly. Committing to a program, meeting the requirements of the program, and being responsible for her successes while learning from her failures demonstrated to future employers that she was responsible and could be relied upon.

Not only did she learn valuable life skills, she continues to use the knowledge she gained to pursue



Wahlstrom with her beloved Icelandic Sheepdogs and Golden Retriever.

her hobbies. A lifelong lover of creatures, she ran a livestock farm that was home to horses, goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, and guineas, many of which moved back to New York with her. She also trains and shows dogs, makes and sells goat milk soaps, and makes delicious treats with her 30+ year old sourdough starter, all hobbies she learned in the Chautauqua County 4-H program.

She is excited to be back close to family working for the program she loves and is looking forward to getting to know the 4-H families and volunteers over the coming months.



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Energizing the Talent Pipeline

Blackstone Advanced Technologies Endorses the Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program Certification



Article Contributed by

Todd J. Tranum

Executive Director, Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier & President/CEO, Dream It Do It Western New York

Blackstone Advanced Technologies is partnering with Dream It Do It Western New York to support efforts to build a talent pipeline manufacturing Representatives of Blackstone Advanced Technologies officially endorsed the Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program (DIDIAMP) Certification. The certification is a regionally recognized manufacturers credential that has been designed by the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier in collaboration with

teachers,

principals

students,

counselors,

and funders.

The certification requires students to engage manufacturing technology camps and manufacturing technology tours, acquire work experience in a manufacturing facility, demonstrate a strong work ethic, participate in manufacturing career cluster courses while in school and graduate from high school. Students as young as 13 years old can enroll in the DIDIAMP and start their journey toward the certification.

DIDAMP is designed to connect, engage, enrich, challenge and reward students on their way to manufacturing career pathways. Students enrolled in the program earn and accumulate electronic badges that can lead to one of four

belt level certifications at graduation.

"We have worked with Dream It Do It to engage with students through tours of our facility and by participating in camps and events," stated Heather Turner, Owner/President of Blackstone Advanced Technologies and Ulrich Fabrication. "The Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program Certification is a valuable resource in that it helps students showcase their talents and interests while enabling our company to connect and recruit them into career opportunities that we offer. We see the program as an essential part of our strategy to build a talent pipeline to careers here

at Blackstone Advanced Technologies."

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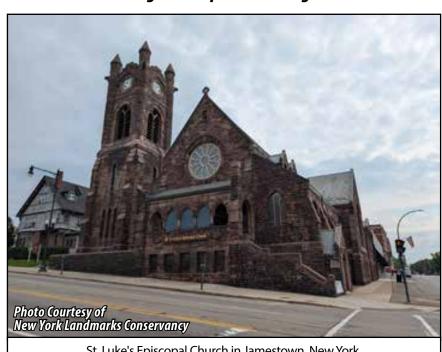
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partnership with Blackstone Advanced **Technologies** toward building even stronger relationships among schools and strengthening connections between students and manufacturers," stated Todd Tranum, President of Dream It Do It Western New York and Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier.

Dream It Do It Western New York (DIDIWNY) is energizing and building the early talent pipeline. DIDIWNY is an initiative powered by the Buffalo Niagara Manufacturers Alliance and the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier. To learn more about DIDIWNY go to www.didiwny.com or contact Cindy Aronson at caronson@didiwny.com.

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown **Receives Sacred Sites Grant**

The New York Landmarks Conservancy Awards 16 Sacred Sites Grants to Historic Religious Properties Throughout New York State



St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown, New York.

Article Contributed by New York Landmarks Conservancy

York Landmarks New Conservancy has announced 16 Sacred Sites Grants totaling \$321,000 awarded to 15 historic religious properties throughout New York State, including \$30,000 to St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown, New York to help fund chapel porch reconstruction and south elevation repointing.

Occupying a prominent corner in the heart of Jamestown's historic downtown, the 1894 St. Luke's Episcopal Church is the work of Boston architect W.P. Wentworth. The parish reaches about 1,800 people beyond its membership through activities such as a thrift shop; the New Neighbors Coalition that holds ESOL classes; Grow Jamestown, a food-access program that works with the Jamestown Public Market and Jamestown Pride to host food distribution; 12-step meetings; the Southern Tier Recovery Activities

Without Walls (STRAWW); and the Chadakoin Chamber Ensemble. Members of local Hindu and Muslim communities use space at the church for larger cultural celebrations.

"Our grants support the preservation of these landmark buildings, which are important anchors for their members and their communities," said Peg Breen, President, The New York Landmarks Conservancy. "These 15 congregations reach almost 140,000 people in their areas with programs that address food insecurity, addiction, and social isolation, and serve as venues for important arts and cultural activities."

The Sacred Sites Program provides congregations with matching grants for planning and implementing exterior restoration projects, along with technical assistance, and workshops. Since 1986, the program has pledged nearly 1,700 grants totaling over \$14.2 million to more than 850 religious institutions statewide, helping fund over \$760 million in repair and restoration projects.





Pet OF Week



Hi there! I'm Timon, a seasoned feline with a heart of gold and a story to tell. Not too long ago, life took an unexpected turn which led me to the streets with my good buddy, Pumba. Together, we made the best of our situation. Unfortunately, both Pumba and I were found to be FIV positive. FIV is just a condition that means I need a special kind of home-either one without other cats or a home with other FIV-positive kitties like me. Pumba has since found his forever home but I am patiently waiting for my chance. I promise you, I'm a loyal companion just looking for a lap to curl up in. Adoption Fee \$0.





Dozens of Chautauqua County Businesses Benefit from Business Assistance Grants

Three Economic Development Organizations Collaborate to Deliver Over \$675,000 in Funding

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County of Chautauqua **Industrial Development Agency**

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), Small **Business** Development Center (SBDC) at Jamestown Community College (JCC), and CHQ Chamber have announced the completion their successful business assistance programs. Since 2021, the three organizations have been collaborating to assist area businesses or nonprofits with grant funding to upgrade their marketing tools and presence, with more than 80 different employers directly benefitting from the related programs intended to assist with recovery from the effects of the COVID pandemic.

The largest program to implemented was the CCIDA Business Marketing Assistance Program, which focused on marketing grants of up to \$10,000 for small businesses (less than 50 employees), with funding provided through Chautauqua County's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation. The first round of the program, launched in late 2021, resulted in 41 businesses receiving grants. It proved to be so successful that several businesses were placed on a waiting list until a second round of funding could be secured. That occurred in early 2023 through a grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. As a result, an additional 35 business were assisted through the marketing program. A third round of the program was initiated in June 2023 following a second allocation of Chautauqua County ARPA funding, with eight additional businesses being assisted. In all, 84 businesses benefited from the marketing grants, averaging approximately \$7,750 each. All said, more than \$650,000 was granted out to businesses, not-for-profits, and other agencies as a result of this program.

"The pandemic presented unprecedented challenges, and local business owners had to adapt to succeed," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO.



More than 80 different Chautauqua County businesses benefitted from the recently completed Business Marketing Assistance Program, including (clockwise from upper left): Carlberg Farm, Ohm Nohm Gluten Free, Pearl City Cycle, and Integrity First.

"Helping businesses to evolve and expand their marketing reach became the driving force behind this program – ways to help businesses increase foot and on-line traffic in order to boost their sales. Marketing is crucial; however, it is typically the one area that gets reduced during difficult financial times."

administration of Marketing Assistance Program was provided by both SBDC and CHQ Chamber, which helped to promote and market the grant opportunity to businesses across the county.

"While marketing is a critical aspect for any business, it tends to be pushed off to the side due to limited time and resources," said Courtney L. Curatolo, Ph.D., Director, SBDC at JCC. "The ARPA and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation funds enabled these businesses the freedom to be creative in an effort to promote their businesses in unique and diverse ways. Not only did the businesses that were awarded the funds see an impact, but we also encouraged everyone to use local vendors for their marketing needs to increase the impact. This has been a great partnership between the CCIDA, SBDC, and CHQ Chamber.

"One positive during the pandemic was a renewed focus on shopping and supporting local," said Daniel Heitzenrater, CHQ Chamber President & CEO. "These grants helped small local businesses market their products while connecting them with support organizations like the Chamber, SBDC and CCIDA. In addition to supporting many traditional marketing and advertising projects, it has also been exciting to see our local businesses thinking outside of the box to propose and implement new ideas."

Another program that was launched to assist businesses was the Economic Gardening Program, which provided customized data, analysis, and technical assistance to select "Stage 2" Companies (those poised to grow) to help elevate their business planning, with the intent of growing revenue and employment. The program was offered through the Invest Buffalo Niagara economic development agency. The total amount of funding committed to the program was \$25,740 and was

provided through the County's ARPA allocation. A total of six county businesses benefited (two of which also received funds from the Business Marketing Assistance Program). Companies benefitting from the Economic Gardening Program included Jamestown Plastics, Jamestown Advanced -Homestead Implements, Dahlstrom Roll Form, Double A Vineyards, El Greco Furniture, and Barton Tool.

The CCIDA, SBDC, and CHQ Chamber also worked with Insyte Consulting to launch a third program to assist businesses. The Company Program Culture/ESG launched to assist manufacturers (up to 500 employees) with developing strong Environmental, Social. and Governance (ESG) polices, which help to guide companies toward long-term success. Through this program, Insyte Consulting and the CCIDA developed a selfauditing "white paper" that was widely distributed to manufacturers throughout the county.

Over \$700,000 in total funding was provided for the three programs through Chautauqua County ARPA funding and from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

County Executive PJ Wendel said, "The COVID Pandemic was a trying time for employers of all types and sizes across the country and around the world, including here in Chautauqua County. We recognized it was extremely important to help as many of our local businesses as possible, and are grateful that we as the County and the Wilson Foundation understood this and were in a position to assist businesses with the necessary funding needed to implement these program. We hope these businesses were not only able to stay open, but also flourish, as a result of our support. I also wanted to commend the CCIDA, the JCC SBDC, and the County Chamber for teaming up to bring these programs to fruition."

A list of all businesses that benefitted from the grant programs can be found online in the news section of ChooseCHQ.com.





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Between the Temples to Show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



Article Contributed by Reg Lenna Center for The Arts

Jason Schwartzman and Carole Kane star in Between the Temples (Wed., Nov. 6 at 7 p.m.) A cantor (Schwartzman) in a crisis of faith finds his world turned upside down when his grade school music teacher (Kane) re-enters his life as his new adult Bat Mitzvah student. Between the Temples is rated R and is 111 minutes long.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include Kate Winslet as photographer and photojournalist Lee Miller in Lee (Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.), a one-time-only special engagement of Cat Video Fest 2024 (Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.) with a portion of ticket sales benefiting Chautauqua County Humane

Society, the biographical comedy about the first episode of SNL Saturday Night (Wed., Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.) and the animated adventure The Wild Robot (Nov. 23 at 2 p.m.)

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

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Cummins Engine Plant

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As the plant works on capital improvements for these new products and expansions, we will also see an increase of job opportunities. Cummins JEP partners with Dream It, Do Chautauqua, Jamestown Community College, Goodwill WNY Goodskills Career Builders and all of the area school districts to increase awareness of our employment opportunities and encourage educational paths that lead to careers in manufacturing.

In addition to meeting our customer requests, our employees are also passionate about the communities in which they live. In 2023, JEP employees contributed just over \$138,000 to local nonprofit community organizations, which was then matched with a donation to our local United Ways by the Cummins Corporate Foundation for a total of \$250K to 471 agencies in our communities including Chautauqua, Warren and Cattaraugus Counties. Our employees are also given the opportunity to use 4 hours of paid time to serve out in the community. So far with a quarter of the year left to go, our employees have already served 2823 hours between 88 organizations.

Throughout the year our plant hosts several donation opportunities as well, which include items and money to various organizations including The Salvation Army, St. Susan's Center, UPMC Chautauqua and Warren General Hospitals. Cummins also offers grants both locally and corporately. In 2024 we have awarded just over \$200,000 between 31 different organizations in our community.

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Community Foundation Announces Information Sessions and Deadline for 2025 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds Application Process

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Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo will begin accepting applications for the 2025 Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds competitive grant process on November 4, 2024, and the deadline to apply is December 2, 2024, at 4 p.m.

In 2015, the Ralph C. Wilson, Foundation established endowment funds at Foundation Community Buffalo provide to annual support for programs and initiatives that reflect the personal passions of Mr. Wilson. These areas of interest that grants will support are: Caregivers, Community Assets, Design and Access, and Youth Sports.

Caregivers

Support caregivers – whether paid, voluntary or family – of persons who are unable to fully care for themselves and are part of an underserved community. Preference will be given to requests that provide support to caregivers of older adults.

Community Assets

Support significant cultural and historic assets and/or increase access to long-term arts instruction for youth. For Community Assets grants, only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that reside in Erie County may apply.

Design and Access

Support enhancement of community access to spaces and programs that support healthy living.

Youth Sports

Provide opportunities for all children to be active through sport.



Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds

At the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located within the eight counties of Western New York (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming). For Caregivers grants, Design and Access grants, and Youth Sport grants government agencies also may apply. Applications are due Dec. 2, 2024, at 4 p.m.

Grant information sessions will be held on the following dates and registration is required to attend:

- **Virtual:** Monday, November 4, 12:00 1:00 p.m. (All four areas of interest)
- **Virtual:** Wednesday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. (All four areas of interest)
- In-person: Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Youth Sports applicants only), Franklinville Jr./Sr. High School, 31 North Main Street, Franklinville, NY 14737
- In-person: Monday, November 11, 6:00 7:00 p.m. (Youth Sports applicants only), Niagara University, Glynn Hall, Fourth Floor. 5795 Lewiston Rd, Niagara University, NY 14109
- In-person: Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 7:00 p.m. (Youth Sports applicants only), Orleans County/GLOW YMCA, 306 Pearl St, Medina, NY 14103

You will need to register to attend a session. You can find registration information, and all the details of the grant process here: www.cfgb. org/nonprofits/grants/ralph-wilson-legacy/.

-CHAMBER-SAVE THE DATE

Save the date now for the CHQ Chamber Annual Meeting. Each year the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce holds an Annual Meeting, designed to elect a new slate of board members and officers for the coming year. This year it will be held December 13. Very soon we will be announcing details including our special quest speaker that you won't want to miss!

Wegmans Raises \$97,777 for United Way's 2024 Fundraising Campaign



From left are Natalie C., Pricing Team Leader; Luis C., Front End Manager; Melissa S., Food Safety Coordinator; Amy Rohler, United Ways of Chautauqua County Executive Director; and Jason J., Perishable Manager.

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United Ways of Chautauqua County

Staff at the Wegmans location in Jamestown recently presented the United Ways of Chautauqua County with a donation of \$97,777 for the agency's 2024 Fundraising Campaign.

Each year, Wegmans and its team facilitate several benefit events as well as in-store giving campaigns. The total amount raised this year comes from the "Scan Campaign" at the registers this past spring, the employee payroll pledge campaign, the "250 Club" raffle event, a first-time employee's and family bowling benefit and the store's record-breaking golf tournament which happened in September.

The money raised will go toward United Way's 2024 goal of raising \$1.8 million in this year's first ever countywide campaign.

Gifts made to United Way go to support 48 local programs facilitated by 34 partner agencies – and 100% of donations stay local in Chautauqua County. Last year alone, United Way programs impacted the lives of local residents 32,991 times. The generous gifts made by local donors are necessary each year to continue funding those much-needed programs and services.

United Way extends its heartfelt thanks to Wegmans, its staff, and everyone who contributed to this year's exceptional donation. The Wegmans team's enthusiasm for giving is truly inspiring. The mission of the United Ways of Chautauqua County is to mobilize the community to help every person and family improve their lives. The support of Wegmans and its staff helps Untied Way in its work toward achieving that mission.

Tolearnmore or to make a donation, text "STRONGERCHQ" to 91999. For campaign materials or to schedule a workplace presentation, contact Nick Dean, Communications and Campaign Coordiator, at 716-483-1561 ext. 202 or by emailing ndean@uwayscc.org.

Falconer Rotary Club

Pancake & Waffle Breakfast

on Saturday, November 9, 2024 Falcon's Nest 7:30-10:30 am

Adults: \$10 & Children Under 12: \$4



Blue Star Mothers Christmas Care Package Drive Monetary & Material donations will be collected as this time.

Help send some love from home to our deployed military this Christmas!

America's Got Talent Performer Puddles Pity Party to Perform in Concert in November

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Reg Lenna Center

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts

Puddles Pity Party - the 7-foot sad clown whose golden voice has been compared to rock legends like Tom Jones and Freddie Mercury - will perform live onstage at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. The concert is scheduled for Fri., Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. He has amassed over 900K YouTube subscribers and performed sold out shows all over the globe including The Kennedy Center in D.C., San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts, London's Soho Theatre, and a residency at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Puddles just wrapped a summer tour with Primus and Coheed + Cambria, enjoying stage time with Primus singing surprise covers of Ronnie James Dio's "Holy Diver" and Led Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song". Earlier in 2024, Puddles sang with Maynard James Keenan on the Sessanta tour and was a featured performer at the Netflix is a Joke comedy festival.

He also recorded with Postmodern Jukebox. Puddles was a quarter finalist on Season 12 of America's



Got Talent and appeared on the 2020 season of AGT The Champions.

Reserved and V.I.P. Meet & Greet tickets to Puddles Pity Party in Concert are on sale now at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts box office: inperson (116. E. 3rd St. in Jamestown) or by phone (716.484.7070) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12 until 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events. Tickets are also on sale 24/7 at reglenna.com, ending 2 hours before the November 8 performance.



United We Stand

Let's Uphold Respect, Unity & Civility on Election Day





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Daniel J. HeitzenraterChautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

Sign Up Now for the Holiday Window Decorating Contest

It's November, and most local businesses are already gearing up for the busy holiday season ahead. What's more – Thanksgiving comes late this year – so the season will be shorter, and we know you're already preparing. If you have a storefront-type business we know you'll be decorating for the holiday season, and we strongly encourage you to sign up now to participate in the CHQ Chamber's 2024 Holiday Window Decorating Contest.

Last year we had 94 businesses entered from all over Chautauqua County. This year we hope to make it even bigger!

There is no cost to enter this contest, and you do not need to be a Chamber member business to enter.

We already know you're creative as we had the pleasure of seeing all the fabulous ideas you came up with last year. What's more, we know you'll do another great job this year! So, you may as well get some attention for it and enter our contest.

Last week we unveiled our plan to use the Bandwango platform to help drive traffic into local businesses. We plan to start right away with the Holiday Window Decorating Contest. The voting system will be a little different this year, but we can tell you that we will incentivize voters to VISIT your business – not just vote from the comfort of their mobile device. Urging customers to visit small, locally owned businesses is central to our work at the CHQ Chamber. We focus year-round on how to boost local businesses.

Additional events coming up will also use our new web-based platform, so once your business is included in one, we can easily add you to additional initiatives that drive foot traffic to local retailers, restaurants and attractions.

Registration is open through the Chamber's web calendar now at www.chqchamber.org.

Business After Hours at Southern Tier Brewing is November 13

Enjoy some great CHQ Chamber networking during one of our most popular Business After Hours events! We will hold Business After

CHAMBER CORNER

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Hours at Southern Tier Brewing Company, 2072 Stoneman Drive, Lakewood, on Wednesday, November 13.

At this Business After Hours event, you'll enjoy complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, and a chance to mingle with a wide variety of local businesspeople in a tremendous setting.

Business After Hours at Southern Tier Brewing Company is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, DFT Communications, Jamestown Community College, LaBella Associates, M&T Bank, Media One Radio Group, National Grid, Observer, The Post-Journal, and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union.

Chamber member businesses may send two people for free to each Business After Hours. After that the cost is just \$10 per person, or it's \$10 if you're a non-member. We always enjoy visiting with our friends at Southern Tier Brewing Company! This event fills up quickly, so registration is strongly encouraged. Visit our web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

Nominations Open Now for Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award

Each year the CHQ Chamber presents an award in memory of the first President of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, Pam Lydic. It recognizes an organization or individual in the region who has worked hard to bring groups of people together around a common goal or objective.

This award is presented to an entity or person who has helped move the region forward in a positive direction through collaboration and by building partnerships. The award is particularly focused on those who have done their work consistently and often times in the background. A typical awardee may be an 'unsung hero' in the community or one that has made a dramatic impact.

The award will be presented during the Chamber's Annual Meeting in December and includes a \$500 stipend to the recipient's nonprofit of choice.

To submit an organization or individual for consideration please fill out our online form at www.chqchamber.org/awardnomination-form. Submissions must be received by November 11, 2024



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Who's on the Ballot: Your Ultimate Voter Guide

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said. "Or you can vote for someone who will make policy to create a better future for yourself and your family."

Molitor is the First Assistant District Attorney and former president of the North County Bar Association. He said that his top priorities include: community safety, reinstating parole revocation for substantial violations, supporting law enforcement, the economy, tax cuts and many other local betterment initiatives.

"I will continue to do everything within my power to represent the best interests of the residents of this district, regardless of their political affiliation," Molitor said. "Let's bring common sense to Albany!"

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney Jason Schmidt is also running as incumbent to his current office. Schmidt is running unopposed this election cycle. Schmidt said it is his priority to "honor and respect the responsibilities entrusted to me by giving everything I have to the job and the law enforcement community." Previously, Schmidt served as a commercial litigator in Manhattan, later working to prosecute misdemeanor and felony cases here in Chautauqua County. Schmidt also developed a private criminal defense practice in the area.

"With experience and a skill set grown from 15 years working both sides of our local criminal justice system, I knew I could do a better job serving my county by holding those who harm others responsible for the crimes they've committed," he said. "I'm running unopposed for a second term and I hope I have earned your vote - thank you so much for the opportunity."

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY FAMILY COURT JUDGE

The seat for Family Court Judge is also up for election this year, with two candidates running: Republican Peter R. Johnson and Working Families Party candidate Sally A. Jaroszynski.

Johnson served as a Family Court attorney for ten years. He is a Jamestown native and was previously in private practice with Fessenden, Laumer and DeAngelo in Jamestown. He has also held the post of President of the Jamestown Bar Association.

"This election, I am counting on you, the voter, to be the judge of which candidate is qualified to be our next judge," he said. "My firsthand experience working for the Chautauqua County Family Court for the last decade has equipped me with the knowledge and skill to best handle all the cases that come before the Family Court."

Jaroszynski, a Falconer native, has been a Town of Ellicott Judge for 15 years and has held a private practice in the area. She said she is dedicated to helping others in the community and has focused on rendering "fair and just outcomes for those innocent until proven guilty."

"I pledge to families of Chautauqua County that in my court they will not be silenced," she said. "Their voices will be heard - they will be treated with dignity and respect." She urged voters, "Chautauqua County families are counting on you - remember families over politics."

PROPOSITION ONE

While not a seat up for election, voters will also have a decision to make on a ballot measure this year located on the backside of their ballots.

The measure, called Proposal No. 1, is a constitutional amendment addressing anti-discrimination protections. This proposal seeks to expand New York's equal protection laws, currently covering race, color, creed, and religion, to include protections for ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and reproductive healthcare. While many of these protections exist in state law, adding them to the state constitution would ensure they apply universally across the state.

The amendment process requires legislative approval in both houses, followed by a statewide referendum. Additionally, measure includes a provision protecting existing laws aimed dismantling discrimination based on the newly expanded criteria. Although constitutional amendments can also be introduced through a constitutional convention, such conventions are rare, with the last one held in 1967. By addressing these protections as a specific amendment, the legislature aims for a more streamlined approach to updating New York's Constitution.

U.S. SENATE

While not as hyper-local, a U.S. Senate seat is also up for election this year. Current Senator, Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a Democrat, is running against candidate Mike Sapraicone for Senate. Sapraicone is a retired New York State Police Department Detective, small business owner and security expert. Sapraicone lists priority issues on his website as public safety, border security, affordability, integrity in government and many others.

Gillibrand has been a Senator for New York State since 2009. She also served as a Member of Congress and was previously a lawyer before taking up politics. On her website, she notes she "successfully pushed for the repeal of the discriminatory Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy," passed the 9/11 health bill, made gun trafficking a federal crime, and delivered benefits to veterans exposed to burn pits.

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Another national seat is up for grabs this year: NY 23rd Congressional District seat. Democratic Candidate Thomas A. Carle is running against Current Rep. Nicholas A. Langworthy, a Republican.

Carle said he is a "farm kid from Upstate New York." He owned a small business and later entered the corporate world in management. On his website, he has noted his



priority issues as border security, the economy, social security, Women's Reproductive rights, healthcare, the environment, voter access, the Second Amendment, Israel and Hamas, as well as the Ukraine Conflict, and others.

Carle said he understands that running as a Democrat in a "reliably Republican" district is "not an easy

"This election is as important as any we have ever had with the dangerous Project 2025, women's reproductive rights and protection for Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security all on the ballot," he said.

Langworthy is a Chautauqua County native who serves as the current Congressional Member of the NY-23rd district, and began his political career working in the district office of Rep. Tom Reynolds. He was also previously the Chairman of the New York Republican State Committee.

Langworthy states that his priorities have been reducing government spending, border security, energy costs, law enforcement, public safety and Americans' freedoms.

Langworthy said his dedication to public service is "reflected in his commitment to promoting jobs and economic opportunity for Western New York and the Southern Tier." He noted his Congressional work is "driven by his upbringing - working in his family's bar and restaurant business" as well as his "deep-seated belief in the small-town values of hard work, perseverance, and selfdetermination."

For more information on the upcoming election, to view Sample Ballots, a full list of candidates, a full list of offices up for election, polling sites and more, visit: VoteChautauqua.com



Get Live Election Results!







Medicare Open Enrollment BEGINS OCTOBER 15th

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Major updates are anticipated for the 2025 Medicare plans, particularly regarding drug coverage.

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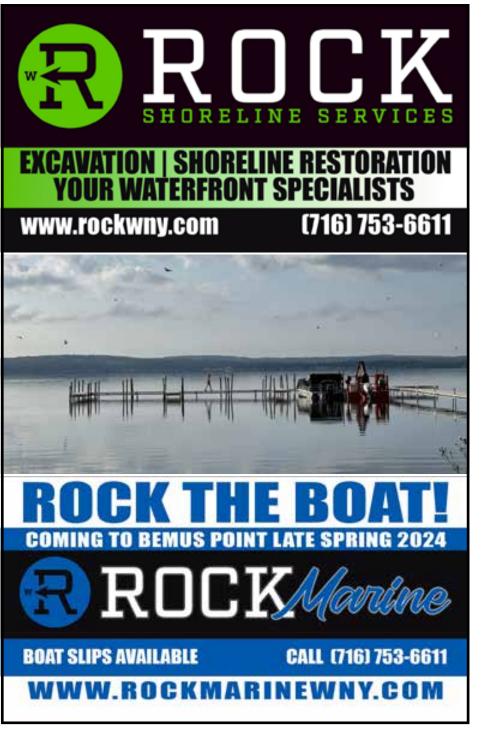
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law degree from Ohio Northern University. I remember being proud of passing the New York State Bar exam on my first try, as it was known to be one of the most difficult bar exams in the country at that time. I was the first in my immediate family to earn a Doctorate Degree.

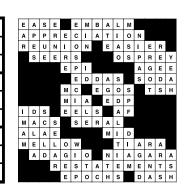
There have been attempts to slow me down in this race. I know who I am. I am proud of myself and my work with families. I am proud of my two beautiful accomplished daughters and have been married to my best friend for 28 years. There is no campaign that will ever take this away from me.

Beware of the candidate that can't speak to their own accomplishments, but instead resorts to other methods to discredit their opponent.

Please vote on November 5, 2024. Chautauqua County families are counting on you. Remember FAMILIES OVER POLITICS!!!



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Honoring Veterans, Active Duty, and First Responders with Inspirational **Speaker Eric McElvenny**

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Jamestown City Revival

On Saturday, November 9 at 6pm, Jamestown City Revival, a local nonprofit, will host a free Veterans Day event at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts at 116 E 3rd Street in Jamestown, NY. The event will honor and show gratitude to veterans, active-duty military, law enforcement, and first responders.

We invite the community to join in recognizing these heroes. Veterans and active-duty personnel will be individually acknowledged by name upon signing in at the venue. The event will feature patriotic music and a special guest speaker—veteran and para-athlete, Eric McElvenny.

Eric McElvenny Marine veteran who deployed three times, including a tour in Afghanistan where he suffered the amputation of his right leg below the knee after stepping on an IED. Faced with this life-altering challenge,

Eric made it his goal to complete an Ironman Triathlon. His journey from the hospital bed to the finish line in Kona, Hawaii exemplifies the power of determination and faith in overcoming adversity. Eric's remarkable story continued with his participation in this year's



JAMESTOWN CITY REVIVAL

Paralympics in Paris, further inspiring all who witness his resilience and accomplishments. His experiences will be a profound source of inspiration during this commemorative event.

Learn more at jamestowncityrevival. org/events

Jamestown City Revival is a local, faith-based non-profit

> dedicated to revitalizing Jamestown community through events, outreach, discipleship. Founded in 2024 by Family Church Jamestown, organization involves

Christians from various local churches working together to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Past community initiatives have included collaborations with Reggie Dabbs, The Salvation Army, Jamestown River Revival, and more. Get involved or find out additional details at jamestowncityrevival.org.

AMVETS 726 AUXILIARY HOSTING $^{ extstyle ex$ FREE DINNER FOR VETERANS

The AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary 726 will be serving dinner on Sunday, November 17th from 3 to 6 pm at the ILS Veterans Club, 364 Avenue, Jamestown.

Cost is \$12 for adults & \$5.00 for children aged six and under. Nonmembers are also welcome.

The meal is free for any veteran and his or her significant other. Proceeds from the dinner will go to support the *Buffalo/Niagara Honor Flight Program.*

Dinner includes a choice of Chicken and Biscuits or Pork Tenderloin with Mushroom Gravy; served with fresh cooked carrots or string beans and will include dessert.

Take-out dinners are available. The bar area opens at 12pm/Noon.

Contact below for more details:

Katherine Ballard, President 114 Francis Street, Apt. 2 Jamestown, NY 14701 Phone: (716) 485-3040 Email: krb0811@yahoo.com





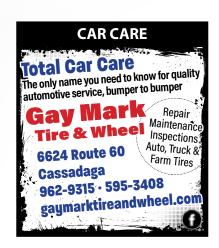


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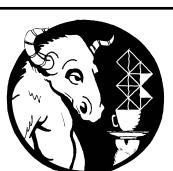
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