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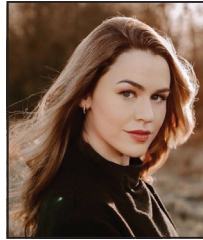
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The Lesson We Learn From Spring



Featured Writer

Shannon Nixon

March 22. The vernal equinox.

The first official day of spring. I can't speak for everyone, but March 22 has never felt like spring. Perhaps

this is a side effect of residing in Western New York, where snowfall in April is not unheard of. We are teased with sunshine and 70-degree temperatures one day and smacked upside the head with an ice storm the next. This is often the routine for weeks until one day, we look up and see the trees are lush and green, the flowers are in bloom, and the air feels a little warmer each night. Spring is here to stay.

During that time in which we collectively wait for spring to sort out its identity crisis, our minds become



Submitted Photo

distracted by our own day-to-day busyness. "Bills are due, kids have baseball practice three evenings this week (THREE. EVENINGS.), the laundry is piling up, work is kicking my backside so hard this week it's setting off my sciatica, and then we have to---" You get it. Life gets busy. Dizzingly so. To the point where you lie awake at night at the end of a long day and think "Where on earth did that day go? What did I even accomplish? I know I did a million things but I can't recall a single one of importance. Do I even have autonomy or am I a SIM?" Cue your own identity crisis.

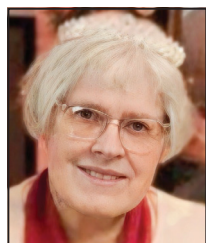
This is the reality for so many (unless I'm wrong and everyone around me has achieved balance and I've unwittingly exposed my mental imbalances). As a little girl, I was always told, "Time flies." I could not comprehend this until I grew up. And now I get it. Sometimes life feels like being five-years-old, strapped onto a carousel operated by unlicensed clowns, and it just goes round and round while you cry and scream your little five-year-old head off for it to slow down.

Anyway, if I haven't lost you yet, stay with me. There is a point here somewhere, but I'm figuring it out while I write it.

Personally, I felt it was finally spring just a few days ago. While I was renovating my camper (that's a separate story for another time), I paused, observed my surroundings, and thought, "This moment feels like spring." It was dusk, the air was balmy, my hands were dirty, and the mosquitoes attacked with impunity. Between frantic swats, I was granted enough time (about one second) to appreciate the long-awaited arrival of spring.

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Magic in the Mulch: Whimsical Ways to Transform Your Garden & Lawn Care Routine



Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

Spring has arrived in Chautauqua County with trees bursting with blossoms painting the landscape in shades of pink and white creating a picturesque scene that fills the air with a welcoming sweet fragrance. It's nature's way of announcing the end

of winter and the beginning of a new season with growth and beauty. Springtime brings many flowers and trees to enjoy. The first to appear being daffodils which are like drops of sunshine, heralding the arrival of spring with their vibrant yellow hues. They symbolize renewal, hope and the promise of warmer days ahead.

When caring for one's lawn and/or garden one must find humor in the task at hand as we approach the summer season with its longer days and extended



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daylight hours. If you want your plants in your mulched garden to grow taller, try complimenting them daily. If you can't

decide what to plant, let it be a reflection of your uncertainty by planting a

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

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Lori Cornell

My sister, Jill, returned my call the other day at about 10pm, and I could barely hear her. After a few annoying minutes, I said: "Can you take me off speaker or hold your phone like a normal person or something...it's all muffled."

She paused and said "Well, I'm in the shower...on my iPhone watch..."

"The shower?! Why don't you just call me when you have time later?!" I asked.

"This is my only 'time'. When I get out of the shower I have to bill customers...that will take a couple hours and then I have to wake up by 6am to load up and meet my crew...and we have six properties to hit tomorrow," she replied.

My sister is a professional landscape designer, and I believe, the only

woman-led landscaping/nursery business in Chautauqua County. She owns Greener Gardens in Dunkirk. I can barely back up my minivan while she drives massive dump trucks and backhoes. She manages large crews with ultimate efficiency. In the time it takes me to weed and mulch one flower bed, she could rip out a diseased weed, trim a mile of hedges and forest/plant/mulch 10 yards worth of landscaping.

Yep, Jill is hard core...well-representative of the many hard-working, brilliant business persons that make up this Gazette. Like so many of our featured community business owners, she works patiently and personally with her customers, bending over backwards to ensure their every satisfaction.

But don't mess with her when it's Spring.

As we would-be gardeners traipse around buying our annual mulch and plantings, my sister - and her home and garden cohorts featured in this edition - are out logging 18-hour workdays, making our homes and communities look beautiful this time of year! They're keeping Chautauqua County as inviting and homey as ever. Without their help, how would we know which plants to plant in our sunny patches or

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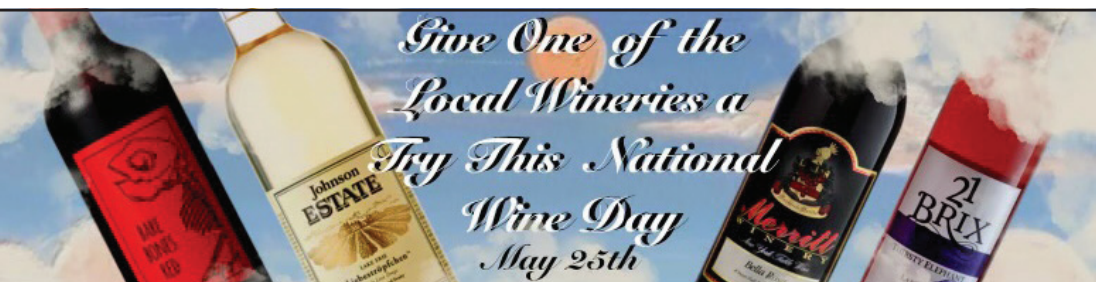
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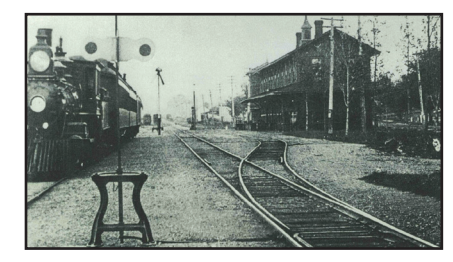
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**Mayville Depot Museum
Grand Opening Event - Saturday, May 25**



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**Chautauqua Town
Historical Society**

Saturday, May 25, The Chautauqua Town Historical Society is hosting an open house, 1-5pm, at the Mayville Depot Museum, 16 Water Street, Mayville Lakeside Park. The museum is open 1-5pm, Fri-Sat-Sun, during the summer season, Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends. While admission is free, modest donations are appreciated. The event will feature the launching of the museum's new touch-screen video display system. A series of 18 short videos will be shown.



The event will feature the launching of the museum's new touch-screen video display system. A series of 18 short videos (ca 10 mins each) will be shown. They are edited from full videos produced by Chautauqua Town historian Devon Taylor, covering a number of local historical topics. In addition to the continuous video show, the Museum's holdings will be on display. The Museum houses numerous artifacts related to former Mayville residents and businesses. Its archives also have selected holdings of genealogical material.

A number of local businesses will be sponsoring the open house with contributed door prizes. These businesses include: Andriaccio's Restaurant; Art Cloth & Craft; Boxcar Barney's Ice Cream; Bellini Lounge; The Best of Buffalo; Big Inlet Brewing; Brazil Lounge; Briotta's Farmland Produce; Chautauqua Golf Club; Chautauqua Liquor & Wine; Evergreen Outfitters; Fenton History Center; Haff's Acres Farm; Handcrafted From the Heart; Heirloom Restaurant at the Athenaeum; Johnson Estate Winery; Lakeview Restaurant; Lighthouse Grocery; Mayville VFW Post 8647; The Mayberry Jungle; Music for Your Mouth; National Comedy Center; Portage Hill Art Gallery; She Sings Café; Tops Friendly Markets; Truffle Honey Eatery; Webb's Candies; Webb's Miniature Golf; Willow Run Golf Course.

The current campaign to upgrade the museum would not be possible without the generous support of local foundations. The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation's \$10,000 lead grant has underwritten the video display system. The DFT Communication Community Betterment Fund has provided \$1,500 toward fiber optic installation and broadband internet service. The Lake Shore Savings Bank Community Reinvestment Program has contributed \$1,300 for the purchase of a computer, printer and associated software. Future funds will be sought for an outdoor touch-screen video kiosk.

There will be drawings throughout the afternoon, and at the close of the event, there will be a final "crescendo drawing," with all the remaining prizes. Light refreshments will be served.

Join The Salameander at Audubon Saturday, May 25

Article Contributed by
**Audubon Community
Nature Center**

Audubon Community Nature Center has an amphibian adventure planned for Saturday, May 25, 10-11:30 a.m.



You are invited to join the Salameander in search of Audubon's resident salamanders.

Audubon is home to an abundance of salamanders. In fact, they are the most abundant vertebrate in the forests.

Participants will meander through the forests, carefully flipping logs and rocks, looking for these shy creatures.

From the common red-backed to the more elusive slimy, spotted, and spring, this is an opportunity to search for salamanders of all shapes and sizes and learn more about these fascinating animals.

As this program takes place outdoors, remember to dress for the weather and be prepared to get a little dirty. Do not use DEET-based insect repellent as it is toxic to amphibians.

The fee is \$8 for adults, \$6 for children ages 9-15 and Nature Center members.

Submitted Photo
At Audubon Community Nature Center's Salameander on Saturday morning, May 25 you can meander through the forests looking for shy creatures like this Spring Salamander.

Reservations are appreciated by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking through Programs and Events. Walk-ins are welcome.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by visit. Sunday, July 7 is the deadline for submitting or voting on entries in the 2024 Nature Photography Contest at GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2024.

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"Rough Side of the Mountain" by Rev. Robinson at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown May 26



Rev. Verdis LeVar Robinson speaks at the 10:30 a.m. May 26 Sunday service of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown (UUCJ), 1255 Prendergast Avenue. His message is "Rough Side of the Mountain." Inspired by the work of the same title by Rev. Dr. Qiyamah A. Rahman, it explores Black Women's Ministries in Unitarian Universalism. Now the Minister for Growth at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester, Robinson was UUCJ's First Sunday virtual preacher for 2022-2023 while he was an intern at the Unitarian Church of Montpelier, Vermont. He is pictured at the Jamestown church following his ordination last December. To join the service virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.

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New Mayville Not-For-Profit Home of Mayville Yard Sales and the Mayville Farmers' & Artisans' Market



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Shown (L-R) are Brian Pender, Chair of the Chamber's Mayville Committee; Daniel Heitzenrater, Chamber President & CEO; Sorena Gilkinson and Ariel Cartwright, co-founders of Inspire Good of WNY, INC., and Cartwright's daughters.

Article Contributed by
Inspire Good of WNY, INC.

A new community-based Not-For-Profit has emerged in the Village of Mayville, co-created by two Chamber of Commerce members and local business owners, Ariel Cartwright of The Mayberry Jungle and Sorena Gilkinson of Handcrafted From the Heart. This new venture - Inspire Good of WNY, INC. - is a grassroots effort within the community to inspire good, give back, and promote positivity in the Mayville community.

Ms. Cartwright and Ms. Gilkinson are working on a mission statement for this new organization. With a driving force of community-based work, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Mayville Committee has determined the new nonprofit is a good fit for operating the Mayville Community Yard Sales and the Mayville Farmers' & Artisans' Market.

Chamber President and CEO, Daniel Heitzenrater stated, "As the Chamber has refocused on our mission to build vital connections,

provide professional resources, and champion local businesses in Chautauqua County, we are pleased to be able to transition this event to an organization that is truly focused on community building."

Inspire Good of WNY, INC. is not making any changes to the yard sales event, which will be held Memorial Day Weekend. Registrations are being accepted through May 19 and all who register will be included on the yard sale map.

The Mayville Farmers' & Artisans' Market hours will be Thursdays, 11am-5pm with a starting date to be announced.

Proceeds from both events will be returned to the community through scholarships, sponsorships, and more. For more details on either event, please check out the Facebook event for the yard sales or the Facebook page for the Mayville Farmers' & Artisans' Market. Should you want to be involved in any manner, please contact Inspire Good of WNY, INC. at connectingyou716@gmail.com.

Chamber Corner

Article Contributed by
Daniel J. Heitzenrater
President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

Chamber Welcomes New Businesses

We're halfway through the month of May and so far, it's been a season of growth here at the Chamber of Commerce.

Our annual Spring Membership Drive has wrapped up, with 28 new members to show for it. New members from Cassadaga are 3 Lakes Café and Gay-Mark Tire & Wheel. From Dunkirk, Agricultural Logistics/Agricultural Transport joined the Chamber. From Falconer new members are Good Bargains Chautauqua and Good for the Spirit by Suzy Woo. In Fredonia, the Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association and Goldworthy Alterations & Design have joined the Chamber. From Frewsburg, new members are Haggy's Hatchet House and the Town of Carroll. In Jamestown new members are HAWC Physical Therapy and Jamestown Skate Products. In Lakewood, new members are All American Maker and its subsidiary Made Custom Media, Big Tree Maple, Marquise Bridal Boutique, and the new Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union Community Training Center. Sacred Grounds Coffee House in Lily Dale joined the Chamber, as did Northlake Development in Mayville. New members in Silver Creek are Hideaway Bay Resort and the Town of Hanover. New Chamber members from Westfield are Concord Quilting Studio, Jessica's Signature Salon, Kiwanis Club of Westfield-Ripley, Larson Design Group (and its parent corporation based in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania), Main Street Salon and Co., and Westfield Boatworks. Joining the Chautauqua County Chamber from Charlotte, North Carolina is Eager 2 Run, Inc.

In recognition of National Small Business Week, many of these members received a special discounted rate for their first year of membership for joining during

the drive. They were all entered into a drawing as well for one of two prizes. The recipient of a second year Tier One membership - a \$195 value - is Marquise Bridal Boutique in Lakewood. Winning two tickets to the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet - a \$125 value - was Larson Design Group of Westfield.

Kudos to our staff at the Chamber of Commerce for making this work. Both the part-time and full-time staff at the Chamber have been committed to talking up the value of a Chamber membership based on our mission statement: to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County. Our board members and volunteers from around the county have also been instrumental in this process and we thank them all.

As an integral part of our work the Chamber is especially devoted to promoting the importance of small businesses. They not only represent the bulk of our economy in Chautauqua County, but they also build our unique sense of place. Each local coffee shop, insurance office, retail space, bank, and every other type of business imaginable makes our community special. While some of the news recently has been focused on a couple of businesses that have closed, we very much like to celebrate those that are opening. During our membership drive we have organized and participated in grand opening celebrations for many local businesses. In the past two weeks we have toted our big scissors to four ribbon cuttings, and there are five on the calendar for next week and more in the weeks ahead. We encourage one and all to support small locally owned businesses, not just because it's good for the economy and the tax base, but because you'll make great connections with your community in these small spaces. And that's what the Chamber is all about.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Geological time
- 4. Ooze
- 9. A set of eight
- 14. Obstruction
- 15. Swiss mathematician
- 16. Philosophy
- 17. The night before
- 18. A timid person
- 20. Unifies
- 22. Gangs
- 23. Alternative name
- 24. Acumen
- 28. Cathode-ray tube
- 29. Tantalum
- 30. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 31. Humiliate
- 33. Earthy pigment
- 37. Air Force
- 38. Adult males
- 39. Stiff untanned leather
- 41. Before
- 42. Atomic #18
- 43. Beer mug
- 44. Nostrils
- 46. Type of chef
- 49. Midway between north and east
- 50. They ___
- 51. Splits
- 55. Walk in a timid manner
- 58. Preserved animal skin with hair
- 59. Popular donut shop item
- 60. You smear it on bagels
- 64. Don't know when yet
- 65. Equal to 10 amperes
- 66. Synthetic acrylic fiber
- 67. One point south of due east
- 68. Of mixed ancestry
- 69. Home of the Pyramids
- 70. A way to change color

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 2. Untangle
- 3. One from the U.S.
- 4. Academic terms
- 5. San ___ Obispo, in California
- 6. Not healthy
- 7. Self-assessment questionnaire (abbr.)
- 8. Arugula genus
- 9. VIII
- 10. Makes a monarch
- 11. Tormentor
- 12. Commercials
- 13. Sprinkle
- 19. Make a mistake
- 21. Freshwater fishes
- 24. Vermont town
- 25. Man-made device
- 26. Entrap
- 27. Places to store important things
- 31. Accumulate
- 32. Greek mythological nymph
- 34. Gregory ___, American dancer
- 35. Denotes past
- 36. Becoming popular again
- 40. Indicates position
- 41. Came before
- 45. An extra seed-covering
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Audubon Community Nature Center has many volunteer needs this spring, from mailing newsletters and helping with maintenance to making possible the numerous activities at the Dragons and Fairies Festival, Saturday, June 15 - like horse-drawn carriage rides, scavenger hunts, live music, great food, the photo op pictured here and so much more. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Emily Nelson at (716) 569-2345 or ENelson@AudubonCNC if you can help.



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Catholics believe that Saints intercede for us. Saints are our cherished friends in Heaven who listen to our faithful prayers, and gather together with our Father, our most Blessed Mother, and all of the angels. They advocate for our wants, needs, hopes, and dreams. Our devotion to Saint Francis emboldens us to be better stewards of our vineyards, our waters which sprawl throughout Chautauqua County, and the fertile lands that produces our crops. Saint Francis is known as the Patron Saint of the environment and all of God's creatures. Additionally, he is the founder of the Franciscan Friars who care for the poor, promote peace, and strive for justice.

The Prayer of Saint Francis, or Peace Prayer, is a humble yet powerful meditation which challenges us to act as peacekeepers, to console those who need us most, and to give without refrain. It is a covenant between Saint Francis and the living - for when we give hope, bring light, deliver faith, we not only bless others, but we ourselves become abundantly blessed. The seeds of kindness, love, and joy planted today will bear sacred fruit for decades to come. It truly is in giving that we receive, and in serving the needs of others more than ourselves, we are paving the path to eternal life.

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you take with you nothing you have received, only what you have given." ~St. Francis of Assisi



Prayer of Saint Francis ~ The Peace Prayer ~

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be love as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Michele received Director of Religious Education Certification from the Diocese of Buffalo in 2005, she is an active member at Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church through the Lord's Vineyard Family of Parishes, and sings in the 8:30 AM Choir and combined church choirs. Michele is the owner of MDStar Presentations www.mdstarpresentations.com, which specializes in Faith, Family, & Tradition topics in addition to Human Resource Development, Female Empowerment, and Youth Development & Leadership. Michele's Polish Catholic heritage has been a family stronghold for centuries.

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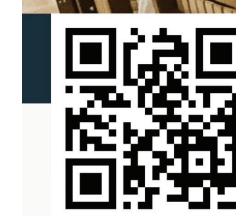
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Editorial: Your Garden, Our Community

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Stone Hill Homes: Branden Maggio Builds On



Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

Since 2017, Stone Hill Homes is a local custom home builder and remodeling company located in Lakewood, New York at 36 Chautauqua Avenue. Owner, Branden Maggio is passionate about creating functional and beautiful homes reflecting the unique needs and personalities of his clients by making their vision become a reality. Whether you want to renovate your kitchen, bathroom or simply add more space by building an addition to your existing home with a new bedroom or family room, Stone Hill Homes can help bring your vision to life. Branden and his team can even take care of any exterior renovations such as siding, roofing or window replacement.



Branden Maggio
Owner, Stone Hill Homes

Their team of experienced and skilled professionals are dedicated to providing their clients with the highest quality workmanship and customer service. They take the time to listen to their clients' vision by working with their customers to create an attractive home. Branden has put together a well-experienced team of craftsmen which includes Scott Fish, Project Manager who has over 30 years of satisfied customers and Rachel Butler, In-House Designer plus a dedicated field crew.

They believe building a custom home should be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Therefore, they are committed to making the process as smooth and stress-free as possible by keeping their clients informed throughout the entire building process from initial consultation to final completion. If you are thinking about building or renovating your home to make it more energy efficient, Stone Hill Homes can improve the look of your home and give it a term that has become popular with builders and customers. The term is curb appeal and refers to the attractiveness of a property when viewed from the street.

Branden began working with his father-in-law, Frank A. Basile when he was 15 years of age. Basile took him under his wing and instilled hard work, the importance of relationships and team building. The knowledge Frank imparted in young Branden has stayed with him allowing his

business to believe in paying that forward. Home building can be a very emotional process and Stone Hill Homes brings expertise and knowledge to the job with kindness, compassion and understanding.

Before Stone Hill Homes became a reality, Branden had a career in law enforcement and became certified to teach at the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Firearms Academy specializing in SWAT, Field Sobriety, DWI, Supervisory and Firearms Training. Now, with Branden's many life experiences, he has been brought back to his home construction roots. He believes the building process is fluid and each project takes shape based on his client's needs and budget. Branden makes it a priority to be accessible and involved with his customers and the team to make the building or remodeling process as smooth as possible so we can all find success in the end. Branden believes in supporting others. On Branden's business website he has posted these words .. "It's ok to support another person who is doing something similar to you. It won't hurt your business. If anything, it will help you both. Competition happens at the bottom; collaboration happens at the top."

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Magic in the Mulch: Whimsical Ways to Transform Your Garden & Lawn Care Routine
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little bit of everything and call it your "variety garden". Got bare patches? Spread some grass seed, cover it with a thin layer of compost then lie back and watch your lawn "comb-over", itself. Overwatering? Stick a screwdriver into the soil. If it goes in easily, hold off on watering. If it's a struggle, your grass might be thirsty. Need a DIY weed killer? Boil water and pour it over those pesky invaders. It's like a hot tub, but not for weeds. And finally embrace imperfection! A few dandelions here and there won't ruin your lawn's charm as they are a sure sign of spring. And what kid hasn't enjoyed picking a puffball of seeds and blowing them through the air? Besides, they make great wishes for when you're feeling whimsical.

Nobody knows for sure how or why people started making wishes on dandelions. These perennial weeds have been around for thousands of years and therefore some believe if you make a wish immediately before blowing on a dandelion seed-head, your wish will come true. Many believe dandelion seeds will carry your thoughts and dreams to loved ones when you blow them into the air. Others believe that dandelions may be able to tell you if you're loved. Legend has it that if you can blow all the seeds off a dandelion with a single breath, then the person you love will love you back.

How many of these myths hold any truth? You be the judge. The one thing for certain, scientifically, is that blowing dandelion seeds into the air will have consequences for these "rites of passage" in springtime. Where those seeds fall on fertile soil, there will likely be new dandelions in the future! Despite it all, happy gardening, happy mowing and happy spring.

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1. What is the process of trimming a tree or shrub into a decorative shape called?
2. Which plant is commonly associated with Valentine's Day due to its heart-shaped leaves?
3. What is the term for a garden that is designed to attract and support butterflies?
4. What type of flower is often used in bouquets and represents love and passion?
5. What is the name for the Japanese art of growing miniature trees?
6. Which common household plant is known for its air-purifying properties?
7. What is the top layer of soil called, where most plant roots grow?
8. What is the process of preserving a plant by drying and pressing it called?
9. Which fruit is known as the "king of fruits" and is commonly grown in tropical regions?
10. What is the traditional material used to make a terracotta pot?
11. Which herb is often used in Italian cuisine and is a key ingredient in pesto?
12. What is the term for the process of removing weeds from a garden?
13. What is the practice of growing plants without soil called?
14. Which flower is often associated with the Netherlands and is known for its vibrant colors?
15. What is the tool used for cutting grass in the garden called?

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Audubon Announces Judges for 2024 Nature Photography Contest

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Submitted Photo
Audubon Community Nature Center has announced the judges for its 2024 Nature Photography Contest, where Youth and Adults compete separately for \$1,600 in prize money. You can participate by entering your photographs or voting on your favorites. Pictured is "Reflection" by Christopher Baker of Madison, Alabama, who received Honorable Mention in the 2023 Adult Plants category.

Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) has identified the two judges who will choose the Adult and Youth winners in the categories of Wildlife, Scapes, and Macros and Close-up Details in the 2024 Nature Photography Contest.

All winners receive a \$200 cash prize. Three honorable mentions will also be named in each category.

Two additional \$200 cash prizes are awarded for the Adult and Youth photos receiving the most Community Choice votes online. A photo could receive both the Community Choice and a judged award.

Full details of the competition are at GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2023, where you can submit photos and see previous contest winners and honorable mentions.

Judging the entries will be Sandra Rothenberg and Mark Evans. In addition to decades of experience in photography and multiple exhibitions, both have been recognized for their work and had it published. Details of their backgrounds can be found on the Judges page on the competition website.

Rothenberg and Evans will choose the Adult and Youth winners as well as three honorable mentions in the categories of Wildlife, Scapes, and Macros and Close-up Details. All winners receive a \$200 cash prize.

In the Wildlife category, any wild animal is acceptable, including birds, mammals, fish, snails, insects, etc. Photographs of animals in captivity, such as pets, zoo residents, or rehab/education animals are not accepted.

In the Scapes category, you can submit your photo of landscapes, plantscapes, seascapes, weather, clouds, rainbow, mountains, ponds, or any view that you find beautiful.

For the category of Macros and Close-up Details, you don't need a macro lens to get an amazing close-up shot. This category is not just for close-up shots of small things, but also for close-up details of large things, like an animal's eye or a detail on a fossil.

ACNC will print the winning photographs to exhibit in the Nature Center. Winning and honorable mention photographs will be displayed on the contest website and announced in a widely distributed news release.

Not a photographer? You can participate in the contest by voting for your favorite entries.

Full details of the competition are at GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2024, where you can submit photos, vote on entries, and see the 2022 and 2023 contest winners.

The sooner photographs are submitted, the longer the public can vote for them for the Community Choice awards. Photographers are reminded to encourage friends and family to vote for their photo(s). All the social media buttons are right there for postings.

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, July 7, 2024.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by visit.



TOP 10 LANDSCAPING MISTAKES (YOU WON'T WANT TO MAKE!)



Jill Jaquith
Owner, Greener Gardens

1. "Tree volcanoing" - planting a tree's rootball above ground and then building the mulch up around the trunk for the water to run away from the roots instead of allowing for absorption. The mulch also holds moisture into the tree trunk, causing rot and fungus.
2. Planting a tree too deeply or putting fresh soil underneath, so it then sinks too deeply, potentially killing the tree. Or, tying trees to a tree stake without loosening the tie as it grows, causing the tie to cut into the bark and possibly even kill the tree.
3. Leaving the burlap and wire basket on a tree when planting it, causing more obstructions for the roots to attempting their growth. Likewise, keeping your plant in the pot in which it was purchased, and putting it into the ground without removing said container also inadvisable for the same reason.
4. Inadvertently or purposefully allowing soil to accumulate on top of weed tarp, giving new ground for weeds to grow. And even worse, planting plants on top of the weed tarp - providing shallow ability for necessary root growth and access to ground nutrients.
5. Trimming spring flowering shrubs before they flower.
6. Top pulling weeds instead of removing them completely at their roots, or likewise using a weed trimmer to weed instead of hand-pulling effectively.
7. Planting shade-loving perennials in the blazing sun. Or conversely, watering plants after it rains.
8. Planting plants too close together or too close to a building because it "looks good" with the original plant size... and then having poor growth from crowding or being upset when the garden becomes "crazy overgrown".
9. Laying mulch over weeds or grass like it's some kind of magical weed killer and then being upset when they reappear through the mulch. Again, weeds must be pulled - from their root!
10. Weed-whacking trees and shrubs, stripping their protective bark off and killing them.

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"Roastmaster General" Jeff Ross, Nicole Byer Headline First Two Nights of National Comedy Center's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival August 1-4

Third Headliner Confirmed for August 3 at Northwest Arena, to be Announced Mid-June

Article Contributed by
National Comedy Center

The National Comedy Center, the nation's official museum and cultural institution dedicated to comedy, announced today that acclaimed comedians Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer will headline the first two nights of the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, August 1 through 4. A third headliner that is confirmed for Aug 3 at the Northwest Arena will be announced mid-June.

"Roastmaster General" Jeff Ross, who brings his solo show Aug 2, was the creative force, co-host and producer of the recent blockbuster Netflix "Roast of Tom Brady", and in addition to his numerous high profile roast credits, is among the most respected stand-up comedians touring today.

Nicole Byer, performing Aug 1, has become widely known as the host of *Nailed It!*, the Netflix Emmy-nominated reality-competition baking series, and is one of the most distinctive voices in stand-up comedy today.

A third headliner that is confirmed to perform at Northwest Arena in Jamestown on Sat, Aug 3 will be announced in mid-June, and is one of the highest grossing stand-up comedians in 2024.

"Jeff Ross has been a genre-defining artist for decades, both continuing and revolutionizing the art of insult comedy. Beyond the roasts, he's just a fantastic stand-up comedian, an incredible writer, and a genuine champion of the art form's past and present, which I love about him," said Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center Executive Director.

Visits to the National Comedy Center's "Art of the Roast" exhibit, featuring the history of insult comedy from the Dean Martin and Friars' Club Roasts, through Comedy Central Roasts, Roast Battle, and highlighting artists from Don Rickles to Jeff Ross, can also be reserved with museum admission before live shows during the festival.

"Nicole Byer is a fearless performer with a candid, razor sharp take that brings the audience along for a fun ride. I'm thrilled to have her in this lineup and welcome her to Jamestown, where fans from across the country celebrate this craft with our award-winning comedy museum visitor experience by day, and the best live comedy shows by night."



Confirmed artist
Sat Aug 3 to be
announced mid-June

Submitted Photos

Tickets for the Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer shows, along with other festival events will go on pre-sale for National Comedy Center Members Thurs, May 30 at noon ET through Wed, June 5. Tickets go on sale to the general public Thurs, June 6 at noon ET, at ComedyCenter.org.

Late Night comedy shows, Lucy legacy events and more will also go on sale at that time in a festival that celebrates comedy's contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country, while celebrating comedy's great heritage.

Jeff Ross (AKA The "Roastmaster General") performs Fri, Aug 2 and most recently created, executive produced and co-hosted the blockbuster "The Greatest Roast of All Time: Tom Brady" - an all-star, live Netflix special which took the art of the roast to new heights as one of the most watched comedy specials in years. Ross, called a one-man verbal assault unit, has been a staple on the *Comedy Central Roasts*, and the series *Roast Battle* on Comedy Central, anchoring roasts of many of the industry's most famous artists. Ross will perform his new solo show, "Take a Banana For the Ride," in Jamestown, a journey through his life of laughter and lost. This intimate and revealing semi-autobiographical show touches on some of the most poignant moments in the comedian's career to chronicle how he became The Roastmaster, as he celebrates the lives of his grandfather, his best friends and his dog.

Ross has also used comedy specials to turn roasting into social commentary. With *Jeff Ross Roasts Criminal*, *Jeff Ross Roasts Cops* and *Jeff Ross Roasts the Border*, Jeff has shed light on some of the more polarizing political issues of our time. These specials have taken him to a maximum security prison, the Boston Police Department, and both sides of the Mexican border.

Nicole Byer will perform Thurs, Aug 1 and is one of the most versatile and recognizable voices in the comedy landscape today, acclaimed for her Netflix specials *Big Beautiful Weirdo* and *Comedians of the World* and as the host of Netflix's Emmy-nominated reality-competition baking series *Nailed It!* Byer starred in NBC's *Grand Crew* and was a fan favorite on MTV's hit series *Girl Code*. Her past work includes the Above Average web series *Pursuit of Sexiness*, which she co-created and starred in alongside Sasheer Zamata, and the scripted comedy series *Loosely Exactly Nicole*. Her network television and feature work includes *Mike and Dave Need Wedding Dates*, *Lady Dynamite*, *Party Over Here*, *BoJack Horseman* and *30 Rock*. She regularly hosts the popular podcasts, *Why Won't You Date Me*, and *What the Tuck?*

Both Byer's performance on Thursday, August 1st and Ross's performance on Friday, August 2nd will be held in Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

Six Comedy Late Night shows will take Thurs Aug 1 - Sat Aug 3, featuring over 20 of the most popular artists currently performing in comedy clubs nationwide - with television appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, *Late Night with Seth Meyers*, *The Daily Show*, *Last Comic Standing*, Netflix comedy specials, *America's Got Talent*, and more.

"Our festival will honor the best of comedy's past and present over four days from the nation's best stand-ups, to three nights of bigger block parties with live music, Lucy celebration events featuring fan-favorites: Ball's personal secretary Wanda Clark, and Diane Vincent, who has appeared as Lucy at Universal Studios Hollywood and the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival since 1999, in her final Jamestown festival appearance as we reunite the I

Love Lucy "Fab Four" including Ethel, Ricky and Fred - and over 50 live events," stated Malachi Livermore, the National Comedy Center's VP of Programming & Guest Experiences.

To become a National Comedy Center Member in order to gain first access to available seats during the pre-sale ticket window, visit ComedyCenter.org/membership or call the National Comedy Center at 716.484.2222. Memberships start at \$75 and provide year-round benefits including a "season pass" for visiting the award-winning National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

The acclaimed National Comedy Center and Lucy Desi Museum are both welcoming visitors throughout the festival with over 50 interactive experiences providing laughter for all ages - the experience named one of *TIME's* "World's Greatest Places", *USA Today's* "Best New Museum", and *U.S. News & World Report's* "Top 25 Family Weekend Getaways." Advanced purchase of museum admission is recommended to avoid sellout. Admission tickets may be purchased while purchasing festival event tickets.

The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival is presented by the National Comedy Center and embodies Lucille Ball's vision for her hometown, Jamestown, New York, to be a destination for the celebration of the comedic arts and to showcase new comedic talent from around the country. The festival attracts over 15,000 attendees annually from nearly every state in the country, who come together to share laughter while honoring the craft and contributors on stage at dozens of venues throughout Jamestown, including the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum.

Now in its 34th year, the festival has featured comedy's greatest stars and rising young comedians and has welcomed over 300 artists to Jamestown, NY, including Jerry Seinfeld, Lily Tomlin, John Mulaney, Trevor Noah, Jeff Foxworthy, Jay Leno, Sebastian Maniscalco, Amy Schumer, David Spade, Margaret Cho, Brian Regan, Ellen DeGeneres, Lewis Black, W. Kamau Bell, Jim Gaffigan, Kevin Nealon, Paula Poundstone, Dan Aykroyd, Joan Rivers, Bob Newhart, the Smothers Brothers. and more than one hundred other comedic artists. Last year's festival featured comedians Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias and Taylor Tomlinson.



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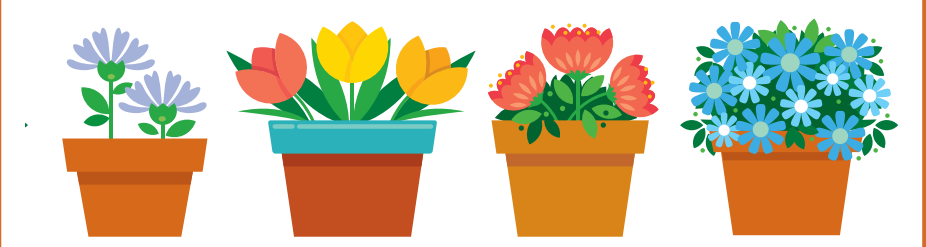
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For Info: inspirejamestown.com
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Preview Premiere and Reception: Gamelan Dharma Swara - 4 PM
Chautauqua Institution
For Info: 716-357-6250 or chq.org
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Weekly Bird Walks at RTP! 9 AM-10 AM
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- MAY 23**
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Church St. | Fredonia
For Info: 716-672-4818 or fredoniafarmersmarket.org
- MAY 26**
Jamestown Area Community Orchestra Spring Concert 4 PM-5 PM
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- MAY 27**
Memorial Day Lakeview Cemetery Service 10:45 AM
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County Executive to Host Lake Symposium, Uniting Stakeholders



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Chautauqua Lake

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Next month the public is invited to join stakeholders for a symposium dedicated to fostering collaboration and charting a path forward for the health and sustainability of Chautauqua Lake.

Brainchild of Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr., the Chautauqua Lake Symposium is set to take place at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, located at 10 Dunham Ave, Celoron, NY, on June 2, 2024. The forum will kick off with a meet-and-greet session at 8:30 a.m., followed by the program commencing at 9 a.m.

This symposium aims to foster collaboration and discussion among stakeholders and experts concerning the health and future of Chautauqua Lake. With a focus on sharing vital data, insights, and actionable solutions, the event seeks to harness collective efforts for the betterment of the lake and its surrounding communities.

County Executive Wendel will provide introductory comments and act as the Master of Ceremony at the event, introducing each speaker.

"I extend a warm welcome to all members of our community to join us in listening to the science and uniting our strengths for the betterment of Chautauqua Lake," said Wendel. "Together, through Strength in Unity, we can advance Chautauqua Lake

and ensure its vitality for generations to come."

Featured presenters include, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, North Carolina State University (NC State), SUNY Oneonta, The Jefferson Project, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). This diverse lineup of esteemed institutions and organizations will provide valuable perspectives and expertise on various aspects of Chautauqua Lake's ecology, management, and preservation.

Attendees are encouraged to participate actively in the symposium. Questions can be submitted on note cards and will be directed to the speakers during designated Q&A sessions, facilitating meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas. Light refreshments will also be provided. Lake stakeholders will have vendor booths set up as well.

For those unable to attend in person, the program will be livestreamed on Chautauqua County's YouTube page. A recording will also be posted following the conclusion of the symposium.

County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. extends a warm invitation to everyone invested in the welfare of Chautauqua Lake to join this collaborative initiative. For more information and to register for the Chautauqua Lake Symposium, please visit chqgov.com.



Bobseine Seeks Social Media Protections for Kids

Article Contributed by
Michael Bobseine for New York State Assembly



Submitted Photo
"Walking" Mike Bobseine

Mike Bobseine, the Democratic Party and Working Families Party Candidate for the Assembly seat currently held by retiring Assmbllymember Andy Goodell, supports state legislation to provide social media protections for children.

"We know from recent polling and data collected by social media companies that our children are spending many hours involved with social media. The social media companies are collecting personal information without consent or adult supervision, employing algorithms that feed addictive behavior and too often expose our children potentially dangerous materials and experiences," said Bobseine.

"I join New York Attorney General Tish James in her efforts to enact the SAFE for Kids Act and the Child Data Protection Act. The SAFE for Kids Act will restrict addictive feed algorithms that keep kids on platforms for extended periods of time; require parental consent for users under 18; and obligate the social media companies to make their algorithms more transparent.

"The Child Data Protection Act will stop companies from collecting personal data from users under 12 without parental consent, and from users under 18 without informed consent. Companies will have to have data protection mechanisms for all children and cannot allow use of their platform to companies that violate the consent requirements."

Bobseine, who served on the Fredonia Central School Board for

12 years, represented children and families as an attorney, and was a Family Court Magistrate for over 10 years, said that these legislative proposals are essential to protect our children.

"I recently attended a school board meeting where the High School Principal reported on data and studies indicating the harmful effects on students due to social media. The Principal, who has years of teaching and administrative experience, said that teachers, staff, parents, and students themselves are concerned about the immediate and long-term consequences of social media exposure, algorithm-driven addictive behavior, and unwarranted personal data collection.

"I encourage passage of these bills in this legislative session. However, if not enacted this year, I will do everything possible to co-sponsor and push for their adoption beginning next January if I am the Assemblymember after the November election," Bobseine concluded.

"Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade."
- Rudyard Kipling

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YMCA's "Walk with Ease"



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Jamestown Area YMCA

The Jamestown area YMCA launched its first session of the "Walk with Ease" on August 7, 2023 at the Jamestown Riverwalk. Since our initial start of the program, we have conducted sessions throughout the year with the next session starting Monday, June 10 through Friday, July 19.

The group will meet at 10:00am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a one-hour session for six weeks. The program will be held at the Riverwalk by the BPU. Meet up and parking is at Riverwalk next to BPU and Riverwalk Storage.

The "Walk with Ease" is an evidence-based fitness program that focuses on healthy ways to exercise while learning about relationships between arthritis, exercise and pain. The program is free but requires you to purchase a guidebook for \$20. Scholarships are available if needed.

Who can participate? Anyone can young or old, male or female, fit or not so fit. It is also suitable for people without arthritis who would like to begin a regular walking program. This program is modified to meet your needs with your walking goals in mind.

Maria Guifreida started the program only able to walk a short distance with

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her cane. Her goal was to be strong enough to walk without her cane. She was able to walk two miles without her cane but unfortunately had some setbacks due to surgery. Once she was medically cleared, she was back at her walking again. Creating a new goal to go back to walking without her cane. Her determination is an inspiration to us all.

Debbie and Gary Kinnis states, "Walk with Ease was a needed incentive to get us up and start moving. Because I had both hips replaced prior to beginning this program, my walking gait has improved significantly, no more limp. We are now walking at least 3 days a week or more."

For more information or to register, call 716-664-2802 ext. 220, stop into the Jamestown or Lakewood YMCA, or register online at www.jamestownymca.org.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

Bonzai
Bonzai, when he's not busy contemplating the meaning of life (or the sudden disappearance of his favorite bone), he's usually zooming around the backyard or cozing up for a snooze on the couch. Bonzai is a reminder that life is better when you're wagging your tail and embracing the silliness in every moment. Bonzai is waiting to meet you CCHS, come in for a visit soon. Shelter No. RR179.

Minnow
Minnow has a personality that'll make you laugh and a heart that'll make you love. He loves to play around, chase his tail, and explore every nook and cranny. His curiosity knows no bounds! He can turn even the simplest things into a game. Meet Minnow soon at the Chautauqua County Humane Society. Shelter No. RR179.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Support the Blue Star Mothers

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National Blue Star Mothers

Since its inception during WWII, the National Blue Star Mothers organization has existed to provide support for active-duty service personnel, to promote patriotism, and to assist veterans' organizations in our communities. Membership in the Blue Star Mothers is comprised of those who now have or have had children honorably serving in the US Military. Chautauqua County's local chapter (NY Chapter 4) has been actively pursuing opportunities to provide tangible and emotional support to military personnel and their families since 2007.



Young has three children Miranda, Jordan, Cash. He is currently serving as a Senior Operations Manager for National Fuel Gas, while also serving in a 1st Sergeant position with the 2nd of the 312th in Pittsburgh, PA. Young will complete the Command Sergeants Majors Academy in August 2024.

Annual Gold Star Memorial Remembrance
Sat, May 25, 10am
Veterans Memorial Park, Jamestown

Annual Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 27, 10:45am
Lakeview Cemetery

The Gold Star designation recognizes families who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the United States. This annual remembrance recognizes the memory of those Chautauqua County residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of the United States as they honor the families left behind. This year, twenty-two fallen men and women will be honored by name. Originally established in May of 2013, the Gold Star Memorial serves as a daily visual remembrance of these heroes with a plaque honoring the fallen, surrounded by flowering cherry trees.

This annual service takes place following the 10am Jamestown Parade. Keynote speaker will be Jamestown area resident Col. Charles Watkins USMCR. Col. Watkins was commissioned a 2nd Lt in the United States Marine Corps in 1992 following his graduation from Clarion University of PA. After receiving his helicopter flight training, Watkins was designated a Naval Aviator in 1995. He served over 30 years of combined active and reserve service before retiring as a Colonel in 2022.

First Sergeant Jeremy Young will serve as keynote speaker. 1SG Young has served in the United States Army for 28 years, enlisting in the active duty Army in 1996 as a Combat Engineer. 1SG Young had served on deployments during his active duty time to South Korea and Metlakatla Alaska, also providing humanitarian aid after catastrophic tornadoes and hurricane relief here in the United States.

During his years of service, Col. Watkins conducted six overseas deployments to the Middle East, Asia and Africa. During his most recent deployments he was assigned as the Senior Marine Liaison Officer to the Combined Forces Air Component Commander within the Combined Air Operations Center, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. Significant events while serving in this capacity include the campaign against ISIS in 2017 and the evacuation of Afghanistan in 2021.

1SG Young left active duty service in the year 2001 to remain in the Army Reserves. As he was returning to Pennsylvania to pursue a civilian career, our nation experienced the September 11th attacks. 1SG Young received 600-day orders to deploy to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Watkins is currently employed as a medical helicopter pilot with STAT Medevac at UPMC Chautauqua. He lives in Jamestown and is married to his wife Leah and has three beautiful daughters.

In 2009, 1SG Young deployed again to the Arizona to enhance border security, and in 2013, 1SG Young was called for another year-long combat deployment, this time to Afghanistan in the name of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Master of Ceremonies for this service will be Chautauqua County Sheriff and Blue Star Dad, James Quattrone. Also participating will be the Jamestown Municipal Band, conducted by Blue Star Dad Rick Lundquist. Guest clergy will be Reverend Sam Shreffler, USAFSS, 1970-1974, and retired senior chaplain for Heritage Ministries.

1SG Young was selected to take his full company once again on a Combat Deployment to Somalia Africa to conduct Combat Operations in this region during 2020 and 2021. During this time 1SG Young also volunteered, along with his soldiers, to rebuild an orphanage that was suffering with disease and infestation making a small difference in a small place in the world.

For those interested in participating in the Jamestown Memorial Day Parade, register at: <https://form.jotform.com/240807490194055>

For those interested in knowing more about the mission of the Blue Star Mothers, please email: bluestamothersny4@yahoo.com.

The Lesson We Learn From Spring

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That's also when I remembered the antidote to chaos. Those far wiser than I already know the answer. Trite as it may seem at first glance, the answer is stillness.

Recall, if you will, the moments in which you feel most alive. Is it when you are doing your taxes, rushing to a meeting you're late for, and going to the dentist all on the same day? Or is it when you are gathered around a campfire with your friends and family, jumping into the cool lake water, and sinking your toes into a cold patch of dirt somewhere in the woods? Not every day can be a grand outdoor adventure in our modern society. But every day, we can and we should take a moment to tell the external world to shut up.

We live on this earth for but a fleeting moment. Why add to the rushed pace of life? Why conform to the strictures a society set out before us? If respite is what you seek, go outside. Walk. Look at a flower. Pet your dog

or your cat or your lizard and watch them play. It's fascinating watching the way another living being that isn't a human exists.

In the beginning, spring had its moment of chaos before settling down long enough to become something beautiful.

We are nature too, so we can do the same. All of this to say, don't ever lose your sense of fun and adventure. Not just for your personal well-being, but for the rest of humanity. Do it for the benefit of society as a whole in order to establish a much-needed sense of peace and for your children for whom you set an example.

So, the next time you look at your laundry list of tasks for the day, just say...well...I can't write it here. This is a family paper. But say something to the effect of "Awww muck this!" And go lie in a field of grass somewhere eating watermelon with your kids. Because doing that is just as important as doing your taxes. More so.

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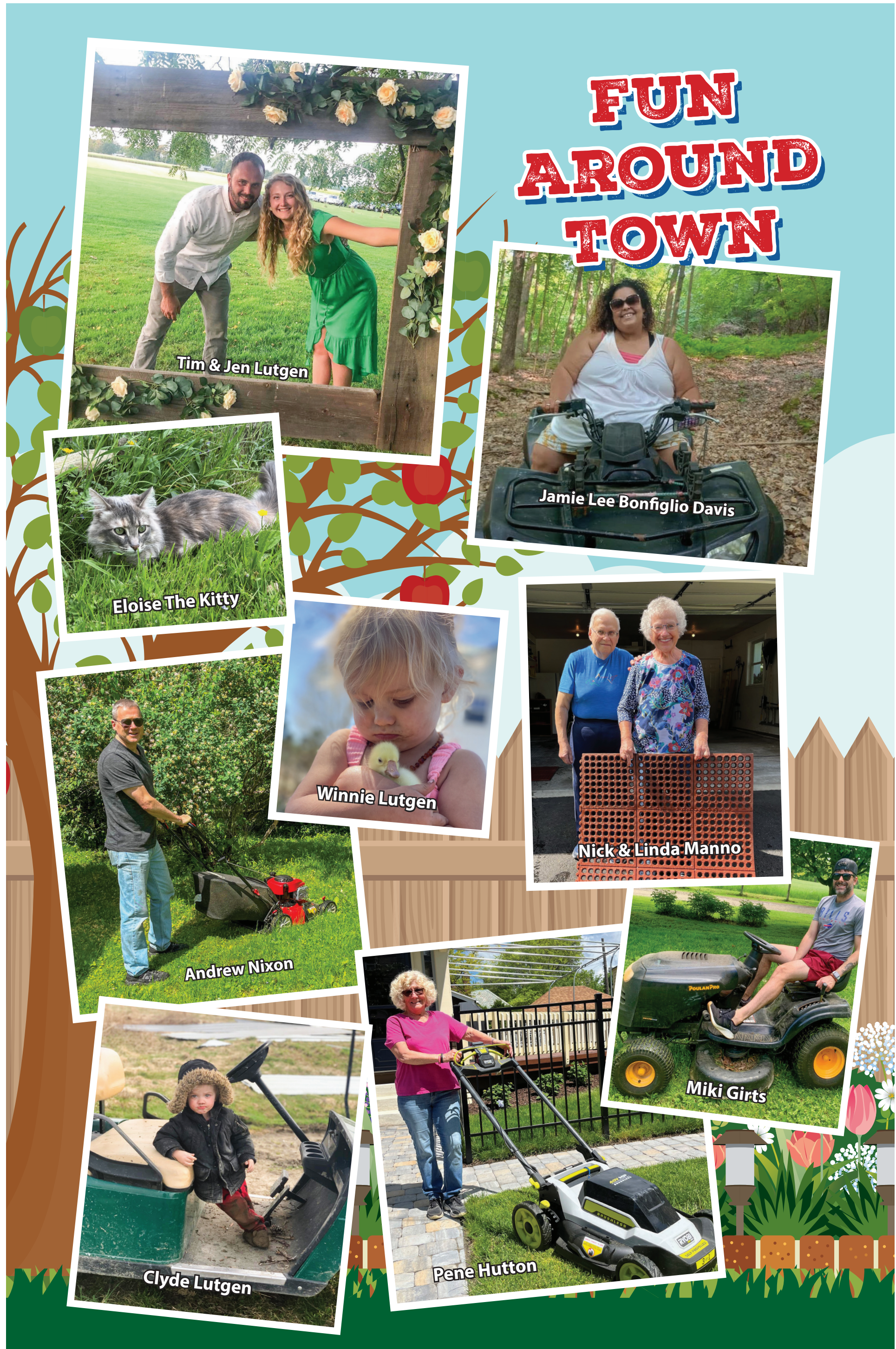
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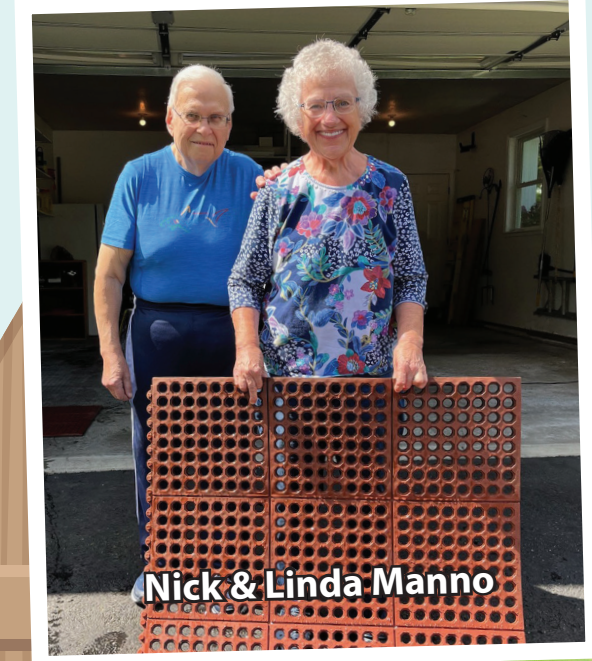
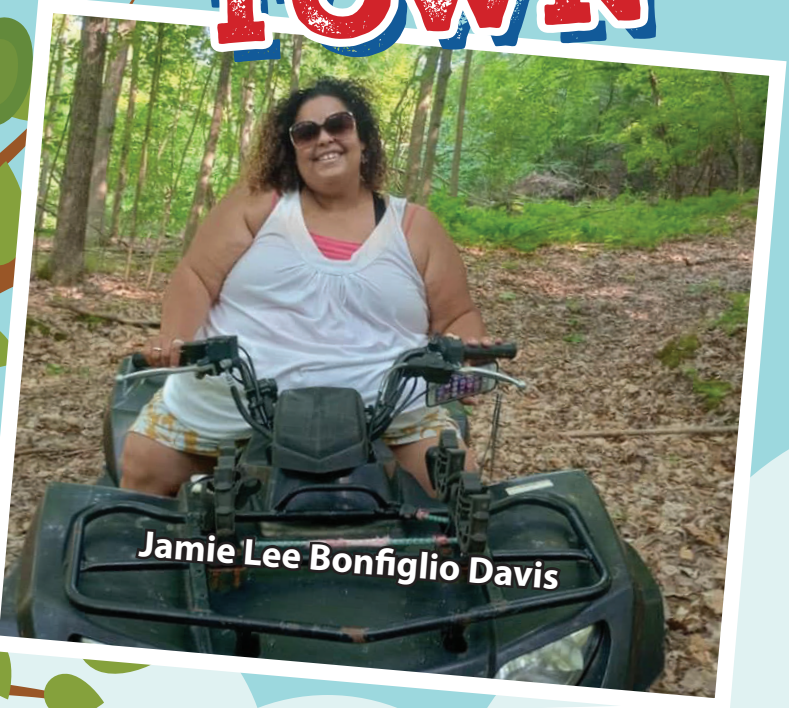
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