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GO WILD. GET OUTDOORS. YOUR CHQ ADVENTURE AWAITS. THIS WEEKEND: Panama Rocks' Wild America Nature Festival

Article Contributed by **Katrina Fuller**

Chautauqua County may seem tame on the outset - but visitors and residents alike know there is a wild, natural side to the area! From woods and fields to wonders of flora and fauna, Chautauqua County offers a wealth of natural activities and recreational opportunities that make it a perfect summer destination. How will you "go wild" this summer? Pick a few of the following attractions and activities, and get your nature on!

One of the standout attractions is the

Audubon Community Nature Center. This serene sanctuary spans over 570 acres of wetlands, a native tree arboretum and meadows. Visitors can explore a network of well-maintained trails, enjoy birdwatching from strategically placed observation points, and learn about local wildlife through interactive exhibits and educational programs. The center also features a butterfly garden and a natural play area for children, making it an ideal spot for families. For a calendar of events and other information, visit auduboncnc.org.

For those who enjoy hiking and biking, Chautauqua County boasts an extensive trail system that caters to all skill levels. The Chautauqua Rails to Trails network offers scenic routes that traverse through picturesque landscapes, including lush forests, rolling hills, and charming small towns. This impressive trail system was created by Chautauqua Rails to Trails, a non-profit that acquires, develops and maintains recreational trails for public use - on or near abandoned railroad lines. Trails of various lengths are located throughout the county. More information can be found at Chaurtt.org.

Boating enthusiasts will find plenty to enjoy in Chautauqua County as well. Chautauqua Lake, one of the largest inland lakes in New York, is a hub for water-based activities. Whether you prefer sailing, kayaking, or paddleboarding, the lake's calm waters and beautiful shoreline provide a perfect setting for a day on the water. Fishing is

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THE AUDUBON: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND BEYOND

Article Contributed by **Leigh Rovigno**
Executive Director,
Audubon Community Nature Center

You may be familiar with Audubon Community Nature Center's (ACNC) mission to connect people to nature, a mission carried out through the delivery of more than 1,000 programs each year, both onsite and within local schools, parks, libraries and more.

If you have school children in Chautauqua or Warren counties, there's a good chance an Audubon nature educator has visited them and shared fascinating artifacts or even live animals in their classroom. Perhaps you've brought them to 1600 Riverside Road, or they came on a field trip and got to experience some of the incredible ecological diversity within Audubon's 570-acre nature preserve.

A wide variety of mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, and amphibians call Audubon home, including River Otters, Mink, Painted and Snapping Turtles, and thousands of individual migratory and nesting birds. Those are in addition to the Animal Ambassadors who live at the Nature Center: Oneka and Tweeg the Eastern Hellbenders, Soren the Red-tailed Hawk, Cricket the American Kestrel, and Lincoln the Box Turtle, to name a few. Audubon's Animal Ambassadors are cared for by trained staff and volunteers. They have all found their way to Audubon for different reasons - some were injured in the wild, some are discarded pets, and some were raised in captivity specifically for educational purposes.

Audubon's staff is dedicated to learning more about the plants and animals of our region. The more we learn, the more we can share with others! One way we do

this is through the nest box monitoring program. ACNC staff and volunteers track what birds are nesting on our property each year as part of a greater citizen science program that tracks bird populations on a global scale. More than 50 nest boxes can be found that are carefully maintained and monitored each nesting season (April through September).

Among the birds found nesting at Audubon over the past 11 years of tracking are Eastern Bluebirds, Black-capped Chickadees, American Kestrels, House Wrens, Purple Martins, and Tree Swallows.

Baby birds that are discovered in the nest boxes are banded using tiny bracelets that go on their ankles. Safe for the birds, each bracelet/band is numbered, and that number is used to track the patterns of birds (population levels,

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

GO WILD! GO WESTON!



Jonathan & Holly with their children, Lilia & William



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

glacial remains, stunning greenery, and quiet beauty, a visit to the Rocks is both visually jaw-dropping and physically exhilarating at the same time. One's hike, climb, crawl and plummet into the depths of massive, magical rock sculptures is a surreal and beautiful experience.

Maybe even more unique than the craggy wonder itself is its ownership. Dating back to Chautauqua County's early history, Panama Rocks has been privately owned – perhaps a rarity for such a natural treasure. Current owner, Jonathan Weston, succeeded his parents, Craig and Sandra Weston, beginning in 2014. He and his wife, Holly, have carefully overseen the special park and are now raising their young family at the homestead there.

For as much as Chautauqua County's appeal is a credit to our natural resources, Jonathan also represents the best of the best in our human resources. As a brilliant 2004 Cornell University graduate, he immediately embarked upon a strong and promising career in Washington, DC. He probably could have continued to climb an illustrious career ladder, but instead, made the courageous decision to pick up the baton from his retiring parents. He chose to come home and not only share his talents with us

Again, this week, I find myself stating the obvious: Chautauqua County is a great place to live, work, and play, in large credit to our natural resources. Our lakes and waterways, abundant parks and trail system, and impressive preserves like the Audubon Community Nature Center, all make it the perfect summer playground.

Truly, it's easy in our community to get off the couch, embrace the great outdoors and embark upon exciting adventures. Natural beauty and outdoor recreation abound. Whether it be biking, hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, climbing or more, Chautauqua is the place to enjoy it all.

Perhaps one of the more unique destinations where nature and adventure intersect in a glorious extreme is the one and only, Panama Rocks Scenic Park. With its ancient

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but also to protect and preserve one of our community's most cherished natural assets. His dedication is a gift to us all: our continued access to irreplaceable adventure in the Rocks. During the past few years, he has moved forward with further development of the Park.

One of those developments has been this week's Wild America Nature Festival, which he began in 2017. The festival is a great testament to his creative and visionary approach. Jonathan has a feverish marketing and development acumen that builds upon, and brings together, other community partners and assets. In addition to this now-successful annual festival, he also began a fall foliage festival in 2022 and has added "glamping" sites (luxury camping), axe-throwing, and a large mercantile to the Park. He has completely overhauled the grounds with top-notch renovations and continues to provide a plethora

of nature-based activities for families and visitors each year.

In regard to development and visionary approaches, Chautauqua County Partnerships for Economic Growth, a public-private arm of the county's Industrial Development Agency, recently launched its "Choose CHQ - Live CHQ" campaign to encourage and foster growth in various ways across the county, including bringing in new residents and new businesses through innovation and highlighting all we have to offer here. Well, the Weston family might just be the Partnership's perfect poster child. Jonathan chose us. All summer long, we are lucky enough to be able to drive just a short stint down the road and choose him.

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Kim Davis, Special Olympics Athlete, Janel McIntyre, Special Olympics Athlete, Dan Hocking, Co-Owner, ACME The Appliance Store, and Kay Davis, Special Olympics Athlete.

Article Contributed by The Resource Center

County.

"The Resource Center is a vital part of our community, said Dan Hocking. "ACME the Appliance Store is honored to serve as a community partner and donate this WEBER Gas Grill to help raise money for the Resource Center. Beth & I believe strongly in giving back to the community and assist all the wonderful people at the Resource Center, who nurture, uplift and empower others to realize their full potential. The Resource Center makes a positive difference in people's lives on a daily basis, and we are happy to continue to partner with them to support their efforts."

The 2024 TRC Golf Classic is scheduled for July 22 at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown. For more information, please visit www.trcgolfclassic.com

Dan and Beth Hocking, Owners of ACME The Appliance Store, recently donated a Weber Gas Grill that will be used for a drawing to support the 28th Annual TRC Golf Classic.

The TRC Golf Classic is the major annual fund-raising event for Filling the Gap, Inc., a Jamestown-based non-profit organization that works with The Resource Center to support people with disabilities and other socioeconomic challenges in Chautauqua County. In its first 27 years, the tournament has netted over \$1.78 million for the TRC Foundation Fund, which raises money to improve the lives of people with disabling conditions in Chautauqua



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Here's How It Works:

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

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
- 5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
- 11. Colombian Town
- 12. Sour
- 16. A way to stuff
- 17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
- 18. Carried or transported
- 19. Cannot even fathom
- 24. Hammer is one
- 25. A way to separate
- 26. Not moving
- 27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
- 28. German river
- 29. Quantitative fact
- 30. A person's head
- 31. Process that produces ammonia
- 33. French modernist painter
- 34. Too much noise
- 38. Agree to a demand
- 39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
- 40. Employees
- 43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 44. Component of hemoglobin
- 45. Quick and skillful in movement
- 49. Passing trend
- 50. Part of the eye
- 51. One who acclaims
- 53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
- 54. Taste property
- 56. Genus of mosquitoes
- 58. Blood type
- 59. A group of countries in special alliance
- 60. Institute legal proceedings against
- 63. Shade of a color
- 64. Spoke
- 65. Work units

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Charge with a crime
- 2. Mended with yarn
- 3. North Atlantic flatfish
- 4. Boil at low temperature
- 5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
- 6. Poisonous plant
- 7. Atomic #22
- 8. 36 inches
- 9. Monetary unit of Russia
- 10. Type of gin
- 13. An alternative
- 14. Alone
- 15. A way to ooze
- 20. Publicity
- 21. American firm
- 22. Jewish calendar month
- 23. Popular sandwich
- 27. Comedian Cook
- 29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
- 30. Political action committee
- 31. Make a low, steady sound
- 32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
- 33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 34. Designed to keep ears warm
- 35. One who scrapes
- 36. Tear into two or more pieces
- 37. Supervises flying
- 38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
- 40. District in Peru
- 41. One died leaving a will
- 42. Morning
- 44. The world of the dead
- 45. Widen
- 46. Drink containing medicine
- 47. Celebrating
- 48. Secret encounters
- 50. A type of tag
- 51. Halfback
- 52. Modern tech
- 54. Monetary unit
- 55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
- 57. Execute or perform
- 61. "The Golden State"
- 62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)



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July 14

Robert D. Canniff, 80
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God in Nature



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Ah it's summer! It's the time of year that so many of us look forward to. It's time to get outside and enjoy all that nature has in store for us. This year is particularly exciting for my family, because it's our first summer here in Chautauqua County. We are enjoying the beautiful lakes, the majestic mountains and the gorgeous sunsets. We recently moved to the area as I accepted a position with First Covenant Church. We moved in the winter, in fact, in the middle of one of the few snowstorms this year, so summer breathes new life for us and we are looking forward to exploring the area.

Summer brings back so many fond memories for me. I was one of those kids that was outside until the streetlights came on. I remember as a kid spending many summers in Florida with my family. I couldn't wait to get into the water. You could always find me in a pool or an ocean. I had no fear. Didn't matter how deep it was or how cold it was. The water was endless hours of enjoyment for me until one summer.

We were visiting my uncle and his fiancé in Florida. One morning it was off to the beach like any other day. We jumped in the ocean on our rafts and off we went. What I didn't know was that the beach had recently had some instances where sharks were coming closer to shore and swimming around the people. That day they decided to swim closer to shore. Thankfully, my soon-to-be-aunt kept her cool and

was able to get me on the raft and out of the water quickly and calmly so that I barely noticed the danger that was around me. Well once I found out, that was the end of the ocean for me.

I still love the ocean, but as I have grown up my love of the ocean has turned into something much more meaningful. The place that had become a source of fear for me, had turned into a place where I experience the presence of God. Many people have profound experiences with God in nature. It's hard not to when you look around at his handiwork. Everything from the leaves on the trees to a grain of sand on the beach makes us wonder about the Creator of all. I look at the vastness of the ocean. My eyes can't see the end. They can't see the depth. I have no idea where it begins or ends. When I sit on the shore I can hear the sounds of the waves, I smell the salt of the water and I am in awe of its vastness and strength.

The ocean has become a place where I am reminded of who is in control and truly how big God is. It's a place where I am reminded that my God is not a distance god not paying any attention to me, but He is a god that is intricately involved in every aspect of my life. I may not understand all the details of Him, and I may never get all of my questions answered, but I know that just like the waves rise and fall, He is there. He is there in the wind, in the rising and setting of the sun, in the twinkling of the stars, in the sweet songs of the birds, in the rain and the snow. God is everywhere all around us. We may not be able to see Him with our eyes, but we can see Him in His creation. From every dew drop to every mountain top, God's hand is all over it. He still cares and provides for His creation today. When I look to nature, I see God's invitation to rest in Him, to trust in His provision and His care for all of His creation. I may not jump into the ocean any time soon, but I will sit on the shore and bask in the goodness of God and spend endless hours soaking up the presence of my Creator.

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another popular pastime, with the lake being home to a variety of fish species, including walleye, bass, and muskellunge. Another highlight in natural wonder this summer includes the returning Wild America Nature Festival. Panama Rocks is set to come alive with the sounds of nature, the sights of vibrant art, and the aromas of delicious food as the festival returns on July 27 and 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. This year, Panama Rocks owner Jonathan Weston invites everyone to come see why Step Out Buffalo listed the Wild America Nature Festival as one of the "Top 10 Festivals to Visit" this summer in the Chautauqua-Lake Erie region!

Weston emphasized that there is no admission fee to shop at the Nature Art & Craft Show and Festival Food Vendors this year.

"With over 50 art, craft and food vendors, the Wild America Nature Festival brings in world-class painters, jewelers, woodworkers, ceramic artists, fabrics, blacksmithing, and more," he said. "The festival is known for the quality and diversity of its art and craft show. The art and craft vendors sell items that they have

personally created. Each vendor either specializes in art related to nature, such as painting and photography or uses natural, organic materials in their work."

Food vendors include Labyrinth Press Co., SuperFresh Organic Café, Another Guy's Fries, ComaradERIE BBQ, Lombardo Concessions, Ace Kettle Corn, and Hope's Smoothies. There are food options for everyone including vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and allergy-friendly food!

There is a small admission fee to enjoy entertainment and explore Panama Rocks during the Wild America Nature Festival, but it is well worth it, according to Weston.

Another highlight at the Wild America Nature Festival is the captivating presentations by Jungle Terry (11 a.m. to 12 p.m. both days). Known for his charismatic and engaging style, Jungle Terry brings the wild world of animals up close and personal to festival-goers. His shows feature a diverse array of animals, from slithering snakes and lively lizards to exotic birds and cuddly mammals. Children and adults alike are

mesmerized as Terry shares fascinating facts and stories about each animal, highlighting their unique characteristics and behaviors.

"His interactive approach allows audience members to touch some of the animals, creating an unforgettable hands-on experience," said Weston. "Jungle Terry's passion for wildlife conservation and education shines through every moment, making his presentations a must-see highlight of the festival."

The Wild America Nature Festival also offers an exhilarating falconry demonstration by American Hawkeye, a highlight that mesmerizes audiences with flying birds of prey (2 pm to 3p.m. on both days). American Hawkeye's expert falconer Jonathtan Clarkson showcases the incredible agility and speed of these majestic birds, such as falcons, hawks, and eagles. The demonstration provides a breathtaking display of aerial acrobatics and educates viewers on the vital role these raptors play in the ecosystem. The Sun Dance Kids Petting Zoo is also a delightful attraction, offering a hands-on experience with a variety of friendly farm animals. Children and adults alike can interact with goats, sheep, rabbits, and other gentle creatures in a safe and engaging environment. The festival also

features folk music by Davis and Eng, as well as nature walks and talks on topics such as our native ecosystem, wild edible foraging, wildlife rehabilitation, and more. The event also offers a carnival-style axe-throwing experience with prizes which will be available for purchase at the event.

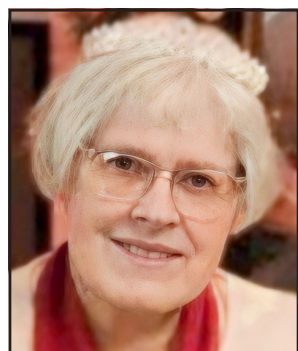
For those looking to get their tickets in advance, Weston said they are in luck. If patrons purchase their admission online by July 25, they will receive full weekend admission to the event for the price of a one-day pass allowing festival-goers to visit either or both days. Additional information, admission, and a full event schedule are available at PanamaRocks.com/WANF.

Overall, Chautauqua County's blend of natural beauty and diverse recreational opportunities makes it a "wild" summer destination for nature lovers and outdoor adventurers alike! Whether you're seeking a peaceful retreat in nature or an action-packed day of exploration, this region has something to offer everyone.



Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

Christmas in July



Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

On July 24, 1935 a Christmas in July celebration was born thanks to the all-girl summer campers at Keystone Camp in Brevard, North Carolina. Nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains of the Tar Heel State, Keystone Camp offered an opportunity for young girls to come and learn everything from gymnastics, archery, swimming and kayaking to horseback riding and crafting. Described as whimsy

and magical, Keystone co-founder, Miss Fannie Holt came up with the idea of Christmas in July in 1933 to offer the young girl campers a different kind of activity and a fun creative way to celebrate the December holiday or summer's first Noel during their summer camping experience.

Keystone Camp brings Christmas in July alive by singing carols, decorating a tree and holding a traditional Santa Claus gift exchange. The camp has continued this summer holiday tradition to spread Christmas cheer in July by adding cotton imitation snow. Fannie, passing in 1942, is remembered as the only person who ever coaxed Santa away from the North Pole in the summer time!

If planning your own Christmas in July party is on your summer agenda, it provides a good reason to break out all those decorations we only get to see once a year. Decorating a tree with both typical Christmas ornaments as well as more seasonal ornaments such as starfish and seashells is a way to combine both the feeling of winter and summer. Ask your guests to come dressed in Christmas holiday attire. Perhaps a pair of Santa printed shorts might be fun to complete the holiday vibe in July. Make sure to include holiday music with Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas" at the top of your holiday music list along with festive food with friends and family for a holly jolly good time. Parties could center around a Christmas BBQ complete with fake snow or a pool party decorated with



festive red and green decorations while serving up eggnog complete with a colorful paper umbrella and a colorful straw.

Christmas in July 2024 is celebrated on Thursday, July 25th. The same day as Christmas, but in July. It is also known as Christmas in Summer and Christmas in Winter. The celebration's main goal is to bring people into the Christmas spirit during the summer, whether in the Northern Hemisphere or in the Southern Hemisphere where the month of July is winter.

Merry Christmas



CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY IS EXPERIENCING AN OUTDOOR RECREATION RENAISSANCE

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Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth / Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways

Over the past few years, the trails and waterways in Chautauqua County have undergone some major improvements, and there is even a new countywide trail map for people who want to explore the hundreds of miles of trails in the county. The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), along with the Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways (FCCG), have been working tirelessly to enhance, maintain, and promote the incredible recreation opportunities available to Chautauqua County residents and tourists alike.

By late fall of 2024, trail-users will be able to experience some of the major trail improvements that are planned

over the next few months. For example, in collaboration with the Chautauqua County Equestrian Trail System (CCETS), the Boutwell Hill Ski Club was recently awarded a \$239,000 Park and Trail Partnership Grant to resurface the "Homestead Loop" in Boutwell Hill State Forest. That grant was administered by Parks & Trails New York.

In addition, CCPEG was awarded \$105,000 in grants for Phase IV of the "Chautauqua County Overland Trails Revitalization Project." The focus for this year will be to improve the Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail in Panama and Brokenstraw State Forests, along with some sections of private property south of Titus Road. There will also be improvements to the equestrian trails in North Harmony State Forest, and the Chautauqua County Rails to Trails will have sections of trail resurfaced. Lastly, the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is currently removing blowdowns and blockages along the Marden E. Cobb Waterway Trails. The grant funding came from

multiple sources, including the Greater Buffalo Community Foundation, the Lenna Foundation, the Sheldon Foundation, the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, and the Jesse Smith Darrah Fund.

"This is a pivotal moment in the history of Chautauqua County," explains Jacob Bodway, CCPEG Trail Coordinator. "The county is recognizing that by improving its recreation opportunities, there is a corresponding improvement to the quality of life for both residents and tourists. As an avid trail user myself, I am thrilled that I can basically walk out of my backdoor and hike, mountain bike, and paddle some of the most beautiful natural areas that you'll find anywhere. There is nowhere else that I'd rather live than right here in Chautauqua County!"

found across the area, especially since the COVID-19 pandemic.

"As we witnessed more trail users exploring our trails, many for the first time, we also heard a renewed interest in a trail map that would provide information for trail users of varied experience and ability," Bodway said. "I think that the new countywide trail map does that and more."

The interactive map allows trail users to plan their own adventure on their computer by selecting trails that coincide with their interests - like biking, hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, and kayaking. Users will also be able to select trails based on land-owner, like those found in state forested land, or those associated with

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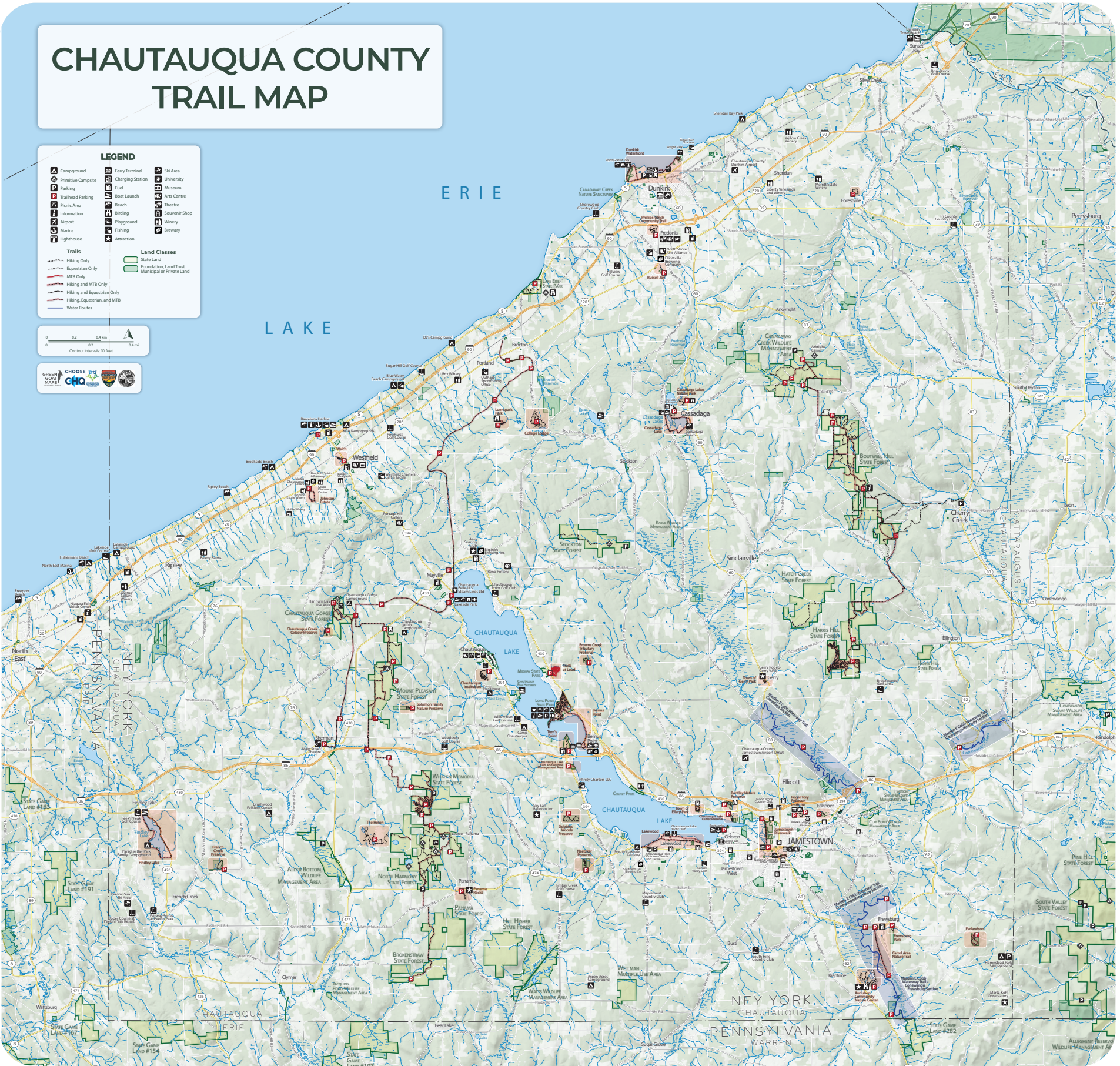
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- Municipal or Private Land



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a specific organization or community. It also features images of trail heads and provides information on trail surfaces, trail length, and parking.

The mobile maps will be featured on Avenza, the top-rated app used for hiking and biking trail use, even in the most remote areas of the world. Several trail maps have been added to Avenza – including Boutwell Hill, Harris Hill, and North Harmony State Forests; Long Point State Park; Audubon Community Nature Center; and Cassadaga Lakes – along with others. These county maps will also be available on other third-party apps, such as Trailforks, All Trails, and MTB Project. PDF versions of individual trail maps can also be viewed, downloaded and also printed from the website for trail users who may not have the ability to use the mobile app.

Plans are underway to provide a limited number of print copies of individual trail maps, and to also to remind trail users about the existence of the interactive map and mobile app with signage along the trails, in addition to other marketing efforts across the region. Meanwhile, the interactive map and additional details on where to find and install the mobile map application from Avenza can be found online at CHQTrails.org.

Funding for the trail maps project comes from generous support provided by The Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, the Chautauque Region Community Foundation, and the Northern Chautauque Community Foundation.

The most recent projects involving the various trails in the county is only made possible through the combined efforts

of CCPEG and the organizations that comprise the FCCG, whose aim is to collaborate and build on existing private/public partnerships to realize the primary objectives outlined in Chautauque County's 2012 Greenway Plan and updated in the 2022 Chautauque County Greenways Group Action Plan. These plans have not only assisted with the completed projects outlined above, but will also be used to determine future improvement efforts in the months and years to come.

"We have such incredible outdoor recreation assets, including more than

600 miles of recreational trails which we are actively working to improve," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development. "The various trail improvements we've seen in recent years, along with the new interactive trails map and mobile maps, not only help our county market itself as a tourism destination for outdoor enthusiasts, but also help our own residents discover and enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities regardless of the season."

To learn more, visit the FCCG page at ChooseCHQ.com.





The Audubon: Outdoor Adventure and Beyond

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migration patterns, etc.) on a national and world-wide scale. Many birds banded at ACNC have returned in subsequent years to nest in the very same boxes. In the spring, visitors can observe banding of migratory birds.



Submitted Photo

Born in one of Audubon's numerous nest boxes, this baby Bluebird is about to be banded so it can add to the understanding of its species on a national and world-wide scale.

Over the tracking years, an average of 41 bird species has been recorded and banded at ACNC through its bird banding program that is in addition to the nest box monitoring program.

If Audubon Community Nature Center is new to you, you can enjoy a quick fly-by visit at Audubon-CNC.org/about. Better yet, come in person and visit Soren and Cricket in their outdoor enclosures, walk the paved trail to the overlook on Big Pond and see what you can spot in the binoculars, climb aboard 12-foot long concrete Tank the Turtle or 14-foot Sally the Spotted Salamander in the outdoor Nature Play Area, enjoy the native tree arboretum, gardens, picnic area, or hike over five miles of trails dawn until

dusk any day for free.

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For more information on ACNC's wide range of programs, or to experience what the Nature Center has to offer, go to AudubonCNC.org.



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Tank the Turtle is one of the attractions in Audubon's outdoor Nature Play Area.



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Doug and Lamae McCullor are pictured with the binoculars they donated for viewing Big Pond wildlife at Audubon's Blue Heron Overlook.

Local Foundations are Committed to Overland Trail Improvements



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Sections of the Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail in Chautauqua County will see significant upgrades and improvements in the coming months, thanks to a series of recently received grants from various local and regional foundations.

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for Economic Growth

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) has been awarded \$65,000 from local foundations to make improvements to the Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail in Brokenstraw and Panama State Forests. The funding will also help with trail improvements on sections of private properties south of Titus Road in Sherman. The latest improvements are part of Phase IV of the Chautauqua County Overland Trails Revitalization Project.

The Fred J. Cusimano Westside Overland Trail is a 24-mile-long nature trail spanning four towns and six state forests – all within Chautauqua County. Located near Mayville, Sherman, and Panama, this scenic trail is well used and is one of the most challenging hikes and/or mountain biking trails in western New York.

The foundations that helped CCPEG reach its Phase IV fundraising goal include the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, the Jesse Smith Darrah Fund, the Lenna Foundation, and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation. To secure these grants, CCPEG collaborated with the Chautauqua County Parks Department, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and private landowners to plan and organize the best approach


for Phase IV of the project. In addition, CCPEG allocated \$15,000 to help leverage funding for the project.

“Phase IV represents the first instance where we will be working with private landowners to improve sections of the Overland Trail that run through their properties,” explained Jacob Bodway, CCPEG Trail Coordinator. “I can't express how lucky we are to have our local foundations believe in this project and how indebted we are to have private landowners who understand that the Overland Trails are an important recreational asset to everyone who loves exploring the county's beautiful forests and countryside.”

Like the previous phases, the trail upgrades for Phase IV will be completed by Trail Construction Associates, a trail building company located in Forestville, NY. Work will begin by the end of July and should finish by late September.



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WEEK 5 SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
The Craft Shows at Chautauqua	"Buffalo Day"					
9:15am Ecumenical Worship	9:15am Ecumenical Worship	9:15am Ecumenical Worship	9:15am Ecumenical Worship	9:15am Ecumenical Worship	2:30 pm Theater	10:45 am Ecumenical Service of Worship and Sermon
10:45am Thomas Chatterton Williams staff writer, The Atlantic	10:45am Margaret Sullivan executive director Columbia Journalism School	10:45am Bill McKibben, founder, Third Act; Frank Sesno, creator, Planet Forward	10:45am Amphitheater Lecture	10:45am Timothy P. Carney author, Family Unfriendly: How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be	3:00 pm Contemporary Issues Forum. Andrew Meier, best-selling author; biographer; journalist	2:30 pm Sonia De Los Santos
2:00pm Najeeba Syeed El-Hibri Endowed Chair executive director Interfaith at Augsburg	2pm Sohrab Ahmari founder and editor, Compact	2:00pm Sharon Brous senior and founding rabbi, IKAR	2:00pm The Venerable Tenzin Priyadarshi, president and CEO, The Dalai Lama Center for Ethics and Transformative Values, MIT	2:00 pm Kaitlin B. Curtice award-winning author, poet-storyteller, and public speaker	4:15pm Chamber Music	2:30 pm Theater
3:30pm 150th Pillar Talk	3:30pm 150th Buffalo Day Panel Discussion	3:30pm African American Heritage House Lecture	3:30pm CLSC Author Presentation	8:15pm Boyz II Men	8:15pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra	3:30 pm Writers' Center Reading
4:00pm Chamber Music	8:15pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra	7:30pm Opera	8:15pm Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra			7:30 pm Theater
8:15pm Chautauqua School of Dance						8:00 pm Sacred Song Service



WEEK FIVE THEME: OUR GREATEST CHALLENGES (THAT WE CAN ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT)

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WEEK FIVE: FEATURED LECTURES

LECTURE HELD DAILY AT 10:45AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

Scholar, cultural critic and staff writer at The Atlantic **Thomas Chatterton Williams** opens the week's discussions on Monday, July 22, 2024, when will survey the current American conversation on race, share how he has evolved in his conception of race and societal division, and provide his perspective on creating a space for productive conversation and bridge-building.

Margaret Sullivan, the Egan Visiting Professor at Duke University, award-winning media critic and groundbreaking journalist will speak Tuesday, July 23, 2024, to evaluate the state of local journalism; offer models for re-establishing this critical community institution; and share ways that individual and community action can create solutions.

On Wednesday, July 24, 2024, the Chautauqua Lecture Series and Chautauqua Climate Change Initiative welcome environmentalist and writer **Bill McKibben** back to the Amphitheater stage, where he'll be joined by journalist, Professor and Executive Director of the George Washington University Alliance for a Sustainable Future and Planet

Forward creator **Frank Sesno** as they discuss work both men are doing to catalyze climate action across generations.

American Enterprise Institute senior fellow **Timothy P. Carney** will deliver a lecture, Thursday, July 25, 2024, based on his newest book, *Family Unfriendly: How Our Culture Made Raising Kids Much Harder Than It Needs to Be*, arguing that the high standards set for modern American parenting are unrealistic and setting parents and kids up to fail — and that it's time to end this failed experiment will speak to share stories of success and learning from his work with the CVI Leadership Academy, and throughout his career, to effect positive change at a systemic level.

Finally, to close the week on Friday, July 26, 2024, **Chico Tillmon**, the executive director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab's Community Violence Intervention Leadership Academy, will share stories of success and learning from his work with the CVI Leadership Academy, and throughout his career, to effect positive change at a systemic level.

10 GREAT THINGS TO DO IN WEEK FIVE:

1. Explore more about CHQ Travels, Chautauqua's curated travel experience program. On July 29, enjoy wine tastings and light snacks at Afterwords Wine Bar and hear from the CHQ Travel team and our partners at Academic Travel Abroad about the programs we have planned for the upcoming year.
2. Discover the 150th Anniversary StoryCorps Archive. Come into the Cohen Multimedia Studio to record your StoryCorps conversation for inclusion in Chautauqua's 150th Anniversary Archive. Book your recording time online at chq.org
3. Browse through the Gallery Store and find a unique piece to take a part of Chautauqua home with you.
4. Play a game of Pickleball on the newly installed pickle courts.
5. Be inspired by a fantastic performance by the Chautauqua Opera Company, which presents Hansel and Gretel on July 24 at the Chautauqua Amphitheater.
6. Attend a Boyz II Men concert on Friday, July 26 at the Amphitheater
7. Relax on the porch of the Historic Athenaeum Hotel and enjoy delicious shareable plates and glass of wine on the
8. Catch a captivating performance as Chautauqua Theater Company presents its last performance of Birthday Candles on July 21 at 2:30 p.m.
9. Enjoy a Mystic Heart Meditation class in the morning and afternoon. Discover what is hiding within you while practicing in the spirit of inter-spirituality.
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2. What is the total length of Chautauqua County Rails to Trails?
3. Where is northernmost point of the trail system?
4. What makes up the surface of the trails?
5. What was CHQ Rails to Trails before becoming a hiking destination?
6. What large animal might trail users spot on their hike through this part of Chautauqua County?
7. What small woodland creature lives in the trail area?
8. What is the longest trail segment in CHR Rails to Trails?
9. What is the shortest trail segment in CHQ Rails to Trails?
10. How many bird species live in the CHQ Rails to Trails areacounty's biggest ski resort.

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Chamber of Commerce



With a focus on innovating, unifying the business community countywide, and building community, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Thursday unveiled a new name, logo, and colors.

Daniel Heitzenrater, Chamber President & CEO, said, "CHQ Chamber reflects the work we do. We are the Chamber of Commerce for all of Chautauqua County, and this new brand is dedicated to telling that story."

He added, "Ever since I started at the Chamber three years ago, I have gotten the question, 'Which Chamber of Commerce do you work for? Is it Jamestown, or Dunkirk, or Chautauqua County?' We are one Chamber of Commerce. Throughout our more than two-decade history we have represented and provided services and programs for businesses countywide. This new name and logo bring that integration to the forefront."

Chamber Board Chair Heather Brown said, "As the Chamber is poised to enter its 25th year as a countywide organization, the time was right to evaluate where we have been and where we are headed. Last year's strategic planning process launched us in this direction, and we are excited about the refresh and about the future of the Chamber and our business community."

Directions highlighted in the strategic plan were to facilitate collaborative relationships between businesses to promote economic activity for our county, unify and streamline the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce through utilization of a consistent brand structure, clarify who we are and what we do, and lead the way and excel at boosterism and serve as the spokespeople for business. Following that planning process the Chamber Board adopted a new mission statement: to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

The vision statement is: The Chamber of Commerce is a critical partner in achieving consistent economic growth, resiliency, and prosperity to increase the collective opportunity for local businesses and organizations in Chautauqua County.

Heitzenrater added, "Both our mission and vision statements speak to our nature as a collaborative countywide entity. For over two decades we have been providing just as much support for businesses in Falconer as we do in Fredonia. We have cut ribbons in Cherry Creek and Clymer. We have held events in Bemus Point and Brocton. We are already serving businesses from Findley Lake to Frewsburg to Forestville and all points in between. We are CHQ Chamber."

For the past several months the Chamber's Board of Directors and staff have been working with Mr. Smith Agency in Buffalo on a new brand. The work included an in-person discovery session with lots of time for discussion about the Chamber's values and goals and several follow-ups to review how to visually represent the Chamber's mission.

Rob Dimmer, Founder and Principal of Mr. Smith Agency, said, "We looked at the characteristics of the Chamber and of Chautauqua County to capture the essence of CHQ Chamber's collaborative spirit, explore design directions including colors, fonts, and graphics. What our art team came up with was a concentration on water, connections, and community pillars to create a logomark that incorporates the name CHQ Chamber in a way that's dynamic, connective, and structured."

CHQ Chamber thanks Mr. Smith Agency for its focus and dedication to this work. The brand launch party was held at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute.



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Chautauqua, NY
For Info: chq.org

Green Play Days - 10 AM-3 PM

Audobon Community Nature Center |
Jamestown, NY
For Info: auduboncnc.org

Evergreen Outfitters: Yoga & Paddle - 8 AM

Evergreen Outfitters | Mayville, NY
For Info: evergreen-outfitters.com

JULY 23

Chautauqua Speaks: Long Dry Road to Three Taps - 9:15 AM

Chautauqua Women's Club
Chautauqua, NY
For Info: 716.357.4961

JULY 24

Cassadaga Cruise Night 6 PM-9 PM

American Legion Post 1280
Cassadaga, NY
For Info: 716.595.3145

JULY 25

Lakewood Farmer's Market 10 AM-2 PM

Village of Lakewood
For Info: lakewoodny.com

Summer Block Party with Honky Tonk Heros - 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts
For Info: reglenna.com/events/block-party-2024

Summer Concert Series at Lakeside Park - 6 PM-8 PM

Lakeside Park | Mayville, NY
For Info: facebook.com/MayvilleChautauquaChamber

Trivia Night at Brazil 7 PM-8:30 PM

Brazil Bar & Lounge | Jamestown, NY
For Info: facebook.com/braziljamestown

JULY 26

The Beatle's A Hard Day's Night 7:30 PM

Fredonia Opera House | Fredonia, NY
For Info: fredopera.org

Christmas in July - 8:30 PM

Sunset Bay Beach Club | Irving, NY
For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Wild 5k Run/Walk - 9 AM

Audobon Community Nature Center |
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For Info: auduboncnc.org

Jamestown Public Market 10 AM-2 PM

Downtown Jamestown
For Info: jtowpublicmarket.org

The Wild America Nature Festival 10 AM-5 PM

Panama Rocks | Panama, NY
For Info: panamarocks.com

Beats & BBQ - 4 PM-7 PM

Southern Tier Distilling Company
Lakewood, NY
For Info: 716.763.5479

JULY 28

Findley Lake Triathlon Festival 7 AM

The Camp at Findley | Findley, NY
For Info: 716.353.1288

JULY 29-AUGUST 1

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" Vacation Bible School - 6 PM-8 PM

Lakewood United Methodist Church |
Lakewood, NY
For Info: 716.763.9345

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Ceremonies recently took place to dedicate Revolutionary War burial markers at Stillwater Cemetery and Kiantone Maple Grove Cemetery in the Town of Kiantone. The marker program is sponsored locally through the Chautauqua County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), chaired by Jeffrey Crossley. Honored soldiers included: Aaron Martin, Jasper Marsh, "Captain " William Stearns, Ebenezer Cheney, "Deacon " Asa Moore, Ellis Doty, Morris Cheney, Justine Magee, and Karen Nielsen. Above Left: James White, Above Right: Jeffrey Crossley



Submitted Photo

Renowned international photographer and Mayville resident, Dr. John Gerber is set to unveil his latest photography exhibit, showcasing the awe-inspiring journey of the Wildebeest during the **Great Migration: August 10 - September 8, The Sheep Barn Gallery, 5115 Morris Road in Mayville, with open gallery hours on Fridays and Saturdays, 11 am - 4 pm, and Sundays, 1-4 pm.** The exhibit documents the Wildebeest's remarkable 1100-mile seasonal trek across the Mara River, from Kenya to their calving grounds in Tanzania. By photographing our planet's last great migration, he hopes to show that beauty can be found even in the harshest of circumstances and environments.

Accompanying the exhibit is Dr. Gerber's latest book, *Songs of the Serengeti, Meditations on Wildebeest*, a captivating photo essay chronicling the struggles and triumphs of the won the Serengeti - intertwining striking imagery with poetic reflections. For additional information and event updates, please visit: <http://johngerberphotography.com>.



County 4-H Teen Ambassadors are pictured here with NYS Senator George Borrello. Last week's Chautauqua County Fair gave 4-H youth the chance to show their hard work raising animals, designing farm & home projects, and gleaning critical life skills. This agricultural development program also celebrated its 60th anniversary Meat Animal Auction.

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EVERYDAY WONDERS - FLIES

Contributing Writer
Rachel Brown



Illustration by Rachel Brown

There are many creatures we see so often that we don't stop to consider what we really know about them. I was thinking this about robins the other morning as I headed for the coffee pot. Then I saw a fly, very black and quite large. It seemed sluggish, just sitting on the edge of the counter, not buzzing about like flies usually do. I quickly moved to the basement stairwell to fetch the fly swatter hanging there. Whack! Got it.

Flies, hmm, what did I know about flies? Is there anything good about them? For starters, how long do they live? (When not getting swatted, that is.)

In the interest of learning about all creatures, not just nice ones like robins, I decided to see what I could find out.

It turns out there are hundreds of thousands, possibly even millions, of kinds of flies. I say "possibly" because no one really knows for sure. Like me, most people are grossed out by flies. (I mean, after all, look where they come from.) Researchers would rather study attractive insects like butterflies, or beneficial ones like bees. We all know that bees help us by pollinating flowers, producing many of the fruits and vegetables we eat, but did you know that many types of flies are pollinators, too? Some of our favorite foods are pollinated exclusively by flies. Chocolate, for one! The cacao tree is just one of more than 100 cultivated crops that depend on flies for pollination. Other favorites include mangoes, cashews, and avocados. And there are other helpful things that flies do; they attack aphids and many other damaging garden pests. And yes, they like garbage and smelly stuff like dead animals and poop, but even this can have an upside. They help to break these things down and clean them up, so they go away.

To me, the grossest thing about flies is maggots. Just thinking about them turns my stomach. But I promised myself to take an unflinching look at the subject, so here goes: A maggot is a fly baby. It is what hatches out of the eggs laid by flies, their larvae. The sole job of this larva is to eat as much as it can, so it has enough energy to miraculously transform, or "pupate" into an adult fly. In this larval stage, a fly is pure protein and can be a source of food for birds and other animals. And despite their origin in unsanitary surroundings, maggots themselves can be quite sanitary. Sterile forms are even being cultivated in factories

called "Maggotoriums" for use in hospitals. And this is not new! Doctors during the Civil War began observing soldiers, many with the most grievous injuries, often fared better when their wounds became covered with maggots. Genghis Khan, the notorious Mongol marauder, is said to have carried loads of maggots along to treat the gangrenous flesh of his hordes wounded in battle. This brings me back to house flies. I found out they live two to four weeks, on average. Other things to know about them:

- They can taste things with their feet.
- They can't eat anything solid, so they spit in their food to make it a liquid.
- They only have 2 eyes, but each eye can have more than 3,000 lenses. This allows them to see in every direction but can make it hard to focus on a single object. However, they are masters at detecting movement (which is why they are hard to swat.)
- They do get sleepy and will seek out places to hide while they nap.
- They are aerial acrobats and can land on things and walk upside down, but they can only take off vertically, not at an angle.
- They can't bite you because they don't have teeth, but they have a piercing mouth part that can sting.
- They hate the smell of cinnamon. Also, lavender, mint, and eucalyptus.

These are just a few of the things I learned about flies. They're a huge, diverse group that includes everything from mosquitoes (yes, they're also flies) to fruit flies, "sweat bees" or hoverflies, Tsetse flies, and horse flies, and many, many more still to be discovered. They all have roles to play, even if we don't know yet what some of those roles are.

While I still don't want to spend a lot of time studying flies, I am happy to know there are good and even amazing things about them. They really are "everyday wonders."



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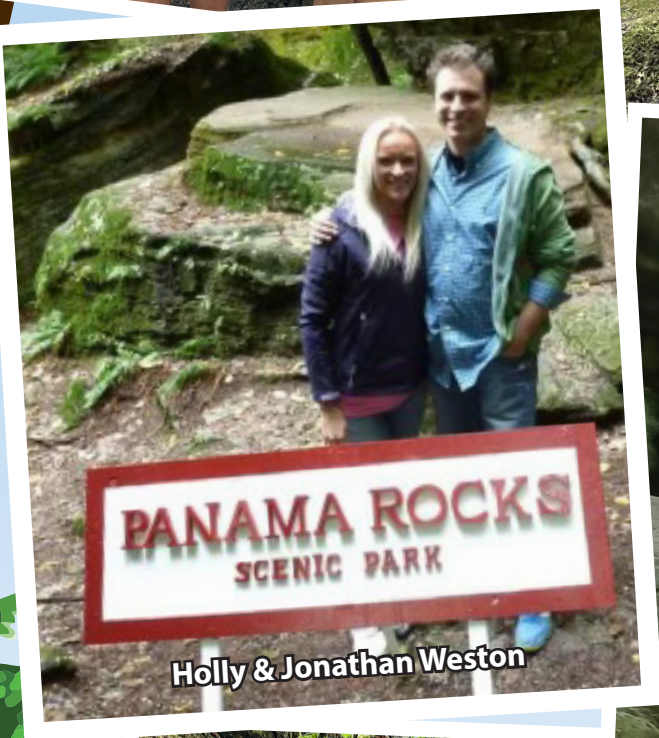
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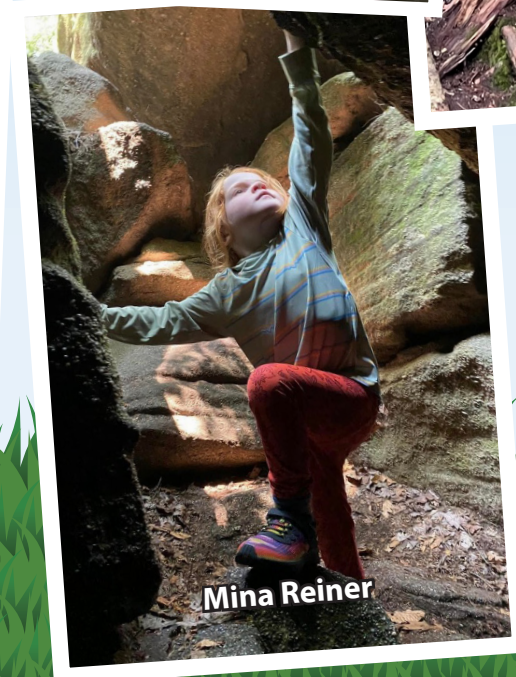
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