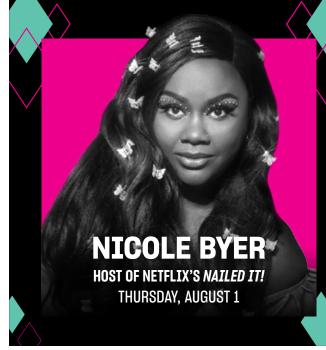


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Jamestown is gearing up for a side-splitting summer as the National Comedy Center hosts its annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival. This year's event promises to be a barrel of laughs, featuring a starstudded lineup of comedians,

exciting events, and unforgettable experiences.

Known as the birthplace of comedy icon Lucille Ball, Jamestown has transformed into a mecca for humor enthusiasts. The National Comedy Center itself is a testament to the town's comedic legacy, offering visitors an immersive journey

through the history of comedy. This weekend, from August 1 to August 4, the center will be at the epicenter of laughter as it welcomes a roster of comedic talent that's sure to leave audiences rolling in the aisles.

From seasoned stand-up veterans to rising stars, the festival lineup promises to

offer something for everyone. Headlining shows include Nicole Byer at the Reg Lenna on Aug. 1; a Stand-Up Comedy Showcase at the Reg Lenna on Aug. 2 featuring top touring comedians from across the country; and Nate Bargatze at the Northwest Arena on

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It started with a vision by the Queen of Comedy herself. Decades ago, when Lucille Ball discussed the prospect of a museum dedicated to her legacy of love and laughter, she made a request of Jamestown officials: Don't just celebrate me - make my hometown a destination of comedy as an art form. Her vision set into motion what would become the

National Comedy Center in Ball's hometown of Jamestown, New York – now the United States' official, congressionally designated cultural institution dedicated to presenting the story of comedy and preserving its heritage for future generations.

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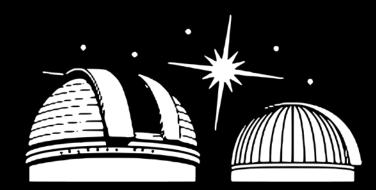


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Two astronomers were at the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival. One says, "Did you read my paper on Black Holes?" The other replied, "Seemed a bit dense, can you lighten it up?"



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Parenting, Grapes & Comedy



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You know what it's like having four kids? Imagine you are drowning and someone hands you a baby."

- Jim Gaffigan

It may come as no surprise: this is my favorite comedic one-liner of all time. And I loved every minute of Gaffigan's Comedy Festival show in 2016.

Yes, I have four kids.

Yes, my life is a comedy (of errors).

And yes, I've been drowning since 2009.

But who isn't?!

Parenting is no joke. I gave birth to four sons within five years between 2005-2009 and then woke up one day to suddenly find them all teenagers. As any parent knows, the drowning never ends as they grow. The demands just change. From diapers and feedings to taxi and ATM service to college tuition. However, despite the more challenging times, my family and I have always found time for laughs.

National Comedy Center festivities bring back one very special memory

of our Cornell crazy. It was a chilly fall day in 2014. My husband, Chuck, and the older boys had midget football, but I felt sure my then-five and six-year-olds, Nick and Zach, would enjoy being part of the once-in-a-lifetime Guinness-World Record Breaking grapestomping opportunity downtown. We stood barefoot in a street full of cold grape slush, sandwiched between several thousand of our closest friends, all much taller than Nick and Zach. Tortured confusion, tears and freezing little feet ensued... but you better believe I popped that keepsake stomping poster into their scrapbooks!

Thankfully, here in Chautauqua County, parents can get some comic relief – not just during special days like that memorable fall morning - but all year-long. We have one of THE BEST-RATED places for fun and laughter in the whole entire country is RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD! The National Comedy Center! It's a family-friendly destination with over fifty immersive and interactive experiences for both young and old alike. The choose-your-ownadventure features are exciting and ever-updating, so you can visit again and again, and the Center never gets old. It's both an enlightening wonder and educational boon. As the Center's tagline goes: "It's not just a museum. It's an experience." Truly, an experience for us all.

This week, we applaud Executive Director Journey Gunderson and her entire team at the National Comedy Center. You make us laugh. You make us love (our town!). You make us proud during this special festival week and all year round.

"Men want the same thing from their underwear that they want from women: a little bit of support and a little bit of freedom."

- Jerry Seinfeld

National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson is as Brilliant and Fun-loving as the Festival's Namesake!



Since 2011, Gunderson has demonstrated the entrepreneurial passion, creative energy, and innovative spirit reminiscent of the pioneering woman whose vision she was hired to bring to life — Jamestown, New York's own Lucille Ball. Named one of the "Top 50 Museum Influencers" worldwide by the international museum and attractions resource Blooloop and second on its list of "Innovators Who Changed Comedy" by the comedy authority The Interrobang, Gunderson and her team - along with a dedicated board of community volunteers - have guided the National Comedy Center in its 21st Century museum design, featuring state-of-the-art technology, interactivity and personalization customized for each visitor's specific interests and tastes.

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CCIDA Ranks First in Western New York

Project Value in 2023 Totaling \$842 Million Makes Chautauqua County No. 1 in Region

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County of Chautauqua **Industrial Development** Agency

County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) was the top ranking economic development agency in Western New York State for 2023. That's according to Buffalo Business First, which provided a list of the region's top economic development agencies in its July 12, 2024 issue.

According to Business First, it's the first time the CCIDA has landed in the No. 1 spot (out of seven) on the publication's ranking of the economic development agencies in Buffalo and Western New York. At the end of 2023, the CCIDA reported a total of \$842 million worth of deals brokered. Not only was it the largest total of any agency in Western New York, but also the largest single-year total ever reported by CCIDA in its 51 years of operation.

In addition, the CCIDA was involved with 34 different projects in 2023, more than any other economic development agency operating out of the Western New York region.

"2023 was unprecedented in terms of the breadth and size of projects assisted by the CCIDA, as well as job retention and creation," said Mark Geise, Deputy Chautauqua County Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA. "It is my opinion that our economic development team, which includes the County Department of Planning & Development, the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, and community partners, is unparalleled not just in Western New York, but across New York State. I am grateful that Buffalo Business First has recognized the CCIDA in this fashion, and I'm grateful to our staff, board, consultants, and other partners for everything they do."

As first reported in January in its 2023 Annual Report, some of the key projects the CCIDA assisted included: \$452 million Cummins Engine Internal Expansion; \$250 million Wells Ice Cream Plant Expansion; Weber Knapp Purchase by Local Ownership (\$21.4 million); Purchase and Development of lithium-ion Battery Manufacturer Electrovaya (\$42.5 million); and the acquisition of the Conagra/ CCIDA Facility in Dunkirk by Refresco to create a Northeastern US Distribution Center (\$13 million).



Mark Geise, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency CEO, led the agency to unprecedented activity in 2023, resulting in \$842 million in total project value, first among all economic development agencies in Western New York.

In all, a total of 34 different projects benefited from support by the

"I am thrilled with the work being undertaken by the CCIDA and the extended economic development team, which includes the Partnership for Economic Growth and the County Department of Planning & Development," said Chautauqua County Executive Paul "PJ" Wendel. "I commend Mark Geise and the County/CCIDA team for their laser focus on Chautauqua County's upward trajectory. As I've said many times since the pandemic hit us, our comeback will be greater than our setback, and the CCIDA's 2023 tally of accomplishments has proven this sentiment to be true. This is truly an amazing achievement, considering the population of Chautauqua County compared to our larger neighbors."

The CCIDA's top-ranking dollar amount is a 59% increase from the \$500 million reported in 2022, when it ranked second on the Business First list. The other top five Western New York economic development agencies in 2023 were Invest Buffalo Niagara, Erie County IDA, Genesee County Economic Development Center, and County of Cattaraugus

collective "Once again, our development team was able to knock it out of the park, which is due to the unwavering dedication of an extremely capable staff, volunteer members, community board stakeholders, and volunteers. I vow that we will continue to be aggressive and intentional as we advance the ball as it relates to economic development, thereby creating and retaining good jobs for families throughout the County," Geise said.

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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!

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Nasal mucus
- 5. Hairs on the back of a dog
- 11. Ones who build anew
- 14. Consume too much food
- 15. Praised
- 18. Provides weapons
- 19. Become less lively
- 21. Engine additive
- 23. Thought or suggestion
- 24. South Korean city
- 28. Midday rests
- 29. Expression of acidity or alkalinity
- 30. Group of rockers
- 32. Very fast airplane
- 33. One who is paid to do something

- 35. Buzzing insect
- 36. Monotheistic religion founder
- 39. Strong dark beer
- 41. Blood type
- 42. Square measures
- 44. Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
- 46. Present
- 47. Afflict in mind or body
- 49. Duty
- 52. Municipality in Stockholm 56. In a normal way
- 58. Rode a bicycle
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Verandas
- 63. Uncredited

CLUES DOWN

- 1. No seats available
- 2. Kussian river 3. A European river
- 4. Phrase
- 5. Idol
- 6. Keyboard key
- 7. Prefix indicating mutual
- 8. Kilometers per hour 9. Set an example
- 10. It's among the "Great" ones
- 12. VVV
- 13. Murdered
- 16. Icelandic poems 17 Seas

- 20. Famed cartoonist 22. Partner to "Ma"
- 25. Equal to one quintillion bytes 26. Speak incessantly
- 27. Disquiet
- 29. Parts per billion (abbr.)

- 31. Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
- 34. S. American plant
- 36. Monetary unit of Thailand
- 37. Regions
- 38. Baseball legend Yogi
- 40. Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
- 43. Fishing net
- 45. Tinseltown
- 48. MacBeth's wife was one
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Viewing the Gospel as a Comedy



Contributing Writer

Adam Rohler

Tho doesn't love a good joke? As a former pastor current mental health counselor, I can tell you that laughter is truly the best medicine. The National Comedy Center celebrates comedians, both past and present, and I'm proud to support and promote the Center and its upcoming comedy festival. And, let's talk about something many don't consider: the idea that the Gospel the good news about Jesus Christ might actually be a comedy.

Now, before you think I've gone off the deep end, hear me out. Seeing the Gospel as a comedy doesn't mean it's not serious. It just means it's also got some surprising twists and a whole lot of joy. Think of it as the ultimate feel-good story.

First off, let's talk about Jesus' birth. The King of Kings shows up not in a fancy palace but in a barn. Picture it: the Savior of the world surrounded by cows and sheep! It's like the ultimate underdog story. This unexpected twist sets the stage for Jesus's entire ministry. He picks his crew from some pretty unlikely places fishermen and tax collectors. It's like assembling the Avengers but starting with the guys who hang out at the docks and the IRS office.

Jesus's parables? Comedy gold. These stories often use irony and exaggeration to drive home their points. Take the parable of the prodigal son. The younger son is a total screw-up, blows his inheritance on wild living, and ends up feeding pigs. When he finally decides to go home, expecting to grovel for forgiveness, his dad runs to meet him and throws a massive party. No lectures, no "I told you so." Just hugs, kisses, and a barbecue. It's the ultimate feel-good ending, like a Hallmark movie but with more

And then there's the crucifixion, which might seem like the biggest tragedy ever. But wait for it—the resurrection is the divine punchline that flips the script. It's the ultimate plot twist: Jesus, who was dead, is now alive! Death is defeated, and the empty tomb is the biggest mic drop in history!

The Gospel's impact on individual lives is full of these comedic twists. Look at the apostle Paul. One minute he's the villain hunting down Christians, and the next, he's their biggest advocate. It's like Darth Vader switching sides and becoming a Jedi. His transformation shows the incredible power of God's grace, turning a persecutor into a preacher.

Early Christians also lived out this comedy. They shared everything, supported each other, and found joy even in tough times. Despite facing persecution, they celebrated their faith and the promise of resurrection. Their community was like a giant, family reunion happy where everyone's invited.

Seeing the Gospel as a comedy has big implications for today's Christians. It encourages us to find joy and hope in our faith, even when life gets tough. It calls us to look beyond immediate problems to a hopeful ending. This perspective helps us laugh in the face of adversity, knowing the final victory is already ours.

In the end, viewing the Gospel as a comedy reveals the deep joy, hope, and redemptive power at the heart of the Christian story. It shows a God who loves surprises, who brings life out of death, and who invites us into a story that ends in celebration. This comedic view of the Gospel enriches our faith, offering a way to understand and live out the Christian life with a whole lot of joy and laughter. And because this is true, remember that God loves you and I love you too!

The Jamestown Gazette is proud to feature different faith leaders from throughout the Greater Jamestown area each week, in an effort to connect and inspire. We endeavor to provide a variety of religious and faith perspectives well-aligned with our diverse community and values. If you are a faith leaderand wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at LCornell@jamestowngazette.com.

The Life of Lucy: Hometown to Hollywood



Featured Writer

Hannah Jaroszynski

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Then most people learn I am on the Board of Trustees for the Fenton History Center, they react in a perplexed manner. The truth is - I am not someone they would imagine to be there. I am in my mid-twenties, work full time as a Mental Health Therapist serving youth, teens, and young adults, and even just bought my first house in the City of Jamestown. There are many different societal roles I would seem to fit into, but it seems as though my role on the Board is never one. However, I feel as though our local history is more important than ever; especially to our young people. We have a duty to carry these traditions, information, and moments of advocacy on.

There are many different topics I could cover concerning the history of Chautauqua County, especially Jamestown, New York. We are a small, close-knit town, where everyone seems to be able to find a connection somehow, some way, some where. The same thing is true for our local history, as there are many national - even global - connections to here. Perhaps the most commonly-discussed and most popular with tourists and locals is our connection to the famous Lucille "Lucy" Ball. Most people know of her from her hit comedy show, *I Love Lucy*. While this show surpassed the rating scales - Lucy really was a "small town" girl. She was born in an average-looking two-story home, located on Stewart Avenue in Jamestown. Her mother then went back out West to reunite with Lucille's father, who was working out there. Unfortunately, Lucille's

father passed away a few short years later from Typhoid Fever. This caused her Mother to move back home to Stewart Avenue, where Lucy's brother, Fred, was also born five months later.

Lucille then spent most of her childhood in Celoron, New York with her grandparents. She attended the local Celoron School, which was located just a block from her home. She participated in the school's drama activities, and her teacher even described her as having much artistic potential. After her father passed away, Lucy's mother later remarried and Lucy was sent to live with her step-father's parents for a few short years. This home was located on 12th Street in Jamestown. Inevitably, Lucy made her way back to Celoron with her maternal grandparents. Her grandparents then lost this home when they had to sell it to pay legal fees from a shooting practice accident in their backyard, supervised by her grandfather. This incident left a neighbor boy injured and paralyzed. Lucy, her mother and step-father, her grandparents, her brother, and a cousin then moved into a small apartment on Wilcox Avenue in Jamestown, now located on 5th Street. This is when Lucy officially started to attend Jamestown High School.

Throughout Lucy's childhood and teenage years, she was enrolled in various acting classes and schools. Lucy was determined not to let the opinions of other professionals stop her, and therefore continued to practice, audition, and book roles. This is what evolved into the Lucy we know and love.

Local history is easy to overlook. People are worried about the economy, politics, work, school, and their families, and rightfully so. However, local history enriches us, enlightens us. It allows us an extra level of understanding of the community in which we live, and the community in which we need to continue to build. Local history can act as an escape to everyday life, immersing ourselves into the information of a different generation. Local history matters.

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- Phyllis Diller

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Nicole Byer

Thursday, August 1 Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

Nicole Byer 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 include *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?* She is an Upright Citizens Brigade alumnus who continues to cement her status as a force in stand-up comedy, regularly performing in cities across the country.



Nate Bargatze

Saturday, August 3 Northwest Arena

Hailed as "The Nicest Man in Stand-Up," by The Atlantic magazine and a "Rising Star," by CBS Mornings, Grammy nominated comedian, podcaster, director and producer Nate Bargatze is selling out shows and breaking attendance records around the world.

An Old Hickory, Tennessee native, Bargatze followed in the showbiz footsteps of his father, a former clown turned world class magician, who's influence is seen on his's 2015 debut Comedy Central special, *Full Time Magic* and his debut album, *Yelled at By a Clown*, which reached #1 on the iTunes Comedy Charts and remained on Billboard's Top Ten Comedy Charts for weeks.

Bargatze's half-hour Netflix Special *The Standups*, premiered in 2017 and his first solo one-hour Netflix special, *The Tennessee Kid*, premiered globally with rave reviews in 2019. In 2021, he released his critically acclaimed second Netflix special, *The Greatest Average American*, which received a Grammy nomination for Best Comedy Album. In 2023, Nate released his latest and third 1-hour special, *Nate Bargatze: Hello World*, on Amazon Prime which now holds the record as Amazon's most-streamed original comedy special in its first 28 days of viewership.

Bargatze's comedy is both clean and relatable, evident in his 13 appearances on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*, the most appearances by any comedian. He also appeared on *Conan* four times and has appeared on Seth Meyers and James Corden's respective late night shows.

Last fall, Bargatze hosted *Saturday Night Live* for the first time, earning rave reviews and securing top ratings for the program, with *Vanity Fair* calling him, "A Great Saturday Night Live Host," and Entertainment Weekly exclaiming, "A frighteningly funny Halloween episode."

He was a recurring guest on @midnight and had his own Comedy Central Presents in 2011. Off-screen, Bargatze was part of Jimmy Fallon's Clean-Cut Comedy Tour, and has performed live shows for the troops in Iraq and Kuwait five times. In addition to touring the country as a headliner, Nate toured arenas with Chris Rock on his 2017 Total Blackout Tour. He has performed at SXSW, Oddball Comedy Festival, Sasquatch, Clusterfest, and the JFL Montreal Comedy Festival, where he's received critical acclaim multiple years in a row.

Bargatze was featured as one of Esquire's "Best New Comedians" by Jim Gaffigan, one of Marc Maron's "Comedians to Watch" in *Rolling Stone*, one of *Variety's* "10 Comics to Watch" for 2015, and as #1 on *Vulture's '50 Comedians You Should Know'* in 2015. He also appeared on the cover of Variety's annual comedy issue in 2022.

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Cindy Aronson

am passionate about igniting the power of people and have Ldedicated a 30 year career to fueling development, growth, & wellbeing of workplace professionals. I've made it my mission is to help others love their profession as much as I love mine. Twelve years ago, I had the good fortune of meeting Journey Gunderson, who at the time was the Executive Director of the Lucy-Desi Center. She too was on a mission, to fulfill Lucille Ball's vision to make Jamestown, New York a destination for comedy as an art form. She asked me to join her team for the summer, which led to an invitation to join the Center's board of directors.

During the past 12 years, I've had the incredible opportunity to take a deep-dive into comedy of all kinds. I've been inspired and moved by behind-the-scenes stories of leadership, teamwork, and a relentless commitment to excellence that led to the legendary comedy we all know and love. I've discovered that comedy's greatest artists live by a code that professionals in every field can apply and benefit from. I call it the Comedy-Code and I help workplace professionals learn, live, and lead by it.

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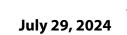
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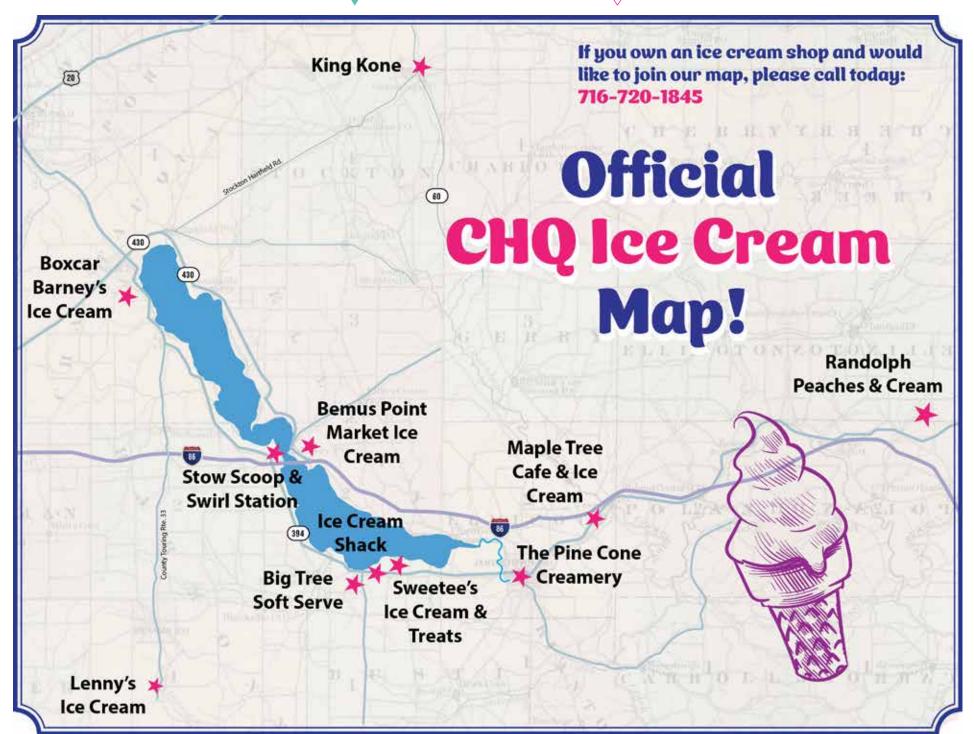
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Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

Lucy Fans and Their Love of Lucy



Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

Three ladies named Sue, Jessica and Sandy. Who are they? They are Lucy fans who have been coming to Jamestown for many years to celebrate their mutual admiration and love of Lucille Ball, known to the world as simply, Lucy. They represent St. Louis, Missouri; Palmdale, California; and Edwards, Illinois. Jessica's mother, Jessie, joined her last year and has now met her daughter's "Lucy family". Jessica has been going to every Lucy Fest since celebrating Lucy's 100th birthday. She was among the 915 red-lipsticked, red-headed Lucy look-a-likes gathered in downtown Jamestown on August 6, 2011 - setting the first Guinness world record as the "Most People Dressed as Lucy Ricardo in One Place at One Time".

A memorable parade in 2011 was experienced by many spectators, including Lucy fans from Australia. Several visiting marching drum and bugle corps performed, along with the Jamestown High School Marching Band. They played the theme song from the 1950's sitcom, I Love Lucy. The famous song was composed by Eliot Daniel (1908-1997) as a personal favor to television show producer, Jess Oppenheimer (1913-1988). The lyrics were written by Harold Adamson (1906-1980). By the way, another song written by Adamson was "Winter Wonderland".

Sue began traveling to Jamestown in 2004. She recalls meeting many celebrities including a very special





lady, Lucie Desiree Arnaz. A unique memory for Sue was when she and her mother, Shirley were featured on the front page in living color for the May 30, 2004 Jamestown Post Journal during Lucy-Desi Days. Another memory was when a Buffalo reporter interviewed Sue after learning she could recite the entire "Vitameatavegamin" commercial. The product actually contained apple pectin for the I Love Lucy episode, Lucy Does a TV Commercial (Season 1, Episode 30). It aired on CBS-TV on May 5, 1952.

Sandy visited Jamestown for the first time in August of 2007. Since



then, she and her son, Matthew, have made 14 trips by car. Sandy and Jessica participate in a festival favorite, the trivia contest every year. They continue to do quite well as the questions get more difficult until a grand winner is chosen among the contestants. I think the winner can almost recite word-for-word dialogue from any I Love Lucy episode. This contest truly tests one's expert knowledge of "all things Lucy". Another popular event was the masquerade ball costume contest, held in the time-honored ballroom of the Hotel Jamestown. Sandy and her son won the costume contest in 2014 dressed as the two-headed

dragon from the I Love Lucy episode, "Lucy Goes to Scotland" (Season 5, Episode 17). It aired on CBS-TV on February 20, 1956. This year's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival will present an event at the Doubletree Hotel called "Lucy and Desi's Hollywood Soiree" on Friday at 8 p.m. Attendees will be wearing either Hollywood-style attire or costumes representing their favorite I Love Lucy episode.

Lucy fans from around the world, especially these three dedicated Lucy fans, have a special connection to each other having become lifelong friends. They remain in touch throughout the year until it is time, once again, to visit Jamestown and to experience more fun by meeting new Lucy fans and reconnecting with familiar faces. During their time in Lucy's hometown, they remain mindful of why they continue to make the trip each year from their far-away hometowns. It is simply because of their love for Lucy and knowing Lucille Ball's illustrious career and legacy as the "First Lady of Comedy" continues to bring joy and laughter. A lady who called Chautauqua County, home.

On September 22, 1952 the I Love Lucy episode titled "The Saxophone" (Season 2, Episode 2) Lucy mentions Lake Chautauqua. While rummaging through a trunk in the attic, as Ethel watches, Lucy pulls out a large, wooden plaque with a very small fish mounted in the middle. "Oh, here's that fish that Ricky caught in Lake Chautauqua! He had it mounted." When Lucy finds her old saxophone, she tells Ethel she "used to play it in the high school band in Celoron, New York". "I was dating a football player and the band got to go on trips with the team". Ethel responds "I did it the hard way. I played left tackle".

Come join the fun at the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival and look for Sue, Jessica, Jessie, Sandy and Matthew!





Erie Art Museum Sees Success in Inaugural Summer Camp -The Secret Life of Objects

Article Contributed by Erie Art Museum

The Erie Art Museum is offering new summer camps for children ages 7-12. In The Secret Life of Objects camps, students are learning how to safely use power tools to build sculptures, machines, and inventions with recycled materials. The camps run this week, July 22nd - 26th, and next, July 29th - August 2nd. The camps have filled and students are preparing their inventions to be shown in a graduation ceremony on Friday, July 26th, at 2 pm.

Led by visiting artist Aaron Kramer, local artist and tinkerer Sarah Howard, and the EAM team, the camp will start with tool and safety training and lead to an imaginative place where kids are empowered to think creatively and build as large as their imaginations.

The camps are inspired by Aaron Kramer, a renowned artist and educator out of Santa Monica, CA, whose kinetic works are featured at the Museum in the

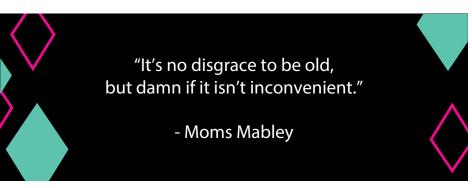
Erie Art Museum

current exhibition, Sense of Wonder. primarily Utilizing reclaimed materials, he builds contraptions that are at times one-liners, lessons in mechanics, or interactive stories. Kramer's unique vision is summed up in his motto, "Trash is the Failure of Imagination." He also started the Tinkering program through the reDiscover Center, a Los Angelesbased nonprofit, that puts real tools safely into children's hands while building with reclaimed materials.

Aaron Kramer will be a special guest for the Up Close with the Collection event, Kinetic Cocktails, Thursday, July 25th from 6 – 8 pm. Participants will get a behind-thescenes look at his artistic process, explore works in the permanent collection and create a hands-on activity designed by the artist. Tickets are available at https:// www.erieartmuseum.org/up-close







'Chautauqua County Grape & **Grain Trail' Launches**

New Marketing Effort to Focus on County's Beverage and Ecotourism Destinations

Article Contributed by

Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth

There's a new Chautauqua County marketing effort launching, focusing on the county's craft beverage and wine producers, with an additional focus on ecotourism opportunities.

The "Chautauqua County Grape & Grain Trail" is a collaboration between the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) and the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau (CCVB). It is designed to showcase the various wineries, craft breweries, and craft distilleries located within the county, along with its numerous outdoor activities and nature attractions that welcome visitors to the area.

"We want to brand Chautauqua County as a destination for not only wine enthusiasts, but also for those who enjoy beer and distilled spirits, while CHAUTAUQUA COUNT distinguishing the county from other wine and craft beverage-producing destinations highlighting the GRAPE & GRAIN county's abundant trail networks,

other waterways, natural public spaces for recreation, and the amenities that support ecotourism," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Cochair of the CCPEG Advisory Board.

The campaign landing page is available at TourChautauqua.com/ field-to-glass and lists the various businesses that produce and serve wine, craft beer, and spirits. It will also provide links to pages on the CCVB website so visitors can explore ecotourism friendly adventures in Chautauqua County. Those who visit the website will then be able to use the information to help plan their trip to the county and any of the listed destinations. The Grape & Grain Trail will be promoted on various

social media channels, including Instagram, Meta, and Snapchat.

"This marketing initiative is an important collaborative effort," said Andrew Nixon, CCVB director. "The campaign is designed to drive additional visitation to our county's wineries, breweries, and distilleries, while also working to extend visitor stays and increase visitor spending throughout the region. Through CCPEG, several organizations and businesses have been able to secure the funding necessary to bring this initiative to fruition."

"This campaign creatively aims to showcase the natural beauty of Chautauqua County while highlighting the region's vibrant craft beverage producers, including local wine and spirits," said Kristy economic Kathman, **CCPEG** development specialist. "Our goal is to celebrate the picturesque landscapes, various ecotourism destinations, and rich flavors of local

brews, wines, and spirits, making Chautauqua County a destination for nature and craft beverage enthusiasts

alike."

The Grape & Grain Trail campaign was developed by Paperkite, marketing firm from Cooperstown,

selected by CCPEG following an RFP process that generated interest from more than a dozen different agencies. During the first half of 2024, Paperkite developed a campaign that is unique to Chautauqua County, based on research, interviews, and visits with the businesses and locations connected to the effort.

This project is being supported by a Market New York grant from Empire State Development and I LOVE NY/ New York State's Division of Tourism through the Regional Economic Development Council initiative. Matching funds for the project are being provided by the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation.



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WEEK SIX: FEATURED LECTURES

LECTURE HELD DAILY AT 10:45AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

- The Chautauqua Lecture Series begins a very special week "Exploring the Transformative Power of Music" with world-renowned soprano Renée Fleming in conversation on Monday, July 29, 2024, with former director of the National Institutes of Health, Francis Collins, with whom she has partnered for many years to study the intersection of music and wellness.
- In a presentation titled "Lessons in Gratitude:
 Excellence, Representation, and the Transformative Power of the Arts," Sphinx Organization
 Founder Aaron Dworkin returns to the Amphitheater stage on Wednesday, July 31, 2024,
 to discuss the impact of diversity and representation in classical music and the enduring
 power of empowered artists as leaders in our society.
- On Thursday, Aug. 1, 2024, David Brown the founder and creative director of Harmony Project will explore how Harmony Project has grown into a national model for building community and redefining equity and accessibility through performances, programming and unique community service experiences.
- Aniruddh "Ani" Patel is a Professor of Psychology at Tufts University, where he studies the cognitive, neural, and evolutionary foundations of musicality, who will close the week on Friday, Aug. 2, 2024, by discussing his work in music cognition: the mental processes involved in making, perceiving, and responding to music.

EVENTS:

- July 30 Chautauqua Theater Company presents Birthday Candles (Last Performance)
- July 31 Gibney Dance Company
- July 31 Chautauqua Theater Company Celebrates the Institution's 150th Anniversary
- **Aug. 2** Il Divo



10 GREAT THINGS TO DO IN WEEK SIX:

- 1. Explore the lake side with a morning Kayak ride up and down the shoreline.
- 2. Discover how to sail at our Chautauqua Sailing Center and take a guided sailing excursion offered for families or small groups.
- 3. Browse through the Chautauqua Bookstore and find unique treasures for yourself and your loved ones.
- 4. Play a round of golf on two four-star rated courses.
- 5. Be inspired by a fantastic performance Il Divo on Aug. 2 at the Chautauqua Amphitheater.
- 6. Attend an "Ecumenical Worship" service any weekday morning at 9:15am.
- 7. Relax and sink into a velvet-covered hard chair at Afterwords Wine Bar while enjoying delicious shareable plates and a glass of wine.
- 8. Catch a captivating performance as Chautauqua Theater Company presents its last performance of Birthday Candles on July 30-Aug. 3.
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TRC Golf Classic Enjoys Another Successful Event



From left are the members of the winning team: Mike Grisanti, Michelle Grisanti, Lindsay O'Connor and Jason O'Connor.

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The Resource Center

Sunny weather and spirited competition highlighted the 28th annual TRC Golf Classic, which raised money to improve the lives of people with special needs in Chautauqua County.

Twenty-seven foursomes competed in the tournament, held July 22 at Moon Brook Country Club near Jamestown. Winning the tournament with a score of 116 in the four-ball, two-best-ball format was the team of Michelle Grisanti, Mike Grisanti, Lindsay O'Connor and Jason O'Connor. They will have their names engraved on the champions' trophy, which is called The Gregg Bender Cup in honor of the retired TRC employee and former longtime chair of the tournament's steering committee.

Earning top honors in the first flight with a score of 120 was the team of Mike Bird, Jeff Keppel, Todd Conklin, and Jerome Lee Yaw. Finishing atop flight two with a 129 was the team of Mike Goldman, Mike Roberts, Devan Jackson, and Damien Jackson.

Once the tournament concluded, the traditional Special Olympics putting contest took place. More than 20 athletes participated, with each Special Olympian getting one chance to make a lengthy putt. The competitor whose ball came to rest closest to the hole was Paul Ribaudo.

Following appetizers and a buffet dinner prepared by Moon Brook staff, awards were presented to the top teams in the tournament, and prize drawings were held. Kelly Dimitri, TRC's chief operating officer, thanked the golfers for participating in the tournament, which raises money to support disabilities people with Chautauqua County.

For the 13th straight year, Lake Shore Savings was the presenting sponsor. Other major sponsors were HM Insurance Group, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, the Winifred Crawford Dibert Foundation, AssuredPartners, Bryans Gramuglia, Double Tree by Hilton Jamestown, Jamestown Container Companies, Lutheran Jamestown, Ocean State Innovations, SKF Aeroengine, The Post-Journal, and USI Insurance.

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Paul Ribaudo, center, won the Special Olympics putting contest. He is pictured with Gregg Bender, left, a member of the tournament's steering committee and Kevin Anderson, a Resource Center employee and Special Olympics golf coach.

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The tournament's success is due in large part to the efforts of its steering committee: Chris Anderson, chair; Gregg Bender, chair emeritus; Nicholas Bell, Daniel Bender, Anthony Cusimano, Adam Dimitri, John Felton, Todd Frangione, R. Michael Goldman, Cindy Hitchcock, Phil Ribaudo, Mike Roberts, Jason Stronz, Victoria Bardo, Timur Tyra, Tad Wright, Gary Yager, and Ben Windoft.

Also critical to the tournament's success were the contributions of its other event-day volunteers: Kevin Anderson, Kayla DePane, Theresa Butts, Kelly Dimitri, Kathy Field, Rachel Foley, Mary Jo Hamilton, Austin Mitchell, Jenna Silzle, Karen Silzle, and Anne Yager.

"The 28th annual TRC Golf Classic, in terms of money raised, was our most successful event since 2008! The weather was perfect, and the golf course was in superb condition," Chris Anderson said. "The TRC Golf Classic is only made possible with the generous financial commitment of sponsors and the dedication of many volunteers and the staff at Moon Brook Country Club. Together, they make a lasting difference in the lives of people in our community. It is a distinct honor to lead such a successful and important event and have a dedicated team of committee members ensuring the tournament's continued success."

He noted that while final figures have not been tabulated, this year's tournament will generate over \$60,000 after all expenses have been paid. The most money raised in over 15 years. This will bring the tournament's cumulative net proceeds to about \$1.85 million since the event was first held in 1997.

TRC Golf Classic proceeds benefit Filling the Gap, Inc., a Jamestownbased not-for-profit organization that works with The Resource Center to improve the lives of people with disabilities and other socioeconomic challenges.

Next year's TRC Golf Classic is scheduled for July 21. Businesses interested in sponsoring the event can contact Anderson at 716-483-2344, ext 90167.



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- 1. What famous comedian and podcaster is making their debut at this year's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival?
- 2. Which comedy festival performer was known as a trailblazer in comedy and one of the first females to host a late-night show?
- 3. Which comedian is known for his humorous ventriloquist skiits?
- 4. When did the National Comedy Center first open?
- 5. Which comedian became the first female head of a major studio in 1962?
- 6. What is the name of Ricky Ricardos' nighclub that has been replicated in downtown Jamestown?
- 7. Which legendary comedian recently lent his voice to the animanted film "Inside Out"?
- 8. Who headlined the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival in 2023?
- 9. Which 2024 headliner was a producer on the Netlfix blockbuster "Roast of Tom Brady"?
- 10. Which female comedian has won four Emmys throughout her career?

1. Nicole Byer 2. Joan Rivers 3. Jeff Dunham 4. August 2018 5. Lucille Ball 6. The Tropicana Club 7. Lewis Black 8. Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias and Taylor Tomlinson 9. Jess Ross 10. Lucille Ball

Laugh Out Loud... All Weekend Long.

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Aug. 3. Other exciting comedic highlights include Comedy Late Night with six shows throughout the weekend at the Tropicana Room and three performances of "Ricardos and Mertzes: Jamestown at Last" at the Robert H. Jackson Center. In addition to live performances, attendees can explore interactive exhibits that delve into the science of humor, create their own comedy routines, and participate in festivities at the center including a special guided kids' tour, plus presentations on Saturday Night Live, animation & comedy, Pixar's Inside Out, and Carl Reiner.

The festival also plans to offer outdoor entertainment, including three "block parties" outside the Reg Lenna and the National Comedy Center, featuring different local bands each night. On Aug. 1, stop down to hear music from the "In Crowd," and enjoy food trucks, beer, wine and more. Aug. 2 features "The Untouchables" with more fun to be had, while the third block party on Aug. 3 will feature "Smack Dab" at the National Comedy Center. Each event features free admission and begins at 5:30 p.m. Beyond the

begins at 5:30 p.m. Beyond the scheduled events, the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival provides a unique opportunity for fans to explore Jamestown and visit the National Comedy Center and the Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Museum. The Center is a worldclass experience designed to educate, inspire and entertain, with more than 50 immersive and interactive features welcoming guests on an exclusive journey through comedy history. The Lucy Desi museum, meanwhile, houses a vast collection of memorabilia, including costumes, props, and personal artifacts from Ball's illustrious

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This year's festival promises to uphold the tradition of laughter and entertainment, drawing visitors to the charming town of Jamestown to celebrate the enduring influence of one of comedy's greatest pioneers. As the festival continues to grow in popularity and scope, it remains a fitting tribute to Lucille Ball's enduring legacy, inspiring future generations of comedians and delighting audiences with the timeless joy of comedy. The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival is more than just a showcase of comedic talent; it's a celebration of laughter, creativity, and community. For more on the schedule of the festival and to purchase tickets, visit wwww. comedycenter.org. Get ready for a weekend of non-stop laughter in the heart of comedy country.







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Comedy's Hometown Heroes

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through comedy history, from early vaudeville to the latest viral memes, all personalized through a 'laugh band' that captures their favorite comedy art and artists. Exclusive collections, world-class exhibits, and cutting-edge technology are featured throughout the 37,000-square-foot attraction that was quickly named a TIME World's Greatest Place, USA Today's Best New Museum, People's 100 Reasons to Love America, U.S. News 25 Top Family Weekend Getaways in the U.S. and earned a 5/5 Tripadvisor rating. Opening day praise from Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz's daughter, Lucie Arnaz, perfectly captures the visitor experience: 'Unfrickin' believable! It is more amazing than anything I could have even envisioned. Bravo, Jamestown, New York!!!!!

Amazing indeed. And between Lucille Ball's vision and the world's embrace of it, lies a village of hometown heroes who heroically stepped up to turn her vision into reality: the project's leaders, Tom Benson and Journey Gunderson, and their incredible ensemble cast of staff and board members, interns, public and private donors, sponsors and funders, government officials, advisors/leaders from the comedy community, visitors, and volunteers.

There is something especially amazing about an army of community volunteers who choose to step up and pitch in to help a cause they believe in. Their compensation? A t-shirt, event ticket, and all the pride and joy that comes from welcoming the world to comedy's hometown. Of course, it's also their hometown, and what better way to love where you live than by showing it off to visitors who are excited to be

there? Volunteers will tell you they've heard visitors tell them that Jamestown is a bucket list trip.

What do comedy volunteers do? A lot. But typically in short 2-3 hour shifts. They welcome guests, scan tickets, pour drinks, serve food, sell merchandise, guide tours, guard gates, decorate rooms, answer questions, sling ice, direct guests, host and transport artists, stomp grapes, wrap chocolate, thank people – all while smiling, laughing, and sparking joy.

The National Comedy Center and the accompanying Lucille Ball Comedy Festival have become much more than just attractions for comedy enthusiasts; they represent a vital asset to the Jamestown community and its identity. For locals including volunteers and visitors alike, these initiatives have fostered a sense of ownership, transforming the city into a hub of creativity and cultural celebration. The festival not only brings in tourists and boosts the economy, it encourages community engagement and collaboration, allowing residents to come together in a mutual love for laughter and the arts. This collective effort has enhanced our town's reputation on a national level, affirming Jamestown's place in the cultural landscape of American comedy. As we embrace its unique legacy, the National Comedy Center stands as a testament to what a community can achieve when it unites around a common goal. It is a celebration of heritage, artistry, and the spirit of laughter that resonates far beyond anything material; it cultivates a deep-rooted connection among residents, making the Jamestown area a point of pride for all who call it home.



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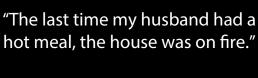
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National Comedy Center Timeline

2018

- Grand Opening events August 1- 5 with festivities featuring Lily Tomlin, Lewis Black, Amy Schumer, original SNL cast members Dan Aykroyd and Laraine Newman and writer Alan Zweibel, Fran Drescher, Lucie Arnaz, Laugh-In creator George Schlatter, W. Kamau Bell, Judy Gold and more.
- Late December 2018 Visitors from all 50
 U.S. States have visited the National Comedy
 Center. North Dakota was the final state
 during the holiday week.

2019

- January 18, 2019 The National Comedy Center is named the #2 Best New Attraction in the country by USA Today and selected as the #1 museum and #1 ticketed attraction.
- March 12, 2019 National Comedy Center officially designated by the U.S. Congress as the nation's official cultural institution for the art form of comedy.
- June 2019 National Comedy Center named by People magazine on of their "100 Reasons to Love America." One of only three museums on their annual list of the nation's most beloved treasures, People cited the National Comedy Center as "the country's first museum devoted to comedy" and "worth the trip to Jamestown, NY, Lucille Ball's hometown."
- July 29, 2019 The Smothers Brothers visit the National Comedy Center cut the ribbon on their display and reunite on stage for the first time in nearly ten years.
- August 7, 2019 The National Comedy Center opens its new Ernie Kovacs exhibit, celebrating his 100th birthday.
- August 7-11, 2019 The 29th Lucille Ball Comedy Festival takes place featuring John Mulaney and Sebatian Maniscalco.
- August 22, 2019 National Comedy Center named by TIME magazine one of the "World's Greatest Places." The National Comedy Center was selected as one of only "100 new and newly noteworthy destinations to experience right now" and one only nine attractions to visit in the United States.

2020

- February 28, 2020 National Comedy Center is named the "Best New Museum" in the country by USA Today.
- July 2, 2020 The National Comedy Center reopens after 16-week Covid closure, with new, award-winning LaughSafe health and safety program.
- August 14, 2020 The National Comedy Center launches its first Virtual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival featuring online conversations with 30 artists over three weekends.
- October 19, 2020 Executive Director Journey Gunderson named to list 50 Museum Influencers Worldwide by leading international tourist attraction authority Blooloop.
- October 23, 2020 The National Comedy Center announces that it will preserve the historic Johnny Carson Archive.

2021

- March 19, 2021 The National Comedy Center announces on NBC'S TODAY show with Mel Brooks and Rob Reiner that it will name its archive and preservation department in honor of Carl Reiner and that it will be preserving the Carl Reiner archive.
- June 20, 2021 The National Comedy Center launches seven weeks of "Riverside Saturdays" free outdoor comedy movie events along Jamestown Riverwalk, featuring a new outdoor patio bar and family activities designed to bring visitors to downtown Jamestown during the pandemic to dine, shop and stay in local hotels.
- August 6, 2021 Comedian, actress and producer Tiffany Haddish joins the National Comedy Center Advisory Board.
- October 15, 2021 The National Comedy Center's Lucy Desi Museum celebrates the 70th anniversary of the television premiere of I Love Lucy on CBS.

2022

- February 1, 2022 The donation of a new archival collection from groundbreaking sketch comedy series In Living Color is announced.
- March 1, 2022 Actress/Comedian/Director Amy Poehler visits the National Comedy Center to premiere her new documentary Lucy and Desi, which the National Comedy Center Archive team worked closely on with Poehler
- July 27, 2022 Director/Producer/Actor Rob Reiner, sister Annie Reiner and brother Lucas Reiner cut the ribbon on the new exhibit Carl Reiner: Keep Laughing, celebrating their father, comedy legend Carl Reiner, and his collaborations with Mel Brooks, Sid Caesar, Steve Martin, Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore.
- August 3-7, 2022 The 30th live Lucille Ball Comedy Festival takes place (the first live festival in three years due to Covid), featuring comedians Margaret Cho, Jeff Foxworthy and SNL alumni David Spade, Rob Schneider and Kevin Nealon.
- August 12, 2022 The National Comedy Center cuts the ribbon on the new multiscreen theater presentation Johnny Carson: The Immersive Experience with Hologram Host Jimmy Fallon featuring Steve Martin, Mel Brooks, Bette Midler, Martin Short, Byron Allen, Billy Crystal, Conan O'Brien, Jay Leno and more.
- September 6, 2022 U.S. News & World Report names the National Comedy Center a "Top 25 Family Weekend Getaway," joining a list of national attractions including Walt Disney World and Disneyland.
- September 13, 2022 Betty White archival collection goes on display at the National Comedy Center.
- December 15, 2022 Actress/Comedian/ Director Amy Poehler joins the National Comedy Center Advisory Board.

2023

- January 22, 2023 The National Comedy Center and its Carl Reiner exhibit is featured on CBS Sunday Morning.
- May 26, 2023 The National Comedy Center launches its Kids & Teens Free Summer, underwritten by Shults Auto Group.
- June 7, 2023 The National Comedy Center announces that it will be the home to comedy icon Joan Rivers' career archives, including her legendary 65,000 joke file, with a new interactive exhibit to debut in 2025.
- June 21, 2023 The National Comedy
 Center opens a new display celebrating
 legendary New York comedy club Carolines
 on Broadway and its founder/owner Caroline
 Hirsch
- August 2-6, 2023 The 31st Lucille Ball Comedy Festival took place with headliners Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias and Taylor Tomlinson.
- August 3, 2023 Laugh-In creator George Schlatter and actress Jolene Brand Schlatter cut the ribbon on the George and Jolene Brand Schlatter theater in the National Comedy Center.
- August 4, 2023 Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias cuts the ribbon cuts the ribbon on a display featuring the jersey worn during his recordbreaking sold-out performance at Dodger Stadium
- October 18, 2023 Group Tour Magazine names the National Comedy Center a Top Cultural Institution in New York State for student groups.
- November 1, 2023 The American Bus Association's Destinations Magazine awards the National Comedy Center with its "Best of the Best" award in the culture category.
- November 16, 2023 The National Comedy Center announces that it will preserve an archival collection from Don Rickles' estate.
- December 2, 2023 The National Comedy Center is voted "Best of the Best" in Chautauqua County for family fun by The Post-Journal and Observer readers.
- December 20, 2023 Variety magazine names I Love Lucy the #1 "Greatest TV Show of All Time" in its Top 100 list.

2024

- April 4-8, 2024 The National Comedy Center presents its Cosmic Comedy Weekend for the eclipse.
- April 28, 2024 The National Comedy Center co-produces the Tom Smothers memorial event celebrating his life and career.
- June 21, 2024 Pixar donates concept art from Inside Out 2 to the National Comedy Center's permanent archives.
- Coming this August 1-4 The 32nd Lucille Ball Comedy Festival will take place featuring headliners Nate Bargatze, Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer.

Exclusive, New Features at the National Comedy Center this Weekend!



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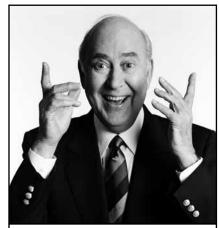
National Comedy Center

A National Comedy Center admission ticket comes with exciting, never-before-seen perks for guests who visit during the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival! Dedicated to celebrating the art form of comedy and its legends, the National Comedy Center has enhanced its state-of-the-art interactive exhibits and immersive experiences with exclusive insider tours, discussions, and brand-new "Archives Encounters."

Kids' Tour: for children ages 6 to 12. One-hour, free tour with museum admission Thursday, August 1 at 12 p.m., Friday, August 2 at 11 a.m., and Saturday, August 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Comedy Karaoke Lounge Discussions (30 minutes each):

- "Looking at Inside Out from the Inside Out": A thoughtprovoking discussion about the filmmaking process of the Academy Award-winning Pixar film, Inside Out, and the new blockbuster Inside Out 2.
- "A Scatological Movement Through Comedy": A lighthearted analysis of potty humor and its origins.
- "An Animated View of Comedy": A look at the evolution of animation and how it's shaped comedy as we know it.
- "Carl Reiner: The Creator of the Feel-Good Sitcom": A discussion on the legacy of Carl Reiner, his impact on American comedy, and how our most beloved sitcoms can be traced back to



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• "Live from New York: It's a Talk": Participants are immersed in the intriguing, fast-paced world of Saturday Night Live and get an inside look at the hallowed halls of 30 Rock.

Exclusive "Archives

Encounters": archival materials not on display during normal visiting hours during the festival. The Center is the official home of the Carl Reiner Department of Archives and Preservation.

"Remembering Richard Lewis" Archival Tribute: On Friday, museum archivists will be on hand on Friday with selections from the late comedian's archive including the handwritten "yellow sheets" which he prepared before every stand-up set.

The Golden Girls Archival

Tribute: On Saturday, visitors will have the chance to get an up-close look at the memorabilia and production archives from the classic sitcom including Betty White's personal collection.



4:30 Bicentennial Proclamation with Town Officials

4:30 Smorgasbord Dinner at the Fire Hall by Town Picnic Association

5:00 Parade Line-up at Town Ball Field

6:00 Parade Down Main Street

7:00 Music by "Bottoms Up" with Brian Hicks

10:00 Fireworks Display

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CHQ Chamber Revamps Awards, Opens Nominations

With a clear focus on our mission statement and in conjunction with our rebranding as a unified organization countywide, the CHQ Chamber has reconfigured our annual awards process, continuing our efforts to champion local businesses.

The Chamber will recognize businesses for milestone service years through a Legacy Recognition celebration. Multiple businesses may be recognized in this category.

In addition, seven awards will be presented to businesses or organizations. The Emerging Business of the Year will go to a newer or growing business that has demonstrated vision and/or has filled a need in Chautauqua County.

There will be four business sector awards, honoring one organization from each sector for outstanding service, production, growth, or community involvement. Those awards will be Hospitality Business of the Year (restaurants, attractions, lodging); Service Business of the Year (retail or service such as financial, insurance, legal); Producer of the Year (manufacturing, agriculture, construction); and Not-for-Profit of the Year (nonprofit organization.)

The Business Champion Award will be presented to an organization that has contributed most to the economic development, quality of life and stability of Chautauqua County.

The Business of the Year Award will go to a business that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in employee growth, product development, or exemplary service.

Nominations are open now on our website at www.chqchamber. org. Anyone may nominate a business or organization for these awards. Preference will be given to nominees that are members of the CHQ Chamber. If you're unsure, please check our online Business Directory for a searchable list of members. The deadline for all nominations is August 8.

All nominations will be reviewed by a "supercommittee" of CHQ Chamber volunteers from across the county, and final selections will be approved by the CHQ Chamber Board of Directors. Award recipients will be notified by the end of August. Awards will be presented at the CHQ Chamber Award Banquet, which will be held October 11 in the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia.

Jamestown Cruise-In Returns August 9

One of Downtown Jamestown's largest events returns August 9 as the Chamber of Commerce presents Jamestown Cruise-In from 5-9pm. This annual display of classic cars, hotrods, and cool vehicles always draws a crowd. This spectacular event is back for its 31st year! Enjoy live music by In Crowd, support local businesses with food and beverage purchases, and join in all the fun with another People's Choice Award as spectators can text the number of their favorite car. Vehicle registration and sponsorship opportunities are open online now through the Chamber's web calendar. Jamestown Cruise-In is sponsored by Cummins, Shults Auto Group, 3 C's Catering, Elegant Edibles Catering, Axiom Office Imaging, Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company, Affinity One Federal Credit Union, LaBella Associates, National Grid, Brooks - TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, and AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital.

Chamber Golf Tournament is August 15

Chautauqua Chamber of Commerce is pleased to return to Peek'n Peak Resort for a fabulous day of golf and camaraderie. Networking doesn't get much better than on the golf course, and the pro-level course at Peek'n Peak is a golfer's dream! Limited space remains, so get your foursome together now and register through the Chamber's web calendar at www.chqchamber. org. Your registration includes greens fees, cart, tee gift sponsored by the Basil Dealerships, lunch, and dinner. We begin the day with a shotgun at 11am.

New this year, we have a Tee Gift Sponsor! Many thanks to Basil Chevrolet for this generous sponsorship. Our Par Sponsors for the tournament are: A Automotive, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Cattaraugus County Bank, Charlie's Auto Center, Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company, Community Bank, DFT Communications, Falconer Power Jamestown Container Company, Jamestown Mattress, Jamestown Plastics, Koester Associates, Lake Shore Savings Bank, National Grid, Nestle Purina, Northlake Development, Peek'n Peak, R & R Property Services & Landscaping, Shults Auto Group, Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, and Westfield Nursery.

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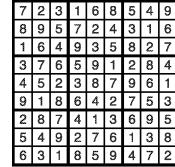
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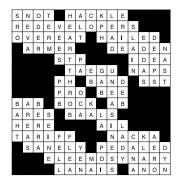


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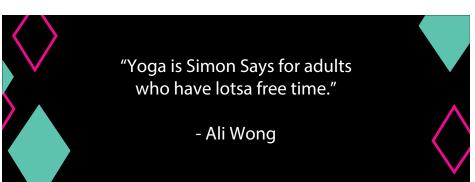
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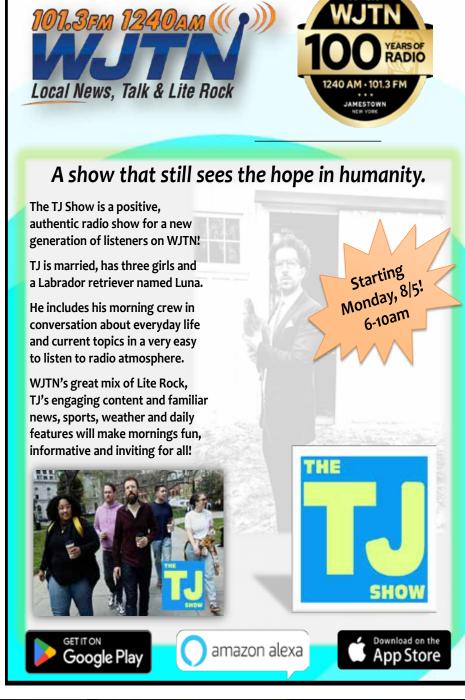
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BPU 25th Annual "Cents for St. Susan's" **Drive Raises Record Amount**



Sponsors and BPU employees gathered on the Riverwalk near the utility to celebrate a record-setting result for the 25th annual "Cents for St. Susan's" campaign to provide local meals.

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Jamestown Board of **Public Utilities**

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) "Cents for St. Susan's" organizers invited major sponsors of the 25th annual drive to the utility to reveal that a record amount of \$35,401.37 was raised to help the St. Susan Center soup kitchen.

This year's gift total of \$35,401.37 compares to \$32,508 in 2024. The announcement means that the BPU's 25 yearly campaigns have collected \$395,520.91 in donations for St. Susan Center since 2000.

"Our annual "Cents for St. Susan's" campaign is meaningful to us here at the BPU," stated BPU General

Manager David Leathers. "This drive is one way in which we can help our community outside of our daily utility work. We thank the major donors to this campaign and all community members who contributed to help the BPU assist St. Susan Center."

Major donors to the 2024 campaign include: Judy & Steve McAllaster, Chautauqua Chemicals Company, Robinson Law Office, PLLC, Asplundh, Boyles Motor Sales, Century 21/Turner Brokers, Dan & Connie Evans, Falconer Printing & Design, Inc., Kwik Fill, The Legend Group with Lou Deppas, National Fuel, Northwest, Robbins and Johnson Attorneys, R-Patti Excavating and Concrete, Shults Auto Group, Slone-Melhuish Insurance, Store-n-Lock Self Storage, Weinberg Financial

Group and Wright, Calimeri, PLLC Attorneys. The Media One Radio Group and The Jamestown Post-Journal contributed extensive publicity as media sponsors.

According to BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins,

who organizes the campaign, in addition to sponsorship gifts and mail-in or online gifts, \$1,996.17 was contributed in the yellow coin canisters placed around the community. Residents also donated \$300.35 in redeemable cans and bottles.

The hot dog sale, staffed by employee volunteers outside the BPU Customer Service Office during lunch hours, set a record profit of \$1,313.85 this year.

"We can't thank everyone enough for joining with the BPU in raising funds for the soup kitchen," stated Robbins. "Whether it was a financial gift by mail or online, a coin dropped in a canister, donated redeemable containers or a hot dog sale customer,

> we all joined to support St. Susan Center. Each gift counts."

> "The Greater Jamestown Community is comprised of people who care about others, especially about those individuals who

struggle," noted Leathers. "We are grateful to community members who supported our 25th annual drive and to all the businesses locally who permitted the drive to place coin canisters on their counters. We truly appreciate such help."

"The support of the BPU Cents for St. Susan's is beyond extraordinary!" stated St. Susan Center Executive Director Cherie Rowland. "Your dedication is not lost on the St. Susan's Board, staff, and guests. We are so grateful."

"This has been a record-breaking 25th year for the BPU "Cents for St. Susan's" campaign," Rowland continued. "The business sponsors community donors continuously support this event and our mission to feed the hungry and share tables every day, benefit 175 people, our guests, each day. Thank you all for your generosity."

Green Play Days at Audubon Community Nature Center



Included with building admission, Audubon Community Nature Center's Green Play Area is open Mondays through August 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., for 2 to 6-year-olds and their favorite adult(s). This safe outdoor space includes a mud kitchen, water wall, and more. For details, go to AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.

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JULY 29

Harlem Quartet at Chautauqua Institution - 4 PM

Chautaugua, NY For Info: 716.357.6250 or chq.org

Chautauqua Institution Farmers Market - 7 AM-11 AM

Massey Ave | Chautauqua, NY For Info: 716.357.6250 or chq.org

Green Play Day (ages 2-6 with adult) - 10 AM-3 PM

Audobon Community Nature Center For Info: audoboncnc.org

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" **VBS - 6 PM-8 PM**

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

JULY 30

Boulder Point Book: Meet The Author - 11 AM

Bemus Point Library | Bemus Point, NY For Info: 716-386.5119

JULY 31

Gerry Rodeo & BBQ - 5 PM-8 PM

For Info: 888.985.4847 or gerryrodeo.org

Harry Potter's Birthday -1 PM - 8 PM Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown, NY

For Info: 716-488-2529 or pearlcityclayhouse.org

Music at the Point Sunset Series 6 PM-8 PM

Dunkirk, NY For Info: 716.366.9886 or cityofdunkirk.com For Info: visitbemuspoint.com

AUGUST 1

Comedy Late Night: Lucille Ball Comedy Festival

National Comedy Center | Jamestown, NY For Info: 716.484.2222 or tickets. comedycenter.org

Nicole Byer at Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - 7pm

Jamestown, NY For Info: 716.484.2222 or comedycenter.org

Chautauqua County Day

Chautauqua Institution, NY For Info: 716.357.6250 or chq.org

Block Party: Lucille Ball Comedy Festival - 5:30pm-12pm

3rd St. | Jamestown, NY For Info: 716.484.2222 or tickets. comedycenter.org

PJ Jammin (with Pat Cook & John Savage) - 6 PM-8 PM

Lakeside Park | Mayville, NY

AUGUST 2

First Fridays - 5 PM-8 PM

Main Street | Westfield, NY

FriYAY! Audubon Fundraiser 5 PM-8 PM

Southern Tier Distilling's The Empty **Bottle**

For Info: audoboncnc.org

Falconer Farmer's Market 12 PM-6 PM

Davis Park | Falconer, NY For Info: 716.665.2050

AUGUST 3 & 4

Bemus Point Lake Days

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AUGUST 3

Jamestown Public Market 10 AM-2 PM

3rd St. | Jamestown, NY For Info: 716.664.2477 or jtownpublicmarket.org







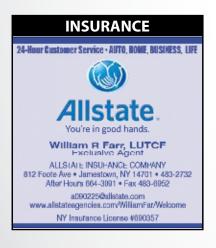




























CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

Jack is a pint-sized bundle of joy with a heart as big as the sky! This little four-legged dynamo may be small in stature, but don't let that fool you-Jack packs a ton of personality and charm into every wag of his tail. Known for his playful antics and boundless energy, Jack is always up for an adventure, whether it's chasing after a ball in the park or snuggling up for a cozy nap on your lap. Meet him soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.

Skittles is a shy feline with lots of love to give! Skittles' days are spent nestled in her favorite hiding spots, where the soft glow of sunlight gently caresses her fur. Despite her shy nature, she possesses a quiet charm that draws the curious gaze of those who seek to understand her gentle spirit. Meet Skittles soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.



Chautauqua County Humane Society 🔹 2825 Strunk Rd., Jamestown, NY 🔹 (716) 665-2209 🔹 www.chqhumane.org 🔹 cchs@chqhumane.org



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