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## Rayven Sample's Inspiring Journey to the 2024 Paralympics

*Featured Writer*

**Shannon Nixon**

Rayven Sample, a 2020 graduate of Cassadaga Valley Central School, has transformed his dreams into reality by securing a spot on the U.S. Paralympic track and field team. This summer, he will take his talent to Paris for the 2024 Paralympic Games, showcasing his speed as well as the indomitable spirit that defines every true champion.

Rayven has consistently pushed his limits on and off the track. Just a few weeks ago, at the U.S. Paralympic Team Trials in Florida, his skill and determination were on full display when he finished the 400-meter event in 49.46 seconds and earned his classification. The victory was not just a

personal triumph, but a testament to the countless hours of training and the unwavering support of his friends, family, coaches, and community.

Having competed with the Falconer/Cassadaga Valley team during high school, Rayven developed a love for the sport that would propel him toward this achievement. Now, after graduating from Bucknell University in May, he stands alongside 27 other talented athletes who will represent the United States in Paris.

The Paris Paralympic Games takes place from August 28 to September 8, and Rayven is ready to embrace the challenge as he competes in the 400-meter dash in the T (track) 45 sport class, which is defined by the official Paralympic Organization as "upper limb/s affected by limb deficiency, impaired muscle power, or impaired range of movement."

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## TEN AT THE TOP

CELEBRATING CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY'S OLYMPIANS



*Featured Writer*

**Randy Anderson**

President, Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame

Like thousands of other Chautauqua County residents, I have been avidly watching the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and rooting for our USA athletes.

I think I first became aware of the Olympics in 1958 when the handsome face of Bob Richards appeared on the box of Wheaties on my family's breakfast table. I learned that Richards had competed in the previous three Olympic Games and had won gold medals in pole vaulting in 1952 and 1956.

Two years later, I was excited by the exploits of American sprinter Wilma Rudolph and decathlete Rafer Johnson in Rome.

Fast forward to my senior year at Jamestown High School and the dreaded term paper requirement. Miss Grace Dorman, my outstanding English teacher, encouraged and supported

my idea of the Olympics as a suitable topic. I soon was engaged in research at the Prendegast Library. This was in the days before computers, cellphones, the Internet and Artificial Intelligence. The use of 3X5 note cards and proper notated references were taught by Miss Dorman.

I wrote about the ancient Olympics held from the 8th century BC to the 4th century AD in Olympia, Greece. I explained that French Baron Pierre de Coubertin founded the International Olympic Committee in 1894 and that the first Modern Olympic Games were held two years later in Athens. I related that in 1924 a winter sports

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**Editorial with Lori Cornell**

**Wonder and Awe**



Lori Cornell, owner of the Chautauqua Gazette, thrilled to meet Rayven Sample. He currently lives in Lewisburg, PA, where he continues to train for the Paralympics, but came home last weekend to volunteer for the Gerry Rodeo.



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**Owner & Publisher**  
**Lori Cornell**

This week, I will simply refer readers to our senior "Faith Matters" columnist, Pastor Luke on page 6. This edition can't be better described, and with his permission, I am thrilled to "copy" his mantra and make it our theme – a further credit to Chautauqua Institution's "Week Seven" and our summer centerfold feature!

*"Wonder and Awe."*

Yes, truly, we couldn't better describe our spectating reaction to the Olympics in general, or our pride, specifically, for incredible hometown athletes like Rayven Sample and the other ten local Olympians featured in this edition. I was incredibly honored to meet Rayven last week and wish him well on his upcoming feat in Paris. I am also grateful to Randy Anderson and his team at the Chautauqua County Sports Hall of Fame for their dedication to preserve and share these important Olympic memories.

In this edition, we also offer "Wonder and Awe" for the impressive transformation of our Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and our United Ways of Chautauqua County – both strategically paving and adapting the way forward toward even stronger futures.

And we celebrate, with "Wonder and Awe," the 79th Annual Gerry Rodeo – the oldest East of the Mississippi – held last weekend, truly an exemplary

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tribute to the dedicated network of volunteer fire departments across our community. I will close with a side-note for the above-referenced "Faith Matters" column. Every week, the Chautauqua Gazette is proud to feature leaders of different faiths throughout our community with a message of hope and call to conscious action. We include and appreciate a variety of perspectives that reflect the diversity of our readership. If you are a pastor or faith leader and writer, please reach out. We would love to include you in one of our upcoming editions!

While we may get wrapped up in a hectic schedule, hustling on to the next thing day in and day out, this mantra of "wonder and awe", reminds us to pause and notice the collection of details that make our community so great. From athletes to events to special landmarks and destinations, we can wonder with awe all around us. One just need know where to look. I am hopeful our team here at the Chautauqua Gazette continues to assemble a newspaper that helps you, our dear readers, do just that!

Have a great week everyone...and whether it be by enjoying the Summer Olympics or simply stepping out your front door – take time to embrace the "Wonder and Awe" all around.

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as pilot programs or new initiatives that are focused on entrepreneurship support, education, or ecosystem building; networking, mentoring, and match-making activities; entrepreneurship competitions such as hackathons or startup weekends; activities designed to support a target demographic; and innovation that helps facilitate the growth of many other companies.

For comprehensive guidelines and other program details, visit [www.springboardny.org](http://www.springboardny.org). Applicants that applied to previous rounds and were not funded can apply again for potential funding but must if they submit a project that differs from previous applications. Applications can be submitted online at [www.springboardny.org](http://www.springboardny.org) or sent via mail to Springboard Riveter Design, 166 Chandler Street, Suite 402, Buffalo N.Y, 14207. Applications for Round Three must be postmarked or submitted online no later than 11:59 PM on August 23, 2024.

The Center for Regional Strategies, Main Light Strategies, Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, Victor & Company and several community partners collaborated to lead the development of the pilot program that seeks to provide incentives for events, initiatives, and programs that connect entrepreneurs with resources, information, and other organizations. The Center for Regional Strategies is leading the implementation of Springboard, along with Main Light Strategies and an extensive team of local partners across the region.

The program is open to for-profit or non-profit applicants with an Employee Identification Number (EIN) that operate in the nine counties of Western New York including Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans or Wyoming County. Springboard helps to fund eligible activities that benefit entrepreneurs or promote business growth, such

**CONFIDENCE**  
*"If you don't have confidence, you'll always find a way not to win"*  
 - Carl Lewis, nine-time Olympic gold medalist track and field athlete

**Carol Hay Receives John D. Hamilton Community Service Award**  
 Article Contributed by **Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**  
 The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Carol Hay has been selected as the 2024 recipient of the John D. Hamilton Community Service Award. A celebration event is scheduled for September 20 at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute.



Submitted Photo  
 Carol Hay

The annual award has been presented since 1994 in recognition of an individual's dedication, leadership and support in furthering community spirit and enhancing the quality of life in the region. It is named for John D. Hamilton, in celebration of his tireless efforts and leadership throughout the community.

"We're honored to present this award to such an active and thoughtful contributor to our community," noted Tory Irgang, Executive Director. "Anyone who knows Carol can attest to how helping others brings her joy." Carol moved to western New York with her husband, J. Douglas "Doug" Hay in 1972. There, they operated Gentle Earth Pottery, a retail and wholesale pottery business, and farmed and raised animals on their homestead in Sherman. When their children were school-aged, Carol accepted a teaching position in the Sherman Central School District and began a career in education. After ten years in the classroom, she became a principal in Dunkirk City Schools before coming to Panama Central School. There she served as Principal then Superintendent, retiring in 2010 after a fulfilling and impactful career.

"I loved going to work," Hay noted. "Whether teaching in the classroom, serving as principal or being superintendent of the district - each job had its challenges, but was fulfilling and fun." Retirement brought time for travel to see family and friends and explore the US. When Carol and Doug were at home in Chautauqua County, she was busy serving her church in various volunteer leadership roles. She also served the Sherman community through the Stanley Hose Fire Department Auxiliary and the Sherman Historical Society.

Life dealt Carol a difficult hand in 2016 when she lost Doug to cancer. Without skipping a beat, she put her caretaker abilities to work caring for others. She spent endless hours driving neighbors and church members to medical appointments, ensuring they had an advocate when their family wasn't available. She also put her availability to work for the community. Carol volunteered as Interim Executive Director for Community Helping Hands and served on its Board of Directors. She

also turned her passion for history into service as a Board member for the Chautauqua County Historical Society. One of Carol's longest serving volunteer roles was on the Board of Directors for the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. She served on the Executive Committee and continues on the General Grants Committee.

"We appreciate the perspective Carol brings to her role at the Foundation," added Ms. Irgang. "She applies logic and practicality to her decisions, but always demonstrates empathy and compassion." While supporting area nonprofits for decades, Carol Hay has also been a proud mother of two sons, John and Jeffrey, and grandmother to three young adults.

"I appreciate my blessings and am grateful for good health, a loving family, many supportive friends, and opportunities to serve my community," added Carol. The reception honoring Carol Hay is scheduled for Friday, September 20th, at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the award presentation at 6:30 p.m.

For more information on the event, including how to purchase tickets or to send Carol a congratulatory message, visit [crcf.me/CarolHay](http://crcf.me/CarolHay) or contact the Foundation at (716) 661-3390. The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation administers over 700 endowments in support of emerging community needs, charitable organizations and local students pursuing higher education. For more information visit [www.crcfonline.org](http://www.crcfonline.org) or contact Lisa Lynde, Donor Services Officer at 716-661-3390 or [llynde@crcfonline.org](mailto:llynde@crcfonline.org)

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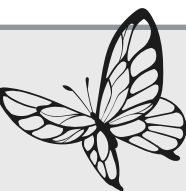
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- Satisfies
- Type of berry
- Distinctive practice
- Popular pickup truck model
- Dekagram
- Naturally occurring solid material
- Company officer
- Villains
- Cricket frogs
- German founder of psychology
- Endured
- A female domestic
- A situation you can be in
- Cigarette (slang)
- Fiber optic network (abbr.)
- Belgian composer Walter
- Employee stock ownership plan
- Belonging to the bottom layer
- Musical or vocal sound
- Yankees' great Judge
- Dickens character
- Beloved late sportscaster Craig
- South Dakota
- Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
- Atomic #79
- Former Braves pitcher Julio
- Humor
- Shawl
- Hospital unit

**CLUES DOWN**

- Animal disease
- Commercial
- Arts and crafts supplies
- Containers
- Investment vehicle
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- Bulged downward
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"When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."

# Faith Matters

## "Wonder and Awe"



Contributing Writer  
**Rev. Luke F. Fodor**  
Saint Luke's Church

As a child, I remember watching the Olympics for the first time. The 1984 games were hosted in Los Angeles and American interest in the games was at an all-time high. The one image that stays with me from the little 13-inch colored screen that we called our T.V.—is of a boisterous crowd, bedecked in the red, white, and blue of the 'Stars and Stripes' and chanting in one voice. It was the chant we know and love so well, "USA, USA, USA". I remember vividly the way the chanting mass of spectators elated me, and although I had not yet learned of the term that sociologists call "collective effervescence," I felt an experience of wonder and awe.

collective achievement. When we watch the synchronized efforts of teamwork in the pool and on the pitch or the solo individual straining against limits of human physiology and physics to set new world records on the track, we are celebrating the best of humanity. We are amazed at the stories of refugees who without a nation come to compete. We are awed by the commitment of the Australia field hockey player Matthew Dawson who was so determined to compete in the Paris Olympics that he had part of his ring finger amputated.

As an amateur and hobbyist triathlete, I embrace this wonder and awe each time I participate in a race. I am constantly amazed at the athletes who are decades older than me—competing with me to go the distance whether it is traversing 70.3 miles or the full Ironman distance of 140.3 miles of swimming, biking and running. It is not about winning, but about showing up. It is about celebrating the collective effervescence and the moral beauty of what we humans are capable. We are all more capable than we can imagine. On the triathlon course, our chant is not the nationalistic chant of dominance, but rather a celebration of US. We greet each with the positive regard of our shared labor: "good work," "nice effort," "finish strong"!

The Olympics remind us to stop, watch and wonder. They also invite us to join the cause to create moral beauty ourselves—through living with integrity, justice and love. We find these values enshrined in our sacred texts and we join with local faith communities to live them out.

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

The Olympic Games are nothing, if they're not about wonder and awe. There is no doubt in my mind that it is more than a happy accident, that the theme of this week's programming at Chautauqua Institution is "Wonder and Awe." While we tend to associate "wonder" most closely with the natural world and being out in nature, in his recent book, *Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How It Can Transform Your Life*, Dacher Keltner, points out that the place most humans discover awe is the through the moral beauty and accomplishment of other humans.

While every nation loves to compete and win, the Olympic Games are not about national dominance and bringing home the most metals. No, the Olympics are about the underlying human desire for moral goodness, for fair play, integrity and the unity of our

# MARTZ-KOHL OBSERVATORY



## Auroras and Eclipses What's the Big Deal?

Featured Writer

**Andy Felong**

Martz-Kohl Observatory  
Public and Media Relations



Submitted Photo

Dr. James F. (Jim) Spann, Jr.

This year, in Western New York were very fortunate to witness a couple of impressive natural events: a total solar eclipse in April and a spectacular auroral display in May. What do these events have in common and why should we care about them? This talk, by Dr. Jim Spann from NOAA, will explore the connection between these two phenomena, why we should understand and study them, and how they impact society.

Dr. James F. (Jim) Spann, Jr. is the Senior Scientist for Space Weather at NOAA's NESDIS Office of Space Weather Observations (SWO). He is a renowned space weather scientist with extensive experience at both NASA and NOAA. With a strong background in physics and a career dedicated to studying space phenomena, he has made significant contributions to the field. His research focuses on understanding the impacts of space weather on Earth and developing tools to monitor and predict these events. Dr. Spann's passion for his work is driven by a deep curiosity about the natural world and a desire to apply his knowledge to benefit society.

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

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# 31st Annual Jamestown Cruise-In Returns August 9

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Hot rods, cool classic cars, and elegant autos of all makes and vintages will line the streets of downtown Jamestown for the 31st year as Jamestown Cruise-In returns! This popular annual event will be held from 5-9pm, Friday, August 9 in downtown Jamestown.

This outstanding event attracts a wide variety of unique, beautiful, and interesting cars and trucks. Their owners spend countless hours caring for their special vehicles and enjoy showing them off to the community during events all over the place. Jamestown Cruise-In attracts many drivers, so the show is always diverse and expansive.

In addition to the autos, Jamestown Cruise-In features live music. The great local band In Crowd will return to provide live music. They play an eclectic mix of oldies and newer tunes with a focus on lively sound that gets people dancing in the streets.

Jamestown Cruise-In is organized by the CHQ Chamber Committee in Jamestown to attract foot traffic into



Submitted Photo  
Jamestown Cruise-In on North Main Street in Jamestown, NY in 2023.

downtown Jamestown. The objective is to encourage people to sample locally owned restaurants and businesses.

For the second year in a row, Cruise-In will feature a People's Choice Award text contest. Drivers can fill out the form they'll get that evening and spectators can text in the number of their favorite car. One driver and one spectator will each get a \$50 ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card.

Carrie Swanson, Chamber Coordinator noted, "Our focus is on

encouraging people to support local business, and this is one way to do that. When we draw visitors to downtown Jamestown, we have seen that sales at local restaurants and retailers increase. We saw that with Cruise-In last year and expect it to be another great night for local businesses while people enjoy the car show."

"We are grateful to Der Kobbler's auto club for their on-going partnership in this event," she added. "Their participation is crucial to the success of this event. We hope you'll

check out their vehicles and all the others that attend."

Cruise-In will run from 5-9pm on Third Street between Spring and Washington Streets, and encompassing the connecting streets (Pine, Main, and Cherry) between Second and Fourth. The streets will be closed at 3pm that day. All vehicles entering the show are asked to enter between 3 and 5pm at the intersection of Third and Spring. The cost is \$10 per vehicle. Advance registration is open online now and will remain open until 9am August 9. Drivers can also just show up with their cars and pay at entry.

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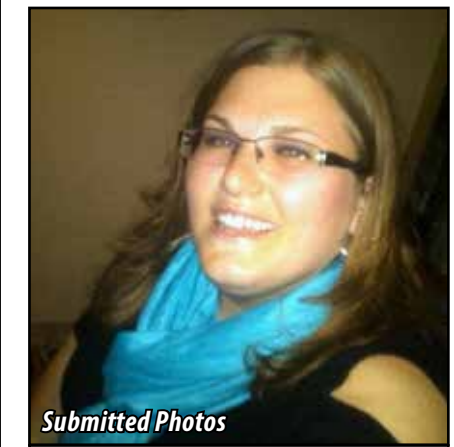
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## Small Business Development Center Hosts Women in Networking Program August 8



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Terri Johnson, Director of Employment and Community Support

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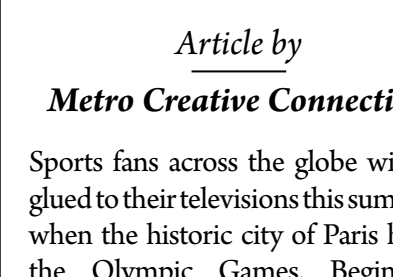
For over a decade, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Jamestown Community College has hosted the Women in Networking (WIN) Chautauqua program every month. This program is for female business owners and women working in the business sector. The program is also sponsored by Community Bank.

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

The next WIN program will take place on Thursday, August 8 at 12pm at JCC and will focus on small business services offered by The Resource Center. Our speakers include Jacqueline Phelps, Assistant Executive Director of QAQI & Compliance and Terri Johnson, Director of Employment and Community Support. The Resource Center has been providing services to persons with disabilities in the Chautauqua County area since 1958 and has grown into a comprehensive agency providing services to thousands of persons with all types and levels of disabilities. The Resource Center's Manufacturing Division, Allied Industries, has been working with local and regional manufacturers for over 30 years. Allied provides reliable, supervised and enthusiastic employees to tackle production bottlenecks and add value through labor-intensive processes.

Save the Date September 12 when our speaker will be Andrea Liebross, author of She Thinks Big for Female Entrepreneurs.

## 5 Athletes to Keep an Eye on at this Summer's Olympic Games



### Article by Metro Creative Connection

Sports fans across the globe will be glued to their televisions this summer, when the historic city of Paris hosts the Olympic Games. Beginning with the Opening Ceremony on July 26, the 2024 Olympic Games is sure to feature awe-inspiring athletic accomplishments that mark the culmination of years of hard work on the part of competitors.

Once the games commence, fans can keep an eye out for these five notable athletes who figure to put their stamp on this summer's competitions.

- 1. Simone Biles:** Few athletes at this summer's Games are as recognizable as American gymnast Simone Biles. Biles's accomplishments are already too numerous to mention, but the 27-year-old can pad her legacy even further by earning just one more medal this summer in Paris. Should she accomplish that feat, Biles will have earned more Olympic medals than any American gymnast in the history of the Games.
- 2. Daiki Hashimoto:** A two-time gold medal winner at the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo (which were held in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic), Hashimoto, who will turn 23 during this summer's games, will be seen as the athlete to beat in men's gymnastics. Hashimoto is a four-time world champion, and NBC Sports notes three of those titles were earned in 2023.

leading scorer is no stranger to the Olympic Games, but the 39-year-old James has not played on the Olympic stage since 2012. Over the last several years, James made no secret of his desire to return to Olympic competition, suggesting this summer's games will be the last time to see arguably the greatest player of all time compete at this level.

**4. Léon Marchand:** Born in Toulouse, France, in 2002, Marchand figures to be the center of attention this summer. Some suggest Marchand could put on a performance not unlike his fellow swimmer Michael Phelps' efforts in the pool years ago, as the Frenchman is coached by Bob Bowman at Arizona State University. Bowman famously coached Phelps during his time at the University of Michigan and beyond, and swimming fans will be curious to see how the hometown hero Marchand performs in the pools of Paris this summer.

**5. Summer McIntosh:** The pride of Canada made a name for herself at the tender age of 14 during the 2020 Games, where she was the youngest athlete named to the Canadian team. McIntosh finished fourth in the 400-meter freestyle in Tokyo, narrowly missing a medal in that event but still breaking the Canadian national record. Now a seasoned 17-year-old, McIntosh returns to the Olympic stage this summer.

The Summer Olympics return this summer in Paris, and many talented, exciting athletes figure to make this year's competitions as exciting as ever.

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## Young and the Restless Star at Lily Dale this Weekend

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Chautauqua County  
Chamber of Commerce

Melody Thomas Scott, TV's "Nikki Newman" of CBS's long-running The Young and the Restless, will appear at the Lily Dale Assembly this weekend, and the Chautauqua Gazette got to hear all about it from the Emmy winner herself.

*This community has been fortunate to welcome you here several times over the years. Why is Western New York special to you?*

Well, I grew up in Los Angeles but always knew of Chautauqua County—Jamestown, specifically—for two reasons: I am a serious Lucille Ball fan and, on a personal level, my mother was born in Jamestown. I even have relatives in Lake View Cemetery. I visited Jamestown for the first time in 2000 when my longtime pal, Ric Wyman, invited me to become involved with the Lucy-Desi Museum. Later, I was a founding board member of the Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Center. So it's fair to say that Lucy was the inspiration! Today, Jamestown feels like a second home to me.

I've also had a lifelong interest in mediums and psychics and all that comes with spiritualism. After Ric and I did a fundraiser for the Lucille Ball Little Theatre last summer, we visited nearby Lily Dale Assembly, the world's largest spiritualist community. So I'm thrilled to be spending the weekend there, and hopefully raise awareness of this unique community.

*When your fans and others make the trip to Lily Dale this Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10, what can they expect?*

I'm looking forward to meeting as many fans as possible at one (or

more!) of the three exciting events we have planned. (The fourth event, Sunday's Afternoon Tea, is already sold out.) On Friday at 7 p.m., Cassandra Butler, astrologer-extraordinaire and I will be hosting "Astrology & The Stars" at the Lily Dale Auditorium. Cassandra will offer a basic understanding of astrology while I talk about some of the "stars" who have come into my life. I plan to confess what I did to Clint Eastwood and tell about my humbling encounter with Aretha Franklin. Each celebrity will represent a different sign of the zodiac, and Cassandra will educate us on the specific characteristics of each sign. I think we will all learn a little something about ourselves that night! Cassandra will also read my chart and offer insight as to what lies ahead for me. I'm looking forward to experiencing it with my fans!

*Earlier this year you celebrated your 45th anniversary on The Young and the Restless. Will you be reflecting on your career while in Lily Dale?*

Yes! At Saturday's program (7 p.m.), "Always Young and Restless: An Evening With Melody Thomas Scott," I'll share video clips of my early career as well as many from The Young and the Restless. I've had the good fortune of working with so many icons such as John Wayne, Alfred Hitchcock, and Clint Eastwood, to name a few. And after playing Nikki for over 45 years, there are plenty of fun clips to recap! We're going to explore it all! After this event on stage, fans can attend a VIP gala with me. To guarantee I'll be able to visit with each one of you, attendance is limited to just 60 tickets.

*I understand you're doing something extra special for the Young and the Restless fans who join you in Lily Dale. What's planned?*



Submitted Photo

Melody Thomas Scott

I'll be bringing several items to be part of a silent auction during the VIP gala Saturday night. Since this is a fundraising weekend for Lily Dale Assembly, I'm donating a piece of jewelry from my own personal jewelry box, the blue sequin gown I wore last year at the Lucille Ball Little Theatre, and a very special, iconic Young and the Restless script—the episode of Nikki and Victor's first wedding, dated April 4, 1984—signed by Eric Braeden and me, of course! One of Victor's famous black t-shirts will be up for grabs, along with other

goodies! For fans of the show, it's an opportunity to take home a fun memento while supporting a good cause.

*On behalf of our community, thank you, Ms. Scott, for lending your time and talents to help strengthen our region.*

It's my pleasure! And, please, call me "Mel"!

To secure your tickets to Melody's events this weekend, visit [LilyDaleAssembly.org](http://LilyDaleAssembly.org) and type "Melody" in the Search.

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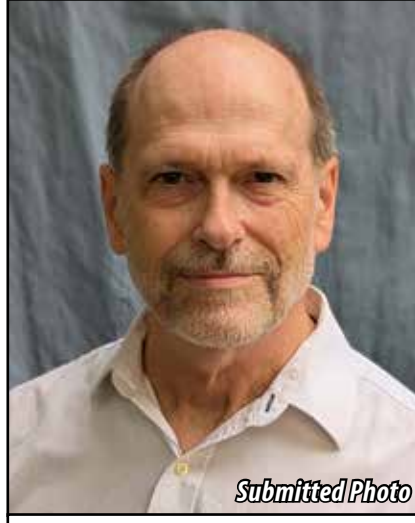
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# Jones to Receive Elial T. Foote Award August 15

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John Everett Jones

John Everett Jones will receive the Elial T. Foote Local History Award during a special presentation on Thursday, August 15, at The Lawson Center in Bemus Point.

The program, which begins at 7 p.m., is open to the public.

The Foote Award is presented by the Chautauqua County Historical Society to an individual who has made a significant contribution to our understanding of local history through scholarly research and the dissemination of that research. Previous award recipients include Douglas Shepard and Lois and Norwood Barris.

Jones, a Chautauqua County native, is an architect currently living outside of Philadelphia. He graduated from Cornell University with a degree in agriculture focusing on poverty and economic development.

Jones earned a graduate degree in architecture at the University of Buffalo which included study at Arkitektskolen in Aarhus, Denmark, and a concentration in historic preservation. His career developed in Philadelphia and included several years working for Robert Venturi, Denise Scott Brown, and Steven Izenour at Venturi, Scott Brown, and Associates.

Marriage and parenthood led Jones to Valencia, Spain, for a decade. Although he was not permitted to practice as an architect in Spain, he worked as a stay-at-home father and designed and built minor construction projects. Jones also began using the internet for historical research and developed a blog about early Swedish settlers in the Jamestown area. His research was used as part of an article he co-wrote with Donald Sandy documenting events surrounding the arrival of Swedish immigrants in Chautauqua County.

Jones's research about the county's early Swedish population also led to an article about the origins of the Danish settlement in our region. Another article, published in Italian Americana in 2023, was based on his extensive research, with Paolo Semenza of Ferrara, Italy, into the origin of the name for the town of Busti. Paul Busti (1769-1824), born in Italy, served as an agent general for the Holland Land Company.

Jones is a licensed architect in New York state and specializes in net-zero residential projects. He is a member of the Fenton History Center board of trustees and organizes lectures presented at Jamestown's Scandinavian Folk Festival. He is writing a book about the county's early Swedish settlers.

The Chautauqua County Historical Society archives at McClurg Museum in Westfield contain Elial T. Foote's collection of materials about early settlers, events, businesses, and organizations. Foote, a physician, judge, and historian in the county during the 1800s, advocated for local history preservation. The Foote Papers can be accessed at [www.cchsmcclurg.org/elial-foote](http://www.cchsmcclurg.org/elial-foote).

For more information, contact the historical society at 716.326.2977 or [info@cchsmcclurg.org](mailto:info@cchsmcclurg.org).

# Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Welcomes New Instructor

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Elizabeth Brewer

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is proud to announce the addition of Elizabeth Brewer to their team of instructors. Liz will be teaching private lessons in brass and woodwind instruments, as well as group classes and specialized workshops for Infinity Center Students.

As a former Infinity student herself, Liz is beyond thrilled to return to share her love of music and arts with the next generation of performers! A graduate of Jamestown High School, Liz went on to study Music Education as a Clarinetist at SUNY Fredonia where she studied under the late Amrom Chodos.

In addition to her time at Fredonia, she has also been a private student of local area educators, including Alicia Laska, Ralph "Razz" Rasmussen, and Andrew Minton. As a performer, she's played various instruments with ensembles such as the Infinity Big Band, Jamestown Area Chamber Orchestra, JCC Concert Band, Jamestown Municipal Band, SUNY Fredonia Wind Ensemble, and has even performed twice with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. She continues to perform regularly with nearly any area group that asks!

Liz has recently returned to SUNY Fredonia to complete a degree in Social Studies Adolescence Education with minors in Music and Athletic Coaching. She's looking forward to a long-lasting relationship with Infinity so she can be the type of positive influence on tomorrow's artists that she was fortunate to have had in her own youth!

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality instruction in the visual and performing arts to students of all ages and abilities. They offer a variety of classes and workshops in music, dance, theater, and visual arts.

For more information about Infinity, or to register for lessons with any of the instructor mentors at Infinity for their upcoming 2024-2025 Program Year, please visit [www.infinityperformingarts.org/register](http://www.infinityperformingarts.org/register).

# Registration is Open for the Chautauqua Striders Dan Feather Memorial 5K

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Chautauqua Striders



Chautauqua Striders is excited to announce that registration is now open for the annual Dan Feather Memorial 5K. This beloved event will take place on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at Bergman Park. The race will begin at 9:30 AM.

The Dan Feather Memorial 5K is a cherished tradition, honoring the memory of Dan Feather, a dedicated community member and avid runner. Participants of all ages and abilities are encouraged to join in

this celebration of community and remembrance.

Early registration is available online at <https://runsignup.com/danielfeather5k>.

Proceeds from the event will support Chautauqua Striders' athletic programming.

For more information, please contact Lexi Lindamer at [lexi@chautauquastriders.org](mailto:lexi@chautauquastriders.org).

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## WEEK 7 SCHEDULE

<p><b>Monday, Aug. 5</b></p> <p>7:45am: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        7:45am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist        8:00am: Daily Word Meditation        8:15am: Movement and Meditation with Monte Thompson        8:45am: Catholic Mass        8:55am: Chautauqua Prays for Peace through Compassion        9:15am: Bishop Michael Curry        10:15am: Service of Blessing and Healing        10:45am: Dacher Keltner        12:15pm: CLSC Book Discussion – World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments        12:45pm - 1:45pm: Guided Kayak Eco Tour        1:15pm: CLSC and CLSC Young Readers Book Discussion: Mexican WhiteBoy        2:00pm: Amy Butler        3:15pm: Pillar Talks: Reflections on 150 Years of Chautauqua Programs, featuring Maureen Rovigno, former Director of Religion        3:30pm: "Courageous Conversations on Death and Dying" Shahid Aziz        4:00pm: Play CHQ: Dare to Dream        4:15pm: Chautauqua Chamber Music: Ivalas Quartet        4:45pm: CHQ Mystic Heart: Suzanne Watters</p>	<p>5:00pm: Robert Pinsky's Favorite Poem Project        6:30pm - 8:30pm: StoryCorps Recording (Reservations Required)        7:00pm: Palestine Park Tour        7:00pm: 'Taize' and Tea Meditation        8:15pm: Music School Festival Orchestra</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Aug. 6</b></p> <p>7:45am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist        7:45am: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        8:00am: Daily Word Meditation        8:30am - 9:45am: Beginner SUP Class        8:45am: Catholic Mass        8:55am: Chautauqua Prays for Peace through Compassion        9:15am: Bishop Michael Curry        9:15am: Chautauqua Science Group Weekly Lecture with Astronomer Mike Humphrey        10:00am: Children's School Old First Night Sing-Along        10:15am: Service of Blessing and Healing        10:45am: Amy Tan        Noon: Play CHQ: DIY Ice Cream        12:15pm: Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center: Authors' Hour        12:15pm: LGBTQ+ and Friends Discussion Group. Bring your lunch.</p>	<p>12:15pm: BTG Brownbag with David Agro, Jocotoco Conservation Foundation (Equador)        12:30pm: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        1:00pm: Miller Cottage Tours        2:00pm: Dr. Sunita Puri        2:00pm: CLSC Guild Graduates Celebration        3:15pm: Social Hour at Denominational Houses        3:30pm: Heritage Lecture Series – Timothy Binkley        6:30pm - 8:30pm: StoryCorps Recording (Reservations Required)        6:30pm: Labyrinth History and Meditation        7:30pm: Squonk: Brouhaha        9:00pm: 150th Anniversary Birthday Cake and Drone Fireworks        6:00 p.m.: Old First Night</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Aug. 7</b></p> <p>6:00am - 7:00am: Sunrise Paddle – Kayak/SUP        7:45am: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        7:45am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist        8:00am: Daily Word Meditation        8:30am: What's your story? Coffee with the StoryCorps Ambassador</p>	<p>8:45am: Catholic Mass        8:55am: Chautauqua Prays for Peace through Compassion        9:00am: CLSC Recognition Day Ceremony        9:15am: Bishop Michael Curry        10:15am: Service of Blessing and Healing        10:45am: Sandra M. Clark        Noon: Play CHQ: Paper collaging        12:15pm: CLSC Young Reader Book Discussion        12:15pm: The Circular Economy: A Special forum on fixing our throw-away economy, featuring universities, cities and industries.        12:15pm: Twelve-Step Meeting        12:15pm: Massey Organ Recital        12:15pm: Women in Ministry        12:30pm: Miller-Edison Cottage Shipman Garden Tour and Q&amp;A        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        12:30pm: 2024 U.U. Cultural Ethics Series        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        12:45pm - 1:45pm: Guided Kayak Historic Tour        2:00pm: Rabbi Josh Feigelson        3:00pm: Beyond Zero Film        3:00pm - 5:00pm: "Nature Inspired: Open CVA Members Exhibition 2024" Opening Reception        3:30pm: African American Heritage House Lecture: Patrick T. Smith</p>	<p>3:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        4:00pm: Play CHQ: Feelin' the Beat        4:00pm: Play CHQ: Stem by the Water        4:45pm: CHQ Mystic Heart: Kim Hehr        5:30pm: Abrahamic Program for Young Adults (APYA) Environmental Interfaith Service        6:00pm: CVA Lecture Series: Erika Hess, Artistic Director of CVA        6:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        6:30pm - 8:30pm: StoryCorps Recording (Reservations Required)        6:30pm: Positive Path for Spiritual Living        7:00pm - 7:45 pm: Pre-concert lecture with Chautauqua Dance Circle        8:15pm: Houston Ballet II with Students from Chautauqua School of Dance</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 8</b></p> <p>7:45am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist        7:45am: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        8:00am: Daily Word Meditation        8:30am - 9:30am: SUP Guided Stretch        8:45am: Catholic Mass        8:55am: Chautauqua Prays for Peace through Compassion</p>	<p>9:15am: Bishop Michael Curry        10:15am: Service of Blessing and Healing        10:45am: Feryal Ozel        11:50am: Barre on Bestor with Houston Ballet II        Noon: Play CHQ: Play Back in Time        12:15pm: CTC Brown Bag: The Dramaturgy of The Light and The Dark        12:30pm: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        1:00pm: Play CHQ Premium: Tie Dye</p> <p><b>Friday, August 9</b></p> <p>6:00am - 7:00am: Sunrise Paddle Kayak/SUP        7:45am: Episcopal Holy Eucharist        7:45am: CHQ Mystic Heart Meditation        8:00am: Daily Word Meditation        8:15am: Movement and Meditation with Monte Thompson        8:45am: Catholic Mass        8:55am: Chautauqua Prays for Peace through Compassion        9:15am: Bishop Michael Curry        10:00am - 12:00pm: Cello Masterclass with Jolyon Pegis        10:15am: Service of Blessing and Healing</p>	<p>10:45am: Ann Hornaday        12:15pm: Writers' Center Community Reading        12:15pm: Twelve Step Meeting        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        12:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        12:30pm: Introduction to Jumu'ah Muslim Prayer        1:15pm: Friends of the Chautauqua Writers' Center Informal Critique        2:00pm: Katherine May        3:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        3:30pm: CHQ Dialogues        5:00pm: Hebrew Congregation Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Service        7:30pm: A Service of Compline        8:00pm: Stephen Sanchez with Special Guest Ray Bull</p>
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# WEEK SEVEN THEME: WONDER AND AWE - A WEEK CELEBRATING CHAUTAUQUA'S SESQUICENTENNIAL

*Celebrated and beloved the world over, soprano Renée Fleming will join us for part of a special week of lectures and performances dedicated to the force music has in our lives. Research has shown that music and the arts can have significant impacts not just on our happiness, but on our health. Long an advocate of this work, Fleming helps launch an interdisciplinary week of music and science, of art and well-being. And acknowledging there is more than one kind of well-being, we look beyond classical music, to the genres of gospel, folk, hip-hop and pop, to examine the power of music to motivate and carry social movements, and*

## WEEK SEVEN: FEATURED LECTURES

LECTURE HELD DAILY AT 10:45AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

- Psychologist Dacher Keltner opens the week on Monday, Aug. 5, 2024; a leading scholar in the study of emotion, he will discuss his latest book: Awe: The New Science of Everyday Wonder and How it Can Transform Your Life.
- Beloved the world over, celebrated author Amy Tan took up nature journal sketching in 2016, and now she returns to the Amphitheater stage on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, to discuss her latest work, The Backyard Bird Chronicles, and the wonder and awe inspired by the natural world.
- StoryCorps CEO Sandra M. Clark speaks on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, as she contemplates the power of storytelling to inspire wonder and awe in listeners, readers and viewers.
- On Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024, astrophysicist and founding member of the Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration Feryal Ozel will discuss her groundbreaking work that led to the first photograph of the black hole at the center of the Milky Way Galaxy.
- Finally, The Washington Post's movie critic Ann Hornaday returns to Chautauqua to close the week on Friday, Aug. 9, 2024, with a celebration of film, the movies, and moviegoing as sources of "Wonder and Awe," and how skilled filmmakers use a combination of cinematography, scripting, acting and scoring, and the scale of the screen itself, to elicit these feelings from viewers young and old alike.

## 10 GREAT THINGS TO DO IN WEEK SEVEN:

1. Explore Miller Cottage with Clara Miller on Tues. Aug. 6 at 1 p.m. for a 30-minute tour of the first floor of the historic Miller-Edison Cottage.
2. Discover how skilled filmmakers use a combination of cinematography, scripting, acting and scoring, and the scale of the screen itself to elicit these feelings from viewers, young and old alike from The Washington Post, Film Critic, Ann Hornaday on Fri. Aug. 9.
3. Browse the Chautauqua Bookstore and find unique treasures for yourself and your loved ones.
4. Play with movement by joining Barre on Bestor with Houston Ballet II on Thursday, Aug. 8.
5. Be inspired by Stephen Sanchez's fantastic performance with Special Guest Ray Bull on Aug. 9 at the Chautauqua Amphitheater.
6. Attend Squonk: Brouhaha on Tuesday, Aug. 6 as they parade from Bestor Plaza to the Amphitheater
7. Relax and meditate while watching the Labyrinth adjacent to Turner Community Center
8. Catch a captivating performance as Houston Ballet II dances with Students from Chautauqua School of Dance on Aug. 7.
9. Enjoy Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle and CLSC Young Readers Presentation – World of Wonders by Aimee Nezhukumatathil and Mexican WhiteBoy by Matt de la Peña I in hall of Philosophy Thursday, Aug. 8 at 3:30p.m.
10. Learn a Class like: Loose-Floral Painting with Gouache: Learn to paint a vase of flowers in the relaxing loose-floral painting style while experimenting with the popular gouache painting medium all in one class!



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The United Ways of Chautauqua County Live UNITED!

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In a historic vote, the membership of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County (UWSCC) unanimously approved a merger with United Way of Northern Chautauqua County (UWNCC) and the combined agency will run a unified, county-wide fundraising campaign this fall.

Approved last week, during UWSCC's Annual Meeting, the merger will now move forward to the New York State Attorney General's office for review and final approval.

The vote Tuesday, July 30, follows approval given by each agency's Board of Directors in June to move forward with the merger. Becoming a countywide agency will not only make operations more cost-effective, but will also amplify the impact which the United Ways can enact in the community.

"This is the culmination of many months of work and many years of partnership with much consideration on how best to serve everyone in Chautauqua County, from our donors and community partners to the residents who need the programs we fund each year," said Amy Rohler, Executive Director of the United Ways of Chautauqua County (UWCC).

News of this year's combined campaign was met with much excitement, especially as it was also announced Tuesday that there will be two co-chairs leading this year's campaign - Kelly Borrello of Silver Creek and Bill Soffel of Bemus Point. United Way is aiming to engage donors and supporters from across Chautauqua County this campaign, further strengthening the community's ability to support critical local services and initiatives. For a goal, the United Ways have set \$1.8 million as the target amount to be raised.

"We're so lucky to have the help of Kelly and Bill," said Tyler Gotowka, UWCC Board member. "The success of our campaign each year is what allows us to fund programs and agencies in the community - and we are confident that with their help, we will be able to increase our impact in Chautauqua County."

As independent agencies last year, the two United Ways of Chautauqua County impacted the lives of local individuals 32,991 times. Now, as a merged organization, the increase in impact which United Way will be able to have in the community will be exponential.

Each United Way in Chautauqua County began as a local "Community Chest" more than 100 years ago, and in the time since have continued to serve their respective halves of the county with the same mission: To mobilize the caring power of the community to



United Ways of Chautauqua County Executive Director Amy Rohler, left, stands with Board Members and Officers of the newly merged county-wide United Way. Officers were elected and Board Members appointed at the 2023 Annual Meeting of United Way of Southern Chautauqua County following a unanimous vote to combine into one county-wide agency.

help better the lives of all residents.

By leveraging the strengths of the two United Ways into one, this consolidation stands to bring about increased organizational effectiveness, a better donor experience, and enhanced support for the 34 partner agencies funded in Chautauqua County.

"We will be stronger together," said Vince Horrigan, UWCC Board member and Merger Task Force member. "We are one county and this campaign will leverage that fact. It is also the reason we have chosen the phrase 'Stronger Together' as this year's campaign slogan."

Two kickoff events for UWCC's 2024 Fundraising Campaign will be held in September, one in Dunkirk and one in Bemus Point.

About The Campaign Co-Chairs

Kelly Borrello is a central figure in northern Chautauqua County, not only in the business sector but also through her dedication to community service and charitable organizations.

Bill Soffel is an active member of the community in southern Chautauqua County, making his home in Bemus Point -- though as the Broker/Owner of ERA Team VP Real Estate and Vacation Rentals, his business spans 11 office locations across Western New York and in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

Borrello, who grew up in West Seneca and graduated St. Lawrence University with a degree in math and economics, is the current vice president of the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County as well as past president of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, past president of the Hanover Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Sunset Bay Association, an active member of the Silver Creek Kiwanis Club for more than 10 years and a member of the Northern Chautauqua County Economic Development Committee.

Soffel moved to Chautauqua County full-time in 1982 having spent family vacations at his grandparents' cottage on Chautauqua Lake and working summer jobs at Chautauqua Institution as a high school and college student. Originally from Pittsburgh, Soffel graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a degree in Business/Marketing. His past volunteer commitments include being a past president and board member of the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau; past board member and volunteer with United Way of Southern Chautauqua County as well as past board member of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Board of Realtors and Buffalo-Niagara Board of Realtors.

Borrello, along with her husband, George, purchased the Sunset Bay hospitality complex consisting of Sunset Bay Beach Club, Cabana Sam's restaurant, Sunset Bay Deli, Beaches & Cream Ice Cream Stand and Shirt Shack in 2018. She managed the several businesses for 15 years prior to assuming ownership, employing more than 200 individuals seasonally. In 2019 the Borrellos opened Villaggio Italiano in Silver Creek and Breakwall Café in Sunset Bay in 2021.

Soffel and his wife Kari are the parents of five adult children and have six grandchildren. He also currently serves on the ALS Association National Board of Trustees, initially serving as a trustee for a 9-year term between 2011-2020 and now serving a new term which he began last year. For the ALS Association, he also serves as chair of the Advocacy Committee. Other current volunteer commitments include serving as a member of the Upstate NY Leadership Council of the ALS Association and founding the Agents of Hope golf event in 2008 to benefit the ALS Association - which has raised more than \$150,000 to date.

Borrello similarly is co-ordinator and co-host of the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County's largest fundraiser, the Annual Dinner, which was started to recognize the agency's 20th anniversary and has continued ever since.



Submitted Photos United Ways of Chautauqua County Executive Director Amy Rohler and UWCC Board Member Vince Horrigan

Both Borrello and Soffel are passionate about Chautauqua County, from strong desires to grow the region's tourism and business development to working to ensure it's a place where all residents can live, work and thrive.

Annual Meeting

In addition to the merger vote and campaign announcements, last Tuesday's Annual Meeting also featured the first screening of this year's campaign video. A vote was also held to amend bylaws of the organization and appoint board members and board officers.

Newly appointed members to the merged Board of Directors included: Mary Lou Bailen, Retired; Ivory Brooks, SUNY Fredonia; Lucas Catalano, SUNY Fredonia; Jason Dechard, Community Bank; Kelly Dimitri, The Resource Center; Tyler Gotowka, Lawley Insurance; Kyle Leikam, Financial Services; Matt Newman, Fundamental Wealth Management; Jacob Sam, AG Team; Brad Rowe, Ripley Schools; Jennifer Wilkins, SUNY Fredonia; Don Williams Jr, CSEA; Dave Winchell, Duper's Restaurant; and Kyle Yelich.

Returning board members appointed to the Board of Directors included: James Cama, Jamestown Public Schools; Luis Castro, Wegmans; Dr. Christopher Colburn, Spectrum Eyecare; Maureen Donahue, Southwestern Central School District; Andrew Faulkner, Ahlstrom Schaeffer; Dan Gullotti, Fessenden Laumer & DeAngelo, PLLC; Carol Hay, retired, Panama Schools; Vince Horrigan, Community; Damien Jackson, UPMC Chautauqua; Deb Kathman, Community; David Lockwood, Lockwood Insurance; Lew Meckley, Community; Bonnie Peters, CSEA Local 807; Mike Roberts, Allied Alarm Services; Jim Sherry, Chautauqua Health Network and Heather Turner, Blackstone Advanced Technologies, Ulrich Fabrication

The United Ways of Chautauqua County work to mobilize the community to help every person and family improve their lives.

Peace, Hope, Joy with Linda Kane

# Happy Place



Featured Writer  
Linda Kane

place to retreat to. It was a sobering moment in my life.

This happened shortly after my divorce, as I was beginning to rebuild my life. I thought back to a time when I was at least content and unstressed and decided to start there. So, I went back to church and started coloring. Odd combination, I know, but it seemed to work. Church was uplifting and coloring made me happy and was soothing. It forced me to focus to stay in the lines and freed my imagination as I selected the colors. From there, I went on to painting, another activity I used to get great joy from. Being creative in multiple ways made me happy.

I even moved on from coloring and painting and started writing again. This really made me happy, and I was almost feeling like I could use that sign honestly. Then I realized the truth. I don't have a Happy Place. I don't have a cabin in the woods or a beach house to retreat to. I've found places in me and things I do that bring me joy. I now feel like hanging one of those signs around my neck as I joyfully create. I'm finally learning to love where I'm at. That's my Happy Place.

"I need this for the cabin." My friend lifted a small, framed sign that read, "This is my Happy Place," when we were browsing the shops one day. I smiled. I knew how much she meant it. We've all seen that saying. It's all over the home décor stores, craft shows and in vacation gifts shops.

It wasn't until later that evening I wondered where I would put that sign. Where is my happy place? It came as quite a shock to realize at that time, I didn't have one. I didn't have any special place I loved to go. Nothing special stood out that I loved to do. I had no happy

# Notable Moments from Past Summer Olympics



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**Metro Creative Connection**

The world is treated to a sports-related spectacle every four summers, and in 2024 the celebration of competition and competitors known as the Summer Olympics returns in Paris. Athletes from across the globe will gather in France to compete for their home countries this summer, and fans will tune in to see who takes home the gold in a variety of sports.

No one knows which special moments will unfold in Paris this summer, but fans of the Summer Olympics can look to history and learn about many of the Games' more notable moments from years past.

• Women compete for the first time in 1900: Many a notable woman athlete has made a name for herself on the Olympic stage, but that was not possible prior to 1900. The 1900 Olympics, held in Paris like this year's games, marked the first time women athletes were allowed to compete. Though women athletes' participation was limited to lawn and tennis and golf in 1900, the barrier was officially broken, and women athletes may find it especially meaningful to compete in the City of Light this summer.

• Jesse Owens dominates at the 1936 Summer Olympics: Tension surrounded the 1936 Games in Berlin, Germany, where the National Socialist German Workers' Party, also known as the Nazi Party, ruled over the country. Known for its racist, antisemitic ideology, the Nazi Party lent an air of tension to the Games, as the party's official newspaper argued that Jewish and Black athletes should not be allowed to participate in the Games. Party leaders, including Adolf Hitler, ultimately relented when other nations threatened to boycott the Games altogether. Against that backdrop, American track and field star Jesse Owens, who was Black, won four gold medals in Berlin, a feat

no one would repeat for almost half a century.

• Wilma Rudolph inspires anew in 1960: American sprinter Wilma Rudolph overcame childhood polio to compete in the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, Australia, where the sixteen-year-old earned a bronze medal in the 4 x 100-meter relay. But Melbourne proved to be just a preview of what was to come, as Rudolph, whose left leg was briefly paralyzed as a child, returned to compete in the 1960 Games in Rome, where she became the first American woman to win three gold medals in a single Games.

• Tragedy looms over the 1972 Games: The Summer Olympics are intended to be a celebration of competitions and competitors, but issues far away from the arena of sports have often cast a shadow over the Games. Such was the case in 1972, when members of a Palestinian militant organization infiltrated the Olympic village in Munich, Germany and killed two members of the Israeli Olympic team before taking nine others hostage. Before the situation was resolved, the nine athletes and coaches initially taken as hostages were killed.

• Michael Phelps sets the record for gold medals in 2008: Among the most accomplished athletes of all time, American swimmer Michael Phelps won eight gold medals at the Beijing Games in 2008, breaking fellow American swimmer Mark Spitz's record for gold medals earned during any single Games. Perhaps fittingly, Phelps earned his eighth gold medal at the Beijing Games by setting a world record in the 200-meter individual medley.

History is made every four years at the Summer Olympics, and this year's games in Paris are sure to provide a host of record-breaking, inspiring achievements.

**BUILDING A FIRE**

*"I am building a fire, and every day I train, I add more fuel. At just the right moment, I light the match."*

- Mia Hamm, American soccer player and two-time gold medalist



## CHAMBER CORNER

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**Daniel J. Heitzenrater**  
Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
President and CEO

### Chamber Award Nominations Open Through August 8

The CHQ Chamber has reconfigured our annual awards process, continuing our efforts to champion local businesses. Anyone may nominate a business or organization in any category.

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

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/award-nominations](http://www.chqchamber.org/award-nominations). 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 10 in the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia.

### Chamber Golf Tournament is August 15

The Chautauqua County 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](http://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 Sports, 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.

# Jeep Jam Successful

Event Supported Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department and Lakewood-Busti K9 Unit



Melanie Anderson and Stephanie Allen were among the hundreds of Jeep owners that came out on July 28 for the "Go Topless & Ride The Lake Jeep Jam." The event supports Lakewood Volunteer Fire Department & The Lakewood-Busti K9 Unit. A huge kudos to lead organizer Michelle Turner and all the volunteers and sponsors that made this special benefit possible.

**PASSION**

*"Without passion, you won't do something 100 percent. That's the bottom line"*

- Apolo Ohno, eight-time medalist speed skater



- In which year were the first modern Olympic Games held?
- Which city hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics?
- Who is the athlete with the most Olympic gold medals in history?
- What do the five rings of the Olympic logo represent?
- At which Olympic Games did women first compete?
- Which country has won the most Olympic gold medals in history?
- Which athlete famously lit the Olympic flame during the opening ceremony of the 1996 Atlanta Olympics?
- Which sport featured in the Olympics involves elements such as vaulting and parallel bars?
- How often are the Summer Olympics held?
- Who was the first African American to win an Olympic gold medal in the modern era?

- 1896
- Beijing, China
- Michael Phelps
- The five continents
- The 1900 Paris Olympics
- The United States
- Muhammad Ali
- Gymnastics
- Every four years
- Constantin Henriquez

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# Rayven Sample's Inspiring Journey to the 2024 Paralympics

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Photos Courtesy of Rayven Sample

Rayven's favorite hometown memory of all time: His 2019 4x400m State Championship Victory. From left to right, Rayven Sample, Austin Johns (Cassadaga '21), Bryce Barlow (Falconer '20), Collin Barmore (Cassadaga '19)



Falconer Coach Nick Spry (foreground) celebrates as Bryce Baglia (Falconer '21), the anchor leg, crosses the finish line.



Relay teammates hug in celebration upon winning the state championship.



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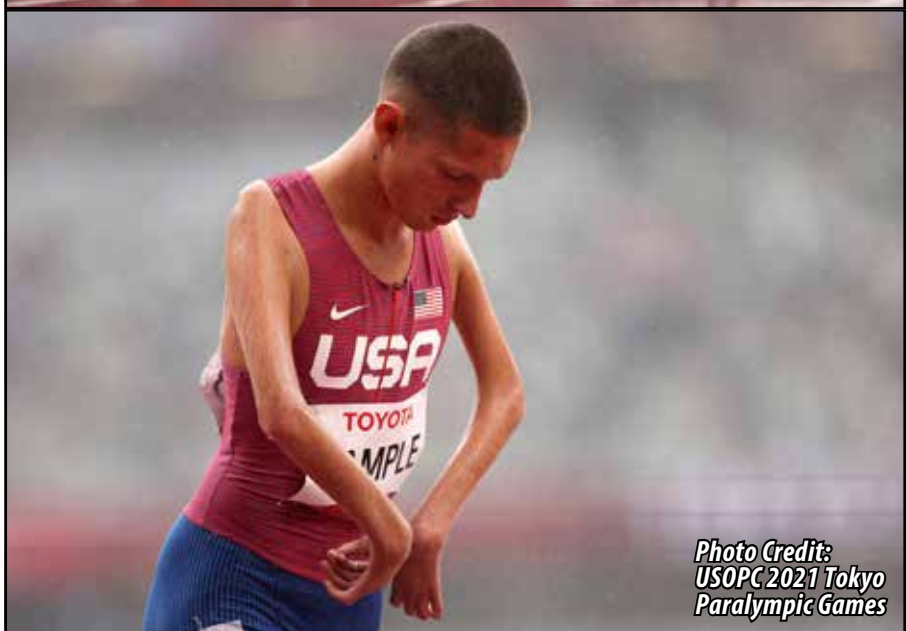


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USOPC 2021 Tokyo Paralympic Games

Rayven had previously competed in the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics, coming in eighth place in the 400-meter dash. His story is a reminder that what might appear to be an obstacle can be turned into a stepping stone. His journey has not only been marked by personal achievements but also by a commitment to fostering a spirit of resilience. As he steps onto the track in Paris, he will carry with him the hopes and dreams of many who have faced their own challenges.

Rayven embodies the essence of the Paralympic spirit and demonstrates that we are all capable of overcoming whatever we may see as obstacles in life to achieve greatness. As the countdown to Paris begins, the community of Chautauqua County and beyond rally behind Rayven, ready to cheer him on as he embarks on this journey.

"You can't ask for any better support than my hometown community," said Rayven. "I will always remember the immediate support when I was attempting to qualify for Tokyo and now again for Paris."

Rayven never saw himself as a para-athlete until his time in Tokyo. He had always participated with his varsity cross country and track teams at Falconer. "It wasn't until I got to Tokyo that I realized for the first time I'm not in the minority, but a part of the majority of other competitors."

To those who seek a similar path as Rayven, he would tell them, "Find an environment and coaches that you mesh well with...make sure you have the freedom and support to advocate for yourself and that your coaches, in turn, have a vested commitment to advocate for you."

When speaking to Rayven's high school coach Nick Spry, it's evident Rayven lived by his own advice.

"Rayven was a great kid to coach. He was very coachable and very motivated. He was lucky to have older athletes on his team who he

looked up to and aspired to be like. He had a long way to go when he first shared with me that he wanted to be the next state-caliber athlete from Falconer, but with his dedication and work ethic, he was able to achieve all of his goals and more. He was the most ideal athlete a coach could ask for and deserves all the success he is achieving now," stated Spry.

These sentiments were echoed by his Bucknell University coach Richard Alexander who stated, "Rayven has been great to work with this past year. He has had Paris as a goal for years and put in the work to make it there. Going into trials we knew it was going to take a time near his personal best to make it with the limited number of men making the team. Once he ran his best time in years we knew he would be in a great position. Hearing he was selected was a moment he will never forget. Now it is time to try and step it up again to make the final in Paris."

Does Rayven see himself continuing on this journey? A resounding yes. He has already set his sights on qualifying for the Los Angeles 2028 Paralympic Games, competing in his home country. Beyond his athletic ambitions, Rayven, a first-generation college graduate, aims to complete a master's or even a doctoral program in either school psychology or school education policy. He is drawn to professional opportunities that allow him to make a difference in the lives of others.

It is clear by his athletic and academic ambitions that Rayven Sample is not just an athlete or a student; he is a beacon of hope and a source of inspiration for all of us. Wherever his journey takes him, he is eager to motivate others and instill in them the same confidence he has developed over his many years of training. And his story is just beginning.

## RAYVEN SAMPLE

### STATISTICS



#### HONORS & NOTES

- 2x U.S. Paralympics National Champion (400) (100)
- 2021 Paralympic Games Finalist (400)

#### PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS FINISHES

- 4th 4x400 - 2023 Indoor (3:19.76)
- 7th 400 - 2022 Outdoor (51.07)
- 5th 400 - 2022 Indoor (49.46)
- 3rd 4x400 - 2022 Indoor (3:20.16)

#### IC4A CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

- 4th DMR - 2023 Indoor (3:19.76)
- 25th 400 - 2022 Indoor (49.99)
- 21st 400 - 2021 Outdoor (50.74)
- 13th 4x100 - 2021 Outdoor (44.82)
- 10th 4x400 - 2021 Outdoor (3:38.72)

#### OTHER EVENT VICTORIES

- 1st 4x400 - 2022 Gulden Invitational (3:23.05)
- 1st 4x400 - 2021 Bison Opener (3:26.43)
- 1st 4x400 - 2021 Bucknell Quad (3:17.28)
- 1st 400 - 2021 Bucknell vs. Saint Francis & UMBC (50.29)

- On Bucknell Top-10 Lists (through 2022-23)
- 3rd DMR indoor - 9:53.21

#### BEFORE BUCKNELL

- Lettered in track and field, cross country, and soccer at Falconer Central School in Falconer, N.Y.
- NYSPHSAA Division II Outdoor State Champion in the 4x400 in 2019.

#### COLLEGE PERSONAL BESTS

- 200 22.72 (0.7)
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- 400 49.16
- 500 1:08.70
- 800 1:57.58
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### AUGUST 5

**Green Play Day (Ages 2-6 with adult) - 10 AM -3 PM**  
 Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
 For Info: auduboncnrc.org

**Summer Music Series - 6 PM-8 PM**  
 Pearl City Hops | Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-488-7227 or pearlcityhops.com

### AUGUST 6

**The Community Picnic - 11 AM-1 PM**  
 Gateway Center | Jamestown  
 For Info: www.tcchealth.org

**Yoga on The Lake - 2 PM**  
 Evergreen Outfitters | Mayville  
 For Info: evergreen-outfitters.com

### AUGUST 7

**Quick Clay: Watercolor Paint Palette - 1 PM-2 PM**  
 Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-488-2529 or pearlcityclayhouse.org

**Music at the Point Sunset Series - 6 PM-8 PM**  
 Point Gratiot | Dunkirk  
 For Info: 716-366-9886 or cityofdunkirk.com

**Movies at The Reg - Summer Camp - 7 PM**  
 Reg Lenna Civic Center | Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-484-7070 or reglenna.com

**SBDC Women in Networking (WIN) Event - 12 PM**  
 Jamestown Community College, Carnahan Building, Room 120 | Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-338-1024 or sbdcjcc.org

### AUGUST 8

**Chautauqua County Beekeepers Association Monthly Meeting - 7 PM**  
 Fluvanna Community Church | Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-664-9502

**The Community Picnic - 11 AM-1 PM**  
 The Salvation Army  
 For Info: tcchealth.org

### AUGUST 8 (CONTINUED)

**Lakewood Farmers & Artisans Market - 10 AM-2 PM**  
 Chautauqua Ave | Lakewood  
 For Info: 716-763-8557 or lakewoodny.com

**Books and Bottles Book Sale**  
 8th (6:30 PM-8:30 PM), 9th (10 AM-6 PM), & 10th (10 AM-3 PM)  
 Ashville Library | Ashville  
 For Info: 716-763-9906

### AUGUST 9

**Crafts Alliance Fine Craft Shows - 11 AM-5:30 PM**  
 Chautauqua Institution | Chautauqua  
 For Info: 716-673-5479 or craftsalliance.com

**Jamestown Cruise-In - 5 PM-9 PM**  
 Downtown Jamestown  
 For Info: 716-484-1101

**A Farm to Table Experience - 7 PM-9 PM**  
 21 Brix Winery | Portland  
 For Info: 716-792-2749 or 21brix.com

### AUGUST 10

**"Always Young and Restless: An Evening with Melody Thomas Scott" - 7 PM**  
 Lily Dale-Auditorium | Lily Dale  
 For Info: ilydaleassembly.org

**Chautauqua Lake Dragon Boat Festival**  
 Celoron Park | Celoron  
 For Info: facebook.com/chqdragonrace

**Westfield Farmers & Artisans Market - 9 AM-2 PM**  
 Moore Park | Westfield  
 For Info: westfieldny.com

**Little Explorers (ages 3-8 with adult) - 10 AM-11:30 AM**  
 Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown  
 For Info: register by August 8 at auduboncnrc.org

**Family Nature Hike - 1 PM-2 PM**  
 Long Point State Park | Bemus Point  
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**AUGUST 9-11**  
**FINDLEY LAKE'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**  
<https://www.tourchautauqua.com/events/findley-lakes-bicentennial-celebration>

**AUGUST 16-18**  
**CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY ANTIQUE EQUIPMENT SHOW**  
<https://ccea.net/annual-show.html>

**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**37TH ANNUAL GREATER JAMESTOWN LABOR DAY FESTIVAL**  
<https://mychq.org/event/44th-annual-jamestown-labor-day-festival/>

**SEPTEMBER 6-7**  
**RED, WHITE & BLUES FESTIVAL**  
<https://festivalsfredoniany.org/red-white-blues/>

**HARD WORK**

"Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts"

- Dan Gable

**Ten at the Top: Celebrating Chautauqua County's Olympians**

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week was held in Chamonix, France that became the first Winter Olympic Games. Lastly, I wrote about heroic USA Olympians such as Jim Thorpe, Babe Didrickson, Johnny Weissmuller and Jesse Owens. To my great relief, Miss Dorman approved of my final product.

For the next 4 decades, I retained a rooting interest in USA athletes at the Summer and Winter Olympics. I took American pride in the successes of Mary Lou Retton, Bruce Jenner, Mark Spitz, the Miracle on Ice hockey team of 1980, Carl Lewis, the Dream Team of 1992 basketball lore, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey, among so many others who wore the red, white and blue.

After my retirement from my teaching career, I became involved with the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and that is where I discovered the missing pieces in my Olympics' education - Chautauqua County's connections to the Games. That was about the time when Fredonia's Jennifer Stuczynski swelled the chests of local residents with a silver medal in the pole vault at the 2008 Beijing Games. Four years later, now known as Jenn Suhr, following her marriage to her coach, Rick, she captured the attention of the entire world with a gold medal in the 2012 London pole vault.



Jenn competed again at the 2020 games in Rio, but despite being a heavy favorite to repeat, suffered a debilitating stomach virus on the day of competition. Now retired from active competition, Suhr trains vaulters at her alma mater Roberts Wesleyan in Rochester.

My involvement in the CSHOF taught me about Jamestown middleweight boxer Jimmy Clark and his controversial loss to a Polish opponent at the 1936 Berlin Olympics where black American athletes laid waste to Adolph Hitler's plan to showcase Aryan supremacy.

I learned that Jamestown Richard Shearman was the manager of the 1952 USA speed skating team that won both gold and silver in the 500 meters. Subsequently, he moved to Lake Placid and got involved in bobsledding.

The CSHOF has inducted Geza Farkas, a gymnast on the Hungarian teams at the 1952 Helsinki and 1956 Melbourne Games. Following a Bronze Medal performance in team gymnastics in '56, Farkas defected from Communist Hungary and ultimately came to Jamestown where he taught his sport to youngsters

at the YMCA. His grave marker at Lakeview Cemetery features the five interlocked Olympic rings.

Tara VanDerveer, who has a home in Chautauqua Institution, was the coach of the gold medal women's basketball team at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. Tara has recently retired from coaching at Stanford as the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history, male or female.

Fredonia's Alex Conti, a 2016 CSHOF inductee, was an assistant women's wrestling coach on the American team that competed in London in 2012. One of his athletes won a bronze medal in the women's 48 kg. freestyle.

Chautauqua County has had two individuals who qualified as USA Olympians, but through no fault of their own, were not able to compete. Brad Rendell, of Falconer, qualified for the steeplechase on the 1940 American team, but the Olympiad was canceled because of the outbreak of World War II.

Busti's Jay T. Kearney qualified for the 1980 American whitewater kayaking team, but his Olympic dreams were denied by the USA boycott of the Moscow Games that year. Kearney later was a sports physiologist in the Sports Science and Technology Division of the United States Olympic Committee at Colorado Springs.

Two other CSHOF inductees competed ultra-successfully in other Olympic-style tournaments against their peers from around the world. Falconer's Karen Tellinghuisen won a gold medal in javelin at the 1977 World Deaf Olympics in Bucharest, Romania, and four years later, captured a bronze in javelin at the 1981 World Deaf Olympics in Cologne, Germany. Daniel Bryner, of West Ellicott, earned a gold and 2 silver medals at the 1995 Special Olympics World Games in New Haven, Connecticut in the sport of roller skating.

As I sit in front of my television watching the 2024 Paris Games, I reflect proudly about the Olympic connections of our Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame inductees. I think I should submit a revised term paper to Miss Dorman. How do I get in touch with Marty McFly and Doc Brown's DeLorean Time Machine?

# TEN AT THE TOP

CELEBRATING CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY'S OLYMPIANS IN HISTORY

**JIMMY CLARK**  
 Jamestown  
 1936 Berlin Olympics  
 • Middleweight boxing  
 • Lost controversial decision in quarterfinals

**JAY T. KEARNEY**  
 Busti  
 1980 Moscow Olympics  
 • Whitewater kayaking  
 • USA boycotted Olympics due to Cold War

**BRAD RENDELL**  
 Falconer  
 1940 Helsinki Olympics  
 • Steeplechase  
 • Olympics cancelled due to World War II

**DAN BRYNER**  
 West Ellicott  
 1995 New Haven Special Olympics World Games  
 • Roller skating  
 • Gold Medal & Two Silver Medals

**RICHARD SHEARMAN**  
 Jamestown  
 1952 Oslo Olympics  
 • Team manager, speed skating  
 • Gold & Silver Medals - 500-Meters

**TARA VAN DERVEER**  
 Chautauqua Institution  
 1996 Atlanta Olympics  
 • Coach, women's basketball  
 • Gold Medal - Women's Basketball

**GEZA FARKAS**  
 Hungary  
*Later defected to US, Jamestown*  
 1952 Helsinki & 1956 Melbourne Olympics  
 • Gymnastics  
 • Bronze Medal 1956 - Team Gymnastics

**ALEX CONTI**  
 Fredonia  
 2012 London Olympics  
 • Assistant coach, women's wrestling  
 • Bronze Medal Women's Freestyle 48kg

**KAREN TELLINGHUISEN**  
 Falconer  
 1977 Bucharest & 1981 Cologne World Deaf Olympics  
 • Javelin  
 • Gold Medal 1977 & Bronze Medal 1981

**JENN SUHR**  
 Fredonia  
 2012 Beijing & 2016 London & 2020 Rio de Janeiro Olympics  
 • Pole vault  
 • Silver Medal 2012 & Gold Medal 2016

**National Health Center Week**  
August 4-10

**The Chautauqua Center**  
Our Family Caring For Your Family



Submitted Photo  
From left: Wendy Wilcox, Jim Alexander, Fred Larson, Chuck Nazzaro, Carol Drake, Dave Howard and Sue Carlson

Jamestown Kiwanis members recently helped the Waterfront Foundation fill backpacks for area students with essential school supplies. The foundation hands out the backpacks to children in grades pre-K through 12th at the annual TCC Health Community Picnics to celebrate National Community Health Center Week. Founded in 1920, the Kiwanis Club's primary purpose is service to youth. Each year, the Club sponsors the Jamestown High School Key Club, supports the Boys and Girls Club "Fun Fair," and hosts the Salvation Army "Christmas pancake breakfast, among its many family-centered efforts. The Club meets at 7:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at the Doubletree Hotel. Kiwanis offers both individual and corporate memberships.

**TCC Health to Host Free Community Picnics**  
**Celebrating Community Health Center Week**  
*Providing Backpacks, School Supplies to Local Children*

Article Contributed by  
**The Chautauqua Center**

TCC Health (The Chautauqua Center, Inc.), a local nonprofit healthcare provider dedicated to the health and well-being of the community, is excited to announce its upcoming annual TCC Community Picnics in celebration of National Community Health Center Week, August 4 - 10.

The events will take place on two different dates and at two different locations, both from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Jamestown Community Picnic will happen on August 6 at Community Helping Hands at the Gateway Center on Water Street. The Dunkirk Community Picnic will be held on August 8 at the Salvation Army on Central Avenue.

The main objective of these engaging and family-friendly events is to distribute backpacks and school supplies to children in need, ensuring they are well-equipped for the upcoming school year.

"At the heart of our mission is the commitment to enhance the overall health and wellness of our community through prevention and treatment, one patient at a time," TCC Health CEO Michael Pease said. "By organizing these Community Picnics, we aim to create a fun-filled atmosphere while addressing the important need for school supplies among local children. Our goal is to alleviate the financial burden on families and empower children for success in school."

In addition to the backpack giveaway, the Community Picnics will offer a range of fun activities to foster a sense of togetherness and to promote healthy lifestyles. Picnic goers can look forward to live music and dancing with Marty's Bubble Gum Machine; a bounce house, face painting, and photo booth with Eventz by Scott; walking tacos by The Salvation Army Anew Center; free produce from the Jamestown Mobile Market; community resources; health information; and more.

It is important to note that children must be present at the event to choose their own backpack. Parents and guardians will not be able to pick up backpacks on behalf of children. Children must also be accompanied by an adult.

We are grateful for the generous support of our sponsors, whose contributions have made these events possible. We extend our sincere appreciation to our presenting sponsor Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York, as well as our other sponsors Jamestown Rotary Club AM, Wegman's of Jamestown, Cattaraugus County Bank, Community Bank NA, and Pepsico. We would also like to thank the administration and staff of The Chautauqua Center and The Waterfront Foundation for their unwavering dedication to our community's health and well-being.

A special thanks to our organizing partner, the Salvation Army Anew Center, which will be providing fun food options for our events like Walking Tacos with fillings and vegetable options. There will also be popcorn, cotton candy, free produce from the Jamestown Mobile Market, and more.

More than 20 community partners and agencies will be on hand with information, activities, and services that may be provided for little or no cost.

For further information and updates about the Community Picnics, please visit our website at [www.TCCHealth.org](http://www.TCCHealth.org) or contact TCC Health and The Waterfront Foundation at (716) 294-3995.

TCC Health (The Chautauqua Center, Inc.) is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Community Health Center (CHC), and a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) committed to delivering exceptional care and promoting community well-being. With a team of dedicated professionals and a comprehensive range of services, we strive to address the unique healthcare needs of our diverse population.

**All the Buzz on Beekeeping:**  
**Join the Beekeepers Association**



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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardener Program is excited to announce that Chautauqua County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday August 8th at 7:00pm at the Fluvanna Community Church, 3363 Fluvanna Avenue Jamestown, NY. August's topic will focus on seasonal activities, including when and if to harvest honey, looking ahead to winter, when and if to treat for mites, etc. Join seasoned beekeepers as they share tips and best practices to help you "bee" successful.

Meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of the month at 7:00pm. You do not need to be a beekeeper to join, and all are welcome! We hope to see you there.

The Master Gardener Program is one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension

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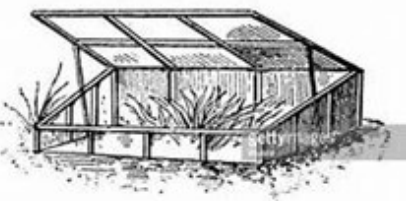
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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardener Program presents two programs of interest on Wednesday, August 21 at 6 pm at their demonstration gardens next to the JCC tennis courts.

Topics are "Saving Your Own Garden Seed: It's Easier Than You Think" and "Extend Your Growing Season: How to Make and Use a Portable Cold Frame."

Saving your own garden seed can be a source of great pride and lots of fun. It can help you develop a favorite crop that is well-adapted to your garden and growing environment. It can be the beginning of your own family heirloom that carries your gardening story into the future. So come and learn about the basics of seed saving, when and how to harvest crops for seeds, how to prepare wet seeds like tomatoes and dry seeds like bush beans. You will also learn about isolation distances to prevent cross-pollination and proper storage to maintain seed viability.

Lifelong gardener and Master Gardener Volunteer Dinah Hovey will be your host for this presentation.



Lifelong gardener and Master Gardener Volunteer Laura Marsala will be your guide for this portion of the program.

So, bring a folding chair! Bring a friend! Learn something new! Won't you please join us on August 21st for an Evening in the Garden? Light refreshments to be served. Book drawing to be held.

Evenings in the Garden are held the third Wednesday of every month from June to September, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the College Community Gardens on the campus of Jamestown Community College, Curtis Street (near the tennis courts). Evenings are enhanced by Master Gardeners and professionals speaking on a variety of topics that coincide with the Western New York growing season.

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**Tortilla**  
Tortilla is a charming 7-year-old with striking golden eyes. He is the epitome of sweetness, affection, and love, always eager to share his gentle nature with everyone he meets. Well-mannered and friendly, Tortilla has a special fondness for people and enjoys spending time with them. He also has a playful side, delighting in his collection of toys. Tortilla's loving personality and well-behaved nature make him a wonderful companion. Meet Tortilla soon at CCHS. Shelter No RR179.

Meet Marlin, though initially timid around new faces, Marlin's cautious demeanor quickly melts away in the presence of warmth and patience. Once he feels secure, he reveals his true nature—a loving and devoted companion who seeks nothing more than to snuggle in your lap or purr softly by your side. Meet Marlin at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.



# Unique Facts About the Olympics

Article by Metro Creative Connection

The 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris will attract spectators from all corners of the globe. Whether fans are in the City of Light for the competitions or watching at home, there will be plenty of awe-inspiring athleticism on display in Paris this summer.

Organizers of the 2024 Summer Games are promising a bold opening ceremony on July 26, and between now and then fans who can't wait for the Games to commence can consider these unique facts about this time-honored and beloved tradition.

• It's an understatement to say the Olympic games have a lengthy history. Historians believe the first Olympic Games were held in Olympia, Greece, in the eighth century B.C. However, those ancient competitions likely shared little in common with the modern Games, which Olympics.com traces to Athens, Greece, in 1896.

• The competitions that began in the eighth century B.C. were banned in the fourth century A.D. So when American James Connolly won the triple jump competition in 1896, he became the first Olympic champion in more than 1,500 years.

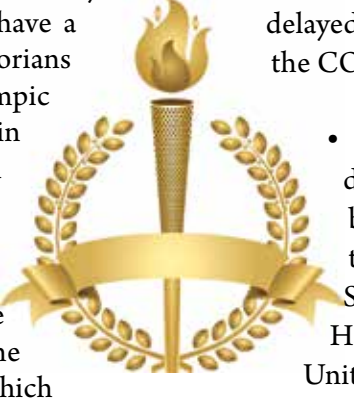
• In hindsight, it's perhaps fitting that an American athlete became the first modern Olympic champion, as the most decorated athlete in the history of the modern games is an American as well. Swimmer Michael Phelps holds the distinction of winning the most medals of any Olympic athlete, and he even won the first

medal of his storied Olympic career in Athens in 2004. Phelps competed in the Olympics in 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016, winning 28 medals, including 23 golds, across those competitions. Gymnast Larisa Latynina, who competed for the Soviet Union, is second on the all-time medals list with 18.

• Though millions look forward to the Olympics every four years, there have been times since 1896 when the Games were scheduled to take place but did not. The 1916 Olympic Games were not played due to World War I, and the 1940 and 1944 Games did not occur because of World War II. The 2020 Games in Tokyo were delayed a year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

• According to a database created by members of the International Society of Olympic Historians, the United States has won more Olympic medals than any other country. As of the 2022 Beijing Olympics, the U.S. claimed 3,105 medals, including 1,229 golds. In fact, the Americans have more gold medals than any other country has total medals, as Germany, the country with the second most medals, has won 1,211 overall.

• The Guinness Book of World Records cites the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 as the most watched competition in the history of the Games. Perhaps in part due to Phelps' historic effort during the Beijing Games, at which he won a record-setting eight gold medals, 4.7 billion people tuned in to watch the Games in 2008.



# Small Business Development Center Awards Pheonix Entrepreneur of the Year on August 14

Article Contributed by New York Small Business Development Center



On August 14, 2024 at 10am the New York Small Business Development Center (NYSBDC) will be presenting the New York State Pheonix Entrepreneur of the Year award to Rebecca Magnuson, owner of She Sings Café in Mayville, New York. The presentation will take place at their business location at 95 W Lake Road, Mayville, NY 14747, and will include presentations from the NYSBDC State Director, Jamestown SBDC Director, and other dignitaries.

The New York State Pheonix Entrepreneur of the Year award is presented to a business owner whose efforts have enabled their business to open successfully and thrive and its contribution to the strength of the region. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the US each year.

Rebecca Magnuson is an abuse survivor, talented musician, and savvy business owner. She returned home to Chautauqua, purchased a defunct restaurant and after extensive renovations opened She Sings Cafe in Mayville, NY. Her mission is to tell women's stories through education, healing, and empowerment. She provides employment opportunities to abused women in her business. The café feeds body, mind, and soul with farm to table cuisine and provides a live performance venue for music, storytelling, poetry, and comedy. Rebecca is the creator of a soon-to-be-released documentary, She Sings: Surviving the Narcissist, and also the touring show, She Sings: A Soaring Musical.

The SBDC is honored to work with the small business community in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany

County. According to SBDC Director, Courtney Curatolo, "We are honored to have one of our local businesses recognized by the state for their tremendous efforts they put into opening their business, creating jobs, and being a leader in the community."

Sonya Smith, New York SBDC State Director shared, "The NYSBDC proudly recognizes entrepreneurs and business owners, annually across NYS. The Phoenix Award is presented to a business owner who demonstrates exceptional selflessness, ingenuity, and tenacity in rebuilding their communities. We are delighted to present this year's award to an extraordinary entrepreneur from Mayville, New York. Rebecca Magnuson has made remarkable strides in both social and economic impact. Our honoree is a beacon of hope and innovation, dedicating her efforts to the establishment of a shelter for abused women, addressing a critical need within the community. Her visionary approach extends beyond a mere shelter facility but ensuring long-term sustainability and support for those in need."

The SBDC delivers high quality business counseling and training to clients looking to start a business or improve the performance of an existing business. Services are free and confidential. For more information on we can help you start or grow your business, please reach out to us at 716-338-1024 or www.sbdccjcc.org.

# American Gymnast Simone Biles

Article by Metro Creative Connection

American gymnast Simone Biles is a household name across the United States, and that renown even extends beyond the country's borders. Biles' accomplishments, particularly on the Olympic stage, have made her among the world's most recognizable and revered athletes. Despite an already impressive résumé that would be the envy of millions of athletes, Biles has a chance to build on her legacy at the Summer Olympics in Paris in 2024. Should Biles win just one more medal in Paris this summer,


the Ohio-born, Texas-raised 27-year-old would become the most decorated American gymnast in Olympic history. Biles enters the 2024 Games with seven Olympic medals to her credit, including four golds she earned during the 2016 Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro. Those seven medals equal the number earned by Shannon Miller at Barcelona in 1992 and Atlanta in 1996. Should Biles win five medals in Paris this summer, she could become the second-most decorated woman gymnast in Olympics history, behind only Larisa Latynina, who won 18 medals while competing for the Soviet Union between 1956 and 1964.



# FALLING DOWN

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## "Audubon Green Play Days and Little Explorers this Week

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August 5 and 12 are the final Mondays this summer when 2 to 6-year-olds and their adult(s) can drop in for Audubon Community Nature Center's Green Play Days any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. An educator or volunteer assists with the unstructured

outdoor play that benefits your child's physical and mental development. Consider clothes and footwear that can get wet and dirty. Adults must stay with their children and can bring a chair, snacks, a drink. You and your 3-8-year-old(s) can join Little Explorers and their adults Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m., to learn about

"Mammals," the animals that live in Audubon's forests and wetlands. Reserve your space by Thursday. Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. For details or reservations, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.



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You and your 3-8-year-old(s) can join Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers and their adults this Saturday morning to learn about the animals that live in Audubon's forests and wetlands.



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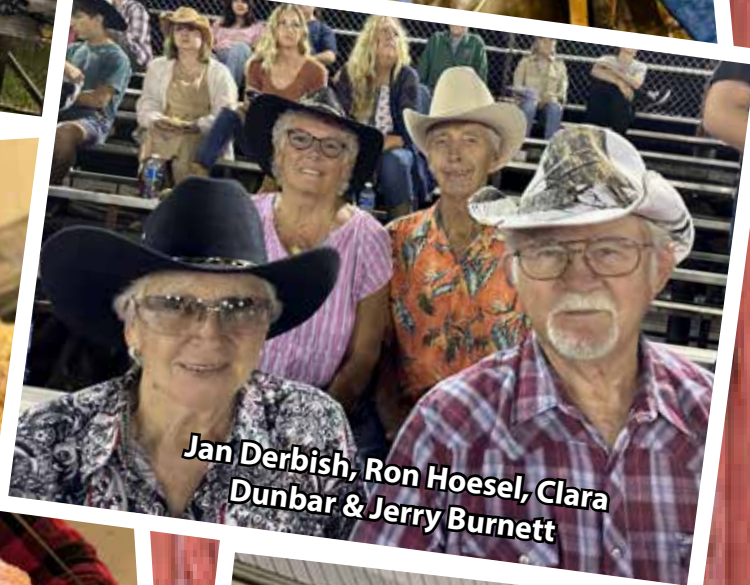
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