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## HOMETOWN TEAM

Featured Writer

Jordan Nicholson

When the calendar flips to September, when the air gets crisp, when the leaves turn, and the ubiquitous smells of cinnamon and apple candles affront you in store after store, it also means it's finally time for football.

I always pity those who live elsewhere, in those far-off reaches of America that don't get to experience fall. How can you enjoy football without feeling the coming shroud of winter and clinging to the last vestiges of summer before they're taken from us? Living in a place where you're unable to experience autumn – let's say Miami – must be a horrible football purgatory.

"It smells like football" is an oft-repeated phrase. But what does that smell like, exactly? What can the purveyors of Yankee Candle capture in a glass jar and sell to the poor Dolphins fans who can't experience a



real football atmosphere?

It smells like stale popcorn. It smells like bad coffee. It smells like cheap beer and charcoal grills. It smells like hot chicken wings and a fresh pizza. It smells like the caustic pine cleaner that hits your nose as you first walk into the bathroom, a smell that dissipates as the game goes on. It smells like fall air.

But a candle could never properly capture the nostalgia of football season. It's about so much more than sensory pleasures. It's about nostalgia, and youth, and aging, and family, and friendship. Football is a game most people stop playing when they're 18 years old, one of the first reminders a lot of young men receive about the inevitability of time.

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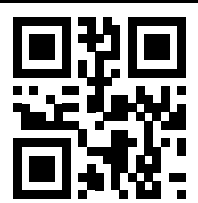
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"The only place that "success" comes before "work" is in the dictionary."

- Vince Lombardi

## HOW 'BILLSMAFIA' CAME TO BE

Featured Writer

Robyn Mundy

Editor-in-Chief, BuffaloFAMbase.com

It started out as a joke. The power of social media was on full display when the term 'BillsMafia' originated [https://buffalofambase.com/what-is-billsmafia/] from a giggle by a few friends on what was then known as the Twitter platform... and it became something glorious.

The randomness of social media is like a bathroom full of expressions written all over the walls. It's today's public square. What one may find fascinating, others may find sinister in nature. But when something catches fire on social media, it's because it resonates with the masses one way or another, and it goes viral.

And that's what happened with the BillsMafia movement. And that's just the beginning of the story.



Submitted Photo

Breyon Harris, Leslie Wille, and Del Reid - BillsMafia Founders.

Sometimes life works in ways that create opportunities... like a fork in the pathway of our journey. Taking one route might be the safe bet. But having the courage to believe you can turn an adverse situation in life to something bigger than yourself is downright brave.

And that's exactly just what Del Reid did.

The synchronicity of events that converge to create something

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# Stronger Together

**Merged United Ways of Chautauqua County Kicking Off First Ever Joint Fundraising Campaign with Two Events – in Dunkirk & Bemus Point**

Article Contributed by

**United Ways of Chautauqua County**



The merged United Ways of Chautauqua County will hold two kickoff events next week to signal the start of their 2024 Fundraising Campaign.

This year marks the first time ever for a combined, county-wide fundraising campaign. The theme for this year's campaign is "Stronger Together", a message which not only applies to the now merged United Ways of northern and southern Chautauqua County – but also to the impact which the county now stands to make by rallying behind a unified United Way.

The first of the two kickoff events will be held at 4:30pm Monday, Sept. 16 at the Dunkirk Boardwalk Marketplace on Central Avenue in the city. The second kickoff event will be held at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House on Main Street in Bemus Point. Our 2024 Campaign Chairs Kelly Borrello and Bill Soffel will both be at each of the two kickoff events – as will United Way staff, Board Members, local dignitaries, elected officials and others.

**Monday, September 16, 2024**  
Dunkirk Boardwalk Marketplace  
8-22 Central Avenue  
Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048  
4:30pm

**Monday, September 16, 2024**  
Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House  
72 Main Street  
Bemus Point, NY 14712  
4:30pm

Join us in celebrating our community's support of United Way and all of the impact that the donor dollars raised during campaign will enable United Way to make in Chautauqua County. Donations made to the United Ways of Chautauqua County go to support 48 programs facilitated locally by our 34 partner agencies. 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.

The kickoff event will feature the premiere of the 2024 Campaign video, which can be found online at United Way's YouTube channel. The video highlights the personal stories of local individuals who have each been served by programs funded by United Way, and who have in turn given back to the community.

## Paul Leone to Present Stories of Interesting Happenings and Characters of Local Folklore

Contributed by

**Chautauqua Town Historical Society**



Submitted Photo

Paul Leone

throughout western New York, and is the author of seven books including the popular Chautauqua Ghosts.

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. All who are interested are invited and are welcome to attend.

Paul Leone, local author and professional storyteller, will share some stories of interesting happenings and characters of local folklore. He will present his program at the Chautauqua Town Historical Society meeting on Thursday, September 19th, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the Town of Chautauqua Building, 2 Academy St, Mayville.

Paul Leone has been a major figure in the literary life of Chautauqua County for many years. He has performed and conducted workshops in storytelling venues

## This Week Around Town

**Monday, September 16**

**United Way Fundraiser: Dunkirk | 4:30 PM**  
Boardwalk Marketplace  
8-22 Central Avenue | Dunkirk  
For Info: 716-483-1561

**Author Paul Leone: Stories of Interesting Happenings and Characters of Local Folklore 7 PM**  
Town of Chautauqua Building  
Mayville  
For Info: 716-753-2436

**Tuesday, September 17**

**Constitution Day | 10 AM**  
Robert H. Jackson Center  
Jamestown  
For Info: 716-483-6646

**Business After Hours Networking Event | 5 PM**  
Hideaway Bay Resort | Silver Creek  
For Info: 716-401-5762

**The Henry C. Youngerman Center for Communication Disorders Group Meeting 3 PM**

SUNY Fredonia's Thompson Hall  
Room E148 | Fredonia  
For Info: (716) 673-3203

**Friday, September 20**

**Movies at The Reg: Despicable Me 4 | 7 PM**  
The Reg Lenna Center For The Arts  
For Info: 716-484-7070

**United Way Fundraiser: Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House | 4:30 PM**  
72 Main Street | Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-483-1561

**Movie Night: 9 to 5 | 6:30 PM**  
St. Timothy Church | Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-386-7280

**Wednesday, September 18**

**Denim & Diamonds Gala 6 PM**  
Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua  
Bemus Point  
For Info: 716-763-8602

**MHA 2024 Art in Recovery Exhibit | 6 PM**  
Grace Lutheran Church | Dunkirk  
For info: 716-661-9044

**Wine on the Trail | 5:30 PM**  
Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park  
Cassadaga  
For Info: 716-664-2166

**Saturday, September 21**

**Heron Horse Equine Sport Challenge | 10 AM**  
The Heron Farm and Event Center  
Sherman  
For Info: 716-761-7190

**Movies at The Reg: The Fabulous Four | 7 PM**  
The Reg Lenna Center For The Arts  
For Info: 716-484-7070

**Busti Fire Department Fall Festival | 11 AM**  
Busti Firemen's Grounds | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-487-1271

**Thursday, September 19**

**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Agriculture Program Pasture Walk | 1 PM**  
Murphy's Grass Farm | Sherman  
For Info: 716-664-9502 Ext 203

**Living History Fair | 10 AM**  
Harmony Historical Society | Ashville  
For Info: 716-782-3074

**Art Reception: Thoughts of Home | 5:30 PM**  
Chautauqua Art Gallery | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-294-3027

**Frewsburg Lions and Leos Clubs Drive-Through Chicken and Biscuits Fundraiser Dinner | 4:30 PM**  
Zion Lutheran Church | Frewsburg  
For Info: 716-499-2191

**The 1821 Caleb Mathews Pottery of Gerry Presented by Historian Vince Martonis 6:30 PM**  
Sinclairville Library | Sinclairville  
For Info: vmartonis@gmail.com

**Sunday, September 22**

**Author Rev. Lauren Turner: The Limits of Free Speech 10:30 AM**  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Jamestown  
For Info: uujamestown.org/calendar

**Basil & Bones Fall Festival 12 PM**  
Basil & Bones | Jamestown  
For Info: 716-488-7590

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

# 'Tis the Season!



Owner & Publisher  
**Lori Cornell**



"Here we go Steelers!"  
Ben, Nate, Zach & Nick Cornell  
circa 2010, Sears Photo Studio  
(yes, that's how you know it's old!!!)

Football Season that is. As sad as I am for summer to end, the anticipation of a few trips out to Notre Dame (my alma mater and, of course, favorite college team) and some cherished family time around the Sunday Steelers with tailgate eats - do warm my cool attitude about the chillier fall.

I am sorry to my majority Bills-fan readers - you read correctly. I will pay due homage to you here in this paper, but in the Cornell house, we are proud Steelers fans. I can't claim much Pittsburgh knowledge or history - I married into the team and, apparently, raised four die-hard, terrible-towel waving sons - but I have enjoyed more than twenty years with the spirited "Black and Yellow."

My big claim to fame with our hometown team, on the other hand, is that I spent each of my four years of high school rooting for the Bills who made, and then subsequently lost, each and every one of my freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior year Superbowls in a row! But regardless, the

Bills should be proud of their incredible fan base, and whether you root for the Steelers, Browns, Phillies - or even the (gasp!) Chiefs - the Bills have become a strong impetus for the economic growth and prosperity for which all of us Western New Yorkers can be very proud!

Please do check out and enjoy our brand-new "Game Watch" page, beginning in this edition and scheduled to run each Monday throughout the football season. We appreciate you patronizing these great sponsoring locations - the "best places" to watch YOUR favorite football team in our area!

And that's all I have to say about that for this week! Go Steelers. Go Irish. Yes....Go Bills!

And go have fun! Enjoy the Season...

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## How 'BillsMafia' Came to Be

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beautiful are truly amazing. At the same time 'BillsMafia' went viral, Del Reid found out his job was being eliminated in a downsizing move. The comfortable job with predictability, stability, and security was suddenly being pulled out from underneath him.

So Del prayed.

He saw the power of what happened with the viral adaptation of 'BillsMafia' as a moniker describing fans of the Buffalo Bills who will go to the ends of the earth to defend their team, their city and their credibility as fan base. There is no other fan base in sports like the 'BillsMafia'.

Reid contemplated the opportunity to use this new 'BillsMafia' platform to launch a business called 26shirts.com. Del, Breyon Harris and Leslie Wille came together to talk about what good they might be able to do with BillsMafia's new found fame.

And this was how a business was created as a way to sell original art tee shirts once every two weeks (hence 26 shirts/year) and donate part of the proceeds to families in the Western New York area and elsewhere facing a medical crisis. Bills' players also jumped on the opportunity to work with Del and his crew... and from these humble beginnings over two million dollars has been donated for families experiencing medical crises.

A group of people are involved in selecting families chosen to receive these precious resources from Bills fans. Sometimes fans of other teams even donate to their very worthy causes. What a way to bring civility back to being a sports fan!



Submitted Photos

Del Reid

The way 'BillsMafia' came to be what it is today is nothing short of a miracle.

Eventually the Buffalo Bills reclaimed the name 'BillsMafia' to use for their own marketing purposes, and the name that started out as a joke became the name to describe a unique fan base with an unlimited capacity to show love toward fellow human beings.

These days we are rebranded as BuffaloFAMbase.com and continue to push forward with our desire to be known as a group of people who love the city of Buffalo and its sports teams. Our blog is supported by a talented group of voluntary writers who keep fans up to date with the latest opinions on all things Buffalo Bills.

We are blessed to share our love and compassion with those in need and spread civility and friendship among sports fans from around the world. We always believe this year will be our year. Go Bills!




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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce  
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## Business After Hours at Hideaway Bay Resort September 19

Join us at a brand new and spectacular venue for Business After Hours! Our hosts September 19 will be Hideaway Bay Resort, 42 Lake Avenue, Silver Creek. Drift Restaurant at Hideaway Bay Resort offers a unique experience with expansive views of Lake Erie. At this Business After Hours you'll enjoy complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, and a chance to mingle with a wide variety of local businesspeople in a tremendous setting. Business After Hours is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, DFT Communications, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, and The Post-Journal.

Registration is not required but is appreciated for our planning purposes and to get you on our Who's Who in the Room list. Chamber member businesses may send two people for free. After that the cost is just \$10 per person, or it's \$10 if you're a non-member. Register now through our web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org).

## Register Now for the CHQ Chamber Congressional Lunch October 3

Each year the CHQ Chamber provides an opportunity for local businesspeople to hear directly from their local elected representatives at the county, state, and federal levels. This year the Chamber's Congressional Luncheon will be held Thursday, October 3 at Shorewood Country Club, 4958 West Lake Road, Dunkirk. Representative Nick Langworthy will be our guest, and we hope attendees will come with questions for our Congressman.

Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar at [www.chqchamber.org](http://www.chqchamber.org). The price is \$25 for Chamber members or \$29 for non-members. Advance registration is required, and we ask that you register before September 30. The CHQ Chamber Congressional Lunch is sponsored by Advanced Manufacturing Technology, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Chautauqua Institution, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown Mattress Company, Media One Radio Group, National Grid, Observer, The Post-Journal, Shorewood Country Club, and UPMC Chautauqua.

## First Ever Made in Falconer is October 5

For the first time, the CHQ Chamber presents Made in Falconer, Saturday, October 5! In recognition of National Manufacturing Month, the CHQ Chamber Committee in Falconer has organized this event to highlight the wide variety of local manufacturers, retailers and restaurants. Participating manufacturers are Dahlstrom Roll Form, Ellison Bronze, Falconer Printing, Fancher Chair, Hanson Sign, and Stuart Tool & Die. These businesses will be open for public tours from 10am-2pm, with fresh tours beginning every half hour.

When you're touring each location, find the scavenger hunt word at each site so you can text an entry into the Made in Falconer prize drawing. Prizes will include baskets with items donated by local businesses including 17-19 West Main Mercantile, Persnikkity Pies, ShopLocalCHQ Gift Cards, and more. You are also encouraged to visit other local Falconer area businesses for dining and shopping between tours.

This project was developed through the CHQ Chamber Committee in Falconer. This group of local businesspeople has been looking for a way to showcase the wide variety of businesses in the community. Made in Falconer is proudly sponsored by CCB, Live CHQ and Choose CHQ.

## CHQ Chamber Awards to be Presented October 10

The CHQ Chamber is pleased to announce a diverse group of award recipients who will be honored during our annual Chamber Awards Banquet October 10. This year the Chamber reimagined its awards process, following a full year of strategic planning and rebranding that has left us focused clearly on our mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses in Chautauqua County.

One award will be presented for Emerging Business of the Year – a newer or growing business that has demonstrated vision and/or filled a need in Chautauqua County. Business Sector Awards are being presented for Hospitality Business of the Year (restaurants, attractions, lodging); Service Business of the Year (retail or service such as financial, insurance, legal, etc.); Producer of the Year (manufacturing, agriculture, or construction); and Not-for-Profit of the Year (an outstanding nonprofit organization). The Business Champion Award is designed to

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## SUDOKU

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

Level: Intermediate

## CROSSWORD

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### CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Wrest
- 5. Russian river
- 10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
- 12. One who quits prematurely
- 14. Related to the nature of being
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
- 19. Tease
- 20. J.M. \_\_, Irish dramatist
- 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered
- 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy Leon
- 26. Dash
- 27. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive
- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated
- 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults
- 52. Check
- 53. Gives a job
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale
- 56. Small, faint constellation
- 57. Thou
- 58. Reduce
- 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes for good
- 66. Jill and Catherine are two
- 67. Cruise

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Greenwich Time
- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Complete
- 4. Scheduled
- 5. One who obeys
- 6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 7. Days (Spanish)
- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River
- 11. One who eliminates
- 13. Ballroom music
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 17. Denies
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. Make vital
- 23. Former NFLer Newton
- 24. Kashmiri tribe
- 27. Indigenous S. American person
- 29. Capacitance unit
- 32. MLB great Scherzer
- 34. Taxi
- 35. Boggy
- 36. Artist's workroom
- 39. Feline
- 40. Prosecutors
- 43. Freshwater perches
- 44. Young ladies
- 46. Whittles
- 47. Licensed for Wall Street
- 49. Type of gene
- 51. Express displeasure
- 54. Fly high
- 59. Norwegian krone
- 60. Investment account
- 61. Chinese surname
- 62. Language
- 64. By the way (abbr.)



# In Loving Memory



**September 3**

James Price, 55

Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Barbara A. Scroxtton, 88

Bemus Point

Lind Funeral Home

**September 5**

Stanley Thomas Jr., 58

Jamestown

Lind Funeral Home

Evelynn Schroeder Juhl, 75

Cassadaga

Falconer Funeral Home

**September 7**

Clair J. Golish, 85

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**September 6**

Timothy Lovejoy, 49

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**September 9**

Annette Sielski, 77

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## The Season Kickoff



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situations and seasons? I would suggest that the best way to deal with the many seasons we face is to respond to each one the same way Job did. He was a man that walked upright and in obedience to God. He had riches, children, livestock and more, as well as a great relationship with God. But he was still attacked by Satan, yet his faith in God never wavered. Through it all, good times and bad, he stated, "Though God slay me, yet will I trust him". (Job 13:15)

As I sit here writing this particular piece, I am impatiently waiting for the opening kickoff of the Thursday Night football game between the Buffalo Bills and the Miami Dolphins. Another season has started, and the hopes and dreams of fans across America rise and fall with each passing play. (No pun intended.)

I was reminded of this a few years ago. I spotted a tee shirt that stated, "I love it when seasons change" with a picture of a baseball, football and basketball on it. The intended impression was that seasons don't just include spring, summer, fall and winter, but that sports have seasons as well.

The same can be said of our relationship with God. We go through seasons as followers of Christ. The life as a believer, walking by faith, is not a life without troubles and trials. As a matter of fact, Jesus informed His disciples that in this world we would have trouble. (John 16:33) Trials and trouble actually grow our faith and mature us in our relationship with God. And though there are times when it seems the trouble has lasted longer than we can bear, God assures us through scripture that we will not face more than we can handle. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

So the question we must deal with is "how do I deal with these

We must understand that we live in a world that is changing quickly and in many ways. True believers will face opposition, persecution and seasons of trouble and trial, as well as "times of refreshing" (Acts 3:19-21), but if we remain faithful, humble, repentant and completely trust in God's sovereign plan for our life, He will take care of us. There will be seasons of good times and seasons of struggle, but in the end, we are presently victorious by faith, but one day soon, that which we hold onto by faith will become sight. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says: "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."

I want to remind you that whatever season you may be going through in your life right now, God is sovereign, God is faithful, God loves you, and God is with you through every season whether they are good or bad.

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## Hometown Team

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Speaking of the inevitability of time, let's talk about ghosts. I'm not talking about a green slimy specter that Dan Aykroyd tries to shoot off a hotel wall with a proton stream, I'm talking about the hazy vestiges of football gone by.

A recent airing of "The Natural" on television got me wistful for the days of Western New York football gone by. Though it plays the role of a 1930's baseball stadium in the movie, Roy Hobbs was actually hitting dingers out of the original home of the Buffalo Bills – War Memorial Stadium to some, "The Rockpile" to others.

There are still two pavilions left from the old building in East Buffalo, a living reminder of what used to be.

We have just under two more seasons left before Highmark Stadium reaches the end of its useful life. We have two more seasons of the tailgating and the noise. Less than twenty games before we lose the steep steps that become extremely dangerous when they get icy. Just two more seasons before it too becomes something kids only hear about from their parents.

I spent a long time going to terrible games at Ralph Wilson Stadium but those who came before me got to see some truly incredible games there.

For those of you who haven't been, I implore you to just go to a single game. Go one time before the wrecking ball turns our church into a parking lot. You will get to enjoy football the way it is meant to be enjoyed. You go, you get warm beer and a sub-par hot dog, you watch a football game, you yell. That's the formula. Get there early. Grill in the parking lot. Invite your friends. You won't be able to enjoy the cheapest tickets in the NFL very much longer (seriously, they're still the lowest ticket prices in the NFL).

Football takes center stage at Highmark Stadium. The trappings are concrete and iron. The seats in the upper deck are metal benches. You arrive at a place ready for you

to watch football. And lately, we've seen some of the best football anywhere, ever.

Whether you're a former Mayville Eagle and you lament the inability to visit your old high school football field, or if you attended UB while they still played at Rotary Field in downtown Buffalo, you should be able to appreciate the sentiment of enjoying something as much as possible while you still can.

Highmark Stadium, or New Era Field, or Ralph Wilson Stadium, or Rich Stadium, or whatever you choose to call it, has been a constant in our lives for more than fifty years. It's provided a setting for me to grow up. In fact, it's where I learned a whole bunch of new words as a kid. For a kid, it's the biggest thing you've ever seen in your life when you first walk through the tunnel and see the expanse of seats and the lush fake green turf. You're in awe. If play your cards right, that feeling won't ever go away.

Pre-trial OJ and Jack Kemp both played on that field. One of the most potent offences in NFL history played on that field. Right now, the best player the Buffalo Bills have ever had is playing on that field.

The reminder of our own mortality is quickly rising from across Abbott Road in Orchard Park. A shiny new palace of iron and glass is going to replace the concrete hole we've loved since we were kids. That too shall become a ghost, but not before two more chances to make it immortal.

The House that Allen Built is coming, and I'm sure it will be glorious and sparkly and include all the trappings the NFL demands now. That may be true, but it's going to be a long time before it feels like home.

Go Bills.

## The 1821 Caleb Mathews Pottery of Gerry



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Historian Vince Martonis

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**Vince Martonis**

Historian

Historian Vince Martonis will present a talk and display at the Sinclairville Library on Thursday, September 19, at 6:30 about an early 19th century Chautauqua County pottery. The pottery was operated by Gerry resident Caleb Mathews from 1821 to about 1850.

Martonis has researched the pottery for over 40 years and examined over 1,500 sherds he collected. This has allowed him to identify unmarked pieces Mathews made.

He will have about a dozen of these unmarked pieces on display. Many

are characterized by what Martonis has identified as "nested numbers" and "grip edge handles." Knowing what these traits look like allows anyone to identify unmarked Mathews pieces.

In addition, he will display one of the first pieces made by Mathews. This is a large crock with the name OLNEY on it, being shown to the public for the first time. The Olney family were some of the first settlers of Gerry.

The book Martonis published about the pottery earlier this year will be available. It contains 30 color photos of crocks and jugs and 19 in black and white, and it's being sold below cost at \$15. Martonis has donated copies of his book to several historical collections in the county.

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## Jamestown BPU Named First in WNY Healthiest Employer Competition for Seventh Year in a Row

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Jamestown Board of  
Public Utilities

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) placed first among twelve middle-sized companies in the WNY Healthiest Employer contest for the seventh consecutive year.

Buffalo Business First, Springbuk, Independent Health, Wegmans and Walsh Duffield sponsored the competition and recently announced contest winners.

Other companies competing against the BPU in the middle-sized category included: Buffalo Rehab Group, CannonDesign, Caz Recovery, Community Missions of Niagara Frontier, Inc., Endeavor Health Services, Great Lakes Dental Technologies, Gross Polowy LLC, Lumsden McCormick CPA, Trocaire College, Trusted Nurse Staffing and Wendel. Companies in this grouping employ 100-249 employees.

The recognition automatically enters the BPU program in the Healthiest 100 Workplaces in America Competition. The utility has earned a spot among the top 100 companies in the national challenge since 2019.

A point-based program, the BPU's health and wellness plan provides incentives for employee participation in biometric screenings, health challenges and preventative medical appointments. The program also includes the installation of standing workstations, online training coursework and an exercise room open to employees.

Healthy snacks are provided in utility buildings instead of previous candy sales. Some buildings have a healthy recipe and garden produce exchange corner. Flu vaccinations are furnished on-site during work and after-work hours. Lunch-n-Learns on pertinent health and



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BPU Health and Wellness Team Leader Aaron Dunlap is pictured, center, with the utility's seventh consecutive first-place award for the Healthiest Employers in Western New York among 12 medium-size companies. Representatives of contest sponsors Independent Health and Wegmans, both of Buffalo, stand beside Dunlap.

wellness topics occur during the year and are attended by more than half of the BPU employees.

Past programs offered periodically are Weight Watcher classes, pre-diabetes training, carotid artery screenings and "Wellness Days." The team looks for additional ways to encourage wellness and health and to keep the choices interesting and new.

Aaron Dunlap, a BPU employee who heads the Health and Wellness Team for the first time this year, was gratified to learn that the BPU program had been recognized for the seventh consecutive year.

"Our team of employees from the various departments at the BPU meets monthly to discuss ideas about future program offerings," said Dunlap. "We look forward to adding enthusiastic employees to our team in the new year."

"I am proud that our volunteer employee team continues to meet to determine what subjects should be included in the Health and Wellness Program," added BPU General Manager David L. Leathers. "They review health statistics from our utility and

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## Rayven Sample Finishes 12th in the 2024 Paralympics T47 400-Meter Dash



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While most Americans were still sleeping at 5:20 a.m. ET, Class of 2024 graduate Rayven Sample raced in the T47 400-meter dash preliminaries at the 2024 Paris Paralympics and finished 12th. He was the only American in the event. The result ends his 2024 Paralympics experience but the memories will linger.

Sample classifies as a T45 athlete but runs in the T45-47 category due to a lack of T45 athletes. As the broadcasters noted, he would have needed to run a near-world record in his grouping to qualify for the finals. As it stands, he did an admirable job finishing 12th in a crowded and competitive field. His time of 50.33 was less than a second away from qualifying. The top three from each of the two heats and the next two fastest times will race in tomorrow's finals.

Sample previously raced in the 100-meter dash preliminaries at the Paralympics and finished 14th. He placed eighth in the 400-meter dash

at the 2021 Tokyo Preliminaries.

The 2028 Paralympics Games will be held in Los Angeles. Sample already plans on participating in that competition and will begin training in earnest after refueling from his extensive workouts this summer.

"Rayven had a great career for us and not only did he compete well against able-bodied competition, but he was able to bring our program and university national and international attention with his results at National and International competition in the Paralympic Athletics," said Bucknell head coach Kevin Donner. "He always competed hard and with great pride. Rayven will be remembered at Bucknell for many years to come and we will miss him."

Morocco's Ayoub Sadni finished first and broke his Paralympic record with a time of 46.98. He shattered his old mark of 47.38, set at the 2021 Tokyo Paralympics. Fellow Moroccan Aymane El Haddaoui placed second, racing 47.15. South Africa's Collen Mahlalela grabbed third, running a personal best 48.65.



Scan for race results

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Hubert

### CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY PETS OF THE WEEK

Hubert, a distinguished older gentleman with a heart full of youthful exuberance! At 9 years young, this charming canine proves that age is just a number when it comes to having fun. Hubert has a playful spirit that belies his years-whether it's a game of fetch in the backyard, a romp through the park, or a friendly chase with his favorite squeaky toy, he's always up for a good time. Shelter No. RR179.

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Twinkle





## Stroke/Head Injury Support Group Dates Set at Youngerman Center at SUNY Fredonia



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Thompson Hall on the SUNY Fredonia campus.

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**SUNY Fredonia**

The Henry C. Youngerman Center for Communication Disorders will resume offering support group meetings for stroke and head injury survivors and family members this fall.

A typical group meeting includes activities to help stroke and head injury survivors use compensatory strategies to improve communication skills and provides educational information and an opportunity to socialize and share experiences. Light refreshments are provided.

Meetings are held from 3 to 4 p.m.

on alternating Tuesdays – Sept. 17, Oct. 1 and 15, and Nov. 5 and 19 – in SUNY Fredonia’s Thompson Hall Room E148. Sessions are free and open to stroke/head injury survivors and their families.

The Youngerman Center recognizes there are individuals in the community whose insurance benefit for therapy has been exhausted but their hopes for improvement have not.

For more information about attending the group, contact Julie Williams, coordinator, at (716) 673-4618 or (716) 673-3203.

## Pasture Walk for Dairy and Livestock Producers Improving Pasture Quality and Yields



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Dairy cattle rotational grazing quality grass forage at Murphy's Grass Farm in Sherman, NY. The farm will host a pasture walk on September 19th.

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**Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County**

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County’s Agriculture Program invites anyone interested in learning more about grazing dairy and livestock to a pasture walk on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Murphy’s Grass Farm, 4270 Sherman-Ripley Rd (Rt.76), Sherman, NY.

Doug Murphy, owner of this organic dairy farm will share his successes & opportunities rotationally grazing 100 Jersey dairy cows and 100 dairy replacements on his farm’s 200 acres of grass pasture.

We will discuss managing weeds in an organic grazing system, as well as conventional systems, tiling pastures to improve grass yields, the value of soil sampling, and renovating existing pastures. Doug will also discuss how he and his employees manage the herd of organic Jersey dairy cattle, milks the herd in an efficient 14-unit swing milking parlor, harvests hay and baleage and uses bedded packs for housing his lactating herd and

replacements during the winter months. Calves are housed in small groups and are fed pasteurized whole milk.

The discussion will be facilitated by Lisa Kempisty, Extension Educator, CCE-Chautauqua County, with Katelyn Miller, Field Crops Specialist with the Cornell University Cooperative Extension SWNY Dairy, Livestock, Field Crop Team who will share information on weed control to improve pasture quality and yields.

No charge to attend. To help plan for light refreshments, please RSVP by noon on September 18th to Lisa Kempisty at 716-664-9502 Ext 203 or ljk4@cornell.edu. Please wear footwear that can be disinfected.

Anyone with an interest in growing high quality grass forage is encouraged to join us for this pasture walk and discussion to learn about and share ideas with others grazing their dairy and livestock.

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on identifying, managing, and preventing heart disease.”

“The General Manager and our Board of Directors have been instrumental in supporting this employee-developed and volunteer-led program,” stated BPU Human Resources Director Tammy Anderson.

“Improving the health and well-being of our employees is a win-win,” continued Anderson. “Our employees benefit by having a wellness support system available to them. The BPU benefits from less employee absence and improved productivity.”

Leathers noted that reduced absences and stabilization of health benefit

utility costs are indicators of the program’s success. The importance of good health in the workplace has become the company culture.

“We are grateful to be recognized as one of Western New York’s Healthiest Employers,” said Leathers. “Our entire workforce takes great pride in this important award.”

Leathers commended the BPU Health and Wellness Team, whose members include: Martha Abers, Dan Currie, Jarrett Devereaux, Dunlap, Crystal Gibson, Todd Hoaglund, Cynthia McFadden, Gloria Miranda, Jake Prince, Shannon Pattysen and Becky Robbins.



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- Walt Pickut, local writer/historian

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recognize 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 be presented to a business that has demonstrated outstanding leadership in employee growth, product development or exemplary service. In addition, multiple businesses will be recognized for milestone service years or multi-generational ownership.

The award recipients for 2024 are:

- Emerging Business of the Year – Whizz'n Smash, Dewittville
- Hospitality Business of the Year – Central Station, Dunkirk
- Service Business of the Year – Kravitz Tree Service, Fredonia
- Producer of the Year – Ghostfish Brewing Company, Westfield
- Not-for-Profit of the Year – Prevention Works, Jamestown
- Business Champion Award – Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, Chautauqua
- Business of the Year – Persnikkity Pies, Falconer

Legacy Recognition for major milestones will go to: Chautauqua Institution, 150 years; Brigiotta's Farmland Produce, Jamestown and Media One Group Radio, both 100

years; AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, 82 years; A. W. Farrell & Son, Dunkirk, 78 years; Jamestown Awning in Jamestown and Peek'n Peak in Clymer, both 60 years; Pucci's Carpet One, Fredonia, 52 years; Artone Manufacturing in Jamestown and Haff Acres Farm in Mayville, both 50 years; Belle-View East, Falconer, 33 years; 360 Graphics, Jamestown, 20 years; and Dot's Gift Boutique, Jamestown and The Green Door Tavern, Bemus Point, both 5 years. These businesses demonstrate not only longevity, but also years of commitment by multiple generations of families.

We hope you will join us to honor these exceptional businesses and organizations. The CHQ Chamber Annual Awards Banquet will be held October 10 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia with a buffet dinner. Major sponsors for this event are Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency, DFT Communications, Jamestown Community College, LaBella Associates, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Media One Group Radio, Observer, and The Post-Journal. Registration is open now through the Chamber's web calendar.

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# How Voters Can Prepare for Election Day

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**Metro Creative Connection**

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Given the significance of voting and all that the right to vote symbolizes for so many people, Election Day is an incredibly important day on the American calendar. In recognition of that significance, voters can consider these tips to prepare for Election Day so they can exercise their right to vote as efficiently as possible.

- Make sure you're registered to vote. With the exception of North Dakota, each state has its own voter registration deadlines, and voters must register prior to those deadlines in order to vote on Election Day. Voters can visit the US Vote Foundation at [usvote-foundation.org](http://usvote-foundation.org) to view the election dates and deadlines in their states and U.S. territories. Voters who know they are not registered can visit [Vote.gov](http://Vote.gov) to begin the registration process.
- Find your polling place. Voters cannot simply vote at any polling place. Each voter is assigned a polling place, and that place is generally within close proximity to a voter's home. Local

schools or churches often serve as polling locations, but the official guide to government information and services [USA.gov](http://USA.gov) urges voters to contact their state or territorial election office in advance of Election Day to determine their designated polling place. Voters who received sample ballots in the mail also can check those ballots to see if their polling place is listed.

- Know the ID requirements. Voter ID requirements vary from state to state, so voters are urged to determine what is required to vote at their local polling place. The National Conference of State Legislatures has a detailed, state-by-state list of voter identification requirements that can be accessed for free at [ncsl.org](http://ncsl.org). Voters who are uncertain about the ID requirements at their local polling place are urged to visit the site in advance of Election Day so they know what to expect and can meet all ID requirements when they show up to vote.
- Study your sample ballot. Sample ballots can help voters familiarize themselves with candidates in local and national elections. Studying these ballots in advance and learning what each candidate stands for can help voters make the most informed voting decision.

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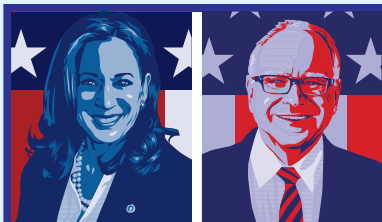
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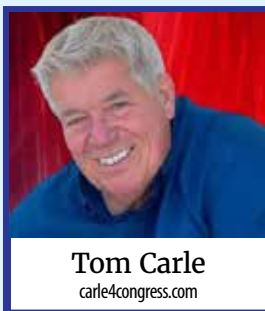
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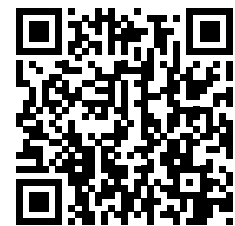
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That path, which started at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, led her back to Upstate New York, where she decided to raise her family and make a long-shot bid to represent her home district in Congress. In 2006, Kirsten and her 2-year-old son Theo hit the campaign trail, taking on a long-term Republican incumbent in a district with a 2-to-1 Republican majority. She waged that uphill battle with commonsense ideas to reform congressional ethics, end the war in Iraq and introduce Medicare for All – and won. She brought unprecedented transparency to her House office and championed the needs of Upstate New Yorkers.

When she became a senator in 2009, she drew on her mother’s commitment to raising the voices of those who most need advocates and gained a reputation for taking on the

toughest fights in Washington. She successfully pushed for the repeal of the discriminatory Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell policy; passed the historic 9/11 health bill, giving long overdue support to first responders; made gun trafficking a federal crime after more than a decade of advocacy; delivered benefits to veterans exposed to toxic burn pits; enacted some of the most critical workplace reforms in modern history; reformed the military justice system on behalf of our nation’s service members; and brought home critical funding for New York.

Kirsten is also carrying on her grandmother’s fight to bring women into the political process, making it her life’s mission to help more women run for office. In 2011, she launched Off the Sidelines, issuing a call to women and girls to get involved, raise their voices, and put their names on the ballot. Since its creation, Off the Sidelines has raised over \$12 million to help hundreds of women candidates run for office and it has helped elect some of the Democratic Party’s brightest rising stars.

Kirsten is a graduate of Dartmouth College and the UCLA School of Law. Her home is in Albany, New York, where she grew up. She and her husband Jonathan have two boys, Theo and Henry, and a labradoodle, Maple.

**MEET MIKE**

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Mike Saprone is a retired New York Police Department Detective, community volunteer, small business founder, and nationally-recognized security expert.

Mike began his law enforcement career in 1980 and served in the New York Police Department for 20 years, beginning as a transit officer protecting millions of subway riders. His dedication to service was recognized with the promotion to first-grade detective — a rank in which he worked to bring high-profile criminals to justice.

Being at the foundation of New York City’s turnaround, Mike saw first-hand the impact of crime on the New York’s economy and the need for businesses to have a private security option. It was with this in mind that he started Squad Security to provide security services to New York-based companies, including the American Stock Exchange. Since retiring from the NYPD in 2000, Mike grew this small business into a global security firm in the heart of Long Island, and employed over 600 active and retired members of law enforcement.

Mike was raised in Richmond Hill, Queens where he attended Holy Cross High School in Flushing. He has continued to be involved at Holy Cross High School as a member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees and he established scholarships for high-achieving students and those in financial need.

Mike has served as president of the Seaford Union Free School District Board of Education and is senior trustee of the Museum of American Armor, based in Old Bethpage, NY.

Mike is also on the boards of Tomorrow’s Hope Foundation, Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital, Catholic Youth Organization and the Columbus Citizens Foundation, for which he Co-Chaired New York City’s Columbus Day Parade.

Mike has been a member of the National Association of Chiefs of Police, Associated Licensed Detectives of New York State and the American Academy for Professional Law Enforcement.

Mike has frequently appeared on NBC’s Today Show, WINS Radio, NBC-TV, Fox News,

**VOTER TIMELINE**

**Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day**  
Polls are open 6am-9pm

**Monday, Nov 4 - Last day to Apply for General Election Ballot & Simultaneously Vote In-Person** at the BOE.

**Saturday, October 26 - Last Day for the BOE to receive the following documents by Postal Mail (by 5pm) or Online (by midnight):**

- VOTER REGISTRATION form
- VOTE “EARLY BY MAIL” application
- ABSENTEE BALLOT application

**Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, Nov 3 - Early Voting Polls Open**

The Gazette will publish these local sites and complete schedule in October.

**Monday, October 21 - Last day for Voter Address or Name Change.** Voters who provide a change of address after this date may still vote via “Provisional Affidavit Ballot” at their new poll site.

**Three ways to register:**

- 1 - Online: [nyovr.elections.ny.gov](http://nyovr.elections.ny.gov)
- 2 - Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on pg 12): [chqgov.com/board-of-elections/Voter-Registration-Form](http://chqgov.com/board-of-elections/Voter-Registration-Form)
- 3 - Visit the BOE in person (address on pg 12).

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## Local Officials Agree on Wetland Issues

*Article Contributed by*

**Andrew Molitor**

Senator George Borrello, Assemblyman Andrew Goodell, and County Executive PJ Wendel have given their strong and unequivocal support for recommended changes in proposed DEC wetland regulations suggested by attorney Andrew Molitor.

Molitor sent a detailed five page legal analysis to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) that recommended several changes to the proposed new wetland regulations.

Molitor stressed the need for a reasonable balance between environmental issues and landowner rights.

“Freshwater wetlands are invaluable resources for flood protection, wildlife habitat, and open space,” he noted. “At the same time, landowners have legitimate concerns that over-regulation can damage property values, impede their ability to use their property in a reasonable manner, and/or adversely impact the use and enjoyment of other natural

resources, such as Chautauqua Lake and many other lakes in our State.”

The biggest concern for Molitor, local officials, and many residents is the proposed expansion of DEC wetland authority over every wetland, regardless of its size, that is contiguous to Chautauqua Lake, Cassadaga, Lake, Bear Lake, Finley Lake, Lake Erie, and several other waterways in Chautauqua County.

“This dramatic expansion of DEC authority exceeds both the language and intent of the statute,” notes Molitor. “While the State Legislature authorized the DEC to regulate wetlands of ‘unusual significance,’ the DEC is attempting to broadly redefine those wetlands to include any wetland regardless of size along the shorelines of our lakes.”

This issue is even more serious because the proposed new wetland regulations include a 100 foot buffer around every wetland, thereby substantially increasing the regulatory impact of even a small wetland.

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# MIKE BOBSEINE

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## ERA & Reproductive Freedom

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**Mike Boseine**

“Mr. Speaker, I had hoped that this would never come to pass. I fully appreciate that this is the termination of my political career. But what's the use of getting elected or reelected if you don't stand for something?”

In 1970, on the floor of the New York State Assembly, George Michaels, a Democratic Assemblyman representing a rural district including the City of Auburn—a district not unlike our 150th—changed his vote and supported a woman's right to a legal abortion. As he foresaw, it was the end of his political career.

But his single vote made the difference and gave women the right to make safe and legal consequential decisions about their pregnancies and their lives.

At the time, three years before Roe v. Wade, New York State became the first state to provide women this legal right. It was the first state to recognize that the grim alternative—frightening, unsanitary, sometimes murderous, usually health- and life-threatening,

back alley terminations—was unacceptable. New York's became a model law for other states and was ultimately picked up by the highest court in the country in Roe v. Wade.

Now, the wheel has again turned against women's freedom to control their own bodies.

The Supreme Court's Dobbs decision overturned more than 50 years of legal protections for women and their right to make decisions about their lives and their bodies. It has led to states restricting women's medical care. Doctors and hospitals in an increasing number of states won't care for pregnant women in emergencies, when their pregnancies are not viable, or even when they miscarry, threatening their health and their lives.

And, the efforts to restrict women's right to control their bodies—which ultimately limits their personal and economic freedom—does not stop at restricting the right to medically safe abortion. The restrictive efforts extend to legislative initiatives to restrict

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# CHQ Chamber Presents Made in Falconer

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Chautauqua County  
Chamber of Commerce



In honor of National Manufacturing Month, the CHQ Chamber is proud to present Made in Falconer, an opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities, learn about the businesses in our community, and enter to win prizes.

Made in Falconer will feature tours of Dahlstrom Roll Form, Ellison Bronze, Falconer Printing, Fancher Chair Company, Hanson Sign Company, and Stuart Tool & Die – a diverse mix of manufacturing facilities. Tours will begin every half hour at each location between 10am and 2pm on October 5th.

“We’ve been working with the Chamber and our local businesses over the past year to continue building on the development efforts Falconer has begun to see,” said Village Mayor Jim Jaroszynski. “We’re proud of what’s made in our community, and this event is a great way to showcase those products to our residents and visitors.”

The public is invited to visit each location, take the tour, and find the scavenger hunt word at each site

so you can text an entry into the Made in Falconer prize drawing. Prizes will include baskets donated by local businesses including 17-19 West Main Mercantile, PersNikkity Pies, ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card, and more. You are also encouraged to visit other local Falconer area businesses for dining and shopping between tours.

“Having visited several local manufacturing plants over the years, it is a fascinating way to see what happens inside facilities many of us drive by every day,” said Dan Heitzenrater, CHQ Chamber President & CEO. “Made in Falconer gives us the opportunity to create an experience that showcases local manufacturers and drives foot traffic to local restaurants and retail, perfectly hitting the Chamber’s mission to build vital connections, provide professional resources, and champion our local businesses.”

Made in Falconer is proudly sponsored by CCB, Live CHQ and Choose CHQ.



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## Meet Mike

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concentrate on programs that may help improve the health of our employees.”

“One year, for instance,” clarified Leathers, “programs may emphasize diabetes prevention. In another year, the program may focus Court TV, MSNBC and CNN. Mike has also served as an expert on public safety and security issues in leading newspapers like the New York Times, New York Post, New

York Daily News and Long Island Business News. He also hosted “Mike Sapracione’s Street Smart” on Long Island News Radio.

Mike has lived on Long Island for 32 years and currently resides in the Town of Oyster Bay with his wife Eileen. Mike is the father of five children and has five grandchildren.



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# FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



## NFL Football Schedule

Date	Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
Mon Sep 16	8:15 pm	Atlanta Falcons	Philadelphia Eagles
Thu Sep 19	8:15 pm	New England Patriots	New York Jets
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Chicago Bears	Indianapolis Colts
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Denver Broncos	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Green Bay Packers	Tennessee Titans
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Houston Texans	Minnesota Vikings
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Los Angeles Chargers	Pittsburgh Steelers
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	New York Giants	Cleveland Browns
Sun Sep 22	1:00 pm	Philadelphia Eagles	New Orleans Saints
Sun Sep 22	4:05 pm	Carolina Panthers	Las Vegas Raiders
Sun Sep 22	4:05 pm	Miami Dolphins	Seattle Seahawks
Sun Sep 22	4:25 pm	Baltimore Ravens	Dallas Cowboys
Sun Sep 22	4:25 pm	Detroit Lions	Arizona Cardinals
Sun Sep 22	4:25 pm	San Francisco 49ers	Los Angeles Rams
Sun Sep 22	8:20 pm	Kansas City Chiefs	Atlanta Falcons

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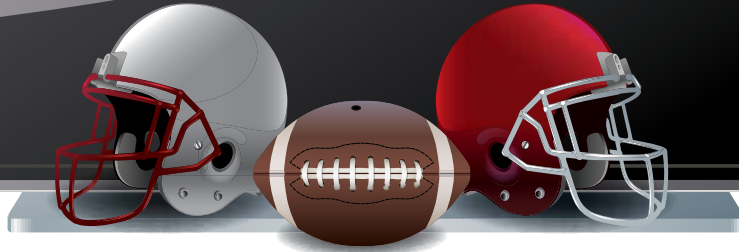
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## Football TRIVIA



1. In what year was the NFL created?
2. Which football team has won the most Super Bowl titles?
3. How many times have the Buffalo Bills gone to the Super Bowl?
4. Which famous football player holds the record for the most touchdown passes in the NFL?
5. What is the nickname of the Buffalo Bills' fans' organization?
6. What is the name of the trophy awarded to the Super Bowl champion?
7. What is the name of the Buffalo Bills' home stadium?
8. What year did the Buffalo Bills last make it to the Super Bowl?
9. Who was the first female referee in the NFL?
10. What year was the Buffalo Bills franchise established?

1. 1920 2. Pittsburgh Steelers & New England Patriots (6 each) 3. Four 4. Tom Brady 5. Bills Mafia 6. Vince Lombardi Trophy 7. Highmark Stadium 8. 1994 9. Sarah Thomas 10. 1960



# THE OTHER GUYS

## PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Featured Writer

**Todd Trantum**

Todd Trantum, Lifelong Steelers (often Bills) Fan

### Family Tradition

Before we talk Steelers football, I will acknowledge that my wife is a passionate Bills fan. As a product of Western New York, I too have supported the Bills and have great memories from that historic run of four consecutive super bowl appearances. The first in-person professional football game I ever saw featured Joe Ferguson, Joe Cribbs and Fred Smerlatake on the Oilers and Earl Campbell. The outcome of that game was Bills 30 and Oilers 13.

Now that we have that out of the way, understand that the major caveat, I mean MAJOR caveat, to supporting the Bills is that I am a Steelers fan first! In head-to-head games I root for the Steelers. If the Bills need to lose a game to help the Steelers advance into the playoffs, I am rooting against the Bills. Given my wife is a loyal Bills fan, I sit quietly and humbly through these important games, although I will occasionally remind her what it's like to root for a team that has won six Superbowl games of which I witnessed five!

I became a Steelers fan probably because my earliest experience watching football was while sitting on my dad's lap rooting for Pittsburgh. It was Super Bowl X, Steelers vs. the Cowboys, I was five. I remember getting caught up in the excitement and ultimately the victory. I was hooked! My favorite player during that era was Franco Harris. I still have my Franco Harris number 32, vintage 1978 jersey from Sears. In the early 1980's we lived in Morgantown, West Virginia and the Giant Eagle store chain carried Franco Harris frozen pizza. The pizza was good, but not nearly as good as my mom's homemade version which was often a Sunday football staple food item when I was kid.

As I have grown older, my appreciation for the Steelers has run deeper than wins and losses. The business and leadership aspect of the franchise is an entity from which to learn and appreciate. The Rooney family's loyalty to the coaches, players and community has proven a winning formula. For example, over the past 55 years there have been only three head coaches for the Steelers. Compare that to the Jets, Texans and Broncos that have had three different head coaches over the past five years. In addition, the back stories, personalities and legendary performance of players such as Rocky Bleier, Mean Joe Greene, Terry Bradshaw, Mike Webster Louis



Submitted Photo

Todd and Sarah Trantum

Lipps, Greg Lloyd, Kevin Greene, Rod Woodson, Troy Polamalu, Jerome Bettis, and today, TJ Watt, speaks to the grit that defines the people and history of the City of Pittsburgh.

### Season Projection

The Steelers are a team that has historically been built through the draft, yet this year they made a variety of moves during free agency, notably bringing in two quarterbacks in Russell Wilson and Justin Fields along with acquiring linebacker Patrick Queen. Through free agency and the draft, the Steelers have, 'on paper', fortified their offensive line. New offensive coordinator Arthur Smith is bringing in an offense that focuses on running and utilizing tight ends. With Pat Freiermuth at tight end and additional depth at the position, there is potential for the super talented wide receiver George Pickens to put up big numbers. On the defensive side of the ball, the Steelers will be stout with a strong defensive line and TJ Watt leading at linebacker and consistently being a game changer. Depth at linebacker and an enhanced secondary will help the team get off the field on third down and put the offensive in good position to score. Despite a difficult schedule, the Steelers will find a way to preserve the Tomlin winning season streak that now stands at 17 seasons, and they will be in the playoffs. If the Steelers are healthy and on a roll, watch them go deep into the playoffs.



## "FLY, EAGLES FLY"



Submitted Photos

Dwight the Golden Doodle representing "00" for his favorite team.

Michelle Trussalo posing with the Vince Lombardi Trophy after the Philadelphia Eagles defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LII (2018).

Featured Writer

**Michelle Trussalo**

Principal, C.C. Ring Elementary School, Jamestown

Some wonder what it's like to be an Eagles fan in Bills Mafia territory. My response: *unphased*.

Voted NFL's worst fanbase, I call it passion. We live and die on every play. There's no sugarcoating and even Santa wasn't safe in '68. "No one likes us, we don't care", remember?

My mother was born and raised in South Philadelphia, so I guess you can say it's in my blood. From Dawkins and Westbrook to Superbowl LII it's more than just a game, it's a culture. It's a family connection that runs deep.

I've had the honor of working at The Pub in downtown Jamestown, founded by local sports legend, Jim McCusker. Uncle Jim played for the Eagles from 1959-1962, winning the NFL Championship Game in 1960. If you don't stop by The Pub for a Beef on Weck, a pint, and to admire the football legend's history on the wall, you are missing out! Say "hi" to his wife Mary and nephew Sammy for me.

And oh, if you weren't convinced yet, did I mention the Eagles' head coach is a local? Bring it home, Nick



Michelle "Aunt Shi Shi" Trussalo with "the next generation."

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Fomer Eagles center, Jason Kelce said it best, "Hungry dogs run faster." It's a mentality much bigger than football. Go Birds!

### The Eagles' Victory Song

*Fly, Eagles Fly!  
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Score a touchdown 1, 2, 3!  
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Hit 'em high!  
And watch our Eagles fly!  
Fly, Eagles Fly!  
On the road to victory!  
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**-BART STARR**

# HERE WE GO BROWNIES, HERE WE GO, WOOF! WOOF!

*Featured Writer*

**J. Paul Lombardo**

President of the Browns Backers of Jamestown, NY



*Submitted Photo*

Dewey Thomas, xxx , xxx, and Jeff Waddington

Whenever we hear the old call of Monday Night Football, "Are you ready for some football?" there is one particular local National Football League Team Fan Club, that can't wait to hear the sound of the whistle signaling the Opening Day kickoff, and the start of a new season. We know there are others who feel the same way, but our membership does things a little differently where and when we meet.

In this area of Western New York, there is a large following of the Buffalo Bills, as is understandably so, but there are fans representing pretty much most, if not all, NFL teams. I happen to be one of those people. Our fan club, is somewhat unique and is more than just a room filled of people cheering for a football team on a game day. Our group is part of a much larger football fan club, one which we are very proud with whom to be associated. Our group is known as the Browns Backers of Jamestown, NY.

Now before we go any further, we are a dues paying group that welcomes any football fans to join us on a game day on whatever game days, be they Bills fans or otherwise. And incidentally, there are a lot of Bills fans at our Viewing Establishment, Waddington's Tavern, which also offers other NFL games besides Cleveland on its half-dozen TV's. A nice side note is that the many Bills fans , who are there on game days, are supporters of what we do in our fundraising efforts. Many of them, when our two favorite teams are

at "The Wadd," (as we sometimes call it) cheer for the Browns just as many Browns fans do for the Bills. If we are at odds anytime, it's the three hours our teams happen to play each other, but the consternation ends when the game does.

We are also proud when people from the Cleveland area, many of whom have properties in Chautauqua County, join us for games at "The Wadd". In fact, we have welcomed many who have become dues paying members of our charter group. We also have fans of the Bills, Bears, Chiefs, Cowboys, Packers etal., who are, or have been, dues paying members of the Browns Backers of Jamestown, NY, as well. We've also welcomed some former Browns players from Chautauqua County who have come in on a game day, or who have spoken at one of our Backers Dinners held in 2020, 2022, and 2024. These include:

Dave Graf, LB/Special Teams in the 1970's; Stephen Carlson, TE in the early 1920's; and George Lilja, OL from Warren PA.

For the many who are unaware, the Browns Backers of Jamestown, NY is a charter member of the Browns Backers Worldwide, which was established in the 1980's and is headquartered in Berea, OH. The Backers of Jamestown, NY are joined with over 300 other chapters worldwide, with members from all 50 states and 14 foreign countries, making it one of the largest, if not THE largest, Sports Fan Club in the world.

The Backers of Jamestown have made it a part of our mission to be much more than a Sports Fan Club who just cheer for the Cleveland Browns. We are dedicated to cheering, of course, but we have also committed ourselves toward assisting community groups

and causes in Cleveland, as well as our local community. Since circa 2010, eleven years after becoming chartered with the Browns Backers Worldwide, the Backers of Jamestown has made donations totaling over \$32 thousand to the Browns Foundation, along with over 25 charitable groups within Chautauqua County. We also sponsored a mask sale back in 2020, when the pandemic hit our country, and donated all the proceeds to our local Meals on Wheels Program.

Each game week, we share great food and great fandom, with great guests, having a great time, cheering, commiserating, raising money. And unfortunately, through the years, we have also been there to console one another with the losses of dedicated Browns Fans and Backers, including our chapter's first President John Miraglia, John Sorenson, Charlie Vullo, Jack Knowlton, and recently, our "viewing establishment" host, Jeff Waddington, along with friends of the Browns Backers of Jamestown, Kevin Humphries and Kathy Roberts.

We welcome anyone, Browns Fans, or fans of any team, or even no team, to join our group. We, the Browns Backers of Jamestown, NY, are on Facebook (you can look us up or message me) and we have a website at [http:// Browns-Backers-of-Jamestown-NY.Webstarts.com](http://Browns-Backers-of-Jamestown-NY.Webstarts.com). Feel free to contact us if you'd like any information on joining our group. We would love to welcome anyone interested to join us in the Dawg Pound.



*"We're playing for each other, and that's our greatest motivation."*

-Coach Nick Sirriani  
Philadelphia Eagles

1999 Southwestern High School Graduate

*"Excuses are the tools of the incompetent."*

- Coach Mike Tomlin  
Pittsburgh Steelers



### Audubon Community Nature Center Seeks Volunteers for Enchanted Forest



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From firefly trail guides to popcorn providers, Audubon Community Nature Center needs all kinds of volunteers for the Enchanted Forest, Friday and Saturday, October 4 and 5. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tefft, [STefft@AudubonCNC.org](mailto:STefft@AudubonCNC.org), to learn more. Individuals and businesses that would like to sponsor this wildly popular event can contact Executive Director Leigh Rovegno, [LRovegno@AudubonCNC.org](mailto:LRovegno@AudubonCNC.org). Both are available at (716) 569-2345. To make reservations for this magical event, click through "Programs and Events" at [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org).

### Rev. Turner to Present "The Limits of Free Speech" to Kick off Banned Books Week



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Banned Books Week begins Sunday, September 22. Rev. Lauren Turner will talk about "The Limits of Free Speech" at 10:30 a.m. that day at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown. Turner says, "The pen is mightier than the sword. Free speech is essential for science, art and thriving societies. But are there limits?" Everyone is welcome to the service and potluck that follows at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at [UUJamestown.org/calendar](http://UUJamestown.org/calendar).

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- Joshua Benton, director, Niemen Journalism Lab

### Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County's 2024 Art in Recovery Exhibit



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Brandon Griggs is one of the artists whose work will be part of the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County's 2024 Art in Recovery exhibit Friday, September 20, 6-8 p.m. Reprising the earlier showing in Jamestown, the event will be at the north county recovery center in Grace Lutheran Church, 601 Eagle Street in Dunkirk. Selections are by local artists who share how they celebrate their own creativity and recovery. Everyone is invited to this free event made possible in part by support from the United Arts Appeal of Chautauqua County Projects Pool Grants Program. Refreshments will be served.



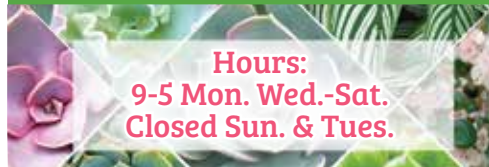
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### Local Officials Agree on Wetland Issues

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To address this serious concern, Molitor recommended that the proposed regulations expressly state that "navigable waters in an inland lake shall not be considered wetlands." This recommendation is consistent with legislation proposed by Senator Borrello and Assemblyman Goodell.

Senator Borrello expressed his deep appreciation to Molitor for taking the time and effort to carefully analyze the proposed regulations. "These regulatory changes are complex and inter-related. It takes a skilled attorney like Mr. Molitor to thoroughly understand the statutory and regulatory language and make thoughtful recommendations. I hope the DEC listens."

PJ Wendel stated, "The proposed regulations are far reaching

with many ramifications and unanticipated impacts, which is why I am recommending that the DEC extend the comment period and delay the implementation of the new regulations until all these issues can be fully understood. Mr. Molitor's detailed letter deserves careful consideration."

Molitor is currently running as the Republican and Conservative candidate to replace Assemblyman Andy Goodell, who is retiring at the end of this year. Molitor is currently the First Assistant District for Chautauqua County, where he prosecutes the most serious criminals in an effort to make our communities safer.



# Chautauqua County Firefighters Equipped with New Life-Saving Grain Bin Rescue Gear



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**Chautauqua County Media Information Officer**

Chautauqua County's Technical Rescue Team has enhanced its capabilities with new life-saving equipment, thanks to a grant from Nationwide Insurance and a collaboration with the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau.

The new equipment, funded by a \$5,500 grant, includes specialized metal panels and a rescue auger designed to form a protective wall around victims trapped in grain bins. The auger then removes the grain from within the barrier, allowing rescuers to safely free the individual. Without this gear, grain entrapment poses a life-threatening risks that can escalate rapidly.

"As you sink into the grain, it compresses around you like quicksand. Without the proper knowledge and tools, the situation becomes critical very quickly," said Jim Joy, Director of the Chautauqua County Farm Bureau, emphasizing the gravity of grain bin accidents.

Joy noted that many accidents occur when individuals enter grain bins to clear blockages, often unaware of the dangers they face. He shared an example of a recent incident where an individual became trapped after dropping a tool into the bin.

"They went in to retrieve a wrench and ended up stuck. A second person tried to help and got trapped too. These types of accidents can escalate quickly," Joy explained. "The new equipment allows first responders to stabilize the victim and create a safe zone while carefully removing the grain around them. This is life-saving technology that will help prevent tragedies."

The grain bin rescue gear was tested during a specialized rescue training seminar last month at the County's Emergency Operations Center in Mayville, where Steve Bourgeois, Special Operations Coordinator for Chautauqua County Emergency Services, participated in a hands-on session using the new specialized panels to create a protective barrier around a trapped individual.

"Our team is now trained to respond swiftly and safely in these situations, creating a space where we can carefully remove the grain and free the person," said Bourgeois. "This equipment is critical in ensuring that we don't turn a rescue mission into a recovery."

Bourgeois also highlighted the importance of proper training to avoid becoming a second victim.

"It's human nature to want to jump in and help, but without the right equipment and knowledge, you could end up trapped as well. We're teaching our team how to take a step back, assess the situation, and respond safely," Bourgeois said.

The need for such specialized equipment has become increasingly apparent as farming accidents continue to occur across the region. The Chautauqua County Technical Rescue Team, now better equipped and trained, is prepared to assist not only locally but in neighboring counties as well.

"This is not just for Chautauqua County. We can be dispatched to assist in Cattaraugus County, Erie County, Pennsylvania, and beyond," said Joy, underscoring the regional impact of the new equipment.

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## Era & Reproductive Freedom

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access to in vitro fertilization (IVF) and contraception.

We cannot go back.

Women's lives and their ability to make choices regarding their families in New York State are not assuredly free. While George Michaels's vote provided statutory protection for women, sex is not a protected class in our state constitution, and that leaves us vulnerable. Because there are politicians who are dead-set on rolling back women's rights just as they have done across the country. Equality is literally on the ballot for New York State in 2024! In November 2024, voters have the opportunity to amend the New York State Constitution and ensure equality for all.

We can choose to support a constitutional amendment that enshrines a woman's right to reproductive health and freedom. Tying reproductive freedom to sex discrimination under the state constitution protects women's access to determine the course of their own lives against future changes in the legislature or governorship at a time when women's reproductive rights are under assault at the national level. New York State's Equal Rights Amendment would prohibit discrimination by the government based on a person's ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, and sex — including their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes. It would also protect against any government actions that would limit a person's reproductive autonomy or their access to reproductive health care. For the first time, the ERA would explicitly include language to clarify that discrimination based on a person's pregnancy or pregnancy

outcome is sex discrimination. This clarification is essential given the national trend of criminalizing women for various pregnancy outcomes, as well as the Supreme Court's action in overturning Roe v. Wade.

If enough of us say "yes" as George Michaels did 54 years ago, we will honor his courage and legacy and ensure that women and families in New York State do not go back to 1970.

Mike believes that a free, fair, and just society requires that everyone's rights are protected equally under the law and that everyone be given equal opportunity.

From personal experience, Mike knows that he has been provided with advantages that are not automatically given to everyone in our society. In his lifetime, the first Catholic was elected President (and was subsequently assassinated); Black people's right to vote was enforced (and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated); women were given control over their reproductive health (and the Supreme Court took it away in 2022); gay, lesbian, and trans people were given the right to marry (but efforts continue to limit or eliminate that right).

The proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution on this year's ballot will help deliver on our ideal of a free, fair, and just society that guarantees equal rights to all. As a Member of the Assembly, Mike would always stand up for equal rights for all of us.



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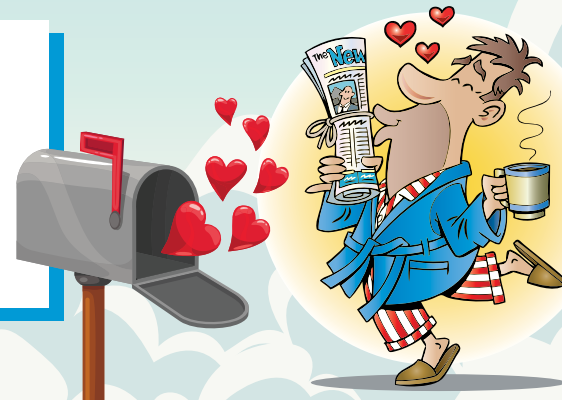


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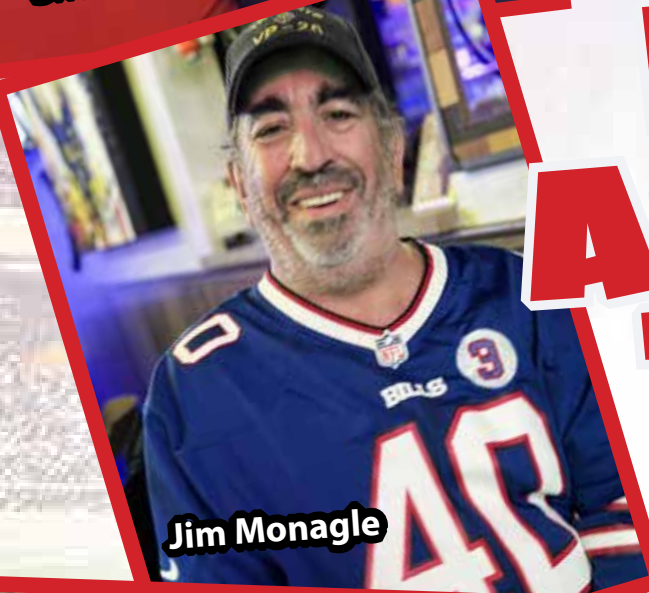
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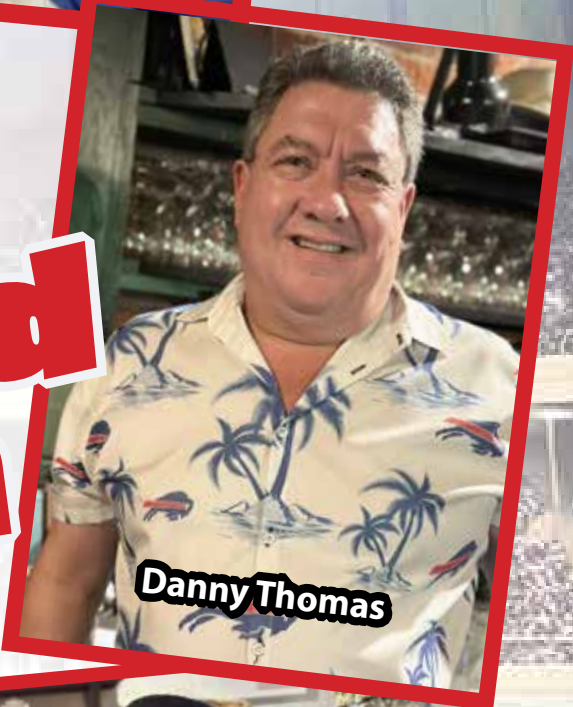


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This project proposes to mill and overlay the existing asphalt pavement within the project limits, from the bridge west of Ashville Rd to McDaniel Ave.

In addition, NYS DOT is seeking public input on the installation and limits of new sidewalk along NY Route 394 within the Village of Lakewood and Town of Busti. The new sidewalk is proposed to begin at Shadyside Ave/Elmcrest Ave and extend up to the bridge west of Ashville Rd. Sidewalk installation would require right-of-way takes, installation of retaining walls, and removal of trees along Route 394.

**Thursday, September 26, 2024, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
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There will be survey, displays, and information stations staffed with NYSDOT representatives familiar with the various aspects of the proposed project. NYSDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and discuss the proposed project. **There will be no formal presentation at the meeting.**

Further information on the project may be obtained from, and any written comments should be sent by **October 4, 2024**, to:

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