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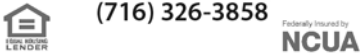
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Jamestown Labor Council Recognizes Steven Thorpe with George Ritzer Award

Contributing Editor

Katrina Fuller

The Jamestown Area Central Labor Council has announced the recipient of the Annual George Ritzer Labor Award. This year's recipient is local resident and champion of local labor, Steven Thorpe.

Thorpe is a third-generation sheet metal worker following his father Dennis and his Grandpa Jack into the trade. A lifelong resident of Chautauqua County, he began his career as an apprentice at age 19, worked with the tools

for 16 years and was then elected Business Representative of Sheet Metal Workers Local #112, Jamestown, New York, a position he held for 19 years.

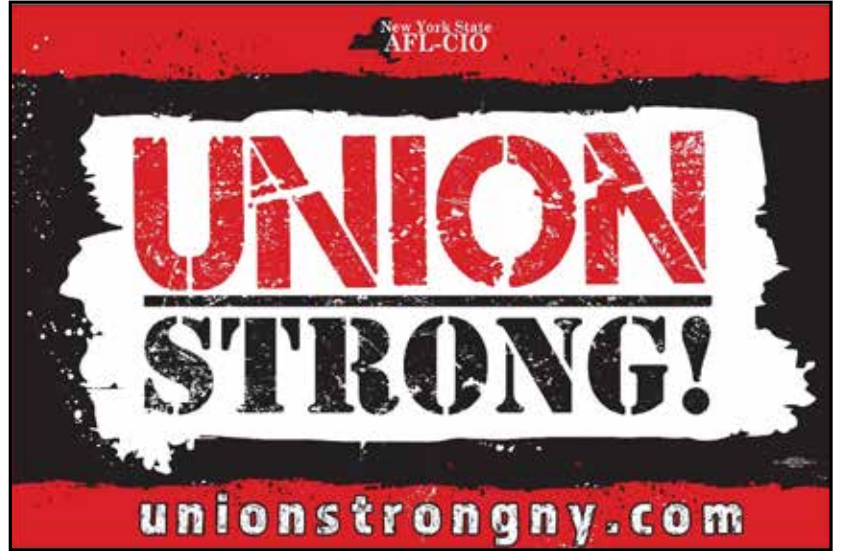
"Receiving this award means that like the recipients before me, I have always tried to promote union labor," Thorpe said. "I understood and could demonstrate the advantages to both the workforce and company owners. It is very humbling to be recognized for this

award when looking at the list of great names who were previous recipients."

Local 112 is an affiliate of the Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers serving Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. As Business Representative, Steven represented both

construction workers as well as production workers at local manufacturing facilities and negotiated 18 Collective Bargaining Agreements that improved the wages and benefits of hundreds of workers. Steven also enjoyed

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Featured Writer

Charles "Chuck" S. DeAngelo
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THE DIGNITY OF WORK

Every day, not to miss one day, on time always - ready to go. That was John and Sadie. The Watson's Manufacturing machine operator and Jamestown High School janitor. As they told it - you go to work, you do your job, and then you come home and take care of your family. Simple rules for a simple life. No problem. Well, sort of. There was never enough money on Allen Street for the family of 5, plus Nana. It's funny, though... I can't recall hearing my parents complain. They just

did what they could with what they had. Sometimes, they even made wishful offers that would bury them financially, like offering to pay for my college. Back then, there were simple family goals: a roof over your head, enough food to feed the family, a car (a used one would do the job), and sending your kids to college - a college education that would be the gateway to a promising future for the children.

Fast-forward to Labor Day 2024.

A job, a nice home, a car, and yes, sending the kids to college or advanced training is still on the list of goals for the American worker. The first names of the generations have changed, but not the simple, honorable goals of workers.

The challenges of the past may not exist, but the challenges of today certainly look as formidable. Today, we ask, "How do we provide jobs for everyone who wants to work and is able to work?" That nice home now costs in multiples

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Work Hard, Laugh Hard... with Lewis Black

Article Contributed by
National Comedy Center

Comedian Lewis Black will make two stops in Western New York coming up this week, presented by the National Comedy Center as part of the two-time Grammy Award-winning comedian's "Goodbye Yeller Brick Road, The

Final Tour." Black will perform in **Buffalo at the Riviera Theatre (North Tonawanda) on Thursday, September 5** and at the **Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown on Friday, September 6.**

Known as "King of the Rant," Black's comedic brilliance makes people laugh at life's hypocrisies

and the insanity he sees in the world. He is the longest-running correspondent on Comedy Central's The Daily Show and stars as the voice of "Anger" in the Disney and Pixar Academy Award-winning *Inside Out* and the new blockbuster *Inside Out 2* - now the highest-grossing animated movie of all time. Black has been entertaining

audiences in this region since his first performance at the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival in 1993.

You'd be hard-pressed to find anyone who's more hilariously "fed up" than Lewis Black. Beloved for his trademark bark and biting commentary, Black

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Submitted Photo

Lewis Black Final Tour

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Labor Day



George Ritzer Memorial Labor Award

George Ritzer was a great labor leader and served as president of the Jamestown Area Central Labor Council for over twenty years. He was instrumental in the labor movement.

The Jamestown Area AFL-CIO Labor Council feels a local labor person of our council area should be honored annually for his/her contribution to labor and the community. This Award is presented, on Labor Day at Bergman Park, in his memory, to a Labor Leader within the community, and also a member of the Jamestown Area Labor Council AFL-CIO.



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| 1985 | George S. Spitale | AFSCME 418 |
| 1986 | James V. Kurtz | CSEA 807 |
| 1987 | Michael Piazza | UAW 338 |
| 1988 | Benjamin Spitale | UAW 338 |
| 1989 | Vaughn S. Rudy | UAW 338 |
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| 2019 | Jeffrey G. Keppel | NYSUT/AFT/NEA |
| 2020 | "Essential Workers" | All |
| 2021 | Michael Haines | IBEW 106 |
| 2022 | Karen Frucella-Olson | UAW 338 |
| 2023 | Robert Whitney Jr | IBEW 106 |
| 2024 | Steven Thorpe | SMART 112 |





Editorial with Lori Cornell

Happy Labor Day!



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

Shout out to Jordan Nicholson, author of our feature story on page 5 and talented member of our Gazette writing team. He so beautifully explains the meaning of Labor Day, our celebration of the American workforce. As a nation, we take time each year to reflect upon, and honor, all those who have made our country great.

How wonderful that we similarly, each year, honor those so deeply responsible for helping to create the rich fabric of our community - through the Jamestown Labor Day Festival! And each year, as

Katrina Fuller, our crack editor and cover writer also so well-explains, this festival features one of our best.

Congratulations to Steve Thorpe, retired Sheet Metal Workers' Business Agent, on his well-deserved receipt of the Annual George Ritzer Labor Award. Steve, like so many of our friends in organized labor, remind us to cherish the foundation upon which our special community is built: with hard work and ingenuity. Labor leaders like Steve inspire our commitment toward local investment and give us hope for continued progress toward an even brighter tomorrow.

We can be proud to live in a country that seeks to protect and celebrate its workforce. And we can be particularly proud to live in a community with leaders like Steve that go above and beyond to do the same.



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A Tribute to American Labor



Contributing Writer
Jordan Nicholson

debt he owed the company store, a business that sold overmarked goods to employees on credit they could work off.

As long as there have been labor rules, there have been businesses who try to flout them. We have an entire agency, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), meant to uphold federal labor regulations.

To this day, millions of us still toil in unsafe conditions in underpaid obscurity.

Here in Chautauqua County, a place industrialized by union labor and which rose to prominence manufacturing furniture and refining energy, we can look around and see the remnants of a glorious industrial past.

It's impossible to refute how broadly the labor movement's impact can still be felt around Chautauqua County, the State of New York, and the country that has officially celebrated it since 1894. In fact, it was a Western New Yorker who signed the bill into law (Grover Cleveland).

Child labor. Unsafe working conditions. Unreasonable hours. Low pay. Company store debt.

We all know the problems that the labor movement sought to address. The Gilded Age excesses of the tycoon class resulted in exploitative conditions meant to suppress, subjugate, and bleed dry the coffers of the most vulnerable.

"Saint Peter don't you call me cause I can't go. I owe my soul to the company store."

Merle Travis personified the Sisyphean nature of what it meant to be a laborer in an unorganized workplace. He worked all day, every day, and his life was threatened by the working conditions. If he died, his family would be on the hook for the

As a capitalist society we have the right to make money, in a free market, in what is supposed to be a merit-based system. The harder you work, the more rewarded you should be for that work.

You should be able to do that work safely. You should be able to do that work rested. You should be able to do that work healthily. You should be able to do that work and have a life.

There are so many of us that still don't get to enjoy those protections. It has been said that we're living in a second "Gilded Age".

So this Labor Day, take a moment and reflect upon the sacrifices of the laborers and organizers that got us to where we are.

Our responsibility to them isn't to enjoy the last hot dogs of summer and have a cold beer as we watch baseball on our last day before the kids go back to school.

Our responsibility is to ensure that we continue to demand better pay, better conditions, better healthcare, and a better world for our fellow human beings.

However you feel about labor unions, surely you can accept the torch they passed us. Use it to light the way for the future.

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

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

Level: Advanced

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Current unit
- 7. Reciprocal of an ohm
- 10. God of the sea
- 12. A way to disfigure
- 13. Positioned
- 14. Tall tropical American tree
- 15. Large deciduous trees
- 16. ___ and ends
- 17. Part of a machine
- 18. Brews
- 19. One who leads prayers in a mosque
- 21. Indian state
- 22. Partisans
- 27. Top lawyer in the land
- 28. Former Dodgers MVP
- 33. Title for women
- 34. Heated and allowed to slowly cool
- 36. Copycat
- 37. Sounds
- 38. One-time Israeli diplomat Abba
- 39. Part of (abbr.)
- 40. Hateful
- 41. Collide
- 44. European football heavyweight
- 45. One who works for you
- 48. Song
- 49. Ancient marvels
- 50. Bridge building degree
- 51. Delivery boys

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Continent
- 2. Submissive
- 3. There's a lot in a bowling alley
- 4. Sun up in New York
- 5. Court decision ___ v. Wade
- 6. Finish line
- 7. Young women
- 8. Hives of activity
- 9. Hyman Roth's right-hand man Johnny
- 10. Eastern U.S. river
- 11. Popular cooking ingredient
- 12. Greek mythological princess
- 14. Scent for men
- 17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
- 18. Once more
- 20. Irrate
- 23. Triangular spaces above a door
- 24. Norwegian playwright and poet Henrik
- 25. Atomic #58
- 26. Patti Hearst's captors
- 29. Natural logarithm
- 30. Talk incessantly
- 31. Went by
- 32. Strives
- 35. Fall back
- 36. Manila hemp
- 38. Not easily explained
- 40. Former "Double Dare" host Summers
- 41. Mollusk
- 42. Capital of Togo
- 43. Letter of Semitic scripts
- 44. Founder of Babism
- 45. Indicates near
- 46. Family of regulator genes
- 47. Indicates before



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Peace, Hope, Joy with Linda Kent

Peaceful Walks



Featured Writer
Linda Kent

of us, and somehow or another, we find ourselves wondering how we ended up where we have. We've lost the joy and peace for the life we once so looked forward to. For me walking has brought back a small part of that peace.

This spring I watched all the flowering trees go from tiny buds to full-on blooms. It brought me such joy to watch their progress. This was nothing I had a hand in. It was something that just happened and made my walk more enjoyable. The variety and colors were stunning some days. Later, the grass grew green and rippled in the wind as the leaves fully came out on the trees.

All this gave me hope. Hope that life goes on. My life may not have gone as I planned, but I had a life. I lived a life and am living it still.

The grass is still growing and is now being mowed. The trees are in full on shade-mode and the fruit is growing from the blossoms. Nature is planning for the future every day. Every walk I take fills me with hope for my future.

Fresh air, cool breeze and a thought process that's all your own. A walk is a wonderful way to have some time to think deep thoughts and work through things that are bothering you. Especially if you're able to do it in the great outdoors. Take those deep breaths that you've been too busy to take. Let your breath out slowly and feel some of the tension flow out as you let nature's way of relieving stress work in you.

Walking has been a wonderful way for me to both get back in shape and in touch with my long, lost self. Life has happened over the past sixty-five years, as it has with many



Hastings Receives Certificate from MHA



Submitted Photo

At the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County's August recovery luncheon, Activities Director Dianne Valvo presented Shawn Hastings with a certificate recognizing the great personal strides he has made and in appreciation for the makeovers he did for participants in the Women's Group. The MHA's recovery centers in Dunkirk's Grace Lutheran Church and Jamestown's Gateway Center offer support groups and individual coaching for people looking to improve their lives, deepen wellness, thrive in recovery, or support those on a recovery path. To learn more, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.



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CCIDA Board Approves Financial Incentives for Purchase of Dunkirk Property

Action will Assist with Renovating Former Bank Building at 401-403 Central Avenue

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County of Chautauqua
Industrial Development Agency

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors recently approved incentives for 401 Central, LLC. The board action will support the purchase and renovation of property located at 401-403 Central Avenue in Dunkirk, known as the former Lake Shore National Bank building, as well as an adjacent parking lot on Lark Street. The incentives include real property, sales tax, and mortgage recording tax abatements.

401 Central, LLC was formed by Gary Crewson of Peak Development Partners, the Managing Member. Acting together with Lee Crewson (Agent) and Craig Marlatt (Preconstruction Manager), the plan is to purchase the building from its current owner, the Dunkirk Local Development Corporation (DLDC), and convert the 10,855 square-foot structure into five market rate apartments and approximately 1800-2800 square feet of commercial space. The building is prominently located at the intersection of Central Avenue and 4th Street, diagonal from City Hall and three blocks from the waterfront.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2.4 million. The financial assistance provided by the CCIDA will include sales tax, mortgage recording tax, and property tax abatements over 15 years, with \$243,864 in new total PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) payments paid to the affected tax jurisdictions during that same time period as a result of the new capital investment. The project will also receive state funding from the recent Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant awarded to the city in 2023, plus an additional grant from the state's Regional Economic Development Council.

Built in 1938, the building was the longtime home of Lake Shore National Bank. It was later used by Marine Midland, HSBC, and then First Niagara Bank, which closed operations at the location in 2016 after First Niagara was bought by KeyBank. It has sat vacant ever since.

The project will provide an estimated 24 construction jobs during the renovation period and, once complete, up to seven permanent full time jobs. Work is expected to begin immediately, with a tentative completion date of September 2025.

"Our plan is to provide market rate apartments for working professionals

who want to live in the downtown area, close to where they work. We also look forward to providing commercial space in a key corridor of Dunkirk to help enhance the business district," said Gary Crewson. "We're grateful to New York State, the City of Dunkirk, and the CCIDA for helping us move this project forward and can't wait to see it completed and ready for use."

"The CCIDA is happy to offer financial incentives for this project at the request of the City of Dunkirk, and we're excited to see it move forward," said Mark Geise, Chautauqua County Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and CEO of the CCIDA. "Communities across the country are challenged with legacy bank buildings that served a key purpose in the 20th century, but have become outdated with the advent of digital and online banking in the 21st century. It's exactly the type of project our adaptive reuse PILOT program is intended to be used for, and it's precisely the type of project that the City of Dunkirk's downtown needs and will support."

"Adaptive Re-Use Projects" are qualified projects that involve adapting old sites or structures for new purposes, including potentially a mix of business and commercial uses, or market-rate housing. Adaptive Re-Use Projects

are those that will benefit Chautauqua County by redeveloping a blighted site or structure, promoting development using existing infrastructure, and creating new economic activity at troubled sites or structures to assist in eliminating neighborhood blight.

"It's great to see this project come to fruition in Dunkirk. If we want to grow our communities here in Chautauqua County and reverse the decades-long trend of population decline, we need to have modern, market-rate apartments available for working residents, especially those who want to live close to where they work," said County Executive Paul "PJ" Wendel.

"We're thrilled to see Gary Crewson and his team breathe new life into this vacant and deteriorating building in our central business district," said Dunkirk Mayor Kate Wdowiasz. "This project will be the first Downtown Revitalization Initiative project to have been started during this award process and the mixed-use project is going to be transformational for Central Avenue and I believe it's just the beginning. So providing this type of assistance is in line with the IDA and the city's vision and goals for revitalizing downtown Dunkirk. Our city is definitely on the move and we can't wait to see it continue in the months and years that lie ahead."

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RED WHITE AND BLUES Festival

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SEPTEMBER 6TH & 7TH

Fredonia's Annual "Red, White & Blues" Festival

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Festivals Fredonia, Inc.

Festivals Fredonia, Inc., a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers, will be hosting their annual "Red, White and Blues" Festival on September 6-7, 2024. This two-day music event sponsored by the Fredonia Beaver Club, takes place throughout the Village of Fredonia at various local establishments inside and outside Barker Commons. The event showcases the area's local wine industry, hence dubbed the "Red" and "White", along with various local "Blues" artists.

The weekend will showcase the talent of more than ten different blues performers. The Barker Commons opening act is again the MCJ Band, followed by headliner act: Miller and The Other Sinners. Both bands are from the Buffalo area and expect to bring a large crowd for all to enjoy. (See the full schedule in the adjacent block.)

Saturday will also feature the Fredonia Farmers' Market in the East side of the park, in addition to food trucks/vendors, craft and wine vendors, 50/50 raffle and basket/gift certificate raffle throughout the day in the West side of the park and the downtown area.

Commemorative T-shirts will be available for purchase at the Fredonia Beaver Club on Friday night or in Barker Commons on Saturday at the Festivals Fredonia tent. The festival committee will also be selling commemorative plastic drink cups

to celebrate Universal Stainless's 30th anniversary in the area, commemorative koozies, guitar key chains and several other merchandise items from festivals past. Festival goers are encouraged to stop by the tent for a "rack card" with the band schedule and a QR code for venue detail and the official map.

Fredonia Festivals will also host a 9/11 memorial motorcycle run to benefit the "Pawsitive for Heroes" Service Dogs for Veterans fund. Registration starts at 9:15AM and kickstands up by 10:00AM. Riders will visit various Chautauqua County locations and meet back at the Fredonia Post 59 American Legion for lunch and in time for the Miller and The Other Sinners performance. Registration is \$15 per rider, \$5 for additional riders, and includes lunch and a beverage after the event. This effort will also include the raffle of a steel artwork piece entitled "Never Forget" provided by Echevarria Designs LLC. Donations are \$1 per raffle ticket or 15 tickets for \$10. The drawing will be held at the end of the festival.

About Festivals Fredonia

Festivals Fredonia's mission is to contribute to a high quality of life in Fredonia and surrounding communities by presenting lively, varied recreation and cultural opportunities to Village and area residents. Festivals Fredonia is always looking for energetic volunteers to assist in executing each year's festivals. Contact us at festivalsfredoniany@gmail.com

FOOD TRUCKS, RESTAURANTS & WINERIES ONSITE IN BARKER COMMONS

Saturday, starting at 11:00 AM

- ANGRY BIRD BBQ
- FRANKLIN'S HONEY & APPLES
- BLASDELL PIZZA DUNKIRK
- CHARLIE'S CURLY FRIES
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- THE GREEN WITCH'S COTTAGE
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Several other craft & direct sell vendors will fill Barker Commons!

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Festival Music Lineup

Friday, September 6:

6:00 PM - Fredonia Memorial American Legion Post 59 – The Untouchables
 8:00 PM - Fredonia Beaver Club – Dr. Z and The Blues Remedy

Saturday, September 7:

NOON - Barker Common Gazebo – MCJ Band
 1:00 PM - Heenan's Irish Pub – Beer Crate Blues Band
 2:00 PM - Coughlan's Pub – Jammin' Gypsies
 3:00 PM - MAIN EVENT – Barker Common gazebo – Miller and The Other Sinners
 5:00 PM - Fred's – Smith Brothers
 5:30 PM - 64 On the Rocks – Midnight Recovery
 6:00 PM - Old Main Inn – Two Towns
 7:00 PM - Domus Fare – Shaky Ray Blues Band
 7:30 PM - Downtown Brew – Mark Winsick Band
 9:00 PM - EBC West – Jony James Band
 10:00 PM - Valentine's – White Bronco



This Week Around Town

Monday, September 2

Der Kobblers End-of-Summer Labor Day Cruise-In
 Midway State Park | Mayville
 For Info: 716-450-0663

Labor Day Party | 1 PM
 Sunset Bay Beach Club | Irving
 For Info: sunsetbayusa.com

Tuesday, September 3

Clay Explorers | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
 Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
 For Info: 716-488-2529

Wednesday, September 4

Westfield Farmers Market 9 AM - 2 PM
 45 Cliffstar Ct. | Westfield
 For Info: 716-338-2460

Thursday, September 5

Lakewood Farmers & Artisans Market | 10 AM - 2 PM
 Chautauqua Ave | Lakewood
 For Info: 716-763-8557

Road Trippin' with Music for Your Mouth | 6 PM
 Music for Your Mouth | Mayville
 For Info: 716-224-1035

Thursday, September 5 to Saturday, September 7

Chautauqua Kitchen Series
 Chautauqua Institution | Chautauqua
 For Info: 716-357-6250

Friday, September 6

The Great Migration: Following the Wildebeest | 11 AM - 12 PM
 Audubon Community Nature Center
 Jamestown
 For Info: AudubonCNC.org

First Friday | 5 PM - 8 PM
 Main St. | Westfield
 For Info: Sgrady@chqchamber.org

Lewis Black: Goodbye Yeller Brick Road, The Final Tour | 5 PM - 8 PM
 Reg Lenna Civic Center for The Arts
 Jamestown
 Info: 716-484-7070

Friday, September 6 to Saturday, September 7

Lake Erie Walleye Tournament
 Lake Erie
 For Info: 716-545-5925

Red, White, & Blues Festival
 Barker Commons Park | Fredonia
 For Info: festivalsfredoniany@gmail.com

Saturday, September 7th & Sunday, September 8th

44th Annual Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival | 10 AM - 5 PM
 Warren County Fairgrounds, Route 6,
 Pittsfield, PA
 For Info: wildwindfestival.com

Saturday, September 7

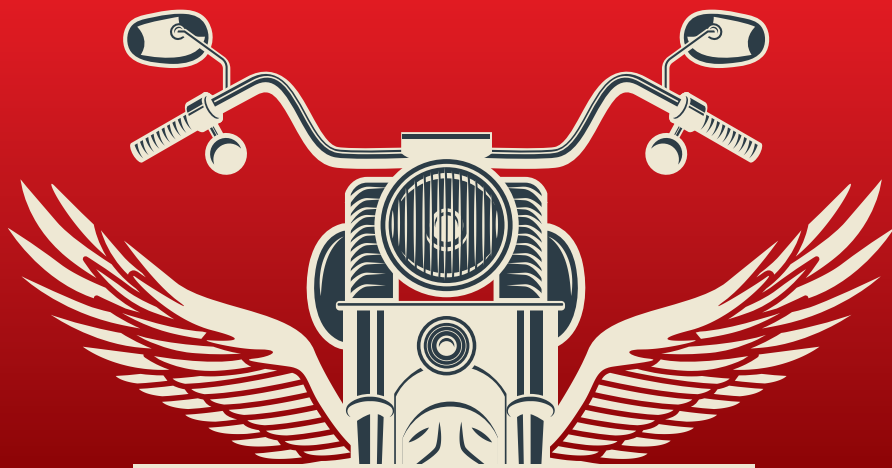
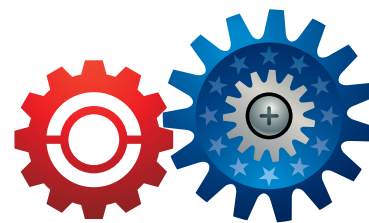
Septemberfest | 12 PM - 10 PM
 2264 King Rd | Forestville
 For Info: 888-965-4800

Mug Shots Exhibition by Infinity Visual and Performing Arts 6 PM - 8 PM
 Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
 For Info: 716-664-0991

Rock of Ages | 7 PM
 Lucille Ball Little Theater | Jamestown
 For Info: 716-483-1095

Sunday, September 8

Colored Pencil Workshop | 1 PM
 Roger Tory Peterson Institute |
 Jamestown
 For Info: 716-665-2473



MEMORIAL 9-11 Motorcycle Run

REGISTRATION BEGINS
9:15 am

SEPT. 7TH
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After the Run

Motorcycles return to Post 59, have lunch and go downtown to see Miller & the Other Sinners.

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CCHS Announces Walk 4 Paws Registration Has Opened

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Chautauqua County
Humane Society



Submitted Photo

Layla is a long-time supporter of the Walk 4 Paws.

The Chautauqua County Humane Society's (CCHS) Walk 4 Paws is Saturday, September 14th at Panzarella Park in Jamestown. Registration is open now at Chqhumane.org. Registrants will receive a free pet bandana. Top fundraisers will receive a special recognition and doggie prize bag with a value of over \$250.

The Walk 4 Paws is CCHS's largest fundraising event that features fun activities for dogs and their families to enjoy while giving participants a feel for the activities that keep dogs mentally and physically enriched during their stay at the shelter.

There will be a Pet Portrait Booth featuring local photographers, a pup painting tent – where your dog gets to let out their inner Pawcasso, nose work demonstrations, and a new sensory walk for pups to experience. The sensory walk is a combination of sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that your dog will find calming and enjoyable. This year, Play CHQ will be on hand with fun games for families! Laughing Fox Flower Farms will be joining us to teach folks about pet safe flowers. Registration and activities for the Walk 4 Paws begin at 10am and the Walk 4 Paws starts at 11am.

CCHS encourages you to register today and asks for your help to

fundraise to support the animals in need that come through our door every day. CCHS is a completely independent 501c3 organization that does not receive any city, county, state, or federal tax funding. The important programs and services of the Chautauqua County Humane Society are possible only through the generosity of caring people and organizations who support CCHS.

We thank Media One Radio Group, Shults Auto Group, Greater Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, Supportive Divorce Solutions, and Fix It Contracting for Supporting the Walk 4 Paws.

Registration is open now at chqhumane.org or you can register at the Walk 4 Paws on September 14th.



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Comedian Lewis Black to Perform Live on September 6th During Final Tour

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brilliantly points out — both literally and figuratively — the ridiculousness of life with a signature comedic style that's delighted audiences for decades. After more than 35 years of performing all over the world, Black recently announced he's saying farewell to the road. He will write the next chapter of his career by going back to his roots and focusing on writing a new play, penning a new book, and expanding his podcast – the Rantcast – to include live recordings.

“It's always been a thrill for me to come to Jamestown and Buffalo, spend time in this incredible museum and perform for National Comedy Center audiences,” stated Lewis Black. “It means a lot to me to take the stage on this final tour, for these two very special shows, performing for friends and fans who love comedy as much as I do.”

Black is a National Comedy Center Advisory Board member and a longtime supporter of the non-profit cultural institution, which became the nation's first official archive and museum dedicated to preserving and presenting comedy's heritage when it opened its doors in 2018.

“Audiences here in Western New York have loved and appreciated

Lewis Black's comedy for decades,” said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. “Lewis has become a steadfast supporter of the National Comedy Center's non-profit mission. On this, his final tour of his extraordinary career, it's an honor to bring him back for two final shows so that we can share that experience together. He's been an ambassador for the comedy community to receive an elevated level of regard within the arts, and he's one of most respected practitioners of the craft. From being the longest-running correspondent of The Daily Show, to his singular style and voice gracing stages for decades, he's an artist taking a final bow on tour, and it's not to miss if you live in Western New York.”

All ticket holders for the Lewis Black shows will receive the benefit of a special admission offer for the National Comedy Center museum experience in Jamestown – a complimentary museum admission ticket with the purchase of one regular museum admission.

Ticket for these two shows are available at ComedyCenter.org/LewisBlack

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Dominic is a friendly, mellow, independent, joyful guy. He loves to be near his people, playing with toys or going on a long hike. He has been in playgroups with many of his dog-buddies, and would be happy to meet your furry friend. Dominic is so easy-going and good natured, and we cannot think of a more deserving dog to find his forever family! Meet him soon at CCHS. Shelter No. RR179.

Marlin
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.



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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce
President and CEO

**Saluting the Workers Who
Make Businesses Run**

Labor Day is often considered the last weekend of summer, and even though we know there will be good weather ahead it's a time to throw one more barbecue or picnic or spend a family weekend by one of our beautiful lakes or on one of our many hiking trails.

At the same time, it's a moment to reflect on the importance of our labor force in Chautauqua County and the people who make our businesses run. Sometimes they are behind the scenes, and sometimes they are the first people you meet in a business. This Labor Day weekend we salute all the people who are doing hands-on work to keep our businesses and our communities healthy.

Local manufacturers, retailers, restaurants, and all types of service industries rely on skilled labor to make their businesses run. As one of the largest business associations in Western New York, the CHQ Chamber provides some resources to help businesses better manage their labor force. Thanks to the Chamber, many employers are able to provide health and ancillary insurance packages for employees at cost-competitive rates. We also offer an online system for providing New York State mandated sexual harassment prevention trainings, and other online courses designed for easy employee training. Additional support for our workforce includes periodic workshops that offer helpful information on a variety of topics including business insurance, marketing programs, and customer engagement. The ShopLocalCHQ Gift Card provided by the CHQ Chamber is also a great way for many employers to recognize and reward their employees for length of service, bonuses, or incentives.

Whether you're an entrepreneur just getting started in the hiring process, or a long-established firm that's looking for something extra to build and maintain your workforce, see what the CHQ Chamber has to offer. You can find more under the Connect with Resources section of our website.

If you're recruiting from out of town and looking for a great incentive idea to bring top level workers to Chautauqua County, check out the Live CHQ Gift baskets being sold through the ecommerce page on our website. Available in either a large or smaller size, these baskets display some of the wide array

of products made right here in Chautauqua County. This program is a partnership between CHQ Chamber and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth and is designed specifically for talent attraction to our communities.

The Chamber recognizes that good employees are vital to help our economy thrive. We salute all workers this Labor Day weekend!

**First Friday to Close the
Season September 6**

First Friday in Westfield offers something for everyone! You can enjoy open businesses along Main Street, as well as street vendors, live music, and much more! Main Street in Westfield will be closed from Portage to Pearl to make the event safer for all attendees.

The September 6 First Friday will be the final one this season. It is proudly sponsored by Blue June Blooms, AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, and Westfield Boatworks.

Vendors can still register for this event. The price for business vendors is \$20 and it helps to cover the costs of street closure as well as marketing and promotion for the event. A certificate of liability insurance is required for all vendors. Find the vendor requirements and sign up online through the Chamber's web calendar at www.chqchamber.org.

**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.

Everyday Wonders – Sumac



"Sumac Tree" Illustrated by Rachel Brown.

Featured Writer

Rachel Brown

Sumac is everywhere in this part of Western New York; most of us can find it within walking distance of where we live. There are many varieties, but the kind here is Staghorn Sumac, called that for the deep reddish spikes jutting up from branches. I never gave it a second thought. It was just there, lining our roadways and streams. Other than in fall when the leaves turn a brilliant red, it blends in with everything else.



Submitted Photo

The process of making sumac spice.

Then, I discovered sumac spice. I mean, I had known about the spice for many years. Living in the Middle East growing up, (my father was a correspondent for Voice of America) so many delicious dishes were seasoned with sumac. But I didn't think what I saw growing here was the same thing. If anything, I thought it was to be avoided, having heard vaguely of "poison sumac". Then, while trying to replicate some dishes I had enjoyed in Beirut, I sought out the spice called for in cookbooks. Not finding it in stores around here, I asked my son Tyler if he could get it where he lives in Maryland. Success! He sent a small jar and I proceeded to make a wonderful chicken recipe with onions, flat bread, and pine nuts, all liberally coated with sumac.

Sumac's flavor is bright and lemony, but unlike a lemon, it won't add liquid. I loved the flavor so much, I became obsessed, adding it to all kinds of meats: steak, lamb, fish, pork, you name it, it just made everything better! I found suggestions online for potatoes, veggies, and even desserts. I quickly used up the small jar. My son sent more; this time a larger package, but still I went

through it quickly. Then I had a chance to visit family in Maryland and was able to stock up myself. That lasted longer, but at the beginning of summer, I was running out again. No worries, I already had a trip to Maryland scheduled to pick up my 91-year-old mother for a visit. Then a prolonged bout of RSV thwarted my plans. I hated to ask Tyler for more. It was now August, and I noticed the red spikes appearing on the sumac trees. Hmmm, maybe some online research was in order. I found out that our sumac could be used to make the spice, and not only that, now was the perfect time (August - September) to collect the spikes, also called "drupes" or "bobs". There were instructions for sumac lemonade and for making the spice. These said to gather drupes following days of dry weather and then let them dry a week or longer.

My partner Mike and I walked down to the creek to check out our patch. No luck. The few found on our property suffered badly when Dutch Hollow creek flooded a few years back. Fruit was sparse and too high to reach. Mike remembered

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From all of us at
Ironworkers Local No. 6
We would like to thank Steve Thorpe
for everything he has done for Labor Unions.



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Men and women from Chautauqua County who have been killed on the job,
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1800's

09-02-52 Jarvis Wilcox
Boat Pilot - Cassadaga Lake
Drowned

04-18-72 J.W. Stoughton
Railroad Fireman
Locomotive Explosion

08-12-80 Worthy J Rolph
Farmer-Town of Stockton
Kicked by Horse

04-12-88 Edward Bigg
Oil worker-Town of Stockton
Fell from Derrick

12-15-93 Jesse Hodge
RR Conductor - Brocton
Railroad Accident

1900's

09-20-47 Waldo E. Douglas
Road Worker-Town of Stockton
Hit by a Car

11-1950 Dewey Pratt
Farmer - Town of Sherman
Tractor Accident

06-20-52 Dominic C. Inebelle
American Locomotive Co.
Hit by a Truck

03-14-53 Albert Dean
Farmer - Town of Sherman
Tractor Accident

01-12-54 Wilton H. Schruers
Farmer - Clymer
Killed by falling Branch

02-20-56 George E. Dinsbier
Telephone Lineman-C&E Phone
Co - Traffic Accident

02-20-56 Clifford W. Ulrich
Truck Driver- N.Y.S D.O.T.
Traffic Accident

03-30-59 Carl B. Neal
Carpenter-Niagara Mohawk
Building - Fall from Scaffolding

06-11-59 Irene M. Howard
Farmer-Town of Cherry Creek
Caught in Hay Baler

01-05-60 John Coe
Pump Operator-Al Johnson
Const. Co. - Drown/Exposure

05-19-60 Donald Spence
Steelworker-Erie
Machinery Accident

**01-24-61 Gene
MacKendrick**
Steelworker -Alco Products
Argon Gas Leak

08-12-61 Winslow Nelson
Farmer - Town of Sherman
Tractor Accident

10-01-61 Mark Elfman
Police Officer-City Dunkirk
Killed in Line of Duty

02-06-62 Glenn N. Peters
Sheriff Officer-Chautauqua Co.
Car Accident

10-25-62 Clarence Strawburg
Truck Driver-Chautauqua County
Truck Accident

11-05-62 Jerome W. Penkaty
Construction Worker-Pacos
Const. - Car Accident

02-11-63 William Rhebergen
Clymer
Heart Attack

**03-18-63 Chester
Jarmolowski**
Lineman-Village of Westfield
Train Accident

11-20-64 Roy W. McDaniels
Construction Worker-
Crane Accident

01-24-65 Kenneth Schunk
Fireman - Cassadaga
Car Accident

11-21-65 Stanley Gregory
Buccaneer Lounge - Jamestown
Killed in Robbery

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04-16-71 Floyd W. Baker
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12-14-71 Alfonzo D. Panzica
Carpenter - Price Bros. Purina
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07-09-73 Neil M. Muntz
Mechanic - Bonnie's Truck
Service - Flying Tire Ring

11-30-73 John Saccamano
M.E.O. - Village of Fredonia
Cardiac Related

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Truck Driver-Fredonia Express
Truck Accident

01-21-76 Thomas Wappat
Well driller- Paragon Inc.
Gas Drilling Rig Accident

09-20-47 Waldo E. Douglas
Road Worker-Town of Stockton
Hit by a Car

11-1950 Dewey Pratt
Farmer - Town of Sherman -
Tractor Accident

06-20-52 Dominic C. Inebelle
American Locomotive Co.
Hit by a Truck

03-14-53 Albert Dean
Farmer - Town of Sherman
Tractor Accident

01-12-54 Wilton H. Schruers
Farmer - Clymer
Killed by falling Branch.

02-20-56 George E. Dinsbier
Telephone Lineman-C&E Phone
Co - Traffic Accident

02-20-56 Clifford W. Ulrich
Truck Driver- N.Y.S D.O.T.
Traffic Accident

03-30-59 Carl B. Neal
Carpenter-Niagara Mohawk
Building Fall from Scaffolding

06-11-59 Irene M. Howard
Farmer-Town of Cherry Creek
Caught in Hay Baler

01-05-60 John Coe
Pump Operator-Al Johnson
Const. Co. - Drown/Exposure

05-19-60 Donald Spence
Steelworker-Erie
Machinery Accident

**01-24-61 Gene
MacKendrick**
Steelworker -Alco Products
Argon Gas Leak

08-12-61 Winslow Nelson
Farmer - Town of Sherman -
Tractor Accident

10-01-61 Mark Elfman
Police Officer-City Dunkirk
Killed in Line of Duty

02-06-62 Glenn N. Peters
Sheriff Officer-Chautauqua Co.
Car Accident

10-25-62 Clarence Strawburg
Truck Driver-Chautauqua County
Truck Accident

11-05-62 Jerome W. Penkaty
Construction Worker-Pacos
Const. - Car Accident

02-11-63 William Rhebergen
Clymer
Heart Attack

03-18-63 Chester Jarmolowsk
Lineman-Village of Westfield
Train Accident

11-20-64 Roy W. McDaniels
Construction Worker-
Crane Accident

01-24-65 Kenneth Schunk
Fireman - Cassadaga
Car Accident

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Farmer - Town of Ellington
Farming Accident

05-14-77 Paul King
D.A./Farmer- Town of Ellery
Farming Accident

10-22-77 Dale A. Lewis
Farmer-Town Charlotte
Farming Accident

02-11-77 Jeanne Ann Humm
Clerk -Hogan's Hut Stow
Killed in Robbery

04-29-78 Rocco W. Dolce
Steelworker-Staff Rep. Dist. #4
Cardiac Related

08-15-78 William Andrews
Laborer-Local #600
Construction Accident

12-12-78 Carl J. Basile
Sales Engineer-Watson Company
Airplane Crash

12-12--78 Charles V. Condon
Sales Manager-Watson Company
Airplane Crash

08-08-79 Daniel F. Anson
Firefighter-City Dunkirk
Fighting a Fire

10-06-79 Daniel L. Howe
Farmer -Town of Villenova
Chopper Accident

03-11-80 Gerald Seybold
Letter Carrier-City Dunkirk
Heart Attack

03-02-81 Thomas S. Roberts
Farmer- Town of Hanover
Bush Hog Accident

03-19-81 Thomas Buck
N.Y.S. Trooper-Fredonia
Hepatitis-Needle Stick

04-02-81 Joseph H. Mason
B.A.-I.A.M. Local #65
Cardiac Related

06-30-81 John Kovel
Carpenter-Local #66-
Construction Accident

08-29-81 John Eeeles
Farmer-Town of Villenova
Electrocuted

12-15-81 Richard W. Walker
Cummins Inc./ J.A.L.M.C.
Traffic Accident

03-24-82 Walter Keene
Farmer-Town Villenova
Farm Accident

05-08-82 Frank Madurski
Truck Driver-City Dunkirk
Truck Accident

06-16-82 Francis Ardillo
Superintendent - Al Tech
Airplane Accident

06-16-82 Alton Herlan
General Superintendent -Al Tech
Airplane Accident

06-16-82 Andrew DeFries
Supervisor- Al Tech
Airplane Accident

06-16-82 William Zahm
Supervisor- Al Tech
Airplane Accident

09-08-82 Charles Mosandel
Ray Burgan Trucking
Split Rim Tire Accident

05-20-83 Lawrence Miller
V.F.D.-Cherry Creek Fire Dept.
Cardiac Related

08-26-83 Russell Davis
M.E.O.- Town North of Harmony
Electrocuted

02-12-84 John A Heppner
Jail Guard- Chautauqua County
Cardiac Related

03-15-84 James A. Parment
M.E.O. - New York State D.O.T.
Mower Accident

08-09-84 Bruce F. Johnson
Electrician-Cummings Engine
Plant Electrical Accident

09-13-86 Chris Alan Tarr
Crane Operator-Dunkirk Ice
Cream Co. Crane Accident

10-27-86 Paul Kelly, Jr.
Maintenance -Cummins Engine
Plant Equipment Accident

02-12-87 Merle Lewis
V.F.D.- Westfield
Cardiac Related

06-28-87 James Wolcott
Street Superintendent-Village
Brocton Backhoe Accident

03-10-90 Frank Polichettri
Press Operator-Special Metals
Died Heart Attack

05-28-90 Ernest W. Rammelt
Farmer-Town of Westfield
Farming Accident

06-01-90 Daniel Joslyn
V.F.D.-Maple Springs
Car Accident

10-27-90 Bruce Rhinehart
Firefighter-City of Jamestown
Cardiac Related

11-18-90 David Kempf
Engineer-Albright Knox Art Gallery
Fall from Ladder

06-14-91 Richard Wawro
Steelworker- Al Tech Steel Co.
Industrial Accident

09-19-91 Mark C. Meabon
Farmer - Town of Poland
Farm Accident

08-24-92 Joseph G. Bohn
Maintenance Worker-Dunkirk
Schoo - Died Heart Attack

02-18-92 Chistopher Salzarullo
Watchman -Burns International
Security - Killed in Robbery

02-21-94 Jeffery Bull
Taxi Driver- City Dunkirk
Killed in Robbery

05-20-94 Alan Szalkowski
Truck Driver-Chautauqua Co.
Died Heart Attack

09-08-94 Laurie Ann Baer
Computer Programmer-Welch's
Airplane Accident

09-22-94 Deborah Ann Histed
M.E.O.-Cold Spring Const
Traffic Accident.

03-13-95 Thomas A. Heelas
U.S. Postal Mail Carrier
Died Heart Attack

08-11-95 Carlton Beadle
Steelworker-Al Tech Steel Co.
Industrial Accident

10-19-95 Peter Anderson
Skilled Road Maintainer-
Chautauqua Co. - Traffic Accident

11-11-95 James D. Lloyd
Corporate Pilot Fairbank Farms
Airplane Accident

01-23-96 Rodney L. Huddleson
Cabinetmaker-Crawford Furniture
Died Heart Attack

05-23-97 Patrick Tunison
Lineman-C. & E. Telephone Co.
Fall /Broken Pole

06-30-97 Richard Nolson
Farmer-Town of Villenova
Farm Tractor Accident

08-11-97 Richard L. Bush
Business Owner-Town of Clymer
Traffic Accident

3-03-98 Gordon Hess
Firefighter-City Jamestown
Training Accident

05-09-98 James Lesch
Farmer- Town of Pomfret
Farm Accident

12-02-98 Leroy Emlcy
Farmer-Town of Ellington
Sawmill Accident

03-03-99 John C. Bennink
Plater of brass- Chautauqua.
Hardware - Fall from Platform

03-17-99 Cheryl H. Steinbach
Town Clerk-Town of Chautauqua
Traffic Accident

05-15-99 Mclvin Wolfe
Farmer-Town of Villenova
Tractor Roll Over

2000's

05-13-00 Robert Goodwill
Tow Motor Operator-Bush
Industries - Factory Accident

09-20-00 Richard A Jude
Farmer-Town of Clymer
Killed by Bull

09-04-01 William Bennett
V.F.D.-Village of Kennedy
Traffic Accident

09-11-01 Amy R. King
Flight Attendant-United Airlines
Airplane Crash

04-19-02 Lawrence Hooker
Farmer -Town of Villenova
Died Heart Attack

07-10-02 Angela D. Burdick
Camp Counselor-Christian Camp
Swimming Accident

08-15-02 Burton A. Mahnk
Logger-Town of Cherry Creek
Tractor Accident

08-29-02 Jason A. Walker
Well Driller-Caster Well Drilling
Ditch Cave in

09-22-02 Jeff Sanders
MCR Bearing
Heart Attack

12-12-02 Albert W. Storer
Truck Driver-Town of Stockton
Traffic Accident

02-22-03 Lee Turk
Tow Motor Operator-Carriage
House - Died Heart Attack

03-30-04 Kim Einink
Rural Postal Deliverer
Traffic Accident

12-01-04 David J.Burroughs
Tow Motor Operator- FSA/SUNY
Fredonia - Unloading Accident

02-09-05 Douglas Vincent
Production Worker-Blackstone
Factory Accident

02-18-05 Juanita Caldwell
Health Care Worker- Willcare of
Jamestown - Traffic Accident

06-17-05 Linda Frantz
Production Clerk-Truck-Lite
Died heart attack

07-01-05 Nathan Damcott
Farmer - Clymer
Tractor Accident

04-06-06 Lawrence L. McIntyre
Small Engine Repair-Town of
Portland - Died Heart Attack

09-06-06 Joseph A. Longobardo
NYS Trooper
Killed in Line of Duty

10-01-07 James Miller
Labor Professor- J.C.C. Retired
Died Heart Attack

09-18-08 Richard M. Peelman
Truck Driver- NBS Trucking -
Jamestown - Traffic Accident

10-25-08 John W Rednock Jr.
Worker - Welch Foods
Cardiac Arrest

07-10-09 Paul Bickert
D.O.T. - NYS
Accident on Job

09-03-09 Michael Cettell
Farmer - Town of Portland
Farm Accident

06-10-10 Kevin Niebel
D.O.T. - NYS
Job Related

12-09-10 Eugene "Gene" Leonardis
Jamestown Public Schools.
Heart Attack

02-17-11 Andrew Goodwin
Temp Worker Kelly Services
Fredonia - Heart Attack

06-27-12 Ronald J. Keddie
Fire Instructor - Sheridan
Heart Attack

05-02-13 James Hall
Farmer - Town of West Ellicott
Tractor Rollover

11-12-13 Michael Travis
Farmer - Town of Pomfret
Tractor Rollover

05-26-14 Michael McCray
Farm Worker - Town of Carroll
Pinned by Tractor

08-23-14 William J. Boneberg
Superintendent Westfield Electric
Dept. - Electrocuted

02-20-16 Alan L. Harding
Student/Farmer - Gerry
Tractor Rollover

05-17-18 Patricia Ann Grasso Bova
Chautauqua County Dept. Of
Mental Health - Traffic Accident

11-11-19 Daniel Hunt
Farmer - Town of Pomfret
Tractor Accident

08-03-20 Scott Deming
Tractor Accident

05-17-23 Allen W. Chase
Logger - Charlotte
Killed by falling Branch.

03-17-24 Angelina Lamattina
Pizza Maker - Mary's Deli Dunkirk
Heart Attack

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Jamestown Labor Council Recognizes Steven Thorpe with George Ritzer Award

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working with new apprentices as Coordinator and Instructor for the Sheet Metal Workers

Local #112 Jamestown Area Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee. He was also the President of the Southwestern New York Building and Construction Trades Council from 2005 to 2024, which helps to promote union construction and apprenticeship opportunities throughout Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties.



Submitted Photo

Steven Thorpe

During his time as president, the council supported hundreds of charitable organizations including the Jamestown Boys and Girls Club, and The United Way to name a few. The Council also negotiated many Project Labor Agreements to construct projects in the Western New York area that required hundreds of union construction workers. Steve was also a member of the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency representing Labor for 6 years. Now that Steve has retired, he enjoys boating, fishing, vintage records and traveling with his wife of 13 years, Amanda. They reside in Jamestown, New York.

Thorpe said it is important for people to recognize that Union labor in Chautauqua County is the greatest driver for change and support in the local economy.

“The people I have worked alongside will stand up for other workers and what is just and offer help to those in need,” Thorpe said. “Joining one of the Union construction trades or other

Unions that we have in Chautauqua County can better not only your family’s life but serves to raise the standard of living for all.”

The award was named after local labor leader George Ritzer, who served as president of the Jamestown Area Labor Council for over twenty years. He organized and served as president of the Food and Commercial Workers Local 1.

In 1984, the late Ben Spitale wanted to give recognition to a labor leader who was affiliated with the Jamestown Area Labor Council AFL-CIO. The committee felt that Labor Day would be the most appropriate time for this recognition. The committee consisted of the late Ben Spitale, the late Anthony C Raffa, Pete Thorenson, Doug Card, George Spitale and Michael Piazza.

The award is given to an individual who volunteers and contributes to the Labor

Movement, and volunteers time to community organizations.

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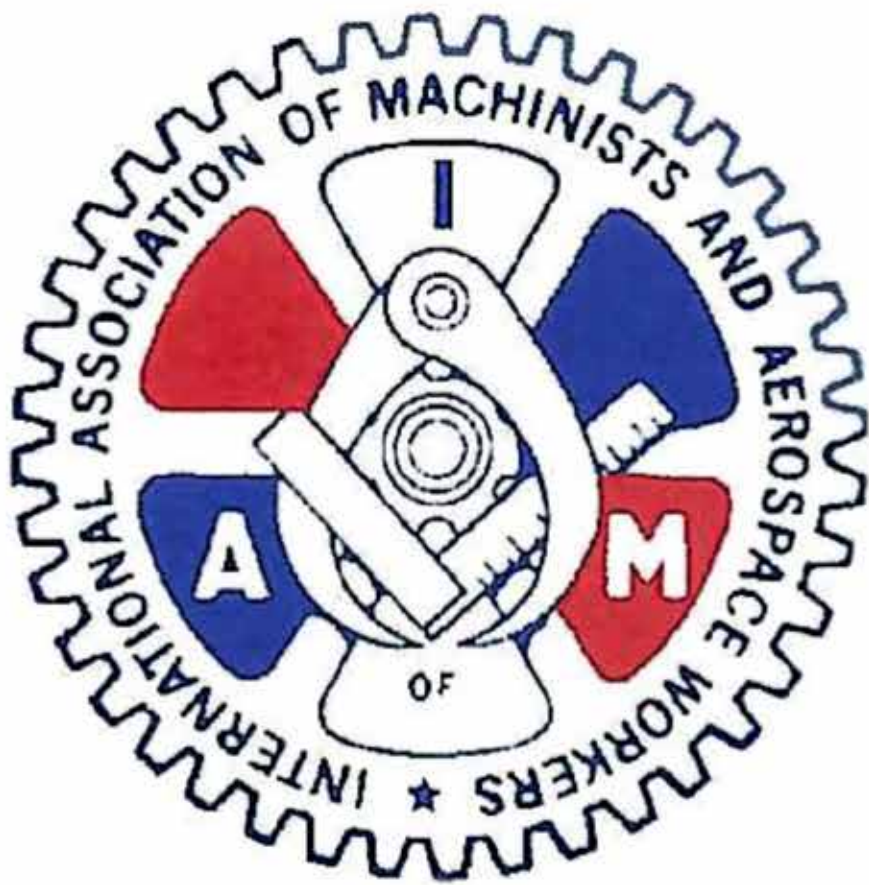
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1. In which year did Labor Day become a federal holiday in the United States?
2. Which U.S. president signed Labor Day into law?
3. What is the symbolic flower associated with Labor Day?
4. In which city did the first Labor Day parade take place?
5. Which organization is often credited with the founding of Labor Day?
6. What is another labor organization that also played a key role in the establishment of Labor Day?
7. In addition to the United States, which country celebrates Labor Day on the first Monday in September?
8. Which labor-related event occurred in 1886 that influenced the development of Labor Day?
9. In which U.S. city did The Haymarket Riots take place?
10. Which U.S. state was the first to recognize Labor Day as a holiday?

1. 1894 2. President Grover Cleveland 3. The red carnation 4. New York City 5. The Central Labor Union (CLU) 6. The Knights of Labor 7. Canada 8. The Haymarket Riots 9. Chicago 10. Oregon

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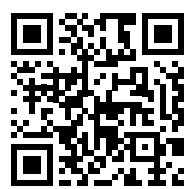
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"The Great Migration: Following the Wildebeest" at Audubon First Friday



Submitted Photo

At Audubon's First Friday this week, you can join professional photographer John Gerber to follow along on the experiences Wildebeest have as they traverse their African territory.

Article Contributed by
**Audubon Community
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Based in Mayville, John Gerber is a world-class international photographer of nature, wildlife, and more, whose photo adventures have taken him from Africa and India to Brazil and Patagonia, and everywhere in between.

Experience his chronicling of the Great Migration, documenting the Wildebeest in their 1,100-mile seasonal journey crossing the Mara River, following them from Kenya to their calving territory in Tanzania at Audubon Community Nature Center's First Friday, September 6, 11 a.m. to noon.

The fee is \$8 or \$6 for Nature Center members and children ages 9 to 15. You are welcome to bring a packed

lunch and visit with Dr. Gerber after the program.

For information on Gerber's "The Great Migration" photography exhibit in Mayville that concludes this weekend, visit JohnGerberPhotography.com.

Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve dawn until dusk daily for free. The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by visit.

Pat's Pen with Pat Locke

National Cinema Day



Contributing Writer
Pat Locke

National Cinema Day celebrates audiences across the country and encourages them to see a movie on the silver screen. As children and as adults we all have memories of going to the movie theatre. The excitement we felt waiting in anticipation for our favorite movie stars to appear on the screen was exciting. For me it was, Rock Hudson and Doris Day at the Art Deco designed Grand Theatre that once stood in Westfield, New York at the intersection of North Portage and Main Streets. The duo made three movies together. *They were Pillow Talk* in 1959, *Lover Come Back* in 1961 and *Send Me No Flowers* in 1964. Hudson called Doris Day "Eunice" because whenever he thought of her, it made him laugh. She called him "Ernie". They were each other's favorite co-star and close friends in real life.

process of patenting his invention when he passed. Le Prince was the inspiration for an industry that continues to fill us with wonder today.

Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931), an American inventor and businessman developed many devices in fields such as electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures. Edison receives the credit for inventing the first device to show a motion picture. In fact, Edison would be the first to commercially sell his kinetoscope invention even though he was skeptical about his idea. This device would be used in kinetoscope parlors for public viewing. By 1915, small theatres were set up in storefronts to view a motion picture known as nickelodeons. These small, simple theatres charged five cents for admission (a "nickel", hence the name). Eventually, longer films caused ticket prices to double from five cents to ten cents.

Nickelodeons flourished from about 1905 to 1915. These venues often times used gaudy posters and decorated facades to attract patrons, but bare walls and hard seats usually awaited within. The American cable station, Nickelodeon was named after these early theatres.



No movie experience was complete without a box of freshly buttered popcorn and a favorite drink, in hand. We were able to purchase candy from the concession stand located across from a white porcelain water fountain in my hometown theatre. On September 7, everyone is encouraged to go to a movie and relive that special cinema feeling.

Movies have been around since the late 1800s. Louis Le Prince receives credit for coming up with the idea of moving images on a screen. His Praxinoscope invention was a single-lens camera having the ability to take 12 frames per second. Le Prince was in the

Motion pictures have come a long way since the beginning. As technology has improved, so has the production of what we view on the screen. During the early years of movie production, the audience was awed by the ability to view people moving on the screen. Movies were in black and white and had no sound. Most of the time, live music often provided by theatre organs was played within a theatre as the film moved on the screen. Today, moviegoers expect to see amazing graphics, realistic stunts and hear astounding music scores.

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Everyday Wonders – Sumac

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he'd seen it growing near the park in Greenhurst. The next day he filled a grocery bag. Beautiful! I spread them over the kitchen table and every couple of days, I turned them to dry evenly. Finally, when dry enough to work with, I donned a pair of latex gloves and proceeded to try to remove the fuzzy, fruit-covered seeds. This fuzz is what you use to make the spice. No easy task it turns out. As great as the internet is for information and how-to videos, it's often scant on important details. I was painstakingly plucking each seed. It was taking forever. I needed a new method. I started rubbing each drupe back and forth. Seeds began to fly off. So did something else: little, tiny worms! Not a lot, but enough to gross me out. I had to dig deep, channeling memories of my no-nonsense grandmother. Once, a dinner of fresh broccoli had included a fat green caterpillar. My exclamations of dismay were met with the admonition to pick it out and keep eating. So, I picked these out and kept going.

The next step was to put the fuzzy seeds in the blender and pulse them to remove the fuzz. Then, pour into a strainer. The fuzz is supposed to drop through so you can discard the seeds. No such luck. The fuzz was too moist and clumped together. A later step called for baking in the oven for 10 minutes at 300. I decided to jump ahead and do that with the seeds. It worked! They dried out and I could then separate them with the strainer.

I toiled all day on this project, and I have to say, the yield was less than impressive. A 24 oz. jar was barely half full. That was *enough* for now!

More facts about sumac:

- There are 35 species of sumac in the Rhus genus (part of the cashew family.) The poison variety, with its white berries,

looks nothing like the edible kind.

- Sumac is found on every continent, except for Antarctica and South America.
- It varies in size from 3 to 33 feet.
- In medieval times(13th - 15th century) it often appeared in cookbooks of affluent Europeans.

Other uses:

- Dye (the ancients found out the hard way not to ship powder next to marble because when wet, it turned the stone purple.)
- Tanning – high levels of tannin in the bark and leaves are used in leather manufacturing.
- Medicine – contains loads of antioxidants. Antiviral, antibacterial and anti-inflammatory, it's even been shown to lower blood pressure.
- Beekeepers sometimes use bobs in smokers.
- Native Americans fashioned pipes from branches – the soft pith at center could easily be removed to make pipe stems.

I'm glad I found out more about the Everyday Wonder that is sumac. However, the next time I go to Maryland, I'm pretty sure I'll be stocking up on the store-bought variety.

My recipe for easy Sumac Chicken (which turned out great, by the way):

Place chicken thighs(with skin and bone-in) in a buttered baking dish. Season with salt, pepper, garlic powder and lots of sumac powder. Top each thigh with a pat of butter. Bake in the oven, skin side up, at 350 for 1 hour.



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44th Annual Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival - Celebrating Artistic Excellence and Family Fun!

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Wild Wind Folk
Arts & Craft Festival*

The 44th Annual Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival takes place on Saturday, September 7th & Sunday, September, 8th at the Warren County Fairgrounds, 371 Barton Run Road, Pittsfield, PA. Held rain or shine, hours are 10 am to 5 pm, each day.

Every year the weekend after Labor Day, the Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival opens its gates to a crowd of art enthusiasts, crafters, family, and friends. There is always excitement in the air - the sounds of kettle corn popping and artists greeting new and longtime customers, the sights of vibrant-colored mums and crisp fall apples, and the smells of homemade pie and apple strudel. Children tug on their parents' hands, steering them to the petting zoo, families marvel at the magician's tricks, and friends enjoy good conversation and a tasty meal while their feet tap to live music. In amongst all this festivity, true artistic talent and creativity abound. The celebration of handcrafted artistry is the foundation of this event, and keeping tradition with its award-winning reputation,

the festival brings together an array of artistic talents to present a show that is unsurpassed.

In addition to spotlighting the tradition of handcrafted art, Wild Wind is proud to honor the value of time spent with family and friends. Children can delight in the ever-popular traveling petting zoo, face painting, balloon artistry, and more. Another favorite is the Tamarack Wildlife Center, with its birds of prey exhibit and lectures. Of special note, Alexander the Magician is back to delight the crowd with a new twist on his unique blend of humor and enchantment. The festival also welcomes chainsaw carvers, Brian Fox, from Fox Sawmill & Custom Design, and Lisa Barr, from Barrnone Carvings & Creations. Their talents in crafting birds, bears, turtles, and more will be on full display, and visitors are encouraged to watch the action! With equal excitement, other demonstrations, from wool spinning to glass blowing, take place throughout the festival offering everyone the opportunity to enjoy the day.

New this year, Mandy Moon of Vivacious Flow Arts will share

her hula-hooping talents through demonstration and instruction. Adults and children should come prepared to participate in the fun! Hoops will also be available for purchase so newly learned skills can be further developed and shared.

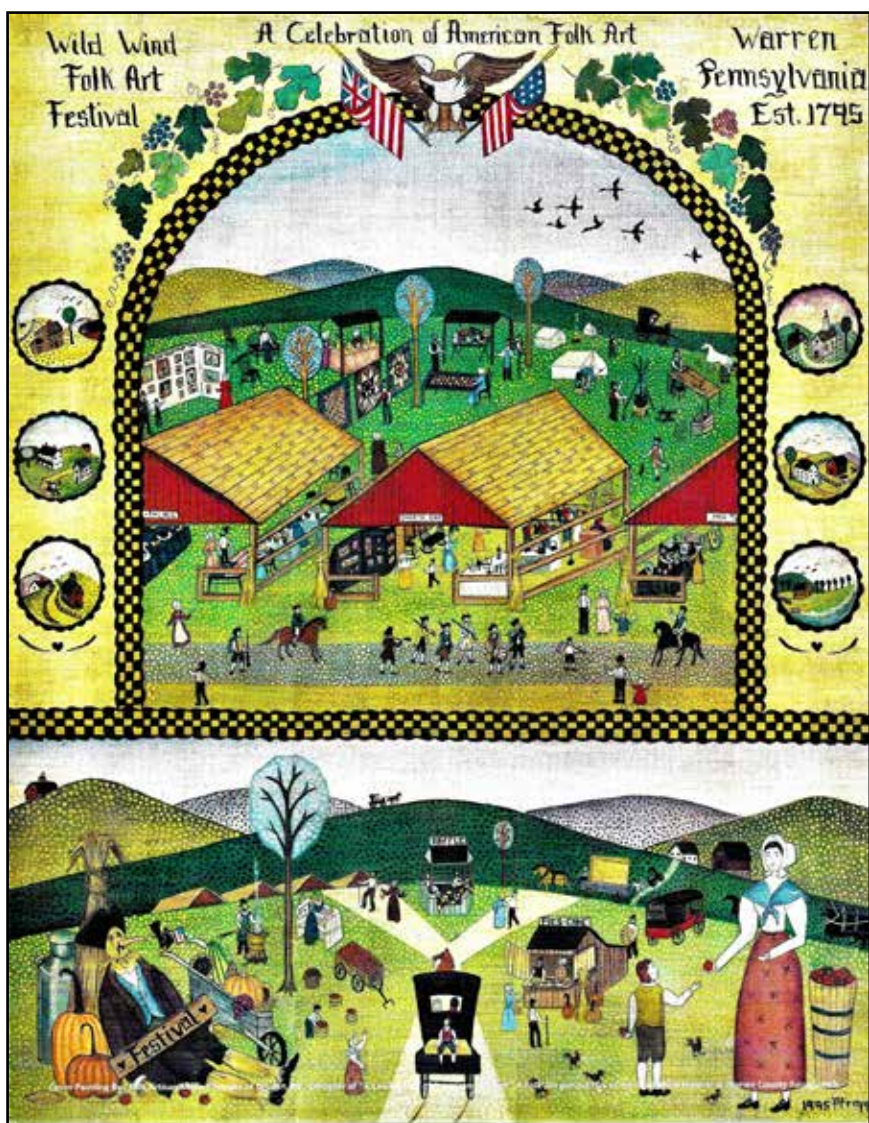
Adding to the excitement, Wild Wind is thrilled to welcome Stephen Carfania from Double C Ranch Carriage Services. Stephen and his team of horses are set to offer carriage rides around Warren County's picturesque fairgrounds, weather-dependant. Rides are approximately 20 minutes long and are \$5 per person. Begin your time at the festival by gaining a view of the sights from a horse-drawn carriage or save it until the end as a special way to wrap up a perfect day!

When it comes time to take a break from the show's sights, a shaded picnic area is a wonderful retreat, while a creative assortment of delectable foods await

hearty appetites. French artichokes, BBQ pork, gyros, crab cakes, sausage subs, hand-cut french fries, homemade pie, ice cream, root beer, and more! Live music is on deck to add to the ambiance, with Old Dawg Bluegrass on Saturday and Warren's own, Temple Grey, adding to the toe-tapping on Sunday.

The Wild Wind Folk Art & Craft Festival welcomes you to make a treasured memory by joining them for the day - or the whole weekend! The admission fees are \$10 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and free for children 12 and under. As a bonus, those who attend on Saturday can return on Sunday free of charge. This is a special event, one not to be missed! Mark your calendars now, and we look forward to seeing you there!

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SUNY Fredonia Welcomes Largest Incoming Class in Three Years

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SUNY Fredonia

As the new academic year kicks off, the State University of New York at Fredonia is celebrating the largest number of new incoming students to campus in the past three years.

The new students joined the rest of the campus community as classes officially begin Monday.

"We are pleased to see the increase in new students this year," said Vice President for Enrollment Management and Services Kathryn Kendall. "Despite the ongoing challenges, such as demographic shifts, economic pressures on families, and the complexities introduced by changes to the FAFSA process, we are thrilled that so many students have chosen SUNY Fredonia for its strong academic programs and engaging campus environment."

As of August 15, 1,034 first-year, transfer, and new graduate students will join the Fredonia community. The enrollment numbers for this fall include a 10 percent rise in first-year student enrollment compared to last year, while graduate enrollment has surged by an impressive 34 percent year-over-year. Applications increased by 7 percent for first-year students and 13 percent for graduate students. Fredonia's acceptance rate dropped by 2 percent, showing academic standards continue to remain strong at the university.

"As SUNY Fredonia continues to grow, the university remains committed to providing a supportive, academically enriching environment that prepares students for success both during their time on campus and beyond," said Fredonia President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. "This class is a testament to the changes we have made to our recruitment strategy, putting more resources into enrollment infrastructure and marketing. With such a strong incoming class, the future looks bright for Fredonia and its students."

The incoming class of students includes three high school valedictorians and four salutatorians. Besides schools across New York state, students are arriving to Fredonia from 19 other states and 10 foreign countries.

Among the incoming students is Gavin Bloder, a Marketing major who emphasized Fredonia's small-campus feel and supportive community. "Fredonia just feels like everybody wants you to succeed and get to the next step, rather than just throwing you into the real world where you are more independent like most big schools," said Bloder, who will be on the men's hockey team. "I feel like with Fredonia's small campus and support that you can grow as a student-athlete."



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Members of the Class of 2028.

Katie Wilson, a Lancaster, NY, native majoring in Childhood Inclusive Education, echoed similar sentiments about Fredonia's welcoming atmosphere. "When I stepped onto the campus last February, I immediately felt like I was at home and from that day forward I knew right where I belonged," Wilson said. She was particularly drawn to the diverse range of majors and minors offered at Fredonia, as well as the opportunities to teach in other countries. "To me, that sounds awesome and like something I would love to do in my college career," she added.

Victoria Green, who is transferring into Fredonia's Computer Science program, said she felt very comfortable on campus as well. "I decided to come from the city to upstate New York because I knew I wanted to be surrounded by nature, friendly people and a place where I can be myself like in a liberal arts school," Greene said. "I visited campus during this year's Multicultural Weekend, and the weekend highlighted some of the amazing and talented students at Fredonia."

Dr. Kendall pointed to enhanced collaboration with academic departments and the Fredonia College Foundation, evolving marketing strategies, and more direct communication with students as some of the reasons for the increase in new students.

Wilson also highlighted Fredonia's location, saying it offers the perfect balance of distance from home and the opportunity for independence. "The space gives me that sense of being able to branch out and try new things while still being a good distance away," she explained. "I am beyond excited to start my time at Fredonia. I believe that these next four years will help me shape my future. Simply because of what Fredonia will offer for me!"

Along with the encouraging trend in new students, retention efforts at the university are also yielding results for students. Fredonia's first-year retention rate is 78 percent, which is above the national average, while continuing overall student enrollment is at the national average of 67 percent.



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The Dignity of Work

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that are hard to digest; that \$30k starter home is now \$70k - \$150k (if you're lucky). Feeding the family means having a paycheck and a half, just for basic necessities. It's \$150 - \$350 a week just to put food on the table. And college? What happened to everyone being able to afford a college education or advanced training? That is definitely no longer the case; \$40k - \$50k per year is beyond most working people's budgets.

So, the challenges are different - sort of. Really, it's not that the challenges are different; they are the same - just now on different scales or levels.

But, the constant is still work - the way out, the way up. It's what makes us tick as a people. All of us.

Labor Day 2024 reminds us of all of the basic principles that have served our country well. Work, work ethic, working to support our families - that is what has defined our society. When we forget the role that work plays in our society, we become rudderless, floating through the days, weeks, months, and years.

Work isn't just important to achieving our financial goals, it is - for better and worse - how we identify who we are. Job loss and serious problems at work are the equivalent of a divorce or death in the family when it comes to emotional and physical stress. Our work lives, or lack of work, affects us deeply.

The lessons of our past and present require that we address the future of work now. Clearly, work is the single factor that defines how well we take care of our family's needs. And now, our challenges for the future - do

we continue to replace meaningful jobs with technology, artificial intelligence, and part-time transitional employment? Do we, as a society, ignore the huge human cost of the unavailability of health care and child care at the grass-roots? Do we ignore the reality that some potential workers have checked out?

We need work. Work makes the rest tick - without it, the clock doesn't work. Meaningful work, available for all, should clearly be our societal goal. We need to do everything and anything to create work opportunities for all. We have the institutional tools - they've been in place for decades - but when do the stars align to make these tools develop meaningful job growth? This Labor Day, we must ask who is committed to putting our country back to work? What tools do they intend to use to get the job done? Training, relocation allowances, college education, technological advances for job creation opportunities, tax incentives, government sponsored infrastructure projects, career training from the elementary school level up, and offering more opportunities and skilled training to enable a person to go to work instead of staying home are but a few of the examples.

First, we have to recommit our societal focus to the world of work. That world is what made us who we are individually and as a larger society. Why is that the case?

There is dignity in work.

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Updated Chautauqua County Relocation Guides Now Available

Booklets are Intended to Help Promote and Provide Key Information About Relocating to the County

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County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency



The recently updated Chautauqua County Relocation Guide has been rebranded to align with the new "Live CHQ" talent attraction and retention initiative and provides information on various aspects of county living, including the county's key job sectors. A digital version of the guide can be found at LiveCHQ.org.

professionals, businesses, families, and others learn all about the county and why it's a wonderful place to live, work, conduct business, and recreate.

To help get the guide in the hands of key stakeholders, the CCIDA and CCPEG have printed several thousand copies and are in the process of meeting with business HR professionals to discuss this tool and provide hard copies. In addition, a digital version of the guides is available at LiveCHQ.org. Employers, recruitment agencies, community leaders, realtor groups, and others are encouraged to link the digital version of the Relocation Guide and the Live CHQ website to their websites and job postings.

Any local employer, realtor, or community group in the south county interested in getting a copy or copies of the guide can contact Jason Sample, CCIDA and CCPEG Marketing and Communications Coordinator, at 716-661-8302 or by emailing SampleJ@chqgov.com. Those in the north county can contact Monica Simpson, CCPEG Partner Engagement Coordinator, at 716-363-3770 or email SimpsonM@chqgov.com. Copies can also be picked up during regular business hours at the CCIDA and CCPEG Jamestown or Dunkirk offices.

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) and the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) are pleased to announce the completion and publication of an updated version of the Chautauqua County Relocation Guide.

First published in 2019, the 27-page Relocation Guide was created to help provide key information about Chautauqua County, including the character and location of community amenities, events, places to recreate and spend leisure time, and the industries located here, as well as information about schools, the cost of living, and housing. The 2024 edition of the guide provides updated information, and also leverages branding of the recently launched Live CHQ talent attraction and retention initiative.

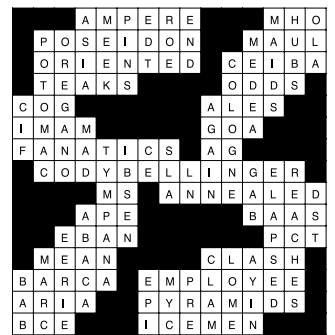
Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive or Economic Development and CCIDA CEO, said the CCIDA and CCPEG are encouraging local employers to use the guide, along with the Live CHQ website, to help inform and educate prospective employees about the benefits of living in the county.

"We know many of our businesses and nonprofits need skilled, talented, and experienced employees to fill vacant positions; however, the effort to find prospective job candidates is becoming more and more competitive, not only regionally but across the entire country," Geise said. "Our Relocation Guide is intended to provide employers a valuable tool for their hiring efforts, especially when recruiting prospective employees from outside of Chautauqua County who may not be familiar with all that the county has to offer."

According to Geise, the Chautauqua County Relocation Guide can be used on its own or as a companion piece to the recently launched Live CHQ talent attraction and retention marketing initiative, which was created to help individuals,

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Washington M.S. Welcomes New Assistant Principal

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Jamestown Public Schools

The Jamestown Public Schools Board of Education has approved the appointment of Tim Anderson to serve as the assistant principal on a long-term substitute basis at Washington Middle School.

"We are excited to have Mr. Anderson step in to help support the students, staff, and families of Washington Middle School," said Tina Sandstrom, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and School Improvement. "Mr. Anderson has been a longtime JPS staff member, colleague, and coach and we look forward to seeing the relationships he will build with the Washington community."

A Jamestown native and 2002 Jamestown High School graduate, Anderson has spent 16 years teaching in the district, serving as a second grade teacher at the former Rogers Elementary School, a fifth and sixth-grade teacher at Persell Middle School, and most recently as a fourth grade teacher at C.C. Ring Elementary School. He holds a bachelor's from SUNY Fredonia, a master's from Walden University, and is currently completing his administrative coursework at SUNY Fredonia.

Anderson has coached basketball for the last 17 years, most notably



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Tim Anderson

as the head coach of the JHS girls varsity basketball program and most recently coaching the Jefferson Middle School boys basketball team. He resides in the city with his wife Rachel and his children Raegan, Sawyer, Asher, and Hudson.

"I'm very excited to get started in this new role and start to build relationships with the staff, students, and school community," said Anderson. "I see this position as a way to impact the student's educational experience academically, socially, and emotionally and feel that, together as a Washington Middle School family, we can work towards achieving tremendous growth. As a lifelong Jamestown resident, I feel passionate about this community and the potential of its youth."



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Recently Rebranded CHQ Professionals Group Now Housed Under CCPEG

Group Will Work to Build Networking Opportunities for All Professionals Working in Chautauqua County

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communities and across the county. The group will continue to work with other networking organizations from throughout the county.

The Chautauqua Professionals Group will also continue to host signature events, including:

Networking Opportunities, including a joint mixer with JYP on Friday, September 20, at Johnson Estate Winery, and a new Halloween Party on Saturday, October 19, at the Clarion Hotel in Dunkirk. The group will also be present at all CHQ Chamber events.

Educational Opportunities focused on leadership and professional skill development, scheduled for spring 2025.

Volunteer Initiatives, including the ongoing partnership with the United Ways of Chautauqua County for Literacy Day, also in spring 2025.

Fundraising for Kids with events like Jingle at the Rocks, in partnership with Dunkirk-Fredonia Rotary, to support the Toys for Tots project. This year's event will be held on Thursday, December 5, at 64 on the Rocks in Fredonia.

In addition to these events, CHQ Professionals Group distributes a monthly newsletter and shares local job postings. The group is also actively seeking more volunteer opportunities related to workforce and career development.

"We live in a wonderful county, and inclusivity is key. We will continue to collaborate with other similar organizations such as the Jamestown Young Professionals (JYP), CHQ Chamber, and Chautauqua Leadership Network (CLN) while also expanding our reach," Simpson said.

Anyone interested in connecting with the CHQ Professionals Group, please reach out to Monica Simpson at CHQprofessionals@gmail.com or call 716-363-3770. More information about the group can also be found at ChooseCHQ.com/CHQProfessionals.

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) is excited to announce it will be serving as the parent organization of the recently rebranded CHQ Professionals Group.

The CHQ Professionals Group was originally founded in 2016 as the Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals group to provide professionals living and working in the north county an opportunity to network with one another, while also helping to grow and strengthen the community. Last month, the group announced it was rebranding itself as the CHQ Professionals Group and celebrated with a kick-off event at When Pigs Fly, in collaboration with CHQ Chamber.

"The recent rebranding effort reflects a commitment to create a more inclusive group that serves professionals of all ages from across Chautauqua County," said Monica Simpson, Partner Engagement Coordinator at CCPEG and co-chair of the CHQ Professionals Group. "Our goal is to facilitate connections that foster both personal and professional growth."

To help expand its reach, the CHQ Professionals Group will be housed under CCPEG. This will help provide the group with the resources needed to carry out its mission, while also assisting CCPEG with one of its key initiatives over the next couple years.

"By making the group an initiative of CCPEG, it will receive support for its various networking events and community projects. CCPEG will also benefit by having a group that can promote and leverage our recently launched Live CHQ talent attraction and retention initiative. It's a win-win for both," said Nate Aldrich, Chautauqua County Economic Development Coordinator and CCPEG Manager.

According to Simpson, the CHQ Professionals Group is already working to expand its membership to include any professional living and/or working in Chautauqua County. Members can be from any occupation and there is no cost to participate. All that is needed is a willingness to meet with other professionals in the area and help strengthen ties between

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Announces "Mug Shots" Exhibition at Pearl City Clay House



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Performing Arts, Inc.*

Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is thrilled to announce the opening of "Mug Shots," a unique exhibition at their Pearl City Clay House (PCCH) satellite location. This engaging showcase, running from September 7 to 29, will highlight the artistry and craftsmanship behind drinking vessels, featuring works handcrafted by talented PCCH Studio Members.

The exhibition will include creations from a diverse group of artists, including Darcie McLachlan, Harik Gustafson, Deb Lanni, Sylvia Johnson, Aleida Foulk, Chris Brown, Patty Dangelo, Wendy Bale, Debra Eck, Tina Trepanowski, Ashley Snyder, Mynet Feinburg, Tera Anderson Myers, Rebecca Davison-March, Young Kanicki, Patti Kramer, Sara Brown-Millspaw, Susan Hancock, Lily Camarata, Claire R. Card, and Alex Conner.

"Mug Shots" will kick off with an opening reception on September 7, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The community is invited to meet the artists, explore their work, and participate in a special one-night-only silent auction for a chance to take home their favorite pieces.

PCCH Member and participating artist Wendy Bale expressed her excitement, saying, "I'm so happy Pearl City Clay House is hosting

our first member show! This has been a fun theme to work on, and we cannot wait to show the community all the creative approaches this talented group of people has come up with."

Another PCCH Member and artist, Darcie McLachlan, added, "It has been amazing to watch this group of artists gather at Pearl City Clay House and become a studio family. I am honored to participate in our first-ever Member Show, and show my work alongside these very talented members, my friends."

Debra Eck, Pearl City Clay House Program Director, shared her enthusiasm: "From the very beginning, when we were imagining what the PCCH studios could be, we envisioned a vibrant and creative group of members who would bring their artistic energy into our space. The members not only make amazing things, but they also share their knowledge and donate many hours of labor behind the scenes. It's really wonderful to see them coming together and mounting what I hope will be the first of many member exhibitions to come!"

Don't miss your chance to experience "Mug Shots." Mark your calendars for September 7 and join us at Pearl City Clay House (220 East 2nd St, Jamestown, NY) for an evening of art and creativity.

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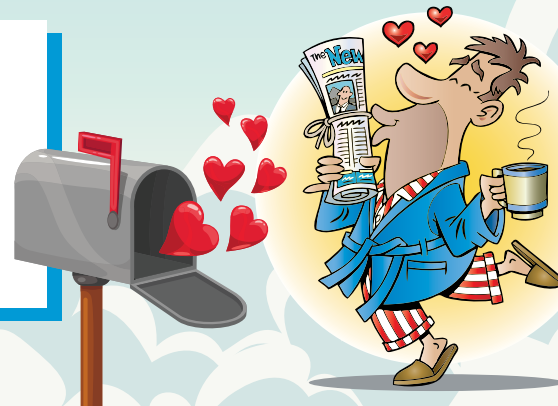


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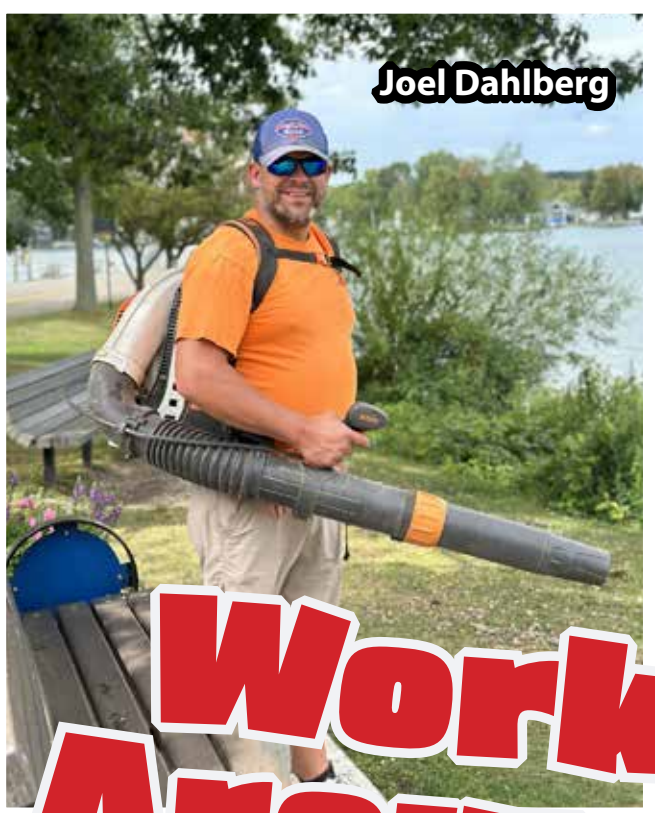
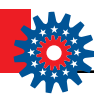
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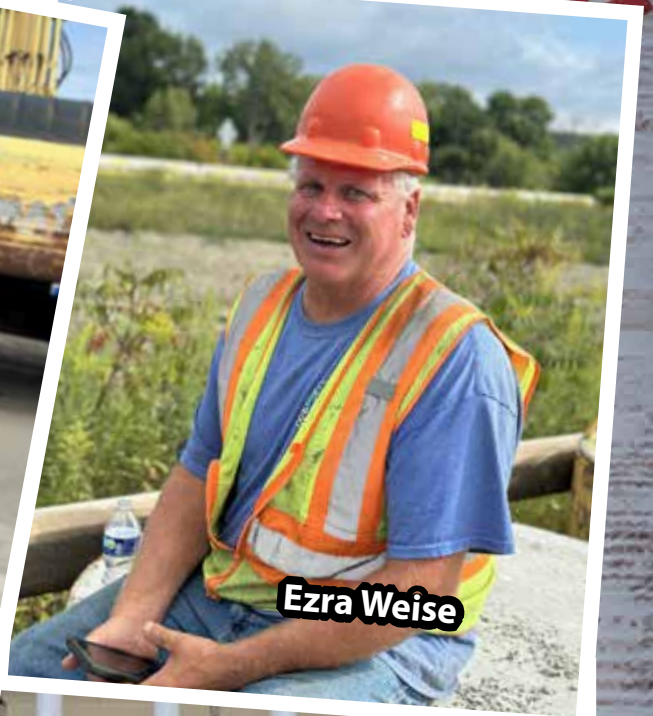
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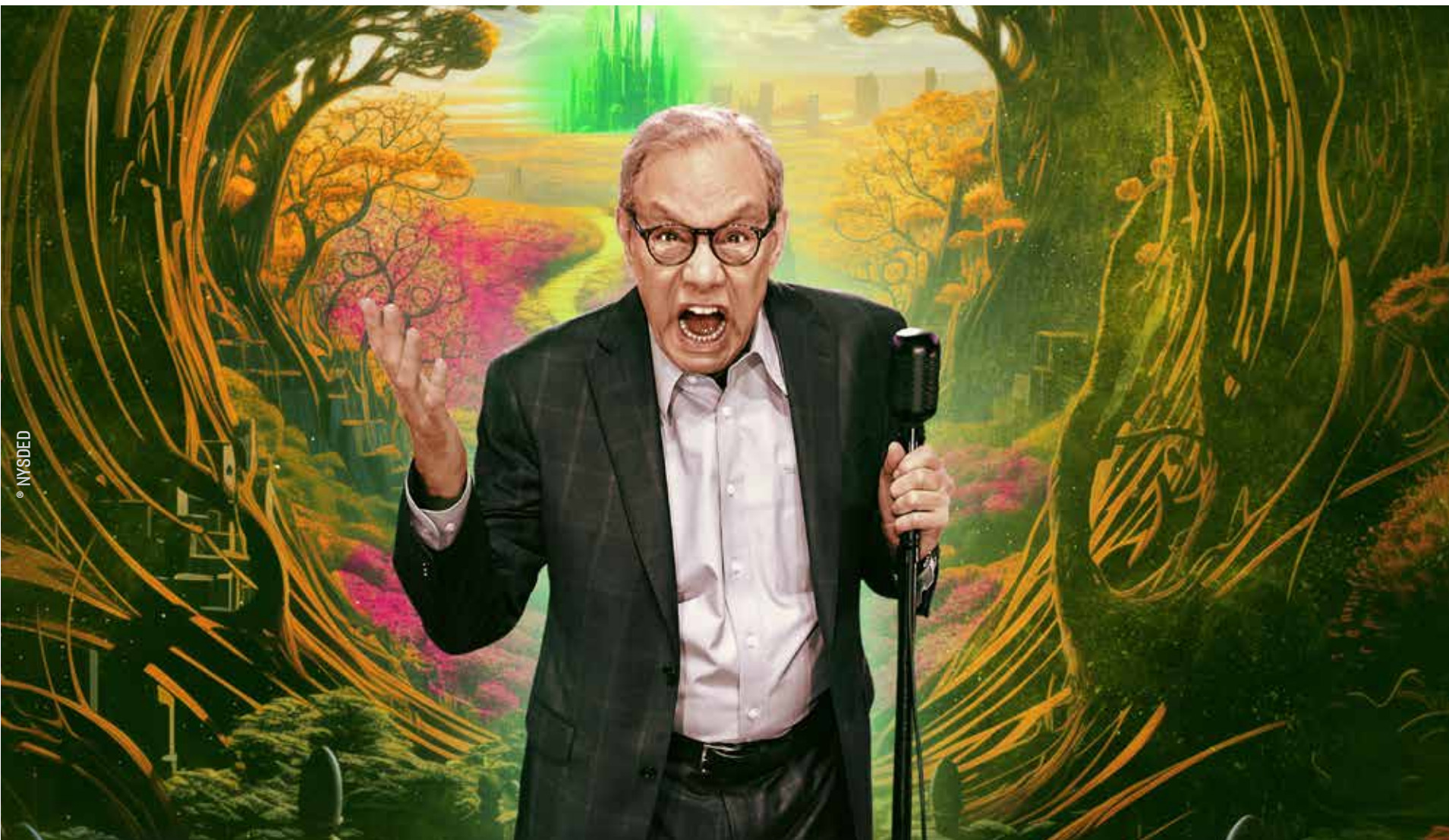
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