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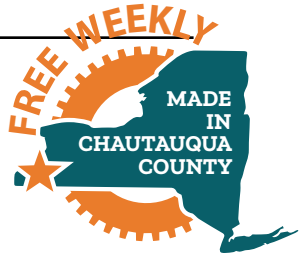



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National Manufacturing Day is celebrated on October 4 but we like to declare October Manufacturing Month. It is a time to celebrate the heritage of making things in the United States as well as here in our community and look

forward to the endless opportunities that are a product of manufacturing. Take a moment to reflect on how manufacturing has played a role in your life. Do you work in manufacturing? Do you have a family member who works or has worked in manufacturing? Think about all the components in the vehicle you drive to work. When you got up this morning, did you use a coffee maker, microwave, stove, or open a refrigerator? It is very likely you used a cell phone or computer today. Practically everything

we touch is manufactured. I often think about manufacturing in the economic sense. At the personal, microeconomic level, I often reflect on my grandfathers and how manufacturing was an important source of income for them and enabled them to raise a family. My Grandpa Trantum worked at Dahlstrom Metal in the paint

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Bridge the Gap Between Education and Industry

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Look around you. Almost everything you see is manufactured. The laptop you're surfing on, the chair you're sitting in, the shirt you're wearing, and the must-have phone in your pocket.

Manufacturing companies take millions of products from idea to reality – and they do so with talented, skilled people. If you can dream it, you can do it through a career in manufacturing. In the five-county region of Western New York, including Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara, manufacturing employs over 70,000 people through diverse

jobs that offer good pay, benefits, and opportunities for growth and advancement. For students dreaming of a great career, manufacturing can open the door to incredible opportunity – and savvy manufacturing companies are putting out the welcome mat and inviting them in.

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WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

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Alzheimer's Disease FAQs

The National Institutes of Health reports that incidences of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia increased by roughly 148 percent between 1990 and 2019. By 2020, more than 55 million people across the globe were living with dementia, according to Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI). ADI adds that Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia, accounting for as many as 75 percent of all cases worldwide.

Alzheimer's disease (AD) is perhaps the most widely recognized form of dementia. But even those who are familiar with AD may not know the answers to common questions about it.

Are Alzheimer's and dementia one and the same?

No. Dementia is an umbrella term that refers to a various conditions that the National Institute on Aging notes affect a person's ability to think, reason and remember. AD is merely one type of dementia, and additional forms of the condition include Lewy body dementia and vascular dementia.

What distinguishes Alzheimer's disease from other forms of dementia?

The David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles reports that Alzheimer's is characterized by progressive memory loss and cognitive decline. In addition, the Alzheimer's Association notes AD affects the part of the brain associated with learning first, so individuals with the condition often exhibit difficulty remembering in the early stages of the disease.

Are there other early signs of AD?

The NIA notes there are some additional early signs of AD, but also points out that different people exhibit different early signs of the disease. Some early signs may include:

- Decline in ability to find the right words
- Vision/spatial issues
- Mild cognitive impairment (MCI): The NIA notes that signs of MCI include losing things often, forgetting to go to appointments or other events, and struggling to come up with words compared to people in the same age group. The presence of MCI does not necessarily mean a person will develop Alzheimer's, and certain conditions, including stroke, can increase risk for MCI.

What causes Alzheimer's disease?

The causes of Alzheimer's remain a mystery, though research is ongoing and medical professionals have connected some dots. For example, the NIA notes that the presence of the genetic condition Down syndrome increases a person's risk of developing AD. That supports the notion that some cases of AD are caused by a genetic component, which scientists believe may also explain cases of early-onset dementia. The NIA notes that research also indicates late-onset Alzheimer's, which is typically diagnosed in individuals in their mid-60s, is linked to age-related changes in the brain that occur over several decades.

Is there a cure for Alzheimer's disease?

No. There is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, and the NIA notes that no scientific evidence exists to support claims that various supplements or products like coconut oil can cure or delay the onset of AD.

Tens of millions of people across the globe are living with Alzheimer's disease. Finding answers to common questions about the disease can help individuals and their families manage AD more effectively.

FAQs from Metro Creative Connection.

Alzheimer's Association Invites Chautauqua County Residents to Join the 2024 Walk to End Alzheimer's on October 5

Walk to End Alzheimer's is World's Largest Event Dedicated to Alzheimer's Care, Support and Research

Article Contributed by

Alzheimer's Association

The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Chautauqua County residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer's by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Saturday, October 5, at Point Gratiot Park in Dunkirk. Registration opens at 10 a.m., with the Walk commencing at 11 a.m.

"This is a pivotal moment in the fight against Alzheimer's. There are now treatments that change the course of the disease," says Kaitlyn Less, director of development for the Western New York Chapter. "We hope that everyone in the community can join us to help the Alzheimer's Association raise awareness and funds for families facing the disease today, take more steps toward treatments and finally end this disease."

The Walk is both a professional and personal calling for Zac Hnatyszyn. "As the vice president of community outreach for Culture Care Senior Living, my role extends far beyond overseeing operations. My passion lies in making a meaningful impact on the lives of those we care for—especially those battling Alzheimer's and dementia," he says.

"This fight isn't just a professional responsibility for me; it's a personal mission. Alzheimer's has touched my family directly. My wife's grandmother, a woman full of life and stories, now resides in our Memory Garden facility, where we lovingly care for her as she faces the challenges of this disease. Watching someone you love slowly lose pieces of themselves to Alzheimer's is a heart-wrenching experience, but it has only strengthened my resolve to help others walking the same path," Hnatyszyn says.

On Walk day, participants honor those affected by Alzheimer's with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony – a mission-focused experience that signifies our



Submitted Photo

Stacey Hannon, founder and recently retired owner of this beloved publication, has agreed to serve as a special participant at this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's for WNY. She will hold the "Blue Flower" during the Promise Garden Ceremony. The color blue represents anyone living with Alzheimer's or any other Dementia related diseases. It's individuals like Stacy who inspire us to keep fighting for a world without Alzheimer's!

solidarity in the fight against the disease. During the ceremony, walkers will carry flowers of various colors, each color representing their personal connection to the disease.

Nearly 7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In New York State, there are more than 426,500 people living with the disease and 543,000 caregivers.

The funds raised through the Walk to End Alzheimer's ensure the programs and services provided by the Alzheimer's Association are free to all who need them, in addition to funding the research and advocacy efforts which have resulted in new treatments for people living in the early stage.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's for Chautauqua County, visit act.alz.org/Chautauqua.

Editorial with Lori Cornell

Much to Celebrate

photo by Todd Singleton



Owner & Publisher
Lori Cornell

Happy Manufacturing Month! And here in Chautauqua County, we have so much to celebrate that we have created our largest "Chautauqua Gazette" yet to fully showcase this special hallmark in all its magnitude and glory!

This community newspaper is designed with our most essential players, a plethora of organizations, and special moments in mind. It's the story of our lives and the fabric of our community. What better way to pay tribute to our local economy - and all the manufacturing

leaders and hardworking employees therein, who literally MAKE it happen - than with this "Made in Chautauqua" edition?

We applaud Todd Trantum, Executive Director of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier & President of Dream It, Do It Western New York, the organization dedicated toward supporting our local manufacturing community; Cindy Aronson, Director of Dream It, Do It Western New York, working to creatively attract and develop our next generation of workforce talent; and the 203 manufacturing companies that still exist as the bedrock of community's economic base. Their partnership in making our manufacturing tribute possible is truly invaluable to our readers and helps foster further community support for our strong manufacturing future.

Chautauqua County has long been a bastion of the brightest and best in manufacturing - from furniture to machining to our long history in food and beverage products and so much more. This area has always had a finger

on the pulse of making products with great skill and finesse. Our community may truly be proud of our contributions to manufacturing, continuing that legacy of crafting goods with dignity and great skill, making leaps and bounds with innovation and dedication to a job well done. When something is made here in Chautauqua County, the quality is unparalleled.

In this edition, we also wish to recognize this paper's beloved founder and fourteen-year owner, Stacey Hannon, for her courage to step forward as a "Blue Flower" in the fight against Alzheimer's disease. Please join me in wrapping your arms around her in love and support next Saturday, October 5 at Point Gratiot in Dunkirk. She will kick off the Alzheimer's Association Annual "Walk" in their 11am Opening Ceremonies. In true Stacey Hannon fashion, she is refusing to let this disease keep her from sharing her incredible zest for life, and spreading awareness through the strength of her spirit. Here at the Gazette, we continue to admire and celebrate Stacey's compassionate heart and her desire to continue making an unforgettable impact on her hometown area.

And lastly, I must close in tribute to one of our community's most beloved doctors, Dr. Rich Milazzo, who tragically died in a car accident this past week. He was a longtime member of the Brooks-TLC Hospital team, a passionate supporter of his Lake Erie hometown, and, as it so happens, a dear Mrowka family friend. Dr. Milazzo was my father's physician and one of my parents' most selfless and loyal friends for decades. I'll never forget when he showed up at their 50th wedding anniversary party last year - in Florida! - all the way from his full-time residence in Silver Creek. He seemed to show that same care and compassion to all those whose lives were blessed to be touched by his kind and faith-filled presence. And this past week also brought the untimely passing of Undersheriff Richard Telford, a widely admired community giant in his own right. May both Dr. Milazzo and Sheriff Telford - and all those loved ones on this cherished page - rest in peace. We celebrate their lives so well-lived and emulate to do the same.

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Fly Me to the Moon and Shaun of the Dead to show at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts



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A still from Fly Me to the Moon.

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Reg Lenna Center for the Arts

Fly Me to the Moon (Wed., Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.) is a sharp, stylish comedy-drama set against the high-stakes backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing. Brought in to fix NASA's public image, sparks fly in all directions as marketing maven Kelly Jones (Scarlett Johansson) wreaks havoc on launch director Cole Davis's (Channing Tatum) already difficult task. When the White House deems the mission too important to fail, Jones is directed to stage a fake moon landing as back-up and the countdown truly begins... *Fly Me to the Moon* is rated PG-13 and is 131 minutes long.

Get ready for a gut-busting, bone-mashing good time in the hilarious horror comedy, *Shaun of the Dead* (Fri., Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.) There comes a day in every man's life when he has to get off the couch...and kill some zombies. When flesh-eating zombies are on the hunt for a bite to eat, it's up to slacker Shaun (Simon Pegg) and his best pal (Nick Frost) to save their friends and family from becoming the next entree. *Shaun of the Dead* is rated R and is 100 minutes long.



Submitted Photos

A still from Shaun of the Dead.

Upcoming Movies at The Reg include the coming of age comedy drama *Didi* (October 9 at 7 p.m.), the 1922 silent film classic *Nosferatu* (Oct. 16 at 7 p.m.) underscored by Radiohead's albums *KID A* and *Amnesia*, Hunter Schafer in the horror film *Cuckoo* (Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.), a special engagement of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* (Fri., Oct. 25 at 10 p.m.), Michael Keaton's return as the title character in Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice Beetlejuice* (Wed., Oct. 30 at 7 p.m.) and a one-time-only special engagement of *Cat Video Fest 2024* (Nov. 16 at 2 p.m.) with a portion of ticket proceeds benefiting Chautauqua County Humane Society.

Tickets for most Movies at The Reg are \$8 in-person at the box office and \$10 online (reglenna.com) & by phone - 716.484.7070. Family showings are \$7 in-person at the box office and \$9 online & by phone. Special engagements are priced differently. The theater and box office at The Reg are located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. The box office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 12 - 5 p.m. and one hour before movies and events.

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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: Beginner

CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Separate with an instrument
- 5. State clearly
- 11. One-time MLB speedster Gordon
- 14. Broad in scope
- 15. Lacking social polish
- 16. Amount of time
- 17. Frame
- 19. Automobile
- 20. Caps
- 21. High school dances
- 22. Utilize
- 23. Checked
- 25. One-sided
- 27. Having an extreme greed for wealth
- 31. Potted plants
- 34. We all have one
- 35. Lake north of the Kalahari
- 38. Unidentified flying object
- 39. Aging persons
- 41. Small amount
- 42. Mother of Perseus
- 44. Ornamental waist box
- 45. Officials
- 46. Uncertain
- 49. A cotton fabric with a satiny finish
- 51. Extensive, treeless plains
- 55. Your consciousness of your own identity
- 56. Consumer advocate Ralph
- 60. Notable Spanish sports club
- 61. Body part
- 62. One's responsiveness
- 64. Woman (French)
- 65. Ready and willing to be taught
- 66. Muslim ruler title
- 67. Unhappy
- 68. Gradually disappeared
- 69. Able to think clearly

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Brushed
- 2. Water sprite
- 3. Ones to look up to
- 4. Monetary units
- 5. We all have one
- 6. Marine invertebrate
- 7. One who institutes a legal proceeding
- 8. Outer
- 9. Parallelograms
- 10. Uncomfortable feelings
- 11. Cross to form an X
- 12. Remove
- 13. Some pages are dog-__
- 18. Capital of Ukraine
- 24. A citizen of Denmark
- 26. Eighth month (abbr.)
- 28. Hindu queens
- 29. Acids structurally related to amino acids
- 30. Rider of Rohan in Tolkien
- 31. Wet dirt
- 32. Russian city
- 33. Observed
- 36.irate
- 37. Travelers need them
- 39. Musical composition
- 40. Auction
- 43. Form of "to be"
- 45. Women
- 47. Inspire with love
- 48. Think Japanese ankle sock
- 49. Appears
- 50. Old World lizard
- 52. The lead dancer: __ ballerina
- 53. Protein involved in motion
- 54. Rosalind Franklin biographer
- 57. Popular 1920s style art __
- 58. __ Blyton, children's author
- 59. Abnormal breathing
- 63. A place to rest

"I'm a greater believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it."

- Thomas Jefferson

In Loving Memory

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September 20

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Norma Colvin, 82
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Debora J. Meabon, 69
Ellington
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Donald McKillip, 72
Jamestown
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September 22

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Kenneth E. Johnson, 87
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September 23

Richard D. Telford, 54
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Be Made in God's Image



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Pastor Tom Holland
Bemus Point Methodist Church

There is a story from the desert fathers: Abba Lot came to Abba Joseph and said, "Father, according as I am able, I keep my little rule, and my little fast, my prayer, meditation and contemplative silence; and, according as I am able, I strive to cleanse my heart of thoughts. Now what more should I do?" The elder rose up in reply and stretched out his hands to heaven, and his fingers became like ten lamps of fire. He said, "Why not become fire?"

While the spiritual life is made of many spiritual practices and prayers, above all these things it is an encounter with the living God whose grace and love can transform us, and remake us in His image. St. Athanasius said it this way, "God became man so that we may become like God." The goal of the Christian life is union with God, to become aflame with the divine love of God.

Each one of us ought to desire and strive for this union. It is so central to our lives as believers that our first and primary goal ought to be the contemplation of God in prayer. This contemplation, through which we are drawn into intimate union with our Lord, is our most important work.

Our lives should be organized around prayer and communion with God. Once we achieve this closeness with the Father others will be drawn to us.

I always find it interesting when I am reading the desert fathers that although they sought to leave the world by going out into the desert to be alone. As they grew closer to God, the people were drawn out to the desert to meet them.

It is only through ongoing daily encounters with our Lord, the "consuming fire," in prayer that we become more like Him and are therefore able to give witness to His love and the good news of salvation.

Let's hear what Jesus has to say about our spending time with Him:

Read **Luke 10:38-42**

Martha was busy, worried and distracted

But Mary chose what was better- to simply rest at the feet of Jesus.

What Martha was doing wasn't necessarily wrong. She was using her gift of hospitality to serve the people, including Jesus, who were at her home. However, her mistake is the same one that we often make. We think that the act of service is more important than the one we are seeking to serve.

How often do we put programs, projects, outreaches and classes, ahead of our time with God?

There is nothing wrong with any of these things. We all ought to be using our gifts as God has called us to use them. However, we must always remember that the best thing that we can do is exactly what Mary did.

We might begin to believe the lie that if I serve better, teach better, take care of people better, ultimately, if I maximize how I use my gifts, then they will come to know Christ.

The reality is, when I come to rest in Jesus more often, trust in Him more, spend more time with Him, all to be transformed by Him, then people will come to know the Lord through us. They will seek us out as they did the desert fathers.

As Jesus tells us Himself in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

So, as we seek the Lord in prayer. We can know there is nothing more important that we will do this week than spending time in contemplative prayer. Spending time in the word, at the feet of Jesus in prayer, is where we will be transformed, made into His image.

Pastor Tom Holland
Bemus Point Methodist Church

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

Dr. Richard T. Milazzo Jr.

August 20, 1944 — September 24, 2024
Silver Creek

Dr. Richard T. Milazzo, Jr. unexpectedly passed away on Tuesday, September 24th, at the age of 80. He was a beloved member of the Dunkirk-Fredonia community, and as a general practitioner, he provided exceptional patient care for over 50 years.



Young called Dr. Milazzo

“an outstanding citizen, one who is worthy of the esteem of both the community and the great State of New York.”

After a long career at Brooks and seeing patients in his own office at 515 Swan Street, Dr. Milazzo joined the General

Physician PC (GPPC) practice. He worked with GPPC until deciding to retire from medicine in 2023.

Dr. Milazzo’s retirement was short-lived, as he quickly returned to become a member of the GPPC Home Visits Team. He had continued to serve in this role until his untimely passing.

Dr. Milazzo always said that he wished to die doing what he was most passionate about. He loved his work, and indeed, he died on his way to see a patient, when he accidentally pulled into the path of an oncoming tow truck that had the right of way. Fortunately, the tow truck driver was physically unharmed.

As a mark of how connected Dr. Milazzo was to the community, the first person on the scene of the accident in Wethersfield, in Wyoming County, recognized him, because the man had been Dr. Milazzo’s patient.

We can grieve the loss of this wonderful man, but we should also celebrate his long life, and his legacy of care, kindness, and healing. He wouldn’t have it any other way.

Normally when you read about a successful man who absolutely lives for his work and the relationships that are built through that work, it is accompanied by general complaints that he neglects other areas of his life. However, Dr. Milazzo remained a devoted father to three children to his dying day.

He shared his love of music with them from

the very beginning. Earliest memories are of dancing, as he played the guitar and sang. As the children got older, his daughter would join him and play piano (rather poorly). His kindness, joy, support, and guidance remained a constant in his children’s lives through the decades.

His love of music continued throughout his life, singing in the St. Elizabeth Anne Seton choir, playing the ukulele, making up clever songs (“Bob’s Buns”, anyone?), and performing in folk music performances.

He also relished biking. He was an avid cyclist, and at some point he began a tradition of biking a mile per year he was alive on each birthday, well into his 70s. Years ago, he even biked to Brooks Memorial Hospital to see patients, even though his home and office were only a block away. It was his favorite mode of transportation, with kayaking as a close second.

He also maintained a fascination with trains throughout his life, painting the train cars of his childhood and setting up his own model train set in his later years. He enjoyed playing with the trains in his home with his best friend’s grandson, Orion (who called him “Grampy”), and he also taught Orion how to play the ukulele. In this way, Dr. Milazzo got to feel like a kid again, as he saw the joy and wonder in his young friend’s eyes.

After his death, hundreds of members of the public reached out to Dr. Milazzo’s close friends and family, to tell them how much he had meant to them. So many people recounted times when Dr. Milazzo saved their life, or the life of a loved one. He would never have talked openly about these incidents, but he quietly helped people, saved people, and stuck around to make sure they were okay. Even on his 80th birthday, when he had taken the day off, he kept his ringer on and answered every patient’s call, even as it was getting close to midnight.

He loved his community, and the community loved and appreciated him in turn. He never wanted to leave the area, and was so happy to be around people he’s known for generations.

In light of this connection, if you would prefer to leave a donation in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Dunkirk Library or to the Dunkirk Food Pantry.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, September 30, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home; 736 Central Avenue; Dunkirk, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 11 a.m. Burial services will be held in private.

Dr. Milazzo is survived by his three children, James Milazzo, Julie (Dr. Michael Newmark) Milazzo, Paul Milazzo, and grandson, Paul Milazzo Jr., as well as Dr. Milazzo’s younger brother, Dr. Paul (Anne Marie) Milazzo, Uncle Sam (Norma) Milazzo and beloved cousins, nephews, nieces, and their children.

He is also survived by his longtime companion and traveling partner, Joanne Harper.

He also leaves behind his best friend, former office manager, and next door neighbor, Jami Babcock, who he loved like a daughter to his last breath.

Statement from Ken Morris, president and CEO, Brooks-TLC Hospital System:

“If there was ever a doctor who emulated ‘commitment to community,’ it was Dr. Richard Milazzo. Dr. Milazzo was a well-respected physician in the Dunkirk-Fredonia community – treating patients for over 50 years. He had an amazing tenure at Brooks Hospital as a colleague and friend. We are deeply saddened by Dr. Milazzo’s passing and will miss him more than words can express.”

Statement from Dr. Marlene Hassenfratz, Chief Medical Officer, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Inc. :

“Dr. Milazzo was a truly great doctor and a very dear man. He made such a difference in the many lives that he touched. He will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.”

provided courtesy of McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home

Chautauqua County Mourns the Loss of Undersheriff Richard Telford

Article Contributed by

Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

It is with deep sadness that Chautauqua County announces the passing of Undersheriff



Submitted Photo

Chautauqua County Undersheriff Richard Telford

Richard Telford. A highly respected figure in the law enforcement community, Telford served with unwavering dedication and honor, leaving an indelible mark on Chautauqua County.

County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. expressed heartfelt condolences in a statement:

“It is with deep sadness that I share the news of the passing of our Undersheriff, Richard Telford. His loss is felt profoundly throughout Chautauqua County and the community he served so faithfully.

Undersheriff Telford was a remarkable leader, a dedicated public servant, and a colleague many of us were honored to work alongside. His commitment to our community and impact on all of us will never be forgotten.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, loved ones, and friends during this incredibly difficult time. In this time of grief, let’s come together

to support one another and reflect on the values he stood for— integrity, service, and care for the community.”



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1. What was the name given to describe Jamestown's thriving industry from the early to mid-1900s?
2. On which day in October do we celebrate National Manufacturing Day?
3. How many manufacturers is Chautauqua County home to?
4. Manufacturing employment accounts for what percentage of the labor force in Chautauqua County?
5. What county agency aims to support manufacturing businesses in Chautauqua County?
6. The term "rust belt" refers to US regions (including Chautauqua County) that were once known for what kind of manufacturing?
7. What 20th-century war effort led to the increased manufacturing activity throughout the country, including Chautauqua County?
8. What natural resource significantly contributed to the furniture manufacturing boom in Chautauqua County?
9. What type of manufacturing facility is commonly associated with the production of agricultural equipment in Chautauqua County?
10. In the late 20th century, what type of manufacturing emerged as part of Chautauqua County's economic diversification?

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Celebrate October Manufacturing Month

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department. My Grandpa Funicello manufactured office furniture at Art Metal and then Crescent wrenches at Crescent Tool. Manufacturing has been important to my family. I have been working for manufacturers for 24 years. (By the way, I am often surprised they have kept me around this long!) My career working for manufacturers and a team with my spouse and others helped support raising four kids; we have enjoyed a wonderful quality of life here in Chautauqua County. I thank manufacturing and the companies and people that I have had the honor to work with for so long. I have friends who have also raised families and nurtured their quality of life through careers in manufacturing.

One more thing to add regarding the personal microeconomic level of how manufacturing impacts our lives: When I think about how I get to where I need to go - 'planes, trains and automobiles' - or partake in my favorite hobbies like being on a boat, playing a guitar or producing music, I am amazed. All of that would not be possible if not for manufacturing - from product concept to design to prototype to manufacturing and assembly to my hands. It is fascinating to think about!

Continuing to look at the microeconomic level impact of manufacturing, here are some important facts to recognize. Manufacturing continues to be the economic backbone of the Chautauqua County and the regional Western New York economy. Here in Chautauqua County, manufacturers ship out \$5.1 billion in manufactured goods annually. The five counties of Western New York ship out \$26.8 billion in manufactured goods annually. Chautauqua County is home to 203 manufacturers employing 10,560 people. Western New York hosts a total of 1,615 manufacturers employing 69,867 people. Chautauqua County manufacturers provide approximately \$538 million in payroll and benefits annually. Western New York manufacturers in total provide approximately \$4.609 billion in payroll and benefits annually. Manufacturing employment accounts for 18 percent of the labor force in Chautauqua County; 15 percent in the three-county Southern tier region of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties; and 12 percent in Western New York overall. Keep in mind that the national average is eight percent of total workforce. Manufacturing is a critical component to our short-term and long-term economic prosperity in the region.

The Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier and Dream It Do It will be celebrating here in Chautauqua County by touring students through a variety of manufacturing facilities, increasing awareness through a print and social media campaign, producing a Girls in Manufacturing camp on October 19th (add comma) and continuing the growth of the Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Programs through partnerships with our schools and manufacturers.

We have many good reasons to celebrate manufacturing throughout the month of October!

Manufacturing continues to be a major contributor to the U.S. economy. The National Association of Manufacturers publishes and regularly updates some interesting facts that highlight the importance of manufacturing in the U.S.

1. Manufacturers contributed \$2.87 trillion at the annual rate to the U.S. economy in Q1 2024.
2. For every \$1.00 spent in manufacturing, there is a total impact of \$2.69 to the overall economy.
3. For every one worker in manufacturing, 4.4 workers are added in the overall U.S. economy.
4. The majority of manufacturing firms in the United States are quite small. (Having fewer than 500 employees)
5. The manufacturing sector employed nearly 13 million workers in August 2024.
6. Manufacturing employees earned \$98,846 on average in 2022, including pay and benefits.
7. 93% of manufacturing employees were eligible for health insurance benefits in 2022.
8. There were 582,000 manufacturing job openings in June 2023.
9. By 2030, 4 million manufacturing jobs will likely be needed and 2.1 million are expected to go unfilled.
10. U.S.-manufactured goods exports totaled roughly \$1.6 trillion in 2023.
11. Manufactured goods exports have grown substantially over the past couple decades.
12. World trade in manufactured goods grew to nearly \$15.3 trillion in 2022.
13. Manufacturing in the United States would be the seventh-largest economy in the world.
14. Foreign direct investment in the U.S. was nearly \$2.2 trillion in 2023 a new record level.
15. Private manufacturing construction spending remains at record levels.
16. U.S. affiliates of foreign multinational firms employed over 2.8 million manufacturing workers.
17. Manufacturers perform 53% of all private-sector R&D.
18. Manufacturers consume one-third of the nation's energy.
19. The cost of federal regulations falls disproportionately on manufacturers. Manufacturers pay \$29,100 per employee on average to comply with federal regulations, or nearly double the \$12,800 per employee costs borne by all firms as a whole. The burden is even greater for small manufacturers in the U.S., or those with fewer than 50 employees, which incur the highest regulatory costs of all U.S. firms: an estimated \$50,100 per employee per year.
20. There were 505,000 manufacturing job openings in July 2024.
21. By 2034, 3.8 million manufacturing jobs will likely be needed and 1.9 million are expected to be unfilled if we do not inspire more people to pursue modern manufacturing careers.

Source: National Association of Manufacturers (<https://www.nam.org/facts-about-manufacturing/>)

Dream It Do It Western New York: Bridging the Gap Between Education and Industry

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DiDi Robot Team



CLCS Green Belt 2023



DiDi Welding Team

Submitted Photos

Currently, and over the next ten years, there is a critical shortage of qualified employees to fill openings in manufacturing due to requirements and growth. Without a concerted effort by private, public and education partners to address manufacturing workforce demand, the Western New York economy, fueled by 1,600 manufacturers who generate \$26.8 billion in shipments per year, will be devastated. A shortage of skilled employees would leave WNY manufacturers unable to produce, grow, and meet the challenges of competing in a global economy.

Enter Dream It Do It Western New York (DIDIWNY), a groundbreaking workforce development initiative dedicated to connecting middle and high school students with our region's vibrant manufacturing industry. By fostering partnerships between WNY schools, businesses, and community organizations, DIDIWNY is energizing and building the early talent pipeline and playing a crucial role in ensuring a sustainable

future for Western New York's manufacturing sector.

DIDIWNY inspires and empowers students to pursue careers in manufacturing by providing them with knowledge, opportunities and connections. The organization has been instrumental in bridging the gap between education and industry. By working closely with local schools since its inception in 2009, DIDIWNY has facilitated over 75,000 interactions between students, teachers, counselors, administrators and manufacturers.

Through this collaborative effort, the Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program (DIDIAMP) was launched in 2024 to capture students' manufacturing experiences and skills and showcase their efforts. Through Dream It Do It's hands-on Manufacturing Camps, Technology Tours, STEM WARS competitions, and more, students enrolled in DIDIAMP build and

experience cool things that are rewarded by electronic badges, belt level achievement, credentials and connections valuable to prospective manufacturing employers. They gain a deeper understanding of the diverse career paths available within the industry. DIDIAMP is a win for students and manufacturers too, as companies can leverage DIDIAMP as a tool for recruiting and validating talent that is emerging from schools throughout Western New York.



DIDIWNY and its mission to energize the early talent pipeline, is powered by a collaboration of the Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST) and the Buffalo Niagara Manufacturers Alliance (BNMA).

For more information regarding DIDIWNY go to didiwny.com and/or connect directly with our DIDIWNY team.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In Jamestown, NY we show support to our survivors by sponsoring an annual "Walk against Domestic Violence." This year will be our 27th annual walk against Domestic Violence in Chautauqua County and 22nd annual Unity Day Celebration.

Your're invited!

When: Friday, October 4th, 2024

- 11:45pm Meet at Northwest Arena on 319 W 3rd St
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- 12:15-1:00pm Unity Day event in Tracy Plaza/Lobby

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2024 Business Awards

Please join us to celebrate these outstanding businesses and organizations at the
CHQ Chamber Annual Awards Banquet

Thursday, October 10 at the Williams Center, SUNY Fredonia



- Emerging Business of the Year – **Whizz-n-Smash**, Dewittville
- Hospitality Business of the Year – **Central Station Restaurant**, 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 and Dunkirk
- 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 Cycle Shop, and Media One Radio, all in Jamestown and all 100 years; Calarco's Restaurant, Westfield, 91 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 and Lena's Pizza in Jamestown, and Haff Acres Farm in Mayville, all 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.

All are welcome to attend. Please register by October 4 at

www.chamberrsvp.org

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CHQ Chamber to Honor Local Businesses

Article Contributed by

Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

The CHQ Chamber is pleased to be presenting business awards to a diverse group of recipients this year. They will be honored during the annual Chamber Awards Banquet October 10 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia.

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 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.

caramel, strawberry, pumpkin spice, hot honey, Irish cream, dark cherry, and many more.

**Producer of the Year
Ghostfish Brewing Company**

Ghostfish Brewing East is a relatively new production facility in Westfield. With a headquarters in Seattle, WA, Ghostfish brewing sought a space for production that would help expand its distribution on the east coast. With help from the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency they moved into a facility in Westfield, and set up shop about a year and a half ago. They now have over twenty employees locally, and distribute

Emerging Business of the Year Whizz-n-Smash

Whizz-n-Smash is a local woman-owned business. In the past year Dawn Murphy has expanded from having her locally made products in just a few local retailers to now being in 14 different retail locations across Chautauqua County. She makes 69 small batch nut and seed butters from peanuts, almonds, and cashews featuring a variety of flavors including

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Emerging Business of the Year
Whizz-n-Smash, Dewittville



Hospitality Business of the Year
Central Station Restaurant, Dunkirk



Producer of the Year
Ghostfish Brewing Company, Westfield



Not-for-Profit of the Year
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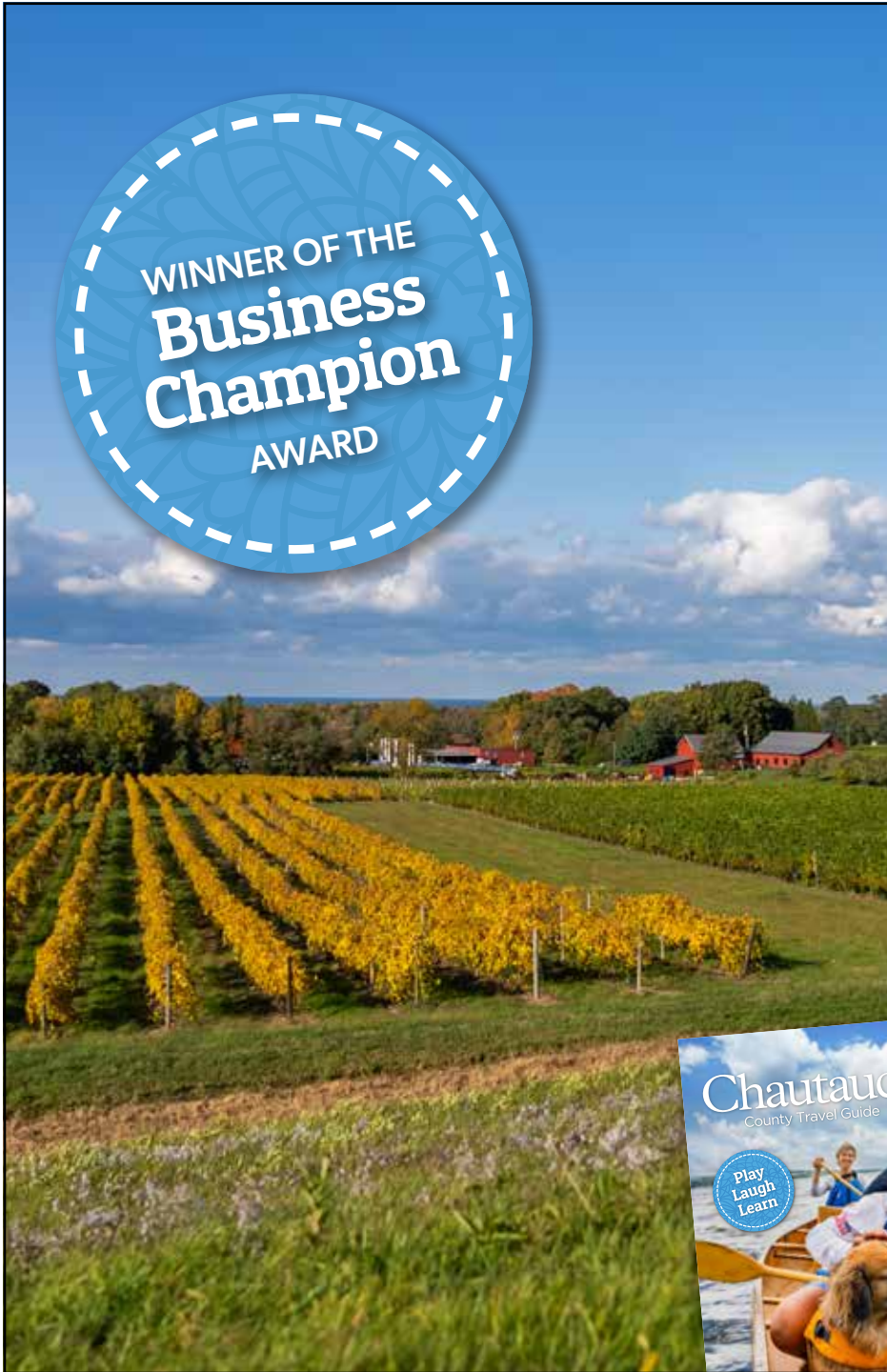
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product throughout the northeastern United States. Ghostfish is a gluten-free dedicated brewery meaning they make only gluten free products.

Not-for-Profit of the Year Prevention Works

Prevention Works is doing outstanding work in the areas of alcohol and substance abuse and prevention, social emotional learning and interventional services. Their mission is to educate communities on positive life choices by encouraging health, wellness, and inclusion. With offices in both northern and southern Chautauqua County, the organization includes prevention specialists who work with people of all ages, using proven strategies that help to build a healthy lifestyle. Youth programming includes evidence-based substance use prevention programs, life skills training, awareness presentations, and more. Parent-based programs include strategies that support and educate caregivers and motivate community members. HOPE Chautauqua is aimed at creating an environment where youth can develop into health and productive adults. With offices, staff, and volunteers in both northern and southern Chautauqua County, the organization has demonstrated impact countywide.

Hospitality Business of the Year Central Station Restaurant

Central Station Restaurant has been a fixture in downtown Dunkirk for almost 30 years. Its vision is to provide quality scratch cooking in a casual setting, and every week, Central Station Restaurant brings hundreds of customers to downtown Dunkirk. Among retail businesses in the 300 block of Central Avenue, Central Station Restaurant has one of the longest tenures. In the recent past, there have been many times when it was the only retail establishment on the block. It never closed during the pandemic, and since then has grown its business almost 20% per year. That's why it's true to its tagline: Preserving Downtown Dunkirk, One Sandwich at a Time. Next year, one of its owners will celebrate 50 years in the hospitality industry as Robert Contiguglia has dedicated his experience to Chautauqua County!

Service Business of the Year Kravitz Tree Service

Kravitz Tree Service is a family-owned business, and just recently celebrated five years of serving the community. "We love to give back to the community that has supported us from day one," they say. In addition to helping residents and businesses deal with tree trimming, removal, and maintenance, Kravitz has also given back to its community in a number of ways. In recent years, Kravitz Tree service has been able to host an Arbor Day event, provide Christmas gifts to families in the community, and been able to support many local sports, dance, and other programs and events.

Business Champion Award Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau

The Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau was instrumental in working with local businesses to help promote Chautauqua County as a destination for viewing the 2024 total solar eclipse. The CCVB staff worked in concert with other local organizations to spread the word that the eclipse would impact businesses and attractions, and to encourage visitors to stay in Chautauqua County. By participating in forums with the Chamber of Commerce, the Martz-Kohl Observatory, and Chautauqua County Emergency Management, the CCVB demonstrated the importance of preparedness for restaurants, lodging businesses, and retailers. CCVB went out of its way to organize and promote special events hosted by a broad variety of venues, resulting in an economic influx for those businesses and for Chautauqua County.



Business Champion Award
Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau



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Service Business of the Year
Kravitz Tree Service, Fredonia

Business of the Year PersNikkity Pies

PersNikkity Pies has not only brought new life and many jobs to the Village of Falconer, but it has also quickly become both a gathering spot and an advocate for its community. Nikki Pierce credits her husband and family for helping her launch the business, and in just a year and a half they have added many employees and continue to add exceptional baked goods – as well as other breakfast and lunch options – to their menu. "It started with my love of making pies," Nikki noted, "and has grown so much from there." She left her job as a social services worker, and now finds she loves mentoring the young people who have come to work in her restaurant on East Main Street in Falconer. She also feels good about watching her community develop into a more vibrant and active commercial and residential hub. "Falconer is our home, and we want to see it thrive," she noted. PersNikkity Pies has not only become a staple in southern Chautauqua County, but has also become a destination for many travelers to the area via I-86, and with the help of numerous 5-star Google reviews!

In addition, the Chamber will honor seventeen businesses and organizations with Legacy Awards for



Business of the Year
PersNikkity Pies, Falconer

years of service and/or a commitment from multiple generations. They are: Chautauqua Institution, 150 years; Brigiotta's Farmland Produce, Jamestown Cycle Shop, and Media One Radio, all in Jamestown and all 100 years; Calarco's Restaurant, Westfield, 91 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 and Lena's Pizza in Jamestown, and Haff Acres Farm in Mayville, all 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.

Tickets for the Chamber's Annual Awards Banquet are available online at www.chamberrsvp.org.

Why Should I Vote

Article Contributed by
Marcia Westling Johnson,
 Chair - Chautauqua County
 Democratic Committee

Why should I bother to vote? This question is often asked when you do not live in a contested state. During election seasons, much of the focus is placed on swing states. This attention can sometimes make voters in non-swing states like New York feel like their votes don't matter. However, every vote plays an essential role in the democratic process, regardless of where you live.

While presidential elections frequently dominate the news, municipal and state elections may have a bigger impact on your everyday life. This year, Chautauqua County will elect a Senator, a member of Congress, a member of the New York State Assembly, and a Family Court Judge. There are also some local elected races. These elected officials will have a significant impact on the direction our country takes. President Harris would greatly benefit from having a Congress that supports her platform. So along with voting for her, we need to elect Tom Carle to Congress. Furthermore, having a Democrat in the State Assembly would be extremely beneficial to our county. If Mike Bobseine is our representative, he can work with the Assembly Speaker to get things done for our County.

Every single vote actually counts. I remember a candidate who lost a local election by one vote, and it was an absentee ballot. A State Senate race was decided by one vote. A House of Representatives race in Alaska was decided by a coin toss.

Voting is a fundamental right in a democracy. Every vote is a testament to the belief that citizens should have a say in how they are governed. When people

abstain from voting because they believe their state's outcome is predetermined, it weakens the overall democratic system.

High voter turnout encourages more responsive governance. It also reduces the power of special interests and extreme political positions. If only a small portion of the electorate participates, the results are more likely to be skewed toward those who are more politically engaged or have more resources to sway the election.

Beyond candidates, elections often include referendums and ballot measures on crucial issues such as healthcare, the environment, education, and taxes. This year we will be voting for the Equal Rights Amendment. It 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 is very important to support this Amendment.

Voting is not just a right—it's a responsibility. Democracy depends on active participation from its citizens to function properly. By voting, you contribute to the broader civic process, ensuring that the government remains accountable to the people.

Many people believe this is the most significant election we've ever had. One candidate claims that on Day 1, he will be a dictator, firing civil servants and replacing them with individuals who are devoted to him rather than the country, and pursuing everybody who opposes his election, even elected officials. Mr. Trump is not working for the best interests of our country, but rather for his own. If you believe that our democratic republic is crucial, you must vote this year.

Chautauqua County Needs Help from the Federal Government



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Article Contributed by
Tom Carle for Congress

There is no better fish fry than those in Chautauqua County. From the Stockton Hotel to any of the local Legions, to Aunt Millie's Restaurant and dozens in between. Chautauqua businesses are the heartbeat of this community.

Jamestown Plastics, a Chautauqua County business in Brocton, NY was called on to provide Covid-19 protective gear and they rose to the challenge and became known state-wide for their quality production and speed.

Just down the road from my home in Fredonia, NY, we have watched the White Inn rebuild and just today I saw ads looking for staff.

Chautauqua County is filled with amazing people who are actually the type who would help you with a flat tire, give you directions, and then point you towards where you can get a warm meal and a stiff drink.

Most lifetime politicians would stand on only the good when talking about their home district.

Maybe it's the fact that I am a retired businessman, not a career politician, that makes me need to speak out to the fact that Chautauqua County is in desperate need of help from the federal government.

Jamestown, one of our most historic cities, is in crisis. The homeless embankments that caused a state of emergency to be called in Chautauqua County is a symptom of a bigger problem that has plagued our county for too long. You drive downtown in most towns and you see empty storefront after empty

storefront.

If I earn your vote to get to Congress, I promise that I will not forget where I came from, where my wife grew up and now teaches, where my children go to school; Chautauqua County needs support from our federal government and that's exactly what I intend to do by finding funding to go DIRECTLY back to this district.

Tax cuts should not be going to billionaires. Tax cuts should be given to the small business owners and middle class families to support them. Chautauqua County has an expansive rural population who still do not have access to broadband internet!

Our rural hospitals and nursing homes need funding so that they can attract healthcare workers and diagnostic equipment so that they do not have to continue working short staffed or send patients up to Buffalo or Erie.

We need to support and protect our Emergency Medical Technicians and our Volunteer firefighters who play an absolutely critical role in Chautauqua County. These men and women should not need to work two other jobs on top of their important volunteerism.

As a NYSUT endorsed candidate, I also want to see that our schools are properly staffed and have the funding they need to support the teachers, support staff, and students who are coming to class with more challenges than we've ever seen.

Chautauqua County has a rich history and has been a wonderful place to raise my family. I want to work for the people here. Please visit www.carle4congress.com to learn more about my campaign.

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Making Things Clear

Article Contributed by
Peter Johnson for Family Court Judge

When talking to voters during this campaign about my experience and what I stand for, I often hear from people that they are confused about my opponent, Ms. Jaroszynski. In her advertisements she states, "Sally is a registered Republican and is endorsed by the Democratic Committee and Working Families parties." I totally understand why folks may be confused.

Let's unpack this. It is true that Jaroszynski switched parties to register as a Republican in February, 2024. Prior to this year, she ran unsuccessfully twice for Family Court Judge on the Democrat Line-losing to Judge Piazza in 2014 and Judge Sullivan in 2016.


Also, it confuses people that she currently touts being endorsed by the Democratic Committee. What she conveniently fails to mention is she failed to collect enough support from Democrats to run as a Democrat in this

election. She is running only on the Working Families line in this election.

Ultimately, the voters should pick the candidate that they believe will do the best job as judge. In deciding who is best, I believe the voters deserve to know clearly who the candidates are and their history. Don't be misled- Jaroszynski has never served as Family Court Judge, and she has never worked for the Family Court.

Working for the Chautauqua County Family Court for the last decade has given me the firsthand experience needed to handle the challenging job of Family Court Judge. More importantly, I believe serving as judge requires integrity, discernment, and a strong sense of conviction. For those reasons, I am asking the voters for the honor of serving as the next Family Court Judge.

Peter Johnson
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For
★
Family Court Judge



Who am I?

I am the only candidate that has worked for the family court, serving as Court Attorney for the Honorable Jeffrey A. Piazza for the last decade. If you know an attorney that you trust, I encourage you to ask them about me.

I believe that the family court is the most important court, and that I'm the most qualified candidate to be our next Chautauqua County Family Court Judge. I'm asking you for the honor of serving in your courtroom.

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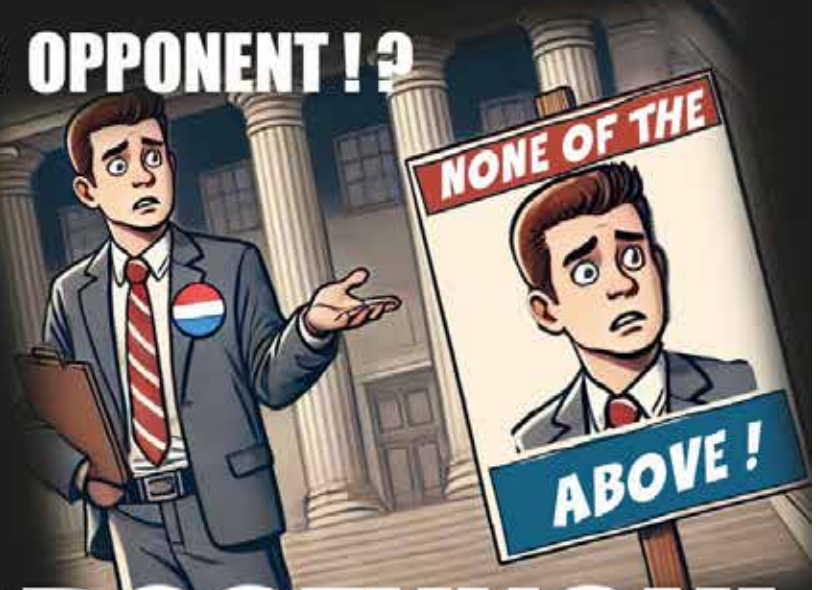
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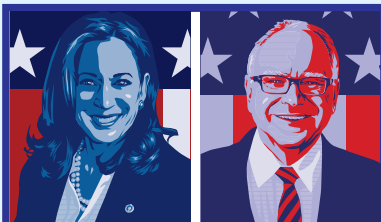
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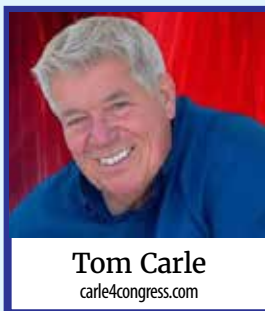
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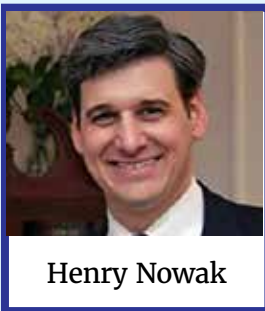
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State Supreme Court Races: What You Should Know



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expect. Every presidential election is sure to include a larger voter turnout than mid-term or off-year elections. As a result, many people voting this year might not be as familiar with New York State's often arcane electoral processes. Never is this more evident, or more evergreen, than with State Supreme Court races. If you've ever found yourself wondering why you have to vote for four candidates when there are only four candidates, read on.

What is the New York State Supreme Court?

New York State's court system has main three tiers. The Court of Appeals is the highest court in the state

and features seven judges, appointed by the sitting governor, and confirmed by the NYS Senate. Below the Court of Appeals is the NYS Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, which hears appeals from lower courts. Finally, the New York State Supreme Court is the trial-level court, or lowest of the three state court levels. This is called a "general jurisdiction" court, which means it may hear civil, criminal, or other types of cases. New York's Supreme Court has existed longer than the United States, with roots dating back to the 17th century. There are currently 13 judicial districts within the New York State Supreme Court. Chautauqua County is in the 8th judicial district, which covers all of Western New

York. There are currently 33 State Supreme Court Judges in our district.

Who sits on the New York State Supreme Court?

Technically they're called "Justices," but are more commonly referred to simply as "judges." These jurists are members of the New York State Bar Association, which is to say they've all gone to law school. Often these judges are prominent lawyers, law clerks, politicians, or prosecutors before they take the bench. These judges are elected to 14-year terms. There is a mandatory retirement age of 70, but judges may remain on the bench until they turn 76 if they pass a

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Between now and election day, many of you will find yourselves face-to-face with a ballot. While each state is responsible for their own balloting procedures, most of us know what to

ELECTION TIMELINE

Tuesday, November 5 - Election Day

Polls are open 6am-9pm

Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, Nov 3

Early Voting Available

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

Saturday, October 26 - Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, October 21 - Last day for Voter Address or Name Change

Same form as registration - see above.

Note: Voters who provide a change of address after this date may still vote via a "Provisional Affidavit Ballot" at their new poll site.

Three ways to REGISTER TO VOTE and/or to CHANGE voter name/address:

1. Online: nyovr.elections.ny.gov
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page).
Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct. 26.
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



Three ways to request an application to vote EARLY BY MAIL:

1. Online: ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/earlymail
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page).
Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct 26.
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



Three ways to request an application to vote by ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. Online: <https://ballotapplication.elections.ny.gov/home/absentee>
2. Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on opposite page).
Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by Oct 26.
3. Visit the BOE in person (address on opposite page).



What's the difference between voting by "ABSENTEE BALLOT" and voting "EARLY BY MAIL"?

Nothing, in reality.

Either application allows the registered voter to receive an early ballot by mail whether they currently are in Chautauqua County or are currently out-of-town.

The only difference is that the "absentee" application requires a reason and the "vote early by mail" application does not.

(ie. "I can't vote in person, because...I'm away at college; I am disabled; I'll be in on vacation/snowbirding/on business, etc, etc. on Election Day...") So why not just simplify the choices and have just one mail-vote option?

The reason is due to some historic and legal complexities as the process developed under state law, ie. nothing-is-ever-simple in NYS.

Bottom line: The Gazette recommends that if you are unable or prefer NOT to vote in-person, just fill out a "vote early by mail" application online. It's the easiest option and available to any voter who wishes to vote this way! UNLESS, you are permanently homebound (elderly or disabled). In which case, an "absentee" ballot application is the only way that you may sign up to "permanently" receive an absentee ballot by mail every year.

If you request a mail ballot, but your plans change and you decide you want to vote in person after all, you may still show up to the polls, but you will be required to vote by a "Provisional Affidavit Ballot" that will not be counted until after the election, ensuring no one votes twice.

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4. The tax rate is set by elected officials. Elect a representative who supports the Middle Class, not the billionaires.
5. Your representative will decide on significant matters that have an impact on your life.

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Manufacturing and Renewal



Mike with Wells employees celebrating their ice cream factory expansion. Governor Kathy Hochul joined Wells officials to announce the expansion in July, which will add 270 jobs and retain jobs for 380 current employees.

Article Contributed by
Mike Bobseine for NYS
Assembly District 150

In my travels through our state Assembly district, I have visited our smallest manufacturers to our largest, from Bailey Manufacturing in Forestville, Jamestown Plastics in Brocton, and Monarch Plastics in Frewsburg to Cummins in Busti and Wells Ice Cream in Dunkirk. These businesses, both large and small, require people who know how to work in teams to get jobs done and have at least a high school education.

As a member of the New York Assembly, I would be committed to renewing our communities by supporting manufacturers both large and small, building on the region's rich history of manufacturing, from furniture and the crescent wrench to pet food and ice cream.

The Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier (MAST) has existed for over 100 years representing the manufacturers in our assembly district. MAST is committed to helping develop a well-educated, skilled workforce and help the state develop policies and programs to aid existing and new manufacturing businesses.

Chautauqua Works is a federally recognized American Job Center. It is a one-stop center to link job seekers with businesses. Chautauqua Works provides their own training for job seekers and collaborates with other organizations such as Jamestown Community College to provide specialized training.

Many of our unions, especially the Building and Construction Trades



Submitted Photos

Mike Bobseine tours Cummins Jamestown Engine Plant ahead of their 50th Anniversary Celebration in Chautauqua County. Ryan Derner from Cummins shares information about the plant's next-generation, multi-fuel engine platform.

unions, offer apprenticeships leading to high-paying jobs within manufacturing companies or service manufacturers.

Our schools, including our BOCES, are undertaking efforts to ensure that our high school graduates are employment ready. One especially unique program is the Pathways in Technology Program (P-TECH). These students commit to a six-year educational plan involving four years of high school and a two-year associate's degree. The latter part of the program includes workplace training and practical, hands-on work experience.

As a member of the New York Assembly, I will work with our businesses and unions alongside MAST, Chautauqua Works, BOCES, and our component school districts to help our manufacturers employ and retain people with the education and skills needed to succeed.

Molitor Focused on Safer Communities

Article Contributed by
**Assembly Candidate
 Andrew Molitor**

Assembly Candidate Andrew Molitor, at an event sponsored by the Brocton library, outlined several changes he would support to make our communities safer from violent criminals.

prosecutors with unreasonable requirements, and handcuffed police officers, parole officers, and correction officers,” Molitor said after the meeting. “Rather than help criminals stay out of jail, it is time that we put public safety first by protecting our residents from violent criminals.”

Molitor currently serves as the Chautauqua County First Assistant District Attorney responsible for prosecuting some of the most serious criminals. Based on his extensive experience, Molitor said he would vote to change the current bail law, unreasonable discovery timeframes, the criminal coddling parole law, and he would strengthen the corrections law to make prisons safer.

In 2019, Democrats began dismantling the criminal justice system by eliminating bail for over 400 crimes, turning arrests into “catch and release.” For example, they eliminated bail for criminals that sell fentanyl, a class B felony. As a result, arrested drug dealers are immediately released back into our community.

The Democrats also amended the criminal discovery law to place a tremendous burden on police and prosecutors by requiring them to turn over extensive materials on a very short timeframe or else the case is dismissed. A more reasonable time-frame is essential.

“Unfortunately, radical Democrats in Albany have gutted our criminal justice laws, forced the release of thousands of criminals without bail, overburdened our



Submitted Photo

Assembly Candidate Andrew Molitor pictured with state Senator George Borrello and moderator David Hazelton.

The parole laws were amended to allow a convicted criminal to commit a substantial violation of their parole conditions and *still* remain out on parole; “As we have seen, someone like Edward Kindt can literally abscond from parole without facing any additional prison time,” lamented Molitor.

The Correction Law was recently amended to reduce the ability of correctional officers to place an inmate in solitary confinement when they are violent toward

officers or other inmates, making prisons much more dangerous. The amendments also increased contact visits in prisons, resulting in a drastic increase in illegal contraband, like drugs and weapons, in prisons.

“Our district is a great place to live and raise a family,” stated Molitor, “but we need to do a better job of protecting our community from criminals that do not care about us and we need to support law enforcement who risk their lives to keep us safe.”



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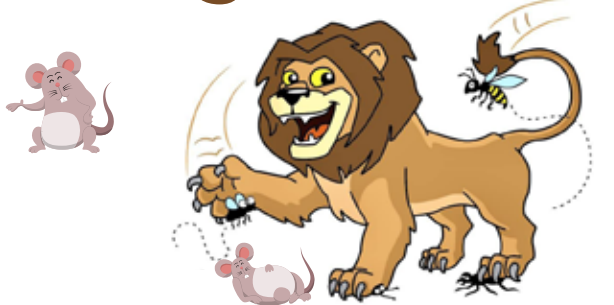
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Join Us for the 2024 Panama Rocks Foliage Festival!

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Panama Rocks Scenic Park

The highly anticipated 2024 Panama Rocks Foliage Festival is set to take place on October 5th and 6th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day, inviting families and friends to celebrate the stunning fall foliage and all the seasonal activities of fall at Panama Rocks Scenic Park. This year's festival promises to be a memorable experience filled with art, music, delicious food, and much more! Admission to the Foliage Festival is free, with standard admission rates applying to the scenic Panama Rocks area with ample street parking or field parking available for just \$5 per vehicle.

favorites; Ramsey's Food Truck serving cheese steaks, sausage, fries, and funnel cakes; Best of Buffalo by Byron serving WNY staples like wings and beef on weck; CamaraderIE BBQ bringing delicious BBQ; Another Guy's Fries serving fries, pulled pork, and cotton candy; Fowler's offering taffy and candy apples; Eden Valley Creamery for a variety of cheese; Burning Asphalt bringing savory sauces and dressings; Panama Bee Farm honey; Everyday's a Sundae ice cream; Gelati's Italian Ice; Killa Kookies baked goods; and fudge by Wow Fudge!

What to Expect at the 2024 Foliage Festival!

Art & Craft Show & Farmers Market:

Shop over 70 vendors at our art and craft show and farmers market and enjoy demonstrations such as chainsaw carving by Lisa Barr; blacksmithing by John Stow; glass blowing by Grant Robinson of Liquid Monkey; rocket stoves by Paul Jackino from Paul's Rocket Stoves; and quilting by the Harmony Historic Society.

Costume Contest:

Embrace the spirit of the season by participating in our daily Costume Contest! Youth contests (ages 0-12) will take place at 2:30 pm, followed by adult contests (ages 13+) at 2:45 pm. Winners will receive their choice of a 2025 Season Pass or a Panama Rocks t-shirt!

Fall & Halloween Activities:

Enjoy trick-or-treating with our craft vendors, face painting with Ashlee, and a chance to create your own stuffed animal friend or paint a pumpkin. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be available from 11 am to 3 pm, weather permitting.

Entertainment:

Traditional and original music by Davis & Eng (starting at 10:00 am and 3:00 pm both days), Drew & Lena (11:45 am Saturday), and SON (11:45 am Sunday), and storytelling by Paul Leone (1:30 pm both days). Try your hand at axe throwing with Axccellent Adventures at Panama Rocks! And horse-drawn wagon rides are an attraction you won't want to miss!

Don't miss out on this fantastic fall celebration! Mark your calendars for October 5th and 6th and join us at the Panama Rocks Foliage Festival for a weekend of fun, creativity, and community spirit.

For more information, please visit panamarocks.com or call 716-703-0021.

About Panama Rocks: Panama Rocks is a unique outdoor destination that offers stunning rock formations and scenic views ideal for hiking. The Foliage Festival is an annual event that celebrates the beauty of the fall season and brings the community together through art, music, food, and nature.

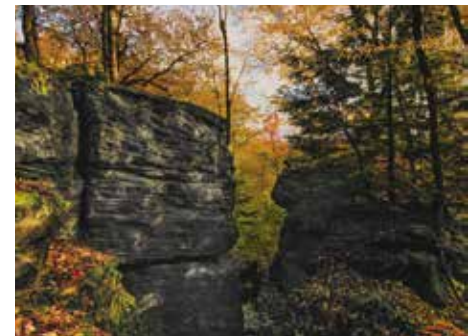
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Sky Walker Stables

A Sanctuary for Horses and Hope for the Community

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Tracy Erickson has always had a profound connection to horses. From a young age, their strength, grace, and gentle nature sparked a lifelong dream: to create a haven for horses in need. Little did she know, this childhood vision would blossom into a remarkable reality.

In 2011, Tracy founded Sky Walker Stables in the serene town of Jamestown, New York. The stables quickly became a refuge for abused, abandoned, and neglected horses, providing them with a second chance at life. Alongside a dedicated team, Tracy worked tirelessly to care for these rescued horses, ensuring they received the love and attention they so desperately needed.

Sky Walker Stables gained recognition for its exceptional work in equine rescue and rehabilitation. In 2021, this commitment was further solidified with the establishment of the Stable Home Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The foundation's mission extends beyond simply rescuing horses; it is dedicated to nurturing them and providing a safe environment where they can serve as companions. Additionally, the foundation offers lessons and competitive opportunities for participants, significantly enhancing the lives of both horses and humans through community partnerships.

The impact of the Stable Home Foundation has reached far beyond the stables. The organization has successfully developed programs in collaboration with various community groups, including Veterans One Stop, the Chautauqua Adult Day Care Center, the Foster Children Program, the Warren YWCA for Autistic Children

and Adults with Learning Disabilities, and Jamestown Community College. These partnerships have fostered positive changes in behavioral, environmental, and community wellness, showcasing the transformative power of equine therapy.

Nestled on a picturesque 59 acres of tranquil rural land, Sky Walker Stables operates as a no-kill center with state-of-the-art facilities. Tracy has witnessed firsthand the remarkable healing that rescue therapy horses can provide to participants facing emotional, physical, and cognitive challenges. The therapeutic bond formed between the horses and their human counterparts has proven to be a source of comfort and growth for many.

However, as the non-profit organization expanded and continued to serve the community, the wear and tear on the stables' facilities became increasingly apparent. The foundation recognized an urgent need to ensure not only the safety of participants in their programs but also the well-being of the horses.

In response, the Stable Home Foundation is working towards establishing a Rural Community Equine Therapy and Environmental Workforce Development Center. This ambitious initiative aims to provide comprehensive equine programs while addressing the needs of underserved communities. Additionally, the center will create new job opportunities in equine care, equine occupational therapy, and the environmental industry, fostering hope and growth in the rural community. Tracy's dream has



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come a long way since its humble beginnings.

What started as a childhood passion has evolved into a sanctuary of hope, offering profound benefits for both horses and humans alike. Through her unwavering commitment and

the support of the Stable Home Foundation, Tracy Erickson continues to impact the community and beyond, providing a brighter future for both the rescued horses and those who seek healing through their companionship.



Tracy Erickson, founder of Sky Walker Stables with Atlas

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Monday, September 30

Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
7:30 PM (EST)	Titans	Dolphins
8:15 PM (EST)	Seahawks	Lions

Thursday, October 3

Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
8:15 PM (EST)	Buccaneers	Falcons

Sunday, October 6

Time (ET)	Away Team	Home Team
9:30 AM (EST)	Jets	Vikings
1:00 PM (EST)	Panthers	Bears
1:00 PM (EST)	Browns	Commanders
1:00 PM (EST)	Dolphins	Patriots
1:00 PM (EST)	Colts	Jaguars
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1:00 PM (EST)	Ravens	Bengals
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Mystery Event to Support Kidney Donation Awareness



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From left: Nelson Garifi, mystery writer and cast member, Jeanette Caprino of the Kidney Connection, accordionist Joe Iuculano, Nina Bell of the Kidney Connection, and Dennis Webster, mystery cast member

Article Contributed by The Kidney Connection

Area residents are encouraged to take part in solving an original, interactive mystery while helping a community organization raise funds for and expand awareness of the lifesaving impact of living kidney donations.

The Kidney Connection will host “Mystery at Angelina and Frank’s Wedding” beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown.

Jeanette Caprino, organizer of the event, co-founded the Kidney Connection in 2006. The process of helping her son receive a kidney from a stranger she met through the internet galvanized her commitment to assisting those in need of transplants in our region to be matched with donors. According to national statistics, over 90,000 individuals are awaiting kidney transplants in the United States.

“We promote kidney donation and educate those in need on how to be proactive,” Ms. Caprino said. “We also gather feedback from people who have donated a kidney and relay their experiences and feelings to those considering becoming living kidney donors.” To that end, the organization created KidneyConnection.org, a free site for potential living kidney

donors and people in need on the waiting list to communicate. In recent years, this type of venue has been the meeting place for donors and recipients across the country. “We hope that this site will help our neighbors and friends make that connection and that more people will be able to give and receive the gift of life,” Ms. Caprino said.

The November 9 mystery will feature performers who have been involved in the longest continuous mysteries in the Jamestown area. Guests will be immersed in an Italian family wedding scenario including an Italian buffet with music provided by accordionist Joe Iuculano. Dennis Webster will serve as the chief inspector as the wedding guests try to solve a crime. Characters will be portrayed by Jade Barber, Jamie Bell, Emily Blackwood, Nelson Garifi, Ken Phillips, Tim Piazza, Lucas Rizcker, Nickey Riczker, Steve Riczker, Paula Rondeau, and Sheila Webster.

Admission is \$60 per person which includes the buffet. A cash bar will be available. For reservations, email Ms. Caprino at jeanettecaprino@gmail.com or call/text 716.450.8958. Seating is limited.

Additional information is available at www.kidneyconnection.org.

Former Jamestown Councilwoman Appointed to County Legislature for District 11

Article Contributed by Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

The Chautauqua County Legislature has appointed Tamara M. Dickey to officially fill the vacancy left by Dave Wilfong, who resigned last month. Dickey, a long-time leader and collaborator in the Jamestown, NY community, will represent District 11, bringing her extensive professional background and community engagement to the role.



Submitted Photo

Tamara M. Dickey, the new representative for Chautauqua County Legislature’s District 11. Dickey was appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dave Wilfong and brings years of leadership and community involvement to the position.

Dickey’s dedication to public service is well-known throughout Chautauqua County. In 2013, she was elected as Jamestown City Councilwoman for Ward 3 and has continuously worked to empower her community. Dickey holds a BS in Economics from St. Augustine University and an MBA from the University of Scranton, a Jesuit school. She is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and serves as Senior Director in the Finance Department at Geisinger Health System, where she leads a team overseeing approximately \$4.3 billion in revenues.

Throughout her career, Dickey has held various leadership roles in the healthcare sector, including at Duke University Health System, UPMC Chautauqua, and St. Lawrence Health System. Her commitment to community service is evident through her philanthropic work with organizations such as Save the Children, the YMCA, and Joint Neighborhood Projects. In 2023, she was honored with the prestigious Shattered-Ceiling Award for Women of Achievement by the YWCA.

“I am deeply honored to be appointed to the Chautauqua County Legislature,”

said Dickey. “As a resident of Jamestown for over 20 years, I am excited to advocate for the taxpayers and families of District 11. I look forward to continuing my work in public service and being a strong voice for our community’s needs.”

Legislature Chairman Pierre Chagnon expressed his support for Dickey’s appointment, stating, “Tamara Dickey’s record of service and leadership speaks for itself. Her experience in finance, healthcare, and community advocacy will serve the residents of District 11 well. I am confident that she will bring energy, dedication, and a fresh perspective to the Legislature.”

Dickey has been married to Clyde W. Dickey and have been a resident of Jamestown since 2004. Together, they own property in District 11 and have two adult children and eight grandchildren.

Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County Participated at the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County’s Out of the Darkness Walk



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Volunteer Tina Morgan (left) and Activities Director Dianne Valvo represented the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County at the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County’s Out of the Darkness Walk at Jackson Taylor Park. They gave out brochures, bracelets and Narcan, an easily administered medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. Like fentanyl test kits and drug deactivation bags that destroy leftover prescription drugs, Narcan is available free at the MHA recovery centers in Jamestown and Dunkirk. To learn more, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua.

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Chautauqua County Recognizes Dennis Webster's 54 Years of Broadcasting

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Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

Chautauqua County honors Dennis Webster, a broadcasting icon and lifelong resident of Jamestown, for his remarkable 54-year career in the media industry.

Webster retired in August 2024, leaving behind a legacy that has shaped the county's airwaves for decades. He followed in his father's footsteps, continuing a family tradition of broadcasting excellence that began more than half a century ago.

Throughout his career, Webster became a household name in Chautauqua County, hosting a variety of programs on WJTN and becoming a trusted voice for local news, agriculture, and community affairs.

"Dennis' commitment to spotlighting Chautauqua County's agricultural heritage has been a hallmark of his work," said County Executive PJ Wendel. "He consistently used his platform to uplift the voices and stories of our community, preserving the values and traditions that make our county unique."

Webster received numerous accolades throughout his career for both his professionalism and service to the community. His presence on the airwaves will be deeply missed by listeners and colleagues alike.



Submitted Photo

Dennis Webster

In recognition of his career, Webster was presented with a special commendation at the Chautauqua County Legislature Meeting this week.

"Please allow me to share this commendation with WJTN and radio, my employer for all these years. I could not have accomplished any of the things you just talked about if they had not allowed me to do so and given me the privilege to be on the air there," said Webster. "I've enjoyed fine support from my family through the years—our children, Hannah and Claire, and especially my wife, Sheila."

Webster's retirement marks the end of an era, but his contributions to the media and to the county will continue to resonate for years to come.

Cassadaga Valley FFA Elects New Officers



Submitted Photo

From left: Taylor Lahnen, Mackenzie Lahnen, Keyamari Keys, Denza Fanara, Catie Russell, and Anastazia Hale.

Article Contributed by

Cassadaga Valley Future Farmers of America

This year Cassadaga Valley's FFA chapter is experiencing a change in advisor and officers. The Chapter's new advisor, Lindsey Crisanti Meeder is excited to start a new era of Cassadaga FFA. FFA is a national youth organization that prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and premier success through agricultural education.

The 2024-2025 Chapter Officers are: President- Catie Russell, Vice President- Keyamari Keys, Treasurer- Denza Fanara, Reporter- Taylor Lahnen, Secretary- Makenzie Lahnen, Historian- Anastazia Hale,

and Sentinel- Emma Nickerson.

Cassadaga is one of four chapters left in Chautauqua County. This year the chapter plans on participating and competing in various events throughout the year, including ag mechanics contests, judging contests, the Alfred State Veterinary, Agriculture, Stem and Trade (VAST) Career Discovery Event and our annual Turkey In a Can Day on our school campus.

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their unique talents through hands-on opportunities, with the end goal giving members resources to achieve real world success. This year's members are relatively fresh new members and their goal is to build their chapter from the ground up.



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State Supreme Court Races: What You Should Know

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It is also important to know that the New York State Supreme Court System is extremely busy. As a result, there are not enough elected judges to hear all the cases before the respective courts. To combat this, judges from other courts like Family Court, Surrogate Court, or County Court can be appointed Acting Justices to hear cases the elected judges cannot cover. New York State Court of Claims judges are appointed by the governor, sometimes just for the purpose of hearing cases on the Supreme Court level.

What is the electoral process?

New York's process for electing State Supreme Court Judges is complicated and sometimes controver-

sial. Sometimes there are actually competitive elections for Supreme Court. For example, in 2015 a competitive election saw us send then-Erie County DA Frank Sedita III to the bench. Most of the time, however, the candidates are selected before the election even takes place. Typically, agreements between Democratic and Republican party chairs to cross-endorse candidates selected by the party leadership mean these seats are rarely contested. Candidates are selected at a nominating convention and the number of candidates that appear on the ballot is the same as the number of seats.

This is unique to New York and is often criticized as undemocratic, but many states have judges at this level appointed exclusively by their gover-

nors.

Who are we voting for this time?

There are currently four seats up for grabs on November 5, 2024 and exactly four candidates on the ballot. The candidates are:

Hon. Deborah Chimes: Judge Chimes is running for re-election. She has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court since 2011 and previously served as Orchard Park Town Justice.

Hon. Henry Nowak: Judge Nowak is also running for re-election and has served as a NYS Supreme Court Justice since 2011 and was previously a Buffalo City Court Judge.

Hon. Catherine Nugent Panepinto: Judge Panepinto was also elected

in 2010 and has served on the court since 2011. She is running for her second term and previously served as a law clerk and a member of the Buffalo Board of Education.

Michael Norris: Assemblyman Norris is currently serving as a Republican Assemblyman in the 144th District, which covers Lockport and the surrounding areas. Assemblyman Norris has served since 2017 and has been a member of the Election Law Committee and the Judiciary Committee in the Assembly.

Each candidate is cross-endorsed by the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, and the Conservative Party. Nowak and Panepinto have also been endorsed by the Working Families Party.

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8 Sights to See at Fall Harvest Festivals



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Just as summertime is synonymous with concerts and carnivals, fall is a prime time for its own opportunities for seasonal entertainment, such as harvest festivals. Certain features overlap between summer carnivals and fall festivals, but the latter offers some unique offerings as well. The following are some things to expect when fall festival season hits full swing.

1. Seasonal fare

Many fall harvest festivals are built on the foods harvested in the fall for that region. In Wisconsin, that may be cranberries, while in Massachusetts it could be oysters. Apples also turn up in many areas starting in September. For those who can't wait to bite into food picked at the peak of its season, a fall harvest festival can't be beat.

2. Wagon Rides

Farms and the tools of the farming trade are part of harvest festivals. Wagons transporting crops are a classic sight, even if they're no longer heavily relied upon on the farm. Rather than a cargo bed full of corn or apples, harvest festivals tote families around on wagon rides or on hay bale beds towed by tractors.

3. Apples Galore

Candied and caramel apples and many other apple products feature prominently at many harvest festivals. Apple fritters, apple turnovers, apple pies, fried apples, and others are bound to be sold by vendors, along with traditional fair foods, like funnel cakes.

4. Cider Stations

Lemonade stands that are staples of summer give way to hot or cold cider offerings come the fall. Cold

ciders are perfect for an unseasonably warm fall day while warm varieties are tailor-made for days when there's a chill in the air.

5. Pumpkin Patches

Fall harvest organizers pick and display pumpkins in fields to make it easier for youngsters to find the perfect pumpkin for Halloween carvings. It's a sea of orange this time of year, and things may get more colorful with non-edible gourds in shades of white or yellow.

6. Leaf-Peeping Opportunities

Some festivals are geared around chances to view the fall foliage that abounds in primarily rural areas. A mountain or forest backdrop adds vibrant color to any event. Coastal areas may set up fall foliage cruises that let guests see the leaves from a new perspective.

7. Corn Mazes

Fall festivals set up adjacent to or on farms may have corn mazes for the kids. These mazes may be kept up throughout October and repurposed into haunted mazes for older kids looking to get a scare for Halloween.

8. Wine Tastings

Many grape varieties are harvested in the fall, so fall harvest festivals may capitalize on that and invite local vineyards to set up tables providing tastings of their vintages. Vineyards also may host their own fall festivals, featuring sips and snacks with live music.

Fall offers a host of entertaining festivals geared around the harvest season. These festivals are ideal ways for people to see the sights and nibble on seasonal delights along the way.

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United Way Announces Winners of 2024 Joseph H. Mason Award

Scott Cummings and Daryl M. Damcott Honored with 2024 Joseph H. Mason Award — Recipients will be Recognized During Annual “Salute To Labor” Dinner On Oct. 23rd

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The United Ways of
Chautauqua County*

In a landmark year for the Joseph H. Mason Award, two notable labor members have been selected as the 2024 recipients of the United Way honor and will be recognized for their volunteerism at this year’s “Salute To Labor” gala dinner.

Scott Cummings of Mayville and Daryl M. Damcott of Jamestown each exemplify the spirit of the award, which is given annually in memory of Mr. Mason and his service to both the community and organized labor.

Though traditionally only one recipient is chosen each year, Cummings, representing CSEA Local 6300 and IBEW Local 106, and Damcott, representing the Jamestown Teachers Association (NYSUT) and IATSE Local 266, were selected as a unique acknowledgment not only of their individual contributions but also for the fact that both are dual union members.

Now in its 43rd year, the 2024 Joseph H. Mason Award comes at a historic time in the history of the United Ways of Chautauqua County – having just recently merged. Previously an award given to labor members in southern Chautauqua County, this year marks the first time nominations were open to all county residents who qualified.

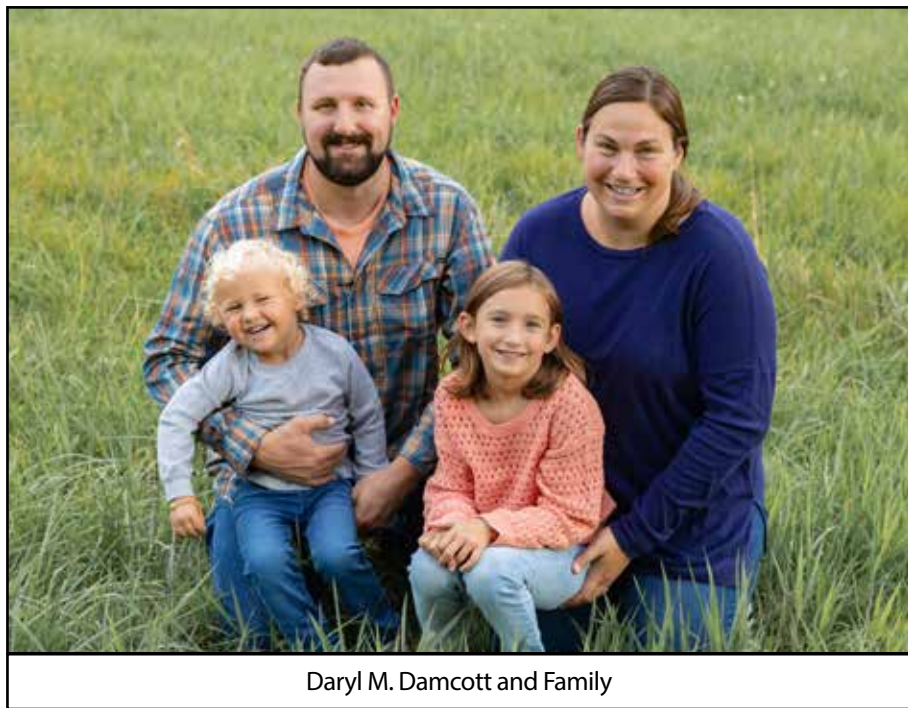
“We are thrilled of United Way’s long-standing tradition of supporting and recognizing the labor community – and we are overjoyed to be able to open this award up to the entire county,” said Amy Rohler, United Ways of Chautauqua County Executive Director. “When the Labor Committee convened to decide on this year’s recipient, they quickly realized the quality of Scott and Daryl as nominees but also the uniqueness and opportunity before them this year.”

Cummings and Damcott will be honored as the 2024 recipients of the Joseph H. Mason award during United Way’s annual “Salute To Labor” dinner scheduled to be held this year at the Athenaeum Hotel in Chautauqua Institution on Wednesday, October 23.



Submitted Photos

Scott Cummings



Daryl M. Damcott and Family

Tickets for that event can be purchased by calling United Way at (716) 483-1561.

Scott Cummings

Scott Cummings started as an apprentice in IBEW Local 106 in 1982, which eventually led him to the North Chautauqua Lake Sewer District and he became a member of CSEA Local 6300.

Scott worked at the Sewer District as an electrician for 28 years and as Director for five years, retiring as District Director after 33 years of service. He started volunteering with the Forestville Fire Department in 1982, but spent a majority of his volunteering at the Mayville Fire Department where he eventually became Chief with 42 years of volunteer service. He has been a member of the Chautauqua County Fire Investigation team for 25 years serving as Co-Captain.

In 2021, Scott was awarded the New York State Public Works Leader of the Year by the American Public Works Association. Scott is an active member of the Christian Community Church of Dewittville, serves on the Town of Chautauqua Board and its Comprehensive Plan Committee. He lives in Mayville with his wife Norma and son David.

Daryl M. Damcott

Daryl Damcott is a Technology Education teacher at the Jamestown

School District, and the Vice President of the Jamestown Teacher’s Association. His work has allowed him to help develop the new aviation program, help students participate in STEM Wars, and to work on partnerships with the Builder’s Exchange of the Southern Tier for the construction program at JHS. He also works at Chautauqua Institution and serves as the IATSE Local 266 Financial Secretary.

Daryl, his wife, Katie and their two amazing children, Kara and Drew live in Kiantone. where he is also a volunteer at the Kiantone Independent Fire Department, serving as a Lieutenant and assisting on numerous calls including fires, accidents and other emergencies. He previously volunteered with the Sherman Fire Department where he served as an interior firefighter and EMT.

In addition, Daryl serves as a board member for the Jamestown Area Community Federal Credit Union and the Jamestown Public School Forest. He is an avid supporter of many local causes, including the One Ball Foundation, Dixie Smith Memorial Foundation, Child Advocacy Program, Rails to Trails, Hospice, Chautauqua Striders, Jamestown Babe Ruth and United Way.

The Joseph H. Mason Award

Joe Mason was the Directing Business Representative of

the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District 65, representing southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.

Joe’s reputation for standing up for the causes of labor impacting the day-to-day lives of working men and women of our area is well known. Joe was recognized nationally for serving as the first Co-Chair of the labor management committee, a locally initiated revolutionary approach to labor relations.

Joe Mason was most importantly a long-standing member of the United Way Board of Directors. Joe exemplified labor’s commitment to serving our community through his devotion to the United Way campaign.

After Joe’s passing on, the United Way Board of Directors created this award in recognition of labor’s critical contribution to the success of the United Way. What has followed has been 43 years of the United Way recognizing the critical role that local labor leaders play in serving our community, in addition to serving the interests of the union members they represent.

Last year, Paul Abbot, a member of CSEA Deputy Sheriff’s Unit 6322 Local 807, was recognized as the 2023 Joseph H. Mason Award winner.



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Rev. Alex Holt on "Hope is the Thing With Feathers"



Submitted Photo

Virtually from his home in Oregon, this Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 a.m., retired UU minister Rev. Alex Holt will give the second of three messages on the so-called Great Virtues – Faith, Hope, and Love – to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown. His title, "Hope is the Thing With Feathers," is borrowed from the famous poem by Emily Dickinson. Everyone is welcome to the service at 1255 Prendergast Avenue. To participate virtually, use the link at UUJamestown.org/calendar.

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Friday, October 4

Movies at The Reg: Shaun of the Dead | 7 PM

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Saturday, October 5

Alzheimer's Association: Walk to End Alzheimer's | 10 AM

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First Friday - Bats 11 AM - 12 PM

Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: AudubonCNC.org

Lakewood Fall Festival 10 AM - 6 PM

Chautauqua Avenue | Lakewood
For Info: 443-618-6330

North Shore Arts Alliance 'Small Works' Gallery 6 PM - 8 PM

Pearl City Clay House | Jamestown
For Info: pearlcityclayhouse.org

Beef Quality Assurance In-Person Training | 9 AM - 3 PM

Empire Livestock Market (6732 Pickup Hill Rd) | Cherry Creek
For Info: 716-664-9502

Friday, October 4 & Saturday, October 5

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Audubon Community Nature Center | Jamestown
For Info: AudubonCNC.org

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Friday, October 4 - Sunday, October 6

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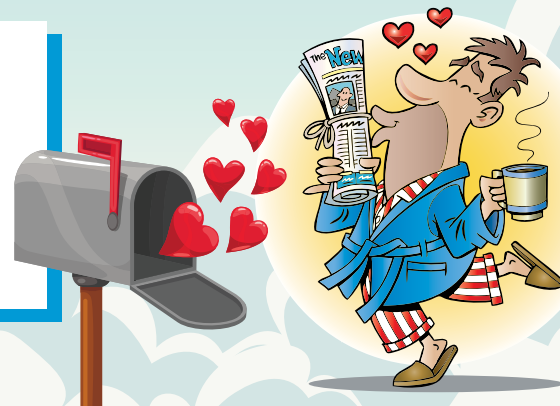


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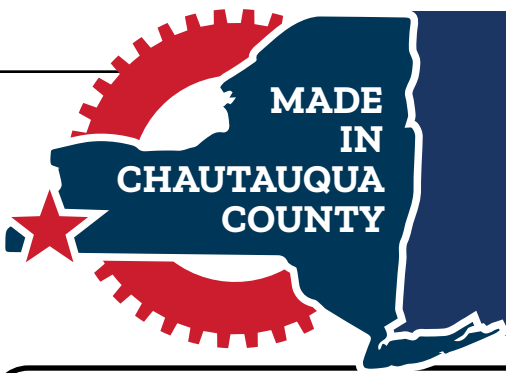
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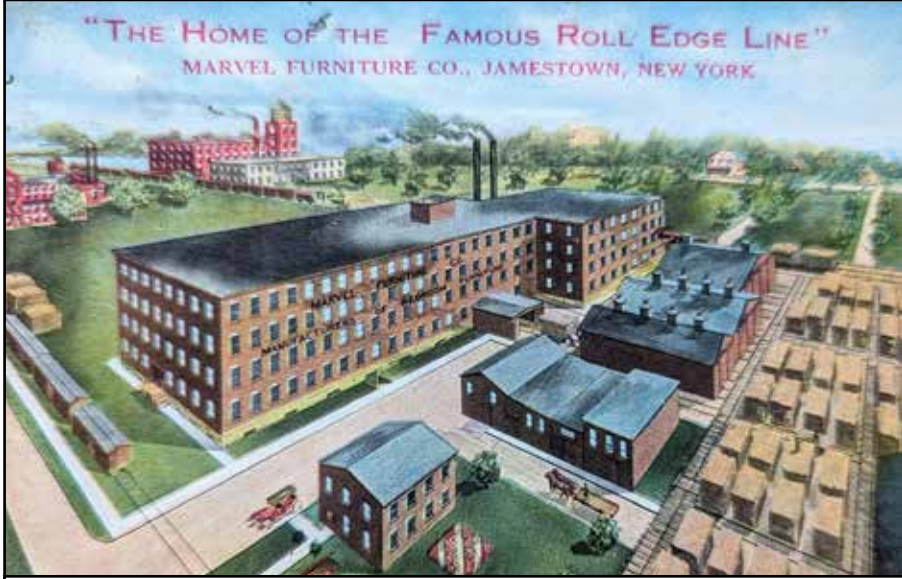
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Marvel Furniture Co., c. 1915



Cooperage manufacturing, c. 1906

Article by

Hannah Jaroszynski

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When many people think about Jamestown, NY, and even Chautauqua County in general, minds go directly to the famous Lucille Ball, the

National Comedy Center, or our vibrant wineries. However, many people are unaware that our rich history truly began in the golden age of manufacturing. From the late 19th century to the present day, various companies have emerged, thriving on innovation and craftsmanship.

The late 1800s marked a significant turning point in Chautauqua County's manufacturing sector. The region's abundant natural resources, particularly its hardwood forests, made it an ideal location for furniture manufacturing. Among the early

pioneers was Fancher Chair Co., founded in 1891 by Charles Fancher in the Village of Falconer. The company quickly gained a reputation for quality and craftsmanship, specializing in wooden chairs and furniture. Fancher's

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Retool WNY Assists Regional Manufacturers Move into Clean Energy Production

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Jamestown Board of Public Utilities



The Retool WNY Initiative, facilitated by the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU), grew out of a multi-year grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The grant, titled "Accelerate the Southern Tier" has helped fund multiple clean energy manufacturing projects in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties that are all focused on potential economic development opportunities in the clean energy sector.

The NYSERDA grant has helped fund the curriculum development and equipment required for a Jamestown Community College (JCC) workforce development course in Building Automation Systems (BAS). The program is

currently being offered at both the Jamestown and Olean Campuses of JCC.

A detailed manufacturing study was completed by Insyte Consulting as part of the grant. This study focused on the potential for small and medium manufacturers to pivot or transform production lines to include parts and components needed for large companies seeking domestic suppliers.

Another important component of the grant is a reimbursement program for up to \$19,000 for companies that can verify expenditures exceeding \$25,000 for equipment, software,

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Wendel Unveils 2025 Budget: A Plan for Financial Success

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Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr.

Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. has unveiled his proposed 2025 Executive Budget, emphasizing responsible fiscal management, essential service investments, and maintaining a strong financial position while staying under the state tax cap for the fifth consecutive year.

The proposed budget totals \$301.9 million, including enterprise funds, and reflects a balanced approach to maintaining essential services while staying under the state-mandated tax cap.

"Our 2025 budget reflects my strategy and vision," said Wendel. "Chautauqua County will continue to provide services and programs at the highest level possible while maintaining our strong financial position."

Despite rising unfunded mandates and a 3.4% inflation rate, Wendel emphasized the County's ongoing efforts to keep the tax levy increase below the tax cap.

"We remain committed to keeping the tax levy at or below the tax cap limit, preserving Chautauqua County's strong financial position by responsibly utilizing the general fund balance, and maintaining reserves between 5 and 15 percent of the County's appropriations," he explained.

Key budget highlights include a focus on public safety, human services, infrastructure, and economic

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Goodwill of Western New York

Goodwill of Western New York is excited to announce the expansion of its nationally acclaimed Goodskills Career Builder program to the JCC North Campus in Dunkirk. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis for Chautauqua County residents for the new Dunkirk site and its Jamestown site on the JCC Main Campus in Jamestown.

Since its launch in 2021, Goodskills Career Builder has empowered over 540 individuals with the skills needed for careers in manufacturing and technology with more than 70% of graduates securing full-time employment or accepted into an advanced training within a year of graduation.

In collaboration with local businesses and industry experts, Goodskills Career Builder offers participants a comprehensive, four-week work readiness and manufacturing training program at no cost to Chautauqua County residents. The curriculum combines classroom learning with hands-on experience, addressing the growing demand for skilled workers and offering pathways from minimum-wage jobs to higher-paying careers.

“We chose Dunkirk as our next location following discussions with local employers and the expansion of several manufacturers in the region,” said Thomas Ulbrich, President and CEO of Goodwill of Western New York. “Goodskills Career Builder is dedicated to equipping individuals with the necessary skills for employment while connecting

them with employers seeking to fill critical positions that lead to financial independence.”

Goodskills Career Builder, developed in partnership with the University at Buffalo Regional Institute (UBRI), is one of only 21 national Build Back Better Regional Challenge awardees, part of the American Rescue Plan. This initiative aims to enhance Western New York’s Advanced Manufacturing Ecosystem through targeted Workforce, Innovation, and Infrastructure efforts.

The program’s design ensures that participants acquire the exact skills employers are seeking. Upon completion, graduates receive direct connections to hiring employers or advanced training opportunities through Goodskills partners. Graduates also benefit from up to three years of support from a dedicated Goodskills Career Coach, who helps overcome barriers to job retention and career advancement. Other resources provided include assistance with transportation, affordable childcare, and additional sector-specific training referrals.

Goodskills Career Builder is open to all adults over 18 with a high school diploma or equivalent, who reside in Chautauqua County and are authorized to work in the United States. There is no cost to participate for eligible residents.

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Artone: Made in Chautauqua County



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This Manufacturing Day, we proudly celebrate our rich history spanning 50 years in the industry! Our journey has been marked by significant milestones, from our humble beginnings to becoming a leader in our field, specializing in custom casegoods and millwork for the hotel industry - all driven by a passion for manufacturing. Over the past five decades, the manufacturing industry has undergone tremendous changes. We have been proud to be at the forefront of these advancements. By embracing

new technologies & processes we have enhanced production and improved quality, meeting the needs of our customers.

We also know that our company's success starts with its employees. Our success would not be possible without their hard work and dedication. In recognition of the evolving workforce, Artone introduced a career pathing program (ADP) designed to empower our employees by providing clear pathways for professional development and advancement within our organization. Employees can quickly work through a career path to elevate themselves within the

company, working through levels of training to achieve promotions and raises for each level of success. In addition, Artone offers a competitive benefit package to its employees. We extend our sincerest appreciation to all our employees that continue to serve our customers with exceptional craftsmanship!

Alongside us, with the same goals in mind, we know we always have the support of the Manufacturing Association of the Southern Tier (MAST) and Dream it Do it WNY. Together, in our collective efforts, we are devoted to building a strong manufacturing economy!

On this special day, we also want to take a moment to recognize our peers in the manufacturing industry.

Each plays a crucial role in driving innovation, creating jobs, contributing to the economy and our community. Together, we face many of the same challenges, yet, all work towards a common goal: to shape the future of manufacturing and inspire the next generation to build rewarding careers in manufacturing!

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development. Forty-eight percent of the budget is allocated to Human Services, 24 percent to Public Facilities, and 18 percent to Public Safety. Wendel also underscored investments in capital projects, including nearly \$9.5 million in the Department of Public Facilities and over \$750,000 for public safety, which includes funding for the Sheriff's Department and the Department of Emergency Services.

A significant challenge the County faces is the burden of unfunded mandates, which account for over 61% of the total 2025 tax levy. These mandates include Medicaid, Safety Net, and foster care costs, among others. Wendel expressed gratitude to State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andy Goodell for their continued advocacy against these mandates.

"Thanks to our state representatives, and my advocacy on behalf of Chautauqua County, we are proud to announce that there will be no new unfunded mandates in 2025," said Wendel.

In addition to addressing unfunded mandates, Wendel emphasized the importance of maintaining a robust fund balance.

"Since I became County Executive, I have maintained a robust fund balance

to ensure long-term financial stability for Chautauqua County. Under my administration, we have adhered to our financial management plan to utilize fund balance for one-time, non-recurring expenses," he stated.

One of the most significant outcomes of the proposed budget is a reduction in the property tax rate to \$6.72 per thousand dollars of assessed value, which is \$0.19 below last year's rate. This marks the fifth consecutive year of tax rate decreases under Wendel's administration.

"When I took office in 2020, the tax rate was \$8.46, and I am proud to announce that since my time in office, the tax rate has been reduced by \$1.74," Wendel announced.

In closing, Wendel reiterated his commitment to sound fiscal management and strategic investments in Chautauqua County's future.

"Once again, we have produced a budget that lowers the tax rate and maintains a strong financial position. This is more than a budget; this is a plan for success – a guide to a bright financial future," Wendel concluded.

For more information on the proposed 2025 budget, visit chqgov.com/2025Budget.

CCIDA Announces Shelby Bilskie to Succeed Retiring Rich Dixon as CFO

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County of Chautauqua
Industrial Development Agency

The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) is pleased to announce the addition of Shelby Bilskie to the position of Successor Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

As Successor CFO, Bilskie will work under current CFO Richard Dixon until his retirement in mid 2025. At that time, she will then become the CCIDA's new CFO. The CCIDA CFO position is responsible for the financial and operations management of the CCIDA, along with the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC) and Chautauqua County Capitol Resource Corporation (CRC).

Bilskie has more than a decade of experience in financial accounting, budgeting, forecasting, and reporting, most recently as the Senior Director of Financial Planning & Analysis – Corporate Officer (Treasurer) for Erie Management Group, LLC / Hero Biodiesel, LLC, a position she's held since 2018. She's also held the position of Senior Financial Analyst for Bluestem Brands (formerly Orchard Brands) from 2011 to 2018. Other past positions include manager of Warren County Speedway and teller at PNC Bank.

"We're excited to have Shelby join our team as she prepares to become the agency's next CFO in 2025," said Mark Geise, CCIDA CEO. "She has an extensive educational background and work history in financial oversight, and we're confident she'll



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Shelby Bilskie, CCIDA's new CFO

be a valuable member of our team moving forward. We're also very appreciative of our current CFO, Rich Dixon, for staying on board over the next eight months to assist Shelby as she transitions into the CFO position."

"We had several quality candidates apply for the CFO position, but at the end of the process Shelby stood out as the top choice, due to her skillset in financial oversight and her past work experience," said Gary Henry, CCIDA, CCPEG, and CRC board chairman who was involved in the selection process. "We look forward to working with her and are also thankful for the immeasurable amount of work and effort that Rich Dixon has provided for our agencies the past two decades."

Bilskie is a 2010 graduate of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, where she majored in mathematics with a special interest area and minor in statistics. She currently resides in Sugar Grove, Pennsylvania with her family.

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Celebrating Manufacturing with Purina Dunkirk

A Glimpse into the Future of Manufacturing Careers

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Purina Dunkirk



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An aerial view of Purina Dunkirk.

Each year, the first Friday in October marks Manufacturing Day, a nationwide celebration highlighting the importance of, and diverse career opportunities offered by modern manufacturing. The Nestlé Purina factory in Dunkirk is a prime example of how manufacturing has evolved into a high-tech, innovative industry. For Purina, a leader in pet care for nearly a century, the month of October is a chance to show its commitment to excellence, innovation and its local community.

A Legacy of Quality and Innovation in Dunkirk

The Dunkirk facility has been a cornerstone of local manufacturing since 1972, contributing significantly to the regional economy and the pet care industry. The factory produces several of Purina’s leading pet food brands including Purina Pro Plan, Purina ONE, Cat Chow and Dog Chow. Employing cutting-edge technology like automation, robotics and data analytics to ensure quality, safety and sustainability while providing the brands pets love and their owners trust.

Dunkirk is also the only location that produces Busy Bones, DentaLife and Prime Bones treats.

Every October, the Dunkirk factory opens its doors to local students and educators, to experience firsthand what modern manufacturing entails and generate interest in continuing the factory’s legacy of quality and innovation. Visitors witness the advanced technologies and processes that create Purina’s products through tours and interactive presentations. These experiences showcase potential career opportunities and the sophisticated and highly technical nature of today’s

sophisticated facilities.

The Economic Impact of Manufacturing

Manufacturing remains a critical driver of the U.S. economy. In 2023, the sector contributed over \$2.5 trillion to , accounting for nearly 12 percent of the total. Dunkirk is part of Purina’s 23-factory network and plays a vital role in producing safe, high-quality and nutritious pet care products that feed 46 million dogs and 68 million cats every year.

The Dunkirk factory is deeply rooted in its community. The factory actively supports local events and fundraisers such as the 11-Day Power Play and Bark at the Park. Additionally, the local team contributes to over 40 local pet shelters and police K-9 units by donating products both within the region and across the state.

Career Opportunities at Purina Dunkirk

National Manufacturing Day emphasizes the career opportunities within the sector, which range from engineering and production supervision to quality control and automation technology. The demand for workers skilled in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) has grown as automation and

smart manufacturing become more prevalent. The ability to operate and maintain complex machinery, analyze data and drive continuous improvement is increasingly crucial.

At Purina Dunkirk, the more than 500 associates across various disciplines are part of a dynamic team dedicated to innovation and excellence. Whether working in engineering, operations, supply chain management or research and development, employees have access to ongoing training and development opportunities, keeping them current with emerging technologies.

The Dunkirk factory is a key employer, offering stable, quality jobs that support the local economy. Manufacturing careers often provide competitive salaries, benefits and pathways for advancement. By showcasing the diverse and rewarding opportunities available, Purina aims to “hire to retire” and inspire the next generation of workers to explore careers in this evolving field.

The Future of Manufacturing

The future of manufacturing in Dunkirk and across the U.S. remains promising. As the industry continues to embrace digital transformation and sustainability, the need for skilled workers adept at navigating these changes will grow.

Purina is shaping the future of manufacturing in Dunkirk and beyond, offering meaningful opportunities for those looking to combine cutting-edge technology with impactful work. If interested in a career with Purina, apply to one of our open positions at www.nestlejobs.com/locations/dunkirk.

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Celebrate Local Manufacturing with Made in Falconer, October 5



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In celebration of local manufacturers and National Manufacturing Month, the CHQ Chamber is proud to present Made in Falconer, Saturday, October 5. It's an opportunity to tour local manufacturing facilities, learn about the businesses in our community, and enter to win prizes through a text scavenger hunt.

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.

"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."

"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.

When you visit a participating manufacturer or business, look for the scavenger hunt question, then follow the text-to-enter rules displayed at each site, and you'll be entered to win a prize. Prizes will include baskets, items, and gift cards donated by local businesses. Additional businesses participating in the scavenger hunt are: Carlberg Farm Livestock & Produce, Falconer Public Library, Falconer Power Sports/Harley-Davidson of Jamestown, Falconer ROBO, Good Bargains Chautauqua, Lady T's Meraki Motif, LandPro Equipment, PersNikkity Pies, Ryan's Phil-N-Cindy's Lunch, Sisters Restaurant, Tasta Pizza, and West Main Mercantile.

In addition, to make it easy for visitors to tour the manufacturing sites, the CHQ Transit Trolley will be running free of charge on regular loop runs with stops at all participating manufacturers and at West Main Mercantile, 17-19 West Main Street, Falconer. Park your car once, and then ride the trolley to other locations to enjoy the tours. The trolley is being sponsored by Live CHQ and Choose CHQ. Made in Falconer is also sponsored by CCB.

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than my whole idea be a few papers in a journal."*

- Elon Musk

Retool WNY Assists Regional Manufacturers Move into Clean Energy Production

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services or training to prepare for production of parts or components for a clean energy end-customer. There are three companies across the Southern Tier that have taken advantage of this opportunity and there is still available funding for up to four more allocations. The grant program is scheduled to end in December, 2024.

One of the most successful outcomes of the Retool WNY initiative has been three conferences held in the region over the last three years. The "Retool" conferences have attracted attendees from all over the country and as far away as Norway.

Conference topics have focused on the economic development opportunities in the clean energy

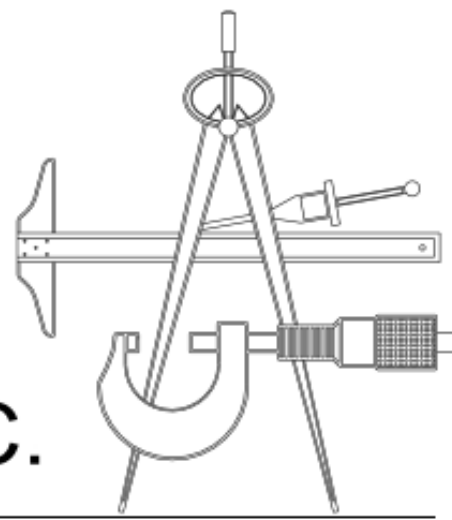
sector, the workforce needed to meet the sector's needs and the developing supply chain opportunities for small and medium manufacturers.

The "Retool'25" Conference is planned for June 3, 2025, and will continue to help match regional manufacturers with larger companies looking for new suppliers, and for climate tech startups hoping to break into new markets.

For more information on Retool WNY, contact the JBPU's Business Development Coordinator Ellen Ditonto at 716.661.1686 or by email at: businessdev@jamestownbpu.com.

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Weber Knapp – Who We Are



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Weber Knapp's story begins in the early 1900s with Adam Weber, a local mechanic, and Ed Knapp, experienced designer and trim manufacturer from Grand Rapids. Their successful partnership led to the incorporation of Weber-Knapp Co. in 1909. This pivotal moment marked the beginning of a long legacy of innovation and growth, setting the stage for the company's future in motion control solutions.

In the early 20th century, Weber Knapp ventured into the furniture trim market, capitalizing on the growing demand for stylish and durable furniture components. This strategic move not only secured our place in the industry but also led to significant growth.

Our acquisition by Keeler Brass in 1917 marked a significant development, as it improved our manufacturing capabilities and expanded our distribution network. This partnership provided us with additional resources and a broader market reach.

Following World War I, we seized new opportunities by producing parts for phonograph cabinets and branching out into wood smoking cabinets in the 1920s. Our entry into the metal furniture hardware market further solidified our role as a major industry player.

During the Great Depression, we adeptly shifted focus to manufacture casket hardware. This transition not only helped us navigate the economic challenges but also highlighted our resilience and dedication to maintaining strong industry connections.

The transition from furniture hardware to motion control engineering began in the 1960s, as we started developing counterbalance technology. This shift laid the groundwork for a future marked by significant innovation.

The introduction of the

counterbalance hinge used in Magnavox TV consoles is one of our early efforts to that end and became an important milestone in our evolution.

In the 1970s, we redirected our focus toward the counterbalance market, refining our products to meet the increasing demand for reliable motion control solutions. Our partnership with Xerox during this decade highlighted our dedication to advancing counterbalance mechanisms for their growing range of office equipment.

The 1980s brought a major transformation with the introduction of ergonomic workstation components that revolutionized office environments. The rise of personal computers prompted us to develop pioneering products such as height-adjustable keyboard mechanisms and monitor positioning devices, setting new standards for office comfort and functionality.

In the 2000s, the company made significant inroads into the luxury appliance and medical equipment sectors. This period marked our venture into designing and manufacturing hinges for built-in refrigerators ovens for high-end residential appliances, specialized components for medical equipment, including centrifuges and blood analysis devices, showcasing our precision engineering capabilities in both luxury and healthcare applications.

By 2010, we introduced the Vectis brand. Vectis quickly became synonymous with precision and reliability, offering advanced motion control solutions across various industries. This brand represented not just a new product line, but a deeper integration of our engineering expertise into modern technological applications.

In 2021, we launched the Smokin' Ugly brand, marking our entry into the outdoor cooking accessories market. Our drum smoker lid hinge and other products, such as the TG Series Grill and the Chiminea,



showcased our engineering expertise and adaptability in a new arena.

The evolution from furniture hardware to cutting-edge motion control solutions and outdoor cooking accessories reflects a blend of enduring tradition and forward-thinking technology, illustrating how we have consistently adapted to meet various needs while shaping the future of motion control.

As a locally owned company, our culture

has always been focused on establishing and maintaining long-term relationships with our employees, our customers, and our community. We invest in high-quality/high-performance equipment. However, we first and foremost invest in our employees and in our community. We believe in the well-being of our employees and in providing them with as many opportunities as we can to assist in advancing their betterment goals.



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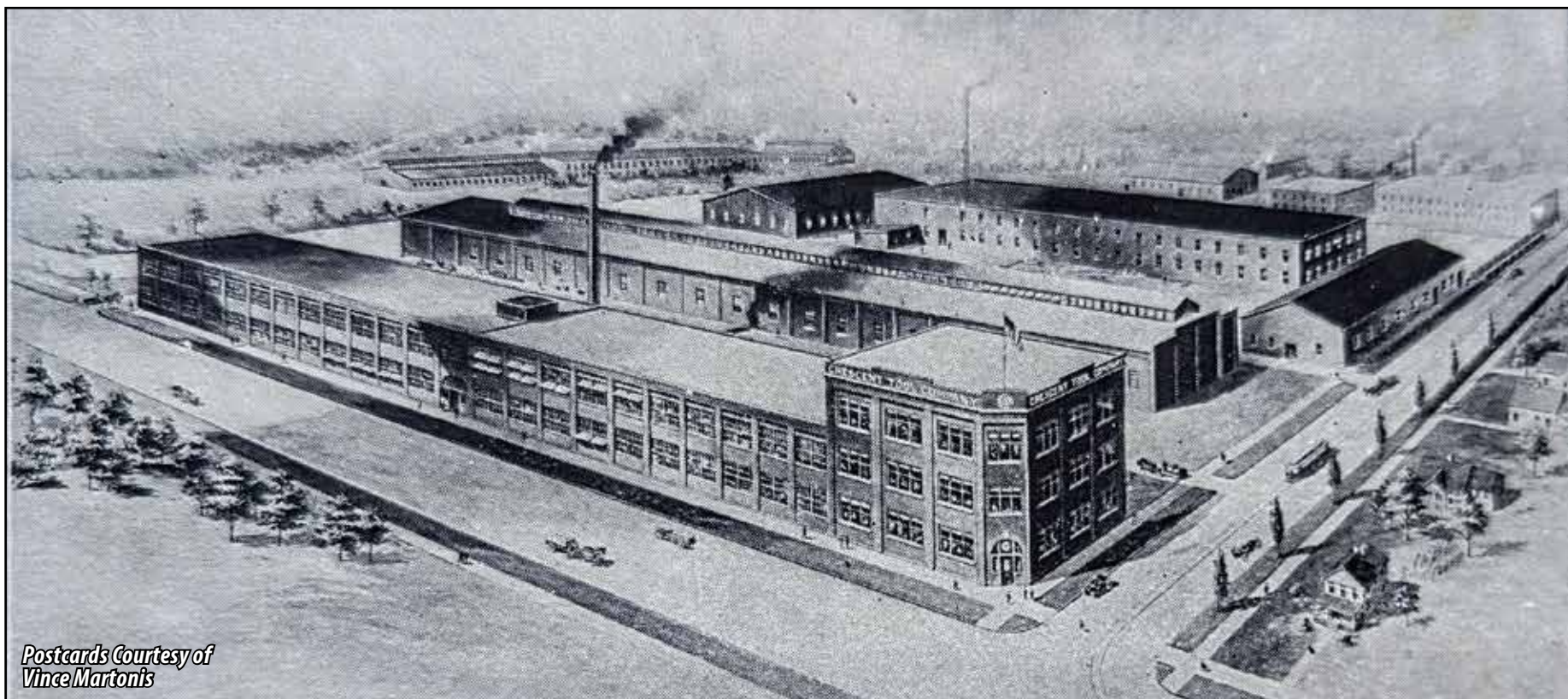
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Crescent Tool Manufacturing, c. 1915

innovative designs and commitment to excellence positioned it as a leader in the industry, and it played a vital role in establishing the county as a center for furniture production. The company's chairs can be found around various parts of the globe, from coast to coast. Fancher Chair is currently the only woodworking furniture manufacturer still in operation to the current day.

Another prominent player in the furniture sector was the Sterlingworth Furniture Company, established in the early 1900s. Located in Jamestown, the company focused on producing high-quality upholstered furniture. Sterlingworth distinguished itself with its attention to detail and stylish designs, appealing to a growing middle class seeking affordable luxury. The company's dedication to craftsmanship not only contributed to its success but also bolstered the reputation of Chautauqua County as a hub for furniture manufacturing.

The manufacturing landscape of the county was not limited to furniture. The establishment of Crescent Tool in the early 1900s marked a diversification in the manufacturing sector. Crescent Tool specialized in the production of hand tools and became renowned

for its innovative designs and durable products. The company's growth mirrored the industrial expansion of the time, and it played a critical role in providing tools that supported both local and national industries.

Another significant contributor to the county's manufacturing heritage was Art Metal, founded in the 1910s. Located in Jamestown, Art Metal specialized in producing high-quality metal products, including filing cabinets and other office furniture. The company's emphasis on quality and functionality allowed it to thrive during the industrial boom, catering to businesses and institutions across the country.

Despite the growth and success of these manufacturing companies, the region faced numerous challenges throughout the 20th century. Economic downturns, changes in consumer preferences, and increased competition from overseas manufacturers posed significant hurdles. Many local manufacturers had to adapt to survive. Fancher Chair Co., for instance, weathered the storms of the economic shifts by diversifying its product line and embracing new manufacturing technologies.



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Maddox Table Co., c. 1914

As the 21st century approached, Chautauqua County's manufacturing landscape began to evolve again. Many of the traditional furniture companies adapted to modern trends, incorporating sustainable practices and innovative designs. The history of manufacturing in Chautauqua County reflects a dynamic journey of growth, adaptation, and resilience. From the early days of furniture production to the diversification into

tools and metalwork, companies like Fancher Chair Co., Sterlingworth Furniture Company, Crawford Furniture, Crescent Tool, and Art Metal have played pivotal roles in shaping the region's economic fabric. As Chautauqua County continues to evolve, the legacy of these manufacturers will undoubtedly influence future generations, ensuring that the spirit of innovation and craftsmanship endures.



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Wells Enterprises – A Proud Manufacturing Leader in Chautauqua County

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Wells Enterprises, Inc.*

While Wells Enterprises has been manufacturing beloved consumer brands of ice cream and frozen novelties for over 110 years, our presence in the Dunkirk community began just five short years ago after our acquisition of the former Fieldbrook Foods production plant. After several years of investing into the plant to update equipment and production capabilities, and now backed with even more support from their new parent company, Ferrero Group, Wells is thrilled to be expediting efforts to grow its manufacturing footprint in Dunkirk and Chautauqua County to support its long-term ambition of category and brand growth.

Wells has made a significant commitment to the local manufacturing sector growth with a substantial investment behind rebuilding our ice cream plant on our existing footprint in Dunkirk. With new state-of-the-art production lines, first-class employee facilities, and unique capabilities to enable our growth, this new plant will be something

of which both Wells and the community will be extremely proud.

The decision to grow our production footprint in Dunkirk was not taken lightly, but it was made much easier because of the quality of work and skills that our amazing team of over 400 strong bring to work each and every day. We intend to grow behind an already strong and extremely talented group of ice cream experts, allowing us to build on the knowledge and skills that exist in the community as we grow our overall manufacturing impact.

“We are extremely excited to build on the strength of our team in Dunkirk and continue to work with the community to grow and expand our operations here,” said Liam Killeen, President and CEO of Wells Enterprises. “The investment in Dunkirk illustrates our passion to provide high-quality premium ice cream products that bring joy to consumers around the world. The planned expansion also reinforces our dedication to our team, consumers, and the community as a critical part of the long-term future of our company.”

The expansion underscores Wells’ commitment to long-term growth and leadership in the ice cream category, as well as reinforcing our value and respect for the rich history of the plant and ice cream manufacturing in the region. Our expansion from Dunkirk allows us to serve the growing Northeast and Eastern markets, as well as create new capabilities for innovative new branded products today and well into the future.

The Dunkirk manufacturing facility plays an important role in our expansion plans for our national manufacturing network of our Blue Bunny, Halo Top, Bomb Pop and Blue Ribbon Classics brands, as well as future innovation from brands in our development pipeline. The expansion is anticipated to more than quadruple the facility's current production output and help support Wells’ growth plans in novelty and packaged ice cream.

“This new facility will not just be a place where the best ice cream in the country is made, but also one that shows the importance of community and company working

together,” explained Killeen. “It will sustain and create many job opportunities, foster local economic growth, provide stability for families and the community, and truly reflect how we live our purpose every day, where Together We Sweeten Life.”

If you happen to drive by our existing plant, you’ll clearly see that construction is well underway, and we’re excited about the progress we’re making to begin seeing ice cream and frozen novelties rolling off our new lines as early as August of 2025.

We are grateful for the partnerships and support provided by Empire State Development and the State of New York, the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency, and the City of Dunkirk. Their commitment to our plans is greatly appreciated and is important in getting us over the finish line on this incredibly exciting project. We look forward to continuing to produce even more amazing brands and products from this location for years to come.

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