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We used to say: "We all remember exactly where we were and what we were doing on September 11, 2001." I know I do. I was living in Washington, DC and working on Capitol Hill when our office televisions flashed the unthinkable scenes; our phones began ringing off the hook from our Long Island constituents with family members in the towers; and we were quickly evacuated in the midst of smoke billowing from across the river at the Pentagon.

But suddenly, in what felt like a blink of an eye to a forty-something like me, "everyone" having such direct recollections is no longer true. During the last twenty-three years, those of us who lived through that day of infamy have raised an entire generation that doesn't remember. My two adult sons were

not even born vet. Our marketing director, Shannon Nixon, ironically compiling this 9/11 edition, was only eight! Basically, anyone under the age of thirty is now left to read about what most of our readers fatefully lived.

That is why, here at the Gazette, we believe it incumbent upon us to help tell our stories and to honor this tragic history. We seek to memorialize heroes like Celoron's own Amy King, who died aboard United Airlines Flight 175 at the age of only 29. And we seek to demonstrate the beautiful acts of courage and resolve on the part of all American people on that day and throughout the horrific aftermath. With her family's permission, we are extremely proud to feature Amy below, as well as to provide a few exemplary accounts of some other special people in our community with direct encounters in and around Ground Zero on



Amy King, photo taken 2001

page 10-11. We appreciate their willingness to share, to help keep alive the important memories from which future generations may learn, grow, and forever cherish.

September 11th should never be just another day. We will always remember. We will always honor.

A Tribute to Amy King

We Honor

Contributing Writer

Pat Locke

September 11, 2001, is a date that will forever be remembered for the attack on U.S. soil in multiple locations that resulted in a tremendous loss of life. On that day, at 9:46 a.m., we lost a local young woman by the name of Amy King when her plane struck the South Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Amy was born on October 20, 1971, the daughter of Stewart "Stub" and Sue Peterson King. She was only 29 years of age and doing a job she loved as a flight attendant for United Airlines Flight 175, en route from Boston to Los Angeles. She grew up in the Jamestown area and graduated from Southwestern Central High School in 1989 and Jamestown Community College in 1991. Amy was the youngest of three sisters. She enjoyed running, painting, and traveling and was deeply interested in designing clothes. In 1992, she became a flight attendant and started working for United Airlines in Chicago. Her family describes Amy as extremely happy, kind, and fun to be around. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, and aunt and maintained a great love of life.



Photo Credit: Olean Fire Lieutenant Daniel Gonska

The September 11 attacks, commonly known as 9/11, involved four coordinated suicide attacks carried out by the radical terrorist organization, Al-Qaeda. On that morning, 19 terrorists hijacked four commercial airliners scheduled to travel from the East Coast to California. The hijackers flew the first two planes into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the next plane into the Pentagon, and the final plane into an empty field in Shanksville, Somerset County, Pennsylvania. The fourth plane, presumably headed for the White House or the U.S. Capitol, was heroically diverted by brave

passengers. The attacks killed 2,977 and injured more than 6,000 others in the worst attack against the homeland in our nation's history.

retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong. A great people has been moved to defend a great nation."

- President George W. Bush on Sept. 11, 2001

The late Jackson Rohm - who sadly passed away on January 24, 2023 while running on a treadmill - also graduated from Southwestern Central High School in 1989. Jackson was an established singer-songwriter known for his charitable efforts and for releasing several albums in his lifetime. Jackson had an affinity for helping others, often using his musical talents

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 NEVER FORGET

- 8:19 AM: American Airlines Flight 11 is hijacked and the crew notifies air traffic control of the takeover.
- 8:46 AM: American Airlines Flight 11 crashes into the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City.
- 9:03 AM: United Airlines Flight 175 crashes into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.
- 9:37 AM: American Airlines Flight 77 crashes into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia.
- 9:59 AM: The South Tower of the World Trade Center collapses.
- 10:02 AM: United Airlines Flight 93 crashes into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers attempt to retake control from the hijackers.
- 10:28 AM: The North Tower of the World Trade Center collapses.
- 11:00 AM: Emergency responses begin in New York City and at the Pentagon.
- 5:30 PM: World Trade Center Building 7 collapses.
- 8:30 PM: President George W. Bush addresses the nation.

NEVER FORGET. TODAY WE REMEMBER...

WORLD TRADE CENTER SITE: 2,603

FDNY FIREFIGHTERS: 343

NYPD & PORT AUTHORITY OFFICERS: 23 & 37

AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 11: 87

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 175: 60





UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 93: 40

THE PENTAGON: 125

TOTAL: 2,977 LIVES LOST

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **AMY KING**, A CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY RESIDENT WHO LOST HER LIFE ON 9/11

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Editorial with Lori Cornell

Calling all Citizens!



Owner & Publisher Lori Cornell

We are extremely proud in this edition to honor the memory of the fallen heroes and first responders to 9/11.

We are also proud to local recognize our first responders and all

emergency service personnel who stand ready every day to protect our community - many of whom, in our county, are volunteers! I am especially proud of one such volunteer: my nephew Jake! He signed up immediately at age 18 to serve as a volunteer firefighter for the East Town of Dunkirk's Fire Company like his father, grandfather, and greatgrandfather before him. He offers an exemplary role model for the next generation that is so needed to carry on the mantle of service, dedication, and courage. Thank you, Jake, and all firefighters, police officers, and emergency workers - both volunteer and paid - in Chautauqua County! You are truly essential and truly appreciated.

Not coincidentally, in this edition, have consulted with our dedicated we are also proud to kick off our Chautauqua County Election nine-week Election Centerfold. Commissioners, both major When we recall the tragic political parties, all candidates events of September 11, 2001, on this year's countywide ballot, citizens invariably remember and have worked hard to provide our solidarity as a country in the a one-stop for all your election aftermath. Each year, Election education needs. Day gives us the chance to hold We hope you find this edition as on to that which we cherish most in our country: our democracy, meaningful as we do.



Firefighter Jacob Purol

our freedom, our right to vote and the ability to make a difference in the future of our nation, state and local communities.

Thus, it may come as no surprise to many readers that this longtime politico/campaign guru-turnednewspaper-publisher has now created an Election Season It's our attempted, special! "ultimate voter guide" with the goal to educate, inform, and encourage citizens to engage and participate in this year's election process. Above all, we hope to help inspire citizens to exercise their sacred right to vote. For the next nine weeks, the Gazette will proudly feature our top races, endeavor to serve as a voter resource and provide the go-to answers to common campaign and Election Day questions. We

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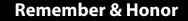


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Ground Zero



Contributing Writer

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ate in the evening of September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush wrote in his diary, "The Pearl Harbor of the 21st Century took place today." Like Pearl Harbor, like the assignations of JFK or Martin Luther King Jr., those of us old enough to remember, recall where we were when we heard the news on 9/11.

At the time, I was pastoring a small church in a rural resort community. That ill-fated-morning I was gathered with other pastors for our monthly meeting in Traverse City, Michigan. We were at a café and watched in shock as the events unfolded. We bowed our heads in prayer and with heavy hearts returned to our homes, churches, and communities. Now what? The world had changed. The ground beneath us shifted that day. We found ourselves suddenly at ground zero.

The images of 9/11 are emblazoned on our minds. The loss of life was staggering. The feeling of vulnerability was palpable. Parents held their children tighter; others made long-over-do calls to loved ones. For an all too brief moment, the nation was united. In the weeks that followed, church attendance rose noticeably. People were looking for something to ground them, to feel rooted, safe and assured that all would be well. Faith and spirituality found its locus at ground zero. I think of those who were literally at ground zero who lost their lives, and the loved ones they left behind. I think of the heroic first responders who sacrificed their lives that day and in the years that followed. Thank God for them, and for the women and men who continue to serve our communities day in and day out: the firefighters, EMS workers, police and law enforcement. We remember and honor them, their service and sacrifice in the ordinary and extraordinary times they are called upon.

I think of the ground zero that is the soul. Call it the heart, the mind, that place where faith, hope, and love reside. It can be a place of peace and joy, but it can also be the place where fears arise, anxieties overwhelm, sorrows billow, and anger burns. How are we to respond to crisis and upheaval?

As much as we hope and pray for safety, security, and prosperity, there are no guarantees. If our hopes and dreams are placed in a person, party, political ideology, or empire, we are sure to be disillusioned. In a crisis, whether it is personal, local, national, or global, Psalm 46 is a kind of ground zero passage; a word that seeks to root us when we are shaken. It is the Psalm that inspired a well-known hymn: A Mighty Fortress. The writer of the psalm reminds us that stuff happens: "though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging ... " The psalmist is speaking of earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, and other natural disasters. He goes on to describe seismic human induced upheaval: "Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall ... " Civil unrest, grinding oppression, economic disparity and devastation, the decline of empires, violence and war, terrorism, 9/11. Tragedy.

help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear." How easily and quickly we respond to difficulties, change, tragedy, and loss with fear, anxiety, and anger. But the Great Mystery breaks into the broken mess of our world and says, "Be still and know that I am God." "I've got this," God says, "and I've got you." When you find yourself at ground zero -whatever that may be - you are invited to step into the calm, to find peace and rest for your soul in the Creator who is above all, through all, and in all. You are not alone. You've never been alone. When you find yourself afraid of the future, a voice whispers, "Be still and know that I am God."

There is a final word of promise found in Psalm 46. Verse 9, "[God] makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire." The "desolations" God brings on the earth is to end our warring ways. War for profit will be no more. Terrorism and violence, greed and power that destroy lands and people will be no more. Pain, sorrow, separation, and death will be no more. Creation will be restored and at rest. Shalom – peace. We wait expectantly and longingly for that day. God invites us now to join him in his work in the world as followers of Jesus: peacemakers, serving, sacrificing, and loving all, even our enemies. From the cross of Christ, from a place of unspeakable violence, flows a love that heals hearts and nations. Perfect love casts out fear. This is ground zero.

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 leaderand wish to contribute, please contact publisher Lori Cornell at cornell@CHQgazette.com.



August 26 Robert E. Owles III, 55 Jamestown Riccardi's Funeral Home

August 29 Martha B. Hautzinger, 91 Frewsburg

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Dawn Henderson, 92 Lakewood Lind Funeral Home August 30 Ellen Munella, 79 Jamestown Lind Funeral Home

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Richard D. Blackburn, Jr., 72 Bemus Point *Lind Funeral Home*

> **September 1** Harry N. Holt, Jr., 64 Kennedy Peterson Funeral Home

Rising above all this, from ground zero, is the message, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present

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Announcing Chamber Award **Recipients for 2024**

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

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

The award recipients for 2024 are:

- Emerging Business of the Year -Whizz'n Smash, Dewittville
- Hospitality Business of the Year -Central Station, Dunkirk
- Service Business of the Year -Kravitz Tree Service, Fredonia
- Producer of the Year Ghostfish

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Son, Dunkirk, 78 years; Jamestown Awning in Jamestown and Peek'n Peak in Clymer, both 60 years; Pucci's Carpet One, Fredonia, 52 years; Artone Manufacturing in Jamestown and Haff Acres Farm in Mayville, both 50 years; 360 Graphics, Jamestown, 20 years; and Dot's Gift Boutique, Jamestown and The Green Door Tavern, Bemus Point, both 5 years. These businesses demonstrate not only longevity, but also years of commitment by multiple generations of families.

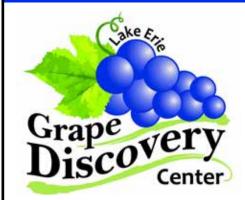
We hope you will join us to honor these exceptional businesses and organizations. The CHQ Chamber Annual Awards Banquet will be held October 10 at the Williams Center at SUNY Fredonia with a buffet dinner. Major sponsors for this event are Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, County of Chautauqua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

These recognitions represent our ongoing commitment to champion local businesses countywide. From the smallest shop to the largest manufacturing plants, we are proud to honor the people and organizations that make Chautauqua County a great place to live and do business.

Business After Hours at Hideaway Bay Resort September 19

Join us at a brand new and spectacular venue for Business After Hours! Our hosts September 19 will be Hideaway Bay Resort, 42 Lake Avenue, Silver Creek. Drift Restaurant at Hideaway Bay Resort offers a unique experience with expansive views of Lake Erie. At this Business After Hours you'll enjoy complimentary appetizers, a cash bar, and a chance to mingle with a wide variety of local businesspeople in a tremendous setting.

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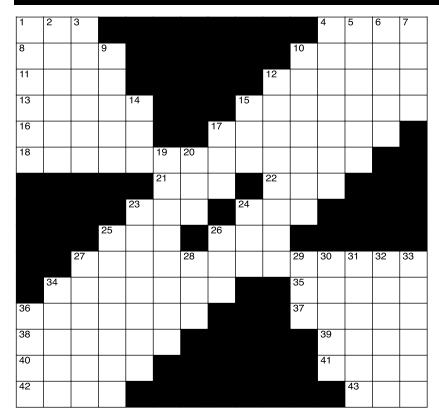
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- 12. Got rid of
- 13. Central parts of a church building
- 15. Stylistically
- 16. Intestinal
- 17. Negative potential outcomes
- 18. Lived up to a standard
 - 42. Wings
- 22. Time units (abbr.)
- 23. Ad ____

21. Snag

- 24. "Partridge" actress Susan
- 25. For each
- 26. Paulo, city
 - 27. League titles
 - 34. More intensely black
- 35. Slang for lovely
- 36. Petrarch is known for them
 - 37. Old Eurasian wheat
 - 38. Body part
 - 39. Swedish rock group
 - 40. They're worth avoiding
 - 41. Rising and falling of the voice

 - 43. Enzyme import for respiration

Brewing Company, Westfield

- Not-for-Profit of the Year Prevention Works, Jamestown
- Business Champion Award Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau, Chautauqua
- Business of the Year Persnikkity Pies, Falconer

Legacy Recognition for major milestones will go to: Chautauqua Institution, 150 years; Brigiotta's Farmland Produce, Jamestown Cycle Shop and Media One Group Radio, all in Jamestown and all at 100 years; Calarco's in Westfield, 91 years; AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital, 82 years; A. W. Farrell &

Business After Hours is sponsored Hospital Brooks-TLC by System/Kaleida Health, DFT Communications, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, and The Post-Journal.

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

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23. Fastballs 24. Principle underlying the universe 25. Distinct units of sound 26. Title of respect 27. Against 28. Foot (Latin) 29. One point east of due south 30. Concerning the blood 31. Type of pentameter 32. North American peoples 33. Layers of rock 34. Georges , French philosopher 36. Lengthy tale

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Paulie's 2024 Push - En Route from Boston to Ground Zero, Set to arrive Sept. 11



Paulie with Amy's sister, Kellie King, and mother, Sue King, at Paulie's Push 3 on September 11, 2023 in Shanksville, PA.





Paulie's 2024 Push - En Route from Boston to Ground Zero, Set to arrive Sept. 11

PAULIE'S PUSH MAKES FOURTH TREK TO GROUND ZERO

Contributing Editor

Katrina Fuller

Paul Veneto, retired United Airlines flight attendant, is making another trek in honor of Sept. 11 heroes this year - the fourth of its kind. Veneto formed the organization, Paulie's Push, to remember and memorialize the efforts of his friends and fellow crew members on the flights that were impacted by the events of 9/11 in 2021. He felt that more could be done to honor the memory of those who battled terrorists in the skies that morning and wanted their families to hear it said: they were heroes, too.

He came up with the idea of pushing a flight attendant cart in a memorial trek commemorating their incredible efforts, courage and bravery during the terrifying events of that day.

Veneto's fourth push is currently in progress, a trek from Boston's Public Garden 9/11 Memorial to Ground Zero. He departed Boston on August 18 and plans to make it to New York by September 11. He is pushing for the "first, first responders" of 9/11,

See the Video:



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Chautauqua County's own Amy King. Unlike Veneto, King was serving as a flight attendant aboard the aircraft that day.

He shares a unique bond with the King's family that will never be forgotten. He has traveled to her hometown and participated in the Amy King Memorial 5K, known as "Amy's 5K Race", in Celoron in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

Paulie with Amy's mother, Sue King, at the Amy King Memorial 5K race in 2021.



Paulie with Amy's sisters, Kellie King and Deb Lloyd at the Amy King Memorial 5K in 2021.

the crew of American Flight 11.

His first push was from Boston-Logan to Ground Zero in 2021. Veneto pushed for the heroes of United Flight 175 that year, a flight that he regularly worked on during his career with United, alongside

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A Tribute to Amy King

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to raise money and awareness as well as the spirits of those facing hardship. It came as no surprise to those who knew Jackson that he would turn his attention to his childhood friend, Amy King. After Amy's passing, he decided to write a song to honor his friend entitled To Amy With Love. Jackson was recording a CD when 9/11 occurred and immediately wrote the song honoring his friend. He knew Amy as a beautiful person inside and out.

Jackson's sister, Amy Brinkley, stated that Jackson and Amy met at Celoron Elementary School during the third grade and they remained friends growing up. They ran together with the Chautauqua Striders as well as Southwestern track and crosscountry teams. They graduated high school together and made a point to stay in touch during their college breaks. As they got older, everyone came "home" for the 4th of July and Amy and Jackson always ran annually in the Lakewood Firecracker 10K. The July 2001 holiday weekend was the last time they saw one another.

Noelle Swanson, another local friend, also saw Amy for the last time that July of 2001. Noelle had recently given birth to her first baby and was thrilled to introduce Amy to her. "Amy and I had been friends since high school. Although I went to Jamestown and she went to Southwestern, we had a pretty tight friend group. We were all in each other's weddings and kept in close touch into our 20's."

On the morning of Amy's flight from Boston Logan International Airport, Noelle received an email from Amy asking how things were going. She and her husband had been traveling to Buffalo when they heard the news about New York City. Noelle immediately wondered if Amy's plane was involved. When she learned Amy's plane had, in fact, hit one of the towers, she was devastated. It is Noelle's wish that our entire community understand what a special person Amy was and how loved and missed she still is by

Amy, with Love I never some you smile that at the tarth Wy parade 1 of some modeman's how you could be D/F+ G CA DB tar So young CDGDF# x must be going now. Then lest vere letter finds you well, GB Am & among the stors above, Submitted Photo

The original draft of To Amy, With Love; Jackson Rohm's tribute song to Amy King.

all who knew her.

Amy's two sisters, Deb and Kellie, shared the following statement with the Gazette: "The pain and disbelief never goes away, we have simply learned how to live without her. She was full of life and was very loving. Amy was a young, vibrant woman who loved to travel and be with her family. You eventually have to just pick up and start honoring her life. You can't control what has happened, but we can honor her in a way that

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serves the community."

Two fundraising events have been organized in memory of Amy King. They are the "Amy King Memorial 5KRun/Walk Race" and the "All For Amy Golf Tournament". This year's run is scheduled for November 23 at 11 am at the Celoron Moose Club located at 52 Dunham Avenue. The members of the "All For Amy" committee established a fund at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation as a way to continue doing good things in the community. We encourage all readers to attend in support.

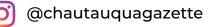
The "All For Amy Golf Tournament" was recently held on July 20, 2024. The next tournament will be on July 19, 2025. The tournament has a FB page titled "All For Amy Golf Tournament". The King family attends and participates in the golf tournament and at the 5K Run/Walk every year.

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kindness, is a way to honor those we lost, a way to

reclaim that spirit of unity that followed 9/11."

- President Barack Obama

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AMY KING MEMORIAL 5KRUN/WALK RACE

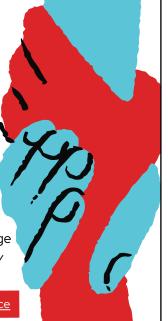
November 23 | 11:00 a.m. Celeron Moose Club (52 Dunham Ave.) To Benefit The Jamestown Area YMCA

"ALL FOR AMY" GOLF TOURNAMENT

July 19, 2025

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Audubon Little Explorers Learn About Seeds Saturday, September 14

Article Contributed by Audubon Community Nature Center

You and your 3-8-year-old(s) can join Little Explorers and their adults Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m., to learn about "Seeds" and the plants they come from.

Some seeds are found floating on the wind, others stick to animal fur and your clothes, and some are collected by animals for food.

After a short indoor lesson about how seeds move, grow, and help animals survive the winter, head outside on a guided exploration through Audubon's forests and wetlands to see how many types of them you can find and collect.

A snack is provided after the hike and a craft is offered if there is time.

Little Explorers takes place rain or shine, so dress for the weather. The fee is \$12 for adults, \$9 for children ages 3–8 and Nature Center members.



You and your 3–8-yearold(s) can join Audubon Community Nature Center Little Explorers and their adults this Saturday morning to learn about and go exploring for seeds.

Audubon is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. For details and reservations, required by Thursday, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org and click through Programs and Events.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 7:00 PM - CLOUDY OR CLEAR!

The 9/11 Memorial

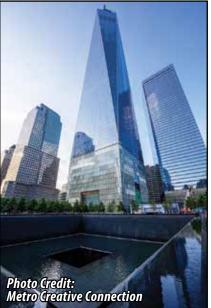
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Among the more indelible images to emerge on September 11, 2001 was the sight of two planes crashing into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center. Still photos and video footage of those planes flying into the Twin Towers were the first images of the attacks many Americans saw, and no one who watched events unfold that morning will ever forget those images.

Though both the North and South Towers fell on that day, today the site where each tower once stood is a serene retreat in the bustling lower Manhattan neighborhood that was shaken to its core on the day of the attacks. The 9/11 Memorial was designed by architect Michael Arad and landscape architect Peter Walker. The 9/11 Memorial and Museum notes that Arad and Walker's proposal was chosen in a design competition that featured 5,201 submissions from 63 countries.

The 9/11 Memorial is located on the western side of the formal World Trade Center where the Twin Towers once stood. Two enormous reflecting pools are part of the Memorial Plaza, which is where the North and South Towers once stood. The pools feature the two largest man-made waterfalls in North America. Around the edges of the pools, the names of people who were killed in the 9/11 attacks in New York, the Pentagon, on Flight 93, and in the 1993 bombing at the World Trade Center are etched in bronze.



In recognition of the crash sites, 400 swamp white oak trees were selected from nurseries located in New York, Pennsylvania and near Washington, D.C. These trees are located throughout the Memorial Plaza, providing a peaceful respite separate from the surrounding city. The Memorial Plaza also includes one Callery pear tree. That tree was discovered at Ground Zero weeks after the attacks and it was severely damaged. The tree, now known as the Survivor Tree, was nursed back to health by members of the New York City Parks and Department Recreation and returned to the World Trade Center site in 2010, where it still stands as an enduring symbol of resilience and perseverance.

The 9/11 Memorial is free and open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More information about the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum can be found at www.911memorial.org.



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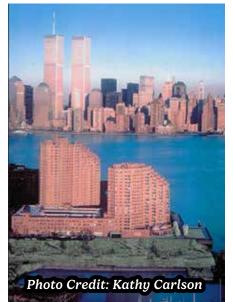
Photo Credit: Olean Fire Lieutenant Dan Gonska

was sent to NYC as a NYS Trooper during the "911 Detail". I remember arriving to "Ground Zero" and working with so many different Police and Fire Departments. It was a crazy time as people feared that more attacks were coming. We were assigned to work alongside partners we had never met before. One of my assignments was at the morgue. There were so many people trying to get into the morgue to identify family members, and our mission was to maintain order. It was hard to see the pain of so many family members of the victims. At times, we cried with them. Another one of my assignments was on the Washington Bridge. We, again, worked with different partners from different departments across the country and even some from Canada. On this assignment, we brought all traffic to a halt as we were checking vehicles (semitractor trailers) for bombs.

There was a strong feeling of UNITY among all the first responders assigned to be in NYC during this time. I remember the community members bringing us food and water to our assigned posts. That feeling of UNITY, and respect from the community is what I will always remember the most from that "911Detail"! was working as a traveling RN and my apartment was Portside Towers on the harbor directly across from the World Trade Center. My longtime friend, Danielle Andalora, from my hometown of Jamestown, had just moved into my apartment with me the week before. In the evening before 9/11 we took the PATH train and got off at the WTC then went to the bar at the top of WTC, "Greatest Bar On Earth".

After a late night out in the city, we headed back to our apartment. In the morning, my phone kept ringing and when I picked up it was my brother Chuck on the other line. He was living in DC and told me that a plane had flown into the WTC and it was all over the news. I woke my friend Danielle and we rushed outside to the harbor and see what was happening. By this time, both towers had been hit and thick black smoke was rising. After about five minutes as we were standing outside, the first tower fell. Then the second tower. The entire financial district was covered under a cloud of ashes and debris. The crowd that had gathered at the harbor was in complete hysteria. I will never forget it. Especially seeing the first tower fall and the sound as it collapsed. Completely surreal. The park was cordoned off shortly after, and we were instructed to go back inside the apartment. In the hours that followed, I was on standby while a triage team was set up on Ellis Island about a mile away from where I was staying. I never got a call to assist and was told there weren't enough survivors that were even transported to the triage site.

About six months later, I was stationed in Manhattan at NY Presbyterian on the upper East side. There were a few patients with severe burns still recovering, and I took care of one of the firefighters who needed back surgery after being injured in the search and rescue efforts. He told me he had lost almost all of his entire NYFD crew in the event. Living and working in the NYC post 9/11 was unreal. The entire city came together, rebuilt, and was unified which was a beautiful and powerful experience to be a part of.



NYC Skyline Sept. 10, 2001

September 10, 2001, I was a social work graduate student living in Fredonia. I worked in community mental health with the children of Chautauqua County.

Then, 9/11 happened. I was deeply impacted by the incident. I had been previously been a frequent visitor to the city, and I was compelled to return. This time I was not a tourist; I was a Salvation Army volunteer. I spent two weeks in lower Manhattan assisting survivors of the attack access resources and find safety in their own nervous systems. This turned out to be one of the most meaningful experiences I have ever had.

For example, I met a man with a beautiful soul. He had lost his fiancée and all of his coworkers that day. He should have been at work but instead he was at the hospital, getting tested for his diabetes. He showed me the time stamp of his blood work - almost a passport to his life. Evidence that he should have died that day, but he didn't. He said "Jennifer, do not wait to get your flowers. Get them today. Tomorrow might be too late. Get them today." I will never forget him.

or bereaved family members from 9/11. It has become my purpose, and it so important to me.

I encourage you, do not wait to get your flowers. Go get them today. Not tomorrow. Today.

~ Jennifer L. Johnston, LCSWR resident of Fredonia

have been on the job for 22 years. Being a firefighter is a family tradition. I started out as a volunteer and joined the City of Olean in 2002. My dad, uncle and younger brother are volunteer firefighters. 9/11 is a day to remember the sacrifices that firefighters, police officers, EMTs and everyday citizens made that day.

For the past 8 years I traveled to New York City for 9/11. I spend the day walking around to firehouses and police precincts in Manhattan observing moments of silence along the way. They hold ceremonies throughout the day, remembering those that were killed on 9/11. Family members gather to tell stories about their loved ones. I spend the days documenting the events. At night I go to parts of Brooklyn, Manhattan and New Jersey to photograph the 9/11 light beams.

I remember exactly what I was doing on September 11, 2001. I went for my morning run. I was preparing for my physical agility test for the fire department. When I got home my grandmother and I were getting ready to sit down to breakfast when we saw the first tower was struck. Shortly after we watched the second plane strike the tower. We were stunned. We continued to watch the events unfold throughout the day.

~ Willie Rosas retired NYS Trooper; retired Dunkirk Mayor resident of Dunkirk

~ Kathy Carlson, RN resident of Lakewood

My experience in NYC shaped the therapist that I am today. Twenty-three years has brought many changes to my life and my career. I am now a psychotherapist that specializes in trauma treatment. My life's work is evolving with a specialization in working with first responders and military members. I also help their families. Many of my patients were responders and/

I have been fortunate to visit all three 9/11 sites, World Trade Center, Pentagon and Shanksville, PA. Visiting these sites has been very powerful. You can stand back and just imagine what it was like that fateful day. Photos from my visits can be found on my website: realtimephotography911.com.

~ Dan Gonska

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Olean Fire Lieutenant/Paramedic resident of Olean

We Remember...



Photo Credit: Olean Fire Lieutenant Dan Gonska

career with the V Jamestown Fire Department began on March 31, 1998, when I was hired by retired Fire Chief Charles F. Hajduk. Prior to my career with JFD, I was previously employed by W.C.A. Services Corporation (Alstar Ambulance) as a Paramedic, where I had also served as a member of the Starflight Medical Crew.

Approximately five days after the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, I was contacted by retired Fire Chief Samuel Arcadipane about a possible deployment to New York City. At that time, the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services was coordinating with the NYS Office of Emergency Management, arranging for two teams of **Emergency Medical Technicians** from Chautauqua County to be deployed as a part of a statewide mutual aid response. I was selected to accompany eleven other first responders from the Chautauqua County Fire Service, and utilizing two ambulances, we departed Jamestown on Tuesday, September 18, 2001.

Upon arrival in New York City, we were directed to check-in at a mutual aid EMS staging area, treatment for workers tasked located at Pier 60 in Chelsea. While at the staging area, we were given a briefing as to our duties, roles, and responsibilities. Given that we were a medical unit with transport capability, we were subsequently split up into four squads, with three responders assigned to each ambulance. Our duty shift to Ground Zero was limited to 12 hours per squad, with two squads assigned to the day shift and two squads assigned to the During off-shift night shift. hours, each squad reported to the USNS Comfort,

a hospital ship docked in the Chelsea area.

My deployment at Ground Zero was the day shift on Wednesday, September 19, After disembarking 2001. from the USNS Comfort, we were placed in an FDNY utility vehicle and transported from the staging area to our next destination: a security check point located on 14th Street. While at the check point, our vehicle and possessions were searched, and we were given security credentials to proceed into the secure staging area, located at Battery Park, just a few blocks from the World Trade Center site.

At the secure staging area, we were given communications equipment (portable radio), maps of the surrounding area, and directions to area hospitals. Our directives were to proceed into the "Hot Zone", and remain on alert for any medical calls that may come in over the radio. Our final destination was on Vesey Street, at the northwest corner of Ground Zero, near One World Financial Center.

While on duty, our orders were to provide emergency medical with rescue and recovery efforts; the persons actually digging through the massive piles of rubble that used to be the World Trade Center buildings. We were not permitted to freely enter the excavation and recovery site, as that area was restricted to rescue workers only. At one point during our tour of duty, a convoy of black SUVs came into our area, parking just a few spaces away. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani exited the lead vehicle, followed by several other persons dressed in civilian attire. We were

later advised that the persons in his company were actual family members of some of the victims that perished within the buildings as they came crashing down that terrible day.

At the end of our tour of duty, we were directed to retreat back to the staging area located in Battery Park. The items issued during our initial deployment to the "Hot Zone" were surrendered back to the Incident Commander, as those items were needed for the next squad coming on duty. Following another stop at a checkpoint where our credentials were given back to security personnel, we departed the City along the West Side Highway. Although it was nearly 2:00 am, the highway was lined with citizens and supporters, cheering and waving as we passed the staging area near Chelsea.

In conclusion, the experience of traveling to New York City to assist with recovery efforts was heartbreaking, exhilarating, and humbling. Following the events September 11, the world was forever changed. In my humble opinion, a certain sense of innocence was lost forever. It is my hope that the events of that day are never forgotten, and I'm eternally grateful to have been given the chance to help those tasked with such a massive rescue and recovery effort.

~ Matt Coon

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Jamestown Deputy Fire Chief resident of Jamestown

n August 1999, I joined the New York Army National Guard stationed in Jamestown with B Company 1/127th Armor. I was 17 years old and entering my senior year of high school at JHS and excited to see what my future would hold. The decision to voluntarily join the military was multifaceted, but was substantially driven by seeing my dad, Specialist Ronald "Red" Payne, serve since I was a child. I grew up going to the armory and seeing the comradery the citizen soldiers had as they grew their extended family and friends and wanted to be part of that group. These men and women exemplified what it took to serve their country and community as they were activated for numerous activations for calls

of assistance.

On September 11, 2001, I was now 19 years old and sitting in the fields of Fort Drum, NY participating in our annual twoweek training exercise when tragedy struck. We stopped our training exercises and returned to Jamestown before being ordered to NYC to aid our fellow New Yorkers during the most difficult time most of us have ever experienced. This was my first time ever in NYC and I was obviously awestruck by the massiveness of it all, but when we passed by the hot zone where the Twin Towers once stood, I could not believe the site. Everything was covered in dust, windows of buildings all around were blown out, barricades and checkpoints were set up limiting access to areas, emergency vehicles lay in ruins destroyed, it looked like a warzone out of a movie and the awe of being in NYC quickly ceased and emotions took over. While we were in NYC, we manned security checkpoints, searched vehicles, provided perimeter security, traffic control, secured train stations, etc. all throughout lower Manhattan. During this time, I experienced some of the greatest acts of gratitude I have ever seen in my life. No matter where we went, people everywhere were trying to give us a meal, a cup of coffee, a thank you, a hug. The outpouring of compassion and thanks from everyone was so overwhelming and reaffirmed why I volunteered to serve. From the ashes of tragedy and heartache came the true heart of what America is all about. I met people from all over the country that stopped everything they were doing and responded to assist in any way they could. I am grateful to have been able to

My dad passed away last year, September 15, 2023, from lung cancer which has been tied to our service in responding to this act of terror. He exemplified what a citizen soldier is, and I am honored that he instilled the values to serve and protect in me. Responding to aid our community after these attacks will always be one of the greatest and most honorable activations that I have ever done.

do my little part to help.

-James Payne National Guardsman resident of Bemus Point

New Neighbors Coalition Partners with Author Bill Burk and Chautauqua County Hall of Fame for Book Event: *RUN! From Civil War to the NFL; The Jehuu Caulcrick Story*

Article Contributed by New Neighbors Coalition

Refugees and immigrants are such an integral part of our past and present as Americans. Many of us cannot go too far back in our ancestry without having to trace our lineage back to another country. Jehuu Caulcrick is a modern-day example of an immigrant who made his way over to Chautauqua County and went on to do great things in our community. From star athlete leading his high school to four straight championships, to being named Western New York's Player of the Year, to coming home after his NFL career to coach at Southwestern Central School for almost five years, Caulcrick made significant contributions to high school sports in our region.

Proving that immigration is also vital to our future, the New Neighbors Coalition continues to welcome new arrivals locally, and we want to take this opportunity to feature prominent immigrants that all of Western New York can get passionate about: the Buffalo Bills! If you have not yet had the opportunity to engage with the New Neighbors Coalition and or its work, this is the perfect opportunity.

On Wednesday, September 11 at 6 pm, the community is invited to the St. Luke's Undercroft (410 N. Main St and accessible via the 4th and Main St doors)

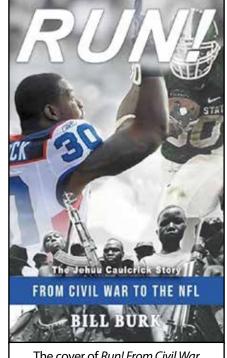


Jehuu Caulcrick and Bill Burk

for a New Neighbors Coalition led conversation with local author, Bill Burk, featuring the story of his book profiling Jehuu Caulcrick and his journey from his home in Liberia to the Buffalo Bills, via Chautauqua County. Refreshments will be served. After the discussion, we will make our way over to the Chautauqua Hall of Fame. Burk's book will be available for purchase with an opportunity to get them signed by the author.

Bill Burk frames the story simply, "When he was seven years old Jehuu Caulcrick (Jay-you Callcrick) walked the Liberian coast with his family, passing through checkpoints armed with child soldiers not much older than him, blank faces, teeth yellowed by jungle-juice and heroin, AK-47s hanging off gaunt bodies. It was 1990, the middle of country's second civil war in ten years. He walked for nearly seven-hundred miles, until he was nine years old. When he was twenty-seven years old Jehuu carried a football for the Buffalo Bills in the NFL for one yard and a first down, his only carry in a five-year nomadic career as a professional football player. In between, a lot happened."

We often think of the United States as the land brimming with opportunity, and the luck of displaced people to come here,



The cover of Run! From Civil War to the NFL; The Jehuu Caulcrick Story by Bill Burk

but we are incredibly fortunate to have had Jehuu end up in our little corner of the state, Come and join the New Neighbors Coalition, in partnership with Bill Burk and the Chautauqua Hall of Fame to learn more about how he got here!

For general inquiry and to stay connected, follow www.facebook. com/NewNeighborsCoalition, email Momina Di Blasio at momina@stlukesjamestown.org or call the St. Luke's office at (716) 483 – 6405.





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

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



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WITNESS TO HISTORY

Featured Writer Lew Aronson

The late summer thunderstorms were rolling across southern New England and the Mid-Atlantic States. It was mid-afternoon and the rain was heavy. Lightning flashed along the squall lines, the wind picked up and the sky darkened. As the storms continued into early evening, air traffic up and down the eastern seaboard was disrupted. Many flights were significantly delayed, and many more were finally cancelled. I sat in the lounge at the Buffalo airport, waiting to see if my delayed flight to LaGuardia airport would eventually take off. The flight was scheduled to depart around 3 pm. Finally, after waiting for hours the flight was cancelled at about 6 pm. I briefly considered trying to fly from Buffalo to Boston, and then flying down to LaGuardia early in the morning, but since this really wouldn't result in much of a time savings if any, I had my flight re-routed. I would leave the next morning on a 6:15am flight from Erie to Pittsburgh and then fly from Pitt to LaGuardia, arriving in New York City around 9:30am. So, I left Buffalo and drove back to Bemus Point. It was a beautiful, calm evening in Western NY, warm and clear. As I headed back to Jamestown I thought about waking up at 4 am the next morning to get ready and to drive to the airport to catch my flight to Pittsburgh. When I arrived back home it was after 9:00pm, so I settled down and ate a sandwich while I watched the Monday night football game. After the first quarter I headed off to bed. It had been a long, tiring day, working in the morning, rushing up to Buffalo and then sitting around there most of the day. I finally drifted off to sleep. I didn't know that as this particular day ended, so did an era for my country. It was, after all, apparently just another Monday evening. But the date was September 10, 2001. It was truly the end of a long day for both me, and in a way for the United States of America. What none of us knew was just how long the next day would be for us all.

Tuesday morning dawned bright and clear, and yes it was a lot of rushing around for me. I arrived in Erie at about 5:30 am in plenty of time to catch the flight down to Pittsburgh. I thought about the long day ahead of me. I was going to join two of my colleagues in Manhattan for a series of meetings. I'd be staying overnight and returning on Wednesday evening. My daughter lived in Manhattan and I was hoping to be able to see her for a while, after the scheduled dinner meeting. The eastern sky glowed orange and red as the dawn turned into morning and the plane arrived in Pittsburgh. While I was waiting in Pittsburgh for the flight over to LaGuardia, my bosscalled me from NYC. He was heading downtown to a meeting in the financial district with another colleague. We agreed to meet late morning in midtown. At 7:45 am I boarded the next plane. We took

off on time, shortly after 8 am and headed east. The flight was smooth and the day was beautiful. The pilot mentioned that the weather in NYC had cleared out and was perfect for this time of year. He said we were right on schedule, with an ontime arrival at LaGuardia set for 9:37 am. At about 9 am the pilot informed us that we were beginning our final approach to LaGuardia. We headed across New Jersey and began to turn towards lower Manhattan, on the way into LaGuardia, parallel to the East River.

Frankly, I wasn't paying much attention to all of this. I was drowsy, and I was taking the opportunity to rest a bit. I was born and raised in the NY City area, and I lived there until I was about 26 years old. I've flown into LaGuardia literally dozens of times. But I also knew that when we got real close to LaGuardia I'd be looking out the window to see the magnificent Manhattan skyline and maybe catch a glimpse of the east Bronx development where I lived in the early 1970's. I barely noticed that our "final" approach was slow and taking a lot longer than usual. Maybe there was a lot of early morning air traffic due to the delays and cancellations of last evening. I did feel the plane slow down, and then suddenly the pilot spoke over the intercom.

This is what I remember him saying:

"Folks, air traffic control has slowed us down. We are still on our final approach into LaGuardia. We have been advised that there is a major emergency occurring in lower Manhattan. Those of you on the left-hand side of the plane will be able to see, frankly, an unbelievable catastrophe taking place down there. This obviously is affecting air traffic and our arrival time. I'll keep you posted as we get closer to LaGuardia."

I stirred upright in my seat. I was seated on the right-hand side of the plane. I looked to my left, and I stood up slightly to get a better look at lower Manhattan, which we were passing right over at that moment. That's when I saw the thick, black, oily smoke and red tongues of flame erupting from the midsections of both towers of the World Trade Center. The sight literally shocked me back into my seat. I slumped into my chair as a cold, almost electrified "charge" ran up and down my body. I knew what I had seen but I couldn't yet intellectually process the images. But, emotionally I was already reacting to the inferno below us.

possibly be the case. I asked him if he had ever been in the towers. He said he had been several times. The towers were not built right on top of each other; there was something like a city block in distance between them. How would a fire "jump" from one building to the next? The plane continued slowly up the East River. I remember thinking about what it was like to be in a skyscraper on fire. Early in my career I had worked in a brand new skyscraper in the Rockefeller Center area and one day there was a small fire in an elevator motor room a couple of floors below the floor I worked on. I remember the fear, and how in some people a panic reaction set in. What was going on right now in those burning towers below us- especially in the upper floors? I shuddered at the thought. The whole thing was overwhelming and unreal.

Then I thought about my daughter, Rebecca. She lived in upper Manhattan and worked in midtown. Logically, there would be no reason for her to be in or even near the WTC. But that was "logic" talking to me, to keep down the gnawing fear that I felt. Was she OK? Fate is never kind. I put this thought "on-hold" and tried to focus on what I did know for sure. The two towers were on fire, and I didn't know why, but I suspected the worst...

Then the pilot came back on the intercom. This time his voice was tense and his message very unsettling: "Folks, air traffic control has advised us that all air traffic in the United States has been grounded, undoubtedly due to the enormous disaster taking place in lower Manhattan. All planes are being directed to land at the nearest airport. We're fortunate that we've been given approval to land at our final destination; we'll be landing in LaGuardia shortly. As we receive more updates we'll pass them along. Flight attendants, please prepare the cabin for arrival."

The buzz of somber and worried conversations continued in the cabin. Surely some of the passengers must know people who worked in the WTC, or maybe even some of them worked there themselves. Just how many people worked in the towers? We slowly approached LaGuardia and we finally landed around 10 am. As the plane slowed down and taxied off the active runway, the pilot advised us that we'd be sitting on the runway for a while until we could park at the gate. All the gates were occupied. He explained that all of the planes that had been boarding passengers at the gates now had to deplane everyone, move out of the way and then allow us to unload at the gates. As we sat on the runway, I switched on my cell phone. It lit up like a Christmas tree. If nothing else, this told me that something serious, really serious was going on. I started to check my messages. My assistant, Tammy had left me two messages- Was I all right? Please call ASAP. Just then my phone rang. It was Tammy. She sounded very upset. I explained that I was ok,

but that I just flew over the WTC and saw the horrible fires. I asked Tammy to go on the Internet and to read to me what the news was reporting. She began summarizing to me the initial reports about planes hitting the Towers. I was shocked, and asked Tammy to read to me exactly what the reports stated. She did. I couldn't believe it. Planes? Hitting the towers?

When I hung up, the phone immediately rang again. It was my son Michael calling from school in Philadelphia. "Dad, are you ok? A plane just crashed outside of Pittsburgh!" Mike and I had talked last evening as I watched the Monday night football game. I had told him about my interrupted trip and my rescheduled itinerary for Tuesday morning, in and out of Pittsburgh. "I'm ok Mike, but I just flew past the WTC. They're burning; both of them!" "I just saw that on the news Dad, then the plane crash near Pittsburgh happened." "Mike, I'm going to try to call Rebecca and make sure she's alright. I'll call you back later when I'm out of the airport. And thanks for calling me."

I tried to call my daughter, Rebecca, but I kept getting a fast busy signal- All the phone circuits for the NYC area codes must have been swamped by the volume of calls. I called Tammy back. She also told me about the plane crash outside of Pittsburgh. What was going on? I guess I still couldn't process all of this information yet. I heard one of the flight attendants on her cell phone, apparently talking to her mother. "I'm alright. The planes that crashed were American Airline flights mom, I'm on USAir." I could see the tears streaming down her face. I could feel the tears welling up in my eyes as this strange and violent morning started to unfold in an unimaginably horrible fashion. I also remember thinking that maybe more bad news was on the way...

Finally we were allowed to deplane. I grabbed my briefcase and my overnight bag. As I exited the plane, a well-dressed man in a suit and tie, speaking on his cell phone, grabbed my arm as I walked past him. "They have attacked the Pentagon! It's on fire. Another plane hit the Pentagon!" Now I felt myself start to shudder, as all of this bad news, compressed into such a short time frame, finally began to process inside my brain. What is going on? I thought, my Lord, we are under attack! This is like Pearl Harbor all over again! Where is my daughter? What other attacks are happening? And, WHO the hell is attacking us?

After a few seconds my brain kicked back in. I knew about the 1993 bombings at the World Trade Center. I remember thinking, was this another attack? Or maybe this was an accident... but if so, how could both towers be simultaneously on fire, at what appeared from the sky to be in the mid-section of each building? I asked the man sitting next to me what he saw out the window. Were both buildings really on fire? He said yes, they both were burning. We briefly speculated on how this could

Crowds of people were gathered in the airport restaurants and bars. They were watching TV. I ran over to the nearest bar. There, CNN had a split screen showing the WTC burning and the Pentagon ablaze. A report came on that now the Mall in Washington had been bombed (fortunately, later we learned that this report

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VOLUNTEER CALL

Join your local department as a volunteer firefighter

"The volunteer fire and EMS services in this country are experiencing a dramatic drop in membership, and Chautauqua County is no stranger to this. There is a shortage of EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians), prompting Chautauqua County to establish a countywide EMS service, with fly cars staffed with Paramedics to help the fire departments.

The volunteer fire service is now seeing the effects of drastically low numbers of firefighters. Our neighboring departments are being called out for "mutual aid" when the home department cannot get the manpower to answer their own calls. The majority of fire departments today have most members over 55 years old with fewer members below that age. As a reference, one department used to have a membership of 76, with a waiting list of people wanting to join. That department today has less than 30 members. The new OSHA requirements that are being proposed for volunteers to abide by may make it even harder to keep members, basically putting the volunteers "out of business".

Volunteering in your local fire department is one of the best feelings in the world and it will give you a great sense of community by helping your neighbors in their time of need! Sure, there is a period of time necessary to get the training first, but the end result is the impact you can make in helping those in need, whether it be a fire or a medical issue.

Volunteers are needed by every volunteer fire department. Reach out to your local department and inquire how you can be of service. You don't have to become a firefighter or EMT in order to join some departments. There are other ways to help out-check it out!" ~ Marsha Holland | Deputy Fire Coordinator, Battalion 2

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REMEMBERING 9-11



Tom Carle & family

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"Get everyone home."

and that was hard.

Tom Carle Candidate for 23rd Congressional District

We all remember where we were

I happened to be at the airport getting ready to board a flight from Chicago to Philadelphia. I had work in Reading, PA to get to. I was at the flight attendant's kiosk when I noticed an image on one of the television screens nearby.

The moment when an airplane crashed into the World Trade Center. It was September 11, 2001.

To my left, a pilot stopped and was watching the screen with me. When I asked what this was about, he said, "I don't know. But we are not going anywhere until we know what's going on."

And we didn't go anywhere. At one point, the flight crew had us board the plane, but then unboard and evacuate the airport immediately for safety reasons and that our luggage would be sent to us.

Myself, along with hundreds of others left the airport, all of us trying to organize a way home. I called a car service to get me back to my office (this was long before Uber or Lyft). I ended up in a limo crowded with other frightened strangers. The driver did his best to get everyone a beverage and then figure out where we all needed to be. We were scared and in shock, and we knew that one plane was still in the air. We knew our country was under attack. That day, and in the coming months, we saw people pull together like they never had. Every American was dealing with their own experiences on that fateful day,

But like me, most of us were spared the worst of it. I was not on one of the planes, or a first responder. I wasn't digging through rubble trying to find signs of life or posting signs about my missing loved one who was in the building; waiting and with each day losing hope they would be found safe.

I have immeasurable respect for the 9/11 first responders; the firefighters, EMTS, police, and other groups who worked tirelessly day after day with rescue and disaster efforts.

I have supported the efforts of advocates like comedian and author Jon Stewart who has worked tirelessly the past decade as an advocate for sustained health benefits for 9/11 first responders. I am proud of New York Senator Gillebrand who sponsored the bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act, which stopped the funding shortfall that would leave these men and women without the treatment from the lingering medical issues these brave men and women still face.

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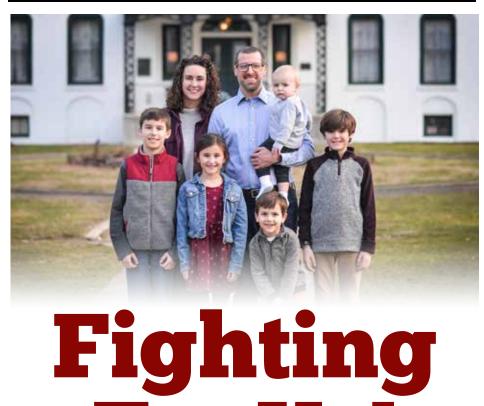
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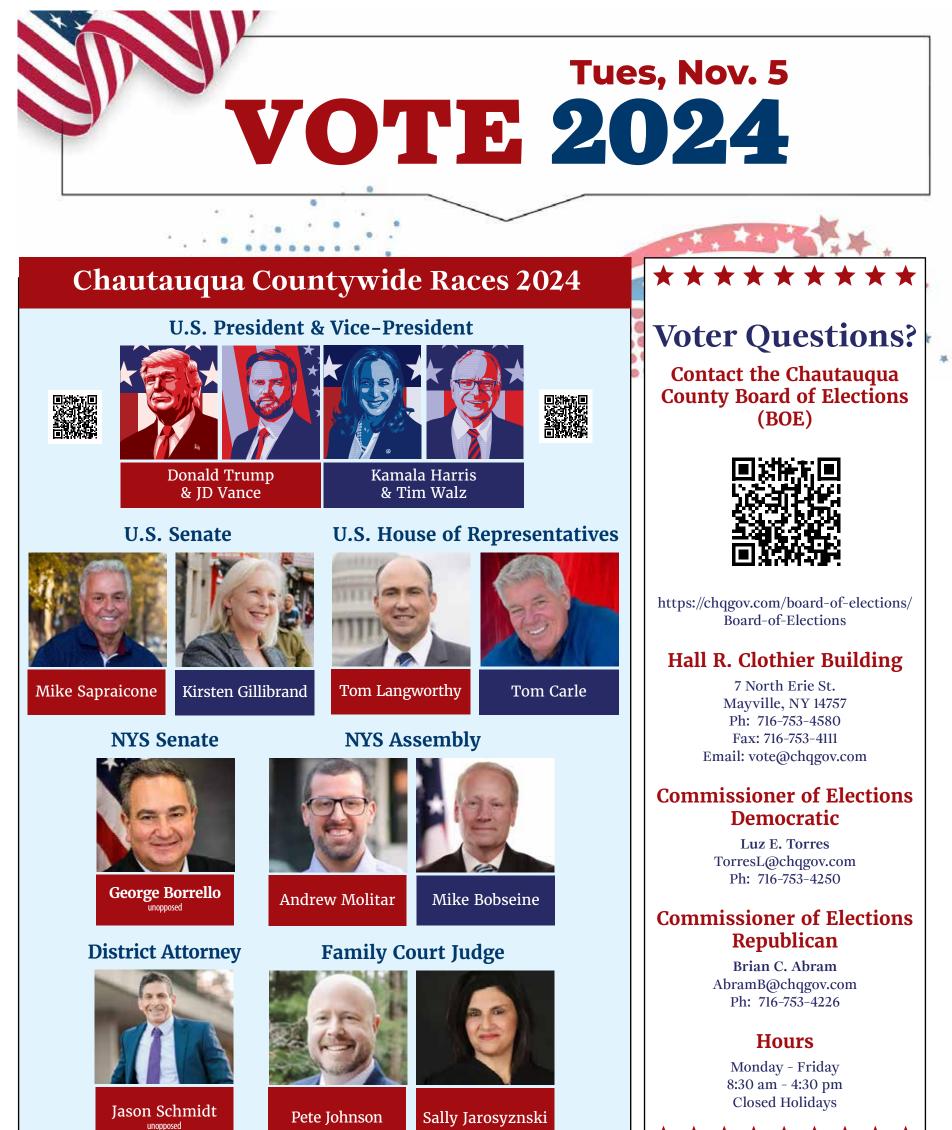
I got back to my office and went directly to the CEO to tell him what I knew. His concern was real. He directed me to find out where everyone who was traveling for the company was, get ahold of them all, and figure out a way to get them home without flying. He told me he didn't care what it cost, just said Nine years later, my wife Sarah and I were married. We chose September the 11th as our wedding date. We felt that infusing joy onto that date would help reclaim it a bit for our family. Each year on our anniversary, and while we are celebrating our marriage, we take the time to remember all the weighty events of that day and the years that followed it.

For all of America, it is a day we will never forget.

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Vote for Trump/Vance for President/VP



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Republican The Party in Chautauqua County has long been a pillar of effective and efficient governance. Chautauqua County's Republican elected officials have a proven record of accomplishment of fiscal responsibility, promoting economic development, lowering taxes, supporting law enforcement, opposing radical soft-on-crime policies, and preserving our region's rich heritage. By voting for our Republican candidates, our county can expect continued growth, efficient governance, and policies that truly reflect the needs and values of our community.

Our candidates up and down the ballot will work every day to create a stronger and more vibrant future for Chautauqua County. This November, our residents will get to decide the future of our nation, and that is why we encourage them to vote for all our Republican candidates. We especially cannot afford four more years of radical leadership at the national level.

At the top of our ticket is President Donald Trump. Chautauqua County should vote Trump/Vance if they support strong leadership focused on revitalizing the economy through pro-business policies and job creation. They should vote for Trump/Vance if they believe in securing our nation's border and maintaining a tough stance on crime and supporting our law enforcement. They should vote Trump/Vance if they believe in preserving personal freedoms, reducing taxes, and prioritizing America's interests on the global stage. They should vote Trump/ Vance if they believe in national strength and prosperity.

President Donald Trump and his Vice Presidential running mate, JD Vance, represent the true heart of America and have their pulse on our middle class needs and challenges. We deserve better and the Trump/Vance ticket has what it takes to move our country in the right direction - forward once again. The commitment and passion displayed by the Trump/ Vance ticket and our entire GOP slate reaffirms the strength and unity of our party, as well as our dedication toward ensuring that our region thrives for generations to come. I encourage all of our residents to vote Republican this November. If you are interested

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

Our rural areas play a critical role in shaping the future of the United States. From farming to manufacturing to the small businesses that sustain towns, rural areas are vital to the nation's economy and culture. However, we often feel neglected by national political figures, unsure if their interests are truly represented in Washington. Kamala Harris, with her background as Vice President and her experience in addressing issues that impact all Americans, is committed to ensuring that rural communities are part of her vision. Rural voters should support Kamala Harris in the 2024 presidential election.

One of the biggest challenges facing those of us in rural areas is access to healthcare. Rural hospitals are closing at unprecedented rates, and we often have to travel long distances to receive essential care. We've seen a hospital close in Silver Creek and it almost happened in Dunkirk. This lack of

Vote for Harris/Walz for President/VP

Every week, we will feature profiles of each candidate in this Election's Top Races. Closer to November, we also look forward to

featuring our local candidates. This week, we thank our two major party chairs for their willingness to discuss the Presidential Race.

> access is compounded by a shortage of healthcare professionals in these areas, leaving us with few options for medical treatment.

> Kamala Harris has been a strong advocate for expanding healthcare access, particularly in underserved communities like rural areas. As Vice President, she has supported efforts to bolster telemedicine, allowing rural residents to connect with healthcare providers without the burden of long travel times. Telemedicine, which grew during the COVID-19 pandemic, has been a lifeline for many rural patients, and Harris understands the need to continue investing in this technology to ensure that all Americans-regardless of where they live-can access quality healthcare.

> Additionally, Harris has supported policies aimed at lowering prescription drug costs and expanding mental health services, both of which are pressing concerns in rural America. Rural communities often face higher rates of substance abuse and mental health issues, and Harris has recognized the importance of increasing federal funding to address these crises. Her healthcare platform seeks to ensure that rural voters have access to the same level of care as their urban counterparts, making healthcare more affordable and accessible for all.

> Rural infrastructure is aging and in need of serious investment. Roads, bridges, water systems, and broadband networks are vital to the economy and quality of life in rural areas. Yet, for decades, rural communities have watched as their infrastructure has

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

Saturday, October 26 - Sunday, November 3 Early Voting Polls Open 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 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 or to change voter name/address:** 1 - Online: https://nyovr.elections.ny.gov/

2 - Print this form and mail into the BOE (address on page 16): https://chqgov.com/board-of-elections/Voter-Registration-Form

Note: The document must physically be received by mail or in-person by the Board of Elections office by this date.

3 - Visit the BOE in person (address on page 16).

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MIKE BOBSEINE

for NYS Assembly District 150

DO YOU "VOTE THE PERSON, NOT THE PARTY"?

ARE YOU "INDEPENDENT-MINDED"? TIRED OF "POLITICS AS USUAL"?

Our campaign collected over 2,000 signatures to create an independent party—the **RESTORE FREEDOM PARTY**—for this fall's election.

Mike believes in a brighter future for our Assembly District one where we work together and all people have the freedom to thrive.

We know there are people in this Assembly District who are independent thinking, who don't go in for "politics as usual," who "vote the person, not the party."

DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE IN THE CAUSE OF LIBERTY:

"Freedom from oppression, freedom
from want, freedom to be ourselves."





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PATRIOT DAY Trivia

- 1. Which organization is known for its role in firefighting and rescue operations in the United States?
- 2. What does the acronym EMT stand for?
- 3. In what year was the first organized ambulance service established in the United States?
- 4. What type of gear do firefighters typically wear to protect themselves from heat and flames?
- 5. Which federal agency is responsible for coordinating emergency management efforts in the United States?
- 6. What is the term for the initial assessment provided by EMTs at the scene of an emergency?

Protecting Our Community through Common Sense Gun Safety

Article Contributed by

Mike Bobseine for NYS Assembly District 150

The City of Dunkirk Police were concerned. A person tried to enter the City Court with weapons and threatened the officers and judge. This same person was believed to have a firearm at their residence.

The police were concerned enough about the public's safety that they used the State's "Red Flag" law to get a court order allowing them to remove the person's firearm from the home. The court order also prevented the person from purchasing additional firearms.

New York adopted its first Red Flag law in 2019. The purpose of a Red Flag law is to protect the community from gun violence when a person is shown to be a threat to their own safety or the safety of others. The law allows a court to determine a person poses a threat and remove guns in their possession and prevent a person from purchasing guns.

New York's Red Flag law was strengthened in 2022 after it was discovered that Payton Gendron, who massacred ten Black residents at the Tops Market in Buffalo in 2021, had been hospitalized for threatening behavior the prior year. But, because the law then did not require applying the Red Flag law, Gendron was not petitioned to court and prevented from purchasing the lethal weapons used to gun down our neighbors.

With the changes to the law in 2022, it has been applied more rigorously. Petitions may be brought against persons by police officers and other officials, or by family members and school personnel. There have been more than 100 petitions brought in our Assembly District, most notably since the law was strengthened, offering valuable protections to the community as well as to individuals who might otherwise harm themselves with a firearm.

It is this sort of legislation that Mike Bobseine supports. Our police officers and school personnel need to know how to use the Red Flag law and should be supported in the process to ensure that we maximize the law's appropriate use and protect our community, especially children in our schools. No one should have to experience the horror of a school shooting, like the one that occurred just last week in Georgia with two 14year old students and two teachers killed.

At the same time, Mike supports people's 2nd Amendment right to own and use firearms. After all, Assembly District 150 is a hunting and sporting community, and the vast majority of people use guns legally and responsibly.

No one running for this Assembly district wants to take people's guns. Mike says, however, that "schools and guns scare me. The gun violence in our country makes me scared for my grandkids, and your child, and your grandchild. People should be able to keep their guns; but kept safe and away from kids and people who shouldn't have them."

If we come together over our common values — honoring our constitutional rights, acting responsibly, and protecting the vulnerable — we can develop common sense solutions to the incidences of gun violence, which, in one case, struck so near to us with the massacre of 10 innocent people in a racist attack at a TOPs Supermarket in Buffalo.

In the end, a healthy community is a safe community.

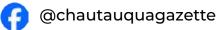
A healthy community is one where we protect our children, elderly, and families against illegal guns and drugs, as well as dangerous people, and we adequately fund law enforcement.

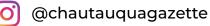
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- 7. Regarding firefighting and operating a fire extinguisher, what does the term "PASS" stand for?
- 8. What is the name of the day that honors first responders, celebrated on September 11th?
- 9. What is the term for the psychological condition that can affect first responders after experiencing traumatic events?

10. What type of training do EMTs receive for patient assessment?

J. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 2. Emergency Medical Technician 3.
 1865 4. Turnout gear 5. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 6. Triage 7.
 Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep 8. National First Responders Day 9.Post-Traumatic Stress
 Disorder (PTSD) 10. Basic Life Support (BLS) training





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"If we learn nothing else from this tragedy, we learn that life is short and there is no time for hate."

- Sandy Dahl, wife of Flight 93 pilot Jason Dahl



AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Overview



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AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital

The AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital Emergency Department provides comprehensive care to Western New York residents. The hospital expanded and upgraded the Emergency Department several years ago to better accommodate its patients, helping to reduce wait times and provide more efficient and effective care in a patient-friendly environment.

Among the investments made in the facility were a redesign and expansion of the ED waiting room, creation of a new ambulance vestibule, four new treatment rooms, one large new trauma room, a physician consult room and new nursing/staff stations. The Emergency Department includes an innovative Split Flow system that is designed to expedite patient triage and treatment.

Earlier this year, Allegheny Health Network (AHN) and Westfield Memorial Hospital (WMH) cut the ribbon to a new Radiology Department, which offers patients access to some of the most advanced technologies available for diagnostic imaging. The \$3.4 million investment included a complete renovation of the hospital's radiology space and the addition of new, stateof-the-art imaging technologies and capabilities, including an advanced dual-use radiography and fluoroscopy imaging system, the industry's most advanced system, high-resolution x-ray 3D mammography, advanced bone densitometry technology diagnose osteopenia to and osteoporosis, and interventional radiology technology with upgraded retina imaging.

In addition to the nursing, tech, and mid-level provider staff, the WMH Emergency Department physician staff includes Irfaza Asar, DO, Timothy Barr, DO, Anthony Battista, DO, Sarah Bilski, DO, Kristen Bublitz, DO, Scott Ducharme, DO, Michael Faulk, MD, Charles Feronti, DO, Rachel DO, Frederick Grider-Cook, Havko, MD, Osmin Herrera, DO, Andrew Heslin, DO, Alan Holder, DO, Heather Janick, MD, Dhimitri Nikolla, MD, Marcus Pearson, DO, Joseph Rauscher, MD, Tanner Riscoe, DO, Ann Robenstein, DO, Richard Rowland, MD, Scott Schoenborn, MD, Joshua Valerio, DO, and Cally Woolett, DO.

Westfield Memorial Hospital, located at 189 East Main Street, in Westfield, NY, has been serving the community for 82 years. It is a vital part of the Allegheny Health Network, providing high-quality healthcare services to the residents of Western New York.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony to be Held in Chautauqua County

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Chautauqua County Media Information Officer

Chautauqua County will hold a solemn ceremony next week to honor the victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Hosted by the local American Legion, the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 3 p.m. in front of the Chautauqua County Courthouse, located at 1 N. Erie St., Mayville, NY.

The ceremony will feature remarks from local dignitaries, a moment of silence, and a traditional 21-gun salute. This program is dedicated to the memory of the more than 3,000 individuals who tragically lost their lives on September 11, 2001, when members of the terrorist group al-Qaeda hijacked four planes, crashing them into the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon outside Washington, D.C., and a field in Pennsylvania.

Media members are kindly requested to RSVP in advance by contacting Justin Gould, Chautauqua County Media Information Officer, via email at gouldj@chqgov.comor by phone at (716) 720-0251 (cell), to assist with planning.

A livestream of the ceremony will be available for those unable to attend in person on Chautauqua County's YouTube page. The event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend. No RSVP is required for the general public.

Paulie's Push Makes Fourth Trek To Ground Zero

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In 2022, Veneto pushed from Washington-Dulles to the Pentagon in memory of American Flight 77, and in 2023 from Newark-LIberty to the National Flight 93 Memorial in Somerset County, PA in memory of the flight crews of United Flight 93.

Veneto found that Amy's mother and sister, Kellie, were waiting for him at the memorial just as they had promised. Knowing that they would be there motivated Vaneto during the push itself, he said.

"Someone told me they were worried about me making it over the mountain. I told them not to worry, there was no chance I wasn't making it," Veneto remembers. "I knew that Amy's mother and sister were going to be waiting for me at the top. There was no way I was going to leave them waiting."

In 2021, Veneto's non-profit donated money toward a playground built at the local YMCA. He hopes to return in 2024.

"It's one of my favorite parts of doing all of this."

In the meantime, Veneto plans to return to the area later this fall, as he's been invited to speak to students at Southwestern Central High School.

"I enjoy speaking to students. I never thought of myself as a teacher, but since Paulie's Push began I've been teaching kids about what happened on September 11, and I love that part of it. We promised 23 years ago to "Never Forget", but how can we say that if we're not remembering to share what happened with the youngest generations, those who weren't even born when it happened? I appreciate any opportunity to do that."

For more information on Paulie's Push, visit pauliespush.com.

lt To see his progress on the Push to o Ground Zero, visit pauliespush. com/map.



"As long as there's a race, and I'm able to push my cart 5 kilometers, I'd love to come back," says Veneto.

Paulie's Push, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit registered in the state of Massachusetts



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Witness to History

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was not accurate). I stood frozen, staring at the TV. I could see helicopters circling around the two Towers. Reports about the plane crash in PA were still sketchy, no pictures yet. I went to the washroom; I splashed cold water on my face. I had been up since 3:30 am or so. I was tired and running on adrenaline.

The enormity of the events of this morning was just beginning to sink in. I realized that I was an eyewitness to the opening salvo of some yet undeclared war. I didn't just see the towers on TV... I SAW them for real with my own eyes. I'm a witness. I was there ... in the skies over a 21st century Pearl Harbor taking place in my own hometown.

Then an announcement came over the public address system. All passengers in the terminal had to immediately evacuate to the baggage claim area. Airport security and police personnel were now sweeping through the terminal, herding all of us like cattle down the corridor to the baggage claim area. As I entered the baggage area I observed a chaotic scene. People were trying to use the pay phones, but the circuits were overloaded; no one could get through. I tried to call my daughter again but the cell phone systems were also overloaded. I tried to use my own calling card at a pay phone, but I couldn't get it to work either.

Another announcement came over the "PA" system. Now everyone was ordered to immediately leave the terminal, including the baggage claim area. I walked out onto the street. It was very warm and very noisy. A young woman standing nearby was talking on her cell phone, sobbing, asking whomever it was on the other end to pick her up, to take her home, just to get her away from the airport. She was hysterical. I stared at her for a moment, and I looked around at the chaotic mess on the sidewalks and in the parking lots. I started to consider my own options. Where should I go now? I got in the long line of people waiting for taxis, but there were almost no taxis to be seen. The line just basically stood there not moving. It had been almost 20 minutes since I last saw any news on the TV upstairs in the terminal. What was going on now? Were there any more attacks; anymore bad news?

were locally based and although they tried to maintain composure, they were obviously struggling with their emotions. They also updated the situation at the Pentagon, and reported on the plane crash outside of Pittsburgh.

A lady in front of me pulled out a small book, obviously a prayer book, and her lips began to move silently. I asked her if she was praying, and she said, "Yes, I have five children that live in Israel. This kind of thing happens constantly over there. Now, it's happening here, to America!" Then I thought about my own daughter again.

I tried my cell phone again-still no luck in getting through to Rebecca. I tried my wife's cell phone. Somehow, I got through, only she didn't answer, so I left her a voice message. I told her I was ok, that I was on the ground at the airport and that I'd try to call her back again later. As time continued to race by and I remained unable to reach Rebecca, I began to get a panicky, irrational feeling. The taxi line was going nowhere. The radio said that all traffic into Manhattan was forbidden. The city was "locked down." In addition, no car rentals were permitted, and the buses and subways were halted going into Manhattan. I realized that I was now stranded at LaGuardia, with nowhere to go. And, I couldn't get into the city to find Rebecca!

I called Tammy again and she told me that Rebecca had called her. She was ok and she was trying to reach me. I was so relieved! I felt tears run down my face. I told Tammy that I was unable to reach Rebecca due to the jammed local circuits, but somehow I was able to reach Jamestown. Tammy then pulled off a bit of "magic" for me, for which I'm eternally grateful. She called Rebecca, and then put two speakerphones next to each other so Rebecca and I could talk. This was an emotional conversation for me, and I honestly can't remember much of what we talked about. I only remember the relief I felt that she was ok, and I must have told Rebecca that I loved her 20 times!! I do remember telling her that I was going to try to find a way to get into the city to be with her, and that we'd talk again later. But, how was I going to get into Manhattan? I was hot, thirsty, tired and hungry. It was now around 11 am. I'm diabetic and I could feel my energy dissipating quickly. And here I was stuck at the airport, in the taxi line to nowhere! And I was worried about Rob and Don. They were supposed to be in lower Manhattan at a meeting and nobody had yet heard from them.

maybe I could hook up with my son in Philadelphia! I walked over to the limo and asked the driver if he'd take me down to Philly. He agreed (for \$400!) but what else could I do? Mike had a car down in Philly, and if I could get down there, we could drive together back up to Manhattan later and get Rebecca. Then we could return to Philly and wait this out, to see if there were any more attacks. Or we could drive out to Bemus Point and get the hell away from all of this. I called Mike and told him about my plan. I told him to gas up his car, get some extra bottled water and some cash from the ATM. I also told him to be careful in Philly, maybe whoever was behind all of this might try to hit some of the historical landmarks down there.

So, the limo driver and I headed out for Philadelphia. We got exactly one half mile from La Guardia and got tied up in a huge traffic jam. After waiting about 30 minutes in the traffic, the driver pulled out onto a side street and told me that this was not going to work. "How about I drop you off at the Marriott? It's brand new, maybe you can get a room there." I felt hopeless, sort of crushed that my "grandiose" plan to get to Philly had failed. The driver was a nice guy, he dropped me off at the hotel parking lot, and didn't want to take any money from me, but I gave him twenty-five bucks for his help. Well, at least I was off the airport premises.

I walked into the Marriott. There were hundreds of people crowded in the lobby, the bar, the restaurant, all over the place. No chance of getting a room. But the restaurant was open. I got a seat. TV's were on-everyone was watching the news. Now I had time to think about my own situation for a few minutes. I needed to recharge my cell phone, get some liquids in me, take my medicine, get something to eat, and wash up a bit. I was able to do all of this in the next hour or so, at the hotel. I could feel my strength return, and I was regaining enough energy now to think about what to do next. Inside the hotel the cell phone signal was very weak, so I walked outside to try to call my wife, Cindy, again.

This time I got through to her. I assured her I was fine and I told her I was stuck with basically nowhere to go. There were about a dozen people like me standing outside the hotel, using their cell phones. Suddenly, as I was talking to Cindy, the sound of a very fast moving jet airplane startled me. I could see all the other people outside the hotel abruptly looking up at the sky. I told Cindy to wait a second ... was this another attack, maybe to finish off the airport? Then I saw the plane. This was not a hijacked passenger plane; it was one of our military jets, I think an F-16, flying low and fast. The rolling thunder of the jet boomed over La Guardia, and again I felt hot tears fill my eyes. I could barely finish my conversation with Cindy. The only planes now flying over NYC and the rest of America were military planes, flying combat air patrols over our cities. That's when I realized that we were in fact at war. After I finished talking to Cindy I went

back into the hotel for a few minutes, but I knew I couldn't stay there indefinitely. What next? I went back outside, carrying my overnight bag and my briefcase. I just stood in front of the hotel, looking up at the black smoke over Manhattan, occasionally glancing up at the sky.

A dark car pulled up in front of the hotel, and the driver walked out of the car and announced to no one in particular that he had a limo for hire. I looked at him and thought about my ill-fated attempt to get down to Philadelphia. The driver looked right at me and asked me if I needed a ride. I thought quickly and said, "Yes, I do need a ride." He asked where I wanted to go. I said that I lived near Buffalo ... would he be interested in driving me there? I figured that since I couldn't get into Manhattan, or head down to Philly due to the traffic jams, maybe we could head north and have a better chance of leaving in that direction. If I could get home I could drive back down here in a day or so and get my daughter. The driver said he would do it. but it would be expensive. We briefly negotiated and settled at a price of \$500. I threw all of my stuff in the back seat and we took off. I called my wife and told her what I was up to, and said I'd call her later when we got north of NYC. I called Rebecca and got though to her and told her my plan. I also spoke to Tammy and she told me that Rob and Don were both all right... maybe things were starting to look up a bit! There were no further reports of any attacks or incidents. I also called Mike again, and informed him of my latest plan.

The limo driver told me he was from Pakistan. We talked about the events of the morning. There was still a lot of traffic around the LaGuardia area, and as we moved through the side streets, I knew this was going to be a long ride. I thought about the trip ahead to Buffalo, and told the driver, (his name was Malik), instead of going to Buffalo, maybe he could drive me about half way to Jamestown, to Binghamton. I called Cindy and asked her if she could pick me up in Binghamton if we made it that far. Maybe one or two of our friends could accompany her to Binghamton, so she wouldn't have to drive alone. Malik's cell phone rang... it was his brother calling him from London to ask if he was OK. We entered the highway that would take us to the Throgs Neck Bridge, over Long Island Sound. After that, we'd head north. But, we encountered a huge traffic jam on the highway. Basically, all traffic was at a standstill because even the bridges were closed down due to security alerts. So we pulled over on the side of Grand Central Parkway along with dozens of other cars and stood outside of the car waiting. I could see the smoke continuing to rise over Manhattan, and I saw a squadron of 3 or 4 Army helicopters flying in a slow formation over the bridges that connect Queens to the Bronx. Every so often, we caught sight of the fighter planes patrolling the city. They were guarding the city, and in a sense sending

Out in the west I could see an enormous black cloud rising into the sky-obviously, the WTC area. I remember thinking about the pictures of Pearl Harbor after the attack, the black, oily smoke spewing up into the sky from the sinking battleships. Then I remembered I had in my briefcase a small portable AM/ FM radio that I used for "wake up" calls when I travelled. I found the radio in my bag and turned it on. I know that there were several "all news" AM radio stations in NYC so I found one and turned up the volume. A small crowd of people formed around me to listen. That's when we found out about the collapse of the first of the Towers. The announcers

A young guy was walking up and down the line of people waiting for the taxis that I knew would never appear. He was shouting something about "limo" rides. I stopped him, and he said his friend had a limo that would take me wherever I needed to go. I thought fast...this probably was my only chance to get out of here ... l can't get into Manhattan, but

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Constitution Day Speaker to Discuss the First Amendment, 2024 Election

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SUNY Fredonia

Robert McCarthy, a WKBW-TV political analyst, will deliver this year's Constitution Day keynote "Freedom of the Press – It's in the Constitution!" on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

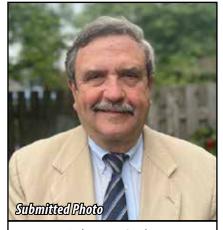
The address by the retired Buffalo News reporter, at 11 a.m. in Williams Center Room S204, will center on the relationship between politicians and reporters and how those in power cannot hide from their obligation to interact with their constituents through the press. Mr. McCarthy argues that the Constitution – in its own way – requires that politicians and the press interact.

"I expect to draw on my experiences over 47 years in the newspaper business – 30 as a political reporter for The Buffalo News," McCarthy said. He also plans to delve into the themes and messaging in this year's national and state elections. The address will be a dialogue and question and answer session. Cookies and lemonade will be furnished.

Discussing the importance of this year's Constitution Day keynote, Department of Communication Associate Professor Angela McGowan-Kirsch shared, "We come to know the political candidates and issues through the press. Given the significance of this year's elections, the American Democracy Project thought it was fitting to bring someone with a rich history in the media to campus."

This is shaping up to be an unprecedented election year, Dr. McGowan-Kirsch observes.

"Between record levels of mis/ disinformation and the fluidity of the presidential election, democracy hangs in the balance. We hope people from the campus and Fredonia communities join us as we learn about how a reporter's experience gathering the news, reporting it and sharing it," added McGowan-



Robert McCarthy

Kirsch, who is chair of the American Democracy Project.

McCarthy, who earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from St. Bonaventure University, received a 2006 New York State Publishers Association first place award with colleague Michael Beebe for stories on irregularities in the New York State Liquor Authority that led to the chairman's resignation and major reforms of the agency.

A 2002 series of articles co-authored with Mr. Beebe on how State Supreme Court candidates are chosen was nominated by the Buffalo News for a Pulitzer Prize.

McCarthy has covered all major elections in New York state and Western New York since 1992, including 14 national conventions. He was named one of New York's 10 most influential political journalists by Brill's Content magazine and often serves as a panelist for local and statewide debates.

A voter registration drive will be conducted adjacent to Room S204 from 10 to 11:50 a.m. At noon, lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend the lunch and speak informally with McCarthy.

The Constitution Day address is sponsored by the American Democracy Project with support from the Carnahan Jackson Fund for the Humanities of the Fredonia College Foundation.

Chautauqua County Beekeepers' Association (CCBA) Invites You to an Evening Learning About Honeybees

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardener Program is excited to announce that Chautauqua County Beekeepers Association (CCBA) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday September 12th at 7:00pm at the Fluvanna Community Church, 3363 Fluvanna Avenue, Jamestown, NY. August's topic will focus on "Winterizing Hives for Cold Weather." Join us for an overview of how honeybees overwinter in the hive, and this will lead into a discussion and "show and tell" about the many options beekeepers have for preparing their hives prior to the cold.

Attendees and members are

encouraged to bring items you use to assist your bees to survive the winter. These could be storebought items, or home-made items. Some examples could be wraps, insulation boards, quilt boxes, candy boards, mouse guards....and more. It is helpful to actually see these items and talk to others to understand how they work. If you have tried something that did not work well, please consider sharing that, too.

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

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Small Business Development Center Hosts Women in Networking Program September 12

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Small Business Development Center

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

The SBDC Women in Networking program was developed for woman to exchange ideas, experiences, and address challenging issues. The SBDC has helped to build productive business relationships that benefit women throughout the region with this program. Cost to attend the lunch in person is \$27 with check or credit card. This event will take place at Jamestown Community College, Carnahan Building, Room 120. To make a reservation or for more information on this monthly program, contact the SBDC at 716-338-1024 or go to our website at www.sbdcjcc.org.

The next WIN program will take place on Thursday, September 12 at 12pm (lunch begins at 11:30am) at JCC and will feature Andrea Liebross, best-selling author of She Thinks Big: The



Entrepreneurial Woman's Guide to Moving Past the Messy Middle Into the Extraordinary. and Andrea's book focuses on her Big Thinking framework for female entrepreneurs including 5 steps to becoming a big thinker, why big thinking is key to creating an extraordinary life and business, and what you create when thinking big. Andrea Liebross is the big thinking expert for high achieving women entrepreneurs. She helps these bold, ambitious women make the shift from thinking small and feeling overwhelmed in business and life to getting the clarity, confidence and freedom they crave. Andrea believes the secret sauce to thinking big and creating big results has just two ingredients...join us on September 12 to find out what they are!

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An Afternoon of Gershwin, Sunday, September 15



You are invited to "An Afternoon of Gershwin" at the Unitarian Church this Sunday, September 15. Songs by mezzo-soprano Melanie Gritters (center) and pianist Julie Anderson and Rhapsody in Blue by pianist Ron Packard and clarinetist Elizabeth Brewer (not pictured) will highlight the program. The freewill offering benefits Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.

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Unitarian Universalist **Congregation of Jamestown**

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown, 1255 Prendergast Ave., Jamestown, presents "An Afternoon of Gershwin" Sunday, September 15 at 4 p.m.

Ron Packard opens the program with George Gershwin piano selections. Songs like "Summertime," "Embraceable You" and "Nice Work If You Can Get It" by mezzo-soprano Melanie Gritters and pianist Julie Anderson follow.

In this 100th anniversary year of the premier of probably Gershwin's most-recognized composition, Packard and clarinetist Elizabeth Brewer will perform Rhapsody in Blue as the finale of the program.

Born in 1898, George Gershwin is one of the most significant and popular American composers of all time. He wrote for the Broadway musical theater, as well as orchestral and piano compositions. He was just 38 when he died.

Rhapsody in Blue was a key growth, and community. composition that defined the Jazz Age and began a new era in America's musical history. It established Gershwin's reputation as an eminent composer and became one of the most popular of all concert works.

To learn more about the performers, visit UUJamestown.org/Gershwin.

A freewill offering will benefit Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. Infinity recently celebrated 25 years of service to the community. More than 1,000 students benefit from music, art, dance, theater, photography instruction and performance opportunities annually, with 30% of membership students qualifying for need-based scholarship support for their membership fees.

A cookie reception follows the free event.

Parking is available behind the church or across the street in the parking lot of Christ First United Methodist Church.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Jamestown is a progressive, liberal religious community serving the southern tier of Western New York and Warren County, Pa. The UUCJ's mission is to support and celebrate each other, encourage spiritual and individual serve the wider

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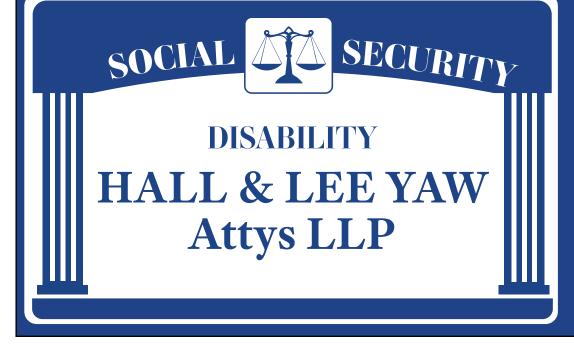
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Artone Celebrates 50 Years in Business



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2024 marks a year of celebration for Artone! 50 years in business is surely an accomplishment. As with any milestone, these 50 years are not short of lows & highs, challenges & growth.

This story begins at the Calimeri home, where Artone was born. Rosario Calimeri, an immigrant from Sicily, found his American roots in Jamestown NY in 1954. A furniture apprentice in Sicily & cabinet maker by trade, Ross worked for furniture manufacturers such as Maddox Table and Chase Interiors before he decided to give self employment a go. Rosario and his wife Antonietta would spend countless nights awake trying to figure out how they could start a business of their own and give their children a head start. With 4 children at the time, determination was at its best and an idea was born. The couple founded their own company, making music boxes for the music industry in the basement of the Calimeri home.

Ross, eager to grow his business, partnered with his cousin Joseph Trusso. Together they created the "Artone" name using part of each of their lovely wives' names, Arlene & Antonietta. 'AR' from Arlene and "TONE" from Antonietta (often called "Toni" by Ross). Although this partnership was brief, the Artone name carries on to this day.

In the early years, Artone provided component parts to other manufacturers and eventually over time grew to provide its product to several different markets including healthcare, store fixtures, contract casework and hospitality furniture. As Artone expanded its offerings, the location changed from its original footprint of 10,000 sq. ft. to accommodate its growth.



Rosario Calimeri: Founder

a stepping stone for future growth and opportunities with the large hotel chain. Artone supplied all guest room, lobby and public area spaces of the hotel including forming an installation company to broaden its offerings to Wyndham.

In 2004, one of the pivotal moments for Artone came when a contract with Designer Shoe Warehouse (DSW) was secured, a prominent retailer in the fashion industry. This partnership inspired Sebastian Calimeri to develop a patented product tailored specifically to DSW's needs. The innovative solution crafted for DSW became a cornerstone of Artone's retail portfolio.

Today, Artone is owned by Michael & Sebastian Calimeri and partner Mark Arnold and Albion Investors. The company has drawn in its focus to specialize in custom casegoods & built-in millwork specifically for the hospitality industry to include; brand packages, boutique and casino/resort work. You likely have stayed in a hotel adorned with Artone furnishings. Current customers are as renowned as Wyndham Corporation (Microtel, Wyndham Garden, Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Days Inn), Hilton (Tapestry, Hampton Inn, Doubletree), Marriott Incorporated (TownePlace Suites, Fairfield Inn, StudioRes), Disney Resorts (Animal Kingdom Lodge, Coronado Springs), Universal Studios Cabana Bay Beach Resort, Loews Sapphire Falls, and the most recent projects Universal Stella Nova Resort and Universal Terra Luna Resort, set for completion in 2025.



Sebastian Calimeri, Executive Vice President & Michael Calimeri, President

employees. To reward the hard work of all its employees, Artone strives to provide career driven employment opportunities with good pay, good benefits, comfort, and good camaraderie among all its manufacturing and office employees, management, and company owners.

At Artone's current 250,000 sq. ft. Allen St. facility, you can find all manufacturing operations on the first floor and office personnel on the second floor. Our manufacturing floor is equipped with state of the art equipment, metal fabrication and in -house research and development department. The office area consists of a spacious open floor plan to include four conference rooms and meeting areas named after all of the locations Artone has occupied since its inception. South Main St., First Street, American Place & Institute Street, now home of The Chautauqua Center. To commemorate its rich history, a celebration, by invite only, will be held on September 20th, 2024. Guest speakers will contribute to the occasion. Memorabilia will enrich the event that will be themed with Italian heritage, giving honor to its past while embracing & celebrating the future.



Our beginnings are simply that of the 'American Dream'.

In the 90's and early 2000's. Artone targeted four key markets: hospitality, healthcare, contract, and store fixtures. In 1992 Artone landed a significant job benefiting the hospitality market. Artone became an approved supplier for Microtel by Wyndham Corporation, marking A few local projects you may be familiar with include Doubletree by Hilton downtown Jamestown NY, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel by Hart Hotels in Celoron NY, Seneca Allegany in Salamanca NY & Seneca Niagara Casino in Niagara Falls, NY.

The company now employs nearly 100 people. The owners of Artone realize that their success would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of all of their Live CHQ. Love CHQ. Read CHQ

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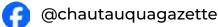


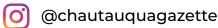
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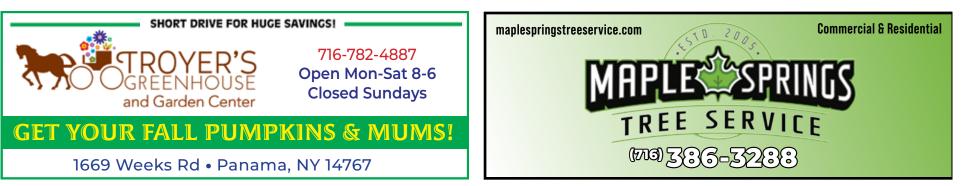






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a clear message that we were caught unprepared that morning but now, in the hot, sad afternoon we were alert and prepared to deal with any further assaults. What a sad day, watching the transformation of my hometown into a war zone.

A convoy of fire trucks, ambulances and other assorted emergency vehicles appeared on the parkway after an hour or so. They were from Nassau and Suffolk Counties, trying to get into Manhattan to help with the search and rescue operation. Their sirens were wailing, their emergency lights flashed and they were moving slowly, trying to pick their way through the traffic jam. This was another indication to me of just how bad it was in Manhattan; more help was needed from other jurisdictions to deal with the crisis. All along the highway were volunteer police and fire officers, many of whom were retired, trying to direct traffic, to clear lanes for the emergency vehicles and maintain some semblance of order. I looked at some of these volunteers, wearing bits and pieces of old uniforms, trying to cope with the congested mess. All the while the choppers continued to slowly circle the bridges, the fighter planes came and went and the sun beat down on the shocked and sullen city. Every so often we turned on the car radio to get new updates. Now the Navy had placed an aircraft carrier into the mouth of New York harbor; the same harbor that hosted the tall sailing ships in 1976 when we celebrated America's 200th birthday. I watched these ships from lower Manhattan that day, twenty-five years ago with my family and friends. The WTC Towers were still new back in 1976. Now they were gone, with so many people lost. The radio news implied that 25,000 or maybe even 50,000 casualties had occurred. It was mind-numbing input that fortunately was way overstated, as we found out later. But, standing alongside the highway, in the midafternoon of September 11th, it seemed to be an accurate possibility.

The hot afternoon continued on. I was able to use my cell phone now pretty easily. found out that my colleagues were fortunately safe and sound; they had been heading down to lower Manhattan when the attacks occurred but turned around and were in midtown at their hotel. Rebecca and her friends were at a hospital giving blood in response to the emergency request for donors. But, the traffic wasn't moving. Malik asked me if I had anywhere else he could take me to in the NYC area; it was obvious we weren't going to make it over the bridge. I thought about my aunt and uncle that lived in Nassau County, maybe twenty-five miles from LaGuardia Airport. I called my Mom and Dad in Florida and got my Uncle Dave's telephone number. I called him and he wasn't there. I got his answering machine and I left a message. I wondered if I could stay at his house, and if Malik could even get me there? It was now three or four o'clock in the afternoon. Malik said he wouldn't leave me until my uncle called back or I found somewhere else to stay. He said that he believed that God wanted him to watch out for me. We began talking about our differing faiths, but Malik brushed that aside: 'Tm supposed to take care of you today, as a brother. I know this is God's will."

So eventually we arrived at my uncle Dave's house. Malik said l should call him on Wednesday; perhaps he could then drive me to Binghamton. He gave me his cell phone and home numbers. When I was getting out of his limo we shook hands, and I thanked him for taking care of me. He refused to take any money from me, but I insisted that it was only right and fair, so he relented and accepted it. My Aunt Mattie and Uncle Dave welcomed me into their home. I was tired, drained and probably still in a state of disbelief. What a day...

September 11, 2001 started to finally come to an end. The next day I was able to connect and spend some time with Rebecca. I rented a car, and on Thursday drove out of NYC and headed north to return home. I called Malik and thanked him again. I learned a lot on September 11th and also relearned some important things. Family and friends really matter. In times of crisis, total strangers can open up their hearts to each other. I realized again just how important it is to be a father and a husband, a brother and a son, a nephew and a friend. I also learned what a blessing it is to be an American, and I might add, a native New Yorker.

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CCE Master Gardeners Invite Public to Share Joy of Growing



Previous Evening in the Garden events.

Article Contributed by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardener Program is excited to announce the final Evening in the Garden series will take place on Wednesday, Sept 18, 2024, at 6:00pm with a focus on "all things trees" and "garden tool care".

All Things Trees with Dan Stone (Jamestown Parks Department): Trees are a valuable resource, providing shelter, shade, and food to local pollinators, but they require care to keep them healthy. Join Dan Stone from Jamestown Park Department as he shares techniques for pruning, mulching, protecting your tree from pests and disease, and even some favorite common and not so common recommendations for your home.

Tool Care with Master Gardener Steve Rees. Proper garden tool maintenance is a must to keep your tools viable for years to come and to prevent the spread of plant disease. Steve will share some tips and tricks to keep your garden running



Community College, Curtis Street (near the tennis courts). Evenings are enhanced by Master Gardeners and professionals speaking on a variety of topics that coincide with the Western New York growing season.

Guests are invited to bring their questions—and their curiosity—on the topics of discussion as well as any garden-related subject. Members of the Master Gardener Demo Garden Committee will be on hand to guide the discussions and offer resources and solutions to growing challenges, from flowers and vegetables, shrubs, and trees, to pest control and soil problems.

Evenings in the Garden are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Guests are asked to bring their own chairs, as there is no seating available in the gardens. Suggestions for future presentations and discussions are always welcome.

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Evenings in the Garden are held the third Wednesday of every month from June to September, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the College Community Gardens located at Jamestown





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without adequate support from the federal government. We have seen water and road issues in many of our towns in Chautauqua County.

Kamala Harris, as part of the Biden administration, has already been involved in passing an historic infrastructure bill in 2021, which dedicated billions of dollars to improving roads, bridges, and broadband access in rural areas. However, Harris recognizes that this is only the beginning. If elected president, she has pledged to continue these efforts, ensuring that rural America is not left behind in future infrastructure projects.

Broadband internet, in particular, is essential for rural economic development and education. Without reliable high-speed internet, rural businesses struggle to compete in the global market, and students are at a disadvantage in remote learning environments. Harris has made it clear that expanding broadband access in rural areas will remain a top priority in her administration, helping to bridge the digital divide that has long disadvantaged rural communities.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of many rural communities, and farmers have faced increasing challenges over the years, from climate change to market volatility to the consolidation of large agribusinesses. Kamala Harris understands the unique struggles that farmers face and has advocated for policies that support small and familyowned farms.

Harris has been a strong proponent of ensuring that rural farmers can access new markets, particularly through investments in local food systems and cooperatives. She recognizes the need for farmers to have greater leverage in negotiating prices, and her platform includes measures to increase funding for local food programs, which help connect rural producers with urban consumers.

In addition, Harris has been an advocate for rural financial security, supporting efforts to strengthen crop insurance and expand federal disaster relief programs. Rural communities are often disproportionately impacted by natural disasters. Just this year areas farmers received assistance after tornadoes and floods damaged the area. Harris's policies aim to ensure that farmers and rural residents have the resources they need to recover and rebuild when catastrophe strikes. Climate change is an issue that disproportionately affects rural areas, particularly agricultural communities that rely on stable weather patterns for their livelihoods. Harris has made tackling climate change a cornerstone of her platform, but she has also made it clear that rural America will play a key role in the transition to a green economy.

Harris's climate plan includes significant investments in renewable energy, with a focus on creating jobs in rural communities. Solar, wind, and bioenergy industries have the potential

to provide new economic opportunities for rural areas, and Harris has advocated for federal support to help rural communities transition to these industries. Her platform also emphasizes the importance of investing in energyefficient farming practices, which can help reduce costs for farmers while also reducing their carbon footprint.

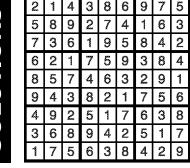
By supporting renewable energy initiatives, Harris aims to bring new industries to rural areas, creating goodpaying jobs that help diversify rural economies. The renewable energy sector is one of the fastest-growing in the country, and Harris believes that rural America should be at the forefront of this growth. Her policies seek to ensure that rural communities benefit from the transition to clean energy, not just urban centers.

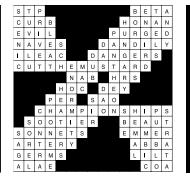
Rural poverty remains a significant issue, with many rural areas experiencing higher rates of poverty than their urban counterparts. Chautauqua County has one of the highest poverty rates in the state. Harris has long been a champion for economic justice, and her platform includes targeted measures to address the unique challenges faced by rural Americans.

Harris supports expanding access to affordable housing, increasing funding for public schools, and providing incentives for businesses to invest in rural communities.

Harris has advocated for expanding access to affordable childcare in rural communities, which is often in short supply. By increasing funding for early childhood education programs and providing financial assistance to working families, Harris aims to alleviate some of the economic pressures faced by rural parents, helping them balance work and family responsibilities.







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This Week round Town

Tuesday, September 10

Trivia Night | 7 PM 4 Below | Jamestown 716-720-4099

Wednesday, September 11

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony 3 PM

County Courthouse | Mayville For Info: gouldj@chqgov.com

Conversation with Local Author, Bill Burk - 6 PM St. Luke's Undercroft | Jamestown For Info: www.facebook.com/ NewNeighborsCoalition

Wednesday, September 11 to Saturday, September 14

Plein Air Festival 10 AM - 4 PM Roger Tory Peterson Institute Jamestown For Info: 716-665-2473

Thursday, September 12

Women In Networking: Featuring Author Andrea Liebross | 12 PM

Small Business Development Center at JCC | Jamestown For Info: 716-338-1024

Friday, September 13 to Sunday, September 15

The Festival of Grapes 11 AM - 5 PM Village Park, Silver Creek For Info: 716-679-8707

Fall Fest Guppy's | Bemus Point For Info: 716-386-4422

Bemus Point Fall Fest

Friday, September 13

Movies at The Reg: Twisters 7 PM Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Jamestown

For Info: 716-484-7070

Glow in The Dark Golf

Tournament | **7 PM** The Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House For Info: 716-386-2893

Saturday, September 14

Bike Ride: Tour of Chautauqua Eason Hall | Westfield For Info: 716-753-6842

Sherman Music Festival 2 PM

Main St. | Sherman For Info: shermanny.org

International Observe The Moon Night - 7pm Martz Observatory | Frewsburg For Info:716-569-3689

The Doo Wop Project 7:30 PM

King Concert Hall | Fredonia For Info: 716-673-3501

Little Explorers: Seeds 10 AM - 11:30 AM

Audubon Community Nature Center Jamestown For Info: AudubonCNC.org

Sunday, September 15

An Afternoon of Gershwin 4 PM

Unitarian Church | Jamestown For Info: UUJamestown.org/Gershwin

Ruby Penhollow Cancer Benefit 12 PM - 3 PM Celeron Legion | Celeron For Info: 716-467-1846

The Harris Walz team offers a comprehensive vision for the future that includes rural America at its core. From expanding healthcare access to supporting farmers, tackling climate change, and investing in infrastructure, demonstrated her Harris has commitment to addressing the unique challenges faced by rural communities. For rural voters, supporting Kamala Harris in 2024 means backing a candidate who understands the vital role that rural America plays in the nation's prosperity and who will work to ensure that rural voices are heard and valued at the highest levels of government.

10 AM - 5 PM

Bemus Point For Info: visitbemuspoint.com





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