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Summer Starts Now

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The Memorial Day weekend was the unofficial start of the summer in Chautauqua County, and a great time to take a look at what lies ahead for the season. As we spent time reflecting on those who have served our Country to protect our freedoms, and as we enjoyed the first barbecues of summer, we also took time to put some key items on the calendar for the summer season.

The First Friday series kicked off in Westfield June 7 as the opening event for the weekend long Lincoln Festival. First Friday is a street fair along Main Street, organized by the Westfield-Barcelona Community Chamber of Commerce. It features live music and numerous vendors, games, and more. Additional First Friday evenings will be held from 5-8pm in Westfield on July 12 (the second Friday), August 2, and September 6. We hope you'll participate!

The LECOM Health Challenge will be held again this year on the fabulous Upper Course at Peek'n Peak in Findley Lake. This Web.com sanctioned event is a prelude to the PGA tour ticket for many golfers, and is an amazing opportunity for local golf enthusiasts to see some high level play on a beautiful and challenging golf course. This year's LECOM Health Challenge is July 4-7.

The Wild America Nature Festival is Saturday and Sunday, July 27-28 at Panama Rocks in Panama. This event is coordinated annually by Panama Rocks and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute and features nature-inspired art and crafts, wild animal demonstrations, locally grown foods, and lots more for the whole family.

The annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival is set for August 7-11 in downtown Jamestown with more than 50 events and 30 artists. This huge festival attracts thousands of visitors to the community including some of the largest names in comedy today.

In Dunkirk the 2nd Annual Great Lakes Offshore Grand Prix will be held August 16-18. Professional powerboat racers compete in this world class event that is open to spectators along the beautiful Dunkirk harbor and beachfront viewing areas.

The Chautauqua Gran Fondo will be held Saturday, August 24. Starting in Mayville, this cycling event features a 20 mile social ride, a 40 mile fitness ride, or a 60 mile challenge ride. Designed for bicyclers at a variety of skill levels, the Gran Fondo features rest stops at notable historic destinations around Chautauqua Lake.

The 2019 season at Chautauqua Institution runs June 22-August 25 with a tremendous variety of cultural, educational, and religious programming throughout the summer. The Lily Dale summer season also offers a variety of programming from June 21-August 24.

There is much more, but these highlights demonstrate the wealth of opportunities available to local residents in Chautauqua County each year. These events are open to residents as well as summer visitors, as are our beautiful natural resources including waterways, hiking trails, picnic areas, and other local attractions. We hope you will attend some or all this summer.



Calendar of Chamber and Chamber Member Events

6/11 - 5:30pm, Bark N' Brew, Southern Tier Brewing Company for the [Chautauqua County Humane Society](#)

6/12 - 6 & 7:30pm, [CLN Mini-Golf Tournament](#), Webb's Miniature Golf

6/14-16 - Bach & Beyond Music Festival, [1891 Fredonia Opera House](#)

6/15 & 22 - National Bird Banding at Audubon Community Nature Center

6/18 - 5pm, [WRFA Great American Picnic](#), Southern Tier Brewing Company

6/19 - 5:30pm, Information sessions for [JCC's Career Advantage Program](#)

6/20 - 5-7pm, [Business After Hours Cruise Aboard the Chautauqua Belle](#), departing from McCrea Point, Jamestown

6/22 - 11am - Dragon Fairy Fest, [Audubon Community Nature Center](#)

7/3 - [Music in the Park](#) sponsored by the Hanover Community Chamber of Commerce

7/4-7 - [LECOM Health Challenge](#) PGA Qualifier at Peek'n Peak

711 - [Business After Hours Preview at the Fairgrounds](#)

Mornings On Main Offer Opportunities to Meet with Businesses

Chamber staff and volunteers have been spending mornings throughout May and June walking in local communities to meet with business people. Some are Chamber members and some are not. These Mornings on Main events provide a chance for the Chamber to connect one on one with a variety of business people to hear their concerns, discuss their issues, and get to know our business community better.



Mornings on Main has been

conducted each spring for the past four years. If we missed your business and you would like us to stop in, please give us a call at (716) 366-6200 or (716) 484-1101.

Photo Caption: The Chamber team gets ready to hit the streets in Dunkirk for Mornings on Main

Chamber County Executive Breakfast was Held June 7

With topics ranging from workforce development to lake maintenance, County Executive George Borrello spent more



than an hour on Friday, June 7 answering questions posed by the Chamber of Commerce and our member businesses. Each year the Chamber hosts a series of legislative events designed to provide an opportunity for elected officials to interact with members of the business community. The County Executive Breakfast was held at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville and was sponsored by: Chautauqua Institution, DFT Communications, Jamestown Mattress Company, Lawley Benefits Group, the Law Offices of Sheila Starkey Hahn, Media One Radio Group, Nestle Purina PetCare, OBSERVER, Phillips Lytle LLP, The Post-Journal, Serta Mattress Company, Southern Tier Environments for Living, and UPMC Chautauqua.

HR Compliance Tools for Chamber/MAST Members

Since its inception just a few weeks ago, the Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Association have signed more than 180 businesses on to our newest offering: a human resources compliance toolkit that meets the requirements of the New York State Workplace Sexual Harassment Law. This new online platform provides a round-the-clock human resources package featuring compliance recommendations, tools and video solutions for real world employee situations. Access to the online compliance system is a quick and easy way for businesses to meet the state requirements. Many businesses may not realize that the New York State Sexual Harassment Law applies to them, but it is crucial that

all businesses comply under the state Department of Labor regulations. There is no additional cost beyond the annual membership investment to access the HR compliance tools and the sexual harassment compliance video. Our staff is happy to discuss this in more detail. For information visit the member benefits section of our website at www.chautauquachamber.org or call our offices at 366-6200 or 484-1101.

Education Coalition Becomes Partner of Lumina Foundation Community Network

Lumina Foundation has named the Chautauqua County Education Coalition one of the nearly 100 community partnerships nationwide to be part of the Lumina Community Network. This announcement solidifies a partnership and ongoing relationship with one of the nation's leading foundations committed to increasing the proportion of Americans with high-quality degrees, certificates and other credentials to 60 percent by 2025. Lumina's outcomes-based approach focuses on helping to design and build an equitable, accessible, responsive and accountable higher education system while fostering a national sense of urgency for action to achieve this goal.

Lumina Foundation is an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. Lumina envisions a system that is easy to navigate, delivers fair results, and meets the nation's need for talent through a broad range of credentials. The Foundation's goal is to prepare people for informed citizenship and for success in a global economy.

Justin Hanft, Chautauqua County Education Coalition [Executive Director](#), said, "While our regional economy and the education level of our residents are interdependent, the Chautauqua County Education Coalition is about preparing individuals for high-demand jobs, moving them through educational pathways leading to careers."

Hanft added, "It is rewarding to be a part of the Lumina Community Network, which will allow us to connect with other like-minded communities and organizations. It will enable us to help many more of our students and adults increase their level of education and job skills to support the demands of our region's manufacturing and healthcare employers, as well as other key economic sectors over the course of time."

Working across sectors with postsecondary and adult education partners provides the opportunity to cultivate new strategies to support students facing barriers that can derail their educational goals. The Coalition's board of directors representing community organizations and sectors, are working with partners to implement strategies consistent with the Lumina network membership.

Members of the Coalition's board of directors include President Bill Smock, Dunkirk City Schools; President Elect Amy Rohler, United Way of Southern Chautauqua County; Treasurer Ann Abdella representing Chautauqua County Health Network; Secretary Heather Brown, The Resource Center; Greg Certo, Truck-Lite; Dr. Daniel DeMarte, Jamestown Community College; Matt Ewalt, Chautauqua Institution; Katie Geise, Chautauqua Workforce Investment Board; Rob Keem, Athenex; Chris Lanski, Exelco; Susan Marker, Chautauqua Opportunities; Randy Myers, Cummins Inc.;

David O'Rourke, Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES; Tim Piazza, Manufacturers Association of the Southern Tier; and Todd Trantum, Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and MAST.

Hanft continued, "Our community needs more people who have high quality credentials beyond a high school diploma. Our local post-secondary institutions are the life blood for regional economic development and talent more than tax policy and infrastructure is what will enable a community to participate in tomorrow's economy. Through this partnership with Lumina we are working at the systems level to go beyond individual programs, making sure students within Chautauqua County's learning system, of all ages and races, can pursue an in-demand pathway to prosperity."

The partnership was announced May 1 during Lumina Foundation's 2019 Driving Change convening which was held in Detroit, Michigan.

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Photo Caption: From Left to Right - Dakota Pawlicki, Strategy Officer for Community Mobilization, Lumina



Foundation and Justin Hanft, Executive Director, Chautauqua County Education Coalition at the 2019 Driving Social Change: Local Solutions to the National Attainment Challenge held in Detroit Michigan. Over 400 community and institutional leaders attended this convening focused on improving postsecondary outcomes in their regions.

Take a Riverboat Cruise on the Chautauqua Belle

The Chamber will close its annual spring membership drive with a special Chadakoin River cruise on the Chautauqua Belle June 20. Departing from McCreas Point in Jamestown at 5pm, the two hour cruise will include hors d'oeuvres provided Elegant Edibles Catering and a cash bar. The cost is just \$18 for preregistered members or \$20 for walk-ins (if space is available.) All new and current Chamber members are welcome. This event is sponsored by Affinity One Federal Credit Union, AFLAC, Buffamonte Whipple Buttafaro, Elegant Edibles Catering, ERA Team VP Real Estate, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, The Post-Journal, and Univera Healthcare Southern Tier. You can register online or call the Chamber at (716) 366-6200 or (716) 484-1101 to reserve your space.

Business After Hours Preview at the Fairgrounds is July 11

The Dunkirk Community Chamber of Commerce and Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce jointly invite you to attend our popular annual networking preview at the County Fairgrounds. This Business After Hours event will be held from 5-6:30pm,

Thursday, July 11 at the Fairgrounds on Central Avenue, Dunkirk. Enjoy fair food, beer, and wine slushies all for the price of your admission at \$16 for Chamber members or \$19 each for prospective members. This Business After Hours event is sponsored by DFT Communications, KeyBank, Lawley Insurance, Media One Radio Group, Nestle Purina PetCare, Northwest Arena, OBSERVER, The Post-Journal, and Putnam Record Insurance Agency. Call now to make reservations at 366-6200 or 484-1101 or sign up online at www.chautauquachamber.org.

Take Advantage of the Early Bird Special for Chamber Golf Tournament

Register now and take advantage of early bird pricing for the 2019 Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament. It will be held Thursday, August 22 at Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, with a shotgun start at 11am. You can play where the pros play! The beautiful upper course at Peek'n Peak is home to the LECOM Health Challenge Web.com PGA event coming up July 1-7, and you can join fellow Chamber members to enjoy this beautiful and challenging course during the Chamber tournament. The 2019 Chamber Golf Tournament is sponsored by Allied Alarm Services, Bush Industries, Community Bank, DFT Communication, Insurance Management Company, Lake Shore Savings Bank, Lawley Insurance, Jamestown Mattress Company, Koester Associates, National Fuel Gas, National Grid, Nestle Purina PetCare, OBSERVER, The Post-Journal, and Shults Auto Group. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Tom Baressi Scholarship Fund through the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. Sign up by July 12 to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration price and save \$20 per player! For more information or to register, call the Chamber at 366-6200 or 484-1101 or register online at www.chautauquachamber.org.

Mayville's Entertainment in the Park Series Scheduled

The Mayville/Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2019 Entertainment in the Park Summer Performance Series schedule:

July 10th – (the only Wednesday evening) – Chautauqua Theater Company performance of Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream at Lakeside Park, Mayville
July 18th – Dave Golando Big Band
July 25th – Tim Vitullo Band (Contemporary Americana Blues) – Rainbow the Clown
August 1st – Kokomo Time Band (Trop Rock and More) – Rainbow the Clown
August 8th – T J North (Classic Rock) – Rainbow the Clown
August 15th – Randy Graham & Jamie Henderson (various genres) – Rainbow the Clown
August 22nd – Rustic Ramblers (Country)
August 23rd – Come Back Patsy Cline Tribute performed by Pat Cook

The performances are provided free of charge through the generous sponsorships by the Town of Chautauqua and Village of Mayville. The musical performances, beginning July 18th, will take place Thursday evenings at a new location this year. Thanks to the generosity of the Chautauqua Lake Pops, this long-held annual summer performance series will be held at the floating stage

behind the Mayville Depot (Chautauqua Township Historical Museum), along Route 394 across from the Lakeview Hotel, Mayville NY, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the performances will be held in the Carlson Community Center at Lakeside Park, a short distance from the Mayville Depot, also located on Route 394. Those attending should bring their own seating for the outside performances. A 50/50 drawing will be held at the musical performances this summer benefiting the Chamber and its work in the community, with the winner receiving half the proceeds at the end of the concert. The Maple Springs Fire Department will again sell BBQ dinners at these performances, as well as the Mayville Fire Department providing popcorn and water on a donation basis, to benefit their respective fire departments.

For more information on this long-held entertainment series, call the Mayville/Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce at (716) 753-3113 or go to our web site at www.mayvillechautauquacommunitychamber.org. Plan on coming to Mayville NY this summer to enjoy these great and diverse performances along the shores of beautiful Chautauqua Lake.

Lincoln Festival in Westfield

By Sue Crawford Poster, Westfield Barcelona Chamber of Commerce Coordinator

Lincoln Festival was launched this weekend in the village of Westfield. Plans are in the works to make this an annual offering. Some of the events of the weekend are already in place such as the 9th New York Cavalry Reenactment in Moore park, the Chautauqua Historical Society Gala, First Friday and the ever popular Westfield Farmer's and Artisan's Market.

The weekend festivities began with the First Friday of the year for the summer and the reveal of the Westfield Wine Bottles 2019. Last year Westfield and Barcelona had decorated fish, this year the wine industry is celebrated with decorated wine bottles in Westfield/Barcelona and Ripley. One hundred wooden bottle cut outs were sold and most are out to be viewed and you can vote for your favorite! Ballots are available at Peaceful Designs Pottery and More, Bristol Burgess Insurance, Richie Betts Insurance and in Ripley at The Ripley Hamilton Mansion, Sparkling Pond Winery and soon at Cooney's Island Ice Cream. Be sure to vote for your favorite.

First Fridays in Westfield have long been a favorite event for visitors and residents. The weather man favored us with a perfect weekend. There were visitors from Pennsylvania, Cambridge, Buffalo, Jamestown, Michigan and Ohio. Among those from Michigan were the much loved Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln, portrayed by Ron and Tina Carley. Abe and Mary took the town by storm and delighted all they met.

On Saturday Abe and Mary joined in the fun at Farmers Market. Everyone was entertained by the Civil War choir led by Libby Cardy Sciarrino singing Abe's favorites – "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Dixie" among other period tunes. Libby was joined by Judi Waite Washington, Diane Young Scarpine, Virginia Carr, Rick Mathews and Rick Mascaro. Their version of "Goober

Peas" delighted everyone. Abe was seen leading the troops to raise the flag in Moore Park, lighting the cannon and he gave a speech in front of the McClurg Mansion prior to the Gala. Abe also judged the beard contest at Patterson Library, local celebrity Kent Knappenbeger took home the honors.

One of the highlights was when Abe met Grace Bedell in the park. Grace was portrayed by Jema Matteson, of Westfield. Abe was quite smitten by Grace's charm and innocence, he even kissed her cheek when she said she approved of his whiskers. After their meeting they took a carriage ride together back to the park. The carriage rides were sponsored by Johnson Estate Winery.



The Gala at the McClurg Mansion has been enjoyed by many for years this being no exception. The musical duo of Russell and Hamels was joined for a moment by Abe on guitar, providing a great photo op. The food, displayed beautifully in the dining room of the mansion, was

superb. Beverages including punch, beer and local wines were served in the study and enjoyed by all. The newly restored mansion is the perfect spot for a gala. During the gala Beth Tarpley presented a check to the Historical Society with Abe and Mary and George Borello on hand.

Saturday there was a luncheon at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Lincolns were able to see the baptismal font that was used to baptize his Secretary of State, William Seward, in 1837. After lunch there was a presentation of civil war history and letters from local soldiers were read. After the Gala a movie about Lincoln was



presented at Lake Shore Center for the Arts. There was also a Lincoln display in the Bill Ross music room which included a wonderful bronze of Lincoln on loan from Dottie Maitland. On Sunday the Lincolns attended the civil war church service

at St. Peter's Episcopal Church where they were received as honored guests. The choir from Saturday again provided music for the service. The service was followed by a lovely brunch in Bailey Hall served and prepared by the ladies of the church. The Lincoln weekend this year was sponsored by The Ripley Hamilton Mansion, there are many sponsor opportunities available throughout the year, contact Westfield Barcelona Chamber of Commerce for details. If you missed this be sure to make plans to be in Westfield at this time next year.

The Chautauqua Center Opens New State-of-the-Art Site June 17 in Jamestown

On June 17, 2019, The Chautauqua Center (TCC) will open its doors to primary care, behavioral health and substance abuse patients at its new site, located at 107 Institute Street in Jamestown. The new building is near the intersection of Harrison and Institute Streets in downtown Jamestown. TCC dental services will remain at its other location, 110 East 4th Street (first floor) until early fall when the final phase of construction is complete. This summer, TCC officials will announce details for a community open house and grand opening celebration that will take place this fall.

The new 77,000 square foot facility has 42 medical rooms, 12 dental rooms, 13 behavioral health rooms, and a pharmacy. In addition, other ancillary services include women's health, family planning, care coordination, group counseling, medical translation services, and nutrition education through Eat Smart Western New York. TCC is open for all patients regardless of their insured status, race, sex, language or age. It offers sliding fee discounts to low income individuals and families. Additionally, staff assists



individuals to identify and enroll in available insurance plan options through the NYS Plan of Health Marketplace, including Medicaid and Child Health Plus.

TCC is a designated Federally Qualified

Health Center and has been recognized as a leader in the provision of health care services in both Dunkirk and Jamestown. In 2017, The Chautauqua Center proudly achieved the designation of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), reflecting its excellent track record of providing advanced primary care by taking the extra step for patients and those in the community. As a PCMH, the Center serves as a *one stop shop* that offers a large variety of services under one roof. This allows for improved communication among providers, streamlined services and greater access to care. TCC has a Board of Directors comprised of community members and patients that support its mission to deliver comprehensive, high quality patient-centered health and support services in the Chautauqua region. The Center's service principles are *access, treatment, education, and prevention* delivered by friendly and professional clinic and administrative teams.

Since opening its first site in Dunkirk in 2013, TCC has grown and adapted to meet the needs of Chautauqua County's population. At the end of 2018, the Center had served more than 9,000 patients at four sites with a team of 130 employees countywide.

TCC is always accepting new patients and offers same-day appointments. The Center is open Monday-Thursday 8am- 7pm and Friday 8am- 5pm. For more information, visit www.thechautauquacenter.org. To schedule an appointment for you and your family, call (716) 484-4334 to speak with a bilingual patient registration specialist.

Photo Caption: Architectural rendering of the new building at 107 Institute Street in Jamestown

Jamestown Public Market Open for the Season

The Jamestown Public Market returns to Cherry Street this summer for the 2019 season. Continuing on Saturdays in downtown Jamestown, the Public Market will be open from 10am to 2 pm. Building off the fantastic community support during the 2018 season, the market is partnering with title sponsors UPMC Chautauqua to host a variety of fun events, programs and activities.

Public Market Manager Linnea Carlson is excited to debut some fresh ideas to the market, while continuing successful programs. "Last year was a real reinvention of the market; we launched a few new programs that were met with great community support, including the SPROUTs Club and our Community Compost Project. Both will continue this year."

Located along the Pearl City Arts building, the market will continue to highlight local farms and vendors, while putting the spotlight on wellness and retail related businesses.

"We understand we are competing with larger grocery chains and the convenience of home delivery services. But we want our community to know we have everything you need when it comes to your weekly food shopping, picking up a gift for a loved one, and spending time with your neighbors. We will be debuting a weekly newsletter that will also be available via email, as well as expand our cooking demonstrations. It can be so easy to shop, cook and enjoy local, and we want to give you all the tools to do that" Carlson says.

The Jamestown Public Market will feature free live entertainment from local musicians and community groups, along with outdoor seating and prepared food offerings. The market has once again partnered with various community organizations to highlight local programs, including the Chautauqua Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council and The Resource Center.



In addition to community spotlights, the 2019 market will continue the Jamestown Public Market 'SPROUTS' Club, free weekly children's activities and educational opportunities. All children who participate in market activities will receive a \$2 voucher that can be spent on fresh fruits and vegetables. Activities this year include craft creation using food products, an introduction to food waste prevention, and a visit from the Buffalo Zoo Mobile. "We are really excited for the Children's Market, set for August 24, which has become one of our biggest events. We will have our annual Kids 1K, children vendors and a visit from some exotic animals."

UPMC Chautauqua is proud to return as the presenting sponsor for

the 2019 season. “The Jamestown Public Market has a long history of providing community access to locally grown food growers and producers. The Market helps our local economy and supports healthy and nutritious foods for our local communities. As the leading healthcare provider in the region, UPMC Chautauqua is proud to support this longstanding program that encourages great tasting and healthy locally grown foods” says UPMC Chautauqua Interim President Brian Durniok.

Opening day events included live music by Juli Bessey, a noon cooking demo, and free face painting with Eventz by Scott. Events and programming scheduled for the 2019 season has been based on community feedback and an effort to expand market offerings. Featured vendors include Abers Acres, Hidden Valley Produce, Post Apples CSA, The Sweetest Thing, Green Heron Growers, Sunshine Honey, Elizabeth Gifford Macramé Gifts, The Biodome Project, Love Your Weeds, Into the Forest Bath and Beauty Products, and Merritt Winery. The market offers organic produce, locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meat products, artisan goods, homemade baked goods, local honey, handmade soap products and much more.

The Jamestown Public Market continues to accept EBT, credit and debit and will once again participate in the Double Up Food Bucks program. More information on nutrition benefits can be found at the Market information tent. For those interested in vending, contact Carlson at 716-489-3497 or email linnea@jamestownrenaissance.org. For additional information on all market events visit jamestownrenaissance.org or the Jamestown Public Market Facebook page.

Photo Caption: 2018 Market Shoppers at the Biodome Project Vendor Tent

LECOM Health Challenge to Feature Family-Friendly “Party at the Peak” Theme with Free Tournament Admission Over July 4th Weekend

Live music, bonfire, food and drink specials, and other exciting offerings and activities will mark professional golf’s return to the region

Organizers of the LECOM Health Challenge, a Web.com Tour event returning to Peek’n Peak Resort on July 4-7, 2019, announced this year’s tournament theme: “Party at the Peak,” an all-ages, family-friendly mix of world-class golf, complimentary tournament admission, and various fun-filled offerings to celebrate professional golf’s return to the region.

For the fourth year, the LECOM Health Challenge will attract a field of rising golf stars to Chautauqua County, and offer a series of family-friendly activities over the four-day tournament and holiday weekend. The event annually draws crowds from around the region to enjoy professional tournament play and experience the sights and sounds of Chautauqua County.

“Each year we strive to keep the LECOM Health Challenge fresh and exciting. We have really raised the bar in 2019 by eliminating the cost of admission and by creating more family-friendly

activities,” said Mark Geise, Tournament Executive Director and CEO of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Committee. “We hope to draw even bigger crowds to the region to showcase this incredible event and to celebrate all that Chautauqua County has to offer with our ‘Party at the Peak’ offerings.”

In addition to free access to the on-course action, the “Party at the Peak” will provide opportunities to make memories off of the course with fireworks, live music, bonfires, and food and drink specials:

Friday, July 5:

- Free Caddyshack Party and firework display, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Gazebo Grill

○ Includes live music, golf-themed games, a crazy golf costume contest, and selfies with the “Gopher”

Bistro 210 Band live, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Bistro 210

Saturday, July 6:

- Bonfire 'n Brews Concert Series featuring The Groove, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Gazebo Grill

○ Includes free lawn games, food and drink specials, an outdoor grill, and s’mores station

Bistro 210 Band live, 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at Bistro 210

For those looking to get inside the ropes, there are a variety of volunteer positions still available at a new rate for 2019. Previously \$45, registration for new volunteers is now just \$20 or free for all past volunteers and youth volunteers. Registration includes a LECOM Health Challenge golf polo, hat or visor, parking, and food vouchers for use during shifts. Additionally, volunteers who work three or more shifts also receive either one complimentary round of golf at Peek’n Peak Resort, or one complimentary admission pass to Splash Lagoon Indoor Water Park.

Returning fan-favorite activities include The First Tee of Western New York Junior Golf Clinic, Pro-Am and Junior Pro-Am, and a salute to U.S. Military Veterans.

For additional details about the tournament week schedule or to register as a volunteer, visit www.LECOMHealthChallenge.com/.

The LECOM Health Challenge is a Web.com Tour event hosted at Peek’n Peak’s “Upper Course” on July 4-7, 2019. A week-long schedule of events will include a Pro-Am, followed by four official rounds of tournament competition. With LECOM serving as title sponsor and the CREDC acting as the host organization, proceeds from the tournament will benefit the LECOM Student Scholarship Fund, as well as other local charities. For more information, visit www.LECOMHealthChallenge.com.

Grape Discovery Center Hosts Wine with Us Wednesdays and Berries & Cherries Event

The Grape Discovery Center, 8305 West Main Road, Westfield, proudly hosts Wine with Us Wednesdays from 5-8pm each Wednesday. The evening features \$4 wine and light snacks available for purchase. Sample local wines and learn about the important grape industry in Chautauqua County.

The Grape Discovery Center will also host Sip and Sample: Berries & Cherries on Saturday, June 22 from 1-4pm. Enjoy berry and cherry flavors from Sparkling Ponds Winery, Willow creek Winery, Woodbury Vineyards, and Jacks Barcelona Drive-in. There will be live music. The cost is \$10.

An Evening with Bob Woodward to Benefit the Robert H. Jackson Center

The Robert H. Jackson Center, a non-profit dedicated to promoting liberty under law through the examination of the life and work of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson and its relevance to current events and issues, will welcome renowned journalist Bob Woodward to discuss: "Have We Forgotten the Lessons of Watergate?" on Sunday, August 11, 2019. Woodward will speak at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts at 5:00 pm. The event was made

possible by the Fund for Downtown Programming, part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Fund, as well as the Alan Y. Cole Endowment Fund.

Bob Woodward is an associate editor of The Washington Post, where he has worked since 1971. He has

shared in two Pulitzer Prizes, first in 1973 for the coverage of the Watergate scandal with Carl Bernstein, and second in 2003 as the lead reporter for coverage of the 9/11

terrorist attacks. He has authored 19 books; the latest, "Fear: Trump in the White House" became an international bestseller, selling over 1.1 million copies in its first week in September 2018 and breaking the 94-year-old first week sales record for its publisher Simon & Schuster.

The Jackson Center is extremely pleased to welcome Woodward to Jamestown, NY. The Center traditionally invites notable speakers to address current issues that relate to the importance of the rule of law and how it reflects Robert H. Jackson's influence as U.S. Solicitor General, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Supreme Court Justice and as Chief U.S. prosecutor at Nuremberg. Woodward is world renowned for his extraordinary skills as a journalist who represents the importance of the press as a guardian of civil liberties and the 'fourth estate' of our government. "This program is a great example of how the Jackson Center is facilitating conversations whose roots lie in Justice Jackson's legacy," said Kristan McMahan, President of the Robert H. Jackson Center. "This timely topic, not to mention Woodward's significant body of work and reputation for excellence, will draw people to Jamestown."

Woodward will reveal the inner workings of Washington and its leaders to enthral audiences with compelling stories that are intriguing, sometimes startling, but always thought provoking. Woodward's concise writing reflects a similar speaking style --- razor sharp and able to seamlessly navigate the halls of power to reveal what's really happening in our nation's capital. Former CIA Director and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has said, "He has

an extraordinary ability to get otherwise responsible adults to spill [their] guts to him...his ability to get people to talk about stuff they shouldn't be talking about is just extraordinary and may be unique."

No one digs deeper or has provided a more detailed or penetrating portrait of all the presidents Woodward has written about for the Post or in books. Bob Schieffer of CBS News has said, "Woodward has established himself as the best reporter of our time. He may be the best reporter of all time."

In listing the all-time 100 best non-fiction books, Time Magazine has called "All the President's Men," by Woodward and Bernstein, "Perhaps the most influential piece of journalism in history."

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Reg Lenna box office at (716) 664-2465, visiting the box office located at 116 E. 3rd Street, Jamestown, NY 14701 or online at www.reglenna.com. Patrons who would like to tour the attractions located in Jamestown after this event, are encouraged to book dinner and hotel reservations early. Some area attractions include: the Robert H. Jackson Center, the National Comedy Center, the Fenton History Center, the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. See the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau website www.tourchautauqua.com for a more complete list.

The Fund for Downtown Programming (FDP) is one of ten projects funded by the DRI and was awarded \$600,000 by New York State to be administered through Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the state's Housing Trust Fund Corporation (HTFC) and facilitated by the Jamestown Local Development Corporation. The FDP supports programming that attracts a range of audiences to Jamestown's downtown and Riverwalk throughout the year and encourages an influx of patrons to downtown businesses. Because of Woodward's stellar reputation as a fair and non-partisan journalist, his appeal assures that this event will catalyze economic impact by increasing visitors to Jamestown's downtown and bringing new patrons to its downtown restaurants, hotels and attractions.

The Robert H. Jackson Center is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that envisions a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness and justice prevail. The Center invites and engages scholars, educators, national officials and international dignitaries to analyze contemporary issues of peace and justice through the relevance of Justice Jackson's body of work. To learn more, please visit www.roberthjackson.org or call 716-483-6646. ###

New Groups Announced at MHA Recovery Luncheon, Give Big CHQ Coming

Announcements of news groups has become a regular part of the monthly Recovery Luncheons at the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA). These luncheons salute the progress that participants make on their road to recovery. At the May event Executive Director Steven Cobb recognized 24 people for their recovery milestones.

Peer Specialist and OPEN Team Leader Sheridan Smith talked about the groups that started in April: Southern Tier Queer Peers that meets on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and Alternatives to Suicide on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Program Director Mike Nordin announced Mom Tribe, a new group on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., where new and expectant mothers can learn “what to know as the baby grows.” Michelle Colaiacovo of UPMC Chautauqua and Karen Weis from the Jamestown Community College Occupational Therapy Assistant program are the main facilitators.

A delicious meal was prepared and served by members of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church: Marge Fiore, Fr. Luke Fodor, Linda McCallum, Deacon Cathy Smith, and Matt Smith.

Folks at the Mental Health Association are excited to be part of Give Big CHQ on Thursday, June 13. Along with other local non-profits, during this 24-hour online fundraising event the MHA will be eligible for cash prize incentives sponsored throughout the day by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

As described on Give Big CHQ’s website, MHA is peer coaches in recovery helping other members of our community to strengthen their own recovery. At the MHA recovery looks like wellness, renewed family relationships, being a parent, exploring new careers, recommitting to growth in the career you’re in, and being a part of a vibrant recovery community and the greater Chautauqua community as well. Learn more and how you can help at givebigchq.org.

Anyone with questions or in need of services for themselves or a family member is welcome to call or stop in at the MHA, Door 14 in the rear of the Gateway Center, 31 Water Street, Jamestown. Hours are Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To learn more about the MHA, call (716) 661-9044 or visit MHACHautauqua.org or facebook.com/MHACHautauqua. To learn more about MHA OPEN (Occupational Peer Empowerment Network) that is focused on workforce development, phone (716) 490-4438, email



OPEN@MHACHautauqua.org, or visit MHACHautauqua.org/OPEN.

Photo caption: This photograph of cheerful folks at the Mental Health Association in Chautauqua County (MHA) was included in the MHA’s recent newsletter and online for Give Big CHQ, the 24-

hour online fundraising event presented by the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation.

Dragons, Fairies, and Elves, Oh My! at Audubon, Saturday, June 22

Dragons, fairies, and elves are just a few of the magical creatures that live in Audubon Community Nature Center’s natural wonderland.



On Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., when you come to Audubon’s

first-ever Dragons, Fairies, and Elves, Oh My! festival, you can visit with some of these creatures, dress up in costume, search for dragon eggs, and enjoy a festive time.

Among the free activities are kids’ archery, a dragon egg hunt, story time with the Fairy Queen, and a costume booth. Other activities have a small fee, including purchasing fairy crowns and face painting. Tickets that are accepted instead of cash -- county fair ride style -- can be purchased at the reception desk or outdoor ticket booth. A wandering woods elf awards gifts for people who answer some forest trivia questions and a roving band of merry men entertain as they traverse the trails. Tread carefully on bridges and keep an eye out for trolls, who may challenge you if you wish to use their bridge.

Other vendors will be on hand with wares to sell including crowns, wizard staffs, wands, and more.

Food and drinks with a wonderland theme are also available for purchase. Come in your best costume if you’d like: be a fairy, elf, dragon, goblin or other magical woodland creature. Staff will hand out prizes to the best costumes, adults and children alike. Winners of the Fairy House Contest will be on display.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for Nature Center members, \$2 for children ages 3-15, and free for child members and ages 2 and under. Come early -- between 6 a.m. and noon -- and you can watch bird banding for free at the pavilion at the west entrance. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345 or visit AudubonCNC.org/DragonFairyFest.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours, visit AudubonCNC.org, or find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook.

Photo caption: Children and adults can dress up in their own costumes or find one at the costume booth to get in the spirit of

Dragons, Fairies, and Elves, Oh My!, Audubon Community Nature Center's newest festival, on Saturday, June 22. Then they can learn all about the magical creatures that live in Audubon's natural wonderland.

Multiple Opportunities to Observe National Bird Banding Program at Audubon Community Nature Center

This summer is the ninth year that Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) has participated in the continent-wide MAPS bird banding program.

Bird scientists will be working at ACNC on Saturdays, June 1, 15, and 22, July 6, 13 and 20, and August 3. While you are likely to see more the earlier you come when it is cooler, you can stop in any time between 6 a.m. and noon to learn how bird banding is



conducted and why. You can walk side-by-side with ornithologists to learn how they capture birds in mist nets, weigh, measure, and identify them, fit them with a uniquely numbered band, and then

set them free. If the weather is too harsh for the safety of the birds, the nets will not be open and an alternate date will be chosen.

Data gathered during these MAPS (Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) sessions help bird scientists understand more about bird species in our region and beyond. Since 1989, more than 1,200 MAPS stations spread across nearly every state and Canadian province have collected over two million bird capture records. For more information on the national MAPS program, visit birdpop.org/pages/maps.php. Come on your own or bring the kids with you to view this amazing process, and plan to take some pictures. Please, no dogs or other pets.

Emily Perlock, wildlife tech instructor at Penn State DuBois, oversees the research. Perlock has been banding birds since 2007, holds a Master Banding permit, and is a certified bander through the North American Banding Council.

While not necessary to enjoy the demonstrations, you may want to bring bird guides and binoculars if you have them, and remember to dress for the weather. Plan to listen closely to the scientists and follow their instructions carefully, as safety of the birds is the priority.

Come to the picnic pavilion on the west side of the Audubon property at 1600 Riverside Road, just east of Route 62 between Jamestown and Warren. Look for a "Bird Banding" sign at the

entrance closer to Route 62. Drive right in and park on the grass.

Bird banding is supported in part by the Northern Allegheny Conservation Association.

Audubon offers these demonstrations to the public free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The Nature Center building and Blue Heron Gift Shop hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and Sundays 1-4:30 p.m. More than five miles of trails and Bald Eagle viewing are open dawn to dusk daily. To learn more, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or visit auduboncnc.org.

Photo caption: You are invited to observe Audubon Community Nature Center's MAPS bird banding program on Saturday mornings, June 1, 15, and 22, July 6, 13 and 20, and August 3. Emily Perlock, wildlife tech instructor at Penn State DuBois, oversees this research. If your timing is right, you might see her with baby kestrels just about ready to fledge like she (right) and fellow ornithologist Nathan Weyandt are holding here.

Free Nature Play Day at Audubon, Saturday Morning, June 15

You can let the child(ren) in your life explore unstructured outdoor play in a safe environment while you learn how to continue the nature play experience at home. Children ages 2-8 and their favorite adult(s) can drop in the Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) Nature Play Area anytime between 10 a.m. and noon, Saturday, June 15, for Nature Play Day. With its open house format, you can stay as long as you'd like.

If you come early this month, you can observe bird banding at the pavilion by the west entrance. Weather permitting, ornithologists will be banding from 6 a.m. to noon.

The program is free thanks to support by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation Legacy Funds from the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. Adults are required to stay with their children. A naturalist is available for questions and information. ACNC staff will conduct a survey during the event to better understand nature play. Participation is voluntary but greatly appreciated.



Unstructured play outside is beneficial to a child's physical and mental development as well as their understanding and appreciation of the natural world. However, concerns about safety, location, materials and the value of play are often barriers in creating these experiences. This program aims to inspire both kids and adults to make discoveries and feel more comfortable about the natural world through play.

Be prepared to play outside. Wear clothes and footwear that can get wet and dirty. You may want to bring an extra change of clothes

or a towel for the car ride home. Adults may want to bring a chair, snacks and water or a drink.

Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling (716) 569-2345 or going online to AudubonCNC.org/programs and clicking on "Current Schedule." Walk-ins are welcome.

Photo caption: For kids, getting their hands dirty is part of the fun of playing outside. At Audubon Community Nature Center's Nature Play Day, Saturday morning, June 15, a naturalist can answer questions from the two- to eight-year-old children and their adults. Come early to observe bird banding 6 a.m. to noon at the pavilion by the west entrance.

Welcome Summer with a Solstice Bonfire at Audubon, Friday, June 21

You are invited to enjoy the longest day of the year with a Summer Solstice Bonfire at Audubon Community Nature Center. Celebrate the light and life in this part of the year with a bonfire, snacks, and a reflective hike on Friday, June 21, 7-9 p.m.

The Summer Solstice has long been celebrated in many cultures around the world. The longest day of the year symbolizes summer, but also the start of the turning away from the light as the days begin to shorten. Audubon will have a bonfire blazing at the Urban Pavilion on the west side of the property. A naturalist will lead a reflective hike through the evening trails.

Snacks and drinks will refresh and help spark conversation and laughter. Come and celebrate the season in a down-to-earth fashion before the whirlwind of the summer embraces you. As this program is outdoors, plan to walk a quarter mile to the bonfire site and dress for the weather.



The fee for attending is \$4 for adults, \$3 for Nature Center members and children ages 3-15, and free for ages 2 and under. Reservations are appreciated by calling (716) 569-2345 or going online to AudubonCNC.org/Programs and clicking through "Current

Schedule." Walk-ins are welcome.

Photo caption: You are invited to enjoy a bonfire, snacks, and a reflective hike at Audubon Community Nature Center's Summer Solstice Bonfire on Friday evening, June 21.

Time to Vote on Audubon Turtle's Name

Bring your loose change when you come to the lobby of Audubon Community Nature Center and you can "vote" on a name for the 12-foot concrete turtle that lives near the Nature Play Area. Last fall, the 1500 pound, larger-than-life turtle was created and

donated to Audubon by Mike Whitmire of Whitmire Block and Outdoor Living, Starbrick, Pa. In seeking help for a



name for the popular feature, staff selected six finalists from those submitted to Audubon's website and in person.

Through Sunday, June 30, Nature Center visitors can cast their vote for their favorite name by using their loose change. The intention is to encourage children to participate in the voting process as much as possible. Each coin will count as one vote. The turtle name will be revealed and the winner(s) announced on Thursday, July 4. The winner(s) will receive a personal Meet and Greet with some of Audubon's live turtles and a Nature Center Family Membership.

The following are the finalists, along with the explanations given for the nominations:

Audie: "It's a nickname for Audubon." (Debbie)

Hah-nu-nah: "This is the name of the Haudenosaunee turtle that holds up the world." (Kathleen)

Homer: "Levi, my 3 year old, wanted to name his baby brother Homer. We said no, so he thought maybe you'd use this name for the turtle!" (Erin)

Shelldon (yes, with two "l"s): "Because its my favorite singer and he has a shell and he looks like a boy." (Adam) And "It has a huge shell, and is a clever name for the giant!" (Antoinette)

Tank: "... if a turtle was a machine it would be a tank." (Wyatt) And "It's big, strong, indestructible shell is camouflage green, like a military tank." (Elaine)

Whitty: "I think it is a good name because Mr. Whitmire was creative and made him. And I think Whitty goes well as a first name for a giant concrete turtle." (Madysen)

Mazza/Five & 20 Announces Summer Events

Mazza Chautauqua Cellars and Five & 20 Spirits will hold Pint Nights, their version of thirsty Thursday, each Thursday from 5-8pm. These evenings feature draft specials with a good chance of informal live music as well as food and featured cocktail offerings by Bird!

Take advantage of the warmer weather out in our picturesque courtyard, which overlooks surrounding farmland (and spy Lake Erie in the distance.) Indoor seating is also available. Meet up with friends and family and relax with some locally brewed beer. Wine also available by the glass (or bottle).

Pint Nights will continue every Thursday 5-8 pm into the early Fall. No outside alcoholic beverages or food allowed. (Snacks for the kiddos are OK, of course!)

"Sunday Sesh" is a relaxed Sunday afternoon at the winery/distillery/brewery in Westfield featuring live, local music. Bring a chair or blanket, invite your family and friends, and sit back and enjoy the sounds while sipping Mazza Wines or craft beer from Five

& 20 Brewing. Check out new food and cocktail offerings from Bird. No outside food or alcoholic beverages permitted. (Snacks for the kiddos are OK!)

Patio Yoga with Deb Phillips is a good way to start your morning off right with a gentle, easy flow yoga class led by a local, certified yoga instructor. Pair your yoga with a cold glass of your favorite Five & 20 beer (or Mazza Wine) out in our picturesque courtyard. No experience required, just a willingness to explore. Please bring your own mat and props. Cost includes a free (post-class) tasting and a voucher good for one a draft beer (or glass of wine) – must be 21 or over. (Under 21 can participate in class only). Please preregister for event via Eventbrite link (in event page)

Breathe in the fresh air, stretch and strengthen your body gently and relax completely with this expertly guided and inspiring yoga experience on our outdoor patio with its beautiful view. The instructors from the local Studio at Panterra are well trained in many styles and all branches of yoga with over 40 years of combined experience. Cost includes a free (post-class) tasting and a voucher good for one a draft beer (or glass of wine) – must be 21 or over. (Under 21 can participate in class only). Please bring your own mat and props. Please preregister for event via Eventbrite link (in event page).

Enjoy Distiller for a Day from 10am-3pm on June 22. This event ticket includes an exclusive spirits sampling and sensory experiences, lunch by our friends at Bird, and an event t-shirt.

Evening in the Garden is June 19

By Peg Hite

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County Master Gardeners Program announce the June Evening in the Garden to be held June 19th at 6:00pm in the demonstration gardens at the Frank Bratt Ag Center in Jamestown, NY. If you have an interest in vegetable gardening you will enjoy presentations on companion gardening, weed control and cover crops for your vegetable garden. This has been such a wet, cold and unusual spring you will want to talk to Master Gardeners about problems or situations you have in your garden this spring. Soil pH testing will be available if you bring a small dry sample of your soil. Many Master Gardeners are also knowledgeable about flower gardening and will be able to talk to you about your perennial and annual flowers. If you are interested in growing plants to attract butterflies or bees, we can also discuss this. In case of rain, the presentations will be held indoors, so please attend whatever the weather.

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Photo Caption: Evening in the Garden

Chautauqua County 4-H Represented at Capital Days

Two delegates from Chautauqua County explored Albany May 19-21, 2019

By Kate Ewer, 4-H Community Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County

A delegation representing 4-H members in New York visited Albany May 19-21, 2019 for the 84th annual 4-H Capital Days event. Nearly 100 teen delegates and their chaperons attended representing 31 of the 62 counties in New York State. Rachael Harper and Amelia Sprague were selected to represent Chautauqua County.

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Photo Caption: Amelia Sprague and Rachael Harper represented Chautauqua County at the 84th Annual Capital Days trip. They are pictured here in the New York State Court of Appeals.

4-H STEM Presentations

Youth involved in 4-H STORY (Science, Technology, Opportunities for Rural Youth) will present their program outcomes Saturday by Molly Brown, 4-H Youth Development Educator

Cornell Cooperative Extension Chautauqua County's 4-H Program is excited to announce the new STEM program STORY (Science, Technology, Opportunities for Rural Youth), debuting its first presentation this Saturday in Jamestown. Sherman Central School 6th grade kids have been working very hard to learn, solve and come up with a presentation on Biosecurity. The children have been meeting on a weekly basis for the last 2 months to work on and help solve the spread of disease carrying mosquitoes. The STORY program is a regional program funded by a grant from The Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation. We are excited to be hosting the presentation at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank W. Bratt Agricultural Center; 3542 Turner Rd.; Jamestown, NY 14701. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please call the CCE Chautauqua Office at 716-664-9502.



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Photo Caption: Sherman Students Learn about Mosquitos

4-H Beef Classic Show Held May 11

Annual Show Gives Area Youth the Opportunity to Show their Cattle

By Kate Ewer, 4-H Community Educator, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County.

Chautauqua County's 4-H Beef Project sponsored the 9th Annual Beef Classic Show on May 11, 2019 at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds in Dunkirk, NY. The Beef Classic Show provides youth an opportunity to show their prospect steer, breeding heifers, and

compete in showmanship which is a test of youth's skill in showing and knowledge of beef cattle.

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Photo Caption: Gianna Morino was awarded the Grand Champion Steer at the 9th Annual 4-H Beef Classic Show. Photo courtesy Little Creek Photography.



Photo Caption: The Grand Champion Heifer at the 9th Annual Beef Classic Show is SNRS MS Friendly 20F shown by Spencer Broughton. Photo courtesy of Little Creek Photography.

53rd Annual Conservation Field Days Held

Nearly 650 area fifth graders attended the longstanding event.

By Kate Ewer, 4-H Community Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's 4-H Youth Development Program held Conservation Field Days on May 22nd and 23rd at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center on Route 430 in Bemus Point.



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Chautauqua County Government, the NYS SUNY system, and the federal government through the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture. For more information, call 716-664-9502 or visit our website at www.cce.cornell.edu/chautauqua. Cornell University Cooperative Extension provides equal program and employment opportunities. Photo Caption: Tobias Widger from the NYSDEC Fish Hatchery in Randolph educates areas fifth graders at the 53rd Annual Conservation Field Days.

Building a Community Legacy Together

New program pairs youth and adults to share the secret to a happy life.

By Kate Ewer, 4-H Community Educator with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's 4-H Youth Development Program is excited to participate in the Building a Community Legacy Together, (BCLT) program, created at the Cornell Institute of Translational Research on Aging at Cornell University. The BCLT program compiles the wisdom of adults over the age of 65 so their advice for living can be passed down to future generations. The program creates an opportunity for high school-aged youth to interview older adults living in the community about their life lessons and to present what they've learned to their communities. Youth learn about older people and aging and create respect for the wisdom of age and combat ageism.

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Photo Caption: Jared Dorman interviewed Peg Hite as part of the Building a Community Legacy Program Together program through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County.

Father's Day at the Farm

During his lifetime, the founder of Johnson Winery, Frederick S. Johnson (1921-1998) travelled the globe as an agricultural consultant, but loved his farm in Western New York most of all. He would approve, we think, of the improvements we have made and the grapes we have planted over the last several years. He would be celebrating not only Father's Day, but the blossoming of the grapes, depicted on the right - which happens at the same time. And yes, those tiny white wispy strands are the grape blossoms! All are invited to spend Father's Day at Johnson Estate Winery with a "Guy" food, wine & spirits tasting June 15th or 16th. Join us for a Sunday Morning Vineyard Walk at 9:30am.



Connect with Your Pets in the Afterlife

On June 22, 2019 Deb Stanton will present a workshop called "Connecting with Your Pet in the Afterlife" at the Spirit Art Gallery in Cassadaga from 10am-4pm. The cost is \$50. Deb is a professional medium and international animal communicator who helps people communicate with their pets and loved ones in the spirit world.

Just as our friends and family communicate from the afterlife, pets often send their love back to the earth plane. Their love is pure and the memories they convey can help bring healing to the recipient. Feeling and sensing our pets on the other side is very rewarding. In this workshop, participants will learn how to bring their beloved animal souls forward from the Rainbow Bridge.

Through discussions and exercises, the spirits of your pets will make themselves known. Bring pictures of them to help with this process. Photos enable the beloved animal souls to work with you to cross the bridge from the afterlife. Feeling the love of your pet again makes this workshop a unique experience.

The Spirit Art Gallery is located on Route 60 in the heart of Cassadaga. It is open Wednesday through Sunday from 12-5pm. In addition to spirit art, the gallery also features aura photography and healing jewelry. For more information call (716) 595-2921 or (585) 314-9362 or visit www.spiritartgallery.net.

Watkins Glen International Employee Recognized with NASCAR Drive for Diversity Industry Ambassador Award

Watkins Glen International Senior Manager of Group and Corporate Sales, Jose Cervantes, was chosen as the recipient of the 2018 NASCAR Drive for Diversity Industry Ambassador Award, NASCAR announced.

The award is in recognition of outstanding personal contributions and efforts in the incorporation of multicultural initiatives within NASCAR and the motorsports industry.

"I feel extremely honored to be part of NASCAR's initiative to become a more diverse sport," Cervantes said. "We've been working with Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series driver, Daniel Suarez for the past three years to introduce the Hispanic market in Upstate New York to NASCAR and have had great success."

Cervantes continues to spearhead public and community relations initiatives with Suarez to grow awareness and interest in the sport throughout several Hispanic communities in Upstate New York including Buffalo and Rochester in 2017 and 2018, respectively. Both events featured proclamations for Daniel Suarez Day by Buffalo mayor Byron Brown and Rochester mayor Loveley Warren, meet-and-greets with Hispanic community leaders of the cities and visits to recreational and community centers.

"We are thrilled for Jose for receiving this incredible honor and his continued performance here at WGI," Watkins Glen International President Michael Printup said. "He continues to go above and beyond in building relationships in our Hispanic markets."

Cervantes joined The Glen in 2013 as a Sales and Marketing Intern before being hired on full-time as the Ticket Office Coordinator in 2014. He transitioned to the sales side of the company in 2018 and currently oversees group sales concentrating in deals to large corporations, motor coach groups and unions while also managing several corporate accounts as the Senior Manager of Group and Corporate Sales.



A native of Villa Emiliano Zapata, Jalisco, Mexico, he earned his bachelor's in Business Management with a concentration in Marketing as well as his Master's Degree in International Business from Keuka College.

Located within five (5) hours (~300 miles) of 25% of the US population, Watkins Glen International is the premier road racing facility in North America, three-times voted "Best NASCAR Track" by readers of USA Today. Keep up with The Glen on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For tickets, camping, and additional information, call 1-866-461-RACE or visit www.theglen.com.

Café with a Christian Mission Opens in Brocton

Breathe Life of WNY, Inc. and St. Stephen's Café, LLC held its grand opening on May 8 at 2 West Main Street in Brocton. A coffee shop and religious organization, the new business features hand crafted beverages in a quaint café setting.

The endeavor of the St. Stephen's Café is to live up to name of the 1st Martyr of the Christian faith and that is to see "Good Works" and community come out of the 13,000 square foot building.

Managing Directors Stewart and Tammy Thompson said, "We believe that our viable coffee product, exceptional hospitality and an environment of community contributes to the revitalization of a neighborhood. Breathe Life seeks to live life with people when life



becomes unmanageable. The intent is to walk with families and individuals offering resources, spiritual insights and mentoring/coaching by using the experience and skills of its own directors and working with county coalition partners in a myriad of situations. Love God – Love People is our greatest priority."

St. Stephen's Café is open 6am to 7pm Monday through Saturday.

Water Street Brass Acquired by Top Knobs

Water Street Brass and Top Knobs are pleased to announce the acquisition of Water Street Brass by Top Knobs.

Founded by brothers Matt and Chase Churchill in 2012 in Lakewood, New York, Water Street Brass provides high-end solid brass decorative hardware, as well as a beautiful collection of door hardware for discerning homeowners. Chautauqua County has a long history of brass hardware manufacturing and the Churchill family was in the brass furniture hardware business before Matt and Chase started Water Street Brass. Water Street Brass has been enthusiastically welcomed by the industry and is proud to carry on the tradition of American manufacturing.

Water Street Brass joins a team of brands that represents the most compelling product selection in the industry for cabinet hardware: Top Knobs, Atlas Homewares, Du Verre, Vesta Fine Hardware, Jeffrey Alexander and Elements.

According to Matt Churchill, Founder of Water Street Brass, "In 2014 we bought our existing facility on Gleason Road in Lakewood. Since then, we've hired approximately 50 new employees. In July of 2019 we are breaking ground on an expansion to our manufacturing space that will create more capacity to support continued growth. Partnering with Top Knobs will provide significant new opportunities for growth in jobs, manufacturing capacity, and distribution. The Top Knobs team has made a strong commitment to Chautauqua County and the stakeholders of Water Street Brass. We are thrilled to have such wonderful partners and look forward to many great years ahead."

Warren Ramsland, President of Top Knobs, commented, "The team at Water Street Brass have built a stunning, high-end brand that I've admired since it began. In seven short years, Matt has led the company through tremendous growth with a strong reputation in the country's top showrooms. We highly value Matt as he joins our team, and look forward to working with the great people of Water Street Brass to reach more of America with these excellent products, manufactured in Lakewood, NY."

Fredonia Opera House Presents 24th Annual Bach & Beyond Festival: Program to Feature Beloved Vocal Works

The Bach & Beyond Baroque Music Festival celebrates its 24th year when it returns to the 1891 Fredonia Opera House June 14-16. Under Artistic Director Grant Cooper, the series of three concerts explores both the masterworks and lesser-known orchestral music of 17th and 18th century Baroque composers.

While the music of J.S. Bach is the foundation of the Festival, performances also often feature music by familiar composers such as Vivaldi and Handel. The “Beyond” in the Festival’s name refers to the inclusion of works of other lesser-known (and some present-day) composers who are artistically linked to the more familiar superstars. This year, it also features well-known and beloved vocal works presented in a unique way.

“Our Sunday concert features the very popular and beloved Handel’s *Messiah*” notes Opera House Executive Director Rick Davis. “However, we are presenting the entire work – arias and choral pieces – performed by a quartet of singers.”

“*Messiah* is legendary, not only for its musical worth, but also for the massive forces that have been assembled from its premiere to the present day,” says Maestro Cooper. “Our goal this year is to have audiences experience *Messiah* in a new way; to allow each aria (and chorus) to emerge with maximum transparency, trusting that the big picture emerges of its own accord, just as atoms form molecules to create an infinite array of materials that are the building blocks of all things, large and small.”

Friday’s concert features a full performance of Henry Purcell’s opera *Dido and Aeneas*, says Davis, along with a newly reconstructed *Prologue* composed by Cooper. A monumental work in Baroque opera, *Dido and Aeneas* is remembered as one of Purcell’s foremost theatrical works and his only all-sung dramatic work. Originally written as an opera with prologue and three acts, no score written in Purcell’s handwriting exists today. The earliest existing score was copied no earlier than 1750, more than 60 years after its composition. And so, the division of the score into its original acts and the music to the Prologue were not recorded and are lost. Cooper, however, has reconstructed and composed a Prologue based on the opera’s existing music and Purcell’s influence.

Davis adds that Saturday’s concert will be more in line with what Bach & Beyond audiences are accustomed. “It will feature instrumental pieces by Bach, Corelli, and Vivaldi, among others. Selected students from the Chautauqua Regional Youth Orchestra will join the Bach & Beyond musicians in performance of Vivaldi’s *Concerto Grosso* to conclude Saturday’s concert.

In addition to accomplished area musicians, Cooper brings to the Festival top musicians from throughout North America and abroad who are specialists in and passionate about Baroque performance. Many are Festival veterans; and in addition to Cooper, at the conclusion of this year’s performances, two musicians – Oboist Cheryl Bishkoff and Cellist Bryan Eckenrode – will have participated in all 24 festivals.

The Festival’s three concerts are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 16, at 3 p.m. Special 30-minute pre-concert discussions will begin an hour before each concert in the theatre. Admission to the pre-concert discussions is free to concert ticket holders. Complete concert programs are listed on the Opera House web site at www.fredopera.org. Tickets are \$20 reserved seating for each concert; student tickets are \$10. A subscription to all three concerts is available for \$51 and includes tickets to a

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subscriber-only reception following Sunday’s concert. Tickets may be purchased in person at the Opera House Box Office or by phone at 716-679-1891, Tuesday through Friday, 1-5 p.m. They also may be purchased anytime online at www.fredopera.org.

The Bach & Beyond Festival is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. Founding Festival Benefactors are Carol & Jim Boltz. Concert Sponsors are Minda Rae Amiran and Evans & Evans Law Offices. Support also comes from the Gloria Garretson Memorial Fund.

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House is a member-supported not-for-profit organization located in Village Hall in downtown Fredonia. A complete schedule of Opera House events is available at www.fredopera.org.

Photo Caption: The 24th annual Bach & Beyond Baroque Music Festival features an intimate group of musicians from throughout North America and abroad who are specialists in and passionate about Baroque performance. Many are Festival veterans and have included (l to r) Violinist/Concert Mistress Julie Leven, Harpsichordist Fr. Sean Duggan, Cellist Bryan Eckenrode and Violinist Jennifer Wood. The Festival will be held June 14-16, at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House.



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