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## A Jamestown Classic: Cruise-In Event Set for August 6th

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Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce

The Jamestown Cruise-In has been an annual staple for 28 years. For many community members, the canceling of this beloved event last summer was one more disappointment in a year of isolation. Community feedback has already shown this classic car show has been sorely missed.

Organized by the Jamestown Area Chamber of Commerce, the event is scheduled for August 6 from 5 to 10 PM. Community members will have the chance to view over 150 classic cars, souped-up vehicles, and contemporary cars, parked along downtown starting at Washington and Third, and covering Spring, Pine and N. Main between Fourth and Second Streets.

Dan Heitzenrater, Chamber President, is proud to see the event



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The 2019 Jamestown Cruise-In.

return. "The early excitement shows how much the community missed events like this last year. We are excited to again partner with Der Kobbler's for the return of the Cruise-In and look forward to similar events that drive foot traffic to our downtowns."

Live music from the In Crowd will entertain the length of the

event. The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce will also host a 50/50 raffle. Community members are encouraged to grab a bite to eat from the Jamestown Babe Ruth World Series, which will be offering hotdogs, hamburgers, pizza, chips and water/soda as a fundraiser for their games, starting August 14. The

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## Infinity Announces Local Music Showcase & Art Market Fundraiser

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Infinity Visual & Performing Arts

Save the date!! Infinity Visual and Performing Arts is excited to announce Local Music Showcase and Art Market on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 12pm-8pm at Basil and Bones (2061 Foote Ave, Jamestown).

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**Words of Wisdom with Walt Pickut**

# Out for a ride...



**Contributing Editor**  
**Walt Pickut**

“Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?” That’s what comic George Carlin asked us.

Of course, you and I are exceptionally good—even great—drivers, so that doesn’t apply to us, doesn’t it? We are not those idiots and maniacs behind the wheel. Safe driving is also important to folks like us, so we really appreciate safety.

That’s why people say the best safety device is a rear-view mirror—with a cop in it.

It is also interesting to note that most of us are not only excellent and safe drivers, but we also know a lot about the machines themselves. We even brag about it. I have a good friend, for example who told me he knew a lot about cars. He could look at any car’s headlights and say whether it was coming or going.

But technology is making cars harder and harder to understand and more and more expensive. Widely syndicated advice columnist, the late Erma Bombeck, wisely quipped that “Car designers are just going to have to come up with an automobile that outlasts the payments,” to which entrepreneur E. Joseph Cossman replies, “Drive-in banks were established so most of the cars today could visit their real owners.”

The technology built into newer cars has not delivered on its promise. Bill Gates explains: “If GM—let’s be honest here, Bill, you mean if everybody who builds cars today—had kept up with technology like the computer industry has, we would all be driving \$25 cars that got 1,000 MPG.

So this week the City of Jamestown, New York, and your Jamestown Gazette, are celebrating cars in a completely different way—cars for fun and cars for their beauty alone, all lined up, up and down Jamestown’s downtown streets and avenues.

It’s the return of the popular Jamestown Cruise-In on Friday evening, August 6, from 5:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. in Downtown Jamestown. This will be its 28th year of bringing in remarkable, unique, and amazing vehicles from across the region and around the nation.

Cruise-In will also arrive with live music, street vendors, and downtown stores with their doors open to welcome home-folks and visitors alike.

The Cruise-In cars will include, as always, classic oldsters dressed up like the day they were brand new, others newly attired in sleek, body restyling and space-age colors, and even the newest hot rides, or machines entirely hand-crafted by genius-artists in polished chrome and steel.

Read all about the return of this amazing annual event on the front page of this week’s Jamestown Gazette.

Remember the days when you just went “out for a ride?” Those were the days when cars weren’t just to go to work, to go buy groceries, or to go take the kids to—you name the place. Sometimes cars are just for fun. Sometimes they are even just shiny toys we all love cruising around in.

Go downtown on Friday night and remember the fun. Just go out for a ride...

And while you’re cruising through your very own Jamestown Gazette, enjoy the read right here.

**Walt Pickut**

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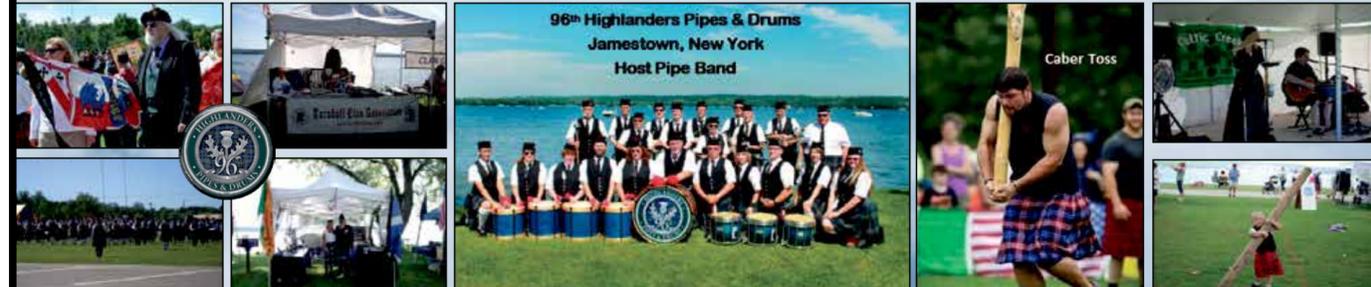
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## Festival Cancellation!

Due to the Covid restrictions, the festival committee has elected to cancel this year’s festival. We know this disappoints everyone who has waited because of the cancellation from 2020. We hope everyone stays safe and Covid free and we look forward to seeing everyone next August 2022.



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Ronald Blair, Ron, 86, of Frewsburg  
*Hubert Funeral Home*  
Shirley Marie Jimison, 72, of Jamestown  
*Falconer Funeral Home*  
Kenneth F. Sohmer, 85, of Gerry  
*Lind Funeral Home*

**July 21**

Maureen F. Hilliker, 89, of Irving  
*Riles & Woolley Funeral Home*  
Thomas Paul Newbill, 53, of Warren  
*Peterson-Blick Funeral Home*  
Donald W. "Don" Sholl, Jr., 52, of Lakewood  
*Lind Funeral Home*

**July 22**

Gerald C. Hammerbeck, 67, of Warren  
*Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home*  
Ralph E. King, 83, of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
Susan K Ormsby, 69 of Jamestown  
*Hubert Funeral Home*  
Dale S. Wilkinson, age 71 of Fredonia  
*Riles & Woolley Funeral Home*

**July 23**

August Amato, 90, formerly of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
John "Toby" William Shea, 87, of Warren  
*Donald E. Lewis Funeral Home*  
Cassandra Irene Grace "Cassie" Smith, 31 of Panama  
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Theodore John Wallin, infant, of Warren  
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**July 24**

Charles D. Bonta, 69, of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
Marilyn T. Depew, 76, of Stow  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
Pamela Ann Swanson, 77, of Warren  
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Joseph D. Wilks, 88, of Warren  
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**July 25**

Arthur A. Estus, 76, of Falconer  
*Falconer Funeral Home*

**July 26**

Cary S. Ross, 55, formerly of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
Edward Glenn Sherman, 52, of Falconer  
*Lind Funeral Home*  
Peter M. Volpe, 72, of Jamestown  
*Lind Funeral Home*

**July 27**

Mary Kuzminski Songer, 96, of Youngsville  
*Lind Funeral Home*

*"When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure."*

# Faith Matters

## Two Is Better Than One



*Contributing Writer*

**Pastor Shawn Hannon**

Hope Lutheran Church, Arcade, NY

I recently took a group of men to the shores of Lake Chautauqua for a weekend of hard work in the name of Jesus at the Lutheran Camp near Bemus Point. We've been in the habit over the last few years of roofing a different cabin every year in preparation for the summer. LCLC obviously has more confidence in us than we have in ourselves, because when we arrived this year to look at the building we would be roofing it was easily two times the size of any building we've roofed together before. Suffice to say, have of the guys were seriously contemplating getting back into the cars and trucks and turning around.

But thankfully, they didn't. Instead, they went to work...

Ripping off one shovel load at a time...

Pulling one nail at a time...

Laying the tar paper one course at a time...

And putting the roof on one shingle at a time.

Easy, right?

Well, I'm not sure I'd call it easy, but possible? Rewarding? Definitely.

And here's the not-so-secret secret to our success: we did it together.

Ecclesiastes tells us, "9 Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

Life can sometimes seem like a big roof. You might look at what was on your plate and considered turning around yourself. But in those times remember: you are not meant to tackle life alone. Life is meant to lived together.

So who's on your right hand? Who's on your left? Who has God given you to be your companion and friend in your life? Who has God called you to help in theirs? Thank them and God today, and keep working together as you remember "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil." Amen.



For more inspiration and insights from Pastor Scott and Pastor Shawn's past columns, please visit [www.jamestowngazette.com](http://www.jamestowngazette.com) and click on the Faith Matters page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

## Metzger to Receive Community Service Award

*Article Contributed by*  
**Chautauqua Region Community Foundation**



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The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation recently announced Michael Metzger as its 2021 John D. Hamilton Community Service Award recipient.

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He has arranged tours of local businesses for students, helped them develop resumes, and even staged mock interviews between students and employees of local businesses.

In 2013, Metzger was named to the Junior Achievement of WNY Chautauqua County Advisory Committee, to help create strategies to engage more local schools, volunteers and funders.

"Mike is a shining example of what a community leader should be," said Peter Stark, John D. Hamilton Community Service Award committee chair. "We are grateful that Mike and Marge chose to make Chautauqua County home all those years ago. In that time, he has used expertise from his professional career and his dedication for helping others to better our community and support and encourage residents of all ages."

Professionally, Metzger has worked for more than 30 years in the private sector. He currently serves as Vice President for Finance and Administration at Fredonia. Previously he was Vice President and Strategic Advisor for Blackstone Advanced Technologies LLC, President of Blackstone Business Enterprises, Chief Financial Officer for Acu-Rite Companies and Comptroller for Bauch & Laumb.

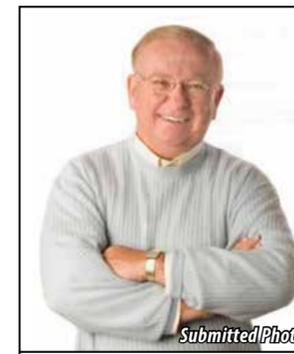
The reception honoring Metzger is scheduled for Friday, September 24 at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the award presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the event will be available for purchase starting August 16.

Most notably of all Metzger's volunteer roles has been his involvement with Junior Achievement of Western New York. For over 25 years, Metzger has taught the Junior Achievement Economics for Success program to eighth-grade students at Falconer Central School.

## Lunch with Dr. Kevin Lemman

*Article Contributed by*  
**The Marvin House**



*Submitted Photo*  
Dr. Kevin Lemman

The August 19, 2021, program at the Marvin House, 2 W. Fifth Street, Jamestown will feature Dr. Kevin Lemman. Dr. Lemman is an award-winning family psychologist known for his humor as much as his practical advice.

The August 19 luncheon, followed by Dr. Lemman's presentation, begins at noon. Contact the Marvin House for reservations (488-6206 or [marvinhouse@netsync.net](mailto:marvinhouse@netsync.net)). Cost is \$17 for Members of the Marvin House and \$20 for guests. Seating is limited.

Dr. Lemman is a media personality who has made countless guest appearances on hundreds of radio and TV programs. He has written more than 50 books including The

Birth Order Book, Have a New Kid by Friday and Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours.

The Marvin House, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a meeting place for women engaged in literary, musical, educational, patriotic, scientific, or historical work.

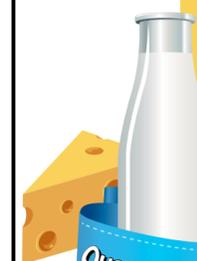
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# JPS Appoints New Coordinator of Extended Learning

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Jamestown Public Schools

Jamestown Public Schools is happy to announce the appointment of Laura Penhollow as the new Coordinator of Extended Learning. Mrs. Penhollow is taking over the position from Amanda Gesing, who was named the YWCA executive director.

As the Coordinator of Extended Learning, Mrs. Penhollow will be responsible for the development, coordinating, and monitoring of grant writing and leading the programs associated with these grants. Mrs. Penhollow will also be responsible for developing partnerships with parents, community leaders and organizations and coordinating, scheduling, and managing after school programming and other extended learning activities.

Michelle McDowell, JPS Chief Academic Officer declared, "I am so excited to have Laura join our Instructional Services team at JPS! I have no doubts that Laura's knowledge, experience and passion for students will not only enhance existing programs and partnerships, but further extended learning opportunities for our students."

Mrs. Penhollow has 14 years of educational experience. She most recently worked at Washington Middle School as a Spanish teacher. Mrs. Penhollow attended Alfred University receiving a degree in Spanish with a minor in Education. She received her master's degree at SUNY Albany in General Education Studies and is currently working on her School District Leader and School Building Leader certifications at the Warner School



Submitted Photo

Laura Penhollow

of Education at the University of Rochester with a completion date in August 2021.

While at Washington Middle School, Mrs. Penhollow was a member of the Tier 2 PBIS Team, PLC Leader Team, and SCEP Team. She has also participated in numerous professional development workshops both at JPS and in other districts.

"I am truly passionate about this job; being able to support students through multiple learning opportunities, including outside agencies is extremely important," said Mrs. Penhollow. "I am a firm believer in the concept of using community resources to create a positive and equitable learning environment. Creating a community with valuing relationships first is my main belief. I hope to create a rigorous, inclusive, and nurturing learning community where students are inspired to be inquisitive, collaborative, and innovative life-long learners who will transform the world."

Mrs. Penhollow lives in Jamestown with her husband Brad and their two children, Jace and Ryan.

# Audubon 2021 Nature Photography Contest Entry Deadline is August 31



Submitted Photo

Six winners will each receive \$200 prizes for their entries in Audubon Community Nature Center's 2021 Nature Photography Contest that closes at the end of the month. Lily Mullett of Gillett, Wis., was a previous Youth Winner with her photograph "Vibrant Dahlia."

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Audubon Community  
Nature Center

You have till the end of the month to take a fresh picture or choose one from your collection to enter into the 2021 Nature Photography Contest presented by Audubon Community Nature Center (ACNC) of Jamestown, N.Y.

Tuesday, August 31, is the deadline for submitting your photograph that could win \$200.

Cash prizes of \$200 each will be awarded to winners in both the Youth (ages 8 to 18, or still in high school) and Adult (ages 18 or older, or out of high school) divisions in all three categories of:

- Fauna – any wild animal, no photos of animals in captivity, such as pets, zoos, or rehab animals
- Flora – all plants, fungi, lichens, etc.
- Landscapes/Waterscapes – mountains, forests, fields, deserts, etc.; oceans, lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, etc.

The six winning photographs and 12 finalists – six youth and six adults – will be displayed indefinitely on the contest website

along with the photographer's name and city/state/country.

ACNC will print the winning photographs to exhibit in the Nature Center, and winners will be named in a news release that is widely distributed, including to their local media, when known.

Fine art nature photographer Karen Glosser is judging this year's competition.

Full details of the competition as well as images of previous winners and finalists are at ACNCPhotoContest.com.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can enjoy the grounds, with its six miles of trails, and view Liberty, Audubon's non-releasable Bald Eagle, dawn to dusk daily, free of charge.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the new Hellbender exhibit, the Blue Heron Gift Shop, and winning photographs from the 2020 Nature Photography Contest.

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Join Me in the Kitchen with Vicki McGraw

# Cold Melon Soup



Contributing Writer

Vicki McGraw  
Elegant Edibles Catering

Well, friends, can you believe we are into the month of August already? I don't know about you, but I don't know where July went! After struggling to cope with the year of shutdowns and actually having to search for things to do, I am seeing the world not only open, but playing catch-up. So many of the people I have spoken to recently have said they are not only doing the typical summer things you might expect, but they are also trying to make up for events they missed last summer. It's a boom for caterers and event planners, but some days there just aren't enough hours in a single day (or even season) to squeeze it all in!

So far this year, in addition to just filling our calendars, we have been having to deal with some exceptionally odd summer weather...I don't ever remember a July that has given us both record heat and record rain. Planning events has been a different challenge! There has been some amazing weather for outdoor activities, although a little too wet for some activities and way too warm to heat up the kitchen by turning on the oven some days! This is a perfect time of year to enjoy cold foods, and one of my favorites is cold soup! At first thought, many may say a quick and resounding "YUCK", but with an open mind and adventurous taste buds, I think I can make you change your mind!

Cold soups are just what their name implies...cold (or sometimes room temperature). Now I'm not talking cold chicken noodle or cream of mushroom, here. No leftovers invited to this party! Cold soups are prepared specifically to be served cold. One of the more commonly known is the Spanish treat Gazpacho (a wonderfully refreshing tomato based creation). I think this is a perfect start to a summer luncheon. I also enjoy serving cold melon soups. These can be either sweet or savory, and can be served as a starter course, or as a dessert course. As with most food, presentation is an important part of the enjoyment. Serving cold soups from a crystal punch bowl, into

fancy bowls or even wine goblets will add to the novelty!

Cold soups are usually very easy to make; the most handy tool to use in making them is a blender or food processor, as usually at least part of the ingredients are pureed, (thus making the soup, soupy!). I always like to make my soups (whether cold or hot) the day before I plan to serve them so that the flavors have time to "mingle." As with many other foods, flavors in soup will change (either intensify or mellow) a bit as they rest. By allowing this resting time, you also are able to readjust the seasonings if you need to before serving. Remember...you can always add a little more, but you can't take it out once it is in, so start with a light hand!

Finally, as I always do, I encourage you to be adventurous! You truly may like something new, even if it sounds a little scary or even gross! Like I always told my kids, you never knew you liked your favorite food until you put it in your mouth the very first time! So if you are on the edge, go ahead and take the plunge! You may discover your new favorite food...or at least be able to honestly say you don't like it, because you did try it!

## Cold Melon Soup

- 1 ripe cantaloupe\*
- 1 ripe honeydew\*
- 4 ripe peaches\*
- 2-3 cups orange juice (fresh squeezed is always best!)
- Dash of nutmeg

Peel and remove seeds from melons, peel and remove pits from peaches. Cut fruits into cubes and puree in food processor. Add orange juice to thin the soup to desired consistency and mix well. Chill for at least 4 hours. Serve cold, garnished with a dollop of Greek yogurt (I like vanilla) and a sprig of fresh mint!

\*The more ripe your fruit is, the better it will puree, so this is an excellent way to use up "past their prime" fruit!

To read more of Vicki McGraw's commentaries on good cooking, fine recipes and perfect party treats, visit [www.jamestowngazette.com](http://www.jamestowngazette.com) and click on Join Me in the Kitchen's own page. The Jamestown Gazette is proud to present our county's most creative and original writers for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

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## The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

- Zero in (on)
- Word after big or buck
- Swit's sitcom
- End early
- Denver's co-star
- "Do \_\_\_\_\_ others..."
- Thanksgiving centerpiece
- Seating section
- Royal flush card
- Charades and such
- One of the Spice Girls
- Cantankerous
- Wedding hiree
- Eliot or Frost
- Track shape
- Flower cluster
- Seek election
- Atlanta-based airline
- Here-there link
- "One of \_\_\_\_\_ days..."
- Biblical boat
- Housefly larva
- Many moons
- Coniferous tree
- Turn off and on again, say
- Confront boldly
- Gait between trot and gallop
- Risk taker
- "CSI" evidence
- Yellowfin, e.g.
- Annoyance
- Lysol target
- Building toy

DOWN

- "Is that a \_\_\_\_\_?"
- Reedy instrument
- Plant with ears
- Coffee holder
- Foggy state
- Like some missiles
- By chance
- Mixed dish
- Pekoe place
- Part of "TMNT"
- Japanese cartoons
- Range rover
- Merry-go-round figure, to a child
- One using T.L.C.
- Receive at the door
- Trapper's ware
- Last part, in music
- Formally state
- Lofty speech
- Gear tooth
- With respect to
- "Ruse" anagram
- Twiggy digs
- Off the mark
- Can't stand
- Aardvark's paradise
- Basic belief
- Warhol piece, e.g.
- Rock layers
- Someone in a cast
- Unrefined
- Big name in cameras
- Short-legged dog
- Nabisco favorite
- Aborted mission
- Auth. unknown
- Black gunk

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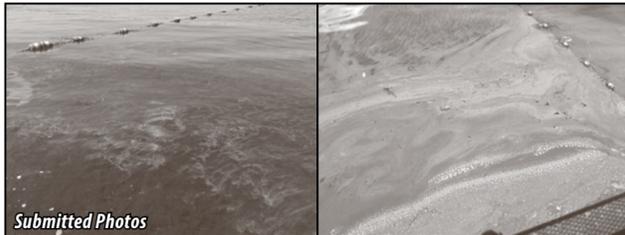
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## Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) - County Health Department Urges Us to Know It & Avoid It



Submitted Photos

Pictured above at left: a bloom on Chautauqua Lake in the early stages. This bloom cleared and returned depending on weather conditions. At right: an established bloom on Chautauqua Lake that persisted for nearly eight weeks in the summer of 2019.

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**Chautauqua County  
Department Of Health &  
Human Services**

The Public Health Division of the Chautauqua County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) urges all Chautauqua County residents and visitors to educate themselves about Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) and to be cautious when swimming, boating, and fishing. In New York, HABS occur most frequently in the mid to late summer months but can occur at any time of the year. Small bloom conditions can change rapidly due to changes in weather and lake currents. Larger blooms will likely persist throughout the summer once they become established.

- Chautauqua Lake: Small, localized blooms have been observed.
- Findley Lake: Localized blooms have been recorded near the outlet.

Know It. Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are naturally present in lakes. Nutrient rich runoff from surrounding land, warm water temperature, and sunshine encourages blue-green algae growth. With the right conditions blue-green algae forms blooms which may appear as floating “rafts” or scums on the surface of the water, these blooms are known as Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS). Be alert and watchful for blooms which may resemble “pea soup” or have a paint-like appearance with strong colors including blue-green, green, yellow, white, brown, purple, or red. Blooms are more likely in nearshore areas than open water areas.

HABS present a public health risk because they can release toxins

which may be harmful to human and animal health. People and pets can be exposed to toxins by contact (touching, swallowing, and inhaling water droplets) with HABS during water recreation activities, through surface water use around the house, such as watering gardens, and through improperly treated drinking water. Key municipal water treatment facilities in Chautauqua County test for toxins in their water when blooms occur near their intakes.

**Avoid It.** Christine Schuyler, Chautauqua County Director of Health and Human Services, states, “Not all blooms are hazardous, but the Health Department recommends taking the following precautions:

- When swimming, wading, or boating, avoid areas with blooms or surface scums, or water that is noticeably discolored. This applies to everyone - adults, children, and pets.
- Don’t fish or eat fish caught from areas with blooms or surface scums, or water that is noticeably discolored.
- Pay attention to beach closures, advisory signs, press releases, and websites. Never swim at beaches that are closed.
- Never drink, prepare food, cook, or make ice with untreated surface water, bloom or no bloom.”

If people or pets are accidentally exposed to a bloom, use clean water to rinse off as soon as possible.

Consider medical attention if people or pets have symptoms including diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, skin irritation, and allergic reactions or breathing

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## Genealogy: Finding Your Family with Janet Wahlberg

### FAN or Cluster Research



Contributing Writer

**Janet Wahlberg**

All of us have reached a point in our research where we seem to run out of clues, records or even ideas of how to solve certain problems. One way to work around or solve these “brick walls” is to use FAN or Cluster research. FAN is an acronym for the words, Friends & Family, Associates and Neighbors. Who are the members of the FAN Club? They are immediate family such as spouses, children, siblings, then more peripheral relatives such as cousins, aunts and uncles comprise the family portion of the club. Those who appear as witnesses on wedding records, deeds, baptisms, wills, etc. are also members of the club as are names mentioned in military pensions or bounty land applications or business associates. People in the census records that appear on the pages before and after your family belong to the club. You will also want to consider people with the same surname located in the area that your family is from. Your FAN Club may be exceptionally large.

Start by creating a detailed Plan of Attack with a specific goal or goals in mind. This will keep you focused. Next you may want to create a Timeline. A Timeline is a terrific tool to incorporate into this process of searching for the FAN club. As you will likely be jumping back and forth with the various people that you are looking at, putting them on a timeline will allow you to sort out those that do not fit and may make others jump out as probable family members. You will want to start the timeline as soon as you begin your research. Include all details that you have for your ancestor and then add those folks who may be a FAN club member as you find them. By including all details that you find on these documents, it is possible that you may find a cross over in occupation, military service, or locations that they have in common. You may also wish to add your personal theory as to how this person is associated with your family member. This will help you to focus on what they have in common.

Look at what you have done so far to solve the problem? Review the records that you already have, looking closely for clues that you may have missed previously. Now

make a list of siblings, aunts and uncles, neighbors (think census), and business associates. Using that list, select one person and begin to research. Look at all available records on them. You may discover that your father’s sibling’s birth record contains your grandmother’s maiden name. Eureka! This will open a whole new path for you. I looked at my children’s great grandfather’s brother’s will and it contained his father’s forename, a fact that I had been chasing for years. Another example of using Cluster Research or the FAN Club method would be in the migration of your ancestors. Often immigrants and other groups of people moved together, this is known as group migration. If your family disappears from where they were living and you cannot find them, go back to the last place that they lived and take a very thorough look at the census records. Who else is on that page or the pages before and after that page where your family appears? Now check the next census for that area, are they still there or have they moved? Look to see who if any of the neighbors are no longer located in that area. Search the records for the neighbors who are no longer there. When you locate these folks, you may find that your ancestors moved right along with them, but their names were transcribed incorrectly. If your ancestors were immigrants, check the names on the ship’s record to see if any of the other people on the ship ended up living nearby when they got settled.

Finally look at the members in the FAN Club of the person that you are researching and ask yourself some of the following questions. What do they have in common? When do they appear in close proximity? Where do they appear together? How often do they appear in the same records, or locations? Remember that family members, especially spouses, siblings and children can provide many clues about your ancestor who seems to be a mystery. Re-read last month’s article Harvard’s FAN Club as this will give you a specific example of FAN research.

This is just a brief summary of the FAN Club. I would recommend that you drop by the Hall House to look at the guide written by Elizabeth Shown Mills. Or Google the topic Cluster research as there are many in-depth articles that you might find helpful.

To read Janet Wahlberg’s previous genealogy columns or to delve deeper into her writings and insights for searching out and recording your own family’s genealogy, please go to [jamestowngazette.com](http://jamestowngazette.com) and visit Janet’s own web page.

## President Biden Announces SUNY Fredonia Alumna Trini Ross as Nominee to Serve as U.S. Attorney

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**SUNY Fredonia**

President Joseph Biden has announced eight nominees to serve as U.S. Attorneys across the country, including State University of New York at Fredonia alumna Trini E. Ross as the U.S. Attorney nominee for the Western District of New York.

In making the announcement, the White House noted, “These individuals—many of whom are historic firsts—were chosen for their devotion to enforcing the law, their professionalism, their experience and credentials in this field, their dedication to pursuing equal justice for all, and their commitment to the independence of the Department of Justice.”

If confirmed, Ms. Ross would be the first female African American to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York.

Ms. Ross has served as the Director of Investigations, Legal Division, with the National Science Foundation’s Office of Inspector General since 2018. She has also been an adjunct professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law since 2006. From 1995 to 2018, Ms. Ross was an Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, where she served as the Senior Litigation Counsel and the Chief of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Section from 2012 to 2017. She also served as an Assistant Counsel with the Department of Justice’s Office of Professional Responsibility from 2007 to 2009. Ms. Ross was previously a civil litigation associate at Hiscock & Barclay, LLC from 1994 to 1995, and served as an Appellate Court Attorney for the New York State Supreme Court from 1992 to 1994. Ms. Ross received her J.D., cum laude, from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law in 1992, her M.A. from Rutgers University in 1990, and her B.A. in Sociology from the State University of New York at Fredonia in 1988.

“SUNY Fredonia is incredibly proud of Trini Ross,” said SUNY Fredonia President Stephen H. Kolison Jr. “Her journey to this nomination is a shining example



Submitted Photo

SUNY Fredonia alumna  
Trini Ross, '88.

of how SUNY Fredonia prepares students for success. We look forward to seeing Ms. Ross fill this important role in the Western New York community.”

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer released a statement in response to the announcement: “Trini Ross is the consummate Western New Yorker. As a product of local public schools — from Hutch Tech, to Fredonia, to UB Law — Trini Ross rose to become one of the most respected attorneys in Buffalo. I was proud to recommend her for this position, knowing that she will continue her commitment to the highest standards of legal professionalism as the newest United States Attorney. I look forward to moving her nomination through the Senate.”

U.S. Representative Brian Higgins (NY-26) also released a statement applauding President Biden’s nomination of Ross: “President Biden has made a wise choice with the selection of Trini Ross, an experienced attorney and Western New York native, as his nominee for U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York State, based in Buffalo. Ms. Ross is not only well-qualified, but her nomination is historic as the first Black female to be nominated for this office.”

## Vincent Cotrone to Speak at Conservancy Annual Meeting

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**Chautauqua Watershed  
Conservancy**



The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy will hold its 2021 annual meeting at the Harbor Hotel in Celoron on Wednesday, August 11th from 5:00-7:00 PM. This year’s featured speaker will be Vincent Cotrone, Urban Forester at Penn State Cooperative Extension, who will be presenting “The Role of Trees and Forests for Healthy Lakes and Streams.” In addition to the presentation, attendees will also learn about current and upcoming CWC conservation programs and activities and participate in CWC’s annual election of board directors. This year’s new and renewing nominees are Michael Jabot, Bill Locke, Craig Seger, Deborah Trefts and William Ward.

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is a not-for-profit organization with the mission to preserve and enhance the water quality, scenic beauty and ecological health of the lakes, streams, wetlands and watersheds of the Chautauqua region. Over the past 31 years, the CWC has conserved over 1,100 acres of land at 31 nature preserves across Chautauqua County. For more information, please visit our website at [chautauquawatershed.org](http://chautauquawatershed.org) and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

The cost of attendance is \$35 per person, which includes refreshments, heavy hors d’oeuvres and one drink ticket to the bar during the outdoor welcome reception from 5:00-6:00 PM and entrance to the meeting, which

will begin at 6:00 PM. There will also be a cash bar on site.

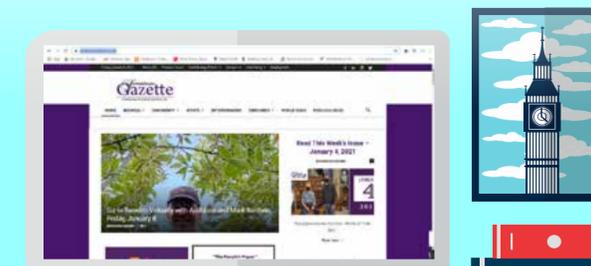
Reservations are required. RSVPs and payments are due by 5:00 PM on August 3rd. RSVPs can be made by going to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-annual-meeting-tickets-163198399807> or calling the CWC office at 716-664-2166.

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### A Jamestown Classic: Cruise-In Event Set for August 6th

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Babe Ruth food tent will be located on the corner of Third and N. Main.

#### For the Love of Cars

While the community has shown their excitement, one group is beyond thrilled for the event's return. The Der Kobbler's Automobile Association is excited to welcome back the Cruise In and continue their participation as an essential partner.

The Der Kobbler's are a 'hot rod' club based out of Falconer, NY. Established in 1958 the group has hosted and participated in a variety of car shows throughout the decades. The Jamestown Cruise In has always held a special place in their heart. Sam Ognibene, associated with the Der Kobbler's, expresses his enthusiasm at being a part of this year's event once again.

"We are happy to be able to have it again and are looking forward to seeing all of the cars and people again," Sam says. The Der Kobbler's began meeting again in January, after a year away from the car shows they love. "We tried to have a little show in Falconer around Memorial Day weekend, but it rained. But we

have been meeting once a month this year."

Per the Der Kobbler's, the Jamestown Cruise-In, like other classic and hot rod car shows, attract car owners from all over the country. It is not rare to find cars from as far as the mid-west, or Ohio, and parts of the Northeast coast. Car shows, attracting thousands per year, were another unfortunate casualty of social distancing and closures.

A car show provides an opportunity for individuals from all areas, interests, and walks of life to showcase their valuable and unique cars and trucks, embracing a hobby that highlights the vehicles for the community.

"We do it because it's a chance, as these car owners invest a lot of time and money into their vehicles, it's a chance for them to get out, and show them off. It means a lot [to have that opportunity]."

All cars will have a 'Dash Plate' showcasing their year, make, model and other interesting information. Community members will have the chance to view the vehicles, meet with the owners, and learn about the vehicle's unique features.

#### Celebrating Downtown

The Jamestown Cruise-In typically hosts a variety of vendors and community groups in addition to the display of classic cars. However, with the shorter timeframe to organize this year's event, and uncertainty surrounding pandemic guidelines earlier in the year, the event will not host outside vendors. However, the Chamber encourages community members to explore downtown and the businesses lined along the area of the event.

Area businesses are encouraged to stay open for the event, with extended hours. Businesses such as ART Cloth + Craft, the Biodome Project, Brindle Barn Co., Dot's Gift Boutique, Chautauqua Soap Co., and the Liquid Monkey all have hours overlapping the event. The Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame and Studio D Catering will be open with extended hours. Community members can grab a bite to eat at various restaurants, including the Cherry Lounge.

The Chamber sees the Cruise-In event as a chance to discover all that downtown has to offer, and an opportunity for community to

invest in local following a difficult year; the hope being inspiring community members to continue to visit downtown beyond the one-night event.

#### All Cars Welcome

All car collectors are invited to show off their vehicles, be it an antique car, hot-rod, or contemporary vehicle.

Cars can be pre-registered online through the chamber's calendar of events at chautauquachamber.org or can register on site. All vehicle registrations are \$10. Advance registration is strongly encouraged. All cars must enter the cruise-in at the corner of Third and Spring streets, with check-in beginning at 4 p.m. Third Street will be closed starting at 3 p.m. for set up.

The Jamestown Cruise-In is proudly sponsored by Ahlstrom Schaeffer Electric Co.; M&T Bank; Media One Group; Elegant Edibles; Lakeshore Paving; and the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce.

### Classic Car Restoration for Beginners



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#### Article by

#### Metro Creative Connection

They're eye-catching, often exotic and always call to mind a bygone era. Classic cars are undeniably unique and their unrivaled automotive appeal has inspired legions of fans. That appeal also has compelled many to try their hand at classic car restoration.

Restoring a classic car can be a rewarding hobby, particularly the first time a vehicle emerges from its owner's garage and hits the open road. Car buffs interested in restoring a classic car of their own can consider various factors before they lift the hood on this challenging yet rewarding hobby.

#### Time and Money

It's hard to know if a classic car restoration will cost owners more time or money, but restoration novices should expect to spend a lot of both as they work to restore a ride to its former glory. CarsDirect.com estimates that a restoration done by a professional shop can cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and that does not necessarily include the cost of the vehicle. If the financial commitment raises an eyebrow, perhaps would-be car guys and gals should look away from the estimated time it takes to restore a classic car. CarsDirect notes that it can take around 1,000 hours for DIYers to restore a classic car. The excitement of restoring a classic car can quickly wear off if owners don't have enough time and/or money to keep the project going at a steady pace.

#### The Car

Some car buffs may already envision which type of car they want to restore. Some may want to restore a classic Ford Mustang like the one they drove in high school, while others with a flare for automotive history might want to

restore a 1930s classic. Whatever your preference, make sure you find a car that won't bust your budget. Even the initial cost to purchase the car from a local salvage yard can be deceiving. Some cars might only be affordable because they've experienced such extensive damage that the cost to restore them will be especially high. It's good to know what you're looking for as you begin to scour newspaper classified ads or visit local salvage yards. But allow yourself some room for flexibility in regard to the type of car you're willing to restore. That can ensure you aren't breaking your budget right away or overcommitting yourself to a project that may prove beyond your range of abilities. Online car forums can be great places to get some insight into restoration, especially for beginners.

#### The Project

In addition to determining which car to get and how much time and money you can realistically devote to the restoration project, car enthusiasts must determine which tools they'll need, where they're going to work on the project and the availability of discounted parts. Discounted parts can help offset considerable restoration costs, so access to a local seller or salvage yard can be a significant advantage. The internet has made finding parts easier, as resources like CheapAutoParts.com can be invaluable. A place to work also is a must-have, so garages may need to be outfitted to make projects more enjoyable. Tools also can be costly, though CarsDirect notes that different steps in the process require different tools. That can make it easier to spread out the cost of buying new tools.

Classic car restoration can be an engaging hobby. Novices are urged to learn as much about restoration as possible before they decide to fully commit to this potentially rewarding endeavor.

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# Posture Pain

## Poor Posture Produces Predictable Pain Patterns



Contributing Writer  
**Dr. Alex Ognibene**  
Jamestown Spine

As a chiropractor, most of my patients come to see me for treatment of some sort of musculo-skeletal aches and pains. Occasionally, these individuals know a precise cause or moment of onset for their injury, such as a car accident, lifting incident, or slip and fall. Much more often, however, the patient complaint sounds more like this...

"I've had neck and/or back pain for years; there was never really an injury, it's just kind of always been there; it comes and goes but I feel it pretty much every day."

One of the most common areas for this type of complaint is between the lower neck, upper back, and shoulders. This region of the body is heavily influenced by stressors induced by forward head posture. The muscles that connect the spine to the shoulder blades are likely to get tightened and irritated from sustained forward head posture and can create painful trigger points and spinal dysfunction.

The problem with forward head posture? It is completely natural and totally unavoidable based on the shape of our bodies. Our eyes and arms go forward, so it is so common for us to do most things in front of us. We exhibit forward head posture during driving, texting, reading, eating, cleaning, and computer work, along with many other normal activities of daily life.

Thinking of this as cause and effect, the posture is the cause, and the effect is the pain. If we cannot completely avoid the cause, as I just mentioned, the effect will likely stick round to some degree. However, that does not make this condition untreatable. The best chance we have is to address the affected muscles and joints as needed, as well as introduce exercises to counterbalance the effects of poor posture on a preventative measure.

Treatment for posture pain patterns should include mobilization of sticky joints, and massage or trigger point work for tight and spastic muscles. It also should include a conscious effort to strengthen chronically weak muscles and lengthen chronically tight muscles. This takes time, effort, and patience, along with an understanding that we are fighting an uphill battle against the structure of our own bodies. And as always, be sure to talk to your doctor before pursuing treatment for any type of pain to make sure there are no underlying complications.

# Free Audubon Guided Nature Walk Saturday, August 7



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You could spot a dragonfly like this one at the Audubon Community Nature Center Nature Walk on Saturday morning, August 7. This photograph, "The Resting Dragon" by Emma Goodbody of Millington, N.J., was a Youth Division Winner in the 2020 Audubon Nature Photography Contest. To see other entries and learn about the 2021 Contest, whose entry deadline is August 31, visit ACNCPhotoContest.com.

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**Audubon Community Nature Center**

Audubon Community Nature Center is offering a free guided Nature Walk on Saturday, August 7, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

On this walk with an outdoor educator, you can discover some of the seasonal changes that are happening in plants, animals, and landscape.

Face coverings are no longer required for outdoor Audubon programs.

While the event is free, donations are appreciated.

Participation is limited to 15. Reservations are requested by Thursday, August 5. To reserve your space, call the Nature Center during open hours at (716) 569-2345 or go to AudubonCNC.org and click through "Upcoming Programs."

Walk-ins will be accepted if there is room.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and

Warren, Pa. You can enjoy the six miles of trails on the 600-acre nature preserve from dawn to dusk daily free of charge.

The Nature Center building includes the Blue Heron Gift Shop, live animals, exhibits, and the winning photographs from the 2020 Nature Photography Contest. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Admission to the nature center building is "by donation" until August 1, after which regular admission fees will resume.

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# The 108th Ellington Town Picnic will be held August 6-8

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**Ellington Town Picnic**

The 108th Ellington Town Picnic will be held August 6 through August 8 in the Town Square, Ellington, New York. A variety of music will be played with Happy Days Band on Friday evening and Country Memories on Saturday evening. Saturday afternoon entertainment includes Pat Cook with her tribute to Women of Country and The Geezer's.

Highlights of the picnic include the parade down Main Street starting at 6:00 pm Saturday and a fireworks display at 10:00 pm.

A variety of contests will be held during the day on Saturday including wood cutting contest, horseshoe pitching and a pet show.

The picnic concludes on Sunday with the Southern Tier Mini Tractor Pullers at 10:00 am at the ball field on Main Street.

Local organizations and other fair vendors will provide a variety of refreshments in the park and the Ellington Fire Department will serve a chicken barbeque dinner at noon on Saturday. The Town Picnic Association will also host a smorgasbord dinner at 4:30 pm on Saturday at the fire hall.

The town picnic has been held annually since 1905 except during the World Wars and last year during the pandemic. This is a fun, family event and it is a great time to get out and see family and old friends.

In keeping with CDC guidelines we are asking people to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated and to remember social distancing rules.



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# The Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation to be Recognized

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**Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation**



The Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation will be recognized by the Blackwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church and its Blackwell Chapel Baby Cafe for their outstanding commitment and support in establishing a not-for-profit status in being a fiduciary agent to both organizations from 2016 until June 2021.

The Blackwell Chapel Church is the oldest and first African American Church in Chautauqua County founded by a notable conductor, Catherine Harris, who ran the Underground Railroad Station out of the attic of her home on west 7th street here in the city.

The grass-roots Baby Cafe was evolved in 2016 to help and encourage breast feeding mothers choose to breast for a longer duration for a healthier infant/baby with help from certified Lactation Counselors in a baby friendly atmosphere.

"The Community Foundation was founded in 1978. Throughout its 40 plus year history it has brilliantly enriched the quality of life in the Chautauqua region while benefiting the people of the community it serves. For that, we are so deeply grateful. Their help and support allowed us to continue enriching people's lives we are serving in the Chautauqua region, stated Angie Peck, Board President of the Baby Cafe."

The church and the Cafe will host a recognition luncheon for the staff of the Community Region Foundation at the Marvin House on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at noon. For more information or to attend you may contact Catherine Harrison@ 716-969-5244 Or 716-708-6399 leave a message with your info. Thank you.

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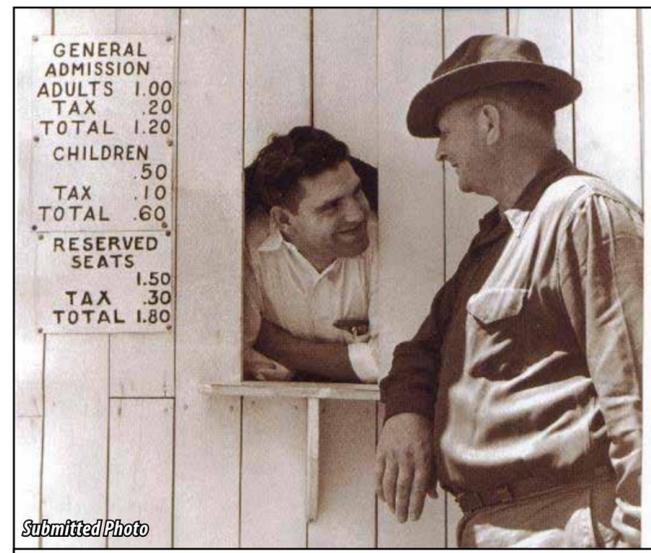
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# 1945-2021: History of the Gerry Rodeo

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**Gerry Rodeo**

Many thought that the idea of a rodeo wouldn't succeed for even one year, but they were certainly wrong for when August 4 rolls around this summer, the tiny hamlet of Gerry just north of Jamestown, New York, will celebrate the opening night of its 76th annual rodeo, the longest running PRCA rodeo east of the Mississippi. For four days this quiet little village becomes "The Rodeo Capital of the East" as approximately 225 professional cowboys and cowgirls roll into town and pay their entry fees to compete for more than \$50,000 in prize money in four performances.



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Carl Westerdahl and Walt Peterson, charter members of the Gerry Fire Department, check out the ticket booth at one of the early Gerry rodeos in the 1940's. Note the ticket prices in those early years.

The event, sponsored by the Gerry Volunteer Fire Department, got its start in 1945 when a former working cowboy named Jack Cox moved from the West to Gerry and suggested a rodeo as a way of raising money for the newly formed fire department. In spite of the doubters, his dream became a reality as members of the department and other volunteers in 70 days turned four acres of swampland into an arena and parking lot in time for the arrival of the renowned Colonel Jim Eskew and the livestock that first year. Bleachers were borrowed from area schools and portable lights were rented.

In those early days the stock arrived by train in the middle of the hamlet, traffic was stopped, and the animals were herded down the middle of Route 60 to the rodeo grounds by volunteers, making for some exciting moments. Today the stock arrives by modern semi trucks, but the excitement of rodeo time still fills the air. Several hundred volunteers of all ages pitch in to make the event possible each year, filling jobs from painting fences to serving the famous beef barbeque dinners. Many residents take their vacation just to volunteer, and others who have moved away return to help.

The Gerry Fire Department felt from the beginning that their rodeo should be "top-notch" so they have always contracted for a rodeo sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association (PRCA). Participants pay an entry fee, and money earned in Gerry counts toward qualification to the annual National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas in December. The contractor for this year's event will again be Painted Pony Championship Rodeo of Lake Luzerne, New York, owned by the husband and wife team of Shawn and Shana Graham, who will be bringing more than 100 head of stock for the competition. They have been producing rodeos for more than ten years at their home location in Lake Luzerne as well as sponsoring rodeos across the Northeast. Both of them have previously participated as contestants in Gerry and are excited about returning as the contractors for this event.

Over the years constant improvements have been made to the rodeo facilities. Additional land has been acquired,

permanent bleachers have been installed in an arena seating 4000, new lighting turns night to day, and the old dining hall has been enlarged, refurbished, and air-conditioned to accommodate the hundreds who come each year just to enjoy the world-famous beef barbeque dinners. Over a thousand pounds of beef is cooked daily in pits over wood fires outside the dining hall. The wood must be one-year-old maple in order to create the proper cooking standards. Perhaps one of the best kept secrets is the recipe for the homemade barbeque sauce. The dinners also feature everyone's favorite - crisp browned potatoes done outdoors in large iron kettles. The dinners also include gravy, corn, tossed salad, cottage cheese, ice cream, and a beverage.

The midway houses more than 20 booths offering everything from cotton candy to Western wear to pony rides. The rodeo has always been promoted as family entertainment and is therefore alcohol free.

Today the rodeo consists of the same competitive events it did 76 years ago: bareback bronc riding, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, steer wrestling, team roping, and cowgirls' barrel racing, with a new eighth event, cowgirls breakaway roping, being added for the first time.

In addition, there are specialty acts such as trick riding, animal acts, and clowns.

Also, there will be a return of a free kids' rodeo at 4:00 on Saturday afternoon, August 7, where kids from ages 3-8 can compete in the arena in rodeo related games supervised by pro rodeo cowboys and cowgirls.

Over the years the profits from the rodeos has enabled the Fire Department to purchase modern fire and rescue equipment for the protection of the residents of the town. Today the Department has two pumpers, a tanker, a rescue truck, an ATV with trailer, and a new state-of-the-art ambulance to respond to more than 300 calls per year.

The Department's first piece of fire-fighting equipment, a 1921 Ford Model T, is on display at each rodeo. Their first pumper was built during World War II in the 1940's by members of the Department, who traveled to Buffalo by bus to work on the truck weekends since the factory was being used weekdays to build war equipment.

This year's rodeo runs for four nightly performances at 8:00, August 4-7, Wednesday through Saturday, in the arena located five miles north of Jamestown on Route 60. Barbeque dinners are served each evening at 5:00. Additional information is available by phone at (716) 985-4847 or 1-888-985-4847 or on-line at [www.gerryrodeo.org](http://www.gerryrodeo.org). The website for information about Painted Pony Championship Rodeo is [www.paintedponyrodeo.com](http://www.paintedponyrodeo.com).

All the charter members who planned the first rodeo are gone, but the dream that began 77 years ago is still alive and well, proving what can be accomplished when neighbors have a common goal and work together to meet that goal. Following the last performance on August 7, the rodeo grounds will empty out within hours as the stock will be loaded onto semis, the contestants will pack their gear and move on down the road to their next rodeo, and the residents of Gerry will begin the cleanup process after a long, tiring week. But as they go back to their normal routines on Monday, they look back with pride on the accomplishments of their little town and begin planning for next year's rodeo.

## Audubon 2021 Nature Photography Contest Entry Deadline is August 31

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Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Nature Center members enjoy free building admission daily, and building admission is free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.



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## Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) - County Health Department Urges Us to Know It & Avoid It

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difficulties after exposure to surface waters with HABS.

learn more about HABS and toxin production.

New York State and Chautauqua County have active programs aimed at reducing the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen entering streams and lakes. Watershed management plans have been developed for several lakes in Chautauqua County, including Chautauqua and Findley. As recommendations in the plans are implemented, improved water quality will follow, but it may take years to see improvements.

The Chautauqua County Health Department monitors permitted bathing beaches for HABS and the indicator bacteria E. coli. To best protect the public from possible illness, beaches are closed when the water exceeds bacteria safety standards and/or HABS are identified. Updates are planned throughout the summer to alert residents of changes in the status of HABS in the County. The current status of Chautauqua County permitted public beaches and website links to additional HAB information is available on the County Website at <https://chqgov.com/environmental-health/beach-closings>.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health investigate HABS reports, sample blooms for toxins, and conduct research to

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## Infinity Announces Local Music Showcase & Art Market Fundraiser

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two of Infinity's biggest annual fundraisers. Both events were cancelled in 2020, but with some creative problem-solving the Infinity Team is thrilled to have found a new, fun way to bring both events back to our community in 2021.



Dubbed as, "The Night Music Reigns", Infinity's Local Music Showcase traditionally takes place throughout multiple venues in Downtown Jamestown and features more than 40 local musical acts. Infinity's Annual Art Market features more than 20 local artist and crafting vendors. This year, due to COVID-19 restrictions, Infinity is combining the two events into an outdoor, single-location fundraising event that will feature Basil & Bones' food, live music, art and craft vendors, performance artists, live Infinity and Pearl City Clay House classes for community members, and other family-friendly activities.

number of talented artists and musicians. Their interest and support of Infinity's mission to provide an environment where young creatives can grow, learn and lead through active participation in the visual and performing arts has been amazing over the years, and has never more important than it is now. The past year and a half has been challenging for everyone, we can't wait to gather and celebrate music, art, and creativity with our community."

All funds raised from Infinity's Local Music Showcase and Art Market will directly support music and arts education for area young people at the Infinity Center through private lessons, group classes, active learning experiences, ensembles, and performance opportunities.

Follow Infinity on Facebook for more announcements about Infinity's Local Music Showcase and Art Market Event, or visit [www.infinityperformingarts.org/lms-am](http://www.infinityperformingarts.org/lms-am) for pre-sale tickets, artist and craft vendor registration, or to become an event sponsor!

### About Infinity

The generosity of Basil and Bones has allowed for this collaboration to happen. Jess Ramsey, owner of Basil & Bones says, "We are excited to work together with infinity in their fundraising efforts. Basil & Bones is always looking to work together with local organizations that have the very best interest in developing the youth in our community."

Infinity is a music and arts education and performing arts center that offers private lessons, group classes, and an array of arts experiences and performance opportunities within five pillars of the arts: music, art, dance, theater, and performance. Infinity offers something for all ages and experience levels.

Infinity's Executive Director Shane Hawkins adds, "We are so excited to re-imagine these two important events with Basil & Bones' help. Their location is fantastic, and we are so grateful to see so many local musicians and artists come together on this day to raise money for the future musicians and artists. Our community has an incredible

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