Congratulations to our Award Winners

MARY E. KENNEDY COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD
Dan O’Connell | The Dunn Group (Retired)

COMMUNITY LEGACY AWARD
Mark & Julie Delgrosso

ATHENA AWARD
Alison Wolfe | Elmira College

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Deborah Lynch | GST BOCES/ Career Development Council

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION AWARD
Mark Bellinger | SUNY CCC

TRAILBLAZER AWARD
Kurt Bartenstein | Empower FCU

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD
Chris Coletta | Chemung Canal Trust Company

NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Rye Bar & Restaurant

MEMBER SERVICES COUNCIL AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR
Karen Harris | Massage by Karen

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Small Businesses Offer Holiday Magic

While holiday shopping is often associated with hustle and bustle, these local shops strive to offer relaxing, one-of-a-kind alternatives loaded with festive spirit!

- **Antique Revival** [www.antiquerevival.com](http://www.antiquerevival.com) in Big Flats is a legendary stop for antique lovers across the Northeast, with a 10,000 square foot beautifully arranged showroom, decked out in plenty of holiday spirit!

- **Chamberlain Acres Perennial Nursery** [www.chamberlainacres.com](http://www.chamberlainacres.com) is a garden center and florist tucked away in Elmira’s Southside. The onsite gift store is not only a gardener’s paradise, but also stocks locally produced specialty foods, art and crafts. Be sure to check out their wreath making classes!

- **Craft Farm** [www.craftfarm.co](http://www.craftfarm.co) is an artisan gift shop offering its own line of handmade natural soap and skincare products and sustainable household goods, along with gifts from across New York state. Both online and onsite shopping options are available.

- **Meg’s Cheeseboards** [www.megscheeseboards.com](http://www.megscheeseboards.com) offers beautifully crafted custom cheeseboards that will shine at any occasion. Gift cards and delivery available.

- **Arnot Art Museum Holiday Art Market** [www.arnotartmuseum.org](http://www.arnotartmuseum.org). This annual art market offers unique gifts created by local and regional artists. The market will remain through the end of the year during regular museum hours of 10-5 Tuesday-Friday and 12-5 on Saturday. Purchases support both the museum and area artists.

Drive-thru Christmas Light Show to Open at Bradley Farms

Twinkle Town at Bradley Farms has returned to Elmira, offering a drive-thru light and music extravaganza that will operate nightly from 5:00-10:00 p.m. through December 31. Visitors to Twinkle Town will be able to view over 200 individually lighted scenes from the comfort of their cars drive through a one mile, two lane course, while listening to a broadcast of traditional Christmas music. Among this year’s new additions is an indoor, walkthrough light show in the green house. Both the indoor and drive-through exhibits are included in the $25 per car admission fee.

According to Bradley Farms owner, Dan Hurley, Twinkle Town first opened in 2019 after three years of planning, research and hard work. It is an ever expanding display so visitors are treated to a variety of new additions each year. The show is offered as a joint project between Bradley Farms and McDonald Contracting, and numerous other businesses are sponsoring their own displays in the show.

For more information and updates, go to the Twinkle Town at Bradley Farms Facebook page, or call Bradley Farms at 607-732-0561.

Chemung County in the News

Chemung County attractions were included in two recent features on the Finger Lakes Region that were syndicated to MSN.com. The articles were the result of travel writers who were hosted by the Chemung CVB this year.

[MSN Travel](https://travel.msn.com) Finger Lakes: Don’t Miss these 3 Short Hikes with Incredible Views
[MSN Travel](https://travel.msn.com) Three Unique Adventures to Experience in the Finger Lakes of NY
United Way of the Southern Tier Holds Annual Stocking Stuffers Drive

You can make the winter holidays brighter for senior citizens in Chemung and Steuben counties by donating items for United Way of the Southern Tier’s annual Stocking Stuffer Drive to provide gifts for local residents who receive home-delivered meals.

Corning Meals on Wheels, Meals on Wheels of Chemung County, and Pro Action’s Meals on Wheels of Steuben are seeking the following items to fill holiday stockings for their clients:

- Pens & small notepads
- Travel-size toiletries
- Travel-size hand sanitizer
- Travel-size lotions
- Pocket-size tissue packs
- Puzzle books
- Sugar-free hot cocoa packets
- Chapstick/lip balm
- Eye-glass cleaner
- Playing cards & card games

Items can be dropped off at any of the meal programs or can be ordered online and shipped directly to the program location. The items will be placed in stockings or holiday bags and delivered to seniors along with their holiday meals.

All items must be received no later than Wednesday, Dec. 14. For a list of drop off sites, please click here.
Welliver, provider of comprehensive construction services in New York State and Northern Pennsylvania, was presented with three significant industry awards at the ENR 2022 Regional Best Projects awards ceremony. The Cornell University North Campus Residential Expansion (NCRE) project was named the 2022 ENR Regional Best Project in the Higher Education/Research category, 2022 Excellence in Safety Award Winner, as well as the 2022 New York Project of the Year. ENR presented the awards in New York City on November 18, 2022.

NCRE was developed in anticipation of the University’s growing class size, coupled with Cornell’s commitment to provide underclassman with quality housing options on campus. Welliver provided preconstruction and construction services for this two-phase, LEED Gold, 776,000 SF expansion of the student life residential complex.

“Welliver appreciates the long standing relationship we have with Cornell and the trust they have in us to construct their facilities such as the residential expansion project on campus,” said Anne Welliver-Hartsing, President. “This project showcases our capability to perform alongside national firms and successfully execute large projects; and the recognition by ENR with these three awards is a testament to the hard work and expertise of our people.”

In collaboration with ikon.5 architects, the fast-tracked project provides 2,000+ new beds for first year and sophomore students on Cornell’s residential North Campus. Both sites are composed of three to five story courtyard buildings that are sited and arranged to engage and respond to the adjacent campus, as well as enhance the student life experience. Students can collaborate and socialize in numerous lounges, meeting spaces, classrooms, and kitchens found throughout all five buildings. At the heart of NCRE is the new 58,230 SF Morrison Dining Hall (named 2022 Best New Facility by Food Management). This dining experience features 11 micro stations and a 2,400 SF Discovery Kitchen with 24 teaching stations used for academic classes and Cornell dining.

Throughout the process of awarding contracts, Welliver put emphasis on working with local contractors. During peak construction, NCRE employed more than 500 people creating opportunities for workers to stay close to home. This project provided over $192 million dollars of revenue to contractors in New York State.

“NCRE was one of, if not the, largest project executed by the companies who worked on it,” said Ben Robertson, Senior Project Manager. “I’m incredibly grateful to have collaborated with such a talented and determined team --designers, subcontractors, and the owner -- who made this project possible and such a success.”

ENR’s Regional Best Projects Awards identifies and honors building teams behind outstanding design and construction efforts during the past year. Independent juries of industry leaders in design and construction from each of ENR’s 10 regional editions judge the projects using five criteria, including safety, innovation and teamwork.
Hardinge Offers Adaptable Registered Apprentice Initiative

Current Hardinge Inc. employees have the opportunity to join LevelUp @ Hardinge, the company’s new innovative apprenticeship program. LevelUp @ Hardinge program participants will receive on-the-job training and related technical instruction. Wage increases and/or job promotions are potential benefits for successful LevelUp @ Hardinge graduates.

Lisa Caracci, Hardinge Inc.’s Director of Government Affairs, who is also involved with the LevelUp @ Hardinge steering committee, calls this apprenticeship program unique because it can be implemented throughout the entire company. “Compared to other apprentice programs we believe the LevelUp @ Hardinge four-year fully credentialed program is both innovative and creative,” explained Caracci. LevelUp @ Hardinge participants can work at their own pace throughout the program with the goal of accomplishing industry recognized credentials.

Among some of the distinctive components associated with LevelUp @ Hardinge include the following:

- Support team composed of 1-to-1 mentor along with a team of managers
- Hands on Learning
- Personal development goals
- Incentives
- “Quick Win” milestones throughout the program

“For example, whenever an employee accomplishes a ‘Quick Win’ milestone, such as receiving a nationally recognized credential from one of our full year programs, we want to celebrate that accomplishment with the employee,” stated Caracci.

LevelUp @ Hardinge can be customized for each apprentice, which differentiates this apprentice program from other apprentice programs. “Apprentices can receive credit for any prior learning they may have accomplished over the years,” added Caracci. “Those skills could have been achieved at either at Hardinge or at another company.”

Caracci noted how the LevelUp @ Hardinge training modules will be Hardinge branded and Hardinge specific. “Therefore, program participants will receive Hardinge centered training. Our people will be featured in the training modules using Hardinge equipment,” said Caracci.

The first LevelUp @ Hardinge program cohort includes over 20 employees. While the program has targeted current employees, LevelUp @ Hardinge will soon include new hires to the company. Caracci highlights how Veterans, as well as anyone with a high school diploma, could benefit from this program’s on-the-job training. “They get to earn, while they learn,” said Caracci.

Any employee interested in learning more about LevelUp @ Hardinge can talk with his or her manager or contact the Human Resources department.
Warren Real Estate Appoints RC Ike as Market Manager

Warren Real Estate welcomes RC Ike, previous Team Leader of the Ike and Spencer Team with Warren Real Estate, as Market Manager for Horseheads/Watkins/Corning. In his new role, his priority and focus will be the success and support of Warren agents in his market.

RC Ike is an exceptional professional with extensive experience in real estate and strong leadership skills. Warren Real Estate is confident RC will be an asset to the agents and Warren’s leadership team. Originally from the Horseheads area, RC has always had a heart for this area. While serving 7 years in the US Army, RC earned his Business degree, after which he stayed in Georgia where he was stationed. He lived in Georgia for 10 years - this is where he met his wife and they had three children. In 2006, they decided to move back to Horseheads, so that their children could be raised in the same great area RC grew up in. He has been in Real Estate since 2013 and is looking forward to many more years to come.

Warren Real Estate is proud to welcome RC to this new position. RC brings a breadth of experience, knowledge, and vision that will strengthen their agents, and offices.

RC’s office will be at 2493 Corning Road, Horseheads and he will officially start his management role today, December 1st, 2022. You can reach him anytime at rc@warrenhomes.com or by cell: 607-207-5597.

Amy Wood Gonzalez will be transitioning into her new role as Director of Operations and Office Manager, Ithaca in January 2023, and is committed to continued success of the Horseheads/Watkins/Corning agents.

Help Red Cross Find Local Heroes

Each year, the American Red Cross Southern Tier Chapter recognizes heroes who have exhibited extraordinary courage or made a meaningful impact in the community in 2022. Now in its 14th year, the Red Cross is seeking nominations for its “Real Heroes” event which will take place on May 25, 2023 in Binghamton. This event celebrates the individuals and groups right here in our own communities that embody the spirit, and mission of the Red Cross through acts of courage, dedication, unselfish character, and good deeds. The Southern Tier Chapter encompasses 12 counties, and nominations are available for 12 categories of heroes.

For more information, and to nominate someone, please click here. Nominations are due January 31, 2023.

Start Your Home Improvement Projects with a Low Interest Loan!
RELISH Retuned to the National Soaring Museum

The Chemung County Chamber of Commerce hosted Mark Twain Country’s Wine, Brew & Food Experience - RELISH on Thursday, November 17th. More than 150 guests tasted their way through more than 15 local restaurants, enjoying signature bites, as well as sipped on local beer, and wine throughout our region. Guests also enjoyed a ticket basket auction, mystery item auction, wine pull, and a silent auction.

“After a two-year hiatus, the Chamber team was excited to bring back The Mark Twain Experience Food, Brew and Wine Experience – RELISH because the event showcases a variety of restaurants/bakeries that we enjoy in Chemung County,” said Jennifer Herrick-McGonigal, President of the Chamber. “We are thankful for the enthusiasm from our new, and longstanding participants, generous sponsors, our community attendees, and of course, one of Chemung County’s treasures – the National Soaring Museum.”

Outstanding leaders in the business community will be honored at the Chamber’s Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, December 7th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Elmira Country Club. Space is limited; please reserve your seat today for this uplifting and inspirational event. To register, click here or call (607) 734-5137.

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President's Message

Dear Members,

November was another busy month for the Chamber and our members. We have so much to be thankful for. We have so many great businesses, big and small, that have big hearts for our community. We celebrated the CASA-Trinity Ribbon Cutting for New Integrated Care Opioid Treatment Center, enjoyed lattes from E.T.C.H. at their Business Before Business, and watch the amazing support our community gave to FLXGives – Thank you Community Foundation!

After a two-year hiatus – the Chamber hosted the Mark Twain Country Wine, Food & Brew Experience – RELISH which turned out to be a fabulous night of food, drink, friends, and fun. Our guests enjoyed delicious bites from our local restaurants and bakeries, enjoying beverages and winning wonderful auction items from our local business community. Thank you for the donations that help raise additional funding to build the Chamber's programs and services. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors, restaurants, bakeries, breweries, and the National Soaring Museum. The success of the event is because of you.

As we get closer to the end of the year, your Chamber of Commerce is as active as ever. This month, we will host the Chamber’s 2022 Annual Awards, celebrating our awardees on December 7th from 5:00-9:00 at the Elmira Country Club. And the Chamber team will continue to plan for 2023 kicking January off with the 117th Annual Meeting of the Members. More information to come soon.

As I complete my first year as Chamber President, I continue to realize the amazing community we are – being active 100% in the Chamber has allowed me to see all the incredible business leaders we have here. Though I have more Chamber members I want to meet and talk with, the new relationships I have developed over this past year has been wonderful while fostering long-standing relationships and friendships.

As we rapidly approach the holiday season, The Chamber invites you to call, follow, or stop by to learn more about the area and our member businesses. We encourage you to think and shop local! By supporting the businesses in our area, you are reinvesting in your community. We look forward to 2023, and I continue to encourage you to stay connected and continue to let us know how we can help. Your Chamber team and Your Board of Directors are dedicated to improving what the Chamber can do for our members.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Herrick-McGonigal

Happy Holidays

From the Chamber Team.
**RECENT EVENTS**

**CAPABILITIES ELMIRA TEA & COFFEE HOUSE**
*Business Before Business Reception | Thursday, Nov 10th*


**CASA - TRINITY**
*Ribbon Cutting Reception | Monday, Nov 14th*

Ann Domingos (center) cuts the ribbon at their new Comprehensive Outpatient and OTP facility located at 911 Stowell Street in Elmira.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

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**CHAMBER EVENTS**

**DEC 1**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

**NYS WHISTLEBLOWER LAW AMENDMENTS**
WEBCAST WITH BARCLAY DAMON, LLP
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Free for Members | $5 Non-Members

**DEC 7**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**
COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY!
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Elmira Country Club
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