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OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Chautauque County Fire Chiefs Weekend at the State Fire Academy in Montour Falls. Jeans and T-Shirts are allowed for class. No shorts, tank tops or ball caps.

Friday: The Academy provides bed linen and towels for attendees. Your arrival is expected sometime Friday after 3:00pm. Room keys will be available from Security on the first floor just inside the main doors. There will be no dinner provided Friday night. Food will be served at the Moose Lodge on Friday night from 5:00pm until 7:30pm if you choose to eat there. You are welcome to have dinner at your own expense anywhere on Friday. A meet and greet will be at the Moose on Friday evening starting at 6:00pm with finger foods. There will be no drinking of adult beverages by anyone under 21. There will be no alcohol at the Fire Academy.

Saturday: Breakfast begins at 7:00am. There will be a brief meeting in the Auditorium on Saturday morning at 8:00am. Class begins immediately after the meeting. Lunch will be served in the Cafeteria at Noon. Class will resume at 1:00 pm. We will be having hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at the Moose starting at 5:00pm in the banquet room. Dinner will be at 6:30pm. A drawing for door prizes will be immediately after dinner. Be ready to have some fun! The theme for this year is "Old Time Firefighting".

Sunday: Breakfast begins at 7:00am. Put your sheets and towels outside the door in the hallway as you leave your room. Class begins at 8:00am. Lunch provided at noon before you leave. If you want a shower before you leave they are open on the 5th floor.

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Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend

One route to the Academy to avoid the rally at Watkins Glenn would be to take Interstate 86 to Coopers Plains. There make a left onto Meads Creek Rd. which will become the Montour Townsend Rd. which is County Route 16 which takes you into Montour Falls. In Montour Falls County Route 16 becomes Steuben St. Turn Right on North Genesee St. Go one block to West Main St. and follow to Route 14 to the Academy. The Academy is at 600 College Ave. at the intersection of College Ave. and State Route 14.

An alternate route to the Academy take Interstate 86 to Savona. Here you make a left on State Route 226 and take it to Tyrone. Make a right on to County Route 23 to Watkins Glen. There will be a detour in the Glen to bypass local activities. Just head south to Montour Falls. The Academy is at 600 College Ave. at the intersection of College Ave. and State Route 14.

If you have any questions please call me at (716) 224-0841. Again, welcome and look forward to an enjoyable experience!

*Sincerely, Larry Barter,
County Weekend Chairman*

24th Annual Chautauqua/Clinton County Ronald J. Keddie Memorial Weekend CME CLASSES

This is the line up for CME classes for the County Weekend:

Dive Injury-Case Study	Deb Weaver
Whacky Trauma	Don Erbin Jr
Maternity Case Study	Don Erbin Jr
Radios	Dave- Radio Shop
Farm Trauma.	Don Erbin Jr
Stress Management.	Brian Wilcox
Chem Pack	Dr. Brian Walters

Each class is 1.5 hours.

Chautauqua Fire District New Engine 212



The Chautauqua Fire District recently acquired and placed in service a new engine from KME.

Engine 212 is on a 96" Severe Service LFD with a 10" raised roof. It is powered by a Cummins ISL 9 400 HP engine with an Allison 3000 EVS transmission and features an EZ Trac hydraulic AWD system for those difficult weather days.

Water is supplied by a Hale QMAx 1500 GPM single stage pump utilizing water from the 750-gallon Poly water tank.

Other features include a HiViz FireTech 72" Brow Light; Harrison PTO/HYD 6kw generator; rollup compartment doors and a front suction.

The unit has a wheelbase of 180" and is 9' 6" tall with an overall length of 29' 7".

New Ambulance in Falconer



The Falconer Fire Department recently placed a new ALS ambulance into service.

The unit is a 2018 Demers Ford MX164 obtained through North Eastern Rescue Vehicles, Inc of Syracuse, NY.

Written by Paul Cooley

"That's a crazy idea" was the response of many, when in 1944, Jack Cox, a new member of the recently formed Gerry Volunteer Fire Department, suggested a rodeo as a fund raiser for the department. Cox, a former working cowboy, who had moved to this area from the West to help build drone planes for the Navy at a factory near the Jamestown Airport, was familiar with rodeos, and his enthusiasm convinced the department members to try his suggestion.

In a few short weeks four acres of swampland was turned into an arena and parking lot, bleachers were borrowed from local schools, portable lights were rented, and the renowned Colonel Jim Eskew was hired as the stock contractor. He brought his stock in by railroad to the center of town where residents herded them down Route 60 to the present rodeo site, and the first Gerry Rodeo was a reality.

Not only was that first year a success, but when the gates opened this summer for four rodeo performances, July 31 - August 3, the event celebrated 75 consecutive years of bringing professional rodeo to Western New York, making it the longest consecutively running rodeo east of the Mississippi.

The rodeo has been important in several ways, not only for the fire department, but for the entire area. The most obvious benefit has been the revenue that this event produces for the operation of the fire department in their efforts to provide first class emergency services and fire protection as they answer more than 250 calls each year, both in their local fire district and thorough mutual aid to neighboring fire departments. This rodeo is the only fund-raising event for the department and along with tax money from the Town, has enabled the department to acquire and maintain modern and efficient vehicles and equipment.

Not only does the fire department benefit from the rodeo, but the event gives a boost to the entire area. Last summer nearly 250 professional cowboys and cowgirls from 32 states came to Gerry to compete for \$50,000 in prize money. Many of them bring a family. They spend money in restaurants and stores. They visit local attractions across the county and as far away as Niagara Falls. As a result, word spreads across the country about Chautauqua County and what it has to offer visitors. On three occasions the Gerry Rodeo has been voted the "Cowboys Favorite Rodeo" by the contestants from all the rodeos in the 13 states that make up the First Frontier Rodeo Circuit, helping to prove the good impression that the rodeo has made for our area.

A Crazy Idea? The Gerry Rodeo!

Another important, yet less tangible result of the rodeo, is the sense of community pride that 75 years of working together for a common goal has brought. Very few communities across the nation can look back on such a long history that has helped to produce the "family atmosphere" that exists in Gerry.

For nearly four generations more than 150 volunteers have come together to make the rodeo possible, whether through washing dishes, serving barbeque dinners, parking, painting, ticket selling, and the other dozens of jobs that are necessary to produce this event, with some traditionally taking their vacations to volunteer. Many former residents come back from across the nation to join the "homecoming" each year and to renew friendships and share stories from years past. Perhaps this aspect of the rodeo is just as important as the finances for it is something that doesn't exist in many places in today's world.



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And so today that "crazy" idea that began 75 years ago is still going strong and providing Gerry and all Western New York with a taste of the old West through professional rodeo competition and family entertainment.

Additional information about this summer's rodeo, including a complete history of the event, is available on the rodeo website www.gerryrodeo.org or by phone at (716) 985-4847 or 1-888-985-4847.



*Members of the Gerry Fire Department
(This photo might be a year or two old)*

Recognition Of Ordinary People In Extradonary Circumstances

The annual meeting of the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association was held on May 22, 2019 at The Trillium Lodge. This was a chance to catch up with old friends, make some new ones all the while having an enjoyable meal in a very nice venue. The high point of the evening was the recognition of some folks that when the situation required them to step up and help they did so without hesitaion.

Jordan Bailey was recognized for his actions on September 28, 2018 when he rescued an elderly couple from their home over a porch railing when their only exit was blocked by the fire engulfing their garage. He was presented the Firefighter of the Year Award by the Chautauqua County Fire Advisory Board.

Jennifer Wendell was recognized for her actions while attending a meeting on June 5, 2018 when a man collapsed and was unresponsive. She, together with her husband, initiated and performed CPR on the victim which saved his life. Additional responders arrived and transported the victim to the hospital. She was presented with the Citizen of the Year by the Chautauqua County Fire Chiefs Association.

Paul J. Wendell while attending a meeting with his wife in Mayville on June 5, 2018 provided effective life saving CPR to a male that had collapsed. He was presented the EMS Provider of the Year Award by the Chautauqua County Emergency Medical Services Council.



Retirements / Promotions / New Hires

Many changes have occurred at 200 Spring in Jamestown since last Fall. There have been four retirements along with the hiring of four new Firefighters.

Those that have retired are:



Paul Volpe

Mark Federko

Gary Ingerson

Andrew Finson

The new faces are:



Jake W. Dwaalebe

Philip J. Genco

Marcus L. Fosberg

Benjamin M. Pickard

Retirements / Promotions / New Hires

In addition, Fire Alarm Maintenance Supervisor Cris H. Dahlgren has been promoted to Battalion Chief on the 3rd Platoon replacing BC Finson. The position vacated by Dahlgren was filled with the appointment of Daniel M. Mangione to the vacancy.

Those promoted are:



Daniel M. Mangione



Cris H. Dahlgren

FROM THE EDITOR

Yes, it is a small edition. If you don't see an article about your department, it's because the information wasn't sent, or the contact wasn't made. If you have department news please contact me at wjohnston9999@gmail.com. You can also call or text me at 716-499-3731.

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