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# BID sees exciting year with old favorites and new events





The Norwich Business Improvement District had another successful year of hosting Saturdays in the Park with Chobani in Norwich's West Park. The market ran for six weeks in the fall and featured dozens of vendors ranging from local art, produce, baked goods, handmade clothing, soaps, plants, pet accessories, and more. (Photo by Sarah Genter)

### Sarah Genter Evening Sun Writer

Norwich BID collaborates with dozens of communi-

### IN THEIR OWN WORDS

# Trying to lead while battling the unknown

I was sworn in as the youngest town supervisor in Preston's history last January, and I had no idea what kind of potentially life threatening challenges were coming within the first few months of my service.

With a strong board and financial backing developed with great consistency by my predecessor, I moved into January of 2022 with confidence that we would push the Town of Preston forward in the year to come.

I'm proud to say that with the board's approval we were able to increase transparency and create a town website, townofprestonny.com, and social media page, facebook.com/townofprestonny. To date the website has nearly 1,000 visits, and considering our total population is around that number, I hope it reflects positively on the investment.

That was what I expected when I ran for office: coming up with new ways to engage with the community, hosting events to bring people back together after the pandemic, but the early success quickly became bittersweet as mother nature wreaked havoc on my town.

Through the final weeks of April, Preston suffered like many other towns. Heavy snow tore down trees trees landed on houses and powerlines. Freezing rain followed which penetrated the exposed homes.

I didn't know how to handle the situation as there wasn't an emergency plan in place for people whose lives were threatened by the storm, and many of us went days without power. My own family, my fiancee and our two children, spent the majority of our time in a cold home until we found a generator. At that point, I spread the word on social media letting residents know that my home was open to anyone who needed it. Once we at least had heat in our home I thought the worst was over, but it had yet to come. Around that same time I was informed that our longstanding deputy highway superintendent had passed away at home as a result of the storm. As a good man and a respected member of our highway department, the loss of Rob Blake shook many of our townspeople to the core. Eventually, the snow melted and the power returned. I was in frequent communication with Rob's family as they took on the task of planning his funeral. No one tells you that you could be put in that situation when you run for local office. You hear about presidents sending letters to fallen soldiers' families, but do you ever hear about what a leader does when someone who serves in your community dies? I hadn't considered it at all when I took the oath. Before the storm came, I had a political fundraiser planned at Kutik's Everything Bees in Oxford. With Rob's passing I decided to split any proceeds from the event with his family. Thanks to the generosity of Assemblyman Joe Angelino, along with all of the community members who attended - we were able to raise a couple hundred dollars for that cause. The town board was also generous in its support with a vote that allowed Rob's family to receive saved funds from paid time off; which is a benefit that will help all town highway crewmembers from that point on. I attended his funeral after that, and wasn't surprised to find an overwhelming amount of community support. The months after that seemed straightforward and simple by comparison. With the much needed and appreciated help of the town bookkeeper Sheri Howe, town clerk Jen Funk, and the entire board, we continued on and have worked to better the town since. Throughout 2023 I want to continue working with the town to bring people together. I appreciate all of the support this community has shown me throughout the last year, along with the willingness of my fellow supervisors to answer my questions in committee meetings. We still have a long way to go, but my hope is that we continue to do work that makes the Town of Preston, and all of Chenango County, a great place to live.

Although Santa taking photos with area children has been a staple of the Norwich area for years, the Norwich Business Improvement District added a special event just for pet owners last year. The first ever Pet Photos with Santa was a hit, and in addition to adorable photos, pet owners also got to take home tasty dog treats donated by Kacie and Company. (Photo from the Norwich BID Facebook page)

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NORWICH — The Norwich Business Improvement District (BID) has had an exciting year with the return of several annual events and a few new programs.

While the BID is hard at work year-round to improve and support Norwich's downtown area, the fall and winter season are what they are known for.

From festivals to concerts to contests, the ty organizations and businesses to bring fun and exciting events to the City of Norwich.

### Saturdays in the Park with Chobani

The fall season kicks off with Saturdays in the Park with Chobani, a six-week outdoor market that highlights dozens of businesses from Chenango County and the surrounding areas.

"Our main focus is those local artisans that have no

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# Rogers Environmental Education Center welcomes new talent and steers community's love of nature

### Tyler Murphy Evening Sun Editor

SHERBURNE – Just outside the Village of Sherburne the Rogers Environmental Education Center welcomes thousands of visitors each year.

About 18,000 people stopped at the Rogers Visitor Center in 2022, and thousands of others passively enjoyed the 600 acres of grounds the organization maintains. The grounds of the center are open to the public from dawn to dusk.

At the properties you will find a biodiverse selection of animals including small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, and insects, representing a wide range of New York species.

The staff and volunteers at the facility offer educational environmental programming and maintain and manage the local ecology to entice naturally inhabiting animals to reside at the wildlife sanctuaries.

The Friends of Rogers is the key nonprofit organization supporting the Rogers Environmental Education Center.

They have 30 to 40 core volunteers and are operated by a 15-member board.

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A mother and daughter along with hundreds of other families spent a Saturday at the 45th annual Winter Living Celebration at the Rogers Center in mid January. (Photo by Tyler Murphy) - Town of Preston Supervisor, Zachary Meseck

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# Rogers Environmental Education Center welcomes new talent and steers community's love of nature -

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2022 was transformational for the Rogers Center who said goodbye in August to the organization's executive director for the last decade, Simon Solomon. At the start of 2023 the board welcomed the new Executive Director David Carson.

"This is by far the best opportunity for me to be a part of a long lineage of environmental leadership. It's something where I really hope to operate personally as a steward, as a caretaker," said Carson.

"We really understand that Rogers serves the community and that the community serves Rogers. So it's really an opportunity for me to become part of the legacy. We've already become quite financially stable – Simon Solomon did a great job with that," said Carson.

"I would like to see us develop a certain maturity of fund management, where we're operating a sustainable financial model so that we feel confident, not just about the next year, but about the next generation or two generations from now. So now more than anything I'm hoping to learn at Rogers and from Rogers about multi-genera- and loss for the center,



### **Executive Director David Carson**

tional leadership and thinking generationally about this place."

Following an incredible tenure as the executive director, Solomon moved on to serve in a similar role for the Central New York Land Trust in August.

"My time spent at the Rogers Center has been absolutely, 100 percent a wonderful experience for both my family and I. The Rogers spirit is alive and well, and I just hope that we can continue the tradition of environmental education through Chenango County and beyond with the Rogers Center kind of spearheading that," said Solomon. "I look forward to seeing the Rogers Center open and accessible to the public for years to come."

Also a major presence



Getting a close up view of a wolf, a father and child tour the Rogers Environmental Education Visitor's Center during the recent Winter Living Celebration. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

former director of development, Heather Tehan, recently took a job with the state's Department of Transportation.

Carson began his role as director at the beginning of the year. The center also welcomed new educator Ellen Rathbone, and hired long-time intern Jeremy Fetzko as media and marketing coordinator.

### Learning from the land

"It was an exciting learning process for me because I didn't know that it was such a grand piece of land. It's not all contiguous," said Carson.

"We have our Summit a circular farm plot where Trail, which is not only a trail with a lookout, but is where you'll find our own American Chestnut Plantation. That's pretty neat, particularly because the American Chestnut is an endangered species. We have at least 40 trees up there of various ages.

"Then you have the Visitor Center and the Channels Marsh and the trails that people are most familiar with, including the trails just across State Route 80, which is the Farm Tower Trail.

"That takes you up to Conservation Corps," said

Carson.

"Most folks probably don't know this, but we have twelve different farm parcels. Right now we have three farmers in the community that lease those out, and those leases run through 2024. So each of those farmers takes care of and puts to use those parcels. But to have twelve individual farm parcels really gives us the opportunity to experiment with innovations to agriculture, which is very much of the moment for environmental and climate science," he said.

The center has employed four staff and from seven to ten interns in recent years. They also keep two animals as wildlife ambassadors on display: Sriracha, an albino corn snake and Darcy, a red-eared slider turtle.

The center has 18 school programs available and hosts a number of other programs for the public. Popular events include the Winter Living Celebration, Earth Day and Animals of Halloween, among others.

The Rogers Center works with schools in Chenango County and across New York State. They also have a strong partnership with Cornell Cooperative Extension.

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Recently the center has sought college degree collaborations and intern partnerships with Upstate Institute at Colgate and the environment and resource staff management at Morrisville.

"If you're part of the school system, if you have a child in the school system, or if you're a teacher, please reach out to us - wewill find a way to work with you, and we will find a way to help you finance it if you need to pay to get your kids here," said Carson.

"A lot of, if not all of, our education programs are aligned with the New York State Learning Standards STEM (Science, and Technology, Engineering and Math) in particular. Our new educator has made sure to reformat all of our educational programs so that they meet the NYS Learning Standards so that it's easy for schools to make their way out here. On that front, we have programs such as Pond Ecology, where you get to understand all of the different ways that micro and macro invertebrates work together for the ecosystem of our water bodies," said Carson.

The center offers programs such as Animal



A family poses with the Friends of Rogers owl mascot just outside the Visitor Center in January. (Photo by Tyler Murphy)

Tracking 101, Orienteering for folks who want to develop better outdoor direction sense, and another program called Furs and Skulls.

"We have a really neat program called Furs and Skulls, which is learning about the animal ecosystems, and we have an incredible taxidermy collection, and an incredible collection of skulls and furs here. Cornell Cooperative Extension loves to come here for that, and we're getting more and more of our school systems to come here for that as well," said Carson.

"There's a lot of interest and demand for off-site learning opportunities for kids to get outside and learn in a different environment. Our goal this winter is to build our programs that they can scale. So teachers can come here and take a curriculum, lead classes of their own; we can bring volunteers here too. We don't have a ton of staff, so our goal right now is to figure out how to scale to meet the demands of the school systems," said Carson.

The Rogers Center also works with Trout Unlimited, the Chenango

Bird Club, local hikers and state-operated nature cenmany other outdoor groups.

### A partnership in environmental care

Credit for the creation of the Rogers Center and decades of operation is owed to the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) but its continued existence is also due in large part to the support of the local community.

a whole is operated as a partnership with the DEC. They wouldn't be able to program it like the Friends of Rogers programs it, and we wouldn't be able to take care of all 600 acres if we didn't have the labor and expertise that the DEC has. So that's the Rogers Center as a whole," said Carson.

The Rogers State Game Farm was established in Sherburne in 1909 and was the first of its kind in New York State. The DEC looked at closing the center in 1963, but community support and feasibility study by the National Audubon Society and funded by the local Rotary Club helped the center come up with a plan to reinvent itself instead.

Based on the study's recommendations the Rogers Environmental Education Center became the first

ter in 1968.

After 45 years of operation, however, the DEC officially closed Rogers Center in 2010.

Under a renewed agreement with the DEC, the Friends of Rogers took over management of the public programs and maintenance of the center.

The group describes "The Rogers Center as itself as follows: "Friends of Rogers is a nonprofit organization composed of dedicated supporters of the Rogers Environmental Education Center. Rogers Center was a fully funded, state-operated education center from the late 1960s to 2010. Rogers Center was closed on December 31, 2010 after a reduction in New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) staffing and budgets.

> "The local community and those deeply connected to Rogers Center refused to let state budget cuts shut down their prized nature center, so in April of 2011, Friends of Rogers signed an agreement with the DEC. This agreement allows us to carry on our environmental and educational mission through our annual community events, school programs, Adventure Camps,

adult programs, and more."

On site at the Rogers Center, forest rangers and the DEC Region 7 have offices and resources.

According to Carson, the state site and DEC officer presence is a great blessing to the local area.

"There's a sawmill here, they have all kinds of large vehicles, Bobcats, excavators - if we need to dredgea pond or retrofit our trout ponds, if we have a large tree come down, etc. The DEC helps us take care of the heavy lifting. They help with the mowing and weed-whacking the trails when we need it - we take care of the trails in tandem, with a lot of volunteers and staff that do that," he said.

Carson also said the center operates a 700tap maple sugarbush and makes their own maple syrup

"Six hundred acres is a lot of land to manage. The farmers help with it, the DEC helps with it, and they provide a lot of the heavy lifting or big machinery that needs to be used. So it's a pretty strong partnership; I don't think either one of us could do it without the other," he said.



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other venue to participate in. They need to have things like this that people plan so that they can be there for those holidays or those last-minute birthday gifts, things like that. So we give them a venue locally to be here," said BID Executive Committee Member Mindy Chawgo.

Vendors include Little Farmhouse Lavender, A Little Herbal Shoppe, 607 Yard Art, Simply Primitive, Hidden Springs Brewhouse, Pires Farmers Market. Walling's Maple Syrup, and many more with products ranging from local art to pet accessories, candles, soaps and lotions, home decor, baked goods, and more.

Several local organizations set up booths at Saturdays in the Park as well, including the Chenango SPCA, Commerce Chenango, the Norwich Rotary Club, the Norwich Garden Club, Hospice and Palliative Care of Chenango County, NBT Bank, The Place, and the Norwich Family YMCA, among others.

Visitors also get to enjoy the musical stylings of local musician Grady Thompson every Saturday.

Plus, for the past six years Chobani has been partnering with the BID to bring the Saturday markets



Progressive Dental was crowned Best Overall, taking first place in the category for their "Molar Express" float in the 2022 Parade of Lights. The BID took over organization of the parade in 2021 along with sponsor Chobani, and 2022's parade may have been the biggest yet. (Submitted photo)

to Norwich's East Park, and tion with the last Saturday employees drive down the free cups of yogurt.

Saturdays in the Park with Chobani has become a staple of the downtown Norwich fall season, with crowds of area residents visiting the park each week. At the end of the season, the weekly market culminates into a full-blown festival.

### Norwitch Fall Festival

The Norwich BID first introduced the "Norwitch" Fall Festival in 2021 and saw massive success. By the time it made its return in 2022, the festival had grown substantially with over 70 vendors participating.

The Norwitch Fall Festival is held in conjunc-

every Saturday Chobani in the Park with Chobani mood, the BID added a Jack of the season, as well as "Cho Truck" to hand out the Norwich Family YMCA Halloween Parade and costume contest.

> While the Fall Festival is not meant to be a replacement for the former downtown Norwich Halloween festival known as Pumpkinfest, Chawgo said the BID was trying to bring back a bit of that feeling with their new event. "We're trying to bring back just a little bit of that feeling. It's not so much the scaffolding and how many [pumpkins] we can get, but to put people in the mood again to see it downtown and see the pumpkins, and to have everything fall down there," she said. "So we're trying to bring it back step by step."

To add to the falltime 'o Lantern contest and a pumpkin painting contest to the 2022 festival's roster of activities.

Another new addition was a basket raffle. Vendors at the festival had tickets to give out to everyone that made a purchase at their booth. Recipients could then use their tickets to enter to win one of over 50 gift baskets.

In addition to the new activities, the Norwitch Fall Festival had several other fun features, including a photo booth, Chobani's Cho Truck handing out yogurt, music by Grady Thompson, a chicken barbecue by the Columbus Public House, tarot reading, a bounce house donated by Live and Tabryn's Market held a

Event NY, breakfast sandwiches and hot dogs provided by the Norwich Rotary Club, hay rides by the Waite Family, and movie characters walking around the park to take photos with local children.

After the Norwitch Fall Festival wrapped up their second successful year, many Norwich residents and children headed over to the Frontier parking lot for Trunk or Treat, where more than 20 local businesses, nonprofits, and families handed out candy.

The Norwich BID accomplished quite a bit by the end of the fall season, but they weren't done bringing fun and festive events to downtown Norwich just vet. **Small Business Saturday** 

Saturday, November 26 saw the return of Small Business Saturday in downtown Norwich. The event aims to promote local businesses and encourage residents to shop local. The Norwich BID and Commerce Chenango get involved every year to make the event memorable.

In 2022, the BID helped to promote the various specials downtown businesses were doing. Season's General Store had discounts and basket raffles, Ashby Ann gave away "swag bags," the Cottage Bakery

small craft fair, and Minty's Candies and Treats worked with nine other local businesses to do a punch card.

"You shop at three local businesses that are on the punch card, you return the punch card to the candy store, and you get entered to win a basket over \$200," Chawgo explained.

She said supporting small, local businesses is important because "when you spend local, your money stays local."

"It's easier to get in the big box stores and to shop online, that's the easiest option, but when you shop downtown you're supporting those families as well, who also shop local," said Chawgo. "As the Business Improvement District we like to promote those and let you know what specials they're having so that you can stay in tune to what specials they're having, so that you can save money in the long run. With the inflation we want you to save as much money as you possibly can obviously, and stay in your community."

While Small Business Saturday shines a light on local businesses for the day, Chawgo said it's also important to remember those businesses year round, and continue to shop local.

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"Small **Business** Saturday is obviously a really special day, but I think people should know that year round we would love for people to stay local and really think about where their money is spent, and to support us," Chawgo said.

### Parade of Lights

After Small Business Saturday wound down, the Norwich BID pulled out all the stops to put on their most spectacular event: the Parade of Lights.

The parade was first started in the early 80s as a collaboration between the Pennysaver, the Evening Sun, the local radio station, and the Norwich Merchants Association. Over the years the Pennysaver and the Evening Sun became the primary sponsor, and the parade became a staple of the downtown Norwich holiday season for more than three decades.

Dozens of sponsors helped make the parade happen each year, as did the many businesses, organizations, and families that participated.

"If it wasn't for the financial support of all types and sizes of business and organizations the parade never could have lasted so long. Each year the list of supporters and participants was long, but for me NBT was a key partner, and in the last [six] years or so Chobani has made their

presence known with their tremendous yogurt give away in the park after the parade," said Pennysaver and Evening Sun Publisher Dick Snyder.

In 2020, the parade had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When organizers were getting ready to pick it back up again in 2021, they realized it was time to hand over the reins to another organization.

"We decided it was time to pass the torch on to others, to not only keep the parade going, but to make it even better," Snyder explained. "With this in mind, I reached out to our friends at Chobani, who then reached out to the Norwich BID, and they jointly have agreed to take up the stewardship of this Norwich tradition. The Pennysaver and Evening Sun will remain as a media sponsor."

From there, the Norwich BID pulled together a beautiful parade that drew swarms of residents from all over the county. In 2022, the event grew even more and truly became a sight to behold.

In addition to the efforts of the Norwich BID and parade sponsor Chobani, the 2022 Parade of Lights was also made possible by sponsor and supporter the Norwich Family YMCA, media sponsor Norwich and Sidney Pennysavers, as well as Rentals To Go and Pro Audio Consulting.

Last year's Parade of Lights was perhaps the biggest yet; Chawgo said there were nearly double the amount of participants from the previous year.

"I think the community is just really ready to gather and ready to celebrate the holidays, so we're almost double what we were last year," she said. "A lot more clubs have kind of reached out, a lot more people have kind of branched out to say that they want to be a part of it. So I think there's a lot more community involvement this year which has made it double the size."

The parade went off without a hitch, dazzling spectators with the wide array of creative floats put together by countless local businesses, organizations, clubs, churches, fire and police departments, and families.

"The floats that I have and the themes that they are going for are much more extravagant this year, which is really exciting," Chawgo said. "It's not just going to be a trailer behind a truck that's decorated; They're all going with these great, extravagant themes this year, which is going to make it so much more fun for everybody this year to come and see."

As always, Santa and Mrs. Claus wrapped up the parade in a horse drawn carriage pulled by the Waite Family. They were dropped off at Santa's Igloo in front of East Park, which kicked

tures with Santa.

Chobani also set up shop in East Park after the parade, where they did their annual free yogurt case giveaway.

The Parade of Lights also doubled as a contest for participants. This year's winners for Best Float were Buckley's Excavating in first place with their theme "The Grinch That Stole Christmas," NBT Bank in second place for their "Happy Feet" float, and third place went to Bert Adams and their "Harry Potter Christmas" float.

First place winner for Best Fire Truck was the South New Berlin Fire Department. Second place went to the South Otselic Fire Department, and third went to the Plymouth Fire Department.

In the Best Group category, Donna Frech School of Dance took first place with a "Candy Cane Lane" theme. Coming in second place was Norwich Dodge with their "Elf" themed float, and in third was Upstate Companies/Sidney Moose Club for their "DJ" themed display.

### Even more holiday fun

The Norwich BID's Christmas spirit didn't end there, however. The group organized the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in West Park. where Perry Browne students sang Christmas carols on the courthouse steps, before a few lucky children were selected to

off the 2022 season of pic- flip the switch and light up downtown.

> То further spread Christmas cheer throughout downtown Norwich, the BID held a storefront decorating contest once again. Downtown businesses were encouraged to deck their storefront windows in whatever holiday decor they wished.

In 2022, first place went to Season's General Store, the Made in Chenango Gift Shop and Gallery took second place, and Ashby Ann placed third.

After Santa arrived at his igloo during the Parade I think the last time they of Lights, local children had the opportunity to stop by and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. But, the BID wanted to include more area residents in the fun, and decided to host the first ever Santa Pictures with Pets.

For nights, two Chenango County pet owners were invited to visit Santa's Igloo with whatever furry, scaly, or feathered friend they may have.

"We had so many people asking about it, and if you don't have children at home your pets are your children. So you want pictures with your pets year after year," Chawgo said. "So I think this will be our new tradition of doing little photos with Santa, little pet photos with Santa, and I think it'll be a really fun family addition to it."

The event was completely free, but donations were

accepted to be given to the Chenango SPCA. Visitors also got to bring home a small bundle of homemade dog treats, courtesy of Kacie and Company.

For their final event of the year, the Norwich BID facilitated the return of Twelve Twenty-Four, a rock band that specializes in holiday music, much like the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. Although the band had performed in the area before, it had been an estimated ten years since their last show in Norwich.

"I remember going were here with the lights and whatnot they made it feel like it was snowing in the auditorium. So it's very cool," said BID Administrator Tracey Chawgo.

It was a busy but exciting year for the BID, with the return of so many events and activities, and the addition of a few new ones. Although things slowed down with the arrival of the new year, another fun-filled season of events awaits the organization in just a few months.

"We're trying to create some activities downtown that are family friendly, that give people a reason to come to town, and if you live here, stay in town and be entertained for the holidays," said Tracey. "We're trying to create some talk and activities and some excitement for the Norwich area."

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