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War Veteran's Park, Olean
 - SNOWBOUNDERS DRAG RACE**
Saturday, February 5th • 11-4pm
Sills Family Farm, Little Valley
 - CROSS COUNTRY SKI TOUR**
Friday, February 11th • 10:30 am
Allegheny State Park, Salamanca
 - WNY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**
Sunday, February 13th • 2:30 pm
Regina A Quick Center, St. Bonaventure
 - MOONLIT STROLL**
Saturday, February 15th • 5:30pm
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville
 - SENECA SNOCROSS 2022**
Friday, February 18th • 8:30am
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca
 - WINTER MUSIC JAM**
February 18-20 • Times Vary
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville
 - 2022 SPORTSMAN SHOW**
Saturday, February 26 & 27 • 9am
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca
 - 2022 PENGUIN PADDLE**
Saturday, February 26th • 9-2pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville
 - FREDONIA SHOWCASE**
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New Six-Person Chairlift at HV

Holiday Valley to Replace Current Mardi Gras Express



Construction of the new lift will take place in summer 2023 and it will be ready for passengers by November of 2023.

With an eye on the future, Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY is planning construction for a 6 passenger chairlift starting in the summer of 2022, with completion of the lift in September 2023. The new lift will replace the Mardi Gras Express, a 4 passenger high speed lift built in 1996 that runs up through the heart of the resort

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Welcome to Winter Blues Weekend

Event Returns on a High Note this Weekend in Ellicottville



Buffalo Music Hall of Fame inductee Tommy Z will headline the January 21-23 Winter Blues Weekend with his set at Balloons Restaurant and Nightclub Saturday at 6:30pm. He has had the opportunity to perform, write, record and/or co-bill with some of the world's top artists in the blues/rock genre including B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Johnny Winter, Blues Travelers, Peter Frampton, Lynyrd Skynyrd and more. You can catch him every Sunday as Blues Radio Host on WBFO 88.7 FM; it is also streams worldwide on www.wbfo.org. (See full story, "BLUES" page 9.)

EVL Tours Co.: "Let's Play Bikes"

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EVL Tours founder, Israel Morris, leads a fat bike tour last weekend. Pictured at the base of the wall at Holiday Valley on the golf cart path. Photo/Alistair Holden.

BY RACHEL FRALEY

Have you found yourself looking for a new adventure lately? If you are up for a fun challenge, then

EVL Tours is for you. Founded in November of 2021, by Israel Morris, EVL Tours Co. offers

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Business Spotlight: Velvet & Wood

New Storefront in Springville Showcases Craftsmanship



BY DARLEEN O'CONNOR

In this era of planned obsolescence and quantity over quality, it is refreshing to know there are still budding entrepreneurs whose business models reflect old school values and whose craftsmanship

is rooted in the time-honored traditions of old-world Artisans. Chris Wojtowicz is the owner and craftsman of "Velvet & Wood" and he is busy bringing history into the present and preserving it for

SEE "WOOD" PAGE 10

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Waterman Family Gift Shop ... Pg. 8

Springville's Crafters Corners Has a New Name & New Owners



The Springville store formerly known as Crafters Corner is now the Waterman Family Gift Shop. The popular store, a long-time favorite of shoppers seeking carefully crafted handmade gifts, will continue its tradition of showcasing a large, ever-changing assortment of beautiful items made by very creative local craftspeople.

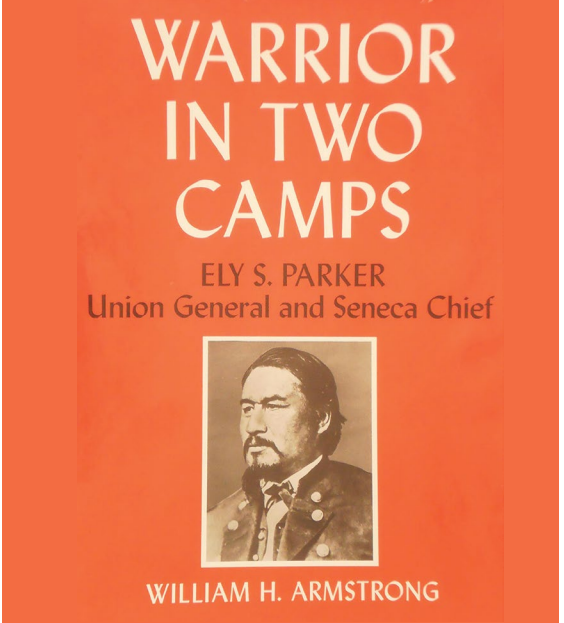
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Greater Olean Area Chamber Introduces New Festival, Feb. 5th

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Ellicottville in History: Ely S. Parker

Military Secretary to Ulysses S. Grant



From the book, *Warrior in Two Camps*, by William H Armstrong, we learn "the budding lawyer soon found a place in Ellicottville's society.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Ely S. Parker: this icon of American history lived, worked, socialized and even served as Postmaster for a period of time while he lived in Ellicottville. No one seems to know exactly where he lived, but

SEE "PARKER" PAGE 12

EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Finnerty's

Welcoming New Owner, Established Restaurateur



Finnerty's boasts an extensive list of local brews and 24 different taps.

BY KATE BARTLETT

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Publisher's Word

"Winter Blues Got You Down"



Late January can be problematic, even if you're currently enjoying another wonderful winter of skiing and boarding. Everything's

great, but for some reason, the "What's Shakin' in E'ville" you're feeling a bit let down... column on page 11 – jam-packed with some terrific artists paying all your Christmas bills, from all over the blues music or the fact we still have another scene! All Stars Blues Band? 3 months of winter ahead... Tommy Z? Big Sauce Trio? Who knows? The inescapable Tony DeRosa? The Marabella fact is we ALL get the Blues Band? With names like that, from time to time – why, it's who could resist venturing as natural as sliding down out to have a listen and dance "The Wall" on your keister! those winter doldrums away? But do we have a cure for you I'm thinking this just might be – yes, we do! This weekend the makings of one fabulous Ellicottville's "Winter Blues Festival" promises to be Time to saddle up once again nothing short of spectacular, to spend some quality après ski with wonderful music and time in Ellicottville where fun fun things to do taking center knows no bounds! See you stage at all of our great bars and out there! *Until next week...* restaurants. Just take a look at *Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Brand New "Frosty Fest" Coming

Greater Olean Area Chamber Introduces New Festival, February 5th, 2022



this single elimination tourney with a fee of \$40. The team will also enjoy a cup of chili and two beer tokens.

There is also the cornhole / bocce combo. The team of two can compete in both the bocce and cornhole tourneys for a total of \$65/pair -- savings of \$15. The team will receive a bowl of chili and also receive three beer tokens.

Mrs. Dreher added, "Frosty Fest is deemed a winter themed and family friendly event to shake off the cabin (covid) fever." Other activities are being planned but not fully confirmed with details. They include a curling tournament outside on synthetic lanes -- so again, no worry about weather conditions. The City's Largest Pancake Breakfast is also on the schedule and with the volunteer list gone out already, the Mayor of Olean (William Aiello) has signed up to flip the cakes.

GOACC is hoping to line up Beat City Music Shop with their entertainment going on the sound stage with music during the fest. Plans also include a squirrel plunge -- similar to the penguin paddle at Holiday Valley -- interested folks will create a sled out of cardboard and slide like a squirrel down one of the hills at the park. GOACC will be confirming the balance of activities by Monday, January 17th.

"Erica has lined up the activities sign ups on our shop site online -- it's very user friendly," reported Mrs. Yanetsko. She added, "We encourage folks if interested to sign up early as we feel we may sell out quickly. Also, we need many volunteers, so please call our office to see what shifts are available."

For registration information, please visit <https://shop.oleanny.com/collections/frosty-fest>. For questions or to sign up to volunteer, please call 716-372-4433 or email events@oleanny.com. CHILL at the FEST

OLEAN -- With the holidays long gone and spring still far away, February can feel like a bleak month. However, a new event in Olean promises to infuse some fun into the beginning of the month. The first Frosty Fest, set for Saturday, February 5, in War Veterans Park, will feature loads of activities for all ages. From snow bocce, curling, the city's largest pancake breakfast to snow disc golf, snow cornhole and even a squirrel plunge.

GOACC staff asked for events to be held in the area and organized by the Chamber via a survey late Spring 2021. "Although we received over 50 unique events, the events committee at the Chamber decided on an event to be held the first quarter of the New Year," stated Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. Similar to the Jingle Bell Jubilee, the Frosty Fest was suggested to GOACC via a member of the community -- Maureen Young with Catt-Allegany BOCES.

"She attended our events meeting in September 2021 and suggested something in January or February because many people get depressed after the lights and happiness of the Christmas and Hannukah seasons," reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. One obvious fact would be to have the event outside.

"Coming from the meeting, the Chamber staff brainstormed and came up with all these activities that would be great in the snow in February but wasn't dependent on it, if the forecast didn't give us snow," added Mrs. Yanetsko.

Come to the fest and play 9-holes of snow disc golf! Courtesy of the Twin Tiers Disc Golf Association and GOACC, snow disc golf is coming to War Veterans Park. This event includes a flying disc in which players throw at a target (rules similar to golf). One big reminder for the snow disc golf -- Pay extra attention to where your disc lands. There are two options for golf: single player -- the \$10 fee will give you a round of 9-holes of disc golf (equipment will be provided or bring your own) and a bowl of chili; family foursome -- the \$30 fee will get four people the 9-holes of disc golf and each a bowl of chili. There is also cornhole! Courtesy of Intandem and GOACC, cornhole is coming to War Veterans Park. This event is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing fabric bean bags at a raised platform (board) with a hole in the far end -- but out in the elements in Western New York. The fee for a team of 2 is \$40 and they will each receive a bowl of chili and two beer tokens (21 years and older). The cornhole tourney is a single elimination format with best of 3 games and max of 32 teams.

Snow bocce is also coming to War Veterans Park this winter courtesy of Howard Hanna Professionals and GOACC. Rules of bocce are same in the winter except there may be snow on the ground! A team of two can compete in

Generous Gift Bag Donations!!

EVL/Franklinville Lions Club Works with Meal On Wheels to Hand Out Gifts

On December 6th, The Ellicottville/Franklinville Lions Club put together gift bags for the shut-ins, for Ellicottville, Franklinville, and West Valley. The Meals and Wheels Program are distributing gift bags. The Ellicottville/Franklinville Lions Club meet at 6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the months of Feb., Mar., April, May, Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. at Dina's Restaurant in Ellicottville.



And collected over 400 pairs of used eye glasses to be sent to be used for those in need in 3rd world countries. If you are a community service minded individual and would like more information on our Lions Club call PDG James at 716-998-2501

New Year; New Office Space

ERA Team VP Real Estate Got Incredible Face Lift for 2022

ERA Team VP Real Estate & Vacation Rentals #Ellicottville office got an incredible facelift to ring in the New Year! They are boasting this fresh new look and they're looking forward to welcoming new and old friends in to enjoy it with them (stay tuned for an open house) They wanted to give A HUGE thank you to Michele Novotny at White Elm Designs for her help through this process. Michele has an amazing eye for design and making the best use of a space. If you're looking for a new look or need help with bringing your vision to life, hit Michele up! You won't be disappointed!



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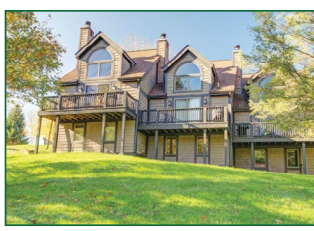
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HoliMont Update

The Greatest Snow Show on Earth



Pictured, left to right: Jay Weitzel and Charley Coolidge.

BY DAN BALKIN

Ski resorts give off a vibe. One of the first things most of us notice if we try out a new ski area is the attitude of the lift operators, affectionately known as "Lifties." Office personnel, snowmakers, groomers, mechanics, various mountain managers etc. do a vast amount of essential ski area work behind the scenes. That said, Lifties are literally the "face" of the ski area. We see them numerous times every day as we make our laps.

HoliMont has top-notch, friendly, and competent lift crews. At our flagship lift, the high-speed Exhibition quad in front of the chalet, we have two Lifties that represent the highest standards of their winter profession. Jay Weitzel is standing to the left in the photo. His powers of observation are remarkable and highly valued in a job where a team is operating an enormous, expensive, powerful – and for a skier or rider – wonderful chair lift machine. Once you know something of Jay's background, his attention to detail and ultra-conscientious approach to his job makes sense. Jay's love of sports is reflected in his endless array of sports-themed knitted beanie hats he wears. Among other sport related jobs, Jay was a professional

scout for 17 years for the Minnesota Twins of MLB fame. He traveled 70,000 – 80,000 miles per year throughout NY, PA, Ohio, and West Virginia scouting prospects for the Twins. For Jay, character counted. He only wanted to sign players who not only excelled at baseball skills, but who also excelled at being good persons. Jay credits his parents for teaching him to have a simple but profound approach to life: "Do it right." It has become a family trait. Both of Jay's sons were hard working and successful athletes. One played Division 1 baseball at the University of Florida, and the other was an ALL-NYS High School football linebacker. Jay once asked Rick Knapp, the Twins Major League pitching coach, who are the players that make it to the "Show" – The Major Leagues. Coach Knapp said, "The one's that care make it." Jay, thanks for caring about the skiers and riders at HoliMont.

Charley Coolidge, an Ellicottville native and HoliMont institution, is standing to the right in the photo. History fun fact: Roaring 20s U.S. President Calvin Coolidge was related to Blackbeard the pirate. Really? No, but Charley is related to President Coolidge (True!). Charley, who has

the ultimate friendly pirate persona – shoulder parrot and pirate hat cocked at a smart angle – is known to entertain kids of all ages in the lift line. Given Charley's larger than life personality, it may seem surprising to know that he was very subdued when interviewed for this article. Humble. He must have learned great life lessons from his parents. Aaaaarrrrr... what is Charley's favorite corny pirate joke? "What did the wheel say to the pirate? You're driving me nuts!" Charley literally knows chairlifts from the ground up. He worked at our Ellicottville sister resort Holiday Valley for ten years and was involved in the installation of new chair lifts. Charley considers being a Liftie to be a mission to make people smile. He takes his humor seriously. He wants everyone to come and enjoy themselves. He said being a Liftie is the nicest job in the world if you like people. It will come as no surprise to anyone who has seen Charley in action in the lift line that he has a soft spot in his heart for children. He truly believes in the notion that "It takes a community to raise a child." Behind Charley's playfulness, however, is an unflinching professional attitude. According to Charley, "We're here to sell a product" and "A chair lift is not a toy."

What's even better than Jay and Charley apart? Jay and Charley together. The banter, the jokes, the friendly ribbing of each other, the broad smiles and heartfelt laughs – they're endless. These two are like a reincarnated Laurel and Hardy. Only better! This is the real thing in real time. Jay and Charley, and all our valued employees, we owe you a debt of gratitude. Job well done.

HoliMont Covid-19 Testing

HoliMont Ski Area Offers Service to Community

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View of the HoliMont Hills!!

HoliMont Resort looking beautiful in sunlight. Great skiing conditions!!
Photos/Team Pritchard



Holiday Valley Update

Getting to Know the Team: **Jen Courtney, Masters Ski Program Coach**

BY BROOKE SZPAICHER

since I was five!

(V): You're a coach of the Masters Program at HV, can you tell those who don't know what this program is?

(JC): This program is taking off, most didn't know it existed but it has been around for years, all of a sudden people are getting word of it. IT'S AWESOME! This program is a ski school for adults. The program runs for the entire winter season, not necessarily every weekend, it depends on events; if there's a race, no program that day! We meet Saturdays and Sundays from 9 to 12, it's the same group of people where we work to improve skiing skills, drills, personal tips, and of course social events! Social is a big part of it, parties and get together, it helps everyone meet people to ski with, we essentially are creating our own ski family. Many adults join a lot of the time because their kids are in programs and nothing else to do. We have four coaches that work together to keep this program going: Bill Stoll, Steve Potter, Leigh Garam, and myself!

(V): Can you give a little background of who you are and what you did/do now?

(JC): I first moved to the Buffalo area and Ellicottville in 1988. Holiday Valley was our home resort; there was a ten-year span where we belonged to the Buffalo Ski Club while my kids were little. I then returned to Holiday Valley about thirteen years ago. I ran the Eagles program at Holiday Valley; started out with around eight kids and when I left it was up to fifty kids and still growing! Now I am in my first year as a Masters coach and love it!

(V): How long have you been skiing?

(JC): I have been skiing



or returning customer of HV anything, what would it be?

(JC): Holiday Valley is amazing all four seasons of the year, summer is incredible with Spruce Lake and hiking and mountain biking; fall is spectacular with colors; winter has Snowsports and skiing, and spring brings the freshness to the next season. Ellicottville is not a one-season town; it has definitely become a four-season resort!

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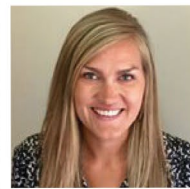
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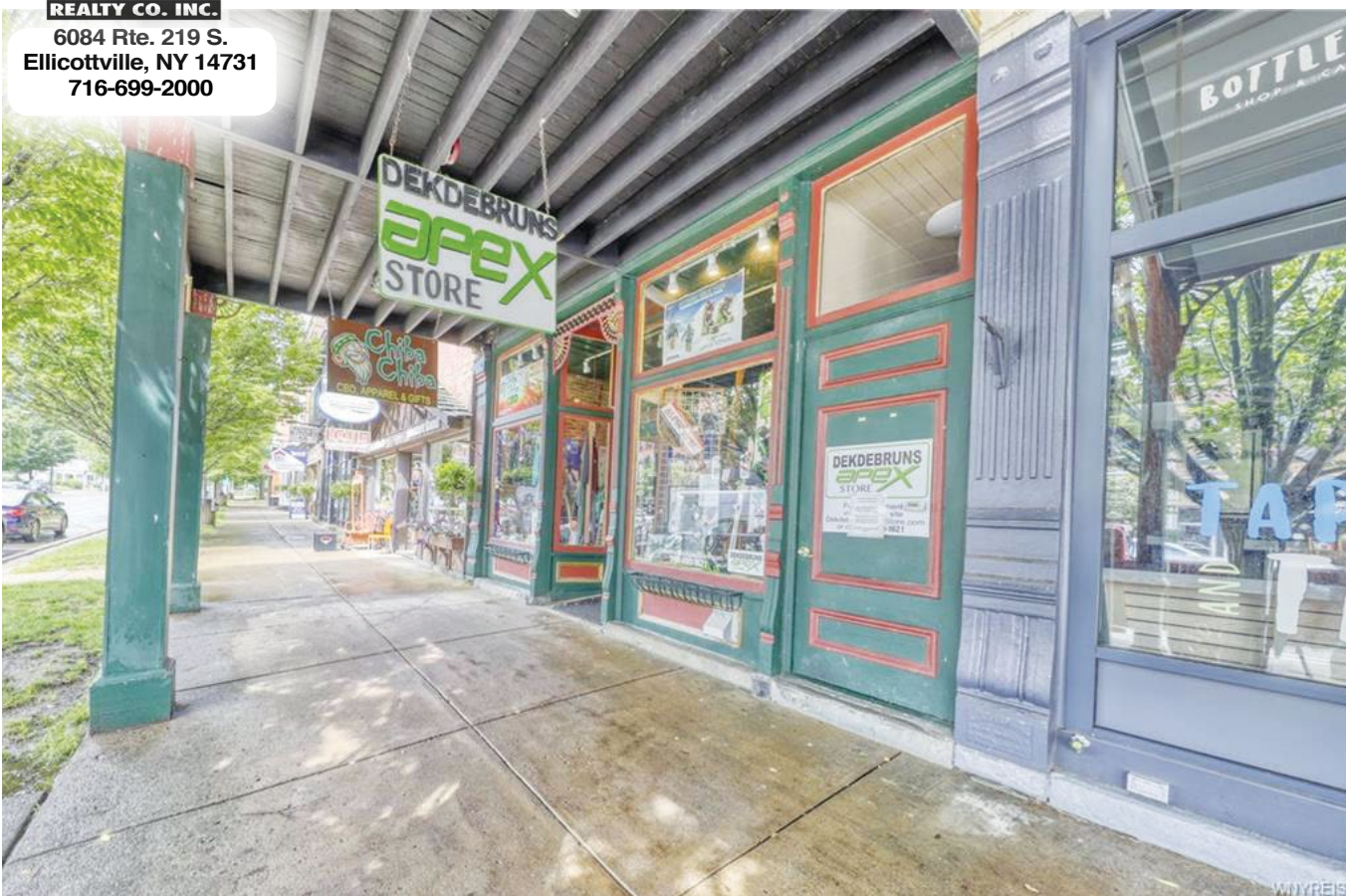
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Junior Explorers: Getting Excited

The Junior's Lace Up for Disney on Ice at the Buffalo Key Bank Arena

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We are counting down the days until Disney on Ice comes to the Key Bank Arena in Downtown Buffalo. Over 50 of our favorite characters come to life on the ice in the production of "Let's Celebrate" Thursday January 28-Sunday January 30 with matinee and evening show times. We got the chance to interview Anastasia Olson, one of the lead skaters with Disney, portraying the role of 'Belle' from Beauty and the Beast, and we might even meet up with her after the show! She explained how much she loves performing and how exciting it is on the road with Disney (See the "Up Close and Personal" Column on page ___ for her full article). She's traveled the world touring with "Let's



Celebrate" and is excited to visit our city of Buffalo. Her favorite character as a little girl was Belle, so this role is very special to her. She loves seeing the joy on kids (and adults!) faces during her performance; bringing her character to life is part of why she loves performing so much. "Let's Celebrate" is her favorite Disney On Ice production of the 9 shows

touring at this time. It's a timeless collection of modern and classic characters, with everything from Frozen and Toy Story to Aladdin Pinocchio. It really is a show for all ages! Even Dad is excited for this one. Be sure to get your tickets for Disney on Ice when the tour lands in Buffalo this upcoming week, and look for our friend Anastasia on the ice!

Martina McBride to Perform Live

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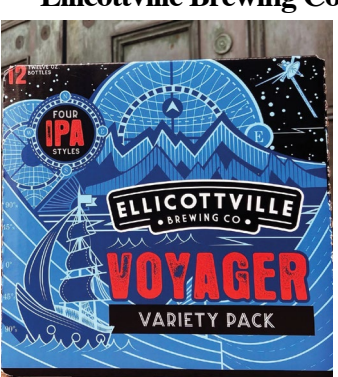
SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (January 17, 2022) – One of the biggest voices in Country Music is headed for Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. Martina McBride will perform inside the Seneca Allegany Events Center on Saturday, April 9 at 8pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, January 21 at Noon! Martina McBride is a Country Music legend known for her powerful voice and soaring soprano singing range. Throughout her career, McBride has enjoyed a string of major hit singles, including five Number 1 songs on the Country Music chart, as well as a Number 1 hit on the Adult Contemporary chart. Songs like "My Baby Loves Me," "Independence Day," "Wild Angels," "A Broken Wing," and "This One's For the Girls" helped make her a dominant force on the airwaves and establish widespread cross-over appeal. McBride has won multiple Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards, and is

a 14-time Grammy nominee. Tickets on sale January 21st at Noon! Tickets will start at \$35. MASK POLICY: At this time, masks will be required for everyone attending indoor entertainment shows at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. TO PURCHASE TICKETS for Seneca Resorts & Casinos Shows: Seneca Resorts & Casinos uses all paperless ticketing for all events at all of its properties. Tickets may be purchased online at SenecaNiagaraCasino.com, SenecaAlleganyCasino.com or ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased in-person at 8 Clans inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino or The Logo Shop inside Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. A secure link, sent by either e-mail or text, allows guests to save tickets to their phone or mobile device. Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino is nestled at the foot of the majestic Allegheny

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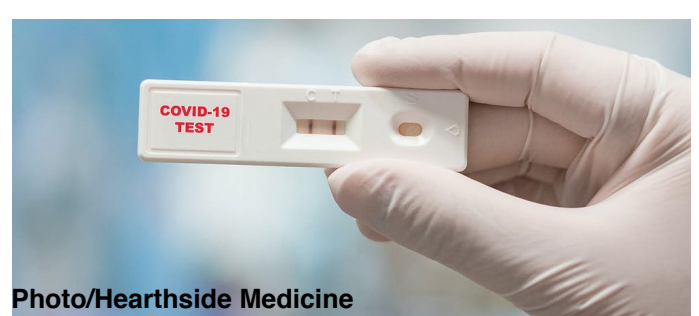
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Up Close & Personal: Anastasia Olson

Olson Performs as Belle in Disney on Ice in Buffalo, January 27-30, 2022

By KATE BARTLETT



Anastasia Olson of Michigan has been performing with Disney on Ice since 2018.

Anastasia Olson is living her dream as a lead performer for Disney on Ice. She has been touring with the "Let's Celebrate" tour as the lead role of Belle (among other characters) since 2018. She truly embodies the Disney spirit as her grace and positive energy radiate through her voice and shine in her performance. Anastasia can be an inspiration to us all.

Growing up in Novi, Michigan, she began ice-skating when she was 7 years old. She competed and traveled with Team USA as an ice dancer until 2015. When she stopped competing, she decided to coach and tried out a few different shows before signing on with Disney in 2018. "It has been an absolute dream touring with Disney. I've been granted such an amazing opportunity to travel the world doing what I love. Nothing compares to seeing the joy on kids' faces and watching them light up when they see the performances. It's amazing."

"Let's Celebrate" is one of four Disney On Ice shows touring at this time, and has been running since the 1990's. It's a collection of modern and classic characters with over 50 performers portraying characters from 14 different stories including Frozen, Toy Story, Pinocchio and more. Anastasia's main role is Belle from Beauty and the Beast, but she also appears in the opening number, Aladdin, Mulan and the finale.

Of all the roles Anastasia has had throughout her

career performing, Belle is her favorite. "It may sound like a cliché, but this role is a dream come true. Belle was my favorite character as a little girl, so to be able to bring her character to life is truly amazing." Her inspiration is seeing the glowing faces in the audience as she performs. "I'll never forget watching this little girl in the audience as we waved goodbye. I was blowing her a kiss and the glow on her face was priceless as she yelled, "I love you, Belle!" It was a really special moment."

Another perk of the job? "It's fun to be a showgirl." Anastasia loves the high-end Disney costumes and make up. The cast and crew

have fun on the road and have become like family. "I love touring with this group of people. We've made such amazing friendships bonding over this experience. We're one big family on the road together. We have a job we love and we get to see the world doing it, it's truly a blessing."

The tour has traveled across America and Europe since 2018 (with a COVID hiatus for about a year). Of the many places she's toured, Spain is among her favorites. "The culture and food of Madrid and Seville are unforgettable." While she loves the energy in the big cities like New York, she

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Village Board Meeting

Lots Of Business on the Table at the Latest Meeting This Past Tuesday

By Dave Parker

The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on January 18. Mayor John Burrell opened this month's meeting with the good news of the receipt of an \$18,177.00 wastewater treatment payment for services provided to the town of Great Valley.

The Mayor opened the floor for public comments. Kevin Lester reported that he and another resident voiced opposition to the updated zoning law for secondary dwellings and lockout rooms at December's Board meeting that was not correctly summarized in The Villager. The Mayor acknowledged that the summary did not reflect their opposition to the updated law and called out that the Board did approve the updated zoning law.

Shelia Gallagher addressed a concern with recycling from Town and Country, which is the company that services the Village. Ms. Gallagher's concern was that the company does not recycle the contents of the blue bins but sends them to the landfill based on her conversation with the company. Ms. Gallagher requested for residents to be advised to not utilize the blue bins since recycling is not occurring. Mayor Burrell and Village Attorney Richard Stanton stated that informing residents to not utilize the blue bins would go against Village law on recycling and the process of changing the law would need to be followed before advising the resident to not recycle. Ms. Gallagher pushed for reviewing the laws and the

contracts. Mr. Stanton will review the contracts with Town and Country to ensure they are meeting their obligations.

Lynn Lazzaro of 20 Elk St. wrote a letter to the Mayor last Friday and had a conversation with the Mayor about the dissatisfaction with trash collection. Collection occurs on Mondays for his neighborhood and weekend residents like himself cannot take advantage of the service due to not being in the area. These part-time residents are taking their trash home to dispose of. Mr. Lazzaro requested that the Board put together a committee to address the trash service to develop a solution. The Mayor recognized the trash concern and will address this in the commissioner's reports.

Representatives for Madigan's brought up a past request to have an addition put on the front of the building. The Mayor referenced past Board discussions on this topic and other Board members recalled the concern was with the need for easement or abandonment of the Village property in the alley next to Madigan's. Also, there was a potential problem that may need to be addressed by Madigan's with the State Department of Transportation. Trustee Caitlin Croft motioned to start the abandonment process and for any costs associated with the abandonment to be passed to Madigan's. The Board approved the motion and the representatives from Madigan's agreed to assume any costs for the abandonment and will move forward with a request to the

Village Planning Committee. Mayor Burrell updated the Board on the selection process for a new Village and Town Planner to replace Gary Palumbo. Interviews were recently conducted with the top 3 candidates and a preferred candidate has been identified. Mayor Burrell stated that if an offer is made and accepted there would likely be a 2-month transition period to get the new hire started.

In the review of department reports, Mayor Burrell commended the DPW for their effort with recent snow removal and addressing a water leak. Town and Village Engineer Ben Slotman provided an update on the Waste Water Treatment Plant Boiler Replacement project. Per Mr. Slotman, the boiler installation is complete and up and running. Only staff training remains to be completed.

The effort to address the 12 metal street light poles on Washington St. that have varying degrees of structural issues was addressed by Mr. Slotman and the Board. 2 poles have already been removed and 2 more with the greatest structural issues are planned to be removed. Trustee Sean Lowes recommended replacing any poles below good condition but requested a plan be developed for the future to ensure a historical look. The Mayor and Mr. Lowes agreed to look into options for replacement poles that will preserve the historical look of the current poles.

The topic of refuse received additional attention

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with multiple letters from residents received regarding collection issues and fines. Ms. Croft, who is the Board member recently taking on responsibility for addressing refuse services and issues, offered her cell number and commitment to addressing the various issues. Mayor Burrell called out the general lack of awareness of residents to collection laws and the challenge Village Clerk Mary Klahn has with numerous and repetitive calls on the refuse topic. Ms. Klahn suggested including an update on key Village topics, like refuse, in the sewer bill that is sent to residents. This suggestion was well received by the

Board.

Doug Bush provided an update on the parking lot purchase on Mill St. that Mr. Stanton is working on a contract with Cattaraugus County for the property purchase. Additionally, a County grant is being worked on to assist with the additional construction costs. Mr. Bush stated the goal was to have the parking lot finished in 2023.

Mr. Bush also addressed a topic of recent backups through the Village and the need to have the State Department of Transportation conduct a pedestrian and traffic survey. The concern was for ensuring pedestrian safety at the crossings while limiting the backups that result. Mr. Bush will be contacting the State agency to request this survey.

In old business, a request

to request to have the speed limit on Greer Hill lowered to 20 miles per hour was addressed. Mayor Burrell's understanding is that the State needs to approve the change of speed below 30 miles per hour. Mr. Slotman will be following up with Mr. Stanton to review the next steps on this request.

In new business, the Board passed motions to have no parking signs placed on the Madison St. extension and also on Mill St. from the overpass to the Village line. These motions were passed based on the request from the Police Department due to the challenges incurred with parking on these streets.

For full meeting minutes and other Town news, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html>.

Waterman Family Gift Shop

Springville's Crafters Corner Has New Name & New Owners

By Barbara Arnstein

The Springville store formerly known as Crafters Corner is now the Waterman Family Gift Shop. The popular store, a long-time favorite of shoppers seeking carefully crafted handmade gifts, will continue its tradition of showcasing a large, ever-changing assortment of beautiful items made by very creative local craftspeople. Jennifer Waterman, the new owner, said, "There are always new items added. The new sign on the window has an owl we call Emery, after my husband's grandfather. My son Nathan, who loves birds, helped me come up with it." There are colorful homemade soaps ideal for guest rooms, birthday presents, or simply enjoying a long, luxurious bath. The aromatherapy products also



help with relaxing, and the homemade jewelry can add a special touch to your wardrobe. If you're giving a party or are going to one, consider buying the drink ware and coasters, or simply enjoy them during casual evenings at home. To enliven your backyard,

there are fun yard signs and cute little concrete gnomes. The cute crocheted animals are thoughtful presents for children, while the Buffalo Bill items always thrill Bills fans. There is always charming

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Peer-to-Peer Program

3rd Annual Dwyer Fest Aims to Raise Money for Veterans



BY SHARON TURANO

disorder and a traumatic brain injury, according to a website about the program. It states he took his own life. His parents worked with the state, which secured grant money to establish programs that bring US armed services veterans and their families together with others for social activities, community service and more in order to transition to civilian life.

The program, the website states, honors Dwyer's legacy and memory, while "empowering veterans" and their families.

Andrew Bluhm is the newly named coordinator for Cattaraugus County's Dwyer program, run by Olean's Directions in Independent Living. He said he has been told that Dwyer looked for the camaraderie he experienced in the service once home. While he did not find it, Bluhm seeks to make sure others do. A former staff Sgt. in the army, he served seven years, including two tours in Afghanistan. He is a Purple Heart recipient and received the Bronze Star with valor. His military work continues, now that he has returned home.

"I miss my brothers in the military," he said, adding he can relate to wanting to speak with others who faced similar experiences. Bluhm said the program allows for that as monthly breakfasts are held, along with free family events like snowtubing, snowboarding, trips to sporting events, dinners and more.

Kirk Brumagin, owner of the Field House, said he is glad to host such an event. "Vets do a lot for us," he said, adding some of those who attended last year's event never saw wounded veterans who were also in attendance. He said the event, therefore, not only raises funds to support the program, but also awareness of the need.

"It's something anyone with a conscious would do," he said about hosting the event. Brumagin said the Field House staff would like to host other events and is providing food for this one.

While dates and bands for the event have not yet been confirmed, further planning is underway. Until then, Bluhm said anyone interested in the program, or joining it, can contact him at 716-307-8548.

Blues

STORY FROM COVER

BY JESSICA MILLER

Ellicottville has never been so happy to have the blues again. COVID-19 related precautions resulted in the annual festival having to take the year off in 2021. However, the beloved annual tradition is ready to go for January 21-23, 2022. Downtown venues will once again be filled with the soulful sounds played by top-notch regional blues talent. "Winter Blues Weekend has always been a hit with both our locals and visitors," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber. "We're looking forward to welcoming back some of the greatest Blues artists in our area." Fans of local blues favorites will be primed for a weekend of over 15 bands and singers from nearby to entertain at downtown hotspots. There are no cover charges for admission, but there is a strong possibility of cover songs. It was a priority for organizers to ensure that the performances would be accessible to any music lover, regardless of whether or not they were like the protagonist of a ditty without two dimes to rub together. "We want to make sure that everyone who comes to Ellicottville can enjoy these live performances at no charge," said McFadden. "Many restaurants start their entertainment schedules in the afternoon, giving families a chance to plan a fun, musically-inspired lunch or dinner out and take part in all the excitement." There is plenty of excitement to be found in Ellicottville during Winter Blues Weekend. Kicking off the action Friday night are The Big Sauce Trio playing at The Gin Mill and



The Marabella Band will perform this Saturday at the Ellicottville Brewing Company from 7-10pm. For a full calendar of events check out the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce website (www.ellicottvillenyny.com) and click on "Live Music" at the top of the page.

Tony DeRosa at Madigan's. Saturday night brings the cool and the heat with Maria Aurigema at The Gin Mill, I.O.T. at Madigan's, The Blues All Stars at Villaggio, Marabella Band at Ellicottville Brewing Company and the especially anticipated appearance of Buffalo's own Tommy Z at Balloons Restaurant and Nightclub. Hailing from Buffalo, NY, Tommy Z has been described as a "blues treasure" and "one of WNY's best kept secrets". He is a guitar-driven, electric blues-based stylist who puts that soulful blues feeling into all the different music he creates. He's been recognized with numerous awards over the years, including being voted Top Blues Vocalist in Western New York and Top Blues Guitarist. The Blues Society of WNY also honored him with the Muddy Waters Award for "Artist of the Year". In 2007, Tommy Z was inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame, recognizing him alongside Rick James, Goo Goo Dolls, and Billy Sheehan). He's had the opportunity to perform, write, record and/or co-bill with some of the world's top

artists in the blues/rock genre including B.B. King, Buddy Guy, Johnny Winter, Blues Travelers, Peter Frampton, Lynyrd Skynyrd and more. Tommy has come a long way from playing the top bars and music venues in Buffalo to being an international and US festival headliner. You can catch him every Sunday as Blues Radio Host on WBFO 88.7 FM; it is also streams worldwide on www.wbfo.org. Fans of Tommy Z and any other acts are wise to remember and follow New York state-recommended guidelines during the festival to keep themselves and others safe. "We love hosting our friends and visitors here in Ellicottville, but we have to remember that we're not out of the woods yet," said McFadden. "We ask that if you come to Ellicottville to enjoy all the great amenities here, that you stay safe by wearing a mask, social distance and sanitize when possible." The most current lineup of performers and venues can be found online at ellicottvillenyny.com or the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce's Instagram and Facebook accounts (@[visitellicottville](https://www.instagram.com/visitellicottville)). Don't miss out on this after the last year!

Gift

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seasonal decor, and the cheerful floral arrangements are ready to add a touch of spring in the depths of winter. Check out the nicely painted slates, and the interesting items made by wood burning. Custom shirts are made however you prefer them to be, and tie-dyed items are always fun. To go with these gift items, or to enhance special

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the future with his Furniture Rescue and Upholstery Shop and Showroom newly opened at 41 Main St. Springville, New York.

Southwestern New York has a vibrant history in all aspects of furniture design and manufacturing. This region of the Empire State with its deep and seemingly inexhaustible supply of lumber and accessibility to rail and waterways allowing for easy movement of raw materials and finished products, famously lead the furniture industry for decades. Chris is rooted in this rich history as he spent much of his childhood in his grandfather's shop, Main Upholstery, established in 1975 in Buffalo, New York. It was here watching the craftsmen applying their skills, that young Chris developed an appreciation for the trade honing his own skills in wood reparation and furniture upholstery.

Chris spent years as a contractor and even became a Massage Therapist. Even as he pursued other careers, he never really took his hands off the tools of the furniture trade. Spending weekends and spare time restoring antique and one-of-a-kind pieces for friends and family, his talent flourished and his love for the trade grew. With the advent of COVID Chris found himself an unemployed Massage Therapist. The silver lining of this cloud appearing over his life was the COVID Relief measures that afforded

him the financial resources necessary to turn his hobby into a flourishing business. Able now to move operations out of his basement and into a shop with a showroom, he is already contracted six months out and is doing business across the tri-state area and as far away as New Jersey. He credits social media for a share in his early success and I highly recommend viewing his exciting and educational web site at Velvet&Wood.com.

More than a Master Craftsman, Chris is a researcher and an historian in his own right telling stories of days gone by through the pieces he lovingly restores. Taking his time with each customer to educate them on the individual pieces they bring to him for refurbishing, he assists them with decisions based on the history and integrity of each piece of furniture. Possessing great story telling skills, he shares a brief history of the pieces that he brings back to life on his website. His desire to offer to the public one-of-a-kind and hard to find masterpieces of wood and textiles defines his unique and deep character and I found his is old-school business style inspired. Resourcing all the raw materials that he can locally reveals a strong commitment to his community and its growth, as well as his own. He works with local bee farmers to procure high quality bees wax used to restore and preserve wood and in finding quality burlap, horsehair and woodwool for traditional cushion repair. I was amazed to learn from my conversation with Chris all that goes into making traditional cushions



compared to modern-day foam cushions found in most of our current furniture markets. He explained the difference between a true piece of leather furniture and that which can pass for such to the untrained eye. His knowledge of textiles and what fabrics work with pieces from different era's is astounding.

For history buffs and furniture enthusiasts alike "Velvet & Wood" has something for you. Whether it is a Vintage piece or an Antique, Art Deco or Classic, Chris can help you rebirth pieces of history ensuring lasting craftsmanship and enduring beauty. If you want to make a visit to his shop, he is available for customer interaction Monday through Friday between 2pm and 5pm. He is currently preparing the shop and storefront for a grand opening, but eagerly anticipates visitors there and on his inspired website and social media platforms.

Thank you, Chris, for your time in assisting with this article and we look forward to your Great Success!

This Week in Health & Science: Icefish & Supernovas

Two Amazing Separate Discoveries Made This Week

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While humanity battles the newest wave of viral infections, this week two amazing and separate unrelated discoveries were announced. And as discoveries go, they could be no further apart from one another. They inspire us to think about things far from our individual concerns, to ponder the unknown, to wonder what else don't we know?

We will start here on earth and disconnect for a moment from COVID-19 news, and realize exploration in all areas of science continues unabated. Now head south to Antarctica where a group of scientists on a German research vessel discovered the largest fish nesting and breeding ground ever seen in the world— 1600 feet down on the floor of the Weddell Sea. At first, the scientists were just happy to record the icefish (*Neopagetopsis ionah*) sitting on their 2.5-foot circular nests. Then they kept looking, and they kept seeing more.

The scientists say the longer the mission lasted, the more their excitement turned to disbelief because they just kept seeing more nests. Using a camera on a remotely operated vehicle specially designed for extreme environments, they counted more than 16-thousand nests on photo and video. Scientists report in the journal Current Biology, given the density of the nests and the size of the entire breeding area of 93 square miles (larger than the Caribbean Island of Saint

Croix) that about 60 million icefish were breeding at the time of the observations.

Researchers from the Alfred Wegener Institute (AWI) on board the icebreaker Polarstern had been exploring these waters since the 1980's and up until this discovery had only observed small clusters of nests. During this mission they also documented "active" nests each containing up to 2500 eggs; each guarded by a single adult icefish. In addition, they were able to prove that this region maintains a large population of seals, which were seen diving in the area of active nests likely in search of food.

Biologist and AWI Director, Antje Boetius says the discovery underscores the urgency to protect this ecosystem, "It shows how important it is to be able to investigate unknown ecosystems before we disturb them. Considering how little known the Antarctic Weddell Sea is, this underlies all the more need of international efforts to establish a Marine Protected Area (MPA)."

Now leaving Antarctica and looking millions of light years to the heavens by way of the W.M. Keck Observatory on Maunakea, Hawaii. This is where astronomers actually captured the first ever-red supergiant star supernova explosion. Until now, astronomers have only seen the remnants of these colossal blasts. They just happened to notice a star 120 million light years away getting ready to blow.

Reported in the Astrophysical Journal, astronomers at another observatory in Hawaii detected the red giant in the summer of 2020 during a

routine survey. They spotted unusual activity 130 days before the explosion. They were intrigued because the star had become much brighter, it was violently ejecting large amounts of gas, and they therefore kept close watch.

Senior author, astrophysicist Raffaella Margutti said, "It's like watching a ticking time bomb. We've never confirmed such violent activity in a dying red supergiant star where we see it produce such a luminous emission, then collapse and combust, until now."

When the massive explosion occurred, astronomers operating the W.M. Keck Observatory recorded the powerful sudden flash, which for a brief time became brighter than all the other stars in its galaxy combined. Researchers continued to observe the star to fill in gaps of understanding. Lead author, Jacobson-Galan said this discovery is uniting astronomy observers with theorists in the mission to understand how massive stars end their lives, "I am most excited by all of the new 'unknowns' that have been unlocked by this discovery."

Meanwhile, astronomers hope to document more supernova explosions, using earth based telescopes, and many are looking forward to incalculable mysteries solved once the new Webb Space Telescope begins its work; those in search of new discoveries here on earth also keep looking. The icefish nursery is now constantly monitored to discover what else may be hiding on the seafloor, and what happens when all those eggs hatch.

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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

"I think I'll walk on down'
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And listen around
For that wonderful sound
They sometimes call the blues"

It's Blues Weekend and that means lots of great music so let's see who's playing where.

The seven-day weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. This week's musical guest is Henry's Summer Kitchenette from 6-9pm. They play a rockabilly/country/AM oldies set of covers. \$12 gets your choice of any burger and any beer.

Over on Washington St The Gin Mill will host Second Act from 8-11pm. They play rock/folk/pop/country covers and originals. Try one of the 37 beers on tap.

FRIDAY: Madigan's is first out of the box with Tony DeRosa from 6-9pm. Tony plays a pop/rock/alt set of covers and originals. DJ SI will follow from 10-2 in the sound booth with a little slide for your glide.

We're back at Balloons for Gabe Stillman on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This Williamsport native tours the world playing blues and blues based r&r originals. Ask about merch. In the back bar Jennifer Westwood and Dylan Dunbar will perform from 10-1am. This Detroit couple plays country/blues/jazz covers and originals. DJ KT Stylez will blow up the sound booth with some grooves to

track your moves on the two dance floors till 2am.

We return to The Gin Mill for The Big Sauce Trio from 8-12am. This Buffalo area trio plays a blues/rock/jam set off covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till midnight Wed-Sat and 11pm Sun-Tues.

SATURDAY: Ellicottville Distillery joins the party with their annual Xmas tree bonfire. Kody and Herron will provide music from 4-7pm. They play folk/roots/bluegrass cover and originals. The trees will be lit at 5:30pm.

Madigan's returns with I.O.T from 6-10pm. They play an alt/mod/rock set of covers that you'll recognize. DJ SI will follow in the sound booth with a little crunk so you can shake your junk in the window. There's foosball and pool tables for you bar room athletes.

If you're looking for a little scenic ride head to The Station Bistro in West Valley for a wonderful farm to table dining experience and Two Guys Drinking Beer will provide some musical accompaniment from 6-9pm. They play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers.

Balloons is next up with Tommy Z on the main stage from 7-10:30pm. Tommy has toured the world playing the blues and entertained the troops in Iraq. Ask about merch. Jennifer and Dylan return to the back bar from 10-1am. DJ Snarski will provide the thump, thump for your bump, bump from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is Back with Maria Aurigema from 8-12am.

This Buffalo native has been playing in town for many years and has opened for some of the best national blues acts at the Tralf and other venues around the Buffalo area. Ask about merch.

Villaggio joins the party with The Blues Allstars from 8-11pm. This harmonica-based group features some off Buffaloes top blues musicians. Enjoy some fine Italian dining and check out the wine list.

Last but never least, Ellicottville Brewing Company hosts the Marabella Band starting at 7pm, don't miss out!!

SUNDAY: Villaggio will be hosting a fund raiser for Brian Morman's P.U.N.T. Foundation which provides support to families with children who have cancer. The Bills game will be on the big screen and there will be raffles and giveaways from 5-? AYCE pasta bar available.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. Jennifer Westwood and Dylan Dunbar will provide some bluesy, jazzy, country songs to accompany those 75-cent wings and a fine beer selection.

We close out the never-ending weekend at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company; Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/country rock/blues/country set of your favorite covers. Joe has been doing this gig for 35+ years.

If you had a great time in Eville tell everybody you know and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

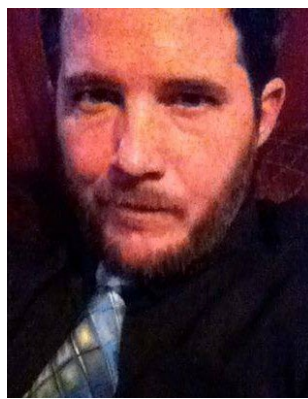
Beat on the Street:

What Statistic About the Bills is Your Favorite?

By CHAD NEAL

As a collective, our home professional football team has made us much happier in the past four years than the two decades of sorrow we suffered. Lo, most of the fan base was always behind our Bills. Being a true fan means loving them like your child. This is our second year in a row getting

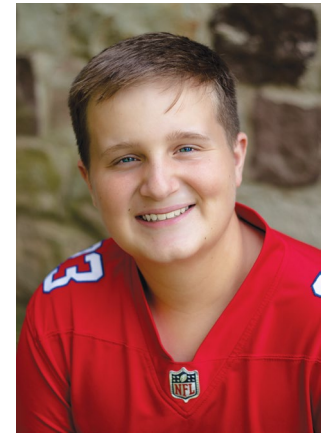
this far and Western New York is excited. And many records have been broken by our team as well this year, including the yardage throwing and running by our superstar quarterback JA17-Josh Allen. The tables are being broken and the high fives are crisp. We have a lot to brag about this football season. What statistic about the Bills is your favorite?



Connor C. - 1st perfect game in NFL history!



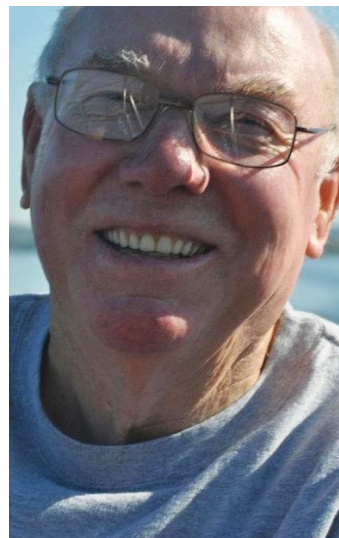
Billy F. - No 4th Downs!!!



Elliott W. - They are 27-10 since we got our dog Ollie!



Kathy T. - Best fans in NFL...through thick or thin, good years, bad years, sun, snow, warm, cold, Bills fans are second to none!! LET'S GO BUFFALO!!! Bring on KC...



Willard B. - 7 touchdown drives!



Nick P. - More touchdowns (5) than incompletions (4) is pretty cool!!!

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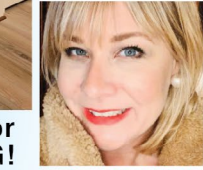
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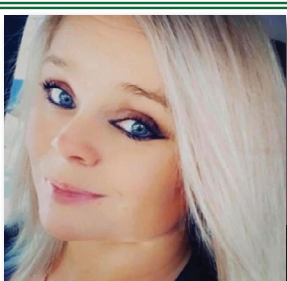
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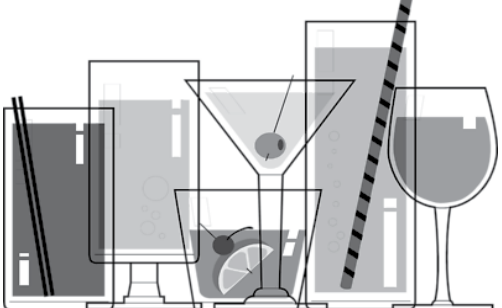
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution.
Good luck!

Last Week's Puzzle:

3	6	5	4	7	1	2	8	9
9	4	7	3	2	8	5	6	1
1	2	8	5	6	9	3	7	4
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7	3	4	2	9	6	8	1	5
5	1	6	7	8	4	9	2	3
6	5	3	8	4	2	1	9	7
8	9	1	6	5	7	4	3	2
4	7	2	9	1	3	6	5	8

Tours

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guided tours for Nordic skiing, mountain biking and road biking.

An avid mountain biker, Israel has biked all over New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. His rides also include a few tours in Spain and Portugal, with his longest riding day being 135 miles in a day. A longtime member of WNYMBA (Western New York Mountain Biking Association) Israel credit's the organization and the people in it for his happiness and success and is making it a personal goal to give back to that community. He assists in the grooming of the trails, trimming of trees and drainage of trails.



Drew & Andrew (a.k.a. Moose Man)

There are 36 miles of biking trails, 16 miles of which are groomed around Ellicottville from McCarty Hill to Little Rock City. Most people stick to the trails in the McCarty Hill area, but the real fun is on the trails behind the Tannenbaum area says Morris. Black trail, Yellow trail, Bent Rim, and Billy Goat are just a few of the ultra-rocky, challenging, and adventurous terrains that you should check out. "If you can ride there, you can ride anywhere in the United States" he says, "It is very challenging".

Tours are tailored to a tour and have some fun. your group's abilities and Israel stated, "Let's play experience, but for maximum bikes" is his favorite thing to enjoyment and adventure, text his friends. Biking creates an intermediate relationships and happiness skill set is recommended. and everyone should be able to Tours are \$100 a day for 4 experience it. Make sure you people, and you can ride as check out EVLTOURS.COM long and far as you are able. and schedule an adventure Cold weather doesn't stop the today. You can also find more fun either; the tour will still information about the trails in the area, paper maps are a go on. Israel states, "If you \$10 donation, or donate for pedal hard enough, you are find more information on the never cold and it's a really fun Western New York Mountain Biking Association by going to WNYMBA.ORG.

"One of the prominent citizens remembered Ely as 'a fine-looking man, of stalwart proportions' and said that 'he mixed in society, where he was a favorite, and was a cultured man.'" Ely later told a friend that Ellicottville had 'a great many good folks and some queer ones. I used to have some very pleasant times when I lived there.'"

Parker

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speculation is that he may have resided in the iconic Leyen's house at the corner of Martha and Adams Street. But the fact is clear: he did indeed live in Ellicottville for about three years of his very interesting and notable life.

A Seneca, he was born on the Tonawanda Reservation in 1828 to a father who was a Seneca chief, a Baptist minister and veteran of the War of 1812. His mother was the granddaughter of Sos-he-o-wa, the successor of the great Haudenosaunee spiritual leader Handsome Lake. Reared on the reservation, Parker received a solid education in a mission school, then later at Yates and Cayuga Academies in the Finger Lakes. He was fluent in both English and the Seneca language and knew all the Seneca customs, rituals and stories.

He was very attracted to the law believing that he could best help his own people by becoming a lawyer. At eighteen, he was invited to come to Ellicottville to help with Indian affairs by attorneys William Angel and A. J. Rice. This naturally led to Parker becoming interested in studying the law. He was an excellent student, had a very quick mind and within three years he passed the NYS bar examination with good grades. But there was a catch. It turned out that he could not get admitted to the bar because he was not an American citizen, never

and diplomat for the Seneca Chiefs in their negotiations with the United States government about land and treaty rights." He worked as a civil engineer creating upgrades on the Erie Canal until the start of the American Civil War. He served in that war from 1863 to 1869, having received a commission of lieutenant colonel during the war, where he reconnected with his old friend, Ulysses S. Grant, and served as his adjutant and secretary. Parker finished writing the final draft of the Confederate terms of surrender at Appomattox (which exists to this day in his handwriting). He was at the table when it took place with Robert E. Lee who, recognizing him as Native American, acknowledged him as a "real American." Parker's response: "We are all Americans." Later in his career, Parker rose to the rank of brevet brigadier general. When General Grant was elected US President, he appointed Parker as Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the very first Native American to hold that post.

A movement is under way to have Ely Parker be posthumously granted the privilege of practicing law in NYS. There is precedent for this. In 2019 William Herbert Johnson, a black man, was finally given admission to the bar after his 1903 law school graduation. We're pulling for you, Ely. Many thanks to Donna Brooks, Dr. Joseph Stahlman, Curator at the SNI Museum and Jennifer Widger at NY Courts for their assistance in providing information for this article.

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Finnerty's

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you feel welcome. Whatever your passion, we hope you meet some new friends, share our job in serving you, and leave with a little piece of Ellicottville in your heart. Make our place, your place."

Angelo Cannata Jr. is the new owner of Finnerty's Tap Room. He has been in the restaurant business since he was 14 years old, starting as a dishwasher and working his way through the business as a Manager of Food and Beverage to eventual owner/operator. He has owned many restaurants in the Buffalo area including Lucia's on the Lake and Dos on the Lake. Angelo currently owns and operates Hooked, a Seafood American Restaurant in Williamsville and The Juicery in Delaware Park.

Angelo has a long love and passion for Ellicottville and all the area has to offer. He recently purchased a home with his girlfriend, Danielle Casucci just outside of town. "We love the variety of people that are here and how friendly, kind and generous everyone is. When the opportunity arose to be a part of the Ellicottville community with Finnerty's, we were both very excited."

He describes Finnerty's as an Irish Pub, with a very local and neighborhood feel to it. "Everyone really does know everyone's name and the familiar feel is one of comfort. We have so much to offer including a wide variety menu that includes great options for those who are gluten free along with an extensive list of local brews, 24 different taps to be exact." Some of their featured brews include EBC, Hamburg, Hayburner, 4 Mile Pale Ale, Fat Tire, Thin Man, and Sullivan's.

"We have an fantastic



The bar features 10 different varieties of Margaritas, which are new to the menu, including margarita flights to taste 4 varieties.

Asian night that has become very popular amongst the locals. Every Monday we feature homemade sushi and poke bowls. We also have an awesome gluten free pizza with Cauliflower crust that you can build upon. Our trophies worthy Reuben Meatballs have won multiple competitions." The bar features 10 different varieties of Margaritas, which are new to the menu, including margarita flights to taste 4 varieties. FTR also frequently hosts live music, including Strictly Hip on February 20th, and After Affect featuring Dave Fortini on February 26th. Angelo prides himself on giving the public what they want and at a reasonable price. "Despite the costs of everything on the rise as a result of the pandemic, I have tried to maintain affordable prices for families to be able to dine out and enjoy a great

meal." He loves his job and is passionate about providing good quality service in a comfortable atmosphere. "I love talking and getting to know the people that this restaurant serves. We want people to feel like they're family here. Our staff is dedicated is ready to serve 7 days a week with a late night menu until midnight."

"Ellicottville has become quite the extension of Buffalo, New York, as the town of Good Neighbors," says Angelo, and he is thrilled to be a part of it.

Stop in and visit Angelo and his crew and try a local brew. Come feel the Irish hospitality of a local pub at 5 East Washington Street check out their menu or order online <https://www.finnertystaproom.com/> call (716) 699-1226 and follow on Facebook @finnertystaproom

Lift

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According to Holiday Valley's President and General Manager, Dennis Eshbaugh, "The Holiday Valley lift system has been recognized by our guests as one of the best in the East. The Yodeler Quad Express lift built in 2021 raised the bar. The Mardi Gras 6-pack will give skiers and snowboarders an exciting new experience, with quicker access to the top of the mountain."

The new lift will be built

in two stages, starting with foundations of 11 new lift towers in summer 2022. The existing Mardi Gras Express will serve skiers and riders during the winter of 2022-23, and then will be dismantled in spring of 2023. Construction of the new lift will take place in summer 2023 and it will be ready for passengers by November of 2023. Consistent with the other chairlifts at Holiday Valley, the new Mardi Gras lift will be manufactured by Doppelmayr USA, based in Salt Lake City, Utah. The chair will have the capacity to deliver 3,000 people per hour over a length of

4,300 feet and 700 vertical feet up to the top of Mardi Gras. Once the new Mardi Gras 6-Pack is in operation, Holiday Valley's total uphill capacity will be 25,650 people per hour.

About Holiday Valley Resort: Holiday Valley is Western New York's largest year 'round resort featuring 60 slopes and trails, 13 lifts, 3 base lodges, slope side lodging and dining, conference facilities, an 18 hole golf course, a tree top aerial adventure park, a mountain coaster and a summer pool complex. Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville is on the web at www.holidayvalley.com.

Disney

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appreciates the smaller cities and is looking forward to catching up with old friends in Buffalo.

What's it like backstage with Disney On Ice? With 50 performers and over 16 crewmembers, things are definitely busy. "It's very organized chaos", Anastasia laughs, "kind of like a really

busy restaurant kitchen but with costumes and ice skates and dancers rushing around. We pretty much have it down to a science between songs and things typically run very smoothly despite the excitement."

Anastasia hopes to travel and perform with Disney as long as she can, or until she's ready to settle down. She never dreamed she'd be in this position when she started skating over 15 years ago. She encourages readers to "Follow your

heart, follow your dreams and anything is possible."

And of course, don't forget to get your tickets to see Anastasia perform in Disney On Ice "Let's Celebrate" coming to Buffalo this upcoming Thursday, January 27-Sunday January 30 with matinee and evening performances. "If you're looking for something fun to do to bring you back to your childhood come see the show. You'll leave with a smile on your face and a song in your heart."

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of HMS West Enterprises LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State NY (SSNY) on 01/03/2022. Office Location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 1 West St., Cattaraugus, NY 14719. Purpose: for any lawful purpose.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The Town of Ellicottville is accepting proposals for the landscape maintenance at the Nannen Arboretum. Specs and information can be obtained from the Town Engineer by calling 716-699-9005 or by email ben.slotman@evlengineering.com. Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Ellicottville located at 1 West Washington St, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 10:00 a.m. Friday February 4, 2022, and then at that time and place opened and read aloud. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid, which, in their opinion, meets the intent of the specifications and deemed most advantageous to the Town. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

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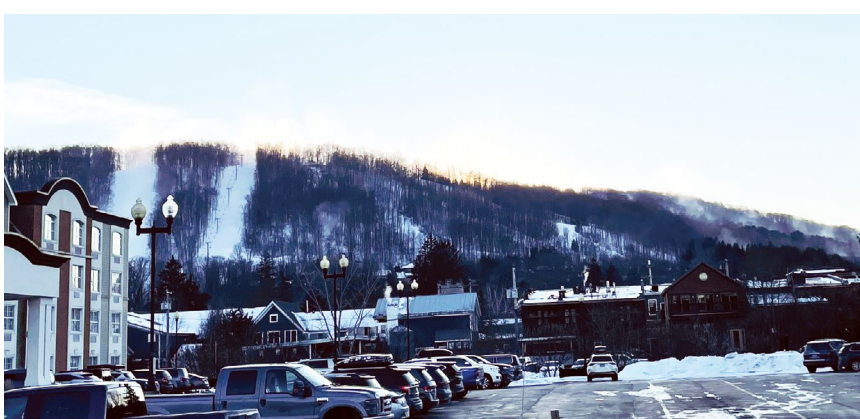
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Artist Spotlight: A Voice Through Art

Olean Native Meg Saligman Creates Community Visions



(Photos L-R) Artist Meg Saligman, enjoying a day of mural painting. Murals: “Rippling Moon, An Urban Fairytale”, located at Children’s Crisis Treatment Center, Philadelphia, PA; “Water Tower, Water Tale” located at SEGA School for Girls, Tanzania, Africa; “Common Threads” in Philadelphia, PA and “Once in a Millennium Moon” located in Shreveport, Louisiana. This is just a small sampling of the multiple bodies of work Meg has done.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

motivation going?

Meg (M): “Being an artist is not necessarily something one has to motivate for. It is a state of being that you don’t really have a choice in. I feel compelled to create and paint and if I don’t do that after a while I’m not the best version of myself. If I’m looking for something that really gets me excited and energized, besides doing public commissions, it is two major things: one is the actively large-scale painting and the other thing is I love being outdoors with people. It’s an incredibly great way to spend my days.”

V: Your art is also your voice; you’ve used your murals to bring focus to marginalized

people, what made you go that direction?

M: “When I first began painting in Philadelphia, in neighborhoods in the public, I realized that this outdoor gallery was not solely about my voice. I would be making a work of art that would stay in someone’s backyard or in someone’s life everyday and my desire is not to be intrusive. I tend to come at a community project that is going to remain in the public realm by including everything I can collect about the area. Everything you see in one of my murals reflects the objects and people of the area. I gather and find what any giving sight has to offer and

if I’m doing my job correctly people, things, ideas will find a place within any given work of art. I think of myself as a vessel with a vision. I contain and hold what I gather from the community. Yes I have a voice, I am an artist, I’m not just a pencil but I do want to do my work in a collaborative experience and through mutual exchange there is a little magic between myself and the communities I work in.”

V: The works you have done are International. Were you ever expecting that level of exposure?

M: “Honestly, when you look at my work, you could say that a lot of my work is

a collaboration with those that have been marginalized. It’s very rewarding and meaningful to me. Art in the public has a potential to amplify the voices of the community that surrounds it. So I think it’s not that I give people who don’t have a voice, a voice; it’s more that my work brings attention to the message those communities are already saying and helps them be heard. That actually is an act of power and I think it’s an important thing to do. I wasn’t looking for international recognition, I just wanted to make my corner of the world a better place but I’m deeply honored to help bring attention to

people’s communities around the globe.”

V: What do you have planned for the future?

M: “I have a very large plan; my largest yet. I am going to open my studio to the public. I have been working within communities for 25 years and I want to bring them in for a behind the scenes look at how we create this art. My vision is to create a work of art that you can walk into. I want to create an art attraction that one can visit, something like they’ve never experienced and maybe inspire people to their own agency. We are calling it an “artocracy”. The actual title

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Event Spotlight: Fire & Ice Celebration

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel Hosts Event in Celoron, February 10-12, 2022



“We will be creating a multiple ice bar event with interactive ice displays such as a custom oversized ice throne and games such as ice air hockey table.” – Stan Kolonko (president of The Ice Farm, in Jordan, NY)

BY JUDY SHULER

Bundle up. Get outside. There's more than one way to embrace winter in Western New York. Sip a favorite beverage amid the magic of illuminated world-class ice sculptures, warming yourself fireside, then moving indoors for light repast and dancing. Supporting children all the while.

Just when winter feels interminable, along comes the Fire & Ice Celebration, February 10-12 at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron. Centerpiece will be nearly 20 tons of ice, sculpted into multiple interactive displays.

The Ice Farm, Jordan, NY creates the sculptures, under direction of Stan Kolonko, company president and a member of the National Ice Carving Association. He

and his team have placed in international ice sculpture competitions in China (first place), Canada and Fairbanks, Alaska.

“We will be creating a multiple ice bar event with interactive ice displays such as a custom oversized ice throne and games such as ice air hockey table,” Kolonko says. “There are multiple bars ranging from 5-15 blocks each. We also typically create a showpiece ice sculpture.”

Bars are sponsored by various businesses, with their logo carved into the ice. The special martini bar will have an ice luge on each side, allowing vodka to flow through the luge into the patron's glass, says hotel manager Cory Amman.

Kolonko says most sculptures will be carved at their studio in East

Syracuse. “All in all we will be sculpting nearly 120 blocks of ice weighing 300 pounds each.”

Pieces are then trucked to Celoron a day in advance. “A crew of four to six will assemble the entire display over an 8-hour dash to be ready for opening. “All together nearly 200 man-hours create this epic ice lounge for the Fire & Ice Festival.”

The winter celebration is open 5-9pm each of the three evenings. A \$30 admission fee includes access to the outdoor ice bar and sculptures, interspersed with blazing fire pits, plus hors d'oeuvres, chili and chowder served indoors in the Pier Ballroom, along with DJ dance music by DJ

Nate Baker. Each evening

SEE “EVENT”, RIGHT

Event

STORY FROM LEFT

concludes with fireworks transforming winter skies.

Following the first Celoron Fire & Ice festivals in 2019 and 2020, was 2021's virtual event. Entrance to Fire & Ice will require proof of vaccination with a card and proof of age. Tickets are available at brownpapertickets.com. Beverage tickets will be sold on site, cash only. Overnight packages are also available by calling the hotel.

“Ticket sales are limited each year due to the capacity of the event space,” Amman says, stressing “get your tickets now because they will sell out!”



A portion of the proceeds will go to Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program, whose mission is to end child abuse in the county. The organization has been their recipient since the first Fire & Ice, according to Amman.

Other Hart Hotels, the Watkins Glenn Harbor Hotel and 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel in Clayton, are holding Fire & Ice festivals on different weekends, also with sculptures created by The Ice Farm and donations to local charities.

“I contain and hold what I gather from the community... I do want to do my work in a collaborative experience and through mutual exchange there is a little magic between myself and the communities I work in.”

Art

STORY FROM COVER

of the project is The Agency, it's a multi-year project and I'm super excited to open this new venue in downtown Philadelphia, PA.”

V: What would you like the people who view your work to think about?

M: “I would love for people to view my work and simply

to think something slightly different than they did before they saw it. It would be great if someone were inspired by my work. I don't have exact expectations for my viewers. I just want them to see the art and hope it impacts their day in some way.”

V: Anything else to add?

M: “I guess I would add that I really believe in my heart and through my life's experience that beauty is a potent and viable pathway to seeking truth. I believe in the power of people coming

to create something together. Sitting next to one another and working with their hands. I strive to put people directly in the path of beauty as I believe art is a powerful catalyst for some of the things that we are struggling with in our lives.”

Thank you Meg, for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing not just your beautiful art but a glimpse into the center of your equally beautiful mind. Meg's work can be found on her website, megsaligman.com.

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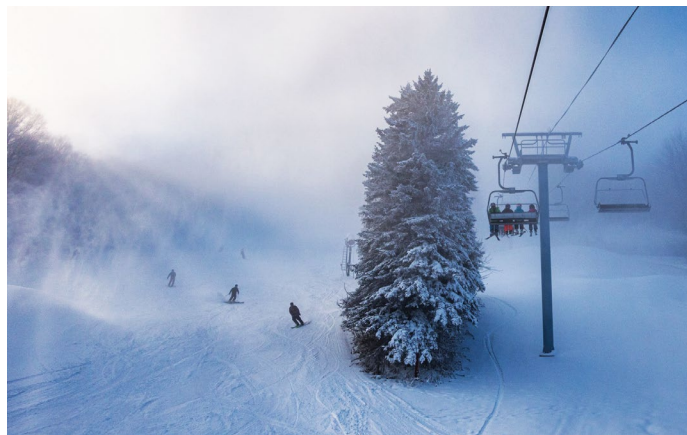
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