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Area Events

1ST ANNUAL FROSTY FEST
Saturday, February 5th • 10-6pm
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
Friday, January 28th • 6-9pm
Marion Art Gallery, Fredonia

DEREK DAVIS DUO LIVE
Saturday, January 29th • 6-9pm
Cockaigne Resort, Cherry Creek

DOUG PHILLIPS DUO LIVE
Saturday, January 29th • 6:30pm
Peek 'N Peak Resort, Clymer

RHAPSODY IN BACK
Friday, February 4th • 7pm
Reg Lenna Center, Jamestown

CASSADAGA WINTER FESTIVAL
February 5th & 6th • Times Vary
Various Locations, Cassadaga

FROZEN 50K 2022
Saturday, February 5th • 8am
Cassadaga Lake, Cassadaga

SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL
Saturday, February 5th • 10-4pm
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

For more information on NY Parks visit parks.ny.gov

Powder to Prosecco, W2W Event

HoliMont in Ellicottville Elevates Excitement on the Hills



Mud, Sweat n' Gears along with the Blizzard/ Technica Woman 2 Woman project are co-sponsoring a truly one of a kind, 2-day event at HoliMont on January 27th and 28th.

BY DARLENE O'CONNOR

There is no fun like the snow fun being planned for you in 2022. You will want to set these dates aside to strap your skies on for a ride because for us, winter is too short

to be chillin' inside. And why would you when all that is cool is outdoors in the ever-enchanted Ellicottville hills. It was my pleasure to speak with a few very

SEE "W2W" PAGE 12

EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Villaggio

Restaurant Hosted Playoff Party Fundraiser for P.U.N.T.



Playoff Party Fundraiser for the Pediatric Cancer Collaborative (P.U.N.T) this past weekend garnered \$1,300 for the organization. (Pictured: Warrior Riley and his brother Aydin slope side at HV the day of the event.)

BY KATE BARTLETT

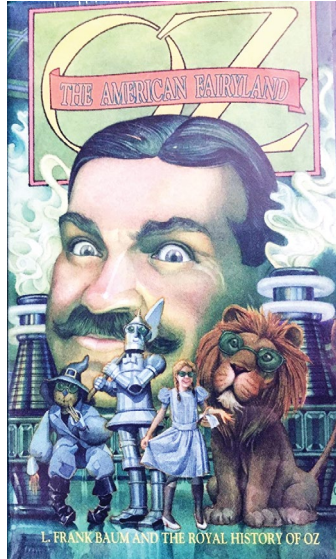
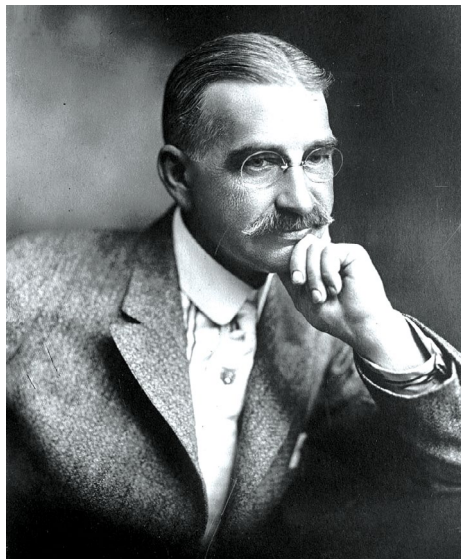
Villaggio hosted an incredibly successful fundraiser for P.U.N.T. (Pediatric Cancer Collaborative) this past Sunday January 23.

A portion of all tickets sold for the Playoff Party for PUNT went directly to this non-profit organization. Attendees enjoyed

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WNY in History: The Man Behind the Curtain

L. Frank Baum Found His Inspiration Growing Up in WNY



Over the Rainbow, and many, many miles East of nowhere, lies the Magical Land of Oz. A magnificent empire created in the mind of an American man named Lyman Frank Baum, who wrote a Wonderful and Marvelous book about it. And like wildfire in the wheatfield, the spellbinding tale of the Wizard of Oz spread from town, to city, to nation. And even to the hearts of millions all over the world...(www.oz.fandom.com). Baum was a Western New York native. (See story "BAUM", pg. 14.)

WNY in History: Buffalo Wings

Peasant Food Fit for a King - a Chicken Wing King, that Is



In 2007, Food Network Chef Bobby Flay came to Buffalo to challenge Drew Cerza to a "Chicken Wing Challenge". After Cerza's victory, Flay coined Drew, The "Wing King"...this elevated chicken wings into the national culinary spotlight.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

As a kid, I was sent to the Broadway Market to obtain free "garbage" wings for Mama's Sunday soup. In a recent conversation with

"Chicken Wing King", Drew Cerza, he correctly stated that, in days gone by, chicken wings used to be "peasant food." Yep.

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Business Spotlight: **Cuba Cheese Shoppe ... Pg. 7**

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Cheeses made in Cuba, NY have had distinction since the late 1800s when the town was known as the "Cheese Center of the World".

Local Superheroes to the Rescue Pg. 8

Western New York Superheroes & Cosplayers Visit Sick Children

Looking for ways to brighten the day for a child in distress? WNY Superheroes and Cosplayers (WNYSAC) (*Cosplayers - dressing up in a costume to portray a character*) is a group of 33 entertainers, and nearly 60 costumed characters, which volunteer their time

Allegheny State Park

Salamanca, NY Park Hosts Winter Events



Year-round activities and events can be found on the Allegheny State Park Facebook page and the press releases. Make sure you check out all of the fun to be had and book your next adventure today.

BY RACHEL FRALEY

Don't let the winter blues get you down. If you're getting cabin fever, head on over to Allegheny State Park for a Winter Adventure. Allegheny State Park is located just a little over a half hour from Ellicottville,

SEE "WINTER" PAGE 15

CHQ. Business Spotlight: Marion Art Gallery

Students Speak Through Art at Fredonia Showcase



Perhaps nothing speaks to these times quite like the laser cut plywood sculpture, 'This Too Shall Pass', by Sergey Saakyan, he associates it with hope. (Just one of many fantastic pieces on display)

BY JUDY SHULER

If the duty of art is to speak to its time, 122 art students are offering up works for reflection in the Fredonia Showcase exhibition in Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery on the SUNY Fredonia campus.

Professors in the Department of Visual Arts and New

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Publisher's Word

"Don't Worry - Be Happy"



Now, if it bothers you to have someone lord power over you, the best way to say "oh yeah?" is by taking advantage and making fun out of all this weather. We are blessed with so many things to have fun in the snow. Skiers, boarders, cross country skiers, snowmobilers and snowshoers, and a few brave joggers ALL know this is truly a tremendous time to get out there and have some serious fun.

If you're a lover of winter activities, or just like to watch the pretty snowflakes fall, you've had an interesting winter so far this season. It's been a strange one, all right -Mother Nature still likes to show all of us she's the boss!

common theme all active winter hobbyists have is at the end of the day - you're dog-bone tired! A hot tub or a hot shower is the first order of business, followed by a glass of your favorite beverage and a wee bit to nibble on. And that's where our villages really roll out the welcome mat. Kudos to all the merchants, every single one an expert on hospitality...
If I've said it once, I've said it a million times - consider yourself very lucky to be in a great place at a truly great time of the year. Get out of the house and enjoy the wintery elements! *Until next week...* **Janine Caprino Zimmer**

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- Paul Timkey... February 3rd
- Jeff Perks... February 4th
- Earl Johnson... February 4th
- Drew Cerza "Wing King"... February 5th
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Penguin Paddle Supporters

Annual Penguin Paddle Auction at Holiday Valley, Feb. 26th, On Site

Dear Community Penguin Paddle Supporter:

The Penguin Paddle is a fundraiser designed to benefit the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program at Holiday Valley Resort. The Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (www.LounsburyAdaptive.org) is a chapter of Move United and teaches persons of various disabilities to become skiers while attaining a degree of fitness previously unknown to them. By concentrating on abilities, not disabilities, our students develop the attitude of "If I can do this, I can do anything!"

This year, the silent Penguin Paddle Auction will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 on site at Holiday Valley Yodeler Lodge while respecting social distancing. The Penguin Paddle auction event relies completely on community donations to make the event successful. We are seeking your generosity

in donations to help make the return of the 2022 live auction a success. We are seeking your donations of goods or services, including donations that are electronic or can be easily mailed. Examples include: gift certificates, vouchers for services/goods, online vendors, gift baskets, anything ski related such as décor or gifts, etc... No donation is too large or small! We do hope that you can help us to meet our goal of returning the silent auction in 2022! If you are able to donate, please email lounsburysadaptive@yahoo.com or call or text Janice Hobba-Glose at 716-316-2175 and we will connect with you to pick up or arrange for you to deliver your donation no later than Monday, February 21, 2022.

We would also like to publicly recognize our donors at the event, in electronic/social media and in print. We intend to fly banners at the auction thanking you for

your support in donations to make the event a success. If you would like to opt out of this public recognition please email lounsburysadaptive@yahoo.com indicating the same and we will not use your name/business in publicity.

The 2021 online Penguin Paddle benefit was a success! The money raised from the Penguin Paddle has financed specialized adaptive equipment for sit-down and stand-up skiers as well as training and certification to improve the skills of our pool of 100% volunteer ski instructors.

We look forward to you being a part of our event and thank you in advance for your support. If you would like more information on our program, please contact our Directors, Bill Bredenberg or Sue Whistler at 716-699-3504.

Sincerely, Janice and Emily Glose, Penguin Paddle Auction Co-Chairpersons



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EVL Events Honored by The Knot

Sam Nelson Named in The Knot's 10th Annual Hall of Fame Awards

Ellicottville, NY/January 19th 2022 Samantha Nelson is pleased to announce that she has been inducted into The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame from The Knot, a leading all in one wedding planning destination. Exceptional wedding professionals who have earned four or more of The Knot Best of Weddings awards are inducted into the prestigious The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame. In its sixteenth annual year, The Knot continues its long-standing tradition of supporting local wedding vendors with The Knot Best of Weddings 2022, annual by-couples, for-couples guide to the top wedding professionals across the country. To determine the winners, The Knot analyzed its millions of user reviews across various vendor categories—including venues, musicians, florists, photographers, caterers and more—to find the highest rated vendors of the year. These winners represent the best of the best wedding professionals that engaged couples should consider booking for their own unique weddings. This year, The Knot Best of Weddings winners represent approximately the top five percent of local wedding vendors listed on The Knot. There were 1,743 new inductees into The Knot Best of Weddings Hall of Fame for 2022, out of hundreds of thousands of local vendors featured on The Knot. The Knot has inspired 25 million couples (and counting!) to plan a wedding that's

uniquely theirs - from finding inspiration and local vendors to creating and managing all guest experiences, wedding registries and more. On The Knot Marketplace, couples can connect with any of the hundreds of thousands of local wedding professionals across the country, and The Knot Best of Weddings award gives couples the confidence to book the best vendors to bring their wedding visions to life. In combination with years of trusted content, The Knot's innovative technology helps all couples seamlessly plan a wedding that's uniquely theirs. Wedding professionals who win The Knot Best of Weddings are members of WeddingPro, a leading B2B wedding brand. As the largest marketplace and community for wedding professionals, WeddingPro connects businesses with more than 13 million unique monthly visitors who are planning weddings on The Knot and WeddingWire, as well as with hundreds of thousands of pros in the industry. Through its online marketplaces, educational programs and community-building events, WeddingPro is dedicated to helping wedding professionals build relationships with couples and pros that grow their businesses. For more information about The Knot Best of Weddings and this year's winners, please visit https://www.theknot.com/vendors/best-of-weddings.

About Sam Nelson: Sam started EVL Events in 2017 and provides full-service wedding and event planning all over Western New York.



Sam has also won additional awards such as New York Wedding Planner of the Year and Wedding Wire's Couples Choice Wedding Planner. For more info on EVL Events visit their website: www.evlvents.com

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HoliMont Update

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BY DAN BALKIN

If we go to a western powder skiing mecca, such as Alta in Utah, it is not difficult to spot high-level eastern skiers. Many, with mixed success, tend to do what they do back east: Tip their skis on their edges and angulate their body so that they can balance with most of their weight on their downhill ski. Admittedly, this “slice on ice” technique works great in World Cup races and even for common mortals on hard pack snow here in Ellicottville. This quote appeared many years ago in a ski book, and it remains as relevant today as it was then: “Versatility is the signature of the expert skier”. In other words, to truly be an accomplished skier, we sometimes must adjust our ski technique to what the mountain throws at us. As one of our favorite Holi-Instructors, Adele Wellman, has said, “The mountain is a lot bigger than we are, and if we try to fight it, the mountain will win”. So, we may ask, what does Alta have to do with our eastern skiing in Ellicottville? Sometimes,

more than we might imagine. Recently, we had an old-fashioned snowstorm at the tail end of the MLK 3-day long weekend. Because the snow kept piling up, many of our slopes had the consistency of the snow in the photo rather than the beautiful corduroy the hard-working and skilled snowmakers and groomers produce regularly. Many skiers call it a day and head to the chalet when the snow gets lumpy (like the lumps of snow visible in the photo). Why? They might be tired, hungry or thirsty, but more likely they are trying to use their usual carving technique in this lumpy snow and it does not work. Why? Because when we carve turns most of our weight is on our downhill ski. That means our uphill ski (left ski as we turn left / right ski as we turn right) has very little weight on it. This does not pose a problem on a groomed slope where the skis are not encountering resistance from lumps of snow. But when fresh snow gets tracked up by a lot of skiers, it forms lumps of snow that push our un-weighted uphill ski around, causing our uphill ski tip to diverge and wobble so that it is difficult to keep our skis parallel. In the photo, the skier has figured this out. Instead of trying to “slice” or carve through this snow, she is content to swivel or smear her skis to make a turn. Let’s list what this skier is doing differently from a carved turn. #1) Rather than doing large

tipping movements, she is standing more on top of her skis. This has two huge advantages in lumpy snow. It keeps the skis flat (so they can easily swivel), and promotes weight being more evenly distributed on both feet (“two-footed skiing”) – which helps us control our uphill ski so it does not wobble and diverge. #2) By keeping the skis flatter, she can also stay more on top of the snow. Surfers ride the wave rather than crash through the wave. We want to do the same – smoothly ride on top of the lumpy snow rather than awkwardly bull our way through it. If you feel your skis tips are diverging (wobbling, difficult to control) in lumpy snow, do this: STOP! Literally. Any practiced skier knows how to do a hockey stop. One great advantage of a hockey stop is that it compels us to turn both legs simultaneously – just like the skier in the photo is doing as she initiates her turn to the right. Think about doing “slow-motion” hockey stops in both directions where your goal is a round turn rather than an abrupt stop. The key is – please note this – to keep weight on both feet! That allows us to keep our skis flat, swivel (turn) both skis simultaneously, and float above the messy snow below. In broken snow, think like a surfer, not a carving skier. Dare we say it? Alta, move over - bring on the Eville pow!

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HoliMont Ski Area Offers Service to Community

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Oktoberfest in February

HoliMont Men's Day to Support Phoenix Challenged Skier Program, Feb. 4th

HoliMont Men's Day is using a Bavarian theme in this annual event to gain funds for the Phoenix Challenged skier program and other charities. The event is from 9 to 5 Friday February 4th includes games of skill, swag, snacks, beer and spirit sampling, lunch, auctions and even a ski race etc. Vintageskishop.com is donating a retro set of laminated Groswood maple skis and aluminum poles for auction. These 50's skis are in as found condition, cleaned and waxed, restored but not refinished. Groswood was a renowned wood ski maker in Denver that operated until about 1960. Flint and Kent Department Store in Buffalo sold the skis for auction from 1832 to 1956. Edna Northrup of Ellicottville fame worked Flint and Kent and likely had a pair like these when she and her crew skied Greer Hill in the 40's and 50's. You can buy these skis at the event for your man cave or HoliMont will permanently wall mount them in the warming hut on Greer and you may put up a brass tag with your name as donor. Pictured is Dan Rider owner of vintageskishop.com holding the skis and poles and a close-up of vital logo info. Reservations for Men's Day can be obtained by calling Jennah at HoliMont 716-699-2320.

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Congratulations Kevin Drury!!

Photo/Malcolm Carmichael

Another big congrats to our HoliMont racing Alumni, Kevin Drury! What a great comeback Kevin! We're looking forward to watching you represent Canada in Beijing #Repost Kevin Drury "What a weekend it was here in Nakiska. It was my first podium since breaking my leg a year ago. There were some tough times in there but I couldn't have done it without all the support behind me! You all know who you are and I am beyond thankful!"



Holiday Valley Update

February 2022 is Full Of Events

By BROOKE SZPAICHER

It may feel like winter just started with all this fresh snow we have had, and good thing there is plenty more to the season ahead. The month of February is packed with events for the entire family! So get out your calendars and mark some dates! Wednesday, February 2nd: Cabin Fever I: Who doesn't love when they can get a discount? Visit one of these stores: Phatman in Tonawanda, NY, Snowflake in Lockport, NY, Jamestown Cycle Shop in Jamestown, NY, Red Door in Williamsville NY, Ski Company in Rochester and Syracuse, NY, Mud Sweat 'n Gears in East Aurora, NY and Little Mountain Limited in Mentor, Ohio. Tickets are on sale one week in advance of the cabin fever days! Purchase a voucher for \$25.99 at a participating shop and redeem it for an 8 hour or night lift ticket on Wednesday February 2, 2022 or Tuesday March 15, 2022. Wednesday, February 2nd: Tell a Friend Tour: This is a free event! Stop by the Holiday Valley Training Center from 3-8pm and meet up with pro free-riders and take a tour of the resort, hang out in the parks, and of course get high fives! There will also be pizza to snack on for guests attending! Saturday, February 12th: Intense Milk Rail Jam 2: The second of the season, attend



this Rail Jam series sponsored by everyone's favorite, Intense Milk! Dates are Saturday February 12 from 6-8PM at the Rail Park and Saturday March 19 from 1:00-3:00 in front of the Yodeler Lodge. Free samples of Intense Milk to all, plus fun prizes for the best tricks on the Intense Milk feature. Registration is free but anyone under 18 must have a parent signature on this acknowledgement of risk form and a helmet! (There is a link for this form on www.holidayvalley.com) Friday, February 25th: Teletstock: A day of peace, love, and telemark skiing at the Yodeler Champagne Sundeck. Get out and try something new or

something you already love! This is an annual event brought to you by the City Garage and their favorite tele-brands. Tele demos are available at the City Garage. Special lift ticket rates for participants! Call City Garage for more information (716-699-2054) or visit them on Monroe Street in the village of Ellicottville. Saturday, February 26th: Penguin Paddle: Come out and support the Lounsbury Adaptive Program with their annual event, the Penguin Paddle. Get your garbage bag on and slide down the base of Yodeler "penguin style." There will also be raffles and an auction! So bring on the fun to wrap up our month of February!

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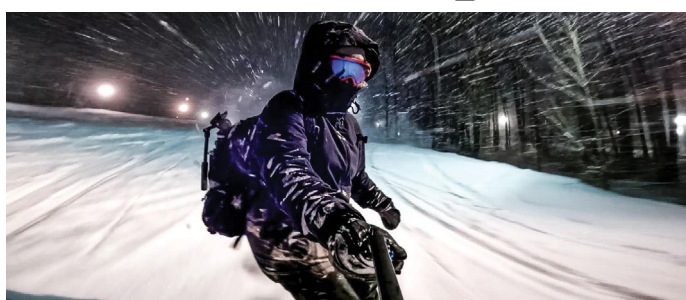
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Ellicottville Town Board Meeting

Employee Discussions, Traffic Back Details, Engineering Projects

By DAVE PARKER

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on January 19. Supervisor Matthew McAndrew opened this month's meeting. With no public comments, Supervisor McAndrew provided several updates. The Town Center renovation work is progressing, and a public hearing was set for February 16 regarding the Charter Communications contract renewal. Supervisor McAndrew detailed the efforts of the Town and Village to interview for the vacant Planner position that Gary Palumbo previously held. A leading candidate has been identified and an offer is being developed. Officer-In-Charge (OIC) Don Auge provided Police Department updates and detailed the challenges with recent traffic backups that have extended back to Lindberg Road over the past weekend. Ben Slotman informed the Board of the Village's intent to conduct a traffic and pedestrian survey to address options to reduce the backups and improve pedestrian safety. OIC Auge also updated on the status of the new vehicle that his department is waiting to receive from the dealership. Ben Slotman provided updates on several of the Engineering Department projects with a focus on the water project. Tom Scharf of the Highway Department presented the hiring of two new employees Tobias Widger and Scot Brumagin, which was approved by the Board. Additional employee discussions took the Board into a private session to discuss a new contract for Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Fredrickson. After a lengthy discussion, the Board approved a 2-year contract for Mr. Fredrickson. Also approved was a raise for an Engineering Department employee. In other updates, the Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail Committee is planning a benefit at Steelbound in May. Finally, a date has been set for a committee meeting to discuss the Alarm Law and address the ongoing challenges of responding to false alarms. For full meeting minutes and other Town news, please visit the website: ellicottvillegov.com/town.html.

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EVL Town Planning Board Meeting

Employee Discussions, Traffic Back Details, Engineering Projects

By DAVE PARKER

The Town of Ellicottville's Planning Board held its monthly meeting on January 24. The first agenda item was a special use permit for an accessory apartment on 5 Sundance Rd. This permit application was tabled due to inadequate information available to the Board on the property's water and septic systems. The primary concern with the accessory apartment was that the additional residents or guests on the property could surpass the capacity of the existing water supply and septic systems that were originally designed only to service the primary residence. The applicant will need to present an engineer's report on the septic capacity and water flow for the Board to proceed with the application. The second special use permit reviewed by the Board was for the reopening of the Ashford Junction Depot as a retail establishment and restaurant. Owner Michael Korzeniewski presented the plan to reopen this long-time local breakfast spot and gift shop. Mr. Korzeniewski and his wife intend to add an ice cream parlor to the offerings once they reopen and make this a place for families and local youth sports teams to visit. The Board set a public hearing for February 28 as the next step for this special use permit application. Finally, Board member Tim Zervas detailed the work of the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) that is assessing the potential vulnerabilities to the area's 3 wells. The project team has prepared maps of water flow around the wells that will be used to create overlay districts. These overlay districts are sensitive areas where any contaminants could impact the water flow into the wells. The Town and Village will be able to utilize these overlay districts to revise zoning laws to protect the local drinking water from future contamination. The next Town Planning Board is scheduled for February 28. For full meeting minutes and Town Planning information, please visit <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/town-planning-board-meetings1.html>.

Junior Explorers: Getting Crafty

The Junior's Each Created a Piece of Pottery at East Aurora's Designing Dish

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This week we got to do one of our favorite things – we got crafty! We visited Designing Dish; paint your own pottery store in East Aurora. Locally owned and operated since 2005 by Genevieve Turner, the shop is a crafters paradise. We painted our own Buffalo hot cocoa mugs, but there's tons of ceramics to choose from, including holiday decorations, sports themed pieces, animals, unicorns, banks, treasure boxes and more. We kept it pretty basic, but you can also do sponge painting, stamping, swirl designs, and add paper cut outs to create your



masterpiece. In addition to www.designingdish.com/ for ceramics painting, Genevieve upcoming events, store hours also offers private art classes, and their online store. Our glass fusion, ladies nights and Buffalo mugs came in handy as birthday parties. Be sure to we kept toasty warm cheering check their website <https://> on the Bills in the Playoffs!

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Business Spotlight: Cuba Cheese Shoppe

Recognized Nationally and Rooted Locally in Cuba, NY

By JESSICA MILLER

Cuba Cheese Shoppe (53 Genesee St, Cuba) has a well-deserved reputation for its cheese curds, mozzarella, provolone, and sharp cheddar. These area flagship fromages can also be found on over 200 grocery store coolers and restaurant plates across western and central New York and in northwestern Pennsylvania.

Despite the warranted interstate (and beyond) fondness for Cuba Cheese Shoppe's curds and New York sharp cheddar, there are hidden gems to experience in stock. Sarah Bradley, VP of Marketing and Advertising, says, "there are many, many more kinds of cheese proudly bearing the Cuba Cheese Shoppe label".

"We currently have over 400 cheeses available. There are different kinds we have that go with different meals and different tastes," says Bradley. She, along with her colleagues and fellow cheese aficionados know which pairings are best for any occasion; be it crafting a photo-worthy charcuterie board, a home-cooked family meal, a quick lunch, or a simple snack to enjoy while watching TV.

The gourmet gift sets that include cheeses, crackers, meats, and spreads conveniently have other New York made savory treats complementing one another to share or enjoy solo. Like most of Cuba Cheese Shoppe's wares, these sets can be mailed anywhere in the United States to allow New Yorkers to taste or share home, regardless of where they find themselves. Over 80,000 customers and email



Cheeses made in Cuba, NY have had distinction since the late 1800s when the town was known as the "Cheese Center of the World".

subscribers from all over the country order from and stay in touch with the store.

Cuba Cheese Shoppe is deeply proud of its nationwide, yet local roots and its place in the hearts and bellies of the region. Cheeses made in Cuba, NY have had distinction since the late 1800s when the town was known as "the cheese center of the world". In 1976, the store opened as a public retail arm allowing shoppers a convenient place to obtain local cheese and goods. The current owner, Jeff Bradley, expanded both the retail store and the mail packing room in 2007 to continue serving unique New York flavor.

Unique flavors go well beyond the beloved cheeses. Salt-rising breads, Amish jams, and jellies, pickled goods, and maple syrups are curated for shoppers to enjoy old and new favorites. Ms. Sarah Bradley personally recommends Cuba Cheese Shoppe's flavorful pickled quail eggs. "Not everybody is familiar with pickled quail eggs, so I'm glad that we can introduce these new foods to

so many people. We enjoy it when our customers try something new and love it," she says.

It will be a relief to nearby gourmands to learn that pickled quail eggs—as well as other possibly new food treats - are reliably stocked in-store, just as their classic counterparts are. Consumers who find themselves dealing with minimal or depleted cheese stocks at chain stores will be pleased to find ample options at Cuba Cheese Shoppe. Current promotions include New York Extra Sharp cheese priced at \$10 for five pounds (see ad page 8, for more items). Those who enjoy Italian cooking are also smart to buy two pounds of shredded mozzarella with a free pasta sauce included in the purchase.

Further sales and news from Cuba Cheese Shoppe can be found online at cubacheese.com or by phone at (585) 968-3949. In person shopping is welcomed during store hours of 8:30am—5pm, seven days a week.



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Business Spotlight: Lulu Belle's Boutique

Check Out the Beautiful Gifts in Springville, NY



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Liesel Neureuther -- also known as Lulu Belle, runs lulu Belle's, a boutique in Springville chock-full of beautiful and meaningful items, from clothing to candles.

"My husband has always called me that," she explained... "We sell popular hats, purses, jewelry--everything that makes women feel pretty. Everything I carry has a story. My product lines include "Ivory Ella"--they save elephants, and "Shelly Cove"-- they save the sea turtles. Each item of theirs comes with a turtle tracker that lets you look up your special turtle online."

"The pieces are already named", she continued, "My daughter's is named Franky. We also have Myra bags, which are up-cycled out of old Army tent canvases.

Our essential oils are super popular now because they're

immunity boosters and cold stoppers. What's also popular is the handmade jewelry that says all kinds of thoughtful things. We carry a lot of big brands for a little store," she said. "We have Katie Loxton jewelry, bracelets and necklaces from London, that you would otherwise have to travel a long distance to get. We also have the well-known Pura Vida bracelet line, out of Costa Rica, and we have Spartina sterling and gold necklaces".

"We have nicer, higher-end stuffed animals," she went on. "Jellycat animals are super-soft. Adults collect them, and there's a baby line that goes with books: 'If I Were a Bee', 'If I Were a Pig', 'If I Were An Octopus' and more. There's about any animal you can think of. It always changes."

"We order in small amounts, and change brands a lot, so repeat customers can always find something new", she said. "We get the latest and

greatest. The Volcano scent from Capri Blue, is available in a candle and a diffuser. It smells incredibly fruity and refreshing."

"On the counter there are Pocket Tokens, like the Bluebird of Happiness. There are tiny birds, and bigger birds you can put around your house", she continued. "The counter candy bars are from Seattle and have really good ingredients. There's Pike Place Espresso from Seattle, that has popping candy in it, and it's for celebration. On our Facebook, I list a ton of brands, every one of which has a special meaning", she said. "I'm always trying to do something different. I have uplifting and inspirational signs with sayings for your home or that can fit on your desk."

"In the past, my grandmother used to run a gift shop with my mother, Betsy Priester. My mother had a gift shop when I was younger, and helps me here, and sometimes my daughter does. She's in high school, and she's a competitive Irish dancer, who participates in international championships".

"Lulu Belle's is a great place for guys to shop for the ladies in their lives. We have customers from Hamburg, East Aurora, Orchard Park and all around", she said. "If this pandemic did anything good, it reinvigorated small businesses and local businesses. In April the store will be ten years old."

Lulu Belle's is open Tuesday through Friday from 10am-5pm and Saturdays from 10am-3pm, and is closed Sundays and Mondays. When it is open special hours, they are posted on its Instagram and Facebook (@lulubellesgifts). It is located at 35 East Main Street, and their number is (716) 592-9123.

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wellbeing. In 2015, when he retired, he knew what he was going to do with this new chapter in his life. "I said, this is what I want to do: visit kids and make kids happy. If I make a kid smile and not be in pain for a while, that makes me feel 30 years younger."

Mendola, who has been acting for 30 years, became interested in cosplay. The idea, he says, is to either create an original character or be a parody of a popularized character, your own interpretation of Batman, for example. Cosplaying is beneficial to the actors themselves. Creating one's own costume and superhero character boosts creativity, helps build communication and relationship skills, and can even help people deal with mental health issues.

But children in need benefit the most from their interactions with cosplayers. On Superhero Night 1, the Buffalo Bisons invited cosplayers to put on a show for kids right after a game. Mendola portrayed a lesser-known character called "The Shadow." A little four-year-old girl with Down's Syndrome spotted the unusual looking fellow, ran up to him and gave him a big hug. "I love you!" she proclaimed.

"My heart melted," said Mendola, and he was hooked. Another child who inspires him is TJ Ackley (#tjstrong), a 14-year-old boy who is fighting cancer for the third time in his short life and who met Mendola at a fundraiser.

Making costumes and creating characters is a passion for Mendola. So far, he has portrayed seven characters, including Mr. Freeze, who took six months to develop. A fan of the original Batman TV

By MERI CAIRNS

Looking for ways to brighten the day for a child in distress? WNY Superheroes and Cosplayers (WNYSAC) (*Cosplayers - dressing up in a costume to portray a character*) is a group of 33 entertainers, and nearly 60 costumed characters, which volunteer their time to make children—and sometimes adults—smile in spite of their circumstances. Yep, these guys (and gals) entertain children in need free of charge simply because they enjoy doing it.

"There are people who care, are happy to help and don't want your money," says Mark J. Mendola, WNYSAC's founder. "We're here for people in the WNY area. We'll come to your charity event, help sell raffle tickets, sign autographs, meet and greet people for free. It's a joy to help out the community." Due to pandemic restrictions, the cosplayers often entertain outdoors or at fundraisers, telethons, birthday parties for kids in need or who are sick. They have gathered outside of nursing homes and hospitals to sing to the

residents who watched them from inside. Some charities they have served include the Variety Club, Joe Dee's Toy Show, KMR (honoring public servants killed in the line of duty), YMCA, Alzheimer's Association, Man-Up, Into-Darkness (suicide prevention), Snuggled in Love (helping kids with cancer), Trunk-or-Treat events, Springville Art Crawl, Music is Art, and the Superhero Food Drive with Buffalo's Best Batman.

It all started in 1983 when Mendola's sister Dawn was suffering through her chemotherapy at Roswell Park. Mendola discovered a natural painkiller the hospital could not prescribe: Gilbert Perreault. The former captain of the Sabres came to Roswell, visited Dawn for two hours, and gave her an autographed photo.

Her eyes lit up as though she were in heaven, Mendola remembers, and she couldn't stop smiling or talking about it for days. "Gil Perreault came to talk to me!" she happily reminded all who would listen.

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According to its website, FeedMore WNY is the result of a 2019 consolidation of the Food Bank of Western New York and Meals on Wheels of Western New York, both of which work to end hunger in the community. The newly-combined agency continues to work to end hunger by offering a variety of activities including: meal services, food pantry assistance, nutrition assistance, farm markets, nutrition education, community meal services and job training.

Southern Tier Health Care Systems, Inc.’s website also works to address health and wellness needs in the community. It serves Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties where, the website adds, there is a lack of health professionals and a number of people living in poverty. The agency’s staff, therefore, works to remove barriers to health care in the region.

Agency staff will work to do that this winter by offering the five-week class to youth in hopes of teaching nutrition cooking and fire prevention. To register, visit eventbrite.com and look for Kids in the Kitchen by the Southern Tier Health Care System Inc.

The agency is trying to help prevent injury, as safety, along with offering cooking and nutrition as part of “Kids in the Kitchen”, a five-week program that will be offered from 3:30-5:30pm, February 15-March 15, 2022 at the agency’s 150 N. Union St. Olean location.

BY SHARON TURANO

with cooking and nutrition are part of “Kids in the Kitchen”, a five-week program that will be offered from 3:30-5:30pm, February 15-March 15, 2022 at the agency’s 150 N. Union St. Olean location. from nutrition, to healthy habits and fire safety.

Sydney Beeman, Safe Kids program coordinator for the at school but will need to agency, said a leading cause of know about as they grow death amongst youth is injury. By offering the class, she said, The class is being offered in the agency is trying to help prevent injury, as safety, along

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series, Mendola often portrays the Buffalo Penguin. A villain, Penguin is also mayor of Gotham City, so Mendola tells kids, “Vote for me!”

Most popular with kids is Island), Red Skull, and Mendola’s Mario who hangs out with Luigi (portrayed by Tony Provolone). Other characters he portrays include Manthing, Skipper (from Gilligan’s

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busy people over the weekend that are in “the-know” and shaking up the powder on the peaks of southwestern new york! Jennah Bradley is the HoliMont marketing and sales director extraordinaire and she has been busy laying out the plans to keep local contractors and vendors on the ball, the bombardier ball drop that is. Keeping guests on the right track, or in this case the right trail, is important for anyone interested in showing off their snow speed skills in the 33rd annual “Dave Pitkin memorial race”. If that doesn’t give you a reason to strap those boots into your bindings... lunch by “Dina’s at the Mont “ is included too! This Friday, January 28 is the day the HoliMont board, management and staff celebrate those who build and vend in Ellicottville and the best part is, the public is welcome too. Pre-event ticket prices are \$45 and the price of your lift ticket is \$55. If you purchase your ticket on event day it will be \$55 plus a lift ticket purchase. What a great deal for a really great day! If you have any questions or want to pre-purchase your passes Jennah Bradley can be reached by phone at the resort @ 716-699-2320 or via email @ jennah@holimont.com . You can check them out on Facebook or www.holimont.com and learn about other future events and get detailed

info on all that is going on, on the mountain top! My next guest is Kimberly reading, owner of mud, sweat and tears in Ellicottville. These folks do all things skiing, hiking and biking for their customers because they are educated about each sport and the equipment it takes to enjoy them safely and comfortably. They have even attended boot-fitting school! Getting to know their customers is as important as knowing about the sport and the equipment that is required. They can assist folks with gear and will take the time necessary to ensure each client understands how to properly use it. Fit is everything to performance and to perform your best all your gear, clothing and equipment should be sized correctly and up to the task. Mud, sweat and tears along with the Blizzard/ Technica Woman 2 Woman project are co-sponsoring a truly one of a kind, 2-day event at HoliMont on January 27th and 28th. Kim is very excited, as this is her first time as host for the Powder to Prosecco event. Former US ski team member Leslie baker brown is a world class ski champion and the marketing director and through this global organization she brings women together for festivities and fun with the goal of advancing comradery and education for women who already love the sport and for those who are interested in learning. Her knowledge of what it takes and the

difference proper gear makes has lead her to be a champion for better-balanced equipment and gear for women who love the outdoors! For an interview with Leslie and Kim check out the HoliMont Facebook page. With all they have planned it will prove to be a great experience. If you have not already purchased a ticket, like me you will have to wait for next year as this event is already sold out. And last, but certainly not least, I enjoyed chatting with Travis Widger, sports director and all things snow at HoliMont. He filled me in on men’s day on the mountain February 4th. This event is not just about fun with the fella’s. In addition to races and other games and tests of skill, this event raises money to fund the purchase of specialized equipment for children with special needs, of course the suds will flow as the snow flies and with vendors offering anything from food to fly equipment and gear, this you may not want to miss and space is becoming sparse. Fill out your registration form and meet your old pals and new friends for a memorable men’s day at HoliMont February 4th. For more info contact jennah @ jennah@holimont.com or by phone at 716-699 2320. Ask her about the plans being made for the ladies on February 25th. It promises to be the wine and cheese party of the season. Come out with the girls and dress for the theme. For more info and registration see Facebook or at www.holimont .com

Healthwise: Children & Diet

Little Friends for Your Little Ones



By LILIAN D. DIRITO, HOLISTIC WELLNESS & ESSENTIAL OILS COACH

It is well known that a balanced diet is very important for children’s health. There are three basic, yet crucial nutrients that I always made sure my children had when they were little. These are key for gut health and immune support. The first one is probiotics. Probiotics consist of billions “friendly” bacteria that naturally inhabit the intestinal tract and help break down food, aid digestion and absorption of nutrients, and even enhance immune function. In fact, a 2004 symposium in Rome revealed that probiotics help with practically all intestinal problems. These little guys do way more than we realize, but instead of protecting the probiotics that protect our bodies, most people are killing them off by the billions, thanks to different factors. Two of the best strains of this type of valuable bacteria are Lactobacillus acidophilus and Bifidobacteria long. Acidophilus if found predominantly in your small intestine and assists in the production of enzymes. It also produces natural antibiotic substances, lactase (the enzyme responsible for digesting lactose), certain B-Complex vitamins (including B1, B2, B12,

biotin and folate), and vitamin K. Acidophilus inhibits the overgrowth of harmful intestinal microorganisms, such as Candida Albicans, and may help with constipation and diarrhea, enhances bowel elimination, aids digestion, and stimulates the immune system. Bifidobacteria are primarily found in your large intestine. These microorganisms naturally secrete acids and inhibit the growth of toxic bacteria. Bifidobacteria also safeguard the body and reduce liver stress by neutralizing harmful substances that may not have been eliminated b the body’s tissue-based cleansing functions. Further more, bifidobacteria produce substances that enhance intestinal function and prevent constipation and diarrhea. Experts suggest that a good probiotic will contain at least 2.5 billion lactobacillus acidophilus and one billion Bifidobacterium longum. The second set of nutrients is found in one liquid supplement, Herbalist Steven Horne has called this a “liquid candy”, you must ask why? Let me start by saying that many children don’t eat fruits and vegetables everyday. Finding this type of supplement with high quality antioxidants may be very beneficial for children, specially if you have a hard time getting them to eat enough antioxidants through their food. Just serve it directly in a little glass or as a colleague of mine taught me, by mixing this particular antioxidant blend into sparkling water and the kids gulp it down with a smile. When choosing an antioxidant blend, look for one that has a high quality mangosteen and blueberries, among other ingredients.

Mangosteen, a fruit found in the eastern tropical countries such as Thailand, contains the greatest known supply of xanthines, mighty micro-nutrients that provide powerful immune, digestive, and cardiovascular support. Thanks to its antioxidant status, mangosteen may help to repair cell membranes. It has also been shown to support the health of your immune and cardiovascular systems. Similarly, blueberries are rich in bioflavonoids. While not true vitamins in the strictest sense, bioflavonoids work together with vitamin C to form collagen, one of your body’s main structural proteins. Bioflavonoids also aid the body’s immune-defense system. The third little, but at the same time big friends are good fats. Essential Fatty Acids (EFA’S) are not produced in the body, yet are vital for children’s overall health. EFA’s enhance normal function of the brain, eyes, inner ear, adrenal gland, and reproductive system. Plus the membrane structures of the cells throughout the body require EFA’s to keep them healthy and elastic. Omega 3 Fats are abundant in cold-water fish and certain plant foods like flaxseeds, pumpkin seeds, chia seeds, and hemp seeds. One way to make a fun and likable dish is as fish tacos, adding a home made salsa, lettuce, avocado and lime, yum! Always look for creative ways to bring these nutrients through food and high quality supplements, specially when you choose fish oils, make sure they are free of mercury and other heavy

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Event Cancellation Notice

Given the ongoing concerns of Covid-19 and related uncertainty surrounding business and group events, Phillips Lytle has made the difficult decision to cancel our Annual Ski Day for 2022. As it is one of our most highly anticipated events each year, this was not an easy decision but one that we felt was critical to the health and safety of all those involved. While we will miss the camaraderie and opportunity to connect with so many clients and friends of the firm, we look ahead to better days and can’t wait to see you all back on the slopes in 2023!



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What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The skiing is primo and the town is buzzing and there's music in the air. Let's see who's playing where.

We start our weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$12 gets any burger and any beer on the menu and this weeks musical guest is Michael Nowak from 6-9pm. Mike plays a rock/alt/pop/country set of covers to accompany your meal.

The Gin Mill is next with The Chillbillies from 8-11pm. This husband and wife duo plays a folk/pop/rock/country set of covers. Try one of the 37 beers on tap.

Finnerty's joins the party with AJ Tetzlaff from 8-11pm. He plays a rock/pop/alt/blues/country set of covers based on the audience response. Try the Rueben sandwich or the award winning wings. Check out the pool table, dartboard or Golden Tee games for a little competition.

FRIDAY: We return to Balloons for Darkwater Duo and Company on the main stage from 7-10:30pm. This Bradford band plays rock/alt/pop/mod covers that are very danceable. In the back bar, EVL resident, Tui Osborne will perform from 10-1am. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers. DJ Snarski will rock the sound booth with some thump, thump so you can bump,

bump in the window till 2am. Over on Washington St The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. They play a folk/rock/pop/blues set of covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town, open till midnight Wed-Sat and 11pm Sun-Tues.

We return to Finnerty's for Kurt's Back from 8-11pm. They play alt/rock covers from the 90's till today. Check out Asian Monday's from 4-9pm for some tasty Asian specials.

We close out the evening at Madigan's, the only bar in town with a wood stove, DJ SI will blow up the sound booth with some crunk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor. Check out the foosball and pool tables.

SATURDAY: The Station Bistro in West valley is a wonderful 20 minute drive from town and offers a savory farm to table menu and this Saturday they'll have Red Gray from 6-9pm providing the music. He plays an outlaw country/classic country/southern rock set of standards and originals. Try the homemade pies.

Back on Monroe St, at Balloons, Smilo and the Ghost will make their main stage debut from 6:30-10pm. They will play a roots/folk/new grass set of originals. Michael Nowak returns from 10-1am in the back bar. DJ Bad Weekend will burn down the sound booth with some fire that'll stoke your desire on the two dance floors.

Back at The Gin Mill

Wasted Whisky will take the stage from 8-12am. They play modern country on the rockin side. If you want something different try some high-end craft cocktails from the Carriage House Sidebar.

We return to Madigan's from DJ SI from 10-2am. Let the A-Team whip up some umbrella cocktails or shots to feed the beast.

SUNDAY: If it's Sunday then it's Villaggio's AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm, hosted by Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Dine on the southern tiers best Italian food while Chris plays a folk/pop/rock set of covers to accompany.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's musical guest is Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm. She'll play a new country/alt country set of original music. Ask about merch. 75-cent wings and a fine beer selection makes for a great night.

We end the seven day weekend with Joe Wagner and Company, Wednesday, at The Gin Mill from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/country rock/roots/pop set of covers that you'll know the words to. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap. \$10.99 gets your choice of the Gin Mill Burger or the beef-on-week and \$2 off all domestics.

Get out there and enjoy the fantastic skiing and come back with friends but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

Where Were You Stranded the Longest?

By CHAD NEAL



The comfort and safe feeling of being home is often taken for granted. When traveling and away from that certain feeling of solace, the expectation of reaching that easement can be heavily thwarted if there is an obstacle stopping you.

Whether you encounter bad weather or break down - not getting home when planned makes for disappointment. There can always be a positive outlook on being kept from where you're getting, but finally making it there makes one at ease. Where were you stranded the longest?



Joe S. - January 1997 Minneapolis on my way to Bozeman, MT to hang with Israel M. in Big Sky.



Todd Q. - Chicago O'Hare Airport for 2 days because of snow storm in Buffalo in 99 or 2k.



Spencer M. - Outside of the old buffalo destroyer's stadium in a winter storm. My dad was supposed to pick us up and fell asleep. This was before cellphones. I was 14. We were 45 minutes from my house. Couldn't leave. We were in t-shirts and shorts. It was after lacrosse practice. The last coach left us outside and left. We put on all of our lacrosse equipment and found a wheel barrel and turned it on its side to block the wind. We were out there for 3 hours in snow, wind and cold. I feel as the cold has never really bothered me since.



Gia A. - In the 120 degree desert - broke down on Route 666, no AC, feeling like I was literally in hell trying to get home with all my belongings in a U-Haul behind me, and my long haired dog.



Joelle S. - Buffalo Bills purgatory!

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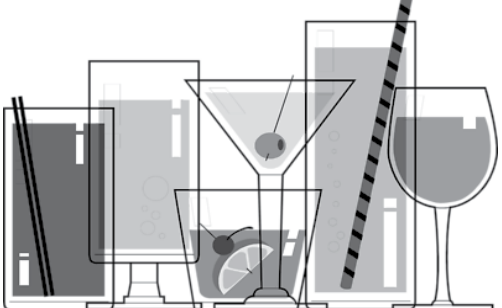
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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9	8		3		7			
	7				3			
4		7	1				5	

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
2	8	9	1	3	5	7	4	6
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

Baum

STORY FROM COVER
BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Although no such actual flower beds, shrubs, trees and wonderful lawns with white-graveled paths winding around leading to unknown adventures. The home appeared to be a mansion with lots of decorative doodads and gables ... who knows, maybe even a gargoyle or two? Sounds a wee bit like scenes from Oz, does it not? Later, his father bought a larger adjoining farm and this is where he first became introduced to scarecrows which gave the young lad a fright and caused him nightmares about them collapsing into piles of straw. An interesting Christmas tradition Baum had from youth and throughout his life was to place the tree behind a curtain so he could talk to people while decorating it without people seeing him. "Frankie" as he was called - he hated his given first name, Lyman - didn't like working in the oil business, but he did so at The Cynthia Oil Works, which at the time was the finest oil refinery in Bolivar township. The company dealt in oil leases but also had retail outlets, which Frank ran. To create a venue for young Frank to put on the many plays he wrote, his father built the opera house in Richburg. In marriage, Frank inherited a very passionate suffragette for a mother-in-law. It is speculated that watching this powerhouse of a woman and the life she led, gave him the inspiration for both the good witch and the bad witch in Oz. L. Frank Baum wore many hats and lived many places. He and his brother started an oil products business in Syracuse and Frank traveled all over the United States selling cans of buggy wheel and axle oil. Oil cans, hmmm. He was a playwright with many plays to his credit, a printer, a journalist, an avid stamp collector, and an enthusiastic Hamburg chicken breeder. He lived and worked in Chicago which some say was the model for the Emerald City. An excerpt from this site, <https://aoghs.org/petroleum-art/l-frank-baum-castorine-oil-tin-man/> tells us "He was a traveling salesman for his and his brother's company, (Baum's Castorine company)"... "On one of these trips, while installing a window display for a customer, the idea of the Tin Woodman came to him." He was also a pioneer in the art of window displays. By 1900 he had turned to writing more seriously and published the first of his children's classics eventually producing 14 books just in the Oz series. What's fun about tracing Baum's life is our geographic connection and the discovery of the many things in his life that influenced his stories. Even the name Dorothy had significance - it was the name of a child that friends lost, whose death hit Baum's wife, Maud, particularly hard. Was the Wizard his amazing father? Or was it him behind the curtain trimming a tree? Read more about Frank Baum at <https://www.ozclub.org/oz/l-frank-baum/>

Wing

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Cerza adds this: "wings have gone from a peasant food, to a center of the plate menu item.... The demand has been so high during the pandemic, the cost periodically kept rising to the point that some restaurants had them as "Market Price" on their menus. Ah, the "Wing" finally gets the respect it deserves."

Now, we Buffalonians will insist that Teresa Bellissimo at Buffalo's Anchor Bar invented wings, as we know them, in 1964. We are telling you the truth -- sort of. As Lucy might say to Desi, let me "splain." Per a 7/5/20 article at DotDashes Spruce Eats, Danilo Alfaro, a chef/writer tells this story. Spicy-hot fried chicken has been around since before the Civil War served with a spicy sauce by West Africans who, unfortunately, found themselves in America. Post-Civil war, Black Americans came north, bringing their secret recipes with them. Chicago (along with Kansas City and St. Louis) attracted them because of the plentiful meatpacking jobs. Chicken wings were considered garbage; the Africans saw them as free food.

1/17/1920: the 18th Amendment to the US Constitution was passed, banning alcohol. The 1933 21st Amendment finally ended prohibition. Think masking's a problem? Try giving up your martinis or brusksies for 13 years! But, where there's a will... Speakeasies, ginmills, and soft-drink parlors sprung up (Chicago 10,000, NYC 32,000, Buffalo 4000). In some joints, patrons got free food, but paid for the booze. To maintain profits, the free stuff had to be cheap finger food - nuts, deviled eggs, and chicken wings in hot barbeque sauce.

Post prohibition, the Bellissimo's owned The Anchor Bar since 1935. Late,

one Friday night in 1964, totally cool is that now, the Teresa was in the kitchen preparing for the weekend. Her son, Dominic, was tending bar. In wandered a group of Dom's friends - hungry. The story goes that Teresa had ordered her usual amount of chicken wings for soup, but a double order came. There they were, so she cut them up and tossed them into the fryers. Once they came out, a bottle of Frank's Hot Sauce was handy. She grabbed it, added some butter, and tumbled the fried wings in the buttery spicy concoction. Placing them on a platter, she added celery pieces and a side of blue cheese to ease the "heat" of the sauce. They were a hit, and the rest is history.

What makes our wings the only true "Buffalo" wing is the way they are prepared and served, exactly as Teresa did in 1964. In a conversation with part-time Ellicottville resident - Buffalo's famed Wing King, Drew Cerza, a true Buffalo wing must be cut into two pieces, the drums and the flats; they must be deep fried only - not baked, air fried, or barbequed on a grill. They must then be tossed only in the original recipe of Frank's hot sauce and butter. If you are a true Buffalo wing fan, you eat them dipped in blue cheese dressing. Add cut up celery and you are still up' Teresa Bellissimo/ Buffalo Wing style. What's

the world's lexicon referring to not only wings but pizza and anything else professing to be drenched in hot sauce and butter. Example: In Franklin, TN where my daughter and family live, "chicken wings" aren't on the menus: "Buffalo wings" are! Cool, huh? Cerza adds this: "wings have gone from a peasant food, to a center of the plate menu item.... The demand has been so high during the pandemic, the cost periodically kept rising to the point that some restaurants had them as "Market Price" on their menus. Ah, the "Wing" finally gets the respect it deserves."

The Buffalo Wing Festival was created thanks to Drew Cerza reading Bill Murray's character in the movie "Osmosis Jones" and how he wanted to go to a Buffalo Wing Festival, but there wasn't any. Cerza, being a man of action, created one in 2002. In '07 he won a "throwdown" against Bobby Flay and the wing sauce hit the fan. Thanks to Drew and his promoting of Buffalo and Buffalo Wings, they took on a life of their own. The 2021 Wing Fest was held at Highmark Stadium. Mark your calendars for Labor Day Weekend 2022. Thanks to The Wing King for input into this article.

Diet

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Villaggio

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to their community. The PUNT acronym stands for Perseverance, Understanding, Need and Teamwork.

Under strong leadership, passionate staff and funding from the WNY community, PUNT has been able to provide numerous programs and resources to families in need. It has grown significantly in scope and impact over the past 6 years and has become a valuable resource for families impacted by pediatric cancer.

Nicholas Pitillo is the owner of Villaggio in Ellicottville, and Osteria 166 in Buffalo. Nick grew up in Ellicottville and even though his career took him many places after college, he's always called EVL home. "When the opportunity to open Villaggio presented itself, we were thrilled. I was finally able to return home to raise my daughter Olivia with my wife Kendra. We wouldn't want to live anywhere else!"

"I first learned of PUNT many years ago watching the Buffalo Bills, as Bills punter Brian Moorman was the founder. But I got to know what exactly they did from Ellicottville native, Madison Szpaicher. Maddy, Gwen and the team at PUNT do amazing work to ease the pain of Pediatric Cancer Patients. As a parent, I cannot imagine having a child with cancer. It could happen to ANY of

us. Therefore, they quickly became a cause we wanted to get behind."

Villaggio has hosted other successful viewing parties, including during Fall Fest this past year.

"We were able to raise around \$2000 for PUNT at our last viewing party, coincidentally also against the Chiefs. It was a natural choice to reach out to PUNT as soon as the Bills schedule come out, to try and put something together."

Nick loves the people here in Ellicottville, "I just knew this was where I needed to raise my daughter and spend the rest of my life. I've lived in some fantastic places, but none will ever compare to home. I truly love the team of people who chose to work with us on a daily basis. At some point you become so much more than coworkers, you become family!"

"We love to do event's and we always have something cooking". Nick is planning another program this upcoming weekend for the Bills in the AFC Championship game. Check out their website for details and tickets, and more information on a PUNT Superbowl Party.

Visit Nick and his team at Villaggio at 7 Monroe Street visit <https://villaggioevl.com/> for event details, menu and tickets (716) 699-2199

all you can eat pizza and pasta bar with risotto bites, a drink, and entered in raffles for prizes including autograph Bills merchandise, flat screen TV, EVL gift cards, hotel stays and Holiday Valley lift tickets. DJ Milk kept the party going with music and guest celebrated an exciting night of football. While it may have resulted in a loss for Buffalo, it was a huge win for PUNT. Villaggio raised over \$1300 for this amazing foundation.

PUNT provides families in WNY facing pediatric cancer with critical programs that offer financial, practical and emotional support from diagnosis to recovery and bereavement. PUNT operates with collaboration and guidance from community hospital partners to ensure that every dollar raised gets channeled where it is most needed.

Former NFL Pro Bowl punter Brian Moorman, who played for the Buffalo Bills from 2001-2013, and his wife Amber founded PUNT in 2004. They were determined to make a difference for kids fighting pediatric cancer in WNY and give back

Winter

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Winter cabin rentals are available Park wide and provide a fun and cozy retreat during the winter months. Another great winter activity at the park is ice fishing. Mainly focused on the Red House side of the park, you can see the fisherman gathered near the north side of Red House Lake boat launch. Other than a valid fishing license and obeying the DEC limits, there are no additional permits and licenses needed to ice fish in the State Park. A winter horseback ride may be exactly what you need to raise your spirits, just you, your horse, and the winter beauty of nature. Cross Country skiing, snowmobiling and snowshoeing are also popular activities that you can take part in.

Several scheduled events are planned for the park throughout the winter season. The cross-country ski tour started on

January 14, 2022 and takes place every Friday throughout January and February. Ski through the woods of the Art Roscoe Ski Tour area with an ASP naturalist. Learn about the winter landscape while getting some exercise in. All levels are welcome and ski equipment is available to use for the program, but supplies are limited.

Snowshoe hikes through the park also take place every Tuesday and Saturday in January and February. Dress for the weather and bring your sense of adventure. Snowshoes are available in a limited supply for the program. Please call-in advance to reserve a pair of snowshoes, and contact the Environmental Education Department for February locations. Hiking lengths will continue if there is no snow, you will just walk the trails for the program.

NY. It features two distinctive areas, Red House and Quaker, with access to the Red House area based in Salamanca, NY and access to the Quaker area based in Bradford, PA.

Allegany State Park (ASP) is well known for its campgrounds, fishing, horseback riding and hiking. Most people think summertime activities when they think of the beautiful State Park, but it is definitely a year-round destination. There is an abundance of winter activities available many people are completely unaware of.

Grab your family, bundle up and grab a cabin reservation for a winter weekend away.

Art

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whole world literally," he says. "The art piece had to be easy to understand. I didn't give any name to this piece, but I associate it with hope. Hope that this is not a 'new normal' as it's being said everywhere now but will actually pass as everything passes. And we will live good 'old normal' again."

Although graphic design is his primary occupation, Saakyan had an undergraduate degree in linguistics and an Associate of Applied Science degree in information technology, but none in graphic design. He came to Fredonia as an international student in 2018, "to improve my design skills and finally get a degree."

Then he missed several semesters because he went home to Uzbekistan in 2019 "and got stuck there, first because of visa issues and then because of COVID related travel restrictions. Finally I was able to come back in 2021 and complete my degree here in Fredonia."

Now living in Buffalo, Saakyan completed his sculpture at home "in my garage. It was time consuming, a lot of attempts and fails." He credits his art education at Fredonia with starting to do wood art, and input from his professor Jason Dilworth in refocusing his initial sketch for the sculpture. Saakyan describes it as kind

of a "standalone working from home while taking advice and techniques from the instructor."

This Too Shall Pass "is best known as coming from King Solomon, who reigned Israel in some 3000 years ago. He had a ring with inscription outside saying 'everything passes' and inside 'this too shall pass.' Initially I wanted to make it on my art piece in Hebrew or Latin, but later decided to keep it in English."

Also apropos of our time, the number of digital entries: "I suppose the biggest difference in this Fredonia showcase, as compared to others during my tenure, is digital mediums are especially well represented", Räcker says. The exhibition includes 17 animations--rotoscope, stop motion and 2D--by 17 students; 22 videos by 26 students, in individual and group projects; and 95 photographs by 50 students; all are presented on monitors.

The exhibition will be on display through February 13. Regular gallery hours are noon-4pm Tuesday-Thursday; noon-6pm, Friday and Saturday; noon-4pm Sunday.

It is closed on Monday. The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery is located in the Rockefeller Arts Center at the State University of New York at Fredonia, 280 Central Avenue.

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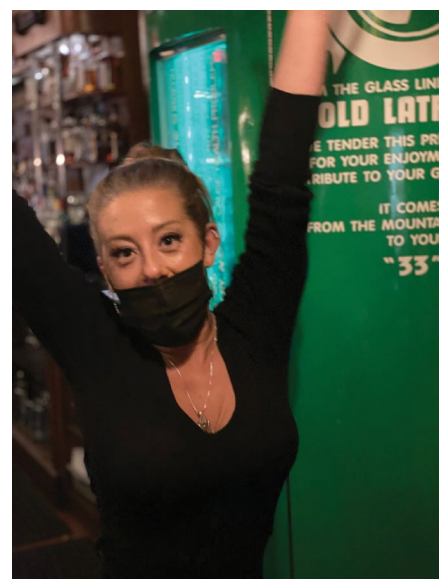
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