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January 21-23 • Times Vary
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MERZ TRIO PERFORMS
Friday, January 21 • 7:30pm
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA LIVE
Sunday, February 13th • 2:30pm
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure

SENECA SNOCROSS 2022
Friday, February 18th • 8:30am
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

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Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

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Devastating Plane Crash

70 Years Ago in Napoli, NY - Locals Reveal Story



This 1959 photo shows the key designers of the DC-3; L:R Jake Moxness, Bailey Oswald, Frank Collbohm, George Strompl, Donald Douglas, Dutch Kindelberger, Ed Burton, Lee Atwood, and Arthur Raymond. Jack Northrop was also part of the team. ("The Plane that Taught the World to Fly Turns 86", AirlineRatings.com.)

By Carol Fisher-Linn

I write this tale on the same kind of foggy night when this amazing, almost unbelievable story took

place, except we lack knee-high deep snow. 70 years ago, in 1951, the US was experiencing the

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Rich History of Olean, NY

Lumber. Oil. Above & Underground Railroads... The Mob



Today Olean has a Minor Basilica at St. Mary's - so designated by Pope Francis in 2017, making it one of only 83 in the United States. It is a beautiful structure inside and out.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Every town has a story. It starts with its origin and evolves into a rich tapestry of colors ranging from dark, light, golden and even dismal. But, as with any tapestry

worth its threads, every one of those threads plays an important role to develop the entire story. The ongoing tapestry of Olean begins at Olean Point, the first

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Tale of the Traveling Twin Indians

Jamestown Family Reflects on Time with him at Residence



By GARY DULANSKI & JEANINE CAPRINO ZIMMER

You may have seen him in your travels to or from Buffalo- a big Native American statue reaching skyward palm up. In his early years, the Chief held a bottle of beer on the palm of his right hand as

the proud mascot of the Iroquois Beer Brewery in Jamestown and Buffalo, New York. In fact there are two of them both are named "Big Chief", and these days they make their home on the Cattaraugus County Indian

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EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Warrior Fitness

Warrior Fitness & Wellness Celebrates 1st Year Anniversary



By KATE BARTLETT

As we ring in 2022, many of us are making health resolutions. Warrior Fitness & Wellness is celebrating its one-year anniversary, as they opened their doors January 4, 2021. They are located at 5a Park Ave off of Rockwell Ave. Bradley Poole (pictured) is the owner



of Warrior Fitness & Wellness. Although he lives in Salamanca, Ellicottville has always been a part of his life. He is an Ellicottville graduate and is proud to now have a business in this beautiful town.

"At Warrior Fitness & Wellness

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Sneak Peek

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Holiday Valley Tubing Park ... Pg. 5

Set to Open this Friday, January 7, 2022



The Trading Post in Springville ... Pg. 8

Facility is Both Thrift Store and Food Pantry

Hunger has many faces. The Trading Post, a combination community food pantry and thrift store, is a safety net for Springville and the surrounding communities.

Frozen Float for Coats in CHQ. Co.... Pg. 8

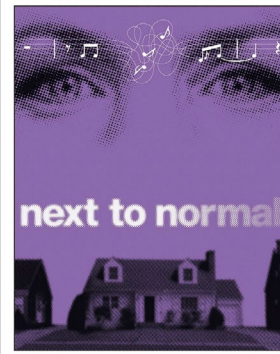
Polar Plunge for those in Need, January 15, 2022

On Saturday, January 15, participants can brave the waters of Chautauqua Lake while contributing to a collection of coats for those who need them, and to a veterans' organization.

"Next to Normal" Live

Award Winning Musical in Salamanca

By RACHEL FRALEY



winning "Next to Normal".

"Next to Normal" is a rock themed musical about a family and the impact of mental illness. The musical follows a suburban family as they cope with crisis and unpredictability of their mother's worsening bi-polar disorder. Brian Yorkey wrote the book and lyrics for the 2008 show with music by Tom Kitt. "Next to Normal" first appeared on Broadway in 2009 and won three Tony awards that year alone.

The show will have performances on January 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th at 7:30pm and on January 9th and 16th at 2pm. Ticket's are \$15 and the show is for adults only. The CCLAA's rendition is directed by returning director William J. Steffen,

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Good for the Spirits Gifts in EVL

Shop Imprints Upon Community and Soul



By JESSICA MILLER

When Rev. Suzy Woo was asked to describe her shop Good for the Spirit Gifts (11 Martha St, Ellicottville), she replied with a surprising but apt comparison. She said, "It really is like a giant Home Depot for the soul—we have many, many tools!"

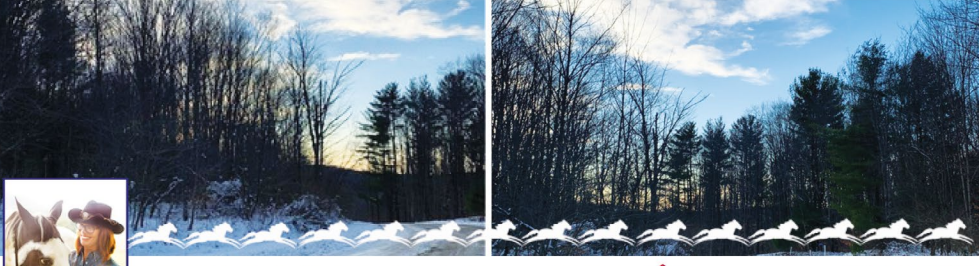
Amongst the tools available here for internal renovations are crystals, divination cards, candles, books and journals, jewelry, artwork, essential oils and diffusers, sage and smudge sticks, salt lamps, and other assorted accouterments for spiritual wellness. Good for the Spirit also carries sound and musically based tools for shoppers' benefit like gongs, tuning forks, drums, and singing bowls. The eclectic and extensive mix of goods sold ensures that

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Publisher's Word

"It's Not Over Yet"



We all know, this new COVID variant is spreading rapidly even to those who the CDC defines as "fully vaccinated". It's true, most who have been mostly vaccinated will only experience flu like symptoms – that's if there are no underlying issues. It's not over yet: wear your mask, stay safe, wait it out. This too shall pass. Until next week, enjoy the

read; we have plenty in store for you! –*Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*
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Howard Hanna Food Drive

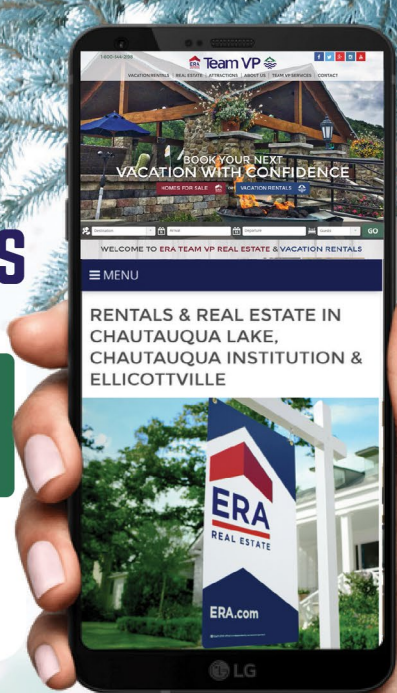
Howard Hanna Real Estate Ellicottville's Food Drive is On! We have joined with The Villager in collecting food items for our local food pantries. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted to benefit the Great Valley and Ellicottville Food Pantries during business hours (seven days a week!) at the Howard Hanna office: 34 Washington St. Ellicottville, NY. www.howardhanna.com/Ellicottville

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Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire

Ellicottville Distillery, Ellicottville NY, January 22nd, 5:30pm



Herren are a musical pair from Western New York comprised of singer-songwriters/multi-instrumentalists Nick Kody and Lydia Herren. They also enjoy seeking adventure around the world, good food and time with dogs. So not sure what to do with your tree now that Christmas is over? They will take it off your hands and add it to the Christmas tree funeral!! If you're done with it but can't get it to them, you can call or message 716-801-0086 or 716-597-6121. Tell your friends!!

Join us for Ellicottville Distillery's annual Christmas Tree Bonfire on Saturday, January 22nd, located at 5462 Robbins Road! They open at 1pm; the fire will be lit around 5:30pm. They'll also have live music with Kody & Herren from 4pm-7pm and food available! Kody &

Fat Bike Fun Rides

Allegany State Park, Salamanca NY, Multiple Dates in January & February

The Allegany State Park Environmental Education and Recreation Department and the Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA) are excited about hosting another year of Fun Fat Bike Rides on Friday January 14, February 18, March 18 at 6:30 PM, with the ride starting at 6:45 PM. Bring warm clothes, a helmet, a head light, and sense of adventure. Check in will be at Camp Allegany. Although pre-registration is not required, if you are interested in borrowing a bike for the evening, please call (716) 354- 9101 ext 232, as bike availability is limited. The 5-8-mile fun ride is for all levels and will last up to 2 hours, depending



on the weather. Riders will wind through the Red House area of the park. If there is no snow, any bike is welcomed. For more information contact the Environmental Education and Recreation Dept. at 716 354-9101 ext. 232 or email AlleganySP@parks.ny.gov The New York State Office of Parks,

Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by 78 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.parks.ny.gov

Most Unique Hiring Event of the Year

Seneca Gaming Corporation Looking for People to Join Their Team, Jan 12th

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-BUFFALO, NEW YORK: (January 3, 2022) For anyone whose New Year resolution includes finding a new job, Seneca Gaming Corporation is making things easier and more fun than ever before. The corporation will hold a hiring event on Wednesday, January 12 from Noon-8 p.m. at Hofbrauhaus Buffalo, 190 Scott Street, downtown. Unlike a typical job fair, the hiring event will include an upbeat atmosphere complete with live music, prize giveaways and more. Attendees will automatically receive a free raffle ticket for a drawing to win two tickets to attend an upcoming Buffalo

Sabres game in the Seneca Sports Lounge. Additional raffle tickets will be awarded for bringing others to the event and for completing an employment application. Interested candidates will also be able win a sign-on bonus of up to \$1,000, if they secure a position with the company. To bring up the energy even more, DJ Nicholas Picholas from Kiss 98.5 will be appearing live from 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. "Our properties are some of the most fun, exciting and energetic places to be in all of Western New York," said Meghan Smith, Seneca Gaming Corporation Vice President of Human Resources. "We want to make the process of joining our team as fun as possible, because

that is what people can expect when they work as part of Team Seneca." Seneca Gaming Corporation is looking to fill a wide variety of full-and-part-time jobs at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. In addition to competitive pay in an exciting environment, employees enjoy generous benefits, including medical plan discounts, 401(k) contributions, paid time off and holidays, on-site health offices, a paid lunch hour, company discounts, and more. For more information on the hiring event and to view open positions at all Seneca Gaming Corporation properties, visit thebest8hours.com.

Get Outside This Winter

Allegany State Park, Salamanca NY, Hosting Snowshoe Hikes through January

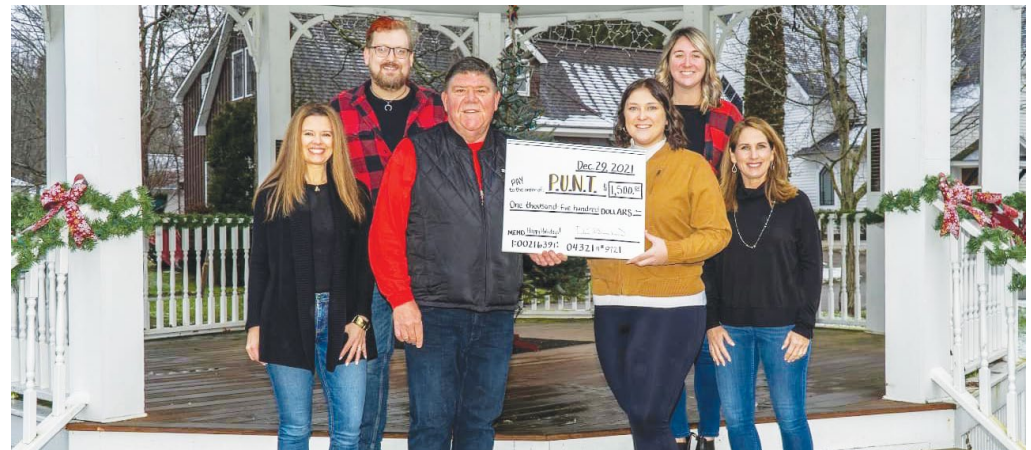
(Salamanca, NY, January 3, 2022) - Winter Snowshoe Hikes- Join us as we explore the woods and various points of interest at Allegany State Park. Beginning January 4th, Park Naturalists will lead interpretive snowshoe treks or hikes (even if there is no snow) on Tuesday evenings at 4:30 PM and Saturday mornings at

11:00 AM. Be sure to dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, water, a snack, and a sense of adventure. Need snowshoes? No problem, we have several pairs to rent for FREE during the program. Call to reserve snowshoes by 10:00 AM the day of each hike. For more information and the location of the weekly hike contact

the Environmental Education/ Recreation Department at 716-354-6232 or check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark. All programs and times are subject to change. January 11 and 15- Meet at the Administration Building - Hike Red Jacket

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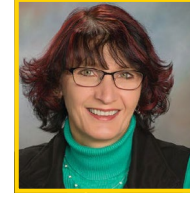
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Sometimes Skiing Calls for Plan B

BY DAN BALKIN



Photo: Google search / Mogul Skiing Flexion and Extension

There is a weather effect that separates skiing from surfing – it snows. At first, this creates broad grins as motivated skiers race out their doors to enjoy the sensation of floating in fresh powder. Living where we do, however, where above tree line skiing is only a rumor and the trails are relatively narrow, the act of many happy skiers doing many turns transforms the morning's fresh powder dump into piles of snow. Piles of snow are a nice way to say small moguls. Most skiers do not intentionally seek out moguls, and they often feel a bit out of sync when they ski through them. Plan B to the rescue.

But to understand Plan B, we must first understand Plan A. In our normal skiing on groomed (un-moguled) ski trails, we begin our ski turn by standing relatively tall (in ski jargon a position called "extension"). As we direct our ski tips down the hill, the force of gravity, the pitch of the hill, and the process of turning our skis all combine to create pressure. In the second half of the ski turn, in order to absorb this pressure, we flex our ankles, knees, and hips – just like how you would flex these joints if you jumped off a short ledge. Our joints also absorb the pressure like the shocks on a car absorb a speed bump. What happens to your shock absorbers after they go over the speed bump? They re-extend. The same thing happens in every ski turn on smooth terrain. We start out taller (extended), flex to absorb the pressure, re-extend for the next turn, flex to absorb the pressure – again and again. Physics? – Nah,

it's just skiing – aka Heaven. This leads us to Plan B. It is the opposite of Plan A; we use to ski on groomed terrain. Let's quote Mike Rogan, a great skier and coach of the PSIA Alpine Demo Team (the top ski instructors in our nation) on Flexion / Extension movements while skiing moguls: "The timing of these movements is opposite what you do on the smooth terrain. Flex your joints to start the turn and extend them to finish the turn." If we look at the skier in the photo that is exactly what he is doing. In the first image, as his ski tips contact the mogul, he does not extend (pop up, get taller), but instead relaxes his ankle, knee, and hip joints to absorb the mogul. By the third image, he is beginning to extend his legs (getting taller) so he can absorb the next mogul. Guided by muscle memory (doing physical acts in a familiar, ingrained way), we often ski this bumpy snow with the same movement pattern we use on groomed slopes. Instead, be the guy in the photo. Better balance will follow.

learning trick: after a great powder dump, when the snow later gets piled up and more challenging to ski, imagine Captain Jack Sparrow is standing at the top of the run, frantically waving a bottle of pirate potation in your direction and mumbling "Plan A – no good". We'll admit, it may sound silly, but cues like this work! Why? We need to have a trigger in our minds to make us think about doing something – especially something as deeply ingrained as muscle memory – in a new way.

One other image that may help is to return to the driving / shock absorber / speed bump idea. In groomed trail skiing, the sensation of the "speed bump" comes closer to the end of your ski turn (as pressure builds) and that is why you flex to absorb pressure in the second half of the turn. In lumpy / bumpy snow, the "speed bump" (the actual mogul) hits you at the beginning of the turn – so you flex (absorb) first.

Summary: Plan A on groomed slopes – Extend First / Flex Later. Plan B on lumpy snow, moguls – Flex First / Extend Later – just like in the photo. Good luck – Captain Jack will be watching!

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Squirrel Appreciation Day

GOACC Names January 21st as National Squirrel Appreciation

OLEAN – Although this nutty day," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. The Chamber has added a squirrel to many of its events – whether as t-shirt art work, on their posters/ advertisements as well as added elements related to our events. GOACC will leave you with some national squirrel appreciation day stats: 25% of nuts are stolen; 74% of buried nuts are never recovered; more than 200 squirrel species; leap across a space ten times the length of their body; and the first documented introduction of squirrels occurred in Philadelphia's Franklin Square in 1847. GOACC also encourages all to use these hashtags on 1/21/22 in regards to the day: #NationalSquirrelAppreciationDay #Squirrel #SquirrelDay. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email member@oleanny.com.



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Holiday Valley Update

Getting to Know the Team: Jolene Kinder, Catering Sales Mngr



BY BROOKE SZPAICHER

As we continue into the New Year and our winter season at Holiday Valley, Mother Nature is finally giving us some winter temperatures that we need. The snow guns are blazing, the sun has been shining, and the temperatures are cooperating! Along side of the skiing and riding, there is plenty of other things happening. We caught up with Jolene Kinder, the Catering Sales Manager for SodexoLive! at Holiday Valley.

(V): Can you give us a little background, who you are, where you're from? (For those that don't know)

(JK): For those of you don't know me, I have lived in Ellicottville my entire life and know the ins and outs of the small town. For many

people, I just tell them I am Dunk's daughter, and they know who I am immediately! I graduated from Ellicottville Central School in 2010 and attended Jamestown Community College after high school. Growing up in Ellicottville, with Holiday Valley just in my back yard, it holds a very special place in my heart. I plan to introduce my daughter to Holiday Valley and get her on a snowboard the next chance I get (She is only 18 months old, so maybe next season). I want to show her how special Holiday Valley is to me.

(V): How long have you been a part of Holiday Valley?

(JK): I started working at Holiday Valley seasonally in the Mountain Shops when I was just in high school and became the Assistant Manager of the stores as time progressed. (I honestly couldn't tell you an exact date). In April 2013, I was offered a year-round position with the Food and Beverage Department (formally known as Centerplate, now SodexoLive!) as a Catering Server during the summer months and a Lodge Supervisor during the winter months. In April 2016, I was promoted to the full time Catering Sales Assistant at the Resort.

(V) I know things have changed since 2016, what is

your title now? How long you have been in this position? What led to this position?

(JK): Recently, in August, SodexoLive! had an opening for the Catering Sales Manager position at Holiday Valley and when I was offered the position, I without a doubt accepted and couldn't have been more excited to take on this new role!

(V): What does this position entail? Who do you oversee?

(JK): I coordinate the booking and planning of all single-day events here at Holiday Valley, such as, birthdays, retirement parties, corporate meetings, holiday parties and especially weddings! With the number of events, we host every year here at the resort, we are currently looking to hire a Catering Sales Assistant that can help me with the day-to-day events and planning.

(V): If there is one thing you could tell a new or returning HV customer, what would it be?

(JK): Holiday Valley offers something fun for everyone, anytime of year. There are so many enjoyable things that the Resort has to offer, and it is just minutes away from the village of Ellicottville, even better!

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Youth Chess Club - From learning how to play, to getting better at the game, Youth Chess Club is a place for kids to have fun and learn! The Club will meet on most Fridays from 3:30-4:45pm. Contact the library at 699-2842 to sign up and for more details.

Young Adult Book Club: Young adult book club is for teens to get together and read a specific popular YA book once a month. Contact the library at 699-2842 to sign up or to receive more information.

Meditation Class – We are offering an Introduction to

Meditation class Tuesdays from 5 to 5:30 pm. Open to all, beginners as well as practicing meditators. Participants can sit on a yoga mat (please bring one) or sit in a chair.

HEAP – Home Energy Assistance Program applications are available at the Library.

Crafts With Cathy – Come for a relaxing, stress free, creative break in your day! Every Tuesday from 2 pm to 3 pm at the Ellicottville Library. Free program, all supplies provided. January – needle felting and February – Ukrainian Easter eggs.

Knitting (& crochet) Club – The Knitting Club meets every other Monday at the Library from 6-8 pm. Note: All abilities welcome – just bring some yarn and your needles!

Call or check our website for exact dates. (Beginners – we have supplies to get you started)

Exercise Classes – Various exercise classes take place in the mornings at the Library. Contact us at 699-2842 for exact dates and times.

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Junior Explorers: Celebrate!!!

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5-4-3-2-1 Happy New Year! We rang in 2022 with a 12oclock (noon) countdown at Explore & More, and then rushed home to open our First Nite Party Box. The Box was full of fun activities, games, coloring sheets, party hats, recipes, balloons, decorations, glow sticks, and best of all, a disco ball light! We learned how to make balloons and even did our own face painting. Once the house was all decorated, we set up a DJ Booth for our dance party, turned out the lights put on our party pants. We watched some of our favorite performers like Nickel City Reptiles, In Jest Comedy and Juggling with Nels Ross, Nick Presents Magic and Adam Kreutinger The Puppet Nerd



(also our school art teacher!). The Party Box also included a pass to The Fairgrounds Festival of Lights, which we drove through earlier in the week. Typically, First Nite is an indoor celebration for families to engage in safe and healthy activities while ringing in the New Year sponsored by Independent Health. Also

watch for their Kid's Run put on every summer, virtually and/or in person. Another great way to keep healthy in then New Year! We danced our pants off, and passed out way before midnight, so we kept 2 resolutions! Exercise and get to bed on time. Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2022!

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Live at the Met: Cinderella

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and State guidelines, we are requiring all patrons to wear masks before, during and after Opera House events. Masks must securely and snugly cover the nose and mouth entirely. Neck gaiters and bandanas are not acceptable." Individual tickets to each of the operas in the season are \$20, (\$18 Opera House members, \$10 students) Tickets may be purchased in person at the Opera House Box Office or by phone at 716-679-1891, Tuesday-Friday, 12-4:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online anytime at www.fredopera.org. The Opera House is equipped with assistive listening headsets for the hearing-impaired.

FREDONIA – Live at the Met, the Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series of live, high definition (HD) opera transmissions to theaters around the world, continues at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center

on Sat., Jan. 8, at 1 p.m., with a captured live presentation of Cinderella. Opera House Executive Director Rick Davis notes "due to the continued high positivity rate of COVID in Chautauqua County, and in accordance with CDC, local

Doors Open Jamestown 2022

Annual Citywide Event Returns to Jamestown, NY on January 22nd

Get ready to be a tourist in your own hometown! The always-popular Doors Open Jamestown is back in person this year! This fun day offers local residents a chance to visit numerous local attractions and be a tourist in your hometown at no charge. And while you're out and about for Doors Open, we strongly encourage you to stop for lunch at a local restaurant or visit a locally owned retailer. The full list of Doors Open attractions will be announced soon along with details for this year's scavenger hunt, but for now save the date as Doors Open will be back from 10am-4pm, Saturday, January 22. For local businesses



this is a great opportunity to showcase some special sales or products. If your Jamestown business will be open special hours for Doors Open, or will be highlighting any specials, please send an email to Jamestown Community

Chamber Coordinator Carrie Swanson at cswanson@chautauquachamber.org. The Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with local attractions is organizing doors Open Jamestown.

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The Trading Post in Springville Frozen Float for Coats in CHQ. Co.

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Since Covid ended its sit-down community lunches, the pantry now provides takeout lunches every Friday from 10am-noon. Over four hundred individuals are given nutritious lunches monthly, and they include the working poor, single-income families, and elderly people.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

depend on”, she said.

Hunger has many faces. The Trading Post, a combination community food pantry and thrift store, is a safety net for Springville and the surrounding communities. It is one of the few places people can turn to, in order to meet their everyday needs. The volunteers there also give them compassion, dignity and hope. At Thanksgiving they gave out a special holiday meal with turkey and all the trimmings, and at Christmas, one featuring ham.

In 2018, the Revive Wesleyan church assumed responsibility for the Trading Post, and Peggy Austin became the new Director. The former Director, its founder Linette Rainville, ran it for the previous 15 years. In 2021, Ms. Austin and her team of hard-working, dedicated volunteers spent over 10,000 hours a year helping out. “We are the community center where volunteers get to give back to the place they

Since Covid ended its sit-down community lunches, the pantry now provides takeout lunches every Friday from 10am-noon. Over four hundred individuals are given nutritious lunches monthly, and they include the working poor, single-income families, and elderly people. In December, 370 people from 170 households were served a total of 3,340 meals!

“At Christmastime, a single mom whom we were able to provide with food, clothing, diapers and toys told me, with tears in her eyes, ‘Thank you so much! I didn’t know what I was going to do for Christmas this year!’ Thanks to donations from the Kiwanis, 211, St. John the Baptist in Boston, Fox Run and the community, many families were also blessed at Christmas.”

One unique aspect of the Trading Post is that customers are offered cookies or candy for free, courtesy of the Landies’ Candies. Other stores only give you change

with a purchase, but there you might get chocolate-covered pretzels or other sweet treats. Blouses and shirts in the thrift store section are only \$4, and designer items are often available. Jackets are only \$5. “All the donated items sold help to pay the utilities”, said Ms. Austin.

In the current pandemic, The Trading Post services have never been more vital. For the past 12 years, it has held its annual Souper Bowl fundraiser in February to help cover the costs of what they do. This year, due to the pandemic and staffing shortages, it is instead having a gift card calendar fundraiser. In March 2022, there will be daily drawings, giving those who purchase gift card calendars 31 chances to win a gift card for a local business. If you or your business would like to donate a gift card, please contact Austin, at 716-440-8703. “It’s proven a popular fundraiser in the past and we are excited to do it again”, said Ms. Austin. To see the daily drawings, which will be held on Facebook; see “Trading Post Community Care Center”.

“It is only with the support of donors like the calendar buyers that we can continue assisting families in our community and meeting more than 40,000 food, clothing, and infant needs each year. Thank you for considering us in your 2022 giving”, continued Ms. Austin. If you would like to participate, please contact Peggy by January 15, 2022. Calendars will be on sale for \$10 each at The Trading Post or online at revivewesleyan.com in February.

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Polar Plunge for those in Need, January 15, 2022



Bradley Barmore (L) with Tim Dohl (R) of Community Helping Hands. Boxes behind them are collections from the Mud Run in November.

By JUDY SHULER

Fitness doesn’t have to be synonymous with a set exercise routine or a fixed physical location. It can also consist of a series of events that not only stretch the body but also the sense of community.

On Saturday, January 15, participants can brave the waters of Chautauqua Lake while contributing to a collection of coats for those who need them, and to a veterans’ organization.

The Frozen Float for Coats begins with 9am registration and 10am swim at Lakewood Beach. It’s the brainchild of Bradley Barmore, who founded Be More Fitness (BMF). “I’ve always wanted

to do a ‘polar plunge’-like activity and it just sort of hit me. Let’s raise money and jump in Chautauqua Lake in January.”

The \$50 entry fee proceeds will go to the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Support Program (honoring the memory of PFC Joseph P. Dwyer and his legacy of service), which brings service members and their families together to ease the transition from military to civilian life. He hopes participants will also donate a lightly used coat or jacket, though it is not required. Nor is actual swimming—dipping the feet will be as valid as a cannonball. His goal, 500 coats, because,

well why not? “500 was just a random number and I think it’d be nice to be able to provide at least that many coats.” Coats and jackets will be donated to Community Helping Hands and can be dropped off at their headquarters in the Gateway Center, 31 Water Street, Jamestown, prior to the swim. Among their goals, providing low cost clothing, furniture, and household goods to those in need. Open hours for donations are listed at chhny.org.

“Be More Fitness will host a series of fitness events in 2022 to raise financial means for different programs, clubs and organizations,” Barmore says. “At each event we will also collect some kind of goods to donate to different organizations throughout our community. We did a Mud Run in November in which we collected shoes and money for Community Helping Hands.”

Future events are still in the planning stage, pending permission and permits. “We’re trying to provide a variety of events to give the people of our area something new and exciting.”

In his ninth year as a physical education teacher for Sherman Central School District, Barmore says he was inspired to found BMF because “I’ve been blessed in my life and it’s time for me to give back to the community that has done so much for me.”

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Week in Health & Science: Year in Review

Health & Science Stories of 2021, Expectations for 2022

BY CARA BIRRITIERI
 AUTHOR, FREELANCE WRITER,
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The year 2021 will be remembered for advances in space exploration, including traveling to space for, well, the fun of it. The year also brought new variants to the battle against SARS-Covid 2, as well as possible new treatments to combat the disease. The following is a recap of the 10 Health and Science highlights from 2021, and some events to anticipate in the upcoming year.

The year began with one of the most exciting Mars landings ever. The Perseverance Rover and all its equipment, including the first ever helicopter, finally reached the end of its 290-million-mile journey and landed on the Red Planet in February. The 19 cameras on board captured some of the most detailed photos yet of the Red Planet, and its two microphones sent back the first sounds ever heard on Mars. The mission goal: find evidence of life or past life. The rover even took small core samples and packaged them to leave behind for a future mission to retrieve and bring back to earth. One of the most successful and fascinating firsts took place a few weeks later when the Ingenuity Helicopter descended from the rover, unfurled its wings, and took flight. This event represented the first self-contained flight on another planet. Those who created this technology had no idea if it would actually work, and had



hoped for possibly five flights demonstrating increasing speed, distance, and agility. However, the Ingenuity has flown many more times, and additional flights are planned in the future.

Meanwhile, Elon Musk's SpaceX continued to build and test Starship prototypes. The private company is developing this two-stage heavy lift reusable rocket and spacecraft to take humans to Mars within the next 5-10 years. This past year saw several successful test flights and two explosions on the launch pad. The first orbital launch for both stages is expected in March.

2021 was the year space tourism also launched. Three billionaires and their respective space flight vehicles took civilians into space just for the sheer joy of the experience. Two flights (Blue Horizon and Virgin Galactic) skipped along the edge of space enough for passengers to feel weightlessness, and returned to earth in about ten minutes; and the other (SpaceX), brought an all-civilian crew into orbit for a three-day excursion.

Seems every month or so a new asteroid is cruising by

Earth, and Hollywood even released another doomsday scenario in Netflix's "Don't Look Up." However, just a few weeks ago, NASA launched a mission to literally crash into an asteroid to test if the collision would alter its orbit. The Double Asteroid Redirection Test, known as DART, is the first of its kind to smash an asteroid target at high speed to change its motion in space—a technique that could be used in the event an asteroid is headed straight to earth. All eyes will be looking up at Dimorphos, about 7 million miles from earth, when DART wallops it in September 2022.

On Christmas Day, after years of delays, the most powerful space telescope ever created launched and began traveling nearly a million miles to its location where it will stay in sync with Earth around the sun. From there it will peer into the cosmos further than any previous telescope, including Hubble. In about a month, if all goes as planned, humans will see the universe in a new light, and will know parts of the cosmos

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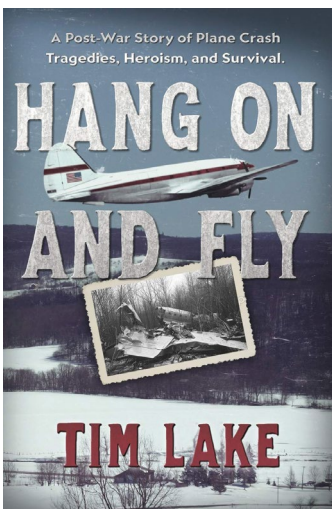
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most significant (but very rocky, accident-prone) year in the emerging industry of passenger aviation. For the first time, more Americans were foregoing train travel for new commercial travel by air but doing so with apprehension considering the high fatal accident history.

During a conversation several years ago with Bob Dart who owned and operated Dart Airfield in Lakewood, NY, my husband was told of a DC-3 plane crash in the "mountains" of Napoli. He realized he was well acquainted with one of the significant parties involved but who never revealed the story. Internet research produced newspaper articles and a 2015 book, "Hang On and Fly," by Tim Lake. Much of the information for this article comes from that book, newspaper articles and personal conversations with David and John Redden, sons

of my husband's friend - one of the first responders on the scene, NYS Trooper, Cpl. Eugene Redden.

Residents of this small rural NYS town in Cattaraugus County, in the triangle between Little Valley, Salamanca and Randolph heard news that a plane was missing for three days and two nights, possibly in their vicinity. A converted, military WWII DC-3, considered one of the largest passenger planes in the world at that time, was tucked away somewhere in the fog shrouded hills ... somewhere. Yet, no one knew where. Bulletins went out, television news crews reported on it, and sighting reports started coming in on Teletype machines. John Redden, Eugene Redden's younger son stated that his dad said these reports (30-40) covered an area from Chautauqua County to Steuben County. A man at the Onoville Marina did correctly report that he saw a large plane flying so low he could see the cabin lights. A short while after it went over, he heard a thud. Unfortunately, what would have been picked up in moments these days sat waiting to be investigated as people scrambled to find the plane and the 40 souls aboard (14 survived). This was the first time any Civil Aeronautics Board Chairman personally attended an air crash site. And according to Lake in the preface of his book on page 2, "This precedent-setting visit was about to change the course of American aviation, to make everyone who stepped aboard a plane safe."

Saturday, December 29. Passengers and crew were anxious to get to their holiday destinations. They were running late. Flight plans were changed; passenger lists were combined, putting Miami bound passengers on the flight. The weather was dreadful. Nevertheless,

to save precious time and fuel, the pilots made an ill-fated decision to fly a shorter route by sight rather than by instrument from Pittsburgh to Buffalo. They inadvertently ended up in the Allegheny Plateau with its patchwork of hills, which range from 200 to about 1800 feet. Unable to see in front of them, they crashed through a long line of treetops until the plane was torn apart and finally came to a stop on the remote hilltop. The survivors, after trying in vain to free some of the injured trapped inside, moved away from the wreckage into a makeshift parachute shelter and a barely smoldering fire. On Monday morning they heard a train whistle in the valley below. It was this whistle that gave them hope and direction. One of the survivors, 30-year-old George Albert, his feet wrapped in toweling, took a brutal two-and-a-half-mile trek downhill in knee-deep snow in the direction of the sound. Finally, around 3pm, he staggered into the driveway of the Charles Bryant farmhouse on Sawmill Run in Napoli. Mrs. Ruby Bryant called the local authorities. The county highway was dispatched to clear a road. Once cleared, one of the first on the scene was Cpl.

Redden along with members of the Bryant family and others from the community. Makeshift sleds were contrived to move the living and the dead, sending the survivors to Salamanca Hospital while recovery work continued for days. Due to this significant crash and the large number of other plane crashes in 1951, many of today's aviation safety regulations were put into place. Read more in "Hang on and Fly: A Post-War Story of Plane Crash Tragedies, Heroism, and Survival." Available at Amazon.

Olean

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permanent white settlement within Cattaraugus County. Originally, the biggest driving factor of settlement was the river and dreams of making Olean a gateway to the west, via the Allegheny River. That dream was not realized after the Genesee Valley Canal was replaced by more economical railroads, which then turned Olean from a lumbering town into a railroad town. By 1906, Olean became known for its oil and lumber interests, tanneries, glass-works and various manufacturing industries. Before the turn of the century, Olean capitalized on the oil boom by becoming the largest storage facility of crude oil in the world.

In 1910, Andrew Carnegie funded a library, which is today one of the regions' most beautiful and treasured landmarks - The Old Library Restaurant, designed in the Beaux-Arts style. The Old Library is listed on the National and State Register of Historic Places. Despite Covid, they are open for business. Go!

Buffalo was accessible after a road opened in 1828 which led from Olean to Buffalo by way of Chapel Hill and Ellicottville, but it was the river that helped a 13-year-old runaway slave girl named Sarah in 1833 find her way up north from Maryland via the Underground Railroad which was very active in Olean. She eventually was discovered, sheltered and became a housekeeper for the first doctor in town who trained her to be a mid-wife. It is reported that she

"Before the turn of the century, Olean capitalized on the oil boom by becoming the largest storage facility of crude oil in the world."

delivered practically every child in the area at the time. Per Della Moore, Sarah Johnson's contemporary "avatar" on Walks through Olean, the laws got tough in the mid-1800's, putting at peril those who assisted runaways, yet the good people in Olean never turned her or any runaway away.

Speaking of underground, perhaps you have heard of Al Capone. He and his ilk loved Olean, which was dubbed "Little Chicago." Capone and his mates rode the railroad from NYC, stopped off in Olean which had a little-known reputation for skirting the prohibition laws, and found a second home, allegedly building secret mansions up on Rock City Hill - a new twist to the idiom, "getaway spot."

St. Mary of the Angels Church first commenced worship in 1851 with about 16 members. Mass was first celebrated in a wooden shanty church, built with \$300 collected from railroad workers. Today Olean has a Minor Basilica at St. Mary's - so designated by Pope Francis in 2017, making it one of only 83 in the United States. It is a beautiful structure inside and out.

Olean has hosted Babe Ruth, and in July, 1947 baseball legend Jackie Robinson played in a game in Olean. Olean has its own notables, three being Patsy Piccioli who in 1922 opened CHEFS Restaurant in Buffalo; NYS Governor Francis Higgins,

close friend of President Theodore Roosevelt; and Olympian and WWII POW hero, Louis Zamperini. His life served as the basis for the 2014 biography and film, "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption."

A 7-foot-tall, 2.5-ton black granite monument featuring images of Zamperini during his Olympic and wartime years, and a 300-word story about his life can be found in War Veteran's Park. While you are visiting Olean parks, why not visit the William O Smith Recreation Center and have a skate on the ice rink? The parks offer plenty to do in Olean! More exciting projects are in the works for 2022.

Olean Mayor, William Aiello said signifying that brighter threads of the tapestry are being worked in: "Olean residents have taken on a can-do, will-do attitude. This City and our residents are resilient and will continue to move forward. We know that Olean will be fine no matter what obstacles are placed in our way. It has been our nature since our founding and we will move on to something new and something better--we always do."

So, do what I do when I'm in Olean and need comfort food? Stop in at Renna's Pizza or The Beef and Barrel and all will be well.

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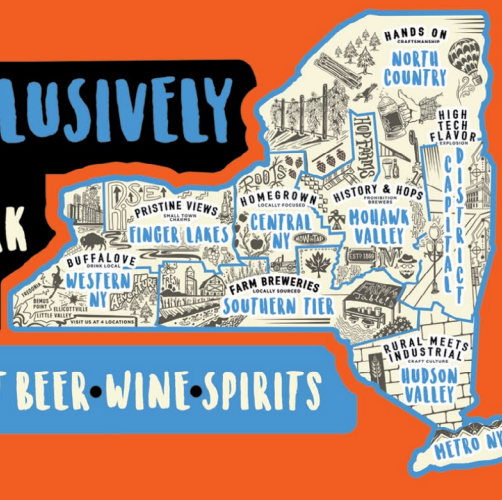
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"This past October, The Trading Post raised \$12,500 at Purses for a Purpose. This fundraiser was a LIVE auction at Revive Wesleyan. We auctioned off donated designer purses, and also had a basket raffle, a bake sale and a continental breakfast. There was so much fun and laughter in the room that day", she said. "On Thanksgiving day the Kiwanis sponsored the Gobble Run. We had 175 participants who strolled, walked and ran, and it raised \$4,000 for us!"

the Trading Post's School Supply give-a-way. This event helps children with much needed school supplies, including notebooks, calculators and crayons.

The VFW Post 5260, American Legion, Springville Moose Lodge, and the community sponsor

"A special thank you to all who have supported us the past four years, you

are a blessing to us and the community!" said Ms. Austin.

The Trading Post is located at 38 Franklin Street in Springville. For more information, email paustin@revivewesleyan.com or call (716) 440-8703.

Coats

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veterans in Western New York with more returning to civilian life every day. The Western New York area lacked a well-integrated provider network that could adequately serve the needs of these veterans and their families, making getting the support veterans need and deserve overwhelming and frustrating.

Veterans One-stop Center of WNY in 2013 to jump start this landmark effort.

The need for the Veterans One-stop Center of WNY is apparent as members of our Armed Forces return home in higher numbers than ever before. New York has one of the highest veteran populations in the entire country with Western New York leading the count.

The time is now to help the veterans, service members, and their families of Western New York.

With the strength and commitment of the One-stop's founders and service providers and the support of the community, the Veterans One-stop Center of WNY will always be a welcoming place for our veterans to come home to.

A coalition of independent service providers led by the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition and Goodwill of Western New York joined forces to address the need and opened the

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Mayville Winter Festival 2022

Mayville-CHQ Chamber Announces Dates for Annual Event, Feb. 18-20



The Mayville-Chautauqua Chamber of Commerce is deep into the planning of the 2022 Mayville Winter Festival with a team made up of volunteer board members and community members. They are working hard to make sure that everything can be brought back to this great event and there is much that will be happening which helps bring people to the area for the event as well as supporting local businesses.

the tent and heater rentals, signage, and more, which is paid by sponsorships, the vendor fees, and the parking. From the first press release that the committee put out, the vendor tent is now filled with no more spaces available. "The requests that have come in from the press release are amazing" says Mayville-Chautauqua Chamber President, Sorena Gilkinson. "Not only in the area of vendors, but new requests for organizations to step up and help or want to be present during the event".

Putting on the Winter Festival takes a great deal of organization, volunteers, hours, and monetary donations. The costs incurred during the event include the band, the DJ, the fireworks,

Even though the requests this year have increased, the committee is still seeking sponsorships from local

businesses as well as volunteers who can help in several different areas. There are 4 tiers for sponsorship as well as a new category for the Interactive Wooden Ice Castle, so there is something available for everyone – and no matter what the amount, a business will get promoted, which benefits everyone. Students in local school districts have the ability to volunteer and earn community service hours for their time spent helping during the event. Volunteers must be a minimum age of 13 to participate.

If your business would like to be a sponsor of the event or you have someone interested in volunteering, please contact Sorena Gilkinson, chamber President at 716.269.4129 or Shannon Biekarck, Coordinator at 716.484.1101, ext. 208 for more info. For details on each of the events happening, please check out the Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page and look at the scheduled events.

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BY: MOUTHSAYTONGUE

natives play a rock/pop/alt/blues/funk set of covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town, open till midnight Wed-Sat and 11pm Sun-Tues.

Just a few doors east Madigan's will be firing up the wood stove and the sound booth with DJ SI from 10-2am, puttin the funk in the trunk so you can do your best Nae Nae on the dance floor. Play stump the bartender with some of those umbrella drinks.

SATURDAY: We head east to West Valley and a delightful farm to table bistro called The Station. They grow their own veggies and herbs and use locally sourced meats to offer an ambitious and creative menu in a train motif. This Saturday they host Joe Wagner from 6-9pm. Joe plays a folk/roots/rock/pop set of familiar covers.

Balloons is back with High Noon on the main stage from 7-10:30pm. This local band plays high-energy bluegrass/country/roots covers that are danceable. In the back bar The Chillbillies perform from 10-1am. They play a folk/pop/rock/roots set of covers. DJ Xcite will rock the sound booth with some thump, thump so you can bump, bump on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill is back with West from 8-12am. This trio plays rock/classic rock/blues/pop covers that'll have you

shakin what your momma gave ya. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Madigan's will have the house rockin with DJ SI layin down the slide for your glide in the upstairs window. Check out the foosball and pool tables for you bar room decathletes.

SUNDAY: Villaggio offers AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Musical accompaniment will be provided by Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers. Check out the very suitable wine list.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This Monday Hanna and Horton will host from 6-8pm. They play a folk/pop/blues/rock set of covers. Listen to some tunes while you eat some 75-cent wings and wash it all down with a nice craft beer selection.

We end the 7-day weekend at The Gin Mill with Wagner and Company, Wednesday, from 8-11pm. Joe plays a rock/folk/country rock set of covers. \$10.99 gets your choice of the Gin Mill burger or the beef-on-weck and house chips.

Now that the skiing will be full speed we hoe you'll return soon and often but wherever you are, PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

Where was Your First Kiss?

BY CHAD NEAL

The calendar tells us we've revolved around the sun once more. Another chance to become a new you. Many times in our lives we can claim we've begun anew. One of those life-changing moments is the first intimate time with someone. Placing

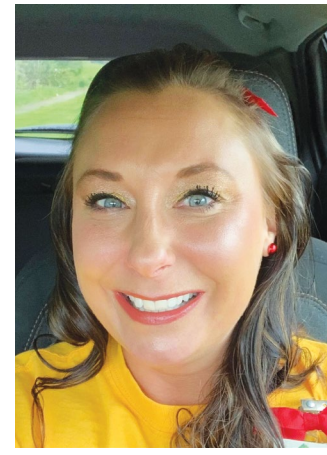
your lips on another's with eyes closed - that first time sends a good chemical surging through the brain. It starts the hunt for romance and eventually family in many situations. The initial feel of another in that of a smooch kicks life into a higher gear. Where was your first kiss?



Paula A. - On the front step of the old Methodist church on Park Square.



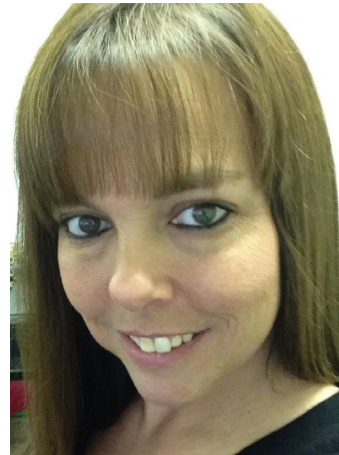
Lou L. - At her cousins wedding. I fell in love that night.



Jessica R. - 8:03 pm under the Holiday Valley clock on March 13th.



Scott J. - At the top of Tough Row Hill Rd while working at Rainbow Lake.



Kathy C. - 1985 in the back of a pick up truck....



Tim D. - 21 years ago Jan. 7th, Cadillac Jack's parking lot. Lisa. Hands down, best night of her life!

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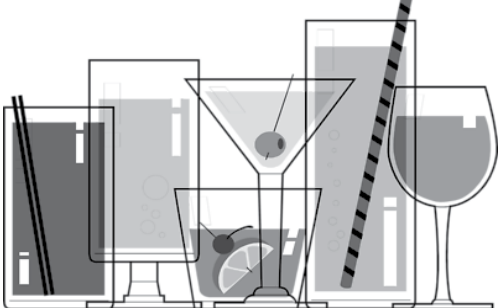
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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3		2	7		8	
	2				9	
	5	4		1		6
6		2			5	1
3		4	8	5		2
2	5	9			1	3
9		8	3		7	
	7				3	
4		7	1			5

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
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Indian

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Reservation in Irving NY off of Milestrip Road where you will find the Big Indian Smoke Shop, which, due to the Indian's presence, is garnering roadside notoriety for the smoke shop and its owners.

The twin statue that hailed from Jamestown was on top of the Tom Conti, Inc Beer Distributing Company in Brooklyn Square from 1962-1977 and served as colorful advert for the company until an Urban Renewal Project called for the building to be torn down. There was one special woman in Jamestown who had her heart set on the statue and her husband, Howard Crossley purchased it for her and they brought the 800lb., 28' tall fiberglass statue to their home in Sinclairville where he would stand prominently for the next 38 years and garner the attention of another special woman. "Everyday on my way to class at JCC I would pass by that statue and just be in awe of it", says Julie Stanton, wife of Jerry Stanton (Stanton's Garage and son of the new proud owners of the statue). Julie later met and fell in love with their son and the two would one day be wed next to the statue. They had a lot of fun with it as it was in their backyard also; they recanted several drinking games that incorporated the statue as the centerpiece of the show.

When Jerry and Julie Stanton were set to move to a different neighborhood, Mrs. Crossley decided to sell the statue to make sure it was guaranteed a proper home for many years to



The statue in his former location in Sinclairville, NY were he sat between the homes of Jerry and Julie Stanton and Stanton's parents, the Crossleys for 38 years.

come. His next owner became the proprietors of the Big Indian Smoke Shop who already had a matching replica. Both are 23 feet tall and were built by International Fiberglass in the 1960s.

The histories of Big Chief and his twin brother, who stands a hundred yards away next to the Big Indian Smoke Shop, are so intertwined that their stories can never be satisfactorily separated. They were built by International Fiberglass in the 1960s. An oversized beer bottle sat on the upturned palm of one Chief; in the palm of the other may have sat a big beer bottle. By 2001 both Big Chiefs had cycled through several owners and had been purchased and moved to their current spots by members of the Seneca Nation, where they advertise discount gas and cigarettes on the Cattaraugus Reservation.

Big Indian Smoke Shop advertising manager John Catalino tells the story of why the now-empty-handed Chiefs were still displayed palms-up. He answered that when the Chiefs were palms-down it "looked like a Nazi salute." Later on, June 6, 2012, vandals tore the Chief from his spot and tossed him into a ditch. The Smoke Shop temporarily moved its other Chief to the spot to cover it while the Interstate Chief was repaired. He returned in 2013 with his hand palm-up again, and his formerly ripped chest had been replaced with a featureless torso. In 2014 his old chest was restored, and he was securely fixed in a way that would deter future vandalism, and lit at night, to provide more security. The two Chiefs are now virtually identical, and both are frozen in beer-less, and Nazi-less, palm-up positions. At the Big Indian you will find grocery items, and handmade native jewelry, artwork and pottery. They even have a deli. Proudly serving Costanzo Rolls. With gas sales you might say Big Indian is a one-stop shop as they carry auto parts and seasonal items too; you could say they have everything you need at Big Indian. If you would like more information or to see the Big Indian in person go to: info@bigindiansmokeshop.com Call: 716-934-0370 Store hours as follows: Monday through Sunday 6am - 10pm

Fitness

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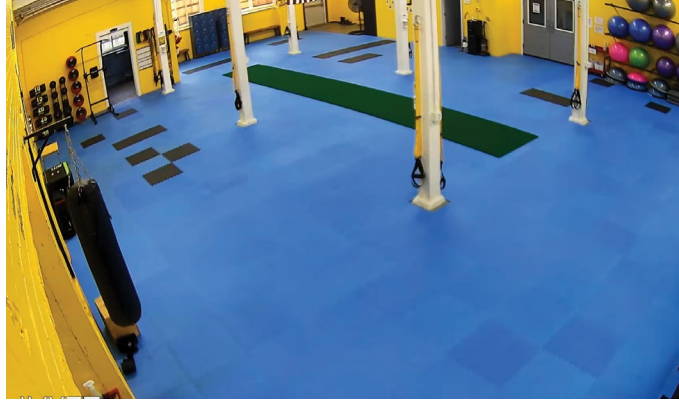
we offer gym memberships, fitness classes and personal training. As far as equipment goes we have free weights, squat racks, strength machines, cardio machines, ropes, plyometric boxes, punching bag, speed bag, agility equipment and much more. We have everything you need and then some!"

"On the wellness side of things we offer massage therapy and chiropractic services. Our massage therapist is a skilled and professional therapist, Regina Mowry, who owns Mountainview Massage. Our chiropractor is the best around and has been in Ellicottville forever, Doug Schindler. He is the owner of Peakside Chiropractic."

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"Warrior Fitness is unique because we are a one-stop-shop. We offer fitness and wellness related components in one facility. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to bring something new and unique to the Ellicottville community. This is also a place for everyone of all different fitness backgrounds and levels. Whether you're into weightlifting, using machines, CrossFit style training, or cardio, we have what you need. And if you don't know where to start we're here to help and support you on your journey."

Fitness has been part of Brad's life since he was a kid as he enjoyed being involved in sports. "Fitness has been my lifeline, as it's helped



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keep me as healthy as I am today. I was born with Cystic Fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes buildup of mucus in the lungs and other parts of the body. This mucus ravishes and destroys the body overtime resulting in a limited life expectancy. Through fitness and hours of breathing treatments daily, I am able to slow the progression and continue living my life to the fullest. I saw how much exercise impacted my life for the better. I decided to make it a career so I could help others become healthier versions of themselves." Warrior Fitness originated from his life struggles. "I wasn't always healthy, in fact, there was a period of time when I turned to alcohol to cope with my physical and mental health. From 17-23 years of age I was drinking 5-6 days a week to the point of blacking out most times. I began slacking on my breathing treatments and exercise. I started getting hospitalized for two weeks at a time because of lung function decline. The hospital became my second home. At 23 I had to make a decision, either continue doing what I'm doing and die within 5 years, or get my life back on track. Although it was extremely hard, I fought hard to better myself and become the man I am today. I developed a warrior-like mentality that helped propel me through the most darkest of times." Hence the name Warrior Fitness.

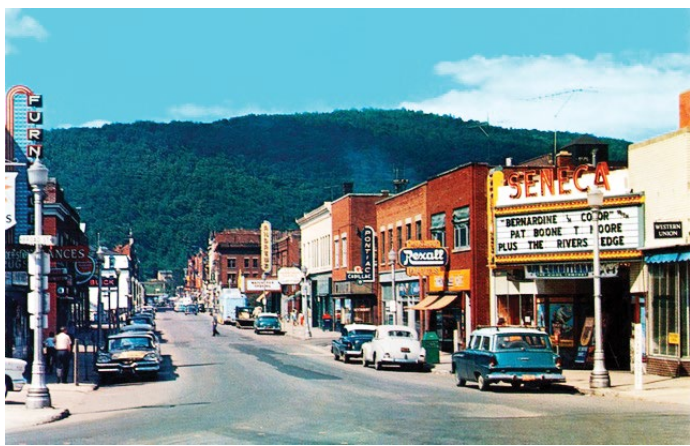
Brad loves his hometown roots in the EVL community. "It's a small, beautiful town that attracts people from all over. There's plenty of things to do here during all seasons. It's a caring and supportive community. We all know each other and look out for one another. Through my work, I love that I can help change people's lives for the better. I'm helping people to better themselves, see their true potential and become healthier versions of themselves."

Warrior Fitness & Wellness is currently offering a promotion for a 1-month membership at only \$25 through the month of January. It's a great way to start the New Year! To sign up reach out on social media or call 716-699-1100. Also be sure to follow on Facebook and Instagram for current promotions. Email Brad pooleb1987@gmail.com

As we head into the New Year, striving to be our best, healthiest version of ourselves, Brad reminds us of his favorite quote (also tattooed on his arm) "You never know how strong you are, until being strong is the only choice you have."

Theater

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The Ray Evans theater was opened in 1945 but was flooded in 1972 and remained closed until 1989. It was volunteers then too, that restored and re-opened the theater as well as a lot of community effort.

with vocal music direction by Andrew Dutko and produced by Ryan Wheeler. An orchestra conducted by Ruth Fuller is comprised of 7 local musicians. The cast is composed of some of the most talented performers in the surrounding areas. Including but not limited to Olean, Bradford and Salamanca. The musical features: Jen Conklin, Emma Dwaileebe, Gretchen Henneman, Brandon Milanowski, Luke Papke, Skyler Schapp, and Andrew Truman.

Speaking with Sharon Turano, gave an idea of what it's like to keep The Ray Evans Seneca Theater alive and running and to keep live arts in the area. She stated that everyone associated with the theater are all volunteers. The theater was opened in 1945 but was flooded in 1972 and remained closed until 1989. It was volunteers then too, that restored and re-opened the theater as well as a lot of community effort. Working hard back then to keep arts live here was important enough to those people to

bring it back, so all of the volunteers are working just as hard to keep it going now. They all have their roles in running the theater and keeping live arts in the area. "I would never be able to do it all alone or even be able to direct a performance", Sharon stated. It's great because we all want to be part of the revitalization of both Salamanca and the Theater and it all comes together because we all bring expertise in a different area. Whether it's directing, sets, PR, or donating costumes, it's all to give back".

All of the shows/performances are special though they may differ, one thing remains the same is

everyone comes together thinking they are just making a show, but wind up making lifelong friends. The shows at the theater are great for the audience; generally a lot of fun and a good time is had by all. "Next to Normal" is especially fitting now, during these strange and tumultuous times. The musical can help us better understand each other's struggles - how fitting.

So what are you waiting for? Grab some tickets and head down to the theater, have some fun and enjoy a terrific musical where local area performers not only provide a necessary escape, but also showcase the issues of our time.

Good

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A more recent vision involved opening for business in Ellicottville. Rev. Woo recently bought a farm in Chautauqua County and still had a strong desire to have a presence in the village. Woo said, "Ellicottville was my first choice to look for relocation, and it manifested fast! I opened my businesses here September 1st, and then in late October, I moved homes." While she is admittedly still living out of boxes from one location to the next, she considers Ellicottville to be a home base already.

"Ellicottville is the most amazing place EVER. I was blown away at how other business owners came to our Grand Opening event to welcome us to the neighborhood. It was really moving for me. I cried a lot that weekend. It was so beautiful. Everybody was, and continues to be so warm and supportive."

The services and guidance Rev. Woo provides can also be found at Lily Dale Assembly, where she has spent the last seven years teaching on crystal uses and as part of their Astrology Discovery series. She was also a presenter at their inaugural conference of The Astrology Gathering. Shoppers and clients can

learn even more about Rev. Woo, Good for the Spirit products, and related services at goodforthespiritgifts.com and suzy-woo.com.

She offered the following insights for readers' general guidance into a new year: "2022 is going to be like a wild roller coaster with big shock waves in our lives and in the planet such as earthquakes, tsunamis and a lot of flooding while Jupiter is in Pisces. But this is the year things slow down and start to turn around... expect everything financial to go inside out and to work in and for smaller communities as we finally get to live in peace. It's coming. My best advice is to give yourself and everyone permission to be who there are, where they are. Love and respect them right where they are. But know who you are and what your values are, and love yourself fully and completely. Then life will become way easier! And stay flexible because this will be a turbulent year of change on all levels. For those who are enlightened and adaptable, it will be super fantastic. This is not the time for closed-mindedness. The USA will be very; very different by the time we see 2024. Stay positive, and live in compassion is my best advice. Love all!"

is found. These experts will help officials understand how this will change human ideas about God and the creation of the universe.

No review of the year would be complete without the Delta and Omicron Covid variants here on Earth. Delta faded as Omicron took hold, and fortunately Omicron is proving mild, though highly

transmissible. Late last month the FDA also gave Emergency Use Authorization for two Covid antiviral oral medications. These are the first home treatments specifically for those who test positive for the Covid-19 virus. They are expected to be increasingly available, with more therapeutics in the pipeline for 2022.



Rev. Woo

regardless of what calls out to one's spirit, something can be found to head that guidance.

Rev. Woo's first foray into enlightenment products involved selling dish gardens from her personal vehicle. After this attempt, she made and sold hand painted angel pendants with crystals and aromatherapy soaps at vendor fairs and on Etsy. As Woo prospered with her own crafts, she had a vision of providing a similar platform for fellow artisans. In 2018, she also began accepting clients to her spiritual consultation and energy healing practice. 2020 found the addition of Good for the Spirit gift shop to her Orchard Park office, fulfilling the vision of supporting like-minded creators.

Year

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never thought possible.

Given all these recent achievements, it's no surprise NASA announced last week, it hired 24 theologians to help guide officials in the event extra-terrestrial life



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TOWN OF MANSFIELD: PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING: NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing Pursuant to the Mansfield Zoning Law, Article XIV, Section 14.3 (D) (3). Nicole Polino requests Planning Board approval for a Special Use Permit to construct a greenhouse on her property at 7153 Kidney Road to supply flowers for her business, Flowers Off the Farm, in Ellicottville. Said Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. Margaret Puszcz, Planning Board Chair

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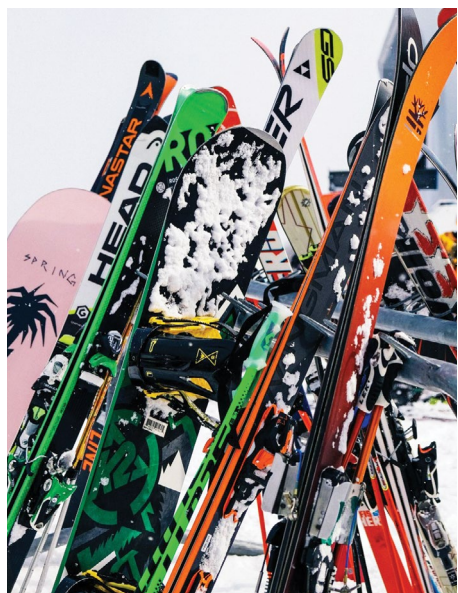
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