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Area Events

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TOUR
Friday, February 11th • 10:30 am
Allegany State Park, Salamanca

2ND RYE WHISKEY BDAY PARTY
Saturday, February 12th • 3-6pm
Ellicottville Distillery, Ellicottville

INTENSE MILK RAIL JAM
Saturday, February 12th • 6-8pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

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

FIRE & ICE CELEBRATION
February 10th - 12th • 5-9pm
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

JAMESTOWN REBELS HOCKEY
Friday, February 11th • 7pm
Northwest Arena, Jamestown

PAUL HUNTER LIVE
Saturday, February 12th • 6:30pm
Peek 'N Peak Resort, Clymer

SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL
February 18th - 20th • Times Vary
Lakeside Park, Mayville

AUDUBON SNOW CAMP
Monday, February 21 • 9-3pm
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

RTPI GUIDED GALLERY WALK
Friday, February 25 • 2-3pm
Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown

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Doors Open Jamestown

Event Returns Live & FREE: Saturday, March 5, 2022



Venues requiring pre-registration are Lucy-Desi Museum, National Comedy Center (pictured), and Marvin Community House.

By JUDY SHULER

Don't wait for out-of-town guests. Don't just think you'll go there one day. Now is the time to visit local attractions that others travel miles to

see. And for you, it's free.

Doors Open Jamestown invites you to be a tourist right at home. Fifteen Jamestown venues are

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Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam

Live Music Throughout EVL President's Day Weekend



Tommy Z will be at Balloon's this Saturday from 6:30-10pm. Tommy was the first musician to play at Balloons and was the house band for several years. They play very danceable blues and pop originals.

EL LICOTTVILLE - Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam, set for Feb. 18-20th, will feature three days of indoor live music in all the hot spots, complementing the list of outdoor fun you'll have in our active ski town. With 15+ performers on deck covering a variety of genres, it will prove to be a good challenge trying to check them all out. See this week's *What's Shaking* article on page 13 for the full line up.

EVL Chamber Spotlight: Brick & Brew

Monroe Street Brick & Brew; Made to Order Pizza



By KATE BARTLETT

Frank Maduri (pictured above with January employee of the month, 6-year old, Fiona) is the proprietor of Monroe Street Brick & Brew, located at 21 Monroe Street in the heart of the village of Ellicottville. They've been sharing their passion for pizza



for close to 6 years. "Our goal is simple, create the best pizza and give you the best pie ever." All pizzas are handcrafted, prepared with the freshest ingredients and baked at around 700 degrees.

The overall feel of Monroe Street Brick and Brew is a casual,

SEE "PIZZA" PAGE 10

Cupcaked North

Ellicottville Bakery Expands to Make Orchard Park Sweeter



Cupcakes are clearly a valued item on the Cupcaked menus. However, there are ample desserts available here that are no less beloved than the bakery's namesake. Their cannolis, macarons, pies, scones, brownies, bars, cake bombs, and cookies are all equally worthy of a spot on the marquee.

By JESSICA MILLER

Anyone in the region that has a sweet tooth knows Cupcaked Bakery (22 Monroe St, Ellicottville) is the place to go for a sugar fix. Engaged couples and party hosts are similarly

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

Celebrating Our Presidents ... Pg. B-2



Bill Clinton was inspired toward public service when at 16 he shook hands with President John F. Kennedy at a Boys Nation event, four months before Kennedy's assassination. Photo/biography.com

Presidents Are human too: Lets Get to Know them Better

Carol Fisher-Linn - Over our remarkable history in America, 45 men have held the position of President. As we honor Washington and Lincoln this holiday, let us also consider the other men who held this position looking at them as human beings with peculiarities and individual personalities, just like us.

Journaling Your History

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Recording our personal history provides us with a sense of identity and our strengths. Look at the television ads for Ancestry where people express pure amazement and delight about facts that have been revealed from their past.

By CAROL FISHER LINN

As our faithful readers may realize, many of the articles this writer creates have an historic nature to them. But, do you appreciate that each one of us is our own living history? Think of genetics - you are what whose you came before you were. You weren't born speaking a particular language - you inherited it, along with your religion, your culture, and your traditions. Acknowledging these things helps to give you a better understanding about what it means to be that singular "you" in this world of almost 8 billion individuals - each carrying their personal

SEE "HISTORY" PAGE 14

Mayville Winter Festival

Mayville Hosts a Plethora of Events this Weekend



By ANN-MARIE GARIPEY

The groundhog predicted 6 more weeks of winter. To some that means 6 more weeks of cold, too many layers and unpredictable driving. But in this area it just means the opportunity for 6 more weeks of winter fun!!

The Mayville Winter Festival is a magical way to spend the upcoming Presidents Day Weekend, May 18-20, 2022, with friends and family in the beautiful outdoors along the icy shores of Chautauqua Lake.

With ice as far as the eye can see, ice fishing tents dotting the lake, snowmobiles racing across the thick ice and children playing on snow mounds, it's easy to understand why Lakeside Park in Mayville, NY lends the perfect backdrop for this exciting festival. My drive-by of the park last weekend gave me a sneak peak into ice castle prep with two towers started and piles of harvested ice blocks. Of course, the castle will be the focal point of the festival but there is so much to see and do, you'll need the whole weekend to get it all in.

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Publisher's Word

"Continuing the Celebration!"



My goodness, whatever that Groundhog saw, we are in for a good time! If you are in Ellicottville this weekend, you picked another great one to enjoy! Over 15 bands are booked throughout the Village and the boutiques and restaurants are always ever-ready for your arrival! If you didn't get enough Valentine's Day in last week, I say extend into this President's Day Weekend; there is so much to do! If you are on the Chautauqua side of the map, don't miss the annual

Winter Festival in Mayville; they will also have a weekend chock full of events for you. Don't take my word for it – read all about both on the cover of this week's edition! If you have an event you would like to share please send it along to us! We are always excited to spread the word on fun and inspiring things to do, people to meet and places to see. Email me at info@thevillager.com. *Until next week, enjoy the read!* **Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

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BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE LOCAL UPCOMING EVENTS

A School Bus Story: West Valley Bus #88

West Valley School Bus #88 Enjoys Retirement Across the Atlantic



about the bus's back story. "It's been nice to find out where the bus was from and to learn a little bit of its history," shared Steve. He contacted West Valley Central School via their Facebook page last summer, and began corresponding with Bryan Hansen, technology director and PR coordinator at the school. "When I received the message on Facebook, I wasn't sure if it was even real," Bryan commented, "but I took a chance and responded back, and it has led us to discovering the unique story of our old bus. Steve is a wonderful guy and I'm looking forward to the continued journey of Bus 88. Steve plans on completing the bus renovation work himself, including the installation of a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, living room, and even solar panels. So far, he's removed the seats from the bus, finding a small fortune in lunch money dropped by the children of West Valley over the years. The Rowses look forward to traveling across the UK in Bus 88 once the renovation is fully complete. Their daughter, in grade 11, has already put in a request to ride the bus to her prom with her friends this spring. Steve and Joanne admitted it was quite a risk buying Bus 88. They never communicated with anyone in person—it was all done over email. "In life you've got to take risks," Steve said, "and we are so pleased we did. We cross paths with so many people who ask us 'why and how' and we love telling them our story. This risk was worth taking! We look forward to many adventures in Bus 88 and meeting new people along the way, perhaps even some new friends from West Valley Central School."

Have you ever wondered what happens to a school bus once it retires? West Valley Central School's Bus number 88 served the district well for 14 years, logging 115,493 miles transporting students around West Valley, NY, a town of 561 residents in Cattaraugus County, about 40 miles from Buffalo. Ruth Ann Courtney, who's been driving school buses for 29 years, claimed bus 88 as her own. "I wanted bus 88 because '8' is my lucky number," she shared. "I loved that bus and ended up driving it for six years. I cried when it went down the road for the last time."

his wife, Joanne, have lived their entire lives in the quaint seaside town of Torquay in Devon, England. He works at a local hospital in the patient transport service, and she is a teacher's assistant at a school for special needs children. The Bus 88 story began with Steve's long-time dream of converting an old school bus into an RV that his family could tour around the English Countryside. "It's quite rare to see a school bus on an English street," Steve noted. "In England, children either walk to school, take public transport, or are driven by their parents. For us, a school bus is a very iconic thing. They turn a few heads when they go trundling down our small narrow streets over here." Joanne wasn't immediately on board with the plan. "It took some time to convince her of the idea," said Steve. "After a few months of showing her pictures of converted school buses she eventually caught the vision." After purchasing the bus, the Rowses had it shipped to England on a container vessel. Bus 88 rode the waves across the Atlantic and arrived on English shores at the Port of Southampton in November of 2021, where it was transported to London for servicing and registration. The bus made its final passage to Torquay and arrived at the Rowses' residence in December.

Upon Bus 88's decommissioning in July of 2021, it was sold to Don Brown's Bus Sales in Johnstown, NY. Located near Albany, NY, Don Brown's sells and services new and pre-owned school buses, commercial buses, and shuttle buses. "We've sold buses all over the country and even the world," said Nick Tarbox, regional sales manager at Don Brown's. "Our buses have ended up on practically every continent. It's quite common for private individuals to purchase old buses and convert them into various applications to fit their lifestyle." Bus 88 was found by one such private individual, Steve Rowe, from the country of England in the United Kingdom. Steve and

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Celebrating Valentine's Day in EVL

Valentine's Day Weekend Brought Several Happy Faces to The Silver Fox



EVL Village Board: Village to Review Trash Law

Mardi Gras Day Parade Approved for March 12

BY DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on February 15. This month's meeting was opened by Mayor John Burrell and opened the floor for public comments. Resident Lynn Lazzaro reiterated his request from the past Village Board meeting to have a committee appointed to review the Village's trash law as the schedule is not favorable to part-time residents. The Mayor asked the Board for a motion to appoint a committee, which was approved, and the Mayor requested Trustee Catlin Croft to be on the committee. Residents Shelia Gallagher, MJ Brown, and Lynn Lazzaro volunteered to be on the committee.

Correspondence from residents MJ Brown, Kim Brown, and Chris Tymstra and another from Kevin Lester were received but not read in the meeting. These letters were included in the Board material and addressed the need for a review of the garbage law to be fair to full and part-time residents as well as a resumption of recycling.

MAYOR MEETINGS

Mayor Burrell updated the Board on multiple meetings that he attended recently. On January 25, he attended a wellhead protection project that is focused on keeping contamination out of the area's 3 wells. A January 28 meeting with State Senator Borrello was focused on addressing the traffic issues in Ellicottville. Senator Borrello offered support to conduct a traffic study to find ways to improve the flow of traffic.

With the upcoming retirement of James Thoman in the Sewer Department, the Mayor and Engineering Supervisor Ben Slotman met with the Sewer and Water

Department staff to review a plan to ensure daily coverage at the sewer plants and wells. The staff presented a rotating schedule to cover weekends and holidays utilizing the remaining staff that would have minimal to no net increase in the staffing expense. The Mayor expressed gratitude to the staff for presenting a plan to address this staffing challenge.

The final meeting update from the Mayor was with a firm interested in conducting cannabis retail sales in the Village. The Mayor noted that the State is still not ready with regulations to govern retail and consumption of cannabis but expected these regulations in the April to May timeframe.

VILLAGE ABANDONMENTS

Village Attorney Richard Stanton updated the Board that a public hearing is needed for the alleyway abandonment of Village property on Marshall Alley to Madigan's. Attorney Stanton noted that Madigan's would need to get an appraised price for the abandoned property. The Board approved a motion to set a public hearing for alley abandonment at the March meeting.

The Board approved another motion to set a March public hearing to abandon a Village sewer line near the Tiny Homes project near HoliMont. Mayor Burrell noted that the Town might need to be involved, as they own the actual sewer assets. Mill Street Parking Project

Trustee Doug Bush and Attorney Stanton provided an update on the County agreement that will fund the Mill St parking project. Cattaraugus County has signed the agreement and the Mayor requested a motion from the Board to sign the agreement. The motion was approved. Attorney Stanton advised that a State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) and ordering a title report are the next steps for the project.

SNOW REMOVAL EFFORTS

With many illnesses in the Department of Public Works, the Mayor and Board acknowledged the effort of Village staff from other departments to assist in the recent snow removal efforts. Also acknowledged was the quick addressing of the road issues on Mill St. near the railroad bridge. Crews have been challenged to keep the road patched due to the cold and snow.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Trustee Sean Lowes provided an update on the Skate Park project and put forth a motion to select a vendor to design and build the park. The Skate Park Committee reviewed two bids and recommended Grindline as the preferred vendor due to their focus on street style designs for skateboarders, use of local contractors, and experience building parks in the area. The Board approved the motion to award the bid to Grindline.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Mr. Lowes will also be working with the Alley Katz group on the timeline for seasonal holiday decorations and will bring an updated decoration schedule to the Board. Also on the Beautification topics, the Board passed a motion for the Chamber of Commerce to construct the ski boot sculpture on the lawn of the 1887 building.

Mardi Gras Parade March 12 Doug Bush notified the Board of an application from the Chamber of Commerce to have the Mardi Gras parade on Friday, March 12. A motion was approved for the parade application.

The Board meeting was concluded and members went into executive session to discuss lowering the speed limit on Greer Hill Rd. For full meeting minutes and other Village news, please visit the Village's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html>.



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HoliMont Update

Scott Axelson: When Skiing Snows Over Engineering



to allow ever more kids to experience skiing. Scott joined this devoted band of adaptive instructors in 2016. With his vast experience in the retail ski business, Scott serves our adaptive ski program as the Assistant Ski Gear Tech and specializes in helping adaptive skiers on sliders and mono/bi skis.

Scott's Pool and Spa business in Jamestown runs full steam ahead most of the year, but pools and spas are not going to be installed in a landscape blanketed with snow. This year, for Scott, winter Holi-Opportunity knocked. HoliMont consolidated our retail ski shop and rental shop in one location on the ground floor of the Snowsports building. His years of experience in both the practical and managerial sides of the retail ski industry in New England made Scott a perfect fit to manage both the retail and rental side of the business.

BY DAN BALKIN

What do you call someone who graduated with from Alfred University with a BS in Ceramic Engineering, an MS in Ceramic Science, who worked for major international corporations as a Project Engineer and in 1989 got bit by the ski bug? At HoliMont, we simply call him Scott - Scott Axelson. Scott found his way to HoliMont when one of my earliest instructor mentors at the now defunct Bluemont Ski Area, Victor Anderson, lured Scott to HoliMont to become an instructor in our Adaptive Skiing Phoenix Program.

Most persons who earn an MS degree would consider it to be the culmination of their learning - but Scott was just getting started. The MS Degree came in 1988 - Scott learned to ski in 1989. Scott prospered in the international corporate world from 1989 until 2001, but the ski bug had taken hold after his come-to-skiing experience in 1989. Scott moonlighted at ski shops in central Massachusetts (including Strand's Ski Shop - established in 1934 and the oldest in the nation) and southern New Hampshire. He also did part-time work as a Mountain Ambassador at Sunday River in Maine and became a certified National

Ski Patroller at a resort in NH in the year 2000. By November 2001, Scott finally embraced his new life in a full-time capacity and eventually became the manager of the Sport Loft Ski Shop / Surfside Pool Company in Amherst, NH.

Scott enjoyed his new life NH but came back home to Jamestown NY in 2013 to help look after his mother. NH's loss, HoliMont's gain. Scott is the owner of Clear View Pools and Spas in Jamestown. He is also a member of a team that many consider to be among the best people in the world - adaptive instructors. An adaptive instructor is doing God's work in our presence, enabling kids who need a helping hand to experience skiing and the wonders of nature. Many members of the HoliMont community who generously contribute to our Phoenix Adaptive Program have recognized the importance and significance of their selfless work. The Phoenix Program was founded on a shoestring budget and a courageous amount of goodwill by Chuck Richardson (who faithfully still presides at his desk in our adaptive center every weekend). The torch of leadership has been passed to Dave Berghash, who has built on Chuck's solid foundation

But his new position came with one request. Scott would not have to sacrifice his position as a Phoenix instructor. He was delighted with this new opportunity, but he wanted to continue to help with our adaptive skiers on the weekends. This plan was worked out. Scott put it best himself: "I love snowsports and I love being able to pay back and give back to the sport I love". Recently, during a Sunday service in Jamestown, Scott's pastor asked the congregation if they knew why Scott was absent. He then informed them about Scott's devotion to adaptive skiing. The Pastor then cited a Biblical passage about kindness and service to others and said that this is where God wanted Scott to be on Sunday's during the winter. To all adaptive instructors everywhere - no matter the day of the week - we know the Pastor was also talking about you. Our heartfelt thanks.

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"Onesies" Reappear at HoliMont



HoliMont's roving photographer has recently spotted several locals doled up in one-piece ski suits or ONESIES that we think originated in the 30's of last century. He spotted pretty girls, guys, families and even Uncle Sam most wearing traditional turquoise from the 90's. There's even a rumor about an astronaut guy out on the slopes.

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Holiday Valley Update

Telestock '22: The City Garage Brings You Back to the Basics



BROOKE SZPAICHER

been scared or busy. I can honestly say I would have never tried telemark skiing if it weren't for the City Garage and Telestock. They offer free rentals, lessons, tips, group rides, and a whole bunch of demo gear. It's about taking one day a year to celebrate all that is Telemark. Participants come from all over for this event and for some of us, it's the only time we see each other all year! You'll get to ski with Mikey P and participate in the world's largest Telemark human slalom (maybe?) ... "It's a day of peace, love, and telemark skiing." Adam Sauerwein tells us.

Telemark skiing is a combination of downhill and

cross-country techniques. It originated from the telemark region of Norway where people skied great distance over varying terrain. The gear used is like that of cross-country skis; a binding without heel attachment where only the front toe region is locked. Originally, the sport used three pin bindings and leather boots, but it has since evolved to a plastic boot and stiffer bindings, allowing us to power the more modern, wider, and stiffer skis. FREE THE HEEL, SKI FOR REAL. "Personally it's just another way down the hill. It's cool, it allows you to "uphill travel"

SEE "TELESTOCK", RIGHT

We are a little more than a week away from an annual event that the City Garage puts on at Holiday Valley. Some of you may have heard of it before and some of you might be like, "what the heck?!" The event is into the 20th year and running!

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Intense Milk Rail Jam



There was a lot of talent out at the Mardi Gras Rail Park last Saturday night for the Intense Milk Rail Jam. It's always great to see kids coming out to have fun sliding some rails. The next, and final, Intense Milk Rail Jam is Saturday, March 19.

Telestock

STORY FROM LEFT

with climbing skins and basically frees you of lifts and lift lines. It's a great way to go on or off piste! Free your heel and your mind will follow," Too Tall Tom mentioned, a member of the City Garage. Be sure to visit the crew from

the City Garage and other sponsors on February 25th, 2022 from 9am-3pm at the Yodeler Champagne Deck. This event is brought to you by The City Garage, Dom's Butcher Block, 22Designs, Scarpa, FlyLow, Telemark Skier, and Free Heel Life. For any further questions, please contact The City Garage at 5 Monroe Street or 716.699.2054.

"If you have never attended the event, my advice to you is to please do not be shy, get to Yodeler Champagne deck early, introduce yourself and make friends. We have plenty of boot demos and ski demos, but everything is limited. Bring a plate to share, bring a cooler, and have fun! The theme of the event this year is Back to the Basics,"—Adam Sauerwein.

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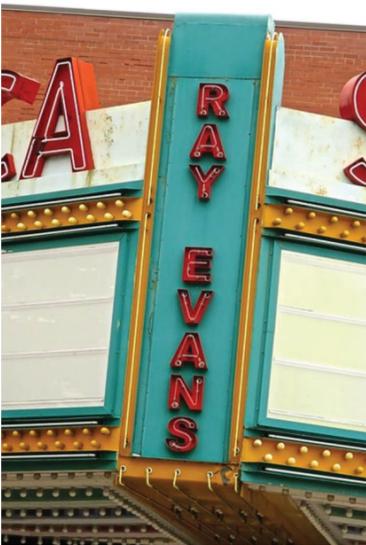
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“Assassins” Auditions in Salamanca

Catt. Co. Living Arts Association Looking for Area Talent



and 9, with the show to be performed in May at the Salamanca Theater. The show ran on Broadway in 2004, was planned to appear in 2001 but was postponed after Sept. 11 attacks and opened in 2004.

“Assassins is a five-time Tony award winning musical, with music and lyrics written by Stephen Sondheim. It is based on the book written by John Wiedman with concept by Charles Gilbert Jr. The story is based on nine historical figures who attempted to assassinate U.S. presidents. The musical will feature appearances by local actors portraying John Wilkes Booth, Lee Harvey Oswald, John Hinckley Jr. and more and discusses possible reasons for their attempts, such as feelings of political injustice or wanting to sacrifice for the greater good. Commonalities among the would-be Assassins are also explored.

The show continues CCLAA’s tradition of bringing arts to the area,” said Sharon Turano, CCLAA spokeswoman. She said the group also continues bringing various topics to the Ray Evans Seneca Theater stage, where “Next to Normal,” a show about mental illness was recently performed and whose cast and crew won several awards for the Salamanca performance.

Assassins is meant for adult audiences, with the arts association also assembling The Hunchback of Notre Dame for their summer musical which is suitable for the entire family.

Assassins will be performed May 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 at the theater, 10 Main St., Salamanca.

Those wanting to volunteer or donate to CCLAA can call Linda Freaney at 945-1996.

BY SHARON TURANO

Cattaraugus County Living Arts Association members hope area residents’ calendars will include stops to the Ray Evans Seneca Theater this spring and summer.

Auditions for the CCLAA production of “Assassins” will be held at 7pm March 8

Hometown Hero Program

Honoring the Veterans in Our Families and Community

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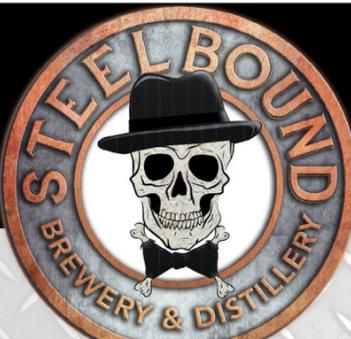
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The Olean Community Theatre Upcoming Programs



Actors and Director of The Diary of Anne Frank.

By MERI CAIRNS

Getting bored sitting at home staring at your TV screen? How about a healthy dose of live entertainment? If you happen to live in or near Olean, then you're in luck. Since 1979, the Olean Community Theatre (OCT) has been providing quality entertainment to the area—producing over 100 shows so far. As a member of the American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) and the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS), the OCT strives to provide “top of the line, state of the art theatre, at the community theatre level,” says Tim Hollamby. So far, several OCT performances have won awards, including the TANYS Merit Award. Recently, the theatre also received an Eastern States Theater Association top prize.

Tim Hollamby has been president of the theatre's board of directors since 2018, but has been with the theatre since 2005. He started out as an actor. His first performance was when, at four years old, he sang “Blue Suede Shoes” onstage for his grandfather's band at a county fair. When his parents bought him a video

camera, he discovered he loved playing the director of his own videos. In high school, he joined the drama club. His first role at OCT was in the Titanic musical, which performed to a full house and won several awards.

Pandemic lockdowns in 2020 gave members of the theatre the free time to look into purchasing their first building, a former synagogue, in November 2020. Before then, rehearsals and productions took place at rented venues such as area high schools. “I guess you could say we'd been homeless for the past 43 years,” Hollamby says. Now, for the first time, this volunteer-run community theatre has a permanent home. While renovations of the old synagogue are expected to finish in 2023, OCT performances are currently taking place in their new building.

Having its own building means the theatre can provide space for performances and rehearsals and possibly offer acting classes, open mic nights, an improv, a coffee house, concerts and other events for the community. The theatre already has its own official house band—OCTaves, a local jazz band.

Got the acting bug?

Performing with OCT can be a stepping-stone to bigger and better things. Former OCT actors Alexa, Danielle and Jessica Campbell (sisters) now pursue theatrical and musical careers in other parts of the country. Another OCT alumna, Heidi Giberson, is a performer on Broadway in NYC!

Local playwrights have showcased their work at OCT. In July 2021, OCT presented Olean native Kevin Badanes's Stem, The Musical, a four-person play. How does the OCT decide on which plays to stage each season? Directors who've worked with the theatre in the past pitch their ideas for future productions, and the board of directors makes the final decision.

If you want to check out OCT's new space, the theatre is showcasing The Illusion February 24th-27th. Tickets are only \$15. Agnes of God showcases April 28-May 1st. For Halloween, The Addams Family musical showcases October 27th-November 6th. An additional summer show will be announced soon.

OCT is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is staffed by theatre-loving volunteers. However, funding is always needed for future productions as well as for the completion of their new theatre building. OCT also assists high schools and community theatres by renting out its equipment and costumes.

To contribute to the theatre, send your gift to: Olean Community Theatre, Inc., Futures Fund, PO Box 100, Olean, NY 14760 or visit www.oleancommunitytheatre.com

Olean's Regina A. Quick Center

Frida Kahlo's Garden Coming In April as Part of Traveling Exhibit



By SHARON TURANO

Those wanting to head indoors have plenty of entertainment to choose from at St. Bonaventure's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. Offering musical and theatrical performances, art exhibitions, educational opportunities, rehearsal rooms, a gift shop and more, the center's website calls it “an educational and entertainment hub, not only for the campus but community at large.” The center's current offerings prove the point.

Featuring Western New York artist Joe Orffeo's “To Linda,

Love Joe,” the painted works are those of a World War II veteran and can be seen until March 30 at the Quick Center.

“Passion can be seen in the colorful creations and the energy that he put on each canvas,” said Evelyn Penman, assistant director and senior curator for the center.

She said Orffeo found inspiration in the world around him and working artists of his time. She said he took that inspiration and made the work he did “uniquely his own.” She said this included dark times when the paintings depict anguish and despair, along with brighter days also.

Other exhibits include the university's Art Collection with works by European and American masters like Durer, Victors, the School of Rembrandt and others. A 20-foot Chinese scroll and works by Chinese and Japanese artists can be viewed also.

Coming in April will be Frida Kahlo's Garden, part of a National Endowment for the Arts initiative to bring traveling exhibits to cultural organizations.

Ms. Penman said photos of the artist; her home, garden and information about native Mexican plants are part of the exhibit. Officials at the center are working to make sure that all exhibits are as diverse, as they work on a multi-year grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Museum Association of New York to grow accessibility to the arts.

In the meantime, the public can visit from 12-5pm Mondays-Fridays or 12-4pm Saturdays and Sundays; masks are required.

The Western New York Chamber Orchestra will also perform at 2:30pm Feb. 13 in the center's 321-seat auditorium. For info and tickets, call 716-375-2494.

Home Show & Fitness Expo Combine

GOACC Announces Home Show & Sports/Fitness Expo Becoming One

OLEAN: GOACC officials are announcing the combo of two of their events into one – Home Show + Sports, Recreation, & Fitness Expo = Health Home Fitness Expo. This year – Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce changed the name to the expo and is expanding into your health and fitness as well as recreational aspirations.

Show goers can talk to a number of area experts and learn about home, health, fitness and more --all in one place.

“The sports show was held for 9 years at several different locations as well as at different times of the year, the last one during a snowstorm in January 2019 with attendance at the event steadily decreasing. Plans

for a 2020-2021 show was to bring it to a new month, May with the opportunity of showcasing the many different products and services outside in the elements,” reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

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Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care has provided end-of-life care as the only Medicare-certified hospice provider in Chautauqua County for nearly 40 years. Pictured the former private home that was recently bought by Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care (CHPC) and its new transformation into a residential facility for CHPC.

By JUDY SHULER

When a private home fortuitously went on sale in 2019, the office next door took action.

Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care (CHPC) had long dreamed of adding a dedicated residential facility to its services. Their purchase of that house, and extensive renovations, culminated in the Tuesday, February 8, grand opening of The Star Hospice House, 20 W. Fairmount Ave., Lakewood. Due to Covid protocols, attendance at the live event was limited to invited guests.

“Thanks to our incredible donors, Chautauqua County will have a Hospice House for the first time, increasing our ability to deliver superior care in a homelike setting that is safe and compassionate,” said Shauna Anderson, President and CEO of Chautauqua Hospice & Palliative Care who oversaw its completion prior to her recent retirement. It is named in honor of Stanley and Elizabeth Star, longtime residents of Chautauqua County.

The organization exceeded its fundraising goals with more than \$2.7 million dollars in donations and faced down supply chain challenges and other global pandemic issues along the way.

With extensive remodeling, little from the original home

would be recognizable, he says. It includes bedrooms and living spaces for families to rest, prepare meals, and focus on their loved one. Walls, floors, and ceilings were completely redone, a new kitchen was added, and all new plumbing and bath fixtures were added.

“While the parcel was large enough and the house was in good condition, we needed to add an entire medical wing to a residential structure.” The new wing has five patient rooms, office, storage and laundry space, and a large meeting room for families to gather. The patient wing also includes a level parking and entryway for ease in entering the facility for patients.

CHPC expects Star Hospice House to serve up to 200 patients per year. It is currently hiring home health aides and licensed practical nurses and will have staff on duty 24 hours. Laura McCollough, RN, was hired in 2021 to serve as the inaugural Residence Director. “Our goal is to provide the best care possible in a calm, home-like environment for patients and their families,” she says.

Volunteers, an integral part of all their services, are also expected to be a part of Star Hospice House, according to Garaas-Johnson.

Opportunities for the community to tour the facility will be posted on their website

at CHPC.care. In addition, CHPC’s community-based palliative care is available to individuals with serious illnesses like COPD, cancer or Lou Gehrig’s disease, focusing on pain management and symptom control and keeping the patient comfortable, at home and in control while reducing hospitalizations.

Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care has provided end-of-life care as the only Medicare-certified hospice provider in Chautauqua County for nearly 40 years. Caregivers are encouraged to contact CHPC to discuss the comprehensive hospice benefit covered in full by Medicare.

“Unfortunately, there is a reluctance in our culture to discuss end of life matters comfortably, and that is a situation we actively seek to change,” says Garaas-Johnson. “Our hospice patients are dealing with a complex constellation of challenges including their health, estate planning, and often accepting their situation and what it will mean for their families—all at the same time. It is our sincere hope that by relieving patients and their families of stress—a significant goal of The Star Hospice House—we also communicate to patients that they are appreciated, loved, and will be missed. Compassion and care come together in The Star Hospice House like nowhere else in the world.”

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Sukanya Burman Dance Co. of Jamestown

Bridging Gap Between Western Modern and Indian Classical Dance



Photo/Sukanya Burman by husband and photographer, Daryl Simons of DSJ Photography.

By ANN-MARIE GARIEPY

Artistic endeavors begin as a labor of love brought forth by the artist as both a way to continue a personal passion for their medium and the desire to share this passion with others.

The newly formed Sukanya Burman Dance Company is no exception. This passion for dance and people are abundantly clear when speaking to Sukanya Burman. Created by it’s founder to bridge the gap between Western modern and Indian classical dance forms, the company offers a multicultural approach to bringing the founder’s passion for dance to it’s Jamestown, NY home base with the intention to make Dance and Arts available to everyone. Particularly the underserved.

Sukanya Burman was born and raised in Kolkata, India where she began her dance training at a young age. Earning a diploma in Contemporary Dance and Movement Arts through the Rhythmosaic Dance Company, Burman toured and performed nationally and internationally. Bringing her

talents to the United States in 2013, she began studying at the Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance in New York City and has since instructed, choreographed and performed throughout the United States and India. Landing in Jamestown, with her photographer husband Daryl Simons, the community has been gifted with her artistry and instinct.

Currently one of only fifteen artists nationwide, Burman is an artist-in-residence in the Curriculum In Motion Institute at the world renowned Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival for it’s 2021-2022 season in Beckett, Massachusetts. An elite group in the dance world, these artists partner with local community organizations to introduce varied modalities of movement into their existing programs.

Receiving a grant from the TimeSlips Tele-Stories Project, Burman is one of four Western New York artists chosen to work with under-connected elders living with dementia. Over the course of several weeks of 30-minute phone calls, the artist poses a “Beautiful Question”, a question with no right or wrong answer, as a way to invoke and bring forth things remembered by the elder partner. The responses are captured and then shaped into a creative work by the artist for their partner as a legacy piece that is presented to them. This co-creation works to ease the loneliness, isolation and anxiety that is nearly universal amongst the elderly.

The Summer 2022 season at Chautauqua Institute will find Burman gracing the dance studios with Introduction to Indian Classical Dance instruction. These classes

will be open to the public. Dates and times TBA as the seasons calendar unfolds.

Setting her sights on partnering with local community organizations Burman hopes to expand the horizons of dance in the Jamestown area by hosting performances, dance festivals and attracting professional dance companies in order to enrich, stimulate and embrace cultural diversity through the art of Dance. “Dance studios in the area are geared toward children” said Burman, adding that she would like to provide a channel of continuation of dance beyond high school, a segue to the professional world and for the elderly.

Located at 203 Cherry Street in downtown Jamestown, New York, the Sukanya Burman Dance Company occupies suites 221-224. Currently being offered at the studio are workshops in Bharatanatyam, South Indian Classical dance and Kathak. North Indian Classical dance. These workshops are being held February 12th and 19th from 10am - 12noon and registration for one or both workshops can be found at www.sukanyaburman.com. Class size is limited to 6 teens or adults only and no prior dance experience is necessary.

Future plans for the Sukanya Burman Dance Company include further workshops in Modern and Indian Classical dance styles as well as private and small group training. For further information, class registration, performance videos or to contact Ms. Burman regarding classes, choreography or partnership, please visit her website at www.sukanyaburman.com.

We look forward to seeing what the future holds for this innovative dance company.

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participating as it returns in person this year, after going virtual last year due to COVID. Originally scheduled in January, it was moved to Saturday, March 5, anticipating a further drop in COVID cases. Hours are 10am-4pm.

At Doors Open there are no admission fees: all attractions are free. Some require pre-registration due to health and safety protocols; guests must follow protocols posted at each venue.

There will also be a texting scavenger hunt. Guests are encouraged to search for a code word at each location and text the word to enter for prize drawings. Every code word is worth one entry into the drawing for four baskets of items donated by participating venues. Drawing and contacting of winners will be done at a later date.

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The Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St., in Jamestown, NY is another participating venue in the 2022 Doors Open Jamestown event.

Comedy Center, and Marvin Community House. Space for the first two is already booked, but standby space may be available by checking at the door that day. Proof of residency in Chautauqua County is required.

In addition to the three above, other downtown participants, many of them within walking distance, include: Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, 15 W. Third St. Infinity Visual & Performing Arts, 301 E. Second St. James Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry St. Lucile M. Wright Air Museum, 110 W. Third St. Northwest Arena, 319 W. Third St. Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, 116 E. Third St. Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 E. Fourth St.

Visitors to downtown

attractions are encouraged to check out local restaurants and shops at the same time.

Others, within easy drive: Fenton History Center, 67 Washington St., about .5 mile from downtown Jamestown; Roger Tory Peterson Institute, 311 Curtis St., 2 miles north of downtown Jamestown; Busti Historical Society, 3443 Lawson Road, 5.5 miles southwest of downtown Jamestown; Audubon Community Nature Center, 1600 Riverside Rd., 7.5 miles southeast of downtown Jamestown. Martz-Kohl Observatory, 176 Robbin Hill Road, Frewsburg, 12.5 miles southeast of downtown Jamestown. Follow directions on their website, GPS may not be accurate.

Pizza

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family-friendly pizzeria. "Customer satisfaction is our top priority. Everything is made to order and we want everyone who enters to feel comfortable, have a great experience and come back again." The brick oven is what makes the pizzeria so unique. Not only does it create a cozy ambience, but also it cooks the perfect pizza. The menu includes specialty brick-oven pizzas, calzones, brick-oven baked chicken wings, boneless wings, and salads. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available. There is something on the menu

for everyone or you can customize your own pie. They also have a bar, which includes local craft beer, bottled beer, wines and liquor. The kids can enjoy a personal pizza with a soda while parents can unwind with wings and a drink.

Frank enjoys hosting events and has had birthday parties, Girl Scouts parties, and bachelor and bachelorette parties. He has been known to invite kids behind the counter to help create their own pizza by adding their own toppings and watching it cook. "We love making it special for the kids, anything we can do to make their visit memorable."

"It's all about the customers," says Frank. "I enjoy meeting and greeting people from different parts

of the country, as well as the local community. I try to greet everyone personally and make sure their overall experience is enjoyable. I want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable here." Frank is proud to be a part of the Ellicottville community. "Everyone pulls together and helps each other out. The Chamber of Commerce does a wonderful job at keeping us all connected. I am grateful to be a part of the Ellicottville community."

Stop in and visit Frank and his crew at 21 Monroe Street. View the full menu online at www.monroestpizza.com or call (716) 699-1051 for dine in, pick up or delivery. "You Gotta Try This Pie"

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fall of 2021 to combine the shows. Although both shows have a great market area in Western New York, the decision to combine was to create one big event to help with the vendor's staffing and promotion budgets.

Past vendors of both shows agree that this show is a 'consistent winner for us.' Maple Leaf Contracting of Olean Janet Rippel agrees -- "Great show. The event was very organized and well attended. We received great leads and are looking forward to this year's show!"

Maple Hill Blade, Tim Wright added, "Many doors were opened for us by exhibiting in the show. This show has been a consistent winner for us."

Why should you attend this

year's expo? The HHF Expo is designed for homeowners - who are in all stages of remodeling, landscaping, and decorating their homes; as well as anyone interested in the latest in fitness, nutrition, health, psychology, workplace wellness, and more. The Health Home and Fitness Expo, presented by GOACC and its 43 Corporate Sponsors, has dates/times: April 22, 5 to 9 p.m., April 23, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the William O. Smith Recreation Center, 551 East State Street, Olean.

Additional plans for the expo include demos of dog retrieval, dog obedience, fly fishing to completing a six-hole disc golf course and more outside the center. GOACC staff will be lining up make and takes (free and small fee) for all ages; scheduled DIY demos and more hands-on activities.

The expo will not have an attendance fee. This was another aspect that was to be implemented in 2020. GOACC will have a basket raffle in the lobby encouraging all attending to take a part in for a nominal fee. Also, GOACC is working with Four Mile Brewing to have a brew and cider tasting as part of Friday night; and similar themes for past Home Shows will feature FREE raffles every 30 minutes on Saturday and a Garden Party theme for Sunday. Area businesses are encouraged to make booth reservations as soon as possible. GOACC members will receive discount booth space. For more information on The Health Home and Fitness Expo or other GOACC events and activities, please call GOACC at (716) 372-4433 or email member@oleanny.com.

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Cupcaked

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wise to the confectionery magic made on-site. These varied groups of people, regardless of whether the occasion is monumental or mundane, know where to turn when they need cakes and other desserts. These sweet secrets were never meant to not be told, so it only made sense for Annie and Scott Coe to add another location.

The flagship shop in Ellicottville, which opened its doors in 2017, was itself a business expansion. Cupcaked Bakery began as Cupcaked Online. This incarnation was based in the Coe's home kitchen where they first crafted the sweets by order. Before long, the home business grew to the scale where the baking needed a dedicated home of its own. Monroe Street found itself considerably sweeter as the Cupcaked regulars found classic and au courant baked goods ready to go.

It then became apparent that the future held even more growth for Cupcaked Bakery beyond the storefront's walls. The bakery sold their wares at local festivals and pop-up shops to the delight of event attendees or fans outside of Ellicottville. As fun as it is to post a temporary table for the weekend, there truly is no place like home. But what would become of the consistently macaron-deprived living outside of the village?

Thankfully, relief has arrived for these residents



of Orchard Park. Cupcaked Bakery has opened a second home for these locals. Cupcaked North (5020 Armor Duells Rd.). The second shop opened its doors on February 11 to the delight of south towns located epicureans. Cupcaked North is open seven days a week from 10am-6pm. These hours conveniently mean that it is possible to have a cupcake for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Cupcakes are clearly a valued item on the Cupcaked menus. However, there are ample desserts available here that are no less beloved than the bakery's namesake. Their cannolis, macarons, pies, scones, brownies, bars, cake bombs, and cookies are all equally worthy of a spot on the marquee. The menu with select options specifically listed in-store or for order accommodates gluten-free noshers. But this list--as extensive as it may be--is directed at human palates. Fortunately for man's best friend, Cupcaked even has made dog biscuits that are sure to please any tail-wagging good boy or

girl. Both dog treats and human treats rely on an appealing combination of flavors. Bacon is especially popular in the former category, but chocolate is a main component in the most popular of the human-oriented desserts. Indeed, the current best-selling item sold by Cupcaked is the chocolate chip cream cheese bar. Closely following this lead is another classic chocolate combination: the chocolate and peanut butter variety is the best selling of the cupcakes.

Should a menu listed specialty--or even a unique flavor--be desired, both locations of Cupcaked are happy to accommodate for these cakes and pastries. Custom orders can be made on the website (cupcakedbakeryinc.com), email (cupcaked@yahoo.com), or by phone (Ellicottville 716-378-8850; Orchard Park 716-202-1510). Celebrants who want a sweet day beyond the desserts can also discuss catering and event planning options.

Festival

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Kicking off the festival Friday night with the lighting of the castle at 6pm you'll find yourself amongst royalty as the crowning of this year's King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Guttman takes place. Bring your appetite along because The Best of Buffalo with Byron will be serving up some delish food truck eats from 5-8pm and DJ/M Carmello will be spinning and scratching tunes to get you moving!

Plan to spend the whole day Saturday at the festival! There are so many activities for all ages happening you won't want to miss a thing! Registration for those brave enough wishing to take the Polar Plunge begins at 10am with the big event happening at 12 noon. The vintage snowmobile show from 1-4pm is like classic cars only "cooler" and snowmobile rides will be available. Put your off-season pitching arm to good use during the Snowball Distance Throwing contest. Don't forget to "warm-up" first!

What could be cuter than pets parading around in their winter finery? The Pet Parade and contest begins at 3:30pm. This is a must see event! Bring a big pot of your famous chili recipe and enter it in the Chili Cookoff from 3-5 being held in the food tent. Festival attendees are welcome to warm up in the

tent and sample the entries. Yum! Try your hand at ice fishing or lace up your skates and hit the ice! Horse-drawn carriage rides, Chainsaw carving demos, plenty of Kid Zone activities and fun for the whole family abound!

Evening festivities on Saturday include live music with the In-Crowd located in the Beer and Wine tent, Flare Parade at dusk and what could be more magical than a spectacular, wintery Fireworks show brought to you by Skylighters of New York. The sky will be lit up beginning at 8pm.

The festival wraps up on Sunday beginning at 10am with the Winter Fest 5K. Register for the race to walk or run, but definitely bundle up! At 2:30 you won't want to miss out on participating in the Snowman/Animal Building Contest. From the simplest snowman to the most intricate snow art, come out and showcase your snow sculpting talents!

The Mayville community and surrounding area have loads of great events going on all weekend! Sean Patrick McGraw will be playing at Big Inlet Brewing on Saturday beginning at 5:30pm, Horse-Drawn wagon tours of Chautauqua Institution by Stateline Draft Horse Club from 1-3pm, Free ice cream sundaes and mulled cider from 11-5pm at the Portage Hill Art Gallery and so, so much more.

After last year's hiatus the Winter Festival planning committee and all of this year's sponsors have planned



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a welcome back weekend you won't want to miss!

Further information on this year's Mayville Winter Festival can be found on Facebook as well as at <https://www.chautauquachamber.org/winter-festival.html> or <https://www.tourchautauqua.com/events/presidents-day-weekend-winter-festival-3> where you will find links to all festival events and registration forms for the Chili cook-off and 5K.

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did not disappoint! Complete with full court family fun, slam dunk contests, laugh-out-loud characters and music kept us partying all night. They're committed to their fans and were available for autographs and photos after the show. We can't believe how tall they are in real life! They make all the

stunts look so easy, and fun too. We're definitely going to be eating our Wheaties and practicing our moves like these guys. Make sure to catch the show next time they're in town, or check out their world tour online and join the squad <https://www.harlemglobetrotters.com/world-tour/>

Health and Science this Week: A Dog's Life

Thousands of Dogs Taking Part in Study to Lengthen Lifespan

By CARA BIRRIERTI
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When we make a commitment to bringing a dog into our lives, we realize our new fur baby is a temporary companion. We all do the math: 7 years for every one-year of human life. However, these are only averages. Larger breeds age faster than smaller breeds. In fact, the longest living Golden Retriever ever is only 20 years old. Now a collaboration of several institutions, medical researchers, veterinarians, and dog owners are joining forces to uncover the mysteries behind canine longevity, with hopes of extending our dogs' lives, and potentially our own lives as well.

The Dog Aging Project commenced in 2018 to learn more precisely what factors lead to a long healthy dog life. The project is studying tens of thousands of dogs from all backgrounds, over the long-term, to better understand canine aging. This endeavor has become the largest research data-gathering project of its kind.

A paper published earlier this month in the journal Nature describes the multi-faceted program. The paper outlines the methods involved, and highlights the popularity of the project. Researchers at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, the University of Washington School of Medicine, and a dozen other partner institutions quickly began to enroll companion dogs. To date, more than 32,000 dogs have joined the study and enrolled.

Researchers say the dog is one of the most variable mammal species with respect to body shape, behavior, risk of age-related diseases, and life expectancy. Since dogs also share their relatively short lives in the same environment as their human companions, and most are well taken care of by veterinarians, a unique opportunity is created to study them through collecting extensive data on all types of dogs. This is also an open data project, which means that scientists around the world will have access to the massive amount of data generated. Any researcher will also have the opportunity to contribute to the study in a variety of ways, based on their interests.

Lead author and Dog Aging Project chief veterinary officer, Dr. Kate Creevy, is hopeful the project will become a game changer, "It is an honor to share our work with the scientific community. The Dog Aging Project is creating a resource with the power to transform veterinary medicine, aging research, and many scientific and non-scientific fields of inquiry."

Dog owners who join the study will periodically fill out surveys and take measurements of their pets for the duration of the project; some may be asked to collect cheek swabs for DNA sampling. In addition, veterinarians are participating around the country, and they will add data by submitting fur, fecal, urine, and blood samples from select, enrolled participants.

Another component of the overall study is a double blind, placebo-controlled test of the drug rapamycin, an immunosuppressant used in



humans. In other lab species it has been shown to extend lifespan, improve heart and brain function, and reduce age-related diseases. The Dog Aging Project team believes rapamycin may provide similar benefits to middle-aged, large-breed dogs. They are collaborating with veterinarians at universities across the country to evaluate the drug's effectiveness.

The authors write, "The scientific objectives of this study are to identify the genetic, environmental, and lifestyle factors that influence aging in dogs, to discover the underlying molecular mechanisms by which they do so, and to test potential ways to increase the duration of healthy lifespan in dogs." Researchers expect that genomic sequencing will unlock the genetic architecture of age-related traits in dogs and reveal why some dogs age faster than others. They also believe that because dogs develop similar age-related illnesses as people as they grow older, much of the data they gather could translate to human longevity as well.

All dogs in the United States are welcome to join the Dog Aging Project observational study. Participating dogs can be young or old, mixed breed or purebred, those in good health and those with chronic health conditions. People can enroll their dog at www.dogagingproject.org.

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BY: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Osborne will do a solo set of acoustic music from 10-1am. Tui plays some island/reggae/ska/pop covers for a laid back vibe. DJ Stylez will keep the heat on with some jams that'll have the bachelorettes shakin it in the window.

On the other end of Monroe Villaggio will host Tim Britt from 7-10pm. Tim plays a pop/alt/indie set of covers and originals. Try the Friday Night Fish Fry or the Italian classics on the menu and a fantastic wine list.

Right on the corner, The Gin Mill, will host The Short Bus from 8-12am. This Jamestown band plays a rock/blues/pop/hip-hop set of covers that's fun to move to. They have the latest kitchen in town open till midnight Thurs-Sat and 11pm Sun-Wed.

SATURDAY: Over at Holiday Valley Cami Clume will perform in Yodeler Lodge from 4-8pm. She has appeared on the voice and plays pop/folk/alt covers and originals. Sip a cocktail and reflect on the day's runs by the fireplace.

We're back at Madigan's for the Tui Osborne Trio from 6-9pm. Tuis is the rugby coach at St Bonaventure and they beat Penn State to win the National Championship this year. DJ SI will be blowing up the sound booth with some crunk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor.

We return to Balloons for Tommy Z from 6:30-10pm. Tommy was the first musician to play at Balloons and was the house band for several years.

They play blues and pop originals that are very danceable. In the back bar PA Line will perform from 10-1am. This duo plays alt/indie/mod originals and covers. DJ

Gilroy will keep the party going with some fuel for the fire on the dance floor.

Finnerty's is back with Brian Barto from 8-11pm. Brian plays a rock/alt/pop set of covers. Try the dinner specials or check out the Reuben Sandwich or come in for Asian Night Mondays and try the Asian specials. Local's favorite.

Back at The Gin Mill West is playing from 8-12am. They play a classic rock/blues/pop set of covers from the 60-90's. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Side Bar for some high-end liqueurs. Don't forget those 27 beers on tap.

SUNDAY: We head back up to The Valley from Maria Sebastian at the T-Bar from 4-7pm. Maria toured with 10,000 Maniacs and plays a folk/alt/prog/indie set of covers and originals.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm featuring the music of Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/set of acoustic covers. Pasta made on the spot with your favorite toppings. Mangia, Mangia.

The Gin Mill has Sunday music this weekend with Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-11pm. Terry and Ron play a folk/rock/pop set of covers that you will recognize. If you're hungry try the pot toast dinner, like mom made.

Finnerty's makes a rare Sunday appearance with The Strictly Hip from 8-11pm. This Tragically Hip tribute band plays their music with reverence, respect and accuracy according to their web site.

Monday means Strings

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Beat on the Street:

What's the First Super Bowl You Remember Watching?

BY CHAD NEAL

Football in America is very revered by many, many people. It culminates after each team plays several weeks during the late summer, autumn and early winter months to vie for playoff status. And then to the championship Super Bowl. Rooting for your favorite team, usually

the "home" team makes each week exciting on Thursdays, Sundays or Mondays. Watching your team go far into the post-season makes for emotional surrender. If your team goes to the Super Bowl all the happiness comes along unless they lose. What's the first Super Bowl you remember watching?



Jenna O. - 1997 Green Bay Packers- Brett Favre!



Pat M. - Niners / Broncos - greatest blowout in Super Bowl History at 55-10 - thought Elway was gonna kill them.



Brian P. - Bengals v 49ers...1988. The last game for Chris Collinsworth as a Cincinnati WR. He would later come back as the worst ever analyst for any NFL game ever.



Willard B. - The first one and every one after!



Susan R. - First time Jim Kelly took the Bills to the Super Bowl. I've been watching every year since.



Clara K. - 1991 Bills/Giants first one I was allowed to stay up for, I was 8.

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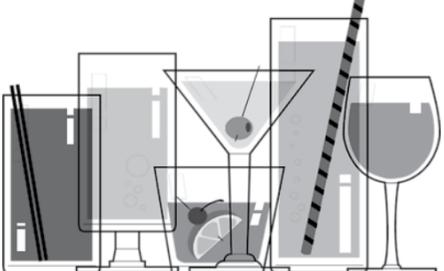
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

What

CONT. FROM PG. 13

Sean Patrick McGraw from 8-11pm. Sean plays and writes country but is just as comfortable singing a pop ballad and he has the pipes to deliver. He's appeared on Jimmy Kimmel and CMT. Check him out and ask about merch.

The Gin Mill keeps on going and Tuesday they host Dan Roche from 8-11pm. Dan's Facebook page says he plays everything from rockabilly to new country. Don't forget those 37 draft beers.

and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 75-cent wings and this week's musical guests are Hanna and Horton from 6-9pm.

These fellows have been playing together for 20 years and play a folk/roots/rock/pop/country set of covers.

The Gin Mill brings back Monday night music with

We have ended our seven day weekend the same for the last 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wednesday from 8-11pm.

Joe plays a folk/pop/rock/country set of songs you'll know the words to.

If you had fun in our town tell your friends and family and bring em all back with you but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

History

STORY FROM COVER

more importantly, your families will want to know. Knowledge is power. It's nice not to have to repeat missteps if there is a record of what worked and what didn't.

Moreover, recording our personal history provides us with a sense of identity and our strengths. Look at the television ads for Ancestry where people express pure amazement and delight about facts that have been revealed from their past. Grandparents who became grateful and productive American immigrants to escape the holocaust or potato famine; people who look exactly like you – not doppelgangers, but are actually related; medieval ancestors who fought the evil tsars for the peasants only to get dunked in tar and quartered (yep, in my family – waaaaay back when); if you run a business, ancestral brave hearts who fought in wars, bequeathing you with a proud and permanent legacy of distant strength and courage cellularly embedded in your (and their) distinct DNA. Let that sink in for a moment. You are exceedingly special! Record it!

Being a fan of journaling, yet not particularly disciplined at it, I have finally found a simple way of recording life's little bits and pieces that may mean something to my family in the future. Like Queen Elizabeth (who journals daily), I keep a

story. The way this world is growing exponentially (2 million years to reach 1 billion people; 200 years to add another 7 billion) the "you" is going to get lost in the shuffle unless you do something to preserve your own personal story. Acknowledging (and recording) where you come from and what you have done gives you and your progeny touchstone – affirmation – information that can be critically important (health issues), enlightening (ahh, so that's where my red hair comes from) and entertaining (great-great gram was in the circus??).

From a practical (yet personal) standpoint, if you run a business, it will be helpful in the future to know how it started. Was it necessity (lost a job to COVID and started an accounting firm); was it following in family business footsteps (Villaggio, Adventure Bound, Purple Doorknob), or perhaps just an answer to that dream of being your own boss? (Rustix, Salt Cave, Rover Makeovers, The Villager), and so many enterprises we see in our communities. As the years pass, people want to know;

table/journal and pen on the kitchen counter and every morning when I wake, while waiting for my coffee, I make notes. Weather, events coming up for the day, and currently, how our fading fur-baby is doing. Throughout the day, as I pause to watch the birds from my window, I might jot something down. At the end of the day, I add anything significant, from a doctor visit to how I felt participating in a surprise Zoom call with all my kiddoes telling me I am having my biggest BUCKET LIST wish granted by my children for my 80th birthday (a month or more in Poland this summer – oh yeah!).

I am privileged to help with this process of preserving history by writing and documenting for *The Villager*. Newspapers are critically important for preserving history. Please support them. Your history is important. YOU are important!

If you are young, leave a legacy for your older self as my granddaughter tells me she is doing. Tell the facts and feelings of your story as no one else can. Let the world know you were here!!!! Leave your indelible imprint for others to follow and learn from. It may provide just the hope and encouragement they need at a tenuous spot in their lives.

Loss of a Beloved Longtime Local

Robert P. Obenauer, Ellicottville NY, 11/8/1945 – 2/9/2022



of the Ellicottville Trading Co. His son Alexander Obenauer of Ellicottville, NY and a daughter Jamie Obenauer also of Ellicottville, NY and a granddaughter Skylar Schroeder, survives him. Private family services will be held.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mentley Funeral Home Inc. 411 Rock City Street in Little Valley, NY. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Robert Obenauer Jr., please visit the Mentley Funeral Home Inc, online Tribute Store or plant a tree.

Ellicottville, NY - Robert Williams, NY the son of the late Robert Sr. and Kay (Voorhees) Obenauer. Mr. Obenauer was a self employed Antique Dealer and was the original owner

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of: Baker's Loft, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 11/24/2021. Office: Catt. County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 2833 NW 26th Ave, Boca Raton, FL 33434. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION: FitJoint Health Products, LLC (LLC) filed Arts. of Org. with NY Secy. of State (SS) on 12/31/2021. LLC's office is in Cattaraugus County. SS is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SS shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 247 W. River Rd., Portville NY 14770. LLC's purpose: any lawful activity.

TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE: COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, STATE OF NEW YORK 2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: CONTRACT 1 – DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: CONTRACT 3 – WATER STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS: ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Ellicottville 2020 Water System Improvements, Contract 1 – Distribution System Improvements & Contract 3 – Water Storage Tank Improvements will be received, by the Town Clerk, at the office of the Town of Ellicottville, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 9:00 a.m. local time on March 10, 2022 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. This Contract involves two bids. Total of both bids will be awarded to a single contractor. Base Bid A - the replacement of approximately 8,000 LF of transmission main piping and along Holiday Valley Road, 6,000 LF of water main distribution piping along SR 242, Elizabeth Street and SR 219, and all related work such as hydrants, valves, service laterals, surface restoration & testing within the Town & Village of Ellicottville. Directional drill of watermain is required at various locations per Contract Documents. Base Bid B - the replacement of two (2) water storage tanks, and all related work within the Town of Ellicottville. Existing tanks to be removed consist of one below grade concrete tank and the second at grade steel tank. New tanks will consist of at grade steel tanks with glass fused interior lining with interior passive mixing systems. Site work, grading, erosion control, drainage, swales, fencing are necessary for each tank. Watermain piping, valves, hydrants and fittings are also required. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 Contact to obtain documents: Lindsay McLaren – 716.218.4738, lmclaren@CPLteam.com Contact for project questions: Seth Krull – 716.880-1245, skrull@CPLteam.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office ONLY. If picking up Bidding Documents, they are available at the issuing office: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York address. Requests for mailing or shipping should be sent to: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203, Attn: Seth Krull. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained in person from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$75.00 for each set. Requests for mailing of Bidding Documents shall only be made to the Issuing Office. Bidders and Non-Bidders who return full sets of the Bidding Documents in good condition (suitable for re-use) within 30 days after receipt of Bids will receive a full refund. Checks for Bidding Documents in the amount of \$75.00 for each set shall be payable to "Town of Ellicottville". Upon request and receipt of the document deposit indicated above plus a non-refundable shipping charge, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via delivery service. A separate check in the amount of \$25.00 made payable to "CPL" is required for handling and mailing fees. Alternatively, Bidders can provide their UPS or FedEx shipper account number for shipment of Bidding Documents. The date that the Bidding Documents are transmitted by the Issuing Office will be considered the Bidder's date of receipt of the Bidding Documents. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office. Only Bidders receiving bid documents from the Issuing Office will be allowed to submit a bid to be considered for award. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Town Center building at 28 Parkside Drive Ellicottville, NY 14731 on February 18, 2022 at 9:00 am. This will be only opportunity to visit facilities to be improved. Only written Requests For Information (RFI) will be accepted. RFI's will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. (Local Time) on March 1, 2022, at the office of the Engineer to the attention of Project Manager, Seth Krull via email: SKrull@CPLteam.com. If necessary, an Addendum will be issued by 5:00 p.m. (Local Time) on March 4, 2022, from the office of the Engineer. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified bank check or bid bond from a domestic carrier licensed to do business in the State of New York in the amount of not less than five (5%) of the amount of the bid submitted. This project is funded by New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYS EFC). Prospective bidders should review the requirements included in the contract documents including the MWBE goal of 26% and American Iron & Steel Compliance (AIS). Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order Nos. 11,246 and 11,375, which prohibit discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. The successful bidder must be an equal opportunity employer, must meet all appropriate State and Federal standards, and comply with all relevant governmental regulations. Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Owned Business Enterprises (WBEs) firms are encouraged to respond. Statement of Non-Collusion: Bidders on the contract are required to execute a non-collusive bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Security for Faithful Performance: The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds written by firms licensed to do business in New York State, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amounts in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents. Sales and Use of Tax Exemptions: The Owner is exempt from the payment of sales and compensation use taxes of the State of New York and of cities and counties on all materials, equipment, and supplies sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract. Also exempt from such taxes are purchases by the Contractor and his Subcontractors of materials, equipment, and supplies to be sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract, including tangible personal property to be incorporated in any structure, building, or other real property forming part of the project. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid. Special Events: Ellicottville has many days or weekend events throughout the year that attract many visitors. To assist with these events, Contractors will not be permitted to perform work during these events or if in close proximity to event areas. Contractors work schedule to take this into account. Upon project award, Contractor to discuss further with Ellicottville. Refer to Supplemental Conditions for events and dates. All bids shall be binding for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid opening date. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE: COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, STATE OF NEW YORK 2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: CONTRACT 2 – WELL HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS: ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Ellicottville 2020 Water System Improvements, Contract 2 – Well House & Pump Station Improvements will be received, by the Town Clerk, at the office of the Town of Ellicottville, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 9:00 a.m. local time on March 10, 2022 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. This Contract involves improvements to three existing well house buildings that include, removal of existing gas chlorination equipment, installation of new liquid chlorination equipment, removal and replacement of existing louvers, exhaust fans, heaters and thermostats. For Trailer Park Well House building includes removal and replacement of roof, windows, doors, gutters, downspouts, stairs, railings along with removal of pump motor and raised concrete base and infilling of wall with block CMU. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 Contact to obtain documents: Lindsay McLaren – 716.218.4738, lmclaren@CPLteam.com Contact for project questions: Seth Krull – 716.880-1245, skrull@CPLteam.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office ONLY. If picking up Bidding Documents, they are available at the issuing office: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York address. Requests for mailing or shipping should be sent to: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203, Attn: Seth Krull. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained in person from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$75.00 for each set. Requests for mailing of Bidding Documents shall only be made to the Issuing Office.

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TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE: COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, STATE OF NEW YORK 2020 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS: CONTRACT 4 – ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS: ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town of Ellicottville 2020 Water System Improvements, Contract 4 – Electrical Improvements will be received, by the Town Clerk, at the office of the Town of Ellicottville, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 9:00 a.m. local time on March 10, 2022, 2022 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. This Contract involves the installation of backup generators to several well house and booster stations Ellicottville Water System. Also includes all necessary electrical wiring, connections, conduit, cabinets, VFD's, starters, generator pad, gas piping etc. as noted in contract documents. Also includes electrical service, panels, etc. to two water storage tanks that are being rebuilt under separate contracts. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 Contact to obtain documents: Lindsay McLaren – 716.218.4738, lmclaren@CPLteam.com Contact for project questions: Seth Krull – 716.880-1245, skrull@CPLteam.com Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents from the Issuing Office ONLY. If picking up Bidding Documents, they are available at the issuing office: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York address. Requests for mailing or shipping should be sent to: CPL, 26 Mississippi Street, Buffalo, New York 14203, Attn: Seth Krull. Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained in person from the Issuing Office, during the hours indicated above, upon payment of a deposit of \$75.00 for each set. Requests for mailing of Bidding Documents shall only be made to the Issuing Office. Statement of Non-Collusion: Bidders on the contract are required to execute a non-collusive bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Security for Faithful Performance: The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds written by firms licensed to do business in New York State, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amounts in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents. Sales and Use of Tax Exemptions: The Owner is exempt from the payment of sales and compensation use taxes of the State of New York and of cities and counties on all materials, equipment, and supplies sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract. Also exempt from such taxes are purchases by the Contractor and his Subcontractors of materials, equipment, and supplies to be sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract, including tangible personal property to be incorporated in any structure, building, or other real property forming part of the project. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid. Special Events: Ellicottville has many days or weekend events throughout the year that attract many visitors. To assist with these events, Contractors will not be permitted to perform work during these events or if in close proximity to event areas. Contractors work schedule to take this into account. Upon project award, Contractor to discuss further with Ellicottville. Refer to Supplemental Conditions for events and dates. All bids shall be binding for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid opening date. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Sealed Bids for the construction of the Town Center Boiler Replacement and Auditorium Lighting Controls will be received by the Town Clerk at the office of the Town of Ellicottville, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 11:00 AM local time on March 11, 2022, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum price basis, as indicated in the Bid Form. Bidding document packages may be viewed and purchased through Avalon Document Services online Planroom website at <http://www.avalonbuff-planroom.com>, under "Public Jobs", or ordered by phone at (716) 995-7777. Owner can assume no responsibility for errors, omissions, or other misinformation obtained via other bid document distribution resources. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Town Center building at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on February 25, 2022, at 10:00 AM. This will be only opportunity to visit the project site. Only written Requests for Information (RFI) will be accepted. RFI's will be accepted until 5:00 PM (Local Time) on March 4, 2022, at the office of the Engineer to the attention of Project Manager, Lauren Blas, P.E., via email: LBlas@CPLteam.com. Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified bank check or bid bond from a domestic carrier licensed to do business in the State of New York in the amount of not less than five (5%) of the amount of the bid submitted. The successful bidder must be an equal opportunity employer, must meet all appropriate State and Federal standards, and comply with all relevant governmental regulations. Minority Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Owned Business Enterprises (WBE) firms are encouraged to respond. Statement of Non-Collusion: Bidders on the contract are required to execute a non-collusive bidding certificate pursuant to Section 103d of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York. Security for Faithful Performance: The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds written by firms licensed to do business in New York State, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amounts in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents. Sales and Use of Tax Exemptions: The Owner is exempt from the payment of sales and compensation use taxes of the State of New York and of cities and counties on all materials, equipment, and supplies sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract. Also exempt from such taxes are purchases by the Contractor and his Subcontractors of materials, equipment, and supplies to be sold to the Owner pursuant to this contract, including tangible personal property to be incorporated in any structure, building, or other real property forming part of the project. These taxes are not to be included in the Bid. All bids shall be binding for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid opening date. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities therein.

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FOR RENT: Mobile home for rent for the 2020/2021 ski season. 12 minutes from Holiday Valley Resort. Sleeps 8 with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Open concept living room, dining room, and kitchen. Complete with laundry and a fireplace. Call or text 905 546 7783/ 905 379 2830

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HELP WANTED: Bookkeeper with payroll experience. Full or part time for Ellicottville accounting firm. Contact Krysick & Company, Inc., PO Box 1046, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Call 716-699-5144

IN SEARCH OF one-bedroom rental/apartment in Ellicottville through the end of March. Text/Call 716-982-6015 if you have any openings.

HELP WANTED: The Silver Fox Steakhouse is looking for a Bartender and Kitchen Staff. Apply at 23 Hughey Alley, Ellicottville, NY or email resume to silverfoxville@aol.com.

FOR SALE

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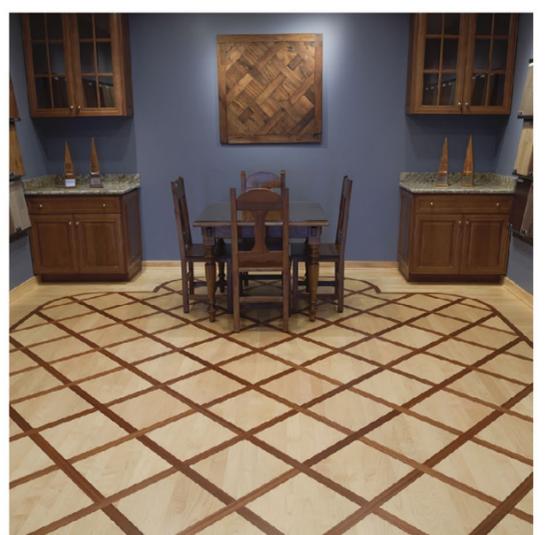
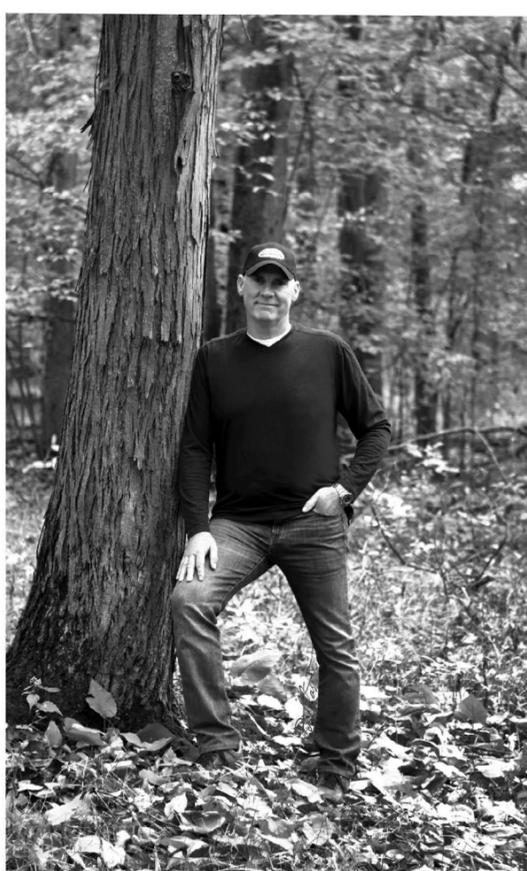
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Artist Spotlight: Gregory Spako; A Look through the Eye of an Artist



Whether using warm glowing colors of light to accentuate the welcoming signs of the doorways lining the streets of downtown Ellicottville, or the sinewy sloping strokes that reveal the splendor of the ski trails cascading down the mountainside, Greg communicates the magical and the mysterious spirit that pervades over the hustle and bustle of this town and the natural wonder that surrounds it.



By Darleen O'Conner

There is a kind of mystical magic found in the “Enchanted Mountains” of Cattaraugus County. A trip through the sloping hillsides and winding valleys, carved by the giant glaciers of the ice-age, you are swiftly transformed as if swept into the pages of a fairytale. Surrounded by the tall

Maples, Burch and variety of Evergreens, the once sleepy little village of Ellicottville, is now a much sought-after destination in the foothills of the Alleghenies in Southwestern New York State. While the secret of our Aspen of the east spreads and the popularity of the majestic mountain resort area continues to grow, the fantastical and whimsical is captured and forever preserved in the body of work by local businessman and artist extraordinaire, Mr. Gregory Spako.

Greg is a graduate of Salamanca High School and was introduced to Ellicottville in his youth through his mother's work in real estate. He recalls that while his contemporaries found their interests in more local endeavors,

Greg was more at home in Ellicottville. His love for the town's intrinsic beauty and old-world charm is easily observed in his graphic photography. Now himself a local realtor with ERA in downtown Ellicottville, he has grown a body of artistic works that should not be missed and rarely is.

His early interest in photography was in providing prints to adorn the walls of the original Katy's Café. Many of us can remember the days when the doors to this establishment were the first to open and the last to close. It was the mainstay eatery of the day for the local working people and those just traveling through. With the positive feedback and growing interest in his prints, he began offering framed

pieces as closing gifts for his and other realtors' clients. And as they say, the rest is “his story”.

In recent years, Greg took on and mastered the artistry of Photoshop. He is able to take his photographs and allow his imagination to create truly inspired imagery highlighting the spectacular sense of his scenery unable to be caught by the camera lens alone. Whether using warm glowing colors of light to accentuate the welcoming signs of the doorways lining the streets of downtown Ellicottville, or the sinewy sloping strokes that reveal the splendor of the ski trails cascading down the mountainside, Greg communicates the magical and the mysterious spirit that pervades over the hustle and bustle of this town and

the natural wonder that surrounds it.

Greg is as much a joy to talk to about his artistry, as it is to view it. During our conversation he took me through the changes that have occurred over the last thirty years since I lived and worked in Ellicottville. While I remember days of friendly banter with the onslaught of Canadian citizens that came with the snowfall and feeling like we had international relations all tied up, Greg told me of the paradox of the pandemic experienced by the town and a shift in tourism from north of the boarder to west of the state line. It took a while, but as our Canadian friends were iced out by COVID, our American friends the “Flatlanders” of Cleveland and surrounding

areas, were discovering our New York “Winter Wonderland”. Having spent so many summers working the seasons in Bemus Point, New York, I wondered how long it would take to get these marauders of fun and adventure to the slopes so close to their home towns in Ohio.

I want to thank Gregory Spako for affording me his time for this interview and capturing what is for me, the very essence of the heart of what makes spending time in Ellicottville a spiritual and life-changing experience. I encourage you to view his work at www.fineartamerica.com (search Gregory Spako) for more spectacular prints and gift ideas. The pieces included with this article were just a few of my favorites.



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President

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George Washington was elected unanimously, served 8 years, represented NO political party. His inaugural speech was 113 words, under 2 minutes. No, his teeth weren't wooden.

John Adams died saying, "Thomas Jefferson survives." Not so. Jefferson died hours earlier. Same day.

Thomas Jefferson sold his personal library of 6287 books to America after the Library of Congress was burned (1812) by the British. Think Sally Hemmings minded?

James Madison (shortest at 5'4"-100 lbs.) had an icehouse built at their Montpelier estate so that his family could enjoy ice cream and cold drinks all summer. Their favorite flavor -- oyster.

James Monroe once chased his Secretary of State from the White House with a pair of fire tongs.

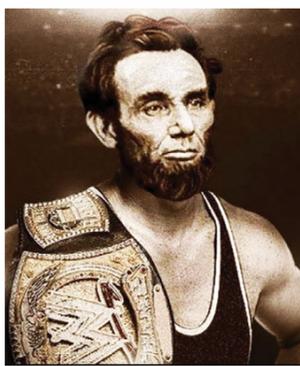
John Quincy Adams enjoyed skinny-dipping, taking plunges in the Potomac as part of his morning exercise.

Andrew Jackson was reportedly involved in over 100 duels, defending his wife. Jackson had a 1400-pound block of cheddar cheese at the White house, which he let the public finish up after he completed his term.

Martin Van Buren was the first President born after the American Revolution, making him the first American-born President. (Others were born in the colonies)

William Henry Harrison delivered the longest inaugural speech (1hour 40 minutes) in a snowstorm = pneumonia a month later = shortest presidency.

John Tyler loved to play the fiddle. He fiddled around so much that he had 15 children! At 17, a wide-awake James Polk had kidney stone surgery



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with only brandy to numb the pain.

Zachary Taylor didn't quite "get it" that he was nominated for President by his Whig Party. Then he refused to campaign.

Millard Fillmore had a home in East Aurora and helped establish Buffalo General Hospital and UB.

Franklin Pierce, aka "Fainting Frank" hit the pommel of his horse during battle and briefly fainted. He rallied quickly; the name stuck.

James Buchanan quietly bought slaves in D.C., and then set them free in Pennsylvania.

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Andrew Johnson, first to be impeached, never attended school. In his day, Johnson was known as the best-dressed President, frequently making his own clothes and suits.

Ulysses S. Grant smoked about 20 cigars daily. After a brilliant war victory, well wishers sent him 10,000 cigars. He later died of throat cancer.

Fun-loving Rutherford Hayes banished alcohol from

the White House and held gospel sing-alongs every night in the White House.

James A. Garfield is the first President to ever talk on the phone. Ellicottville native, Jenna Rogan is married to his great-grandson. He could write Latin with one hand and Greek with the other.

Chester Arthur's critics tried to persuade the public that he was not actually an American citizen. He was born in Vermont. Sound familiar?

Grover Cleveland came to Buffalo NY at age 16 and spent 28 years there serving as DA, Sheriff (and hangman), Mayor and NYS Governor.

Benjamin Harrison dressed as Santa and put up the first recorded White House Christmas tree in 1889. First to use electricity, he was terrified of it.

William McKinley was the first to ride in a self-propelled vehicle—an electric ambulance after being shot in Buffalo at the Pan American Exposition.

The youngest President was Teddy Roosevelt who became President at 42, replacing McKinley who was assassinated. He was shot while giving a speech. He continued with the bullet

in his chest.

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Woodrow Wilson loved golf, using black balls so he could play through the winter.

Warren G. Harding loved playing poker and held weekly games at the White House. He once bet, and lost, an entire set of official White House china.

Calvin Coolidge would have loved the song, "Born on the Fourth of July," because he was. Oddly, he liked to have his head rubbed with petroleum jelly while eating his breakfast in bed.

Herbert Hoover was an orphan, a mineworker, a Stanford graduate, and a self-made millionaire.

When Franklin married Eleanor Roosevelt on 3/17/1905, they chose the date because President Theodore Roosevelt would be in NYC for the St. Patrick's Day parade, and he'd agreed to walk Eleanor, his niece, down the aisle. FDR and TR were fifth cousins. Yeah, strange.

Harry S Truman - no period after his initial S because it

stands for no name, just an S, if you please.

Dwight D. Eisenhower is one of 5 five-star generals, yet he never saw active combat in either WWI or WWII.

JFK lived off of his family's considerable trusts, so he donated all of his salaries to charities. At 43, JFK was the youngest President ELECTED and the first Roman Catholic.

Lyndon Johnson affectionately called the many women he slept with his "harem." A buzzer would sound when Lady Bird was on her way.

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Gerald Ford was adopted but never elected. He worked as a model during college and as a forest ranger at Yellowstone National Park.

"Jimmy" Carter was the first President to be born in a hospital. He is the first known President to go on record as seeing a UFO.

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George Herbert Walker Bush, the only President with

four names was the youngest pilot in the Navy when he served. Married to Barbara for 73 years, they had the longest marriage of any first couple.

Bill Clinton was inspired toward public service when at 16 he shook hands with President John F. Kennedy at a Boys Nation event, four months before Kennedy's assassination.

George W. Bush is the only President to have ever run a marathon (in 1993). He's the first President with an MBA (Harvard Business School 1975).

Barack Obama loves basketball. He earned the nickname "Barry O'Bomber" because of all the tough shots he was known to take (and miss).

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Joe (oldest at age 78) and Jill Biden have the first shelter dog to ever occupy the position of First Pet.

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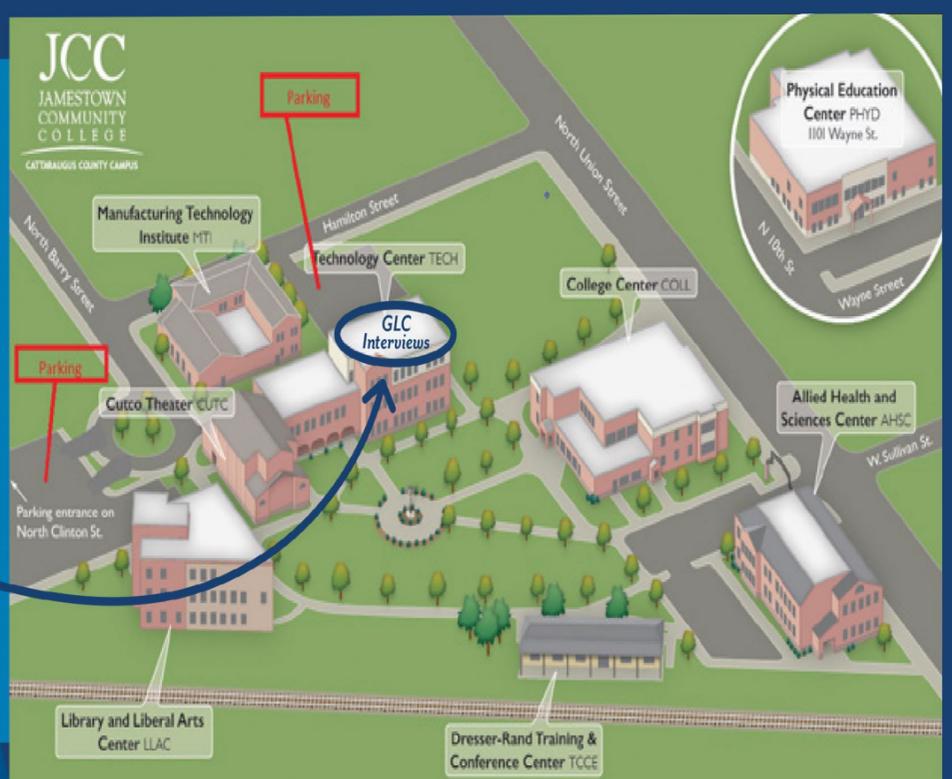
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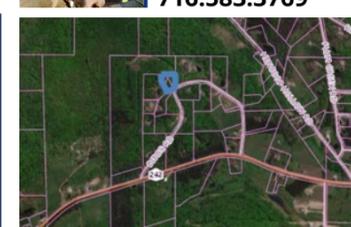
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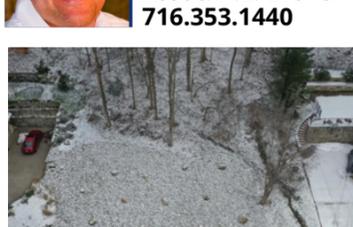
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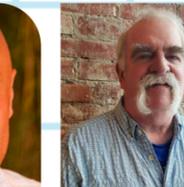
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