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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

VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE SHOW
Saturday, February 26th • 10am
Pine Junction, Sherman

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Celebrating Selfless Love

This February 14 Affirm the Power of Positive Thinking



Why not pretend it's Valentine's Day every day? Loving Selflessly. What a concept! When we selflessly love people, we accept their flaws and shortcomings more graciously. Selfless love accepts ups and downs are a part of the journey... (See story "LOVE", pg. 8.)

Winter Music Jam Feb. 18-20, 2022

Live Music Throughout EVL President's Day Weekend



Grosh is a high-energy rock band from Buffalo, NY with influences from bands such as Led Zeppelin and Pearl Jam, the band writes music that is visceral, heavy, and inspiring. They will be performing 7pm, Friday February 18 at Balloon's. (See story "MUSIC", pg. 9.)

Artful Ambitions

Father & Son Tag Team of Tremendous Talent



Artistry is all in the family at Fresh Press Studios in Jamestown, NY.

BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

If you reside between Bemus Point and Buffalo, New York or anywhere in the Tri-State area, there is a good chance the name Gary Peters rings a bell for you, or maybe two. If you aren't familiar with their name, you still have probably admired their work. This Father & Son tag team of

tremendous talent and artful ambitions has left an indelible mark on the city of Jamestown, the small town with a big city attitude, and throughout the Southern Tier and beyond. They are responsible for the magnificent murals depicting scenes from the days of "I Love Lucy" that are

SEE "ART" PAGE 10

EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: HoliMont

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KATE BARTLETT

Welcome to HoliMont – one of America's largest private ski clubs and your destination for year-round all seasons of fun. With over 700' of wall-to-wall snowmaking, state of the art grooming and custom designed trails, a day on the slopes at HoliMont is unforgettable. Membership to the club provides the opportunity for world-class

learning, exclusive perks and events and all season programs.

HoliMont began as a low key family based organization founded by William Merk after witnessing the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. HoliMont has been centered on the family unit since its inception and has been focused on providing generations of outdoor family

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Sneak Peek

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February Snocross Races Pg. 6

Popular Event Draws Thousands to Salamanca February 18 & 19
While there will be an abundance of fans onsite, there are countless more viewing via livestream on FloSports or from a recording on CBS Sports Network.

Ashford Junction Depot Re-Opening Pg. 6

New Local Owners Give the Landmark on Rt. 242 a Fresh Spin

Revolution Rail Co.

Proposed Use for Abandoned Line in Catt. Co.



Revolution Rail runs rail bike experiences in the Adirondacks; Cape May, NJ; and South Fork, CO. and is now looking to expand into Cattaraugus County.

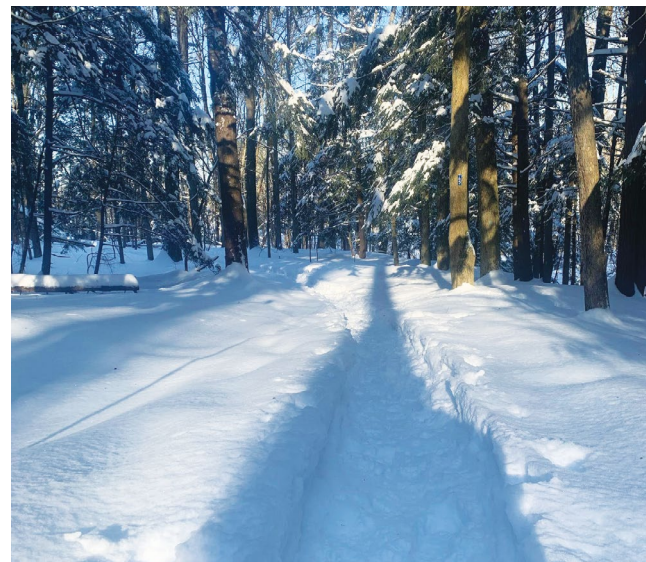
BY DAVE PARKER

The first County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board meeting of 2022 was held on Tuesday, February 8. With all Board members present in person for the first time in recent history due to COVID challenges, Board

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The Outside Chronicles

WNY Winter Hiking Challenge



Participants of the hiking challenge have until March 22 to complete 8 of the 16 trails listed in the challenge packet. Pictured: Chestnut Ridge Park in Orchard Park, NY.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Looking for some motivation to get outside and explore? The Outside Chronicles (OC) hiking challenge is a great option. The outdoor challenge was created to motivate people to get outside and hit the trails during the long WNY winters. "Our goal is to encourage people to get

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Publisher's Word

"No Time Better than the Present"



This is the weekend to another notch to help you enjoy celebrate Valentine's Day and your long weekend, you can there are plenty of options read all about that in our cover in the area for you to enjoy. story this week. It's bound to Just passing through these be an action packed couple of pages, you will get plenty of weeks. We can help you plan it ideas from the Fire and Ice and we can help you advertise Celebration at the Harbor it. If you have something Hotel in Celoron to finding that coming up you would like our perfect accent piece at Daff in readers to know about, drop us Ellicottville. Next weekend is a line, we are always happy to President's Day and Winter help get the word out - info@ Music Jam in Ellicottville. The thevillagermy.com. *Until next* Village establishments have *week, enjoy the read!* Jeanine turned up the entertainment *Caprino Zimmer*

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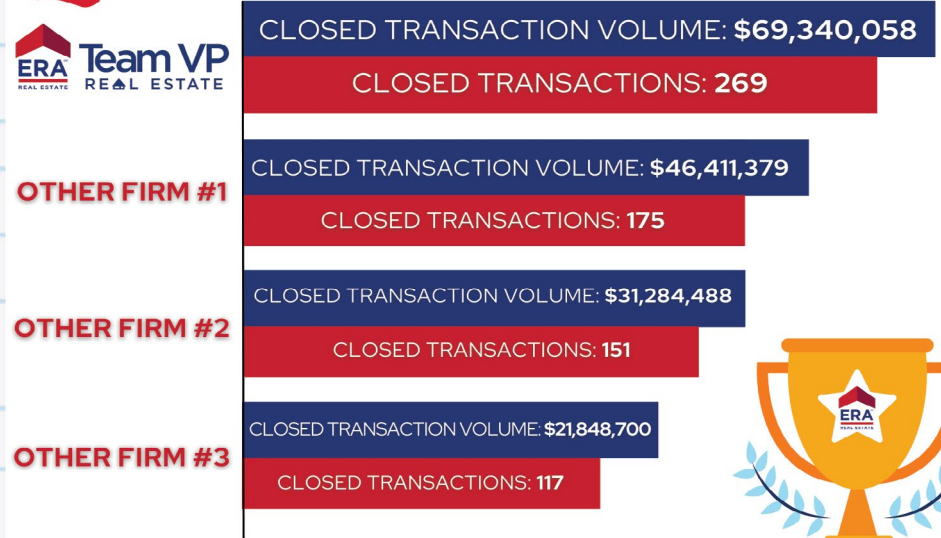
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Ellicottville Rotary Makes Donations

Ellicottville Rotary Club Helps Support Ellicottville Food Pantry



Over the past number of years the Rotary Club of Ellicottville has been providing equipment and monetary support for many local organizations. Working with the Ellicottville Food Bank for over 10 years the Club has provided quarterly financial support and various donation drives and then this year took a further step to help this great local organization. The community has seen the Food Bank grow and recent events made it imperative to improve the facility storage and efficiency at The Ellicottville United Church.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville, working with Val Germaine, Nancy Rogan and Reverend John Woodring, developed a list of equipment needed to accomplish this improvement. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville submitted

and received a matching grant from Rotary District 7090. The Rotary District Grant has been used in the past to support numerous projects at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, Ellicottville Central School, the Village Park and the Rotary Auditorium at the Ellicottville Town Center to name a few.

This particular grant provided new shelving, storage containers, prep tables and freezer containers greatly improving the Food Pantry facility. The chrome shelving, rolling carts and stainless-steel tables were assembled by a group of Rotarians and friends of Rotary including Kathleen Moriarty, Tony Trost, Kathy Trost, Jim Salamone, John Weismantel, Doug Anderson and Greg Cappelli. Nancy Rogan, Bob Germaine and Reverend John pitched in

to make the assembly go smoothly. The grant also provided storage totes and freezer totes to help with storage issues.

The Rotary District 7090 provides a matching grant of up to \$2,000.00 to Clubs that meet the criteria annually. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville contributed \$2,500.00 for a total of \$4,500.00 to provide the new equipment for the Food Pantry, which also improves the space that the Church uses for community dinners and other community functions.

Val Germaine said that the Food Bank "greatly appreciates the generosity of the Rotary Club of Ellicottville and Rotary District 7090. We have a strong relationship with the local Rotary Club that we value and hope will continue for many years".

The Ellicottville Food Bank services the Ellicottville Community with a totally volunteer staff and is open Monday 1 - 3 PM, Wednesday 4-6 PM & Saturday 10-12 PM every week.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville meets every second Wednesday at 6:15 PM, currently via Zoom due to the pandemic. Anyone is welcome, so please visit their website www.ellicottvillerotary.com.



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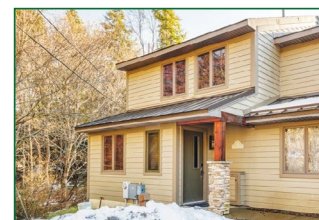
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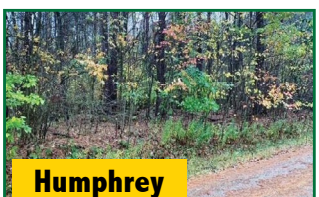
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Fire & Ice is Back for 2022!!

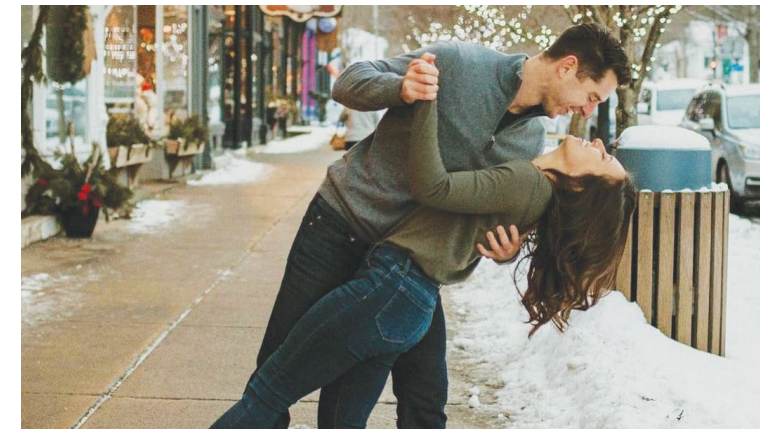
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron NY, February 10th - 12th

The Fire & Ice Celebration is back this weekend!! February 10th - 12th at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY. Centerpiece will be nearly 20 tons of ice, sculpted into multiple interactive displays. The Ice Farm, Jordan, NY creates the sculptures, under direction of Stan Kolonko, company president and a member of the National Ice Carving Association. He and his team have placed in international ice sculpture competitions in China (first place), Canada and Fairbanks, Alaska. The winter celebration is open 5-9pm each of the three evenings. A \$30 admission



fee includes access to the outdoor ice bar and sculptures, with DJ dance music by DJ Nate Baker. Each evening concludes with fireworks transforming winter skies.

Dancing in the Streets of EVL!!



Who doesn't love to dance on the sidewalks of Ellicottville, NY. Were you in Ellicottville, NY this weekend? If you were send photos of you enjoying your visit to Jessica@thevillager.com or info@thevillager.com. Photo Credit/ emilywatkinsphoto

Junior Explorers: Buffalo Games

The Junior's Found the Perfect Solution to Long Cold Winter Days

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

We've got the perfect solution to these long *cold* winter days - Buffalo Games! This company is located in the heart of downtown Buffalo and has been producing puzzles and games for over 30 years. While you can browse their large inventory of puzzles (by artist, series, theme, and by pieces - 150, 300, 500, 1000, etc) on their website, you can also find their products lining the shelves at Target and many other stores. Buffalo games prides themselves on making high quality puzzles using thick graphic board, premium paper and is manufactured using precision cutting



technique that guarantees every piece snaps into place with their signature PerfectSnap technology. They're actually the #1 player in jigsaw puzzle manufacturing in North America! We got to try out 3 puzzles, but our Nama is going to have to help us out with the 1,000 piece puzzle...it's too tricky for us! We're looking forward to trying out some of their games and 'unplugging' (as mom calls it) for a family game night. 'Till next week - Toodleo!

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HoliMont Update

HoliMont Inside Information: Ski Poles Matter



most ski poles can be sawn down at the top of the shaft to make the poles shorter. But before doing anything dramatic, all you need to do is to experiment with your pole length by grabbing your poles in different positions. I played around with holding my poles (and doing ski turns) with my hands in various positions on the grips and at the bottom of the grips. It was interesting.

BY DAN BALKIN

Ski poles are the Red-Headed Stepchild of ski equipment. We often pay little attention to them. This photo was stumbled upon in an unusual and obscure website about, of all topics, "Measuring Pole Length". The upshot of the article was that ski poles, in the olden days, used to be much longer. That is because, as we have often mentioned in these articles, to initiate turns skiers used to firmly jab their poles in the snow, pop straight up, and swivel their extremely long and unwieldy straight skis into a semblance of a skidded turn. If you grew up when I did, believe it or not, we considered that great fun!

the straight ski era. If you look at the photo, you will notice that the skier is more focused on tipping movements from side to side to put his skis on edge. In other words, the skier in the photo does not pop up or stand up and then roll his skis on edge. He knows that popping up or the standing straight up movement (so common in the straight ski era) is unneeded on shaped skis. Look at the middle photo (the turn transition). He keeps his hips at the same level they are in the photo above and below where he is turning. That is a modern ski turn – popping straight up in the turn transition is dated straight-ski era skiing.

Although it might be difficult to detect in the photo, his poles are adjustable. There is built-in gadget located roughly in the middle of the shaft of his pole that allows him to adjust the height of his poles. I got thinking about pole length a few years ago. One persistent flaw that would "pop up" in my skiing (pun intended) was that I would still catch myself sometimes rising straight up in my turn transition – a move ingrained in my skiing from

A few years ago, a HoliMont instructor named Jim Polinchok put an idea in my head (Jim and his wife Cathy are now HoliMont members). Jim said to me to experiment with a shorter pole length – that our notions about pole length might need to evolve with the turns we are doing using more modern shaped skis. At any rate, I reflected on what Jim said (Jim is a member of the PSIA DEV Team, one notch above a Full Certified instructor) and experimented with my pole length. Yes,

Through experimentation, I decided that Jim was right. By artificially shortening my poles (my hands positioned halfway down the grip handles felt perfect for me) – I found it was easier for me to initiate my turns with the tipping movements displayed in the photo. In other words, the longer poles I had been using tended to promote my mistake of "popping up" in my turn transition – the shorter poles made it easier for me to "tip to the inside" like the skier is doing in the last photo. Bottom Line: Being addicted to ski equipment in the same manner that Keith Richards is to guitars, I simply went out and bought a pair of these adjustable poles. If you are more sensible with your money, and decide you want to shorten your poles, a local ski shop can probably shorten your poles by taking your grip handles off, sawing off a bit off the top of the pole, and reinstalling your grip handles. In the meantime, experiment with holding your poles in different positions. You may find, as I did, that slightly shorter poles make it easier to roll your skis onto their edges. Unlike food and drink, experimenting with ski poles is free. Go for it!



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Generations Gathering Together




Generations of skiers have been gathering at HoliMont for almost 60 years. We're convinced that there's no better way to invest in your family and make a lifetime of memories! Plenty of jumps, features and elements on Corkscrew and Snow Bird with Moguls building on Down Spout and One More Time. Make sure to join us for the race on Fall Line too! See you all soon.

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Holiday Valley Update

Team Member: Barb Clauss, Customer Service Lodge Attendant

WEEKLY COLUMN
By BROOKE SZPAICHER

holiday weeks.”

(V): How long have you been skiing?

(BC): I learned to ski when I was 15 and took about 12 years off when my kids were young, until they wanted to learn to ski! Holiday Valley has been my home mountain for 22 years. My favorite run is Mistletoe. I love the beautiful snow covered spruce trees which remind me of the driveway at our house.

(V): What are some of the duties you oversee at HV?

(BC): My duties as a Lodge Attendant are to answer the many questions our guests have when arriving at the Main Lodge. I am stationed at the desk near the Rental Shop. Since most of the guests are first time skiers/boarders who need rental equipment, they pass by my desk and have a variety of questions about the resort that I am able to answer.

(V): What do you love most about this position?

(BC): The best part of the job



is assisting the guests so they have a fun, positive experience while they are visiting Holiday Valley. Having been a skier for so many years, it's great to help a new skier/boarder learn a sport that can last a lifetime.

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Popular Event Draws Thousands to Salamanca February 18 & 19



While there will be an abundance of fans onsite, there are countless more viewing via livestream on FloSports or from a recording on CBS Sports Network.

By JESSICA MILLER

Over 200 of the best snowmobile racers from North America and a dozen other countries will return to Seneca Allegany Casino (777 Seneca Allegany Blvd, Salamanca) on Friday February 18 and Saturday February 19 from 8:30am-10pm. They, like the tens of thousands of racing fans onsite, are coming to be part of the US Air Force AMSOIL Snocross National races. While there will be an abundance of fans onsite, there are countless more viewing via livestream on FloSports or from a recording on CBS Sports Network.

Spectators attending the races in person will be just a bleacher seat away from the ramps, speed, jumps, and all-around action both days and nights of the tour stop. Both daytime and evenings have around 50 races per day scheduled. The practice and qualifying rounds are scheduled for daytime hours; the 22 finals and main events will take place in the evening. Divisions are split into age, gender, and snowmobile type and viewers can expect to see up to 15 snowmobiles on

tracks per race.

Race tracks for the snocross races are built for both speed and flight for competitors. International Series of Champions (ISOC) crews fashion ramps and twists out of over one million gallons of water converted into snow. The course will sit outside of the casino and is similar in size to a football field. Ideally, some of the weekend's snow will be donated by nature; most ideally, the snow will be exactly the right amount for wintertime fun.

Fans will find more family friendly fun to be had even outside of the racecourse area. Snowmobile gear sales, vendors, and the always-popular Traxxas Try Me Track miniature remote control trucks are some highlights to enjoy during the weekend. Racers will also be indoors at the Seneca Allegany Events Center during the meet and greet sessions to sign autographs and mingle with fans.

Of course, ticket holders that are of legal gambling age can partake in some more indoor casino fun with perks included with ticket purchase. These hopefully lucky adults

aged at least 21 can show their tickets, government-issued identification, and Social Club card for \$10 of free slot play. Veterans can qualify for \$15 in free slot play when they show proof of veteran status.

Tickets can be purchased for a single day at \$25 presale or \$35 day of event. Weekend passes covering both days are \$35 presale or \$45 day of event. Children 12 and under are admitted free on the day of the event. Presale tickets and updated racing information are available online at snocross.com/seneca-allegany-snocross-national/. Parking is complimentary for on and offsite parking; a complimentary shuttle service will be available for those who park away from Seneca Allegany.

Whether watching onsite or offsite, The US Air Force AMSOIL Snocross National stop in Salamanca is a prime annual opportunity for national and international snowmobilers to recognize the beauty and terrain of the Allegany Mountains. Some sportspeople are lucky enough to visit, and some are especially fortunate to live here.

Ashford Junction Depot Re-Opening

New Local Owners Give the Landmark on Rt. 242 a Fresh Spin



The targeted opening date is March. The restaurant portion will be open for breakfast on the weekends. There will be take out pizza, wings and apps Friday evening-Sunday evenings. They have also reinvented a bus into an ice cream truck so they can attend events and serve ice cream.

By DAVE PARKER

Local residents Melanie and Mike Korzeniewski recently purchased the Ashford Junction Depot (5364 NY-242, Ellicottville, NY 14731, by Holiday Valley Tubing Park). This long-standing establishment was formerly a favorite breakfast place and gift shop before closing a couple of years ago. *The Villager* (V) got with Melanie (MK) to review their plans for the Depot.

V: What was your motivation to purchase the Depot?

MK: My husband and I have always wanted to run a business. We were looking for a while for a good opportunity locally. When we found the depot for sale, we were excited to reopen it especially for locals to not have to go into Ellicottville for food.

V: When do you target to reopen?

MK: Our target reopen date is March, pending public approval.

V: Do you plan any significant changes once you reopen?

MK: The restaurant portion will open for breakfast on the weekends. We installed pizza ovens and will be offering

take-out pizza, wings, and appetizers, Friday evening through Sunday evening. The shop will be changing and is focused on handmade local items and a refill station for cleaning and household products. The shop will also include Hershey's ice cream, soup, coffee, espresso drinks, and baked goods. We also have a bus that we turned into an ice cream truck this past summer. This allows us the mobility to attend events serving ice cream.

V: Tell us about your family and if running this establishment will cause any big changes to your current careers? MK: We have 3 kids. Aaliyah is 16, Landen is 7 and Kallie is 6. Currently, I am a teacher and Mike is a traveling nurse. By limiting the business hours at startup, we will not have to make a career change. During the summer we will open additional hours. As business increases, we hope to open more hours, which means more jobs for locals.

Aaliyah does an amazing job at custom cakes and is a great baker. She will be the one behind the baked goods for the shop. We like to include all our kids in the business so they feel a part of it.

V: Are you bringing back any of the previous restaurant staff and keeping a similar menu?

MK: We have not started to look at staffing yet because of the wait time needed for approval. If any former workers would like to come back, I would encourage them to reach out to us on Facebook on our Business Page, Ashford Junction Depot. As for the menu, our breakfast offerings will be similar, keeping the diner feel. Lunch and Dinner will be pizza, wings, appetizers, and soup for take-out. There will not be table service for lunch and dinner but patrons are welcome to sit in the diner and eat.

V: What else would you like the readers to know about the Depot? MK: We are very excited for everyone to come and see what improvements we have made. We have given the place an uplift inside to include new booths, changed the kitchen to make it bigger, and added needed beams for support. In the shop, we will have seating for customers to relax with a coffee drink or some ice cream. The left side of the building will be turned into an Air BnB.

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Unknown Stories of WNY

Producer Pete Gallivan Always Finds Something to Discover



anyone who rings it while making a wish, will have that wish granted -- as long as they'd never heard about the legend".

Another "Unknown" segment recognized the 70th anniversary of the premiere of "I Love Lucy". In it, viewers learn that the ever-popular sitcom was the first to use 35 millimeter film and three cameras, and to film in front of a live audience. "The story behind the story" is that if the Desilu studio started by Jamestown native Lucille (Lucy) Ball, and her husband Desi Arnaz, Jr. had never existed, "Star Trek" very likely would never have existed either, since that's where it was filmed.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

both of which are entitled "The Sound of Music". In the segment, her grandson Sam von Trapp reveals that Maria and her five daughters and step-daughters began the process of becoming American citizens at Niagara Falls. To find "the unknown story behind the unknown story" here, I went back to a book Maria wrote, in which she mentions a MOMENT that may have (magically!) launched her enormous success:

An anecdote in the book (which I'm summarizing here) describes how Maria was once touring a church she had never before visited, and knew nothing about. As she walked through it, she chatted with her guide about the book she was then writing, the book on which the musical and movie would later be based. When they reached the belfry, she reached out to ring a bell, at the same time impulsively blurting out the words, "I wish for my book to be a big success!"

Her guide then said, "Lucky you! Now your wish will definitely come true!" "What do you mean?" she asked.

"There's a legend connected with that bell", replied her guide. "The belief is that

There are many "unknown stories", moments in everyday life, which deserve greater attention for their novelty value. For example, did you happen to notice, during last summer's "Fiddler's Fest" in Springville, which the pleasant country music performed in different places, at one point had (coincidentally) clashing lyrics? As I entered the festival area, strolling by the first gazebo, the first lyrics I heard could be summed up with the sentence "I can't wait to leave this small town".

However, as I strolled on, listening to the song from the second one, the lyrics there were along the lines of "I can't wait to get back to my small hometown". I've heard of "Dueling Banjos", but whoever heard of "Dueling Lyrics"? If you notice any "unknown stories" others would be interested to know about, send them to me in care of *The Villager*, and I'll feature the best in a future article.



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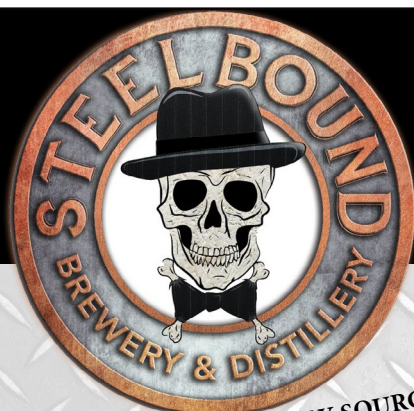
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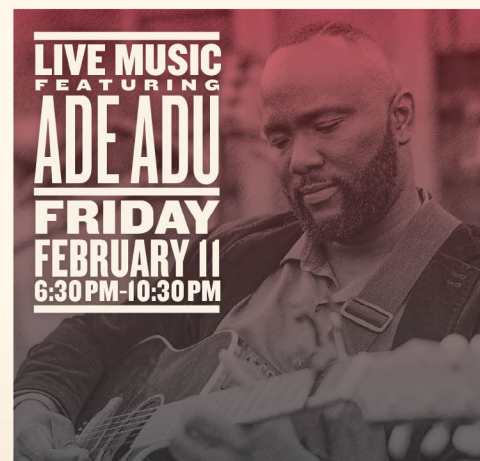
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Love

STORY FROM COVER

By CAROL FISHER LINN
 "Love gives itself. It is not bought."
 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Loving Selflessly. What a concept! When we selflessly love people, we accept their flaws and shortcomings more graciously. Selfless love accepts ups and downs are a part of the journey and that the downs are better off when love is there. When we love selflessly, we don't worry about the outcome or whether we're giving more than the other person. Instead, the act of loving feels good on its own. Whatever comes back to us is precisely the right amount. Selfless love knows there's enough love for everyone and the way to get more is to give more.

Need examples? For starters, look to the teachers -- Preschool kids are the best. Or animals. Social media is full of Tic-Tocs or brief video clips of small children loving the only way they know how -- unconditionally. We laugh when we click to the little toddler freely giving smooches and hugs or soothing a crying sibling/pal with kisses and pats on the back. There are videos of dogs cuddling their sick siblings, gorillas in the wild kissing and hugging their babies, elephants banding together to rescue a baby elephant or to mourn the loss of a matriarch. We read of people finding lost items and returning them while refusing a reward, or customers leaving large tips to overwhelmed, hard-working waitstaff. Thankfully, aside from all the fake news, political overload and warning of today's civilization going to hell in a hand basket, love (the verb) survives and likely has in one form or another since the dawning of civilization.

Here's a thought: Let's make "Unconditional Love" our mantra for the week. Love is an emotion, that's true. But love is also a verb; so let's celebrate Valentine's Day by putting love into action.

Now, I'm not about to opine that our prehistoric ancestors were into "romance," but I will suggest that they practiced a communal form of love out of sheer practicality. Babies were conceived by intention, not the results of flirtation. The race had to propagate, or it could easily disappear. Frankly, in those times, the womb was a highly regarded commodity. Marriages might have been arranged to create harmony between tribes or to blend hunter-gatherer tribes to hunting tribes. Nurturing of children, the elderly and the ill, probably existed for the same reason: survival. Curiously, evidence of burials dating back more than 100,000 years reveal a "reverence" for the deceased as evidenced by the care of the body during internment (red ochre over the remains), grave goods (perhaps to help in the next world?) and remnants of leaves and flowers -- sure signs of "love."

Here's a thought: Let's make "Unconditional Love" our mantra for the week.

Love is an emotion, that's true. But love is also a verb; so let's celebrate Valentine's Day by putting love into action. You know there is a power within us just waiting to be expressed in loving kindness. For starters, we can commit to be patient and forgiving with one another, and especially our younger citizens who are trying to find their way in life, or our infirm elderly who are nearing the end of their journey. Let's remember a simple "thank you" to everyone from the clerk

who packs our groceries or suggests the perfect purchase, the waitperson and bartender, the Uber driver, your parent, spouse, and child; give a friendly wave and smile to the driver who stops to let you cross the street.

Listen - with your heart and with your ears. Compliment even the expected or mundane -- "you can always be counted on to come through on this task." Celebrate other's accomplishments. Remember to acknowledge the little things done for you, or by a very special person who might need to hear love in action with the simple words, "thank you for doing that."

Example: my husband thanks me for doing laundry and ironing his work shirt: "Thank you for making me look good." Show respect (action word again) to family or community members even if you don't agree with them. After all, the strongest relationships are built on mutual respect and love. Love encourages and affirms the power of positive thinking.

A final suggestion: show your love by donating blood. Please see article about the Red Cross in this paper. Until next week, stay positive, be safe, and be a happy Valentine. One final suggestion: Why not pretend it's Valentine's Day every day?

True love begins when nothing is looked for in return.
 Antoine de Saint-Exupery, French writer (1900-44)

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Music

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Whether you are here to ski/snowboard, snow tube, or explore our village shops and restaurants (or all of the above!), there's no denying that Ellicottville creates a vibe that makes anyone visiting want to return ... again and again. If you've already experienced our slice of snow Heaven this winter, that return trip for you is just around the corner! If you have yet to discover all the fun in our town, buckle up ... there's a lively weekend coming up that will give you the full experience!

Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam, set for Feb. 18-20th, will feature three days of indoor live music in all the hot spots, complimenting 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.

"We can't think of a better way to celebrate a holiday weekend than right here in Ellicottville," said Jessica Wallace, business development manager for the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the event. "The snow at both our ski resorts has been amazing, and to add in a full bill of live music, it's the perfect pairing!" Here is just a sampling of what you can look forward to:

GROSH: Friday, 7pm @ Balloons ... Grosh is a high-energy rock band from Buffalo, NY featuring Grace Lougen (guitar), Josh English (drums), Megan Brown (vocals), and Dylan Hund (bass). With influences from bands such as Led Zeppelin and Pearl Jam, the band writes music that is visceral, heavy, and inspiring. Megan's



Masters of the music of The Tragically Hip, THE STRICTLY HIP have spent years and thousands of performances respectfully and accurately recreating the music of Canada's most popular rock band with painstaking attention to musical detail. They will perform Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Finnerty's.

acclaimed vocals, teamed with Grace's intense guitar solos, will leave you with no doubt that these musicians were born to perform.

TUI OSBORNE: Saturday, 6pm @ Madigan's ... Ellicottville's very own Tui is no stranger to the acoustic stage. The St. Bonaventure rugby coach and founder of Rakavii Rugby knows how to handle a guitar just as well as a ball. As a solo performer, Tui's sound is reflective of the reggae movement and is known for spreading the island vibe throughout western New York.

THE STRICTLY HIP: Sunday, 8pm @ Finnerty's ... Masters of the music of The Tragically Hip, The Strictly Hip have spent years and thousands of performances respectfully and accurately recreating the music of Canada's most popular rock band with painstaking attention to musical detail. Originally conceived in 1995 in St. Catharines, Ontario, The Strictly Hip is now based in Buffalo, NY performing for The Hip's rabid American fan base. The Strictly Hip regularly performs to sold out venues on both sides of the border and have created a loyal fan base of their own.

Other performances you'll

want to keep an ear out for include The Short Bus (Friday at the Gin Mill), Business Time Trio (Saturday at Ellicottville Brewing Co.), and Maria Sebastian (Sunday at Holiday Valley). After a full weekend of stellar bands, you may just build up your own confidence to perform, in which case Madigan's will close out the weekend with karaoke, Sunday beginning at 9pm. Pure entertainment!

"We guarantee one day isn't going to be enough for anyone coming to visit during Winter Music Jam," said Wallace. "Our town has accommodations for all budgets and lifestyles - from hotels and condos to country chalets and bed & breakfasts; why not make it a winter weekend getaway? We're at the peak of ski season; come out and enjoy the snow, kick back with a glass of wine or a fine craft beer, shop our unique retailers, dance the night away to all the great live music ... we're certain it will be a weekend for the books!"

For a full line-up of this year's Winter Music Jam performers, or to view lodging and dining options, head over to ellicottvillenyc.com. And be sure to follow @visittellicottville on IG to stay connected.



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Art

CONT. FROM COVER

prominently displayed on city buildings doubling as canvas. Their renderings on the building that is home to the Desilu Museum and Gift shop, on the corner of Third and Main Streets truly captures the spirit that is "Lucy". I can see the twinkle in her eye as she flashes her one-of-a-kind smile. I think she may have winked at me, after all I was the President of the "Lucy" Fan Club of Celeron Elementary School. Taking a quick ride over the Washington St. Bridge you will see the masterwork showing of the Ricardo's and the Mertz's on an adventure in an automobile. They appear to be singing along to the music on the radio and you can almost feel that snappy beat of the Swing era and the brassy bellowing of the horns heard in the Big Bands that were the rage of the day.

Another great piece done by the dynamic duo adorns the exterior wall of the Chautauque Mall facing Fairmount Ave. in Lakewood. This Chautauque theme-based mural reveals the splendor of our unique and breath-taking landscape and the character of our vibrant and diverse community. From lakeside

to the hillside here in the foothills of Appalachia, the beauty found in the natural world offers great inspiration for artistic expression. Paying homage to Rodger Tory Peterson and the institute for the study and preservation of wildlife, he is painted into the mural and surrounded by a number of his feathered friends. The Peters also included images of the steam powered paddleboat, The Chautauque Bell, as passengers board for a tour around Chautauque Lake. The Clock Tower of Chautauque Institution stands tall on the lake shore informing us of the time on a hot summer afternoon. One of my favorite lakeside spots, the old Hotel Lenhart in Bemus Point, is featured with its famed old rockers on the porch looking out at the beautiful lake at sunset. These and the other images included in this fantastic work of heart, reveal the love these artists have for our corner of the world, its people and its history.

Both Gary Sr. and Jr. are great conversationalists and chatting with them was easy and enlightening. As we talked, we realized we knew a number of people in common and discovered we share an optimistic vision for the future of Jamestown and the surrounding areas. We talked about the important roll the arts play in creating a lasting

vitality and exuberance within a community and we shared some ideas of how using different spaces and mediums could help bring artistic opportunities to young people who may not be experiencing the joy and satisfaction of creativity and artistic expression.

Fresh Press Studio is a family owned and operated graphic design and silk-screening shop. While Gary Jr. runs the show, Gary Sr. still comes around and his presence lights up the room. While he is equipped with modern technology for creating graphic designs and the silk screening of an array of different products, Gary Jr. chooses to do almost all of his design work by hand. He uses traditional silk-screening materials and procedures and does much of this work by hand too. You can see their creations and finished products and pictures of the events; they have participated in on the Fresh Press Facebook page. You should give it a look; you will be amazed. You are welcome to visit their shop at 100 North Main St. in downtown Jamestown any time you need a T-shirt design or a personalized gift, you will find the best art and the special attention you deserve served up with a smile at Fresh Press Studios. Where Art is at the Heart of everything!

HoliMont

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fun. "The club has grown incredibly over the years from running up skiers with a pickup truck to now having over 6 lifts. We're proud to have a state of the art snowmaking system designed right here at HoliMont as our team has developed and refined the PoleCat snowmaking gun. We offer Snowsports programs for athletes all ages - from learn to ski/ride to lifelong enjoyment of winter sports. We have nearly 500 athletes in Snowsports programs this season. Also, in the past couple seasons we have added uphill lift access for mountain biking on the Sunset Lift with approximately 8 miles of Mountain Bike Terrain."

Travis Widger, is the Snowsports Director, a fourth generation Ellicottville native, has been involved in Snowsports since he started skiing at the age of 2. "Skiing is more genetic than tradition in my family. My Grandfather, Pete Widger, was the Director of HV Ski School in the 1960s, General Manager of HoliMont for 20 years beginning in the mid-1980s, and after a few years doing the snow report at Holiday Valley is back at HoliMont reporting on our skiing and riding conditions. My father, Michael Widger, ran the race program at Holiday Valley in the 1980s and coached at Holiday Valley and then HoliMont until about 2013. My 2nd cousin, Jack Widger, ran the race program at HoliMont for over 20 years prior to my tenure." Travis lived in Vermont and was active in ski racing at St. Michaels College and Directing the Smugglers Notch Ski and Snowboard Club. When he moved back to the EVL area with his wife, he ran the Racing Program



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at HoliMont for 7 Years in all. Ellicottville area really before taking on the role of has a passion of outdoor fun Snowsports Director. Travis within our community and it's fully embraces all aspects of great to be a part of it. I love Snowsports, as they are sports working with such a great you can enjoy with your group of people. It's great to be able to share my love for family and friends and there is always room for growth. Snowsports with members and guests."

This season, HoliMont is hosting racing and freestyle events and have added glades areas. They have also opened a new beginners area known as 'Grasshopper'. This area is serviced by a 650' SunKid conveyor lift at the base of what used to be Meadow Trail.

HoliMont is a ski club steeped with history and rich with several generations of skiing tradition. They strive to be a low-key more exclusive getaway type resort with family focused outdoor experiences. "The community is the heart of HoliMont. You have to come out to experience it, it's one-of-a-kind."

Travis enjoys being involved with HoliMont and is passionate about Snowsports. "It's great to be able to provide a platform for each athlete to learn, grow, and succeed while instilling a lifelong love for winter sports

What began as a private ski resort is now open to the public Monday - Friday (with the exception of Christmas week). Saturdays and Sundays are reserved for members and their guests. Visit their website <https://holimont.com> to explore membership offerings, weekday passes, lessons and clinic offerings and sign up for their newsletter for the latest updates. Contact info@holimont.com call their main office 716-699-2320 or 877-754-4654 for the slope report. Watch for upcoming events including W2W Blizzard/MSG/HoliMont Powder to Prosecco Event February 27/28th Men's Day February 4th, Ladies Day February 25th, and look for TeleFest to come later in the season. Travis reminds us "Love Winter, Get Outside, Be Like Pete!" (His grandfather)

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Historic Blood Shortage

American Red Cross Encourages Donations

By CAROL FISHER-LINN



The American Red Cross does much more than collect and distribute about 40% of the nation's blood. In times of disaster, both large and small, it provides shelter, food, and comfort to victims; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members, and their families. It is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission.

Recently, this frightening statement from the Red Cross website came across social media: "The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – this is the worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning risk to patient care. Doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available. Blood and platelet donations are critically needed to help prevent further delays in vital medical treatments."

There has been an overall decline in blood donations of 10% since March 2020 due to illness, weather and staffing limitations, Covid and flu cases, and a huge drop (69%) in college and high school drives (students make up about 25% of total donors). As a result, here's the really bad news: the Red Cross has had to limit product distribution. For example, hospitals may only get 1 of 4 products requested. In recent weeks The Red Cross has had on its shelves less than a one-day supply of critical blood types - a "dangerously low" condition. Many procedures are put on hold, but Dr. Pampee Young,

chief medical officer of the Red Cross says that some can't wait. "Hospitals are still seeing accident victims, cancer patients, those with blood disorders like sickle cell disease and these individuals who are seriously ill who all need blood transfusions ... We're doing everything to increase blood donations ... but we cannot do it without donors. We need the help of the American people."

Here's a number of interest – 38% of Americans are eligible to donate blood, yet fewer than 10% of us actually do it. That's roughly one-in-four; considerably lower than the more than 6-in-10 eligible voters who showed up at the polls in last year's presidential election (Pew Research Center analysis). With enough incentive, we show up. What will it take? A family member in need? If everyone who is in the room with you right now pulled out your driver's licenses, how many would identify as blood donors? I challenge you to bring those numbers up to 2 in 4 or more! Here's one reason ... likely, every one of you reading this article knows someone who is presently battling cancer or has in the past. Sadly, we recently learned that gentle, beautiful Ellicottville resident and friend, Kathy O'Connell lost her battle with this devastating disease. Blood transfusions are an integral part of cancer treatments. In fact, from the Red Cross website we are informed "15 percent of the 14+ million units of blood collected annually in the U.S.

are utilized for hematology and oncology patients."

It's beyond comprehension to know how many lives have been saved because William Harvey made a discovery about blood circulation in 1628 and by 1665 the first successful blood transfusions between dogs took place. Just a few years later, scientists reported successful transfusions from sheep to humans. Bringing the life-saving technology to humans, the Red Cross began a National Blood Donor Service in 1941 to collect blood for the U.S. military. By 1948 the first nationwide blood program for civilians began when the Red Cross opened their first collection center in Rochester NY.

Hopefully, this article has given you enough reasons to make an appointment to donate. There is a blood drive this Friday afternoon in Ellicottville at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and various drives coming up in the Jamestown/Lakewood area. At this writing, there are spots available. All types of blood are needed now, especially types O positive and O negative, as well as platelet donations. Make an appointment as soon as possible by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED-CROSS. It's Valentine's Day this week. Love is a verb. Let's love on each other and take action by joining the donor club. Out of the gate for 38! (% that is!)

Healthwise: Healthy Solutions

Healthy Solutions for Health Villains



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

We often hear about diseases that used to be associated with old age that are striking people at younger and younger ages. It is clear that our health has changed; our modern world has brought a new health crisis, a crisis built by health threats. According to Steven Horne, the three health super villains in our modern world are: chemical toxicity, refined and processed foods, mental and emotional stress. Chemicals stress the mechanisms our body has for eliminating toxins, which results in a need for extra nutrition. Chemicals never existed in the natural world, so our bodies have no genetic experience in how to deal with them. We need to support our bodies to cope with these toxins and learn how to eliminate them. A few generations ago, the only food people could get was natural, unprocessed foods. Now, in our modern world we learned how to refine foods to make them last longer on the shelf. This refining process robs nutrients like vitamins, minerals, fiber and more importantly enzymes, all of these substances are crucial for the body needs to detoxify and repair itself. When the above two health threats team up with mental and emotional

stress, the results can be not so positive. Most of the challenges we face are not just physical, they are mental and emotional as well. We need to be proactive in building good health by creating good habits every day. The body needs nutrients to do its job and stay healthy. Fortunately, small dietary and nutritional changes can yield big improvements. I would like to share with you some basic things you can do to improve your family's nutrition and cultivate superhero health.

First, load up with antioxidants; they are abundant in fresh fruits, berries, greens and other vegetables. Antioxidants help the body to fight against free radicals that cause inflammation at a cellular level. It is also wise to add some antioxidant supplements to our diets. Look for high quality supplements that have extracts of mangosteen, different organic berries, green tea, açai berries that have an extremely high capacity for neutralizing free radicals and contains bioflavonoids and xanthenes, which reduce inflammation and promote good health within the cells.

Avoid bad fats and eat good fats. We need certain fats in our diet to stay healthy. The brain is 50% fat by dry weight and developing (and aging) brains need good fats, which is why children often crave them. Deep ocean fish (like wild, not farm raised, salmon and sardines), grass fed beef and poultry, avocados and nuts (especially walnuts) are good sources of omega 3 essential fatty acids, which are critical to brain development. They also support healthy nerve

function and reduce chronic inflammation in adults. Children can supplement with flax seed oil added to their meals. Teenagers and adults can consider supplementing with Omega-3EPA or Flax Seed Oil. Enzymes, minerals, probiotics and a good fiber are also important to keep our health the best. We need enzymes to keep the "spark plugs" of life, as Steve Horn would describe it. Minerals are essential for healthy bones, muscles, skin, hair and nails. We also need to protect ourselves with Probiotics, the beneficial bacteria that protect us from health unbalances. Last, but not least, we need fiber. The American Diet Association recommends that healthy adults consume 20-35 grams a day of dietary fiber, and children 5 grams a day. A fiber with organic, clean psyllium Hulls C is a great fiber supplement for most adults. Children can get adequate fiber by including fiber-rich foods like whole grains, hemp seeds, beans, apples and vegetables in their diets. For more information please call Nature's Remedy in Ellicottville at 716-699-4372. [facebook.com/naturesremedy.net](https://www.facebook.com/naturesremedy.net) or E-mail: naturesremedy@verizon.net The contents of this article are for informational purposes only and are not a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified healthcare provider with any questions you have regarding a medical condition. We disclaim any liability if the reader uses or prescribes any remedies, natural or otherwise, for him/herself or another.



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What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The snow is piled high and the town is buzzing and the music is excellent, so lets see who's going to be playing where.

We start our weekend on Thursday and end on Wednesday and this week it's starts at Balloons with Burger-n-Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$12 gets your choice of burger and beer with house chips. This week's entertainment will be provided by Hanna and Horton from 6-9pm. This duo plays a folk/pop/rock set of covers tailored to the crowd.

This Thursday The Gin Mill presents The Chillbillies from 8-11pm. This local twosome plays a folk/pop/rock/roots set of covers that are the perfect background for some après. While you're listening sample a few of the 37 beers on tap.

FRIDAY: We're back at Balloons for the Tine Williams Band from 7-10:30pm on the main stage. While Tina's solo act is more folk/indie style her band plays rock covers from the Monkeys to Zeppelin that you can dance to. The back bar will feature Jennifer Westwood and Dylan Dunbar from 10-1am. This husband and wife team plays a country/blues/jazz/rock set of covers and originals. DJ Snarski will rock the sound booth so you bachelorettes can shake your booty in the front window.

We return to The Gin Mill

for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have been playing in EVL for over a decade and play a rock/pop/folk set of covers that you can dance or sing along to. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 12am wed-sat and 11pm Sun-Tues.

A few doors east on Washington St Madigan's is a playah with DJ Si blowin up the sound booth from 10-1am. Check out the foosball and pool tables or just chill by the wood stove and sip on one of those umbrella drinks.

SATURDAY: The Ellicottville Distillery is celebrating the release of their 2-year-old rye whiskey and will have Sara Elizabeth playing from 3-6pm. She plays an alt/folk/indie/rock set of originals and covers while you sip on some whiskey cocktails.

Take a little drive to West Valley to The Station Bistro for a delicious farm to table menu in a railroad themed restaurant and listen to Joe Wagner from 6-9pm. Joe plays a folk/pop/blues/country rock set of covers.

Balloons is up again with The Abruptors on the main stage from 7-10:30pm. This Buffalo band plays a ska/reggae/soul set of originals and covers to get you on the dance floor. Ya man! Jennifer Westwood and Dylan Dunbar return to the back bar as part of their monthly residency to play some country/rock songs while you reflect on your day on the slopes.

The Gin Mill is back with to

spice up your Saturday with Live-N-Kickin from 8-12am. Their a great group with a lot of range, so go check em out. If cocktails are your forte check out the Carriage House Side Bar for some high end craft drinks.

We close it out at Madigan's with DJ SI playin the crunk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor. Let the A-Team mix up a cocktail or a shot behind the pine.

SUNDAY: Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rid Night from 5-9pm. Chris Maloney provides the music playing a folk/rock/pop set of covers while you dine in an old barn on the southern tiers best Italian food. Mangia, Mangia.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week as part of their residency Jennifer and Dylan will provide the music. This Detroit husband and wife team travels the country playing their music. Ask about merchandise while you eat some 75-cent wings.

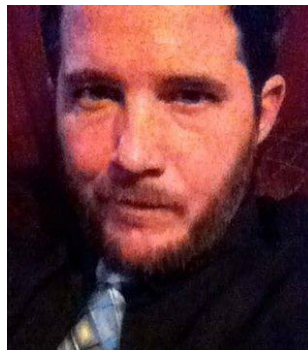
We end the week the same way we have for 35+ years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Co from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/pop/roots/blues set of covers that you know the words to. \$10.99 gets your choice of beef on weck or the Gin Mill burger with house chips.

We hope you've enjoyed your time in our little village and we hope you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What was the First Procedure You Had at the Hospital?

By CHAD NEAL



Being alive can be tough. The evolution of preserving our health and lives has been mostly positive. Medical technology has really upped the life expectancy of people. As a species we want to help others maintain their normalcy. A lot of folks deal with a handicap that makes

their life seem more difficult than those without anything holding them back, but because of our healthcare life is not as bad as it could be. Going to a hospital to fix your body really does help prolong life. It really wasn't that long ago a sore throat could kill. What was the first procedure you had at the hospital?



Tom S. - Stitches, tore my chin open sledding!

Terry R. - I grabbed a pot of boiling tomato soup off the stove when I was 5 or 6 I think. It went all down my arm.

Brad P. - Meconium ileus surgery at two days old. Blockage in small intestines caused by cystic fibrosis. Still have huge scar across my stomach to this day.



Josh S. - I had cysts removed from my neck and one on my wrist

Ryan P. - Got attacked by a dog when I was 5 or 6, had my whole head in its mouth, got stitches and almost lost my eye.

Danni J. - I had to get ear tubes put in at age 2.

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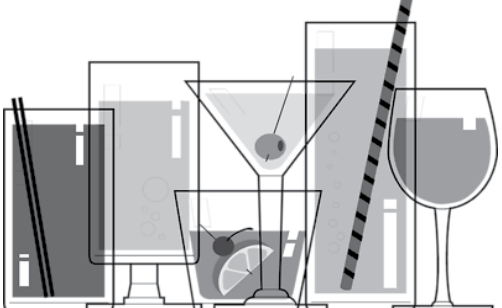
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Chair Thomas Buffamante called the meeting to order. CCIDA Executive Directory Corey Wiktor with a North Creek, NY-based startup called Revolution Rail Co. presented an opportunity to the Board. Revolution Rail runs rail bike experiences in the Adirondacks; Cape May, NJ; and South Fork, CO. Rail biking involves a pedal cart that can be powered by 2 or 4 passengers on existing railroad lines. These rail bikes are geared to make a 6-mile round-trip relatively easy. Revolution Rail Co co-founder Robert Harte detailed the company's interest in working with the CCIDA to explore the potential use of the IDA-owned rail line from the Village of Cattaraugus heading south towards the Town of Persia.

This location has some of the most beautiful vistas in Western New York with views down into Zoar Valley. Mr. Harte provided details on the rapid growth and sold-out excursions they've offered at their other locations which have brought thousands of guests each season. Revolution Rail would need to hire staff to lead these trips, maintain the carts, and work in the office or retail store.

The Board authorized a motion for the Agency to work with Revolution Rail to research the opportunity and draft a contract for future review. There was great interest in utilizing this rail section, which has been abandoned from railroad traffic since the 1980s for recreation and educational purposes via the Revolution Rail Co. excursions.

ST. BONAVENTURE INVESTMENT

Mr. Wiktor detailed an upcoming project/investment for the Capital Resource Corporation (sister Agency of the IDA) and its project supporting a major \$26 million investment by Saint Bonaventure University.

The University plans to invest \$12 million in new housing for graduate students, \$8 million for Plassmann Hall renovations, \$2.5 million for a new health and wellness center, and significant other enhancements across the campus. The University will present a detailed review at the March or April CCIDA Board meeting. This investment was seen as a very positive sign for the area and the University as the student enrollment levels have remained high and campus-staffing levels have rebounded.

HOLIDAY VALLEY

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Wiktor also detailed that Holiday Valley will be presenting two applications at an upcoming meeting later this year to invest in a new 6-person high-speed chairlift and for their annual capital investment.

GREAT LAKES CHEESE JOB FAIR

Awareness was brought to the upcoming Great Lakes Cheese job fair on Feb 24 to hire 40 people to fill immediate needs at the Cuba plant. The Board discussed the many challenges of employers throughout the area with employee retention and recruitment.

EBC LITTLE VALLEY LOCATION

The Board approved a resolution for the refinancing of a loan by the Olean Manor.

Mr. Wiktor concluded the updates with another upcoming application for the Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) location in Little Valley to open their retail section with an investment of \$400,000. EBC currently has 80 employees total in Cattaraugus County.

The CCIDA Board closed the meeting and went into an executive session. For full meeting details and other CCIDA updates, please visit the CCIDA website at <https://www.cattcoida.com>.

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Nominate your favorite small business owner. (One entry per person please) and if your recommendation is chosen, we will feature that small business owner in a special feature article on the cover of our publication. Next deadline is February 28th, 2022 All nominations can be made via e-mail to info@thevillagerny.com or to jessica@thevillagerny.com or by calling into the office at 716-699-2058. Vote and support your favorite businesses today!!



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Hike

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outside, embrace the cold, and reap the many benefits of hiking in cold weather." The program is easy to follow, self-paced, and well designed for everyone from beginners to well experienced hikers. Outside Chronicles was founded by Mike Radomski, an avid outdoor enthusiast, as a blog to share his outdoor adventures. The first WNY Hiking Challenge was launched in 2019 to provide the tools, education, and motivation to get people on the trails and has raised over \$140,000 for local environmental and conservation causes.

Mike Radomski shares his passion for outdoor adventures through OC on his popular YouTube channel, Facebook Group and Instagram. Mike became an Adirondack 46ers in 2020 and enjoys climbing mountains; paddling whitewater, fly-fishing, and mountain biking. He is a licensed NYS Guide, whitewater raft guide through Zoar Valley, Letchworth State Park, and the Black River. Mike earned a Master's Degree in Great Lakes Environmental Science and is trained in Wilderness First Aid, CPR/AED, and Swiftwater Rescue L4.

Participants of the hiking challenge have until March 22 to complete 8 of the 16 trails listed in the challenge packet. Parks include Alleghany (Osgood Trial), Artpark, Chautauqua Gorge State Forest, Zoar Valley (Holcomb Pond), Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, Hunters' Creek, and Chestnut Ridge among others. Along with hiking the trails, the challenge material educates participants on parks' history and local tree species to

spot while on the trail. Each park has a unique landmark including waterfalls, ruins, bridges, water features, and trees.

The highlighted "Suggested Trail" takes hikers past each Challenge landmark. Upon completion of the challenge, hikers receive a badge, along with bragging rights. The biggest reward; however, is the satisfaction of completion. Hiking in the winter months is exhilarating and refreshing. Many hikers find a new appreciation for the outdoors while being active and find it therapeutic.

Registration is \$20 and all profits will be donated to Buffalo Audubon Society for the Beaver Meadow Audubon Center. Pets can register too! Money from pet registrations will be donated to Sadie's Safe Harbor Canine Rescue. Last summer, the Hiking Challenge raised an astounding \$84,000 to benefit the WNY Land Conservancy and the Finger Lakes Trail Conference. The Buffalo Audubon Society plans to put donations towards trail building and maintenance as well as plans to update the nature center and build a nature play area.

Mike is impressed with the participation this season thus far. Numbers have held steady,

exceeding his expectations considering people have returned to more 'normal' school and work schedules. "It's great to see people are still motivated to get outside and explore, especially in the winter months. We're thrilled to offer this program yet again this season." Mike reminds hikers to be safe, and offers hiking tips, guidance and gear recommendations on the Outdoor Chronicles website.

Returning participants will notice a few changes on familiar trails, such as Chestnut Ridge, along with the addition of new parks and trails. "It's great to discover new parks and places to share with others." Some of his new favorites include Chautauqua Gorge State Forest and Boutwell Hill State Forest. An all-time favorite is Franklin Gulf County Park, which has evolved over the years to become a well-marked 2-mile moderate loop trail with multiple access points.

For more details and to register for the challenge visit <https://outsidechronicles.com/winter/>. Be sure to follow on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube (@OutsideChronicles) and watch for spring/summer hiking challenge updates.

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

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:



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!

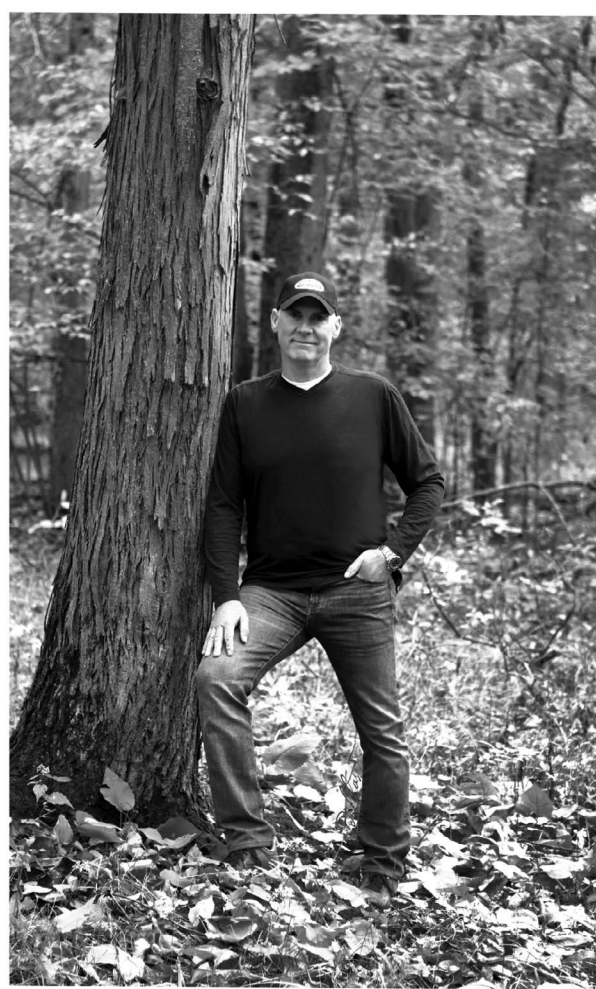
Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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