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Area Events

TELESTOCK DAY 2022
Friday, February 25th • 9-3pm
Holiday Valley Resort, 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

WINTER SHOWSHOE HIKE
Saturday, February 26th • 10-11am
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville

TERRY BRADSHAW LIVE
Saturday, March 5th • 8-11pm
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

BOARDROOM BANKED SLALOM
Sunday, March 6th • 10-3pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

MARDI GRAS WEEKEND 2022
March 11th - 13th • Times Vary
Holiday Valley & Village, Ellicottville

2ND ANNUAL SPRING RACE SERIES
Saturday, March 12th • 9-1pm
Olean YMCA, Olean

RAIL RIDER JAMBOREE
March 18th - 20th • Times Vary
Holiday Valley & Village, Ellicottville

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

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

DOORS OPEN JAMESTOWN
Saturday, March 5th • 10-4pm
Greater Jamestown Attractions, Jamestown

SPRING FEST WEEKEND
March 11th - 13th • Times Vary
Peek 'N Peak Resort, Clymer

NYS MAPLE WEEKEND
March 19th & 20th • Times Vary
Farm Locations All Over New York State

LUCKY MUD RUN
Saturday, March 19th • 10am
Gerry Rodeo Grounds, Gerry

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Rail Rider Jamboree

Music and Arts Festival at Holiday Valley March 18-20



Photo courtesy of Borderland Music + Arts Festival.

Holiday Valley - The promoters of Borderland Music + Arts Festival have teamed up with Holiday Valley Resort to bring you the inaugural Rail Rider Jamboree with a weekend filled with music, skiing, snowboarding competitions, brews and so much more. The definition of a Jamboree is "a large celebration or party, typically a lavish and boisterous one" and that is what you'll get at the Rail Rider!

End your day on the mountain with the ultimate "apres" party at the Rail Rider Jamboree on Saturday. There will be live bands all day on two stages, food trucks and vendors, craft vendors and more! The Jamboree is outdoors with music starting around 2pm. Regional, local and national bands will perform throughout the day

SEE "JAMBOREE" PAGE 12

Maple Weekends in March

History Behind Discovering the Sweet Sap



Maple Weekends are March 19-20 and March 26-27, 2022.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

Repeat after me: Sinzibuckwud -Sin-Zee-Buck-Wood. This is a Native American word for "drawn from trees," which is where this story begins. One legend regarding maple sugaring tells of a chief who threw his tomahawk into a tree and left it there overnight. His wife, likely picking up after him in

the morning (the equivalent of gathering up hubby's penknife, car keys and loose change left on the kitchen counter?) probably fussed over the messy sap while getting it all over her hands. Fortunately, she must have tasted it and discovered the sweet taste. Gathering up enough to cook with (It's a legend - time doesn't matter), it is said

SEE "MAPLE" PAGE 12

History: EVL's Mardi Gras Parade

30 Years of Costumes, Parades, and Zany Family Fun



A sampling of the crowds eagerly gathering to watch the Mardi Gras parade. The parade returns LIVE this year on Saturday, March 12, 2022. See release, page 3.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Have you ever said something that as soon as it came out of your mouth you knew you turned one very crazy corner and maybe should have thought it through? Or you've

caught yourself jumping mid-flight into something from which there is no turning back? Who hasn't uttered the famous words - "Hey, wouldn't it be fun if...?" We've all

SEE "PARADE" PAGE 14

'22 Sportsman Show Feb. 26 & 27

Entertaining and Educating at Seneca Allegany Casino



Over 350 tables and 40 booths will be set up to help outdoor enthusiasts buy, sell, and trade equipment for their favorite sports on February 26 and 27, 2022 at Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino.

BY JESSICA MILLER

The Southern Tier of New York is well known for its ample hunting and fishing opportunities. Sportspeople regularly cross both state and international borders for

the chance to catch their next food source or trophy in the region. These visitors will have an added motivation to travel to Salamanca during the weekend of February 26

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

The Boardroom Banked: 4B ... Pg. 5

4th Annual Event, Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Holiday Valley



The Boardroom Banked is a banked slalom that takes place on Champagne at Holiday Valley. A day for snowboarders by snowboarders, The Banked sees 125 riders compete across four divisions for the fastest time. While it's a day to celebrate snowboarding, it's also a great opportunity to raise money for a great cause. P.U.N.T. Pediatric Cancer Collaborative is this year's partner for this annual event.

Mountain Fest Event March 4-6 ... Pg. 10

Weekend of Music, Arts, Foods & Beverages in Ridgway, PA

Mountain Fest is an annual event presented by The Elk County Wilds Tourism Association. Their main goal is to promote tourism to the Elk County area. Ridgway's population is approximately 3,500, and an astonishing 5,000 guests from all parts of Pennsylvania and surrounding states attend this remarkable festival. The local restaurants, bars, clubs and hotels are booming this entire weekend and look forward to accommodating everyone. A variety of vendors will be set up inside the Old Tannery Complex located at 310 Tanner Street.

Preserving Seneca History

Preserved on TV Series and Digital Records



Seneca memories and records are being preserved as a digitalization project undertaken by the SINM. The project recently received a \$100,000 donation from the Showtime station due to SNI involvement in their series "Dexter: New Blood." Pictured: L to R: Levi George, Sullivan King George, and Sally George Crowe. Courtesy of Seneca-Iroquois National Museum

BY JESSICA MILLER

Fans of the Showtime series Dexter: New Blood may find the fictional town of Iron Lake, NY to feel realistic and familiar. This is due to no small

SEE "HISTORY" PAGE 15

Nani's Mountainside Food Truck

Italian Classics Hot and Ready on the Slopes



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Winter is in full swing and the slopes are loaded with visitors that are getting the most out of what the hills of Holiday Valley have to offer. That's appetite-creating fun, so what if you want to grab a hot bite to eat but want to get right back to riding the rails? Welcome Nani's Mountainside Food Truck, an amazing new edition to Holiday Valley, brought to you by Ellicottville's Villaggio restaurant.

The Villager got a chance to speak with owner Nick Pitillo for a more in depth look at Nani's and what it has to offer hungry crowds.

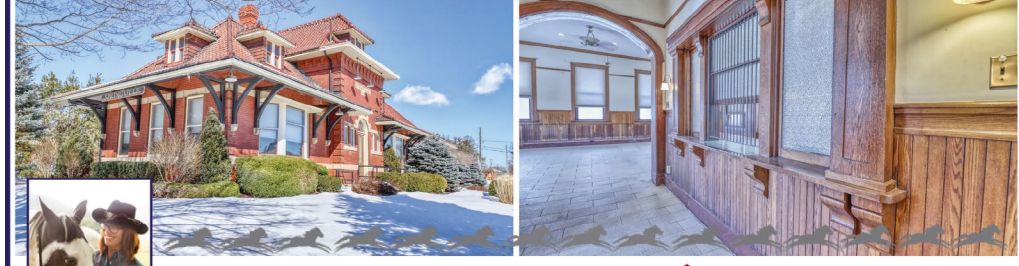
The Villager (V): What prompted you to create Nani's Food Truck?

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Publisher's Word

"Back in the Swing of Things"



We are back in the swing of things and you can tell by all the events lined up on these pages. It's exciting to see our regularly scheduled programming chock full of amazing entertainment from Ellicottville's famed Mardi Gras weekend, March 11-13 to the Mountain Fest in Ridgway, PA, March 4-6. Businesses are on the move and on the rise! Villaggio in Ellicottville has once again created a new way to fuel your soul on the go and The Chautauqua Art Gallery has expanded and is relocating to a larger facility in downtown Jamestown to accommodate and accentuate the Renaissance happening there. We love to tell these stories; as always if you have a great one to tell, drop us a line, we would love to share it with our readers. Email me directly: info@thevillager.com. *Until next week, enjoy the read - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer.*

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Eville's Mardi Gras Parade Returns

After Two-Year Absence, Iconic Event Returns Saturday, March 12th



ELLICOTTVILLE - It is perhaps one of the most fun and zany events of winter, an event that invites both locals and visitors to put their creative minds to work, in preparation for the biggest party of ski season. An event that encourages individuals and groups to choose their theme, plan their costumes, and parade through Ellicottville's business district, while spectators line the streets, cheering for their favorites. Following a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Ellicottville's Mardi Gras Parade is back on the schedule, and organizers of the event are anticipating a record turnout, as many have expressed how much they've missed this iconic festival.

executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Now, two years later, with vaccination rates increasing and mandates being lifted, we are excited to bring back the Mardi Gras Parade, and we're looking forward to celebrating this iconic event with our friends again - safely." Coinciding with Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival weekend, the Mardi Gras Parade is set for Saturday, March 12th. Registered participants will gather in the parking lot at Katy's Café before 6:00pm and will march down Ellicottville's main drag promptly at 6:30pm, ending at the Gazebo. Applications to participate are now available on the Ellicottville Chamber's website and you must pre-register to be in the parade. "We've already received a number of applications, and we're very close to finalizing all of the fun details for the 'Best of' contests," said Jessica Wallace, the Chamber's business development manager. "We can't wait

to see what everyone has in store for their costumes and float decorations. Our local businesses always go above and beyond, and we anticipate a good crowd to cheer them on." The culmination of the Mardi Gras Parade is the crowning of a King and Queen, decided on by spectators who will applaud for their favorite. Not only will the King and Queen claim bragging rights, they will also be invited to lead the Winter Carnival Costume Parade down Mardi Gras slope the following day at Holiday Valley. A few notes to remember: The Mardi Gras Parade is a family-friendly event. No alcohol is permitted in the parade. While candy and trinkets can be handed out to spectators, marchers are asked not to throw items into the crowd. Lastly, day-of registration will not be available, hop onto ellicottvillenyc.com soon and fill out the online application. "Once you're registered, let the fun begin!" said Wallace. "Gather your group and get started on those zany and elaborate costumes and floats. Let's make the 2022 Mardi Gras Parade one to remember!" For additional information about this year's Mardi Gras Parade or if you have questions, please call the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or email jessica@ellicottvillenyc.com. To learn more about Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival celebration March 12-13th, go to holidayvalley.com.

"Living Lives of Purpose"

Eville's Brad Poole to Keynote Inaugural SBU Occupational Therapy, April 8th

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y., Feb. 18, 2022 — A man whose life had "hit rock bottom" and now serves as inspiration will be the keynote speaker at a special event for the occupational therapy community of Western New York. OT students, faculty and practitioners from area colleges and healthcare providers are invited to "Living Lives of Purpose" from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, at St. Bonaventure University's School of Health Professions. Sponsored by St. Bonaventure's Student Occupational Therapy Association, the event will also feature an exposition hall of community resources, product and therapy vendors, and potential employers. To register for the free event, click here or go to www.sbu.edu/OTevent. The registration deadline is March 25. Bradley Poole, the owner of Warrior Fitness & Wellness in Ellicottville, will talk about coping with cystic

fibrosis since childhood and why he turned his life around in his late 20s when "alcohol and partying had begun to consume his life." CF is a terminal disease that severely limits lung function over time. Now 34, Poole continues to fight daily to surpass the CF life expectancy of 40. When his alcohol abuse was causing more frequent hospitalizations, Poole decided he was tired of living with a "poor me attitude" and adopted a "warrior-like mentality" to give him the strength to battle CF. He's required to do two hours of breathing treatments and take more than 50 pills daily, but that hasn't curtailed his passion for fitness. Poole has run a number of ultra marathons to raise money and awareness for CF, including 266 miles over seven days around Cattaraugus County in 2020 and another 100 miles on a four-mile loop through Ellicottville over three days in June 2021. A testimonial on Poole's



website said: "I have been inspired from the moment I met Brad by his story. A story of perseverance. A story of faith. A story of hope. A story of resilience. ... By investing in his health and investing in the service of others that struggle with the same insidious disease, he changed his life and he continues to fight for a solution to this problem. Instead of it being a life sentence, it is a life journey."

Ellicottville Brewing Company

Co. Upgrades Brewing Capacity in Little Valley, NY; Celebrates with New Brew



Dan Minner has been with Ellicottville Brewing Company for almost 18 years, most of which he has been the head brewer and an integral part of the creative process. Dan recalls a photo of he and his Mom when he was about 3 years old at the grocery store holding a 6-pack of 16oz Budweiser. Makes you wonder, maybe a journey he's been destined for before he even knew it. This past month EBC's facility in Little Valley made major upgrades in brewing capacity with the installation of 4 new fermentations. To celebrate, they needed a beer to match the moment, St. Jacobs Barrel Aged Stout. 22oz bottles are available at all EBC pubs. Cheers!

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HoliMont Update

Tricia Mangan: Resilient Two-Time Olympian



Switzerland in 2019. Tricia, however, continued to blaze her own path. She decided that some of the choices the U.S. Ski Team made regarding how athletes were supported were arbitrary and discretionary. This prompted Tricia to take an alternative path to the World Cup and her second Olympics. She opted to concentrate on collegiate skiing at Dartmouth in order to complete her degree and to race in the NorAms. The NorAms are internationally sanctioned ski races one level below the World Cup. If Tricia could become an elite NorAm skier, she would automatically earn a spot on the World Cup on her own terms. She became one of the top NorAm skiers in Super-G and catapulted herself back onto the World Cup circuit.

Tricia Mangan from Team USA (Courtesy of the Mangan Family)

BY DAN BALKIN

When Tricia Mangan first made the U.S. Ski Team, it was suggested that she list a famous ski resort where she was training as her home mountain on her Ski Team profile. She graciously declined – there would be no adopted mountains on her profile – it would be HoliMont. Why? Loyalty. Tricia is grateful for the top-notch coaching she has received from HoliMont coaches Travis Widger, Jeff Walker, and Bob Armstrong. She remained loyal to them and the many members of the HoliMont, Ellicottville, and Buffalo communities who helped Tricia in pursuit of ski racing and Olympic dreams.

in her mid-teens, she was racing in the U16 (Under 16) National Championships and finished near the bottom of the field. Some skiers might have imagined they were in over their heads and engaged in other pursuits. Tricia? It inspired her. The next year she trained even harder and roared back in the same U16 National Championships to a fourth-place finish. Resilience.

Tricia remarkably juggled a successful international and collegiate ski racing career with earning a Mechanical Engineering degree from Dartmouth. Despite her Dartmouth education, there is one word missing from Tricia's vocabulary: Quit. Any setback was viewed as a challenge to better herself. When Tricia was

After that, her racing career soared. She entered the world stage by competing at the Junior World Championships from 2015 – 2018. She finished 4th in the world in Super – G in Davos, Switzerland and 7th in Alpine Combined in Sochi, Russia. Tricia's stock as a ski racer was on a dramatic trajectory upward, and she was named as a member of the U.S. Ski Team and later as a member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team in 2018 for the games in South Korea.

Tricia made her debut in the "Major Leagues" of skiing – the World Cup – at Killington Vt. She earned her first World Cup points by finishing 19th in Alpine Combined in

After Dartmouth, Tricia banded together with other athletes, a Slovenian, Bosnian, and two Canadians to form the International Ski Racing Academy. They hired their own coaches and a ski-tuning technician from Finland. Through the generosity of the Western New York community, who helped fund her Olympic dreams (travel expenses for international ski racing are daunting), and her irrepressible resilience, Tricia's World Cup results qualified her for a second shot at the Olympics – the 2022 games in Beijing.

In the Beijing Olympics, Tricia raced in the Alpine-Combined (Downhill & Slalom). She came in 8th place in the Slalom and ended up 11th overall on ski racings

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HoliMont Ladies Day is Coming!



Ladies Day is only a few days away! Some of our favorite vendors from Ellicottville will be joining us for the event on February 25th along with discounted cycling classes and ski lessons. The event is for members and invited guests only, so grab a friend and purchase your ticket today by emailing jennah@holimont.com or contacting the main office.

Check Presented to Adaptive Program

HoliMont's Annual Men's Day Fundraiser for Phonenix Program



Chuck Richardson, (pictured middle, black hat) a local HoliMont ski instructor, began the program in 1996, at the request of the lodge. Photo/Jon Elder, The Villager

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Holiday Valley Update

Penguin Paddle IS BACK: Saturday February 26, 10am-3pm



**WEEKLY COLUMN
BY BROOKE SZPAICHER**

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Program offers lessons to persons with virtually all disabilities, both physical and cognitive. Each student is instructed individually with full emphasis on his/her ability, rather than the disability. Some of our more frequently encountered disabilities are spinal cord injuries, Downs Syndrome, spina bifida, cerebral

palsy, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injury, visual impairment, autism, and developmental delay. Results vary; however, most are rather outstanding, and many students gain new confidence to tackle other activities. The Lounsbury Program has approximately 50 volunteer instructors who are specially trained in adaptive ski teaching methods. More than half of the instructors are certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA)

Sign up first thing in the morning at Yodeler from 10am-1pm for the Paddle that begins at 1pm. Raffles tickets and Penguin Paddle pins will be on sale all day. It is a one-dollar donation to register for the event, but it's all for a good cause! A BBQ lunch, a silent auction, and of course the paddle will all take place at the base of Yodeler.

Get the kids, get your friends, and get your penguin style on with your plastic bag. The Paddle takes place on the lower half of Yodeler where all your friends and family can spectate!

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The Boardroom Banked:4B

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BY BROOKE SZPAICHER

offer financial, practical, and emotional support from diagnosis to recovery and bereavement. P.U.N.T. operates with collaboration and guidance from community hospital partners to ensure that every dollar raised gets channeled where it is most needed.

They are back and more ready than ever after taking a year off, the Boardroom Banked, 4B. The Boardroom Banked is a banked slalom that takes place on Champagne at Holiday Valley. A day for snowboarders by snowboarders, The Banked sees 125 riders compete across four divisions for the fastest time. While it's a day to celebrate snowboarding, it's also a great opportunity to raise money for a great cause. "We're so pumped to partner with P.U.N.T. - the work they do is so admirable and substantial, it was an easy choice," Boardroom owner, Spencer Timkey.

People are encouraged to come check out the event even if they're not competing! The party's on the Champagne Sundek outside of Yodeler Lodge. There will be raffles with awesome prizes, like a 2023 Lib Tech Jamie Lynn '96 snowboard, prints from legendary Lib Tech team photographer Tim Zimmerman, and signed pieces from Buffalo Bills tight end Dawson Knox. DJ Tyler Swift will be spinning tracks. The P.U.N.T. will have a family there, and the folks from Rail Rider Jamboree will be selling tickets. The night before, we'll be posted at the



There will be raffles with awesome prizes, like a 2023 Lib Tech Jamie Lynn '96 snowboard (pictured.)

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Up Close : EVL Loses an Icon of a Decade

Robert (Obie) Obenauer Jr. 1945-2022

BY CHAD NEAL

Ellicottville has a colorful history with the many characters that have been part of the stories surrounding it. Robert P. Obenauer Jr., affectionately known as Obie to the many, many people who have known and loved him, was one of those Ellicottville-shaping icons. Obie was a native to Western New York all of his life. His parents Robert Sr. and Kay lived in Williamsville, NY where he was born in 1945. He passed away at his home on February 9th of this year. His children Alex and Jamie Obenauer and his granddaughter Skylar Schroeder who live in Ellicottville survive him. On Lindberg Road just north of Ellicottville is where he resided since the early 80s and started his business dealing in antiques. The property he owned in that area became known locally as Obieville, as he had rentals on the 320-acre property to many people throughout the years. Before his endeavors in Ellicottville, he was responsible for a lot of the entertainment at a popular spot in Colden, New York.

Not only did Obie have a lot of connections in his later years as an antique dealer with his business Ellicottville Trading Company in his huge barn on Lindberg Rd., he had many connections with popular musicians because of his affiliation with a storied old roadhouse called the Belle Starr in Colden, New York. Obie had a treasure trove to say the least of just about anything in his collection at Ellicottville Trading Company. The vast barn was loaded with so much stuff that it would take a few days to see everything



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in detail. From railroad signs and light fixtures to a myriad of heavy doors were found and much more in the old giant barn, upstairs and downstairs. His son Alex told *The Villager* "He traveled all over the country and to Mexico for antiques. He did a lot of salvage jobs throughout the country."

Obie most likely gained a lot of his notoriety earlier in his life as he "was behind getting bands in the bar" at the Belle Starr. They were noted for being a loud bar that often had live music. In an article in *The Buffalo News* showcasing the legacy of the Belle Starr, Obie is said to have been the hungry band booker who got

many bands booked there, and other famous acts heard of the popular venue when they played in Buffalo. Obie booked The Fabulous Thunderbirds there with guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughn, George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers, Muddy Waters and Jeff Beck to name a few. It is said that bringing up the Belle Starr to some seasoned Western New Yorkers would bring on a barrage of stories imagined, falsified but mostly true. Sadly the Belle Starr burned to the ground in 1980 ending the legacy started in the early 70s. Obie

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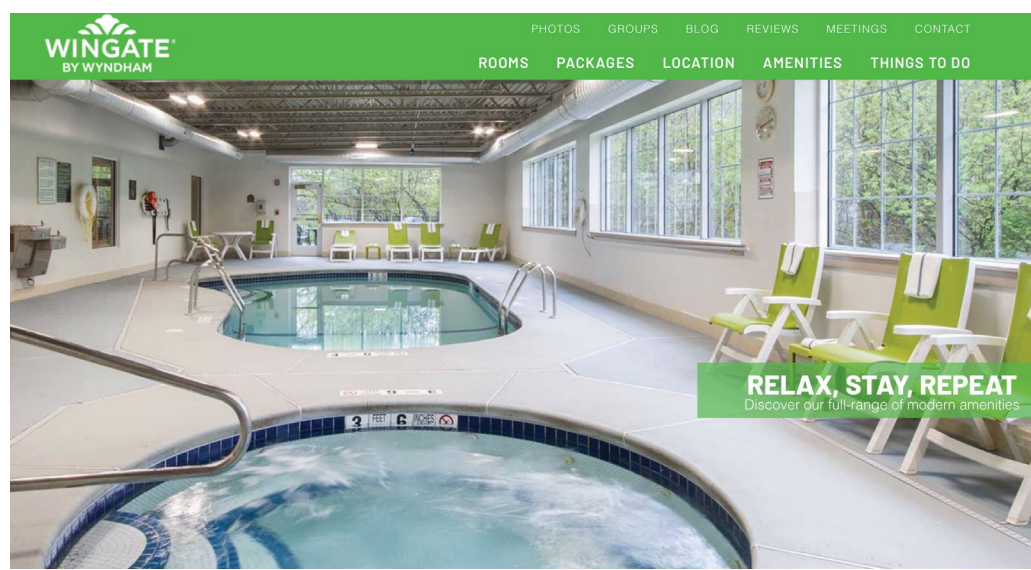


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EVL Chamber Spotlight: Wingate by Windham

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By KATE BARTLETT

With a stay at Wingate by Wyndham hotel, you'll be centrally located on Mill Street just around the corner from the heart of the Ellicottville restaurants, bars and shops. The hotel features 84 modern rooms each with amenities like refrigerators, microwaves, WiFi, and LCD televisions. The hotel features an indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center, along with complimentary breakfast served daily.

Wingate Inn's first hotel opened in 1996 and quickly grew to 100 hotels in the United States and Canada. The 'Wingate by Wyndham' is a mid-scale hotel brand that is prominent in the western hemisphere and is now expanding business in China. These independently owned hotels are specifically marketed to business travelers with the goals to cater to the work/life balance. They strive to make guests comfortable and relaxed but to still remain connected and inspired.

Amanda Walsh is the General Manager at the

Wingate by Wyndham in Ellicottville. She has been in the hotel industry since graduating high school in 2006 with experience Country Inn and Suites in Olean, NY and the Hampton Inn and Suites in Elkhorn, WI. She moved back to the area and began working with the Ellicottville Wingate in 2013 and has embraced being a part of the Ellicottville community. "I love so many things about the area. The people, the atmosphere of the village... I love that you can go to the post office and almost everyone greets you with a smile and says good morning. All businesses and neighbors celebrate the other victories. I couldn't be any more proud to work in this village."

The Wingate by Wyndham in Ellicottville opened in December of 2005 and is owned and operated by Ellicott Development Company out of Buffalo. They are the only chain hotel in the area with a fantastic location in the heart of the village. "The comment we get over and over again is 'you can't beat the location'". It is especially perfect during festival weekends, with our

large parking lot and close proximity to the action. Most bars, restaurants and shops are within walking distance. The only time you would need a vehicle is travelling up to the Valley."

Amanda describes the hotel as "homey". "When you walk in you are always greeted with a smile. Our staff works very hard to keep each guest happy and to exceed expectations. We have made a lot of friends and love watching the kids grow up with us over the years. The staff at Wyndham prides themselves on the cleanliness of the accommodations. "The housekeeping team is top-notch. There may only a couple of them but they always put in max effort and get the job done."

She enjoys the variety and excitement of her job. "I love that every day there is something different going on at the hotel. There is not one day that is going to be the same. It's great talking with different people and meeting people from all walks of life. I also love the people that I

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Lisa Ralston studied with masters, professionals, and doctors from various parts of the world, and is excited to bring that knowledge back to the Olean community.

BY SHARON TURANO

The owner of Olean's Mother Earth Healing Arts Center hopes to educate, inspire and restore communication and connection in clients' lives.

Owner, Lisa Ralston, offers a holistic approach to health to area residents, schools and agencies.

"Holistic Health is a concept in which all aspects of one's life are considered interdependent. I've learned that if we are to live in joy, peace, harmony, health, and prosperity, we must embrace our wholeness. Holistic Health aims to do just that," Ralston said.

"It is a privilege to bring all that I have learned back to Western New York," the Olean native said. Having studied with masters, professionals, and doctors from various parts of the world, traveling to Thailand, Peru, the Virgin Islands, and the East and West Coasts of Florida to teach and study, Ralston said she is grateful to be back in the Olean community and enthused to be connecting, learning, and growing in Western New York and beyond.

"It's a dream come true to

be doing what I love in my hometown," Ralston said. "It is a privilege to bring all that I have learned back to Western New York."

She began teaching yoga and fitness classes in 2003 at the Olean YMCA and furthered her studies in Massage Therapy, Health & Wellness, Business Administration, and Math & Science in New York. "Studying consciousness-based medicine at the International BodyTalk Association was a true gift for my own healing and evolution," she said, adding, "Working with Florida International University encouraged me to bring my work more mainstream."

Ralston said she is grateful to operate out of Mother Earth Healing Arts (MEHA) Center, which is right at the center of town along with Lincoln Park, Miriam Center for Hope, St. Stephan's Church, and Genesis House. Her vision for The MEHA Center is to help the community experience more connection in lives so people can relax, be healthy and focus minds, she said, adding this allows people to take inspired action, as well as, feel good,

secure, and optimistic.

"I've gone far and wide and find myself back at the tap root, with insight for how we can grow stronger, kinder, healthier communities," she said, adding "we all need more connection in our lives; to ourselves, to each other, and to Mother Earth." Spreading that message is one reason why Ralston opened the Olean location in April 2021 as a sister company to MELIFELOVE, which has offered holistic health education and services in schools in Western New York since 2019.

Not only does Ralston offer one-on-one sessions at the MEHA Center, she also hosts community events including Holistic Fitness Classes, MEcare Group Sessions, Yoga and Live Music, MEkids Meetups, and Sound Baths. A BodyTalk Access training will be held April 30 and May 1. MELIFELOVE has a Virtual Community option offering on-line classes, courses, coaching sessions, groups, and more and continues to provide Holistic Health Education in local schools.

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Pfeiffer Nature Center

Enjoy the Wonder of Winter - Where Science, Art & Nature Combine



BY KATE BARTLETT

If you missed Snow-ga (snow yoga) last weekend at Lillibridge, there are still plenty of opportunities to get outside and enjoy winter with these upcoming events at Pfeiffer Nature Center, in Portville, NY. About 15 minutes outside of Olean, the center boasts 626 acres, with miles of open-access hiking trails, a historic American Chestnut log cabin, great birding areas, a picturesque pavilion, and much more.

The Nature Center consists of two properties - the Lillibridge Property and the Eshelman Property. Lillibridge consists of 188 acres of forest with a rustic American Chestnut log cabin which offers spectacular panoramic views of both nearby farms and distant mountaintops. The property also consists of 20 acres of rare, old-growth forest, including large specimens of Eastern Hemlock, White Pine, Red and White Oak, American Beech, and more.

The Eshelman Property sits on Yubadam Road with an

active sugar bush, on-going scientific research projects, and a small farm. Trails wind through forests, meadows, transitional zones, near ponds and wetlands and continue to be developed to support snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

Winter Snowshoe Hike - Saturday, February 26, 10am (1 hour): Stroll the snow-covered trails of Lillibridge and take in the sights of the fields and forest. Free to the public, all ages welcome. Child and adult snowshoes are available for rental by contacting the nature center by email naturalist@pfeiffernaturecenter.org or calling 716-933-0187 before February 23. The hike is suitable for beginners and advanced levels. If there's no snow, join in for a winter walk along the trails. Meet at Lillibridge Preserve, 1974 Lillibridge Rd. Check website for more details and cancellation notices

Self-Led Animal Track Identification Trail Walk - Lillibridge trail through Sunday, March 6th: "There are lots of interesting things that we can learn about wild animals by studying their tracks. Become an animal track detective as you learn who lives in the old growth forest at Pfeiffer Nature Center." Enjoy a beautiful hike along the multi-stop informational trail. Find pictures of animal tracks along with fun facts about the animals during this self-led activity. Recommended for both kids and adults.

Animal Track Identification Program, Lillibridge, Saturday March 5th 10am: Join nature enthusiasts Mike Ermer and Brandon Witmer for a forest walk to learn techniques for identifying animal tracks. This one-hour program will be held regardless of snow cover. Free for members and children 13 and under, \$5 for non-members, registration required by Thursday March 3, email naturalist@pfeiffernaturecenter.org or call Pfeiffer Nature Center.

Save the Dates for these upcoming programs and check website for updates: Winter Forest Bathing - Saturday March 12, Lillibridge; The International Day of Forests- Monday, March 21, Lillibridge Storybook Trail with the children's book The Tree in the Ancient Forest.

Be sure to join their electronic mailing list to be updated on upcoming events. Also check out their programs calendar at <https://pfeiffernaturecenter.org/nature-blog/>

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Chautauqua Art Gallery Moving

Pea Pod & Juniper in Lakewood, NY

Business Moves to Downtown Jamestown Inspired by the Renaissance

Proprietor Kim Carlson Grows Both Flowers & Friends at her Shop



The Chautauqua Art Gallery will open its new location at 318 N. Main Street in Jamestown, NY in April.

chautauquaartgallery.com, as well as in the gallery. "Our website and online presence were a huge help during the 2020 lockdown and 2021 road closure in Lakewood. Our ability to adapt the gallery in an online environment allowed us to stay connected to patrons when they were unable to visit in person."

The interactive website is a testament to her prior digital experience, seven years as Digital Communications Manager at Chautauqua Institution, and six years as a print/web designer in Northern Virginia. The virtual gallery tour on the website is built using software most frequently used in the real estate industry.

Calimeri specializes in Chautauqua County landscapes, working mostly in watercolors. She works on commissions and has also illustrated children's books.

While she started the gallery to showcase her own artwork, "I've been surprised by the number of new artists I continue to meet. We have incredibly talented people in our area."

Gallery work is not limited to artists living in Chautauqua County, but most gallery artists have connections to the Chautauqua Region and much of their artwork is inspired by it, she says.

The gallery joined with the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to sponsor the Third Street Oak Tree Art Show and Sale. Concluding at the beginning of January, it raised over \$2,300 for Jamestown's Urban Forestry Fund. Until the gallery moves it will remain open at its present location, 104 Chautauqua Ave., Lakewood.



BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

One of my first loves as a child was for the fabulous flowers growing in the garden beds all around our home. My mother grew Crocus, Roses, Piones, Iris, Tulips, Hyacinth and more.

I am grateful for her having inspired me to grow many gardens over the years and for handing down the green thumb gene.

My next love was for my friends. I am forever grateful to my dad for teaching me how important it is to be a friend first. He grew friendship gardens all over Jamestown and beyond. For 30 years I grew my family, my friendships and my flowers in Florida. Being back home and writing about local artists is allowing me the opportunity this week to bring two things I love together; an old friend & flowers!

I learned where I would find Kim Carlson two weeks prior to taking this writing gig. I knew her dad had been the owner of the ROBO on Foote Ave., (not far from my perch on the crest of Camp St.), since the beginning of time. I decided to pump my gas there and inquire within. And by George, I mean George Carlson; he is still



the proprietor. The friendly women working that day told me Kim had become a Florist and recently opened a Gift and Floral shop in Lakewood. Color me there!

Most of us have a person or two, (maybe three or four if you tended your friendship garden), who you may not have seen for too long, but as soon as you reencounter them, it is as though you saw and spoke to them that morning. It was like that for me with Kim when I first surprised her by popping into Pea Pod & Juniper. **More than just a flower shop to be sure.**

True to the spirit of the girl I grew up with, once the initial shock of seeing me 30 years older than our youthful glow remembers, her warm smile appeared and she graciously welcomed me. It was a special moment. Watching my friend in her element, gracefully handling customers during the flurry of the early morning of Valentines Day was rewarding. She is where she belongs! She has found her Niche.

Situated in the heart of Lakewood Village Square, Pea Pod and Juniper is adjacent to the Bell Tower and neighbors the "Group Ther-Happy" Lounge at 141 Chautauqua Ave. Bringing her unique charm and personality to the

Village, Kim will be around for a while. The offerings from this unique Flower Shop Boutique include a large variety of blossoms and blooms of course, but also some surprising finds like: Angora Sweaters, Home Décor and Aroma Therapy products, heaven should smell so delicious.

Kim's very bright assistant Kelsey is lovely. She speaks with a melodious voice and raises the happy level of your mood! She is extremely knowledgeable about the store and their products and it is obvious how much she loves her job! Wildly imaginative and uninhibited to think or act outside of the box, I absolutely loved having art and shop classes with Kim in school. She brought that spark of intelligent wit that made you laugh and think, to both teachers and classmates alike. She still has all of that going for her. Personality plus and she enjoys spreading Sunshine.

So if anytime you find yourself looking for that special something, for that special someone, (even if it's you), do yourself the favor of making your next stop: PEA POD & JUNIPER! My friends name is Kim. Stop in and you can make her your friend too. Be sure she knows Darlene Mae via "The Villager" sent you! I want her to be proud of me too.

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BY JUDY SHULER

for businesses and we are excited to join in."

The renaissance of downtown Jamestown continues.

When Chautauqua Art Gallery outgrew its space in Lakewood within just four years, owner Leslie Calimeri found her new location at 318 N. Main Street.

"We've realized for a while that we would need to find a larger location in order to fulfill all of the goals we have for the gallery," she says. "We kept our minds open to different locations while looking for the right space and were able to find a building in downtown Jamestown that checked off all of our boxes. We hope to have renovations completed so we can open at the new location this April."

She credits Frank Besse and the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation for their exceptional help with renovation projects and construction grant opportunities. "Jamestown is building an exciting and welcoming environment

It will be located within walking distance of the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum, and National Comedy Center, as well as "fantastic restaurants and other like-minded small businesses and ample parking."

With the enlarged space she has been actively seeking additional artists for the gallery. "We are thrilled to be bringing on new artists working in a variety of media, including ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, painting and photography to name just a few," she says.

The new location will have space for classes. "We will be holding painting and drawing classes in the new space and look forward to developing even more opportunities in the future. We also hope to hold gatherings and workshops for artists on topics like photographing your artwork and framing tips."

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By JULIA WILSON

Mountain Fest is an annual event that is taking place this year March 4-6 in Ridgway, PA. The Elk County Wilds Tourism Association, a nonprofit puts on this event each year. Their main goal is to promote tourism to the Elk County area. Ridgway's population is approximately 3,500, and an astonishing 5,000 guests from all parts of Pennsylvania and surrounding states attend this remarkable festival. The local restaurants, bars, clubs and hotels are booming this entire weekend and look forward to accommodating everyone. A variety of vendors will be set up inside the Old Tannery Complex located at 310 Tanner Street. There will be over 40,000 square feet of event space throughout five connected buildings. Plenty of room to explore and treasure hunt. Live music will be featured throughout the entire weekend. The vendor

list is huge, as vendors from near and far participate in this event. Sample wineries and distilleries are on site for everyone to enjoy, and the selection of foods is wide-ranging. Food trucks, sandwiches, burgers, pierogies, smoked meats, steak hoagies, fresh cut fries, specialty goat cheeses, popcorn, german roasted nuts, beef jerky, hickory syrup, homemade candy, chocolate and much more. Talented artisans and craftsmen display their masterpieces to sell. Beard products, homemade alpaca items, local author/book signing, antiques, wood crafts, clothing/jewelry, aprons, potholders, hot pads, table runners, pottery, art canvas, clay figurines, laser etched tumblers/coasters, and much more. Chainsaw carvers will be live carving and selling their creations. Bring your kids and have some fun. The Kids Corner has scheduled fun activities the

entire weekend including Educational Presentations, Science Activities, Service Learning Projects, Kids Talent Show, Nerf Gun Target Range, Scavenger hunt, and Kids Vendor Show. Kids will be set up and selling arts and crafts. There is a \$5 admission fee to Mountain Fest 2022 for ages 12 and up. This one time fee is good for the entire weekend when you present your wristband for readmission. Service dogs are allowed but we kindly ask that no other animals attend this event. For further information visit our website: <https://www.elkcountywilds.com/mountainfest2022> You can also follow us on Facebook: Elk County Wilds Tourism Association where you will find scheduled events, musician lineup, and all the vendor listings. Mountain Fest Hours: March 4, 11-10pm; March 5 10-10pm; March 6, 10-3pm.

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Ellicottville Town Board Discusses Poverty Hill Culvert Project

By Dave Parker

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on February 16. Supervisor Matthew McAndrew opened this month's meeting. With no public comments, Supervisor McAndrew provided several updates including a recent appraisal of the Town Center as part of the renovation effort. Much discussion ensued regarding the appraised value amount and what portions of the building were included in the appraisal. A meeting was requested to understand the appraisal details.

POLICE REPORT

Office in Charge (OIC) Don Auge detailed recent conversations with the Ellicottville Central Schools about the potential need for a school resource officer. OIC Auge noted that the conversations are in the beginning stages and the costs of the resource are being explored. A meeting will be set up with Ellicottville Central Schools and OIC Auge to continue the discussions. OIC Auge provided an update on the planning for the upcoming Rail Rider Jamboree, which is expecting a large number of attendees at Holiday Valley. Police assistance will be needed for traffic control and

staffing for the large influx into the Village after the event. The Board voted to approve the Rail Rider Jamboree event.

ENGINEER REPORT

Town Engineer Ben Slotman's department will be looking for a replacement engineering position with the departure of Zach Carlson. The Board approved a motion to accept Zach's resignation and to post the job vacancy. Mr. Slotman also detailed the plan for staffing with the upcoming retirement of Jim Thoman in the Sewer Department.

Several Engineering project statuses were provided by Mr. Slotman including the contract award for the Poverty Hill culvert project, a change order required for construction at the sewer plant, and a mowing contract for the Arboretum. Also, the Engineering Department placed a request for computer upgrades due to challenges running software. The Board approved a \$5,000 request for the hardware upgrades.

HIGHWAY REPORT

In the Town Highway Department update, a motion was approved to spend highway funds. Also, a motion was regrettably approved to accept Highway Superintendent Tom Scharf's

resignation. The Board discussed the appointment process for Mr. Scharf's successor.

In new business, the SPCA contract for 2022 was approved with a minor change in the contract from last year. Also, the opening of the Town Hall was approved for Tuesday, February 22 but the Hall will be closed after-hours.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent McAndrew provided several updates on ongoing projects. The Valley Village project is in recording and requires the easement to be addressed. The Quackenbush project is waiting on better weather to fine-tune surveying items and the completion of an easement to conduct a culvert cleaning. Finally, a meeting will be scheduled to continue work on the review and update of the Alarm Law.

Before adjuring into the executive session, a correspondence from the Alley Katz was reviewed in appreciation for the Town's financial support for their decoration efforts.

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

Jamboree

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featuring A Girl Named Genny, Brass Machine, Driftwood, Keller Williams and headliner, Dark Star Orchestra! The Jamboree will take place at Holiday Valley Resort, in the field on Rt. 219 across from the SnowPine chair.

The kick off is on Friday, March 18th with the Rail

Rider Rail Jam from 5-7pm at the Rail Park followed by live music at the Cabana Bar from 8-10pm. Rail Rider tickets will not be required for the Cabana Bar party, but there will be specials for ticket holders.

Ease into Sunday morning with Yoga from 10-11am, held outdoors if weather permits. Next is "Bluegrass and Bloodys" at the Cabana Bar from 11am-1pm with live music.

"I produced winter festivals

on the west coast for 8 years, so it's great to be able to bring this together at Holiday Valley in my backyard." says Ginger Root Productions and Borderland Festival owner, Jennifer Brazill, "I am really excited about merging music and mountains and curating a 1 day boutique event...it's always such a good time."

Rail Rider Tickets

The event is for all ages, 10 and under admission is free. Please don't bring your dogs to the festival.

Maple

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that she cooked up his moose meat in that sweet liquid which resulted in a delightful syrupy meal. The Man of the "Teepee" gave it the name you just learned.

Massmaple.org tells that the early settlers noted in their journals that the natives had been making maple syrup as early as 1609 but probably well before that. It was thought that they first discovered the sweet properties of the maple sap when they broke off "sapsicles" that formed at the end of broken branches in the winter months.

(Imagine what life might be like if our ancestors weren't curious.) To collect the sap, they cut vee shaped wedges into the tree bark and caught the sweet fluid in vessels. Lacking metal utensils, these may have used hollowed out trees to create troughs for collection, dropping hot rocks into them to evaporate the water. A slow process considering it takes 40 gallons of sap to make 1 gallon of syrup! Native Americans would move their entire families into maple groves during sap season for this 24-7 operation. But,

for lack of safe, long-term storage of the liquid they allowed it to harden making a tradeable coarse granulated sugar called "Grain Sugar," or "Cake Sugar" formed by pouring the liquid into wooden molds creating hard, sweet blocks, and "Wax Sugar" which was made by boiling the syrup until it was very thick and then pouring it over snow. Here's a fun activity from food.com you can easily try at home: Start by collecting freshly fallen snow (or shaved ice) in a large pan, bowl, or bucket. Cover and leave outside in the cold until you're ready to use it. Pour your "real" maple syrup (not sure if it works with manufactured syrup) into a heavy-bottomed pan and place pan on medium-low heat. Clip a candy thermometer to the side so that the end isn't touching the bottom of the pan. Bring the syrup temperature up to 230 - 234 Fahrenheit and allow to boil for 20 minutes. Don't stir the syrup; just let it boil. You may need to lower the heat under the pan to prevent boiling over. Watch it carefully! After 20 minutes, pour the syrup over the snow slowly. Be sure the children are at a safe distance. If the syrup hasn't boiled long enough, you will end up with a syrup 'slushie'. Try boiling

longer the next time. "Jack Wax" as we call it, should be pliable like soft taffy. Roll in onto a fork or use your fingers once it is cool, just as they did at the ski areas years ago during Winterfest! To make hard maple candy, follow the same basic instructions, except the syrup is brought up to 300 Fahrenheit. Pour into candy molds sprayed with no-stick spray. When set, remove, coat with powdered sugar and store in a covered container. Yum!

The early settlers first made their syrup the Native way, and as time passed, they grew more creative in methods to collect the sap (moving from the early spiles made of softwood twigs such as hollow-cored sumac to metal ones and now to tubing). They've learned about and implemented reverse osmosis; cutting cooking time back and totally modernized the system. Today, many local farmers do maple sugaring in the quieter season. Get ready to enjoy the fruits of their labors during the month of March and into April at the annual Maple Festival in Franklinville. Maple Weekends are March 19 & 20 and March 26 & 27, 2022. Check on-line for activities at ASP.

HoliMont

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world stage. Tricia was the only American to finish the race! Her three teammates, including Mikaela Shiffrin, skied out of the slalom course and were disqualified. As she has done repeatedly,

whenever her career appeared to reach a plateau, Tricia reached deeper within herself and climbed ever higher up the hyper-competitive ski racing mountain.

From the Beijing Olympics, Tricia released a statement: "The biggest reason I'm here is that I have such an amazing community of people largely in Buffalo that have supported me and made this possible".

Her parents Martha and David would also like to thank the countless unseen and underappreciated volunteers - coaches, patrollers, parents etc. - who set up and dismantle the extensive infrastructure to run a ski race. Being an Olympian is impressive. Being loyal, resilient, fearless and humble is where Tricia has found true gold - a heart of gold.



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What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

BY: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

dance floors till 2am. We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers that you can dance to or sing along with. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high-end liquor.

Finnerty's joins the party with The Rig from 8-11pm. This Buffalo band plays a rock/southern rock/blues/pop set of covers that are very danceable. There's a dartboard, pool table and a giant Golden Tee video game for some added fun.

We wind things up at Madigan's with DJ SI from 10-2am burnin up the house sound with some slide for your glide on the dance floor. There's a foosball and pool table or a little competition.

SATURDAY: Madigan's is first out of the gate with Tony DeRosa from 6-9pm. Tony plays a pop/rock/alt set of covers. DJ SI will follow in the sound booth with a little groove so you can make all your moves in the front window till 2am.

Ellicottville Distillery will host Jon Hasz from 4-7pm. Sip some local spirits and enjoy some folk/pop/alt originals and covers from a San Diego's own Jon Hasz.

We're back at Balloons for PA Line on the main stage from 7-10:0pm. This band plays an alt/folk/indie/roots set of originals in an acoustic, percussive format. The back bar will host The Chillbillies from 10-1am. DJ Bad Weekend will be cranking the house sound with some thumpin for the bumpin till 2am.

Back on Mill St Finnerty's

After Affect from 8-11pm. They play an alt/rock/pop set of covers to get you up on the dance floor. Try the Reuben Sandwich and a fine selection of craft beer.

Back on Washington St The Gin Mill presents Mo Porter from 8-12am. These guys have been playing in EVL for a long time and do a classic rock set of covers with an emphasis on the Doors. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm Sun-Tues and midnight Wed-Sat. Try the Gin Mill burger, it's a gut buster.

SUNDAY: Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm, featuring Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a pop/folk/rock/alt set of covers to enjoy while you dine on made to order pasta with your favorite toppings. Peruse the ample wine list.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 75-cent wings and a nice beer selection. This weeks musical guest is Maria Sebastian from 6-9pm. Maria has toured nationally as a member of 10,000 Maniacs and plays a folk/indie/alt/pop set of covers and originals.

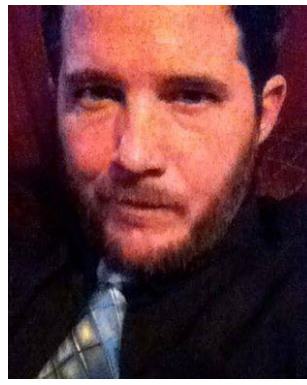
We end the 7 day weekend as we have for the last 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe play a folk/roots/blues/country rock/pop set of covers you'll know all the words to. This is a local's favorite.

We hope, as always, you enjoyed your time in our little village with two ski areas and that you come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What was Your Best Comeback to an Insult?

BY CHAD NEAL



could cause severe issues. Knowing how to react in a non-reactionary way is particularly head swelling in the moment. The perfect comeback - though usually thought of hours after the insult is tossed can help fix the anguish and damage caused. Timing is of the essence. What was your best comeback to an insult?

Throughout life, and especially during adolescence some people have an audacity that makes them feel entitled to hurl insults at others intending to hurt them. And many times the mental health of the victim can be damaged momentarily, or if a lot of vocal ammunition is used it



Jessica S. - You have the IQ of a Crayola.



Josh V. - Two wrongs don't make a right, just ask your parents.



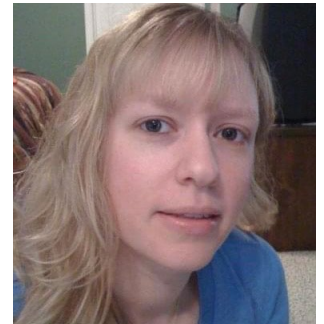
Peter L. (Ace Backwards) - Did you think up that line all by yourself or did you steal it from some other dimwit???



Todd Q. - Sorry did you say something? I wasn't listening.



Jennifer C. - Why say anything?! Look at them as if they are the dumbest person in the room.



Carolyn B.- When I was in high school I was reading a book in study hall. One of the mean girls in the grade above me said, "Reading the Bible??" I said, "Yup. Revelations. You don't make it."

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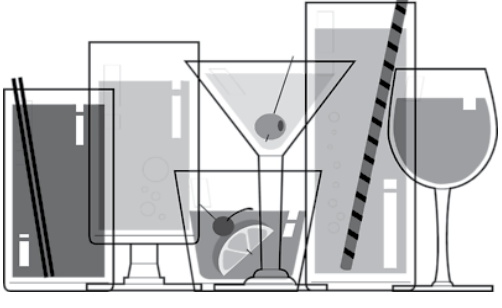
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Parade

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done it, right? Here, hold my beer and I'll tell you a story. Thirty years ago, this March, Arleen Solly was planning her grand opening of Kazoo II (with my help), across the street from her present location. For those of you who know Arleen, success thirty years later comes from the fact that she's not afraid to go outside of the box and be all in with her decisions. If you do know her, you will also know that when Arleen wants something, she is not to be deterred.

As it turns out, (and this is a good thing) what Arleen wants, Arleen gets, even if it meant turning the community onto a new, unexplored path. Being new to the community, Arleen was not aware of the nuances regarding the flow of our tourists. She only knew that every spring, around this time of year, Holiday Valley and, at that time, HoliMont held their Winter Carnivals on the slopes and in their clubhouses. Logically, it seemed to her to be a good time to have the Grand Opening because of the huge influx of tourists. What she did not know was that experience had informed local folks and established retailers and restaurateurs that this was traditionally a slow weekend in the village

because skiers came in on Friday, stopped for supplies and then stayed at the slopes all weekend, participating in a plethora of morning-to-night fun activities, parades, costumes ... a literal carnival atmosphere. How many of our readers remember that far back? The Ellicottville of 1992 was not the Ellicottville of today.

Assisting with the Grand Opening, this writer approached Jane Eshbaugh at Holiday Valley to see if there was a way to accommodate the Kazoo event by enticing visitors into the village that evening and still maintain the level of activity at the clubs. (HoliMont was not an issue since it had no night skiing.) Said I, "Let's give each skier a kazoo with a discount tag usable on Saturday evening after the grand opening." "Or let's choose King and Queen downtown in the Village Square like they did in the late 50's when Canadian skier, Penny Cox was crowned the first Queen." Remarking about the fancy balls held downtown at "Hardware Heights" above what is now Adventure Bound (see more in *For The Love Of Skiing* available at Holiday Valley) the fateful words "why don't we just have a parade?" inexplicably came out of this writer's mouth.

Jane, amazing promoter of all things fun, without blinking or missing a beat, said quietly, "Why don't you?" Bobby McCarthy was in the room. He immediately offered to be The Voice for the parade, acting as if it were a done deal. How does one turn Bobby down? Problem was - Winter Carnival was only three weeks away. Allies and supporters were needed. Fast! John Burrell, new Mayor at the time, gave his blessing with a roll of his eyes and a shake of his head reminding of a few "minor" technicalities that never crossed this mind (like closing a state route for an hour). Patti Crist came to the rescue, Arleen jumped in, Mike Kerns Sr. became a sounding board and second pair of hands, DPW Superintendent, Dennis Linn and the village crew handled getting 219 taped off so cars were parked elsewhere (and many times - snow removal), the Safety and Ski Patrols managed the crowds, Hank Dubey provided any newspaper space needed to advertise the event, Kuk somehow managed to rig up Reggae music outdoors for days leading up to the event, and the ski areas and many businesses built floats, even lighting them.

Mardi Gras #1 had about 20 floats, marching units, kids - snow hills on trailers - horses - and who could ever forget the Marching Menopause Maidens! Spectators were four deep. A beloved tradition was born, and the rest is Ellicottville History.

Sports

STORY FROM COVER

and 27: the 2022 Sportsman Show at Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino (186 Exit 20 777 Seneca Allegany Blvd, Salamanca).

Over 350 tables and 40 booths will be set up to help outdoor enthusiasts of all stripes buy, sell, and trade equipment for their favorite sports. Antique collectors will likewise enjoy the chance to admire and purchase the vintage firearms on display. Those who seek chartered service hunting or fishing adventures also have the opportunity to connect with skilled guides during the show. Animal lovers will particularly enjoy seeing and learning about the western New York wildlife at educational exhibits. If the animals of interest are the ones for permanent display, taxidermists will have these examples of work for viewing.

This broad range of activities at the Sportsman Show is part of the vision of Frewsburg's own Jim Buck. Buck was an Army veteran and collector of antique and military guns for over 50 years. He had the knowledge and expertise that only decades of passion for the subject can provide. This wealth of information was meant to be shared with like-minded hobbyists.

It was only natural that his 40 years of show production experience would complement his love for gun collection, and these interests culminated in the formation of York-Penn Shows. This unique, outdoors event-focused show organization became known for being well organized; as such, York-Penn shows grew in attendance and popularity across the tri-state area. York-Penn Shows and its annual Sportsman Show at Seneca Allegany continue as part of Buck's legacy after his June 2019 passing. His family is proud to carry on this tradition of sport show excellence with the 2022 return to the Seneca Allegany Event Center.

As the host venue of the 2022 Sportsman Show, the Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino is offering \$10 of free slot play to legal gambling aged ticket holders when proof of admission is shown at the Social Club. Tickets for the show are \$8 per person, and children 12 and under are admitted for free with an adult ticket. The hours of the show are 9am-5pm on Saturday, and 9am-4pm.

It is most important for potential firearm shoppers to be prepared for a legal sale. Gun transaction participants at this and similar shows are also required by New York state law to participate in a National Instant Background Check before the sale, no matter the antique status of the firearm. Pistol permit clerks from nearby counties will be present both days to help facilitate and expedite transactions. Upon confirmation of eligibility to own a gun, a sale can proceed. Shoppers and browsers alike have two days to enjoy the outdoors inside of the Seneca Allegany Event Center. It is hoped that spending the weekend indoors to shop and learn during the weekend will find everything they need to enjoy the outdoors of the region through the year.

Lakewood Library Closed

Water Damage to Be Assessed and Corrected

We regret to say the Lakewood Memorial Library will closed until further notice. In an effort to keep all of our friends & supporters updated we are advising everyone of the situation at the library right now. Library Director Shannon Taylor discovered water dripping onto the top of shelves on February 3 while dusting.

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History

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part to the relationships formed among the network; show crew, and the Seneca Nation of Indians. Seneca characters and surroundings were an integral influence on the show's plot, and accurate cultural representation is a vital consideration. Caleb Abrams, a Seneca filmmaker, served as a cultural consultant for the series to ensure that authentic portrayals of the nation's culture and people were shown. His guidance influenced this incarnation of the Dexter series' casting, sets, language, wardrobe, and artwork.

Abrams selected works from artists Hayden Haynes, Nettie Hepner, Peter B. Jones, Jodi Lynn Maracle, Sam Jacobs, Reesa Abrams, and Peter Jemison to feature prominently on multiple occasions. The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (82 W Hetzel St, Salamanca) and Tuscarora Woodworks (5532 Walmore Rd, Lewiston) also provided artwork from their collections to be seen in episodes. Sharp-eyed viewers, art collectors, and proud friends or family

of the artists will be especially quick to recognize whose hands crafted which pieces, sets, and media.

Scenery and script dialogue aren't the only ways to preserve images and words of Seneca significance. Showtime's commitment to giving back to the communities it portrays or uses for filming were demonstrated by gifting \$100,000 to the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. These funds will be used to digitize all of the SINM archives. This means that this catalog of songs, records, stories, photographs, videos, and news stories will be preserved for future generations to access.

"I'm excited to receive this gift from Showtime, which demonstrates its commitment to the preservation of heritage," said Dr. Joe Stahlman, Director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. "We can't wait to begin the digitization of media - some of which has not been viewed in decades." He said many of the media donations from the community are on obsolete formats, such as reel-to-reel tapes or VHS cassettes. He provided an example of historic significance on a now uncommon medium in the form of VHS recorded news

coverage of the tax protests of the '90s. "We don't want memories to slip too far away," noting that communication with elders is what ensures that their experiences are captured for younger generations. The importance of maintaining these connections to the past is paramount to the project and SINM's overall mission. In addition to the funds, Dr. Stahlman was quick to express gratitude to Showtime for its positive portrayal of Seneca culture and citizens.

"We're honored to support the legacy of the Seneca Nation of Indians, whose people and rich culture are ingrained within the narrative of Dexter: New Blood," says Puja Vohra, Executive Vice President, Marketing and Strategy, Showtime Networks Inc. "The team at Showtime is dedicated to helping make a meaningful difference that both commemorates The Seneca Nation's history and strengthens its future."

Project contributions need not be on a Showtime scale to be valued and appreciated. Readers who wish to provide media to add to or funds to support SINM's digital recording project can contact Dr. Stahlman at 716-945-1760 or email joe.stahlman@sni.org to make these arrangements.

Truck

STORY FROM COVER

Nick (N): "I have been looking for a mobile kitchen for a few years. Last year a longtime Ellicottville friend, James Jackson, decided to sell his. I immediately reached out and he made it a reality for us...in the midst of a pandemic. And Nani herself is back to serve the masses. She was the food and beverage manager for the Valley 50 years ago and is delighted to be back outside of the main building, offering some Italian specialties."

V: What are the options and what is their price range?

N: "Right now we have a limited menu. We will be expanding the menu in the coming weeks to include more items such as Brunch Panzerotti. Panzerotti is the main offering (they are small sandwich pockets of goodness, that are the inspiration for the

well know spin-off of Hot Pockets). I was introduced to Panzerotti on a trip to Milan Italy. We went to a place call Luini, and fell in love. Our panzerotti are \$12 dollars and we always have meatball and porchetta as well as our daily variety offering. We also have fried ravioli for \$7, fried pepperoni (so bad for you but so good at the same time) for \$6 and a great way to end your meal with hot Italian donuts knows as Zeppoles for \$7. It's a great line up for people to enjoy."

V: Will you be using the truck outside of the winter season, like perhaps around town or for catering events?

N: "We secured the truck in early 2021 and used it for the entire catering/wedding season last year. We used the mobile kitchen to cater over 60 weddings last year and we will definitely be happy to continue doing that again this year."

V: Anything else new in the works coming soon?

N: "Like I said, we are

looking to expand our menu for Nani's a bit moving forward. And I'm always working on our offerings at Villaggio as well. We want our community to be comfortable dining with us no matter what location they choose, we want them to know that we offer the highest quality options we can provide."

V: Anything else you would like to add?

N: "Working with the team at Holiday Valley and Sodexo Live, we created this project in an effort to help make the skiing experience of Holiday Valley even better. (The early response is that we have a unique and great product. So you may be hearing more about Panzerotti popping up in other places ;)"

Thank you Nick, for taking the time to speak with us and also for sharing the tasty details of your new venture. And a huge thank you to Nani and the crew for pumping out those delicious Italian morsels for the communities enjoyment.

Obie

STORY FROM PG. 6

was a smooth stoic fellow that this writer is happy to have known. His gracious mustache and smiling eyes were behind many a great story, whether it was about how he managed to get an antique from some place to Ellicottville, or a roaring story about the famous Belle Starr, or anything that was brought up.

He was far more involved with a lot more in Ellicottville too. He was great friends with the owners of Gypsy's (Frank and Mary Giancola) up the road from Obieville

"Obie most likely gained a lot of his notoriety earlier in his life as he 'was behind getting bands in the bar' at the Belle Starr. He booked The Fabulous Thunderbirds there with guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughn, George Thorogood and the Delaware Destroyers, Muddy Waters and Jeff Beck to name a few."

and had a helping hand in the restaurants that followed in that building. His shaded glasses and characteristic tone were welcomed by many and he is and will be missed by very many, as he greets many others he knew

in that house not made with hands up above.

A possible celebration of life is being planned for this coming spring or summer and his children will have more details about it in the future. One Love.

Wingate

STORY FROM PG. 7

work with. We have such a great little Wingate family here." Amanda and the staff at Wyndham love being a part of the many Ellicottville events. My absolute favorite event is Christmas in Ellicottville. I love watching all the kiddos that visit the hotel. They are so excited to see Santa. It is a lot of work and a lot of cleaning involved after, but completely worth it. I also love sponsoring the car show during Rock N

Roll weekend. There are some pretty awesome cars that come through!"

Wingate by Wyndham is currently running a stay and ski package which includes an overnight stay in a traditional room with two queen beds, two 8 hour lift tickets to either Holiday Valley or HoliMont along with the hot buffet breakfast each morning, indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center. Packages start at 229.00 + tax/night Sunday-Thursday (non-holiday) and Ski Monday- Friday (also non-holiday). Also watch for golf packages starting in the spring. They also offer group

rates for blocks of rooms. They have a meeting space in the hotel that can hold up to 30 guests starting at \$175/day along with customizable add-ons. In closing, Amanda encourages readers with a favorite quote: "The best way to get things done is to begin."

When you're overwhelmed by a large task, or unsure of what's next, just get started and you'll be on your way. Stay connected on Facebook @EllicottHotelsWingate, Instagram @ellicottville_wingate visit online wingate@ellicotthotels.com or contact Amanda directly awalsh@ellicotthotels.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING BOARD: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 274-b of NYS Town Law and Section 6.3.C of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning, the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. to consider: TPB-2021-202, an application by Michael Korzeniewski for a Special Use Permit to establish a combined General Retail Establishment and Restaurant commonly referred to as a package store at 5364 Rt. 242 East, identified as tax map parcel 47.001-1-25. Under the Governor's Executive Orders on holding public meetings during the on-going Covid-19 situation, this public hearing will be held in-person at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Dr., Ellicottville, NY and will follow appropriate social-distancing protocol. Prior to the meeting, application materials will be made available to the public on the Town website: <http://www.evengineering.com/> The Planning Board will hear interested persons during the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so, may submit written comments prior to the public hearing. Written comments may be mailed to the Planning Board, PO Box 600, Ellicottville NY 14731 or sent by email to: kelly.fredrickson@evengineering.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING BOARD: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK (NOTE: this meeting is being held in-person, in Village Hall) Pursuant to NYS Village Law Section 7-725-a and Sections 6.3 and 10-16 of the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, a public hearing before the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 5:30 P.M., to consider: VPB-2021-58, an application by Timothy DiGiulio for a Site Plan Review and Architectural Design Review for a modification to original plan in order to construct a 15' x 24' (360 s.f.) shed roof over patio to new single-family residence at 8 Fillmore, identified as part of tax map parcel 55.027-2-6.5. The Planning Board will hear all interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments prior to the public hearing by mail to: Village of Ellicottville, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731; or by email to: kelly.fredrickson@evengineering.com. Application materials will be available for review prior to the hearing on the Town and Village Engineering Dept. website: <http://www.ellicottvillegov.com/>.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of: Baker's Loft, LLC. Articles of Organization filled 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.

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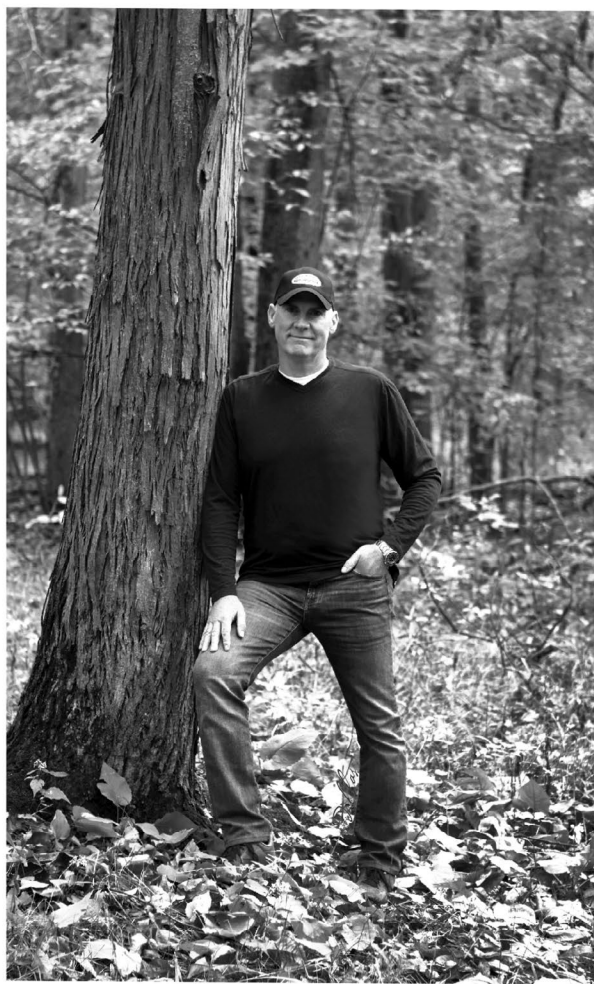
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