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Sills Family Farm, Little Valley

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Friday, February 11th • 10:30 am
Allegheny State Park, Salamanca

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

MOONLIT STROLL
Saturday, February 15th • 5:30pm
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville

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

WINTER MUSIC JAM
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Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

2022 SPORTSMAN SHOW
Saturday, February 26 & 27 • 9am
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

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Saturday, February 26th • 9-2pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

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Various Locations, Cassadaga

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Cassadaga Lake, Cassadaga

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Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

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Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

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Northwest Arena, Jamestown

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February 18th - 20th • Times Vary
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Heart of HoliMont at the Olympics

4 Canadian Winter Olympic Athletes Share HoliMont Ties



Megan Farrell (pictured), another debuting snowboarder, also inherited her HoliMont roots from the earliest age. Her grandparents were among the first club members, so she had been exposed to skiing and snowboarding right away. See story "OLYMPICS", page 8.

History of Groundhog's Day

Craze Dates Back to Weather in 1886 & Need for Hope



Sun on Groundhog Day heralds another six weeks (42 days) of cold and winter. Cloudy weather gives observers the hope for an early spring. According to History.com "The first Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who sold a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters—known collectively as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club—on the idea. The men trekked to a site called Gobbler's Knob, where the inaugural groundhog became the bearer of bad news when he saw his shadow." See story "SHADOW", page 9.

Ski Areas of Winters Past

Blue Mountain - Poverty Hill - Grosstal



Recently, this photo posted by Terry Norton on the "I Love Ellicottville" Facebook page grabbed our editor's attention and she sent it along for a story to be made: "Some of you older skiers may remember Bluemont. It was very popular in the 1970's. Had free popcorn in the lodge. The conditions were usually pretty good to excellent in the apres ski bar!." Nick Pitillo, owner of Villaggio made comment that he used to race there.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Recently, a post appeared on Facebook with many "olde tyme" skiers waxing poetically

about the romance and delights of skiing at Bluemont in Yorkshire. It's for sale now but it holds

SEE "SKI" PAGE 14

Black History Month

AACCD Posters Displayed in Olean Community



The African American Center for Cultural Development (AACCD, 214 N Barry St.) is spreading its Black History Month exhibition outside of the museum and into two frequented community locations.

BY JESSICA MILLER

As everyone is aware, February is Black History Month in the United States. While African diaspora, Caribbean American, and African American cultural contributions are worthy of recognition all year round, this

is a particular month of emphasis and celebration. The Black originated inventions, ideas, art, and personalities enriching life for everyone are honored in communities across the world. Some may be surprised that

SEE "HISTORY" PAGE 10

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Business Spotlight: **Gigi's Cucina Povera ... Pg. 6**

Kenmore, NY Restaurant Serves Up a Slice of Sicily



A great meal can make even the worst day better. Whether it's the friends we share it with, the drinks we cheer with, or the food that fills our stomachs. If you are looking for delicious, authentic food and great friends and cheer, I have a restaurant for you to try, Gigi's Cucina Povera. Gigi's Cucina Povera is owned by Mary Ann Giordano.

Holiday Valley's New Golf Pro Pg. 3

Kyle Benish, Head Golf Pro of Double Black Diamond Golf Course

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Solar Power in E. Otto

Local Farm Converts Land to Harness Power



Barber is leasing the 30 acres to Dimension Renewable Energy, and said it will provide 7 megawatts of power for the grid.

By Chad Neal

Hanna Barber grew up in Otto, New York on a farm called the Dunkleman Hill Farm. She is a third-generation resident of this farm started by her grandparents Herbert and Jean Dunkleman when they purchased the land in 1953. Located on a dead-end road called Dunkleman Hill Road, the many acres were utilized by the Dunkleman's and their five children, Glen, David, Fay, Sally and Linda as

SEE "SOLAR" PAGE 14

EVL Member Spotlight: EVL Salt Cave & Spa

Discovered from German Salt Caves During WWII



In 2014, Tracy Draper moved back to Ellicottville to begin her new adventure. She imported over 20 tons of Himalayan salt and brought builders in from Poland to create an authentic European style salt cave.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Tracy Draper is the proud owner of Ellicottville Salt Cave, which opened Nov 2014. As a licensed massage therapist, Tracy has always been naturally committed to the journey in seeking out alternative holistic therapy. In 2013 she moved to Asheville, North Carolina for a year. Here, she came across a Himalayan salt cave run by a young couple from Poland. After several visits and positive experiences,

SEE "SALT" PAGE 15



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Publisher's Word

"No Matter What It Is, Make It Good"



The good thing about us Western New Yorkers is that we are hardy. Whether the rodent casts more winter upon us, or less of a winter, we will still be happy. We have four seasons and events are planned accordingly

around them. Seeing as we are in for six more weeks of winter, keep the skis, boards, snowshoes and fat bikes out and enjoy the terrain; we have plenty of ski areas and trails for you to explore. Or throw another log on the fire, grab a glass of wine and a good book and enjoy watching the snowfall from the comfort of your home.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, so if you need an occasion to show your special someone that they are special, there is no better time. I on the other hand like to celebrate everyday: grab a nice glass of wine, put on some good tunes, smell the flowers, cook something

creative, play a game, dance in the kitchen and celebrate the day. If you haven't done that for yourself in a while, celebrate you! You deserve it!

One way or another, there is no excuse to not enjoy the here and now especially when you live in our amazing area and you have such great reading material right at your fingertips, www.thevillager.com.

As always, if you have a story idea for us or are interested in being a part of our team, please contact me, info@thevillager.com, I look forward to hearing from you. **Until next week** - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Holiday Valley's New Golf Pro

Kyle Benish, Head Golf Pro of Double Black Diamond Golf Course



Among his many affiliations and committees, Benish is a Certified PGA Coach/ADM Certified, a member of the Western New York PGA (WNYPGA) Board of Directors, Chairman of the Junior Golf / Growth of the Game Committee and a member of the Tournament and Hall of Fame/ Awards Committees. Benish has been recognized as Assistant Golf Professional of the Year a record three times by the WNYPGA and has been featured in the PGA Magazine twice.

By BROOKE SZPAICHER

Most of us begin to recognize the familiar faces of our local resort at Holiday Valley. In the summertime, we watch the snow melt away and golf course grow greener; we watch the covers get removed from the pools; the flowers start to bloom; and of course, the Mountain Shop shifts from winter gear to summertime apparel and our local golf shop!

At the end of last week, Holiday Valley President and General Manager, Dennis Eshbaugh, announced that Kyle Benish will become the Head Golf Professional of the Double Black Diamond Course at Holiday Valley starting April 1, 2022. Benish will take the place of Steven Carney, a PGA Master Golf Professional, who was Holiday Valley's Director of

Golf and Summer Operations for 17 years. Mr. Carney will become a PGA Ambassador for Holiday Valley.

Mr. Benish has worked at Holiday Valley for 17 years and during that time he continually improved his playing and teaching skills as he progressed through the PGA organization. Kyle started as Holiday Valley's 1st Assistant Professional in 2004 and has been a PGA Class A Member since 2010, culminating in 2019 when he earned his designation as a PGA Certified Professional. Kyle is enrolled in the PGA Specialized Program working toward his Executive Management Certification. Benish has also served as the Assistant Golf Coach and Lead Instructor for the St. Bonaventure University golf team and as the 1st Assistant Golf Professional at Worthington Country Club in

Bonita Springs, Florida.

His love for the sport has been a part of him since he was young. His parents and grandfather introduced him to the playing the game, which then transitioned into learning the business of golf. It has only grown from that point on. Among his many affiliations and committees, Benish is a Certified PGA Coach/ADM Certified, a member of the Western New York PGA (WNYPGA) Board of Directors, Chairman of the Junior Golf / Growth of the Game Committee and a member of the Tournament and Hall of Fame/ Awards Committees. Benish has been recognized as Assistant Golf Professional of the Year a record three times by the WNYPGA and has been featured in the PGA Magazine twice.

"One of the most enjoyable things is seeing a player for the first time hit a great golf shot or a player who has been struggling to get their swing back and see that smile light up their face." When continuing to express his enthusiasm for the game and Holiday Valley golf, Kyle said, "I look forward to the future here at Holiday Valley. I am excited to be a part of continuing to create a fun atmosphere for people to enjoy our wonderful golf course and build on the high level of service we have come to expect. I will continue to provide the newest styles of equipment and merchandise in the award-winning golf shop and stay on the cutting edge of technology in our industry."

Ellicottville Student Selected

Elsa Woodarek Headed to Disney Dreamers Academy



Elsa Woodarek

Ellicottville Central High School student Elsa Woodarek was chosen, along with 100 other high school students to head to Walt Disney World Resort for their 15th annual Disney Dreamers Academy from March 3rd to the 6th.

The program is an educational mentorship created and hosted by Walt Disney World to broaden career awareness for those who are from underrepresented communities across American.

Lucky students will spend

four days learning valuable life and leadership skills such as networking strategies and in-depth career workshops. The workshops are meant to introduce the Dreamer program students to multiple career paths in business, entertainment and sciences, as well as opportunities within the Walt Disney Company itself.

Elsa was prompted to apply for the program by her aunt and is a little awe struck and grateful that she was actually chosen for the opportunity.

Celebrating New Skis!!



Great minds think alike! Amy DeTine (left) celebrating new skis with friend and fellow Realtor, Caitlin Croft. Thank you, City Garage, Sean and Connor!

Valentine's Day Raffle

Directions in Independent Living "Spreads The Love", Friday, Feb. 11th

Directions in Independent Living invites local businesses to join in spreading the love from Monday, Jan. 31 through Friday, Feb. 11 by participating in a Valentine's Day Raffle in their restaurants or businesses. "Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to spread the love for those with disabilities or have been impacted by COVID-19 or who just might need a lift,"

Krissy Wagner, executive co-director of Directions, said. Businesses are encouraged to participate in this fun-loving initiative by selling \$1. Valentine raffle tickets for a romantic gift basket valued at more than \$100. Directions will provide businesses with Valentine raffle tickets on which patrons may write their names and contact information. A collection box also will be provided for the

raffle tickets near the check-out counter. On Friday, Feb. 11, Directions will collect the baskets of Valentines. The drawing for the winning valentine raffle ticket will be live-streamed on Directions Facebook, www.facebook.com/DILunplugged, and the winner will be called. Please contact Victoria Kearns, development specialist, at 716-378-9438 or victoriakearns@oleanilc.org.



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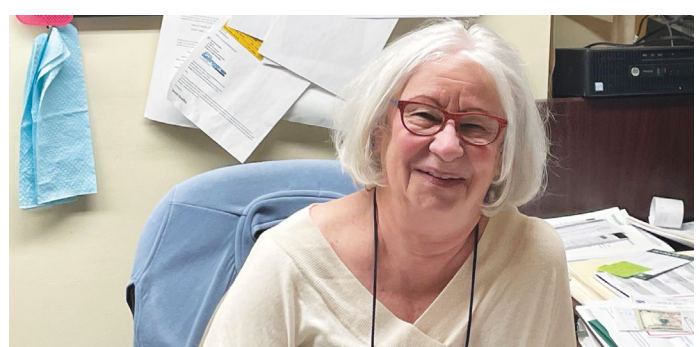
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HoliMont Update

HoliMont Inside Information: Bev Gerard



Bev Gerard, HoliMont employee of 25 years

May. Bev said May, although there is still work to do, is a bit of a lull. In the office, she said although everyone feels relieved to have done their part to make the past season a success, there is also a void where Bev and her six full time co-workers "miss the people and the hustle and bustle of the season". By June and July, Bev and her colleagues are (among other things) very busy invoicing members for dues and initiation fees payable by Sept 1st. After the fall membership meeting, things really ramp up and the office is very busy with making all the behind-the-scenes work to assure that everyone's paperwork is processed and passes ready to be distributed.

BY DAN BALKIN

Baby, it's cold outside. That passes for good news at a ski resort. But inside the HoliMont office it's toasty warm. Not just the warmth of the thermostat, but the longstanding personal warmth of our office manager Bev Gerard and the other personnel who perform the often unseen but vital work to make HoliMont tick.

Before one natural or artificial snowflake falls on the slopes, the money must roll in. Strange thing about this life – it's expensive! Bev is HoliMont's money gatekeeper. She does the vital bookkeeping to keep track of accounts payable and receivable. That involves many bank transactions, trips to the post office, and the general distribution of mail. Because Bev is blessed with natural grace and humility, the first things she said when we sat down to talk were about her co-workers, whom she adores. Bev said, "We must function as a team to make the office run smoothly" and "Everyone must sometimes go out of their job description to make it all work". That said, Bev had a big smile when she told me her co-workers are sometimes up to a bit of good-natured Holi-Mischief. Turns out, Bev scares easily. She has been on the receiving end of more than one expertly placed fake mouse or spider. Her co-workers wait with bated breath until they hear Bev's familiar shriek – and then Bev and everyone else revel in laughter. How Bev – the good sport who can laugh at herself. Bravo Bev!

Bev is originally from Buffalo and moved to East Otto when she got married. She was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest of four children entered school. She and her husband now have three grandchildren. Bev has been at HoliMont for 25 years and plans to retire as the Office Manager and Membership Liaison at the end of this year. HoliMont families or individual members pay their yearly dues and dutifully pick up their pass at a table set up in the back of the chalet. Each year, it runs like clockwork. For someone who can't wait to drape their new pass around their neck and take the first run of the season, it's more akin to magic. Turns out, however, no one is saying "abracadabra" to make this all happen. There is a lot of professional work behind the scenes to pull off this seamless process from paying our dues to skiing our slopes.

The rhythms of a ski resort obviously revolve around the seasons. When the ski season ends each April, the fiscal calendar year for the next season begins immediately in

Bev is also HoliMont's Membership Liaison. In 2018, HoliMont's Board, in response to changing times and evolving demographics, voted to make changes to the rules to make HoliMont membership more flexible. The options are too numerous to list here, but the Board created more flexibility in the system to promote membership and financial fairness. It's working – and Bev is the expert on answering any questions members may have about the new rules.

Bev is pleased to be passing the baton to Kara Church as membership liaison at the end of the season. Bev said she "truly enjoyed my time here" and that "working at HoliMont has been a wonderful experience". Bev, the HoliMont community commends you for your grace, patience, expertise, and caring attitude toward the members and your co-workers. Enjoy the grandkids and your love of cooking!

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Thank You Slovenian Ski Club!

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HoliMont Slopes Looking Good!!

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Holiday Valley Update

Getting to Know the Team: Richie Morgan, Voice of the Holiday Valley Snow Report



Richie riding in the side by side, setting up for an event.

BY BROOKE SZPAICHER

five years in Lake Placid coaching freestyle for the NY Ski Education Fountain and ORDA (Olympic Regional Development Authority). He then joined Holiday Valley thirteen years ago. He works winters for the event team and 30 years! He spent twenty-

(V): What does a typical day look like on the hill for you?

(RM): Mornings start at 6am. I am the newest voice for the Holiday Valley snow report! I write the snow report and record it for the snow phone (699-2644). Then I hop on the sled and head out to check on the parks. We rake snow and check all the features. On event days, we coordinate timing, set gates, and inspect the course, anything from alpine to freestyle to marketing events (Penguin Paddle, Winter Carnival etc). My day typically ends around 3pm.

(V): What do you enjoy in your time off the hill?

(RM): In my free time, I like riding my e-bike around town, skiing, hunting, and golfing year around.

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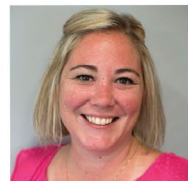
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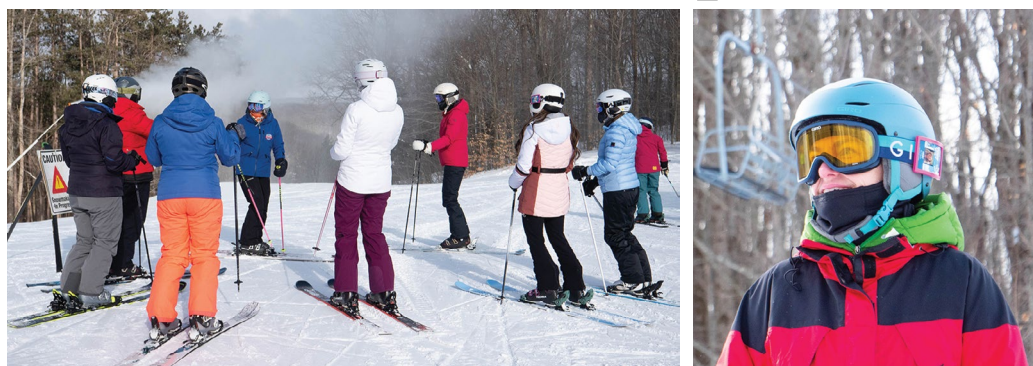
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Thank You Participants!!



We would like to thank all the women who came out to take part in our recent Women's Ski Clinic. New friends were made, new skills were learned and memories were created. And that...is what skiing should be all about. Hope you made it out on the slopes over the weekend to make some memories! Photo/Brenden Lisi

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Holiday Valley Resort hosts live music in February. Saturday Feb. 19 from 4-8PM in Yodeler - Cami Clune (Buffalo native, competed on The Voice). Sunday Feb. 20 from 4-8PM in Main Lodge T-Bar - Maria Sebastain.



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Business Spotlight: Gigi's Cucina Povera

Kenmore, NY Restaurant Serves Up a Slice of Sicily



Gigi's Cucina Povera is located in Kenmore, NY and is owned by Mary Ann Giordano.

BY RACHEL FRALEY

A great meal can make even the worst day better. Whether it's the friends we share it with, the drinks we cheer with, or the food that fills our stomachs. If you are looking for delicious, authentic food and great friends and cheer, I have a restaurant for you to try, Gigi's Cucina Povera.

Gigi's Cucina Povera is located in Kenmore, NY and is owned by Mary Ann Giordano. She opened the restaurant eight years ago and it is named for her grandmother "Gigi". The restaurant's name means poor kitchen and they serve "peasant food", they take easy, simple dishes and enhance them and make them even better.

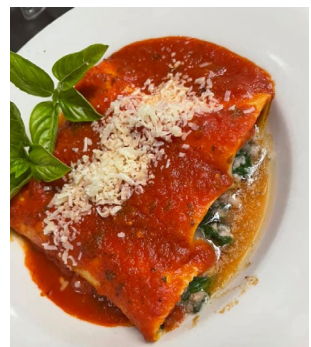
Mary Ann is not only the owner, but head chef as well. She accredits her love of cooking to growing up around her grandmother and her father, Dr. Paul Giordano who was also a huge influence. Growing up most of her family was in the restaurant business in some way or another; her father and siblings were put through school by the older siblings who were in the business. Mary Ann stated "In fifth grade, I decided I was going to own a restaurant, because all of my uncles did. When they had to do a cultural project in school, "I made a lasagna and brought it to class".

The restaurant's décor is authentic Sicilian throughout, with hand painted pictures on the walls, all done by

her father, except for the front room, which features paintings of Buffalo, NY. The food is authentic Sicilian and delicious. Sicilian food differs from Italian food, in that Sicilian has many different influences.

Mary Ann and the staff at Gigi's are getting ready for their biggest event of the year, St. Joseph's Table. The event takes place the Sunday and Monday after St. Joseph's Day. St. Joseph's day (Saturday, March 19, 2022) is a celebration of the harvest after a famine. The event typically features a beautiful St. Joseph's table with an alter with a buffet spread of food, although this year covid restrictions may alter it to a plated event. If you would like to enjoy the celebration, you can make a timed reservation for the day. In addition, Mary Ann and her father wrote the "St. Joseph's Day Table" cookbook, which features the recipes and traditions of the Giordano family.

Gigi's Cucina Povera is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4pm-9pm and Friday and Saturday's from 4pm-10pm. They also offer catering and private parties. Take a trip to this wonderful family owned restaurant. You can like them on Facebook or go to their website.



The restaurant's name means poor kitchen and they serve "peasant food", they take easy, simple dishes and enhance them and make them even better.

Business Spotlight: Fiesta Bamba

Springville, NY Mexican Restaurant is Hot



Fiesta Bamba, located at 60 South Cascade Drive in Springville, NY, is open 7 days a week from 11am-8pm.

BY BARBARA ARSTEIN

Are you tired of seeing all that snow? It's time to forget about icy and think about spicy at Springville's Fiesta Bamba, the Mexican restaurant that makes you feel like doing the samba.

Tell you what; imagine we're dining there together right now: We just sat down at our booth, which has a beautiful calla lily pattern on its tabletop. I'm sure you feel better already, seeing all the bright, cheery colors and intriguing decorative touches in every direction: Such as the multicolored striped curtains up front, and the ceramic figurine of a snoozing man (taking a "Fiesta siesta")

On the walls, among other things, there are two intricately embroidered sombreros, and a stylized sun decoration with the face of a beautiful woman. But what's most responsible for the ever-happy atmosphere -- besides the great food and excellent service -- is the upbeat mariachi and Bamba music always filling the air.

"With so much to choose from, how can I decide what to eat?" you asked me just now, as you looked

over the menu, while munching happily on chips and salsa (first bowl free presentation! The Burrito for every table of diners). Bamba also looks yummy, I'm turning the pages of the menu, which features lots of tempting photos, pointing to various items, and singing out their names say to me, "What's the number of this place? I want to the catchy rhythm of the music from the speakers: to keep it handy."

"Carnita? A fajita? Steak? Margarita? Or...or...nada but FUN?" "Fun!" you say jokingly, so for fun, we sing my "spontaneous song" again, this time clapping along: "Carnita? A fajita! Steak? Margarita? ...or...or... nada but FUN!" That WAS lots of fun, but now it's decision time.

"So many things look so good on the menu that I can't decide what to order", you say. "Try the Fajitas Del Fogon", I suggest, "so you can have tastes of chicken AND steak AND carnitas AND Mexican sausage, together and they add up and onions." "OKAY!" you say, and I decide to have the Burrito Bamba this time, another delicious way to "have it all": chicken AND steak AND shrimp, plus peppers, onions and cheese!

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Business Spotlight: Haunted Hinsdale House

Daniel Klaes: Hinsdale House's Ghost Whisperer



Klaes's book, *Hinsdale House: An American Haunting* is available on Amazon.

Since Klaes bought the house seven years ago, he has discovered full body apparitions, a shadow person in the kitchen, and poltergeist. He does not view this as a bad thing. Spirits, he says, don't necessarily mean any harm. Energy never dies. Disembodied spirits often don't know how to control their energy, he says.

Why are the ghosts of Hinsdale House so aggressive in their haunting? Klaes believes there is a story that the ghosts are trying to tell us, a story that has been forgotten or perhaps covered up. Apparently, the haunting began in the early 1970s. Had there been foul play within the house? Determined to solve the mystery behind the haunting, Klaes is using ground-penetrating radar (costing \$400 per hour) to search the land surrounding the house. If bodies are buried there, he hopes to soon find out.

Klaes's book, *Hinsdale House: An American Haunting* is available on Amazon. He directs the *Behind the Shadows* series, streaming on VidiSpace, has starred in *The Ghost Finders*, *My Paranormal Nightmare*, and *Paranormal Nightshift*, and also gives public talks. His website is www.DanielKlaes.com. Klaes also explores other haunts such as the Wildwood Sanitarium in Salamanca.

The Hinsdale House offers regular tours and overnight investigations, often attracting celebrities. Daryl Marston of the *Ghost Hunters* TV show will visit the house March 26th. Space is limited. To learn more or buy tickets, visit the website at www.HauntedHinsdaleHouse.com.

BY MERI CAIRNS

Daniel Klaes may very well be Western New York's ghost whisperer. In fact, he grew up in a haunted house. That was the "first Scooby Doo mystery of my life," he says. After hearing singing and creepy footsteps, among other strange sounds in the house, he learned from a Lilydale psychic that child spirits were attached to some items in the dwelling. He found a painting of a little boy and girl in the house that he suspects represented the spirits. Rather than flee from these strange happenings in his parents' house, he found himself intrigued by the paranormal, and that became his calling. Klaes later bought his parents' house, co-founded the Greater WNY Paranormal Society, and then later purchased the Hinsdale House. Ghosts have a story to tell and a voice that needs to be heard, he says.

costly repairs (the house had been slated for demolition), Klaes bought the property seven years ago and has been working on renovations ever since. The former owner of the old farmhouse, built in 1853, was also a ghost hunter from Canada.

Since the 1970s, residents had a tendency to flee the old house. In 1974, the Dandy family brought in Father Alphonsus to exorcise the house. It didn't work, and the family moved out shortly after. They'd lived in the house for less than two years. Klaes discovered that the late Florence Misnik had lived in the house in the 1980s. When he visited the house, he started asking her questions about living there, hoping her spirit would respond. He had brought along a K2 EMF meter that measures electromagnetic frequencies in the environment. The meter goes off when strong electrical pulses are present. When Klaes called out to Flo Misnik, the K2 meter suddenly went up to its highest point, and he felt a jolt. Here's the clincher: there was no active electrical wiring in the house at that location. Despite the many time.



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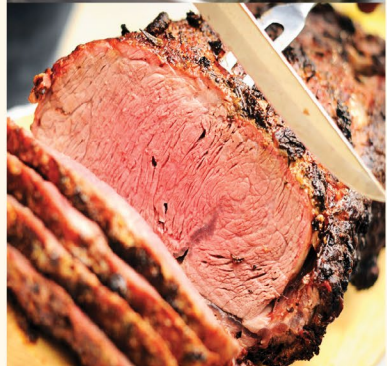
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Olympics

STORY FROM COVER
 BY JESSICA MILLER



Farrell began snowboarding at age four with her older siblings and cousins to form the first HoliMont Snowboard Race team.

Plenty of people go to HoliMont Ski Club (6921 Rt 242, Ellicottville) to have fun on the slopes. Plenty of people enjoy traveling the world. Plenty of people enjoy watching the Olympics. Then there are a few lucky and talented athletes that have the opportunity to check all three of these boxes in Beijing, China at the 2022 Winter Olympics.

HoliMont Ski Club can boast that it has had many professional skiers and snowboarders get their start or compete at its club. The most recent crop of area snow sportspeople is currently in Beijing competing for medals; there are three snowboarders and one skier on the Canadian teams with club ties. Each of these skilled competitors has already done much to represent Ellicottville well in their professions.

Kevin Drury is a Toronto based freestyle skier. He is a HoliMont race team alumni returning to the Olympic Winter Games after making his Olympic debut in the 2018 PyeongChang games. Drury has recovered from a broken leg experienced last year, and has since returned to competition with a second place podium finish at the Nakiksa World Cup on January 14, 2022. He is grateful for the support he has received from his wife, friends, family, teammates, and other supporters. Drury says, "What a weekend it was here in Nakiska. It was my first podium since breaking my leg a year ago. There were some tough times in there, but I couldn't have done it without all the support behind me! You all know

who you are and I am beyond thankful!"

Jennifer "JJ" Hawkrigg is a snowboard competitor who began skiing at HoliMont at age two. Hawkrigg's grandparents frequently visited Ellicottville during winters. She was inspired to start snowboarding at age four after seeing a race during a HoliMont visit. "I saw that they had a snowboard race team there and I saw older kids racing," Hawkrigg said. "From there, I automatically knew that this is what I wanted to do." She pursued other interests as a teen, but has always made snowboarding her priority. This is Hawkrigg's first Olympic competition, but she has served as an in-office athlete on the RBC Olympic brand marketing team in 2019.

Megan Farrell, another debuting snowboarder, also inherited her HoliMont roots from the earliest age. Her grandparents were among the first club members, so she had been exposed to skiing and snowboarding right away. Farrell began snowboarding at age four with her older siblings and cousins to form the first HoliMont Snowboard Race team. Her father switched his sport to snowboarding at age 40 and also served as her first coach. "He set the

standard for us kids when competing in USASA races! I always loved being able to share in the experience with my dad and enjoy competing together," said Farrell. Her competition schedule is full after Beijing, but she does hope to return to Ellicottville to see her friends and family as soon as possible.

Kaylie Buck, likewise making her Olympic premiere, has been an Alpine snowboard competitor since the age of 10. She started competing in Ellicottville's USASA series and has been striving ever since. The earliest competitive streak first showed itself when Buck would challenge herself against her older brother and her friends. She excelled at snowboarding and naturally focused on this sport. Fellow girls competing at HoliMont also inspired her to perform at her best; this camaraderie and friendly rivalry continues to motivate Buck. "From the moment I started watching the older female riders on the HoliMont snowboard team, I knew I wanted to chase them too and one day be like them!" Buck is equally proud to see the similarities between herself and her local peers. "It's pretty special that 3 of us from the same grass roots, all of different ages, are now competing together at Olympics," she observes.

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Shadow

STORY FROM COVER
By CAROL FISHER-LINN

At the end of persistent repeats of one Groundhog Day after another, Murray finally confronted his own miserable shadow (his winter) and transformed from the dark character he was into a kind-hearted, hopeful, happy guy.

*When is a groundhog not a groundhog?
When it's a whistle-pig, aardvark, woodchuck, marmot, rockchuck, or woodshock (in Canada)*

My husband refers to an opossum as a "grinny-hisser" in deference to a dear and somewhat quirky friend who called them that, referring to their looks and behavior when approached. In reading an article recently the word camelopard popped up. It comes from Greek kamēlopárdalis, derived from kámēlos "camel" and párdalis "leopard", and was common until the late 19th century. Imagine! The groundhog is hardly the only animal that has more than one name. Granted, unlike the camelopard, many of the ones cited above are colloquial to a particular geographical region.

So, the story goes that German-speaking immigrants to Pennsylvania started the Groundhog Day craze. It was winter-1886/1887 - The United States was staggering from the January 9, 1887 blizzard that hit the cattle ranches of the Great Plains. The winds were merciless, and the temperatures dropped to around 50 degrees below zero. Millions of the nation's cattle stocks were dead from either the cold or from starvation. If ever people across America needed a chance to be hopeful and look forward to a break from the weather horribillis it was in that aftermath.

Historically humans must have always sought out a lift in spirits during the dark winter days. Back in the time of the ancient Celts, they celebrated a seasonal shift midway between winter solstice and the spring equinox, calling it Imbolc, which heralded

the change of seasons with the approach of spring. Of course, since the Wiccans celebrated this, the Christian Church had to Christianize the custom and Imbolc morphed into Candlemas. On Candlemas Day, clergy blessed candles and dispensed them. Somehow these candles would indicate how long and cold the winter would be. Out of this, Christians put the two together and believed that a sunny Candlemas meant another 40 days of cold and snow. The Germans created their own legend, which included a burrowing rodent and bought it with them from the Old World to America. Groundhogs were abundant in Pennsylvania, so they chose them as their annual forecaster.

Sun on Candlemas Day means 40 more days of winter. Sun on Groundhog Day heralds another six weeks (42 days) of cold and winter. Cloudy weather gives observers the hope for an early spring. According to History.com "The first Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney was the brainchild of local newspaper editor Clymer Freas, who sold a group of businessmen and groundhog hunters—known collectively as the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club—on the idea. The men trekked to a site called Gobbler's Knob, where the inaugural groundhog became the bearer of bad news when he saw his shadow."

Moving forward to 2022, 135 years later, we all waited for the various prognosticators to appear. Of course, here in Western NYS, we rely on Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil, but by nature of geography, Nova Scotians

were truly the first to know if Shubenacadie Sam predicted an early spring or six more weeks of winter. If you are curious about how the others fared this year across America, go to Twitter or Facebook to check out the predictions of Staten Island Chuck, Ohio's Buckeye Chuck, Wisconsin's Jimmy the Groundhog, Georgia's General Beauregard Lee (of course), Tennessee's Chattanooga Chuck, and Cleveland's Thistle the Whistlepig. Please bear in mind that this is not an exact science so our groundhog prognosticators may very well not all be in agreement. Bear in mind that they predict for their geographic regions, and also, according to research by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the groundhogs' forecasts are not very accurate on average. Whether they are accurate or not, Groundhog Day truly does present us with a bright ray of hope, no matter what the prediction is.

A dear friend, bedbound and fighting daily to "not yet become extinct," as he puts it, related that the advent of Groundhog Day heralds for him the hopeful and victorious march toward spring and the promise of new life. His comments reminded me of Bill Murray who played TV meteorologist Phil Connors in the movie "Groundhog Day." At the end of persistent repeats of one Groundhog Day after another, he finally, in a way, confronted his own miserable shadow (his winter) and transformed from the dark character he was into a kind-hearted, hopeful, happy guy. May your February bring joy and hope as we collectively turn our faces toward the gentle warmth of spring.

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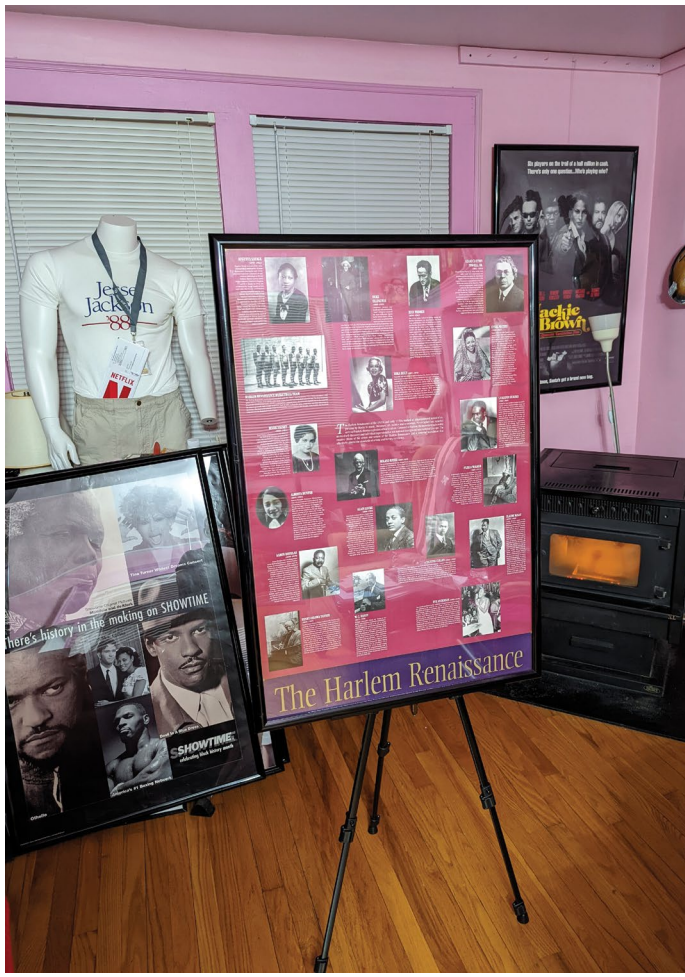
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this American custom has spread, but according to the History Channel, Black History Month is now an international affair. This source confirms that Canada, the United Kingdom, and Ireland have now joined the United States in observance of a dedicated month spotlighting their national Black communities' achievements.

Olean is part of the intercontinental movement as well. The African American Cultural Center (AACCD, 214 N Barry St) is spreading its Black History Month exhibition outside of the museum and into two frequented community locations. Tops Friendly Markets (2501 West State St) and the Olean Public Library (134 N 2nd St) are each hosting themed poster displays and community receptions. Della Moore, AACCD's director, has provided these posters for display throughout February to catch the eyes of, and inform the minds of, viewers.

The posters at Tops will be focused upon education and history in the Black community. Great orators, human rights, inventors, community leaders, and schooling history are a few points on display here. Tops is hosting its exhibit reception on Saturday February 5, at 10am. The reception will be capped off by a \$1,000 gift card donation from Tops to further the work of AACCD. Mrs. Moore enthusiastically invites everyone to enjoy the occasion. "Join us for a slice of cake and good conversation!" she urges.

Olean Public Library will host posters themed of arts



The posters at Tops will be focused upon education and history in the Black community. Olean Public Library will host posters themed of arts and entertainment.

and entertainment. Black athletes, musicians, actors, and authors have facts and tidbits ready for these viewers. Fans of Langston Hughes's poetry will have a prime opportunity to learn even more about the Harlem Renaissance in February by visiting the poster display. Alternatively, visitors may find inspiration on which biography or media to borrow based on what is learned from the posters. The Olean Public Library reception is on Wednesday February 23 from 6:30-7:30pm. Like the gathering at Tops, this is also free and open to the public.

Both Tops and the Olean Public Library have opened their rooms to exhibits as AACCD's home base

remains in process of taking shape. The ultimate plans for AACCD are to serve as a community-gathering place, training center, and host to objects of local and global cultural importance. Ambitions of its permanent and seasonal exhibits are - in the joking words of Mrs. Moore, "mostly tirelessly" - pursued as the various projects and situations arise throughout the progress. Just like progress inevitably comes to every society, so too comes progress on the AACCD physical location. While the building itself is forming, the community of Olean is sharing its space to share the important knowledge the museum is nonetheless so ready to provide.

Views From the Village

Last Weekend in Ellicottville, NY



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Junior Explorers: Staying Home

The Junior's Parents Had an Adventure at 5Wits at The Galleria Mall

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This week we didn't do too much exploring... instead Mom and Dad had an adventure at 5Wits in the Walden Galleria Mall. 5 Wits is an immersive, interactive adventure, not an escape room. They had to solve puzzles, complete challenges (finding 6 hidden symbols on the pharaoh's walls) and hands on tasks (placing gears in the right configuration to unlock the bell tower). Mom even crawled through a crawl space in Drago's Castle. We're pretty brave, but the experience is best for ages 8+ since the rooms are dark, loud, and one of the ceilings even closes down if



you answer incorrectly. You get a score after completing each challenge so you can keep track and see how you compare to others. They didn't do so great, but had lots of fun. Check out their website for more descriptions and to book your adventure! As for us, we're hunkering down and creating our own escape room at home. Mom's idea...but really I think it was a sneaky way to get us to stay in our rooms for a while.... Till next time. Stay warm!

This Week in Health & Science: Regrowing Limbs

Breakthrough Study Shows Scientists Regrow Working Limbs in Frogs



different control populations; one group had just a cap with no drugs; the other had no cap. In the treated group, they observed dramatic growth that resulted in a nearly fully functional leg. The new limbs had bone structure extended with features similar to a natural limb's bone structure, a richer complement of internal tissues, including neurons, and several "toes" grew from the end of the limb, although without the support of underlying bone. And these new limbs worked. They moved and responded to stimuli, and the frogs were able to make use of them for swimming through water, moving much like a normal frog would.

By CARA BIRRIETTERI
AUTHOR, FREELANCE WRITER,
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Millions of patients lose limbs due to various reasons. Common causes are diabetes and trauma, including industrial accidents, car crashes, and of course war. The possibility of regaining function through natural regeneration remains out of reach. However, two teams of scientists in Boston have been hard at work testing a whole new possibility. This week, they published a breakthrough study which showed a combination of drugs temporarily applied directly to a frog's wound where a limb once was, immediately started the process to regrow it, and it kept growing for months and months.

A few types of animals can regrow limbs. They include crabs and lobsters, salamanders, and some lizards. But the African clawed frogs the researchers used are more like humans, in this respect. They cannot regrow their limbs, until now. In the study published in the journal Science Advances, researchers at Tufts and Harvard

University's Wyss Institute have brought regenerative medicine one-step closer to reality for people. They write that their method can trick the wound to believe it is in an amniotic-like environment to start the growing all over again, "An important new direction for the field of regenerative medicine is the discovery of interventions that trigger latent developmental or embryogenic cascades."

This is the first time a unique five-drug cocktail infused with silk protein gel placed into a silicone cap called a BioDome placed over a limb stump, has been shown to kick start growth. The cap remained on the stump for just 24 hours, and the growth continued for 18 months.

Each drug in the cap targeted a different process. Some promoted new growth of muscle, blood vessels, and nerve fibers; others reduced inflammation, and prevented collagen from growing into scar tissue. Instead of scarring over, and stopping growth, authors write, this wearable BioDome and its contents "...induced marked tissue outgrowth, patterning, and gain of sensorimotor function."

Researchers used two

Research affiliate at Tufts and first author of the paper, Nirosha Murugan, is thrilled with the results, "It's exciting to see that the drugs we selected were helping to create an almost complete limb. The fact that it required only a brief exposure to the drugs to set in motion a months-long regeneration process suggests that frogs and perhaps other animals may have dormant regenerative capabilities that can be triggered into action."

Previous studies with different drugs have resulted in non-functioning growth, and other methods using stem cells over longer periods of time, also failed to produce such dramatic results. This five-drug cocktail represents a huge milestone toward regenerative medicine in vertebrates that may one day include humans. Researchers are now refining their method to produce even

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Climate-Friendly Meal Choices

St. Bonaventure University Launches New Options through Cool Food Badges

ST. BONAVENTURE, N.Y., Jan. 27, 2022 — Aramark, the dining service provider for St. Bonaventure University, is making it easier for students and the campus community to choose climate-friendly foods through the launch of Cool Food Meals. The program is part of St. Bonaventure's ongoing commitment to the environment and sustainability. Last October, World Resources Institute (WRI) announced that its Cool Food Meals badge will appear on Aramark menus as part of a 10-university pilot beginning in spring 2022. The Cool Food Meals badge identifies dishes with a lower carbon footprint and will appear on more than 350 menu items. "We're grateful to Aramark for including us in their pilot program, especially since it

aligns so well with our calling as a Franciscan institution to care for creation," said Tom Missel, chief communications officer at St. Bonaventure. "We have an obligation to contribute in any way we can to reduce our carbon footprint." WRI measured the carbon footprint of hundreds of Aramark recipes to identify items that meet the Cool Food Meals criteria, based on the ingredients from farm to fork and the land used to produce the meal. If a dish's carbon footprint falls below an established per-meal threshold and meets a nutrition safeguard, it is approved as a Cool Food Meal. Cool Food Meals can be found on campus at Hickey Dining Hall. Some examples of dishes that will be labeled as a Cool Food

& cheese bowl, spinach and feta flatbread, and chickpea tagine. Aramark is the first contract catering company to adopt the Cool Food Meals badge. Since 2015, Aramark has increased its climate-healthy plant-forward menu options through its Healthy for Life® initiative. More than 35% of main dishes the company serves on menus at workplaces, hospital cafes, and university dining halls in the United States are vegetarian or vegan. Aramark's commitment to the planet is a core part of the company's sustainability plan, Be Well. Do Well., which is focused on positively impacting people and the planet. Aramark's planet priority is focused on several initiatives addressing climate change.



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What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

BY: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Winter is in full gear and the slopes are perfect and the music scene is jammin so let's see who's playing where.

We start the seven day weekend at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$12 gets your choice of my burger and any beer and this weeks musical guest is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a folk/rock/pop/indie set of covers and originals.

Thursday The Gin Mill hosts Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. They play rock covers from the 60-90's with an occasional original. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till midnight Wed-Sat and 11pm Sun-Tues.

FRIDAY: Balloons kicks it off with Country Fried Friday featuring Henry's Summer Kitchen from 7-10:30pm on the main stage. They play an oldies/rockabilly/country set of covers. In the back bar Tui Osborne will play from 10-1am. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers. DJ KT Stylez will jam out n the sound booth till 2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for the first of two nights with JD Casper and Company from 8-12am. This Bradford native and Austin TX resident was a contestant on The Voice as part of Team Kelly. He plays country covers and originals

and his music is available on Spotify. Try one of the 37 beers on tap including Gin Mill Lager.

We close out the evening at Madigan's from 10-1am with DJ SI providing the glide for your slide on the dance floor. Check out the foosball and pool tables for a little competition or just stay comfy by EVL's only wood burning stove.

SATURDAY: From last to first, Madigan's hosts Tui Osborne from 6-9pm. Tui is a local and the head coach of the National Rugby Champion team at St Bonaventure. DJ SI will follow in the sound booth with some thump, thump, for your bump, bump till 2am.

If you're looking for a fine meal away from the bustle of town tale a short drive to The Station Bistro in West Valley. This charming tribute to RxR history has a farm to table menu that is delightful. This week's music s provided by Strings and Harps from 6-9pm. This duo play a blues/folk/roots set of covers to accompany your meal.

We return to Balloons for The Probables from 7-10:30pm. This group plays a folkcana/roots set of originals and covers. In the back bar Henry's Summer Kitchenette will provide both kinds of music, country and western, from 10-1am. DJ Gilroy will be in the sound booth puttin

the funk in the trunk so you can dance in the window like nobody's watching.

Last but not least The Gin Mill has night two of JD Casper. Ask about merch. Looking for something different? Try the Carriage House Side Bar for some craft cocktails and don't forget those 37 draft beers.

SUNDAY: It's AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night at Villaggio from 5-9pm featuring Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/folk/pop set of covers while you enjoy the best Italian food in WNY. Check out the fine wine list while you're at it.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's musical guest is Owen Eichensehr and Pat Harrington from 6-9pm. This duo, comprised of two of the areas best guitarists, plays a blues/roots/rock/pop set of covers and originals. 75-cent wings and a fine beer selection round out the evening.

We close out the seven day weekend as we have for the last 35+ years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Co, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/rock/pop/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to.

If you enjoyed our little village tell your friends and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What Phrase Do You Use to Express How Cold It Is?

BY CHAD NEAL



temperatures can be deadly; alas they are welcomed in ski country because snow can be made. Still it's not nice to be in the cold for too long, but to experience the bleak, crisp air knowing soon you will be warm can make you enjoy feeling it for those moments. What phrase do you use to express how cold it is?



Kent J. - Ya know it's cold when the snow is farting.

Jessica G. - Hurts my face cold!

Lucas S. - It's colder than my ex's heart!



Tracy C. - Colder than a cat covered in s**t on a frozen pond.

Dante C. - Colder than a polar bears toe nail.

Beth R. - Froze my nose hairs.

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

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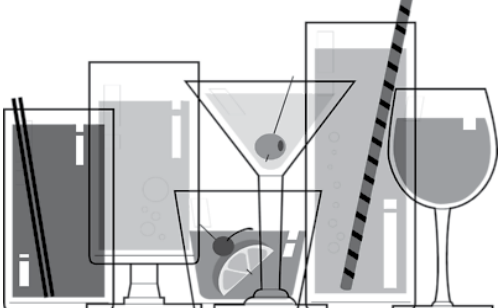
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 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:

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1	2	8	5	6	9	3	7	4
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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

Limbs

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more complete and functional frog legs with normal toes, webbing, and more detailed bone and muscular features. Next, they will try to induce limb regeneration in mammals. Scientists believe that such a short exposure leading to more than a year-long regeneration process could mean frogs and other animals may have dormant regenerative abilities. Corresponding author, Michael Levin, says further research appears promising, "Covering the open wound with a liquid environment under the BioDome, with the right drug cocktail, could provide the necessary first signals to set the regenerative process in motion."

The authors admit the size of a human limb could pose limitations. However, they conclude future research may reveal the right combination of drugs to regrow human limbs, and even if it takes years, it would be worthwhile to restore a working limb given a patient's lifespan.

Ski

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new chairs replacing the side loaders, they safely operated the ski area with some snow making until 1979 until changing weather patterns led them to call it quits for good. Although it did get sold a year later to Canadian developers who had plans for an all-season resort, it never got off the ground, leaving only fading memories.

Closer to home, who doesn't remember Poverty Hill? Know where it is? From Elk Street continue onto Mechanic, then onto Maples Road for half a mile, turn right on Poverty Hill Road and travel for about another 1.4 miles. The signage might now say Concord Ski Club. A visit to an Internet page called Hollerin' Jer's School Bus Blog, we are informed that Poverty Hill (It's original name - etymology unknown, but the blog writer humorously opined that it may be so named because it appeared to be a tough place to try to make a profitable living - hence Poverty Hill). He makes a good point when you consider how "bony" some of the soil around Ellicottville is. Example: this writer's garden on Bryant Hill Road is always a hard battle between the over-abundant rocks and the rototiller.

Likely the old saying, "Some's good, more's better and too much is just enough," doesn't apply to ski areas. With Holiday Valley and HoliMont within yodeling distance, another ski area didn't stand a chance even with an elevation of 2321'. Remember, Holiday Valley opened for business in January 1958 although their T-Bar was built and their four slopes (Yodeler Champagne, Holiday Run and Edelweiss) were ready in 1957. HoliMont cut their first trail in 1961 and by 1962 they had seven more. It must have been a hoot getting towed up the hill on a sled behind a Tucker Sno-Cat. All the stars aligned for both ski areas and today they are some of the most popular in the east. Alas, the Dattners, who opened their hill in the early '60's and appear to have also owned a Tucker Sno-Cat, operated for only a few seasons before shutting down. These defunct ski hills seem to be like irresistible singing sirens in Greek mythology tantalizing the curious with their pleasurable promise. Hence, in the early '70's the Concord Club sprung up, operating a bit more successfully until the late '80's when they closed. From 1958-68, Allegany offered a ski area first named Grosstal, German for "big valley." It had an 813-foot vertical drop (surpassing Holiday's Valley's 750') and a challenging headwall, a chairlift, two T-bars, a rope tow, night skiing and snow making. It also had experienced Europeans running the well-regarded ski school. Closed because of a tragic accident, it reopened as Wing Hollow in 1975 and permanently closed shortly after a horrendous tragedy on February 6th in 1978. Google "Ski Wing Murders of 1978" and you will find a Buffalo News article on it.

Solar

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a Holstein dairy for decades. Now the barn that used to house the milk cows, houses beef cows - as they sold their dairy Holsteins in February 2021. "A piece of me died that day", Barber told *The Villager* in an interview.

The farm has two parcels Barber said, "I am farming the lower parcel and leasing the top parcel for a solar energy farm."

Barber's uncle had fallen sick and was no longer able to work the dairy farm. It was his dream to use some of the acreage for a solar farm, and inception started 3 years ago. "Sadly, he died April 30th, 2021 and never got to see any of it", Barber shared.

Barber is leasing the 30 acres to Dimension Renewable Energy, and said it will provide 7 megawatts of power for the grid. Large panels are built on the property facing the sun to absorb the rays. The panels have what are called PV cells and the energy absorbed creates electrical charges that move in response to an internal electrical field in the cell, causing electricity to flow. This energy is then transferred into the grid. This clean energy helps to keep the use of non-renewable fuels down. Barber said they also have other fuels including gas wells and acres of lumber that are harvested every ten years. The Dunkleman Hill Farm is used proficiently and with the addition of solar even more so.

Barber said the contract with the solar company is for 25 years and she is not interested in making it any bigger as she is "having a hard enough time already seeing my land change." She added, the new edition will allow her to afford the land and farm and continue to raise her daughters (4th generation) "and hope that they and my son (who is currently enlisted in the United States Marine Corps) will come home and raise the 5th generation on Dunkleman Hill.

Barber's daughter Josie Harvey wrote a small essay about the farm when she was 8 years old. A short history explaining that it (her home) was first built in 1855. The generations that followed led up to her great-grandparents purchasing the land, and afterwards her mother Hanna moved back with her older



Barber is a third-generation resident of this farm started by her grandparents Herbert and Jean Dunkleman when they purchased the land in 1953.

siblings in 2005. She said, "I love that we have a lot of space to play in, I love walking in the woods and I love fishing. I love the baby calves and helping mom milk the big cows. I am so thankful to live on Dunkleman Hill Farm. I never met my great-grandparents, but I love them for my beautiful home."

The plot of land and the acreage has been used wisely and although Barber enjoys the nostalgia of her family's farm, she is welcoming the new stages of it as well as the land is still being used for a needed commodity. The projected finished product is due for April of this year. Now Barber and her children will be supplying fuel and energy from the Dunkleman Hill Farm in Otto for many years to come.

Salt

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she became motivated to create her own Salt Cave. "I was inspired to share this therapeutic experience and bring it to Western New York."

Tracy researched salt therapy and began realizing the incredible therapeutic benefits. "Modern halo therapy (salt therapy) started in Germany when Dr. Karl Herman Spannagel noticed improvement in the health of his patients after they had hid in the German salt caves to escape the bombings of WWII. Since then, many European spas and medical clinics have incorporated halo therapy into their practices. Today the Wieliczka Himalayan salt mine in Poland is operating as the largest underground rehab and treatment center in the world."

"I came to the amazing conclusion that Himalayan salt therapy is a great, all-natural way to treat a variety of respiratory ailments. Salt cave and treatment rooms can help clear up congestion caused by respiratory ailments, allergies, and colds. It also bathes your body in negative ions which helps reduce lethargy, depression and stress caused by exposure to positive ions present in today's modern environment."

In 2014, Tracy moved back to Ellicottville to begin her new adventure. She imported over 20 tons of Himalayan salt and brought builders



Guests are literally immersed in a cave made of salt lounging in a gravity chair or relaxing on the salt cave floor. Sessions in the Salt Cave last 45 minutes and can accommodate 5 people at a time. Bookings are private to your group.

in from Poland to create an authentic European style salt cave. "Today, 7 years later, the Salt Cave is thriving thanks to my wonderful, dedicated employees and all our clients that come through the front door for a unique experience. It's been a pleasure to bring such an awesome, therapeutic experience to Ellicottville. The people in town have been inspirational and very supportive."

Guests are literally immersed in a cave made of salt lounging in a gravity chair or relaxing on the salt cave floor. "The healing powers of our Salt Cave are enhanced by our custom designed water feature which activates the speleotherapeutic properties of the cave." Sessions in the Salt Cave last 45 minutes and can accommodate 5 people at a time. Bookings are private to your group.

"Not only do we offer a

45-minute salt cave session, but we also offer body salt glows, lemongrass foot scrubs, warm salt stone foot massage, organic facials, infrared sauna and our signature warm salt stone massage. Our foot treatments are done in our therapeutic salt room, a smaller version of the salt cave. We also have a retail shop full of salt lamps, salt candles, cooking slabs, bath salts and more! We're currently offering 20% off all Himalayan salt candles."

Tracy invites readers to make time for self-care this month. "Step in and catch your breath today! Ellicottville Salt Cave and Halo therapy Spa is located at 32 West Washington Street visit online to browse their gallery and package details ellicottvillesaltcave.com email evlsaltsense@gmail.com or call 716-699-2068

2022 New Board President

Jason Crisafulli Serves as GOACC's Board of Directors President

OLEAN – Jason Crisafulli will serve as this year's board president for the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mr. Crisafulli is retired from Kinley Corporation, which he served as President. He has been a member of the board since 2018. GOACC also announced the balance of officers for the 2022 year: Vice-President, Adam Jester, Southern Tier Technical Services, LLC; Secretary, Shavonne Henderson, Community Bank, NA; and Treasurer, Rich Yeager, Olean Area Federal Credit Union. Last year's board president, Vicki Blessing, Vice President, Leasing & Development at Park Centre Development, will continue

to provide leadership as ex-officio.

Mr. Crisafulli stated, "I am honored to lead GOACC at a time when our members need us most- continued uncertainty of the pandemic and the current economic challenges." He added, "I am very optimistic with GOACC growth potential in 2022 – with the 2022 Board, the Chamber staff, the addition of three new events and well as welcoming many new faces to our membership."

Tyrone Hall, owner of Hall of Fame Barbershop was elected to a three-year term at the Chamber board's annual meeting in December. With some turnover on the board due to retirement and other changes, GOACC also welcomed Ms. Henderson,

Mr. Yeager and Angela Langdon, Chief Operating Officer, Universal Primary Care. The Chamber board also thanked Mari Howard for her years of service to the Chamber – serving her two three-year terms and finishing out 2021 as its ex-officio.

Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 301 North Union Street in downtown Olean, has been the leading business organization in the greater Olean area since 1906. Their business plan reflects activities related to lobbying local and state leaders and developing programs, to supporting workforce development, small business owners, large corporate entities, non-profit organizations, manufacturers, and area residents.

Loss of A Local Woman

Kathryn Anna O'Connell Passed Away, January 29th, 2022

The delicious smells and memories from the kitchen is what brought Kathie true happiness. Whether she was stirring her Sunday Sauce, making meatballs, or baking unforgettable Italian Cookies, everything from her kitchen was created with love. Kathryn Anna O'Connell passed away on Saturday evening, January 29th, 2022, at her home in Ellicottville, New York. Her final days were spent with her devoted family reminiscing about lovely moments they shared with Kathie. Kathie, an Illinois native, moved to

Ellicottville nearly eight years ago. During those eight years, the village fell in love with her gentle and kind spirit. Kathie beamed with pride about her two sons, John-Paul (Jenna) of Ellicottville, New York, and Daniel (April) of Hampshire, Illinois. Her six grandchildren, Jordan, Juliana, Jack, Thomas, Benjamin, and Josephine were the light of her life and brought her endless joy. Kathie grew up in the kitchen learning recipes with her mother, and later enjoyed teaching and sharing those recipes with her grandchildren. Knowing her

entire family would gather together for a delicious meal made Kathie giddy with excitement every time.

A memorial visitation service will be held at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Ellicottville, New York on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 9am. A Holy Mass will take place at 10am with the burial immediately following at Holy Cross Cemetery. Donations on behalf of Kathie can be given directly to the family or present to Catholic Charities in honor of the adoption of her two sons.

When The Music Stops

Sitler HQ says, "Our hearts are aching about the passing of Allen Greystone from The Observers. Allen was a gentle, kind soul. He was also a wonderful songwriter, who had a great voice. We've done 15+ shows with Greystone and The Observers spanning a decade. The gigs were always special. Without fail, he would seek me out at the conclusion of a gig and give me a genuine "thank you" for hosting the band. Our condolences to the band and Jeff's family."



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Separate sealed BIDS for Town of Ellicottville, Town Center Renovations, will be received by the Town of Ellicottville hereinafter called the OWNER, at One West Washington St. Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 11:00 a.m. prevailing time on February 25, 2022 and then at that time and place opened and read aloud. The Work performed under this contract shall include miscellaneous renovations to the building but not be limited to the following: Miscellaneous general carpentry including replacement of two exterior doors and installation of a new exterior door, flooring installation, electrical improvements, interior painting, kitchenette installation, and exterior canopy and concrete work. The work described in this contract is funded or partially funded by the Town of Ellicottville and is therefore subject to New York State Prevailing Wage rates. The Town Center is located at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731. All BIDS being hand delivered or mailed (including FedEx, UPS, Priority Mail, etc.) to the Town of Ellicottville shall be delivered in a sealed envelope at One West Washington St., PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731 and directed to Robin George, Town Clerk. The envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Town of Ellicottville, Town Center Renovations." Failure to follow the above instructions could result in rejection of the proposal. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for this project on February 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the project site. Prospective bidders wishing to participate in this meeting may contact the office of MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC for details (716) 699-4650. The Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the ENGINEER, MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC, Three Bristol Lane, P.O. Box 604, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Anyone wishing to examine the Contract Documents should be advised to call ahead and confirm times in which the Contract Documents can be examined at the office (716-699-4650). Hard copies of the Contract Documents, accompanied by a digital copy, can be obtained from MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC for a non-refundable fee of \$50 per set. Digital copies alone of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$25 per set. Any Bidders wanting to obtain a set of the Contract Documents should contact MDA Consulting Engineers by phone (716-699-4650). Each BID shall be accompanied by a certified check or BID bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount of the BID made payable to the "Town of Ellicottville". All Bid Bonds shall be on a form acceptable to the OWNER, duly executed by the BIDDER as Principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the OWNER. No BIDDER may withdraw their BID within forty-five (45) days of the BID Opening.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD HIGHWAY LABORER RESUME: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Town of Mansfield Highway Superintendent Brad Hurley, is accepting resumes for a full-time laborer. Must have a CDL License when applying. Resumes may be submitted in person, at the Town of Mansfield Highway Garage, 7629 Maples Road, Little Valley (716) 699-2225 or by mailing to Attn: Brad Hurley, Highway Superintendent, 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley, NY 14755. By Order of Brad Hurley, Highway Superintendent and Betty Jane Homing, Town Clerk

FOR RENT

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

SEASONAL RENTALS - 2 & 3 Bdrm, fully furnished, in Village, 1 mi. from slopes starting at \$5000.00. Email - rosiepeaks@hotmail.com • **Phone - (905) 357-9163 or (905) 651-3342**

FOR RENT: Ski Cabin For Rent: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 4 beds mobile home in the village. 3 min walk to shops. Extremely clean and very cozy! Cutecozycabin@gmail.com

FOR RENT: Ski season rental 2021 -2022, 1 story home , sleeps 6, Utilities included, No smoking, no pets. 814-834-3035 or 814-594-2032, Daviddetsch@windstream.net

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WANTED

HOLIDAY VALLEY IS HIRING a Tubing Park Manager to oversee operations at the Holiday Valley Tubing Company from November to April. This is a hands on position and the manager needs a wide range of mechanical and management skills. For a job description of the Tubing Park Manager please visit holidayvalley.com/jobs. For more information emailscrowley@holidayvalley.com or call 716-699-3924.

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

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

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

FITZPATRICK & WELLER, INC. - HELP WANTED for manufacturing of hardwood components. Immediate openings for full time machine operators. Full benefits included. Experience helpful, but not necessary. Must have a strong work ethic. Apply on our website at Fitzweller.com or in person 8 AM to 4 PM on weekdays at 12 Mill St., Ellicottville, NY. Contact ShainaH@FitzWeller.com, 716-699-2393.

FOR SALE

TAMARACK CLUB FRACTION FOR SALE: Studio unit, valley side, lobby level, sleeps 4. Amenities include: owner locker room, valet parking, heated pool, fitness center. Call or text (716)-258-0109.

FOR SALE: Spacious Victorian House For Sale. Seven miles from downtown Ellicottville-208 Court St, Little Valley. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace. Includes timber frame barn. Many updates. Well Maintained. \$149,900. 716-480-3474

FOR SALE: Shiba Inu puppies for sale! 800 a piece the perfect Christmas gift. Papers and first shots included. Please contact (716)444-2191 for more information.

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BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

It is my distinct pleasure to have been invited by *The Villager* to introduce our readers to the newest member of the publication's executive staff. I have known this man for more than 35 years and I am a fan. He is smart, funny, balding and in the 80's he wore leather pants! He is the one, the only, the Kodachrome King: Mr, Jon Elder. Jon is a highly sought-after Photographer, Videographer and Graphic Designer. An Alumnus of The Rochester Institute of Technology in Lockport, New York Class of 1983, Jon received a Bachelor of Arts Science in Photography. Born with the "critical eye" for bending and blending color and light he decided to focus on the mechanics of his art form. He is still fascinated with lenses and how they, like the sculptor's tool carves out and shapes the clay, allow the photographer to cut out and shape a photo. Now

that sheds a little light on the subject.

Jon is meticulous and he is naturally mechanically and technologically inclined. Returning home to Jamestown after graduating, Jon wasted no time putting together his plan for starting out on the journey he had been preparing for. He started from the bottom, [in his basement not to put too fine a point on it], that is where he built his first dark room. I vividly recall the small eyeglass piece he would use for finding flaws after print. He could fix anything with a very small paintbrush and special applique compatible with the glossy photo paper. While it is painstaking work, he is great at it. But alas with the advent of digital imaging, computers have taken over that job. I can still smell the developer and chemical rinses used to bring the latent images to life and they were quite odiferous, but there is nothing like watching an artisan performing his craft.

Besides, we are talking about the 80's here; some folks found fumes to be all the rage.

1988 was the year Jon and his best friend Kent, the carpenter, designed and built the first studio that

JON ELDER PRODUCTIONS would call home. He was a hit! If you were anyone who was a someone Jon was taking your picture in his Gokey building studio. Even I came up from Florida with my first born for a photo session. Sadly, downtown J-Town began to whither a bit, but the good news is: this gave Jon the opportunity for a larger brighter and ground level operation. He moved into his very big and very accessible shop in the old Carnahans building across the street. After 35 years and the roller coaster rides of life, Jon is still in business there today. So ingrained in this community and considering how old we've gotten, Jon should be a city landmark!

Speaking of Landmarks... The house Jon calls home on the crest of Camp St. really is a piece of Jamestown history. It was one of the city's first General Stores. And while we are on the subject...Jon's amazing mother Rose Marie owned and operated Palmer's gift shop in downtown Jamestown. It was a family business from its beginning until they closed the doors when Marie retired. I mention all of this because Jon comes from strong stock. His dad George was a WWII Marine Veteran who worked until retirement at MRC and he was a real hoot. He liked to get a rise out of you and make you smile. Jon has his Suave' and it is definitely a disarming trait that can be very helpful when you want folks to relax and Smile. It's not easy being cheesy. 1 2 3 Smile!

Jon has been the Official Photographer for events and concerts at the Chautauqua Institution, the National Comedy Center, Ellicottville,

and Bemus Point. He is right there in the mix of it all and of course Jon himself has been photographed with the likes of Joan Rivers, Paula Poundstone and a number of

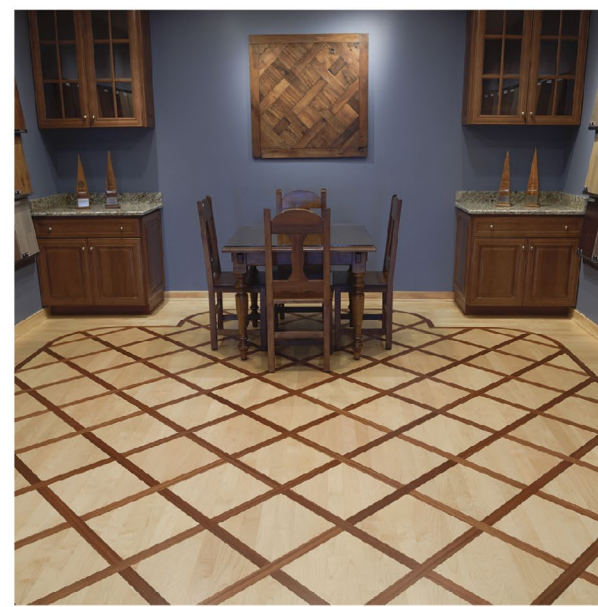
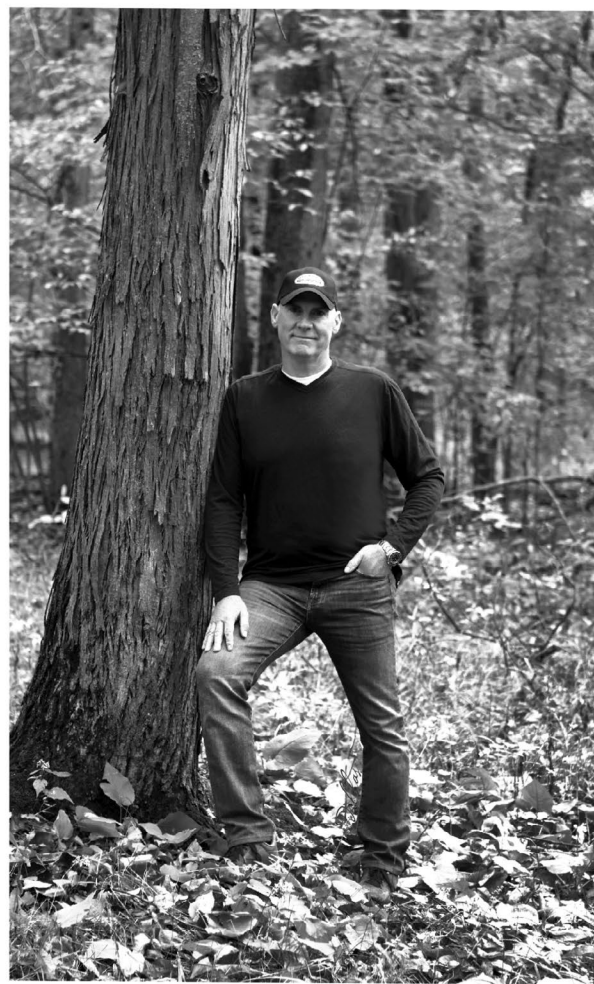
other visiting celebrities. I hope you will all get to meet Jon. He is a really likable kind of guy.

Thanks for your time and we will see you slope side!



Jon with Paula Poundstone at the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival in 2014.

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