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## Area Events

**SILENT COMEDIANS**  
Friday, April 1st • 7-9pm  
Historic Hollywood Theater, Gowanda

**1ST ANNUAL DUMMY DOWNHILL**  
Saturday, April 2nd • 1pm  
HoliMont Resort, Ellicottville

**SPRING SPORTSMANS SHOW**  
Saturday, April 9th • 9am  
Catt. County Fairgrounds, Little Valley

**PETER COTTON TAIL EXPRESS**  
Saturday, April 9th • 11-4pm  
Gowanda Train Station, Gowanda

**MARTINA MCBRIDE LIVE**  
Saturday, April 9th • 8-11pm  
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

**WNY MAPLE FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, April 30th • 10am  
Franklinville Elementary, Franklinville

**NY DUATHLON SERIES**  
Saturday, May 7th • 9-11:15am  
Weeden Park, Randolph

**HAPPY HALF MARATHON**  
Saturday, May 7th • 9-1pm  
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES**  
Saturday, May 21st • 9-4pm  
120 N. Union Street, Olean

**NATURAL EGG DYING**  
Saturday, April 2nd • 10am  
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

**BREAKFAST W/EASTER BUNNY**  
Sunday, April 3rd • 9am  
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

**BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL**  
Tuesday, April 5th • 7pm  
Reg Lenna Center, Jamestown

**WITHIN THE SILENCE**  
Friday, April 8th • 10am & 1pm  
Robert H. Jackson Center, Jamestown

**ROCKIN THE COMMONS**  
Saturday, April 9th • 11-7pm  
Barker Commons, Fredonia

**EASTER BUNNY AT THE MALL**  
April 3,9,10,15 & 16 • 12-4pm  
Chautauqua Mall, Lakewood

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## Nourish New York Incentive

Resiliency Program Keeps Businesses and Lives Thriving

### The Food Bank & Meals on Wheels are now

# FeedMore wny

In 2021, Feeding America estimated the number of food insecure individuals to be over 42 million (13 million children). Several Ellicottville restaurants participated in the program.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Per [agriculture.ny.gov](http://agriculture.ny.gov): The COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges. "Building on the successful Nourish New York Initiative, the Restaurant Resiliency Program sets aside \$25 million to provide grants to restaurants that

offer meals and other food-related items to New Yorkers within distressed or underrepresented communities."

Last week, we spotlighted the fine work that Dina DiPasquale has been doing on behalf of our Jamestown

SEE "NOURISH" PAGE 14

## Public Skate Parks Emerging

New Places for Kids & Adults to Show Off Their Skills



Enthusiasm happens at the intersection of great ideas and inspired people. When civic leaders come together to provide community and opportunity for young people, seeds are planted in fertile ground that will yield a future of productive and civic minded citizens. Pictured: Maddie Meyers, graphite artist.

By DARLENE O'CONNOR

Southwestern New York and Cleveland, Ohio, Pete Scheira, is definitely enthusiastic about the local Skateboard Phenom, shop owner of everything "Skateboards" and the most Kickin' Indoor Skatepark between

Southwestern New York and Cleveland, Ohio, Pete Scheira, is definitely enthusiastic about the sport he loves. He has a passion to

SEE "SKATE" PAGE 14

## Marijuana Recreational Use Expands

Large Corporation Looking to Cash in on Local Industry



A few farms in Ellicottville and Great Valley are being fenced off, and the property previously owned by Signore on Jefferson Street just south of the village (pictured) has started to be surveyed as the clean-up of the soil has been completed and underneath the concrete and asphalt, the land has great pH for the plant. (See story "FARM", page 6.)

## Amish Trail of Western New York

Let's Take a Day Trip Into a Simpler World



Tourism is a powerful economic engine for the Amish community. Maps of the Amish Trail are online at [AmishTrail.com/maps](http://AmishTrail.com/maps). Guided tours by members of the Leon Historical Society can be arranged at least 48 hours in advance at [AmishTrail.com/Tour](http://AmishTrail.com/Tour). If you have an older map, it may be outdated as the Amish frequently move. A new map is due by May-June. (See story "TRAIL", page 15.)

## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

### The Woman Behind the Scene of the Surf Club

Up Close: Hardworking and Empowering, Jackie Schenck ... Pg. 9



"We Built This City on Rock and Roll" is an 80's song by Jefferson Airplane and for those of us who were lucky enough to work at the "Surf Club" in Bemus Point, New York for those years, it kind of tells our stories within the Story that Jackie and Junie Schenck wrote into the history books. Myself and so many others got to play different parts in the chapters and we all have our share of great tales to tell, but Jackie really did lay the foundation that launched a number of us.

### Event Spotlight: "Rockin the Commons" ... Pg. 8

#### Benefit Returns to Fredonia to Benefit Roswell

After a COVID cancellation and 6-month delay due to construction in Barker Commons, the student-led 'Rockin the Commons' event returns on Saturday, April 9, from 11am-7pm, at the Commons between Church Street and West Main Street in Fredonia, NY.

## Adventure Anywhere

TimberHut Cabin Co. Opens in Great Valley



Reach out to TimberHut Cabin Company for a beautiful cabin of your own, artisan-crafted and ready to live in and take anywhere. You can adventure anywhere, from the backwoods to your own backyard.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Being out in nature is one of the most relaxing things we can do. But that doesn't mean we have to "rough it" while we do so. You can rent a little cabin with all the comforts of home when they are available at your local state park or you can reach out to TimberHut Cabin Company for a beautiful cabin of your own, artisan-crafted and ready to live in.

TimberHut is a Buffalo, NY company that creates a wide range of contemporary and traditional, energy efficient, cabins created with sustainable material that can be built to order or you can visit their new showroom location in Great Valley, NY

SEE "CABIN" PAGE 15

## Spring Skiing at HoliMont

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events



HoliMont's Dummy Downhill is Saturday, April 2nd starting at 1pm. HoliMont will offer a sunrise service top of their Expo hill beginning at 8am on April 3rd and 10th, led by Reverend John Woodring. Over the Bars Dual Slalom for those mountain bike lovers is Saturday, April 9th. Registration begins is 9am-11am. The Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 10th starting at noon in front of the main chalet. Kids of all ages are welcome to participate!

By BROOKE SZPAICHER

Although Mother Nature is not letting us forget who is in charge, the temperatures are still reminding us of our wonderful winter season we have had but events on the slopes remind us of warmer days ahead. HoliMont has some offers and events in the next couple weeks, so mark your calendars.

HoliMont's Dummy Downhill is Saturday, April 2nd starting at 1pm. Participants are encouraged to build "dummies," which are let loose down a steep run and sent flying over a jump. The dummies are left to the mercy of gravity, balance, and their structural integrity as they plummet to the

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*Until next week, enjoy the read – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer, info@thevillager.com.*

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## Important Public Service Announcement: Annual Great Valley Fireman's Regatta Cancelled for 2022

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# Magnificent May Mayhem 2022

GOACC Offers Slew of Events Throughout the Month of May

OLEAN: Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce events committee unveiled this new event back in September 2021 call Magnificent May Mayhem or M3. A mayhem is described / defined as a chaos, pandemonium and bedlam. "Although most of the definitions are not a good thing, we use mayhem as a term to describe the many activities and programs pulled together for this one event," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

This event will be a whole mayhem of events: going from an endurance run, timed river regatta, putt-putt crawl, toss in a float the Allegheny and end with a flea market!

M3 Event will be held Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. "If you remember that survey asking for what the community wanted GOACC to do in regards to events - that survey gave our Events Committee a lot of directions and ideas," added Mrs. Yanetsko. Jingle Bell Jubilee (great success), Frosty Fest (on paper great event - but snow cancellation) and now M3 were established from the survey data. The tentative schedule for Friday is as follows: street dance, food trucks, carnival games, wine walk, putt-putt crawl, and car cruise. Saturday includes the community wide garage sales, sound stage, river regatta (timed), float the Allegheny (casual), hike Mt. Herman endurance run and the City's Largest Flea Market.

**The Street Dance** will be an evening of fun for the whole family - music, food, and fun. "One of the items in the survey included the return of a street dance, similar to what the Rally in the Valley did for so many years. Yes, the dance will be on Laurens but with the putt-putt and wine walk, it will bring people out from Laurens Street and throughout the merchants and businesses on those streets as well," stated Mrs. Yanetsko. Laurens Street will be closed to traffic, retail/craft vendors will be throughout Union and State Street.

**The Putt-Putt Crawl** will operate a normal putt-putt course; however, golfers will travel from place to place (hole to hole) to play the hole set up there. This is fun for all ages with foursomes consisting of families, couples, and friends. GOACC will work with a local non-profit to be the fundraising element with this event as well as organize and run the event. Trophies will be awarded for the best foursome, and then individual preteen/teen/adult with male/female as well.

**Wine Walk** will feature different local/regional wines at several businesses throughout Union and State Streets where one can walk and taste the different wines. This is another activity we are looking for a non-profit to host as a great fundraising event opportunity," added Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager.

Mrs. Dreher reported, "Historically GOACC has hosted the community wide garage sale the third weekend in May - we decided to add it to the mayhem and hope the M3 will encourage more people into town to enjoy both M3 and attend the garage sales and vice versa."

**The Flea Market** will be held outside the rec center as well as inside the rec center (if numbers warrant two locations.) The market provides space for vendors to sell previously-owned (second-hand) merchandise. Who may sell at the flea market - antiques and collectibles, garage sale folks (who want to come and vend), and flower and plant vendors.

Both the regatta and the float have been on the drawing board for a potential GOACC event. "When we developed the StrOlean event, there were several ideas on the table - it's pretty neat that we can bring these two events to the community," stated Mrs. Yanetsko.

**The River Regatta** will feature 1 person, 2-person, 4 person and 6-person floating vessels - whether kayak, canoe or flat-bottomed boat.

The regatta will be a timed event with the vessels starting at Steam Valley and ending at Olean Creek (parallel to War Veterans Park). The fees will be based on number of people and all fees include an event tank, and refreshment vouchers. Teams can feature any age participants (waivers for those under 18 will need to be signed by parent/guardian) with awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each vessel category.

**Float the Allegheny's** goal is to encourage people to 'get into the river' and have a whale of a good time in the process. Although not timed, and basically anyone can participate, those interested in being an official float participant will pay one of three fees - individual float, family four pack, and family four PLUS pack. The fees may include an event tank and refreshment vouchers.

**Finally, the endurance run - or hike to Herman.** Although official mileage and elevation hasn't been determined, the run will take participants from Four Mile Brewing Co., to South Union Street bridge, to the City of Olean Road to the reservoir, to Alpine Drive, up and around the tanks, back down the same route, to Four Mile Brewing, under the East State Street bridge via Adams Street to War Veterans Park. The fee will include event tech tee, refreshments at the end, as well as other race bling. "The events committee was pretty excited with the tentative schedule of events for the M3! The Chamber is trying to find an event that features activities for all ages, attracting folks from out of town and adding to the quality of life for our area residents," added Mayor William Aiello, Chamber board director and events committee member. Registration for all activities will begin on Friday, April 1st with most fees increasing as the event gets closer. Information for the M3 can be found online at shop.oleanny.com (end of March), call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House Hosts, April 16th, 11am

Happy Spring, all of us at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House are excited to announce that we will be hosting the Village of Bemus Point Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 16, 2022! It makes sense, since we have the outdoor space to do it. 😊 Although the event is being hosted on the Grounds of the Golf Course, we would like to feature and promote your business and drive people to your locations. Restaurants,

we feel there will be an influx of folks looking for lunch accommodations, please let us know if you'll be open and if you'll have any specials, so we can share on our Facebook page and the day of the event. The Hunt will be at 11AM sharp, featuring three age zones. Pre-K & Under, 2nd & 3rd Grade and 4th & 5th Grade

With over 3K eggs we are hopeful that you can help. Below is a list of ways to help:

Candy Donation Gift Baskets - [each year children's gift baskets are donated, which are then given a number; that number is included inside various Easter Eggs on the grounds, then that child wins the basket] Monetary Donations and of course Volunteers!

We are super excited about this event and appreciate your consideration in helping to make this event as successful as possible.

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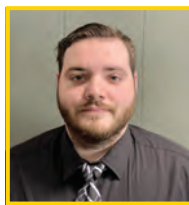
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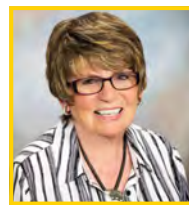
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**Chamber Members Ski Day at Holimont**

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**HoliMont Covid-19 Testing**

**HoliMont Ski Area Important Testing Update**  
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**Junior Explorers: Maple Days**

The Junior's Visited Genesee Country Village and Museum

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

This week we took a trip back in time to visit the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumfords, NY (just a 20 minute drive past Batavia) to celebrate NYS Maple Weekends. We started with a ginormous all-you-can eat pancake breakfast buffet, and boy did we eat all we could! We enjoyed Cinnamon Roll and Regular Pancakes with Maple cream and syrup, maple apple stuffed French toast, banana walnut oatmeal bake, hash browns, and lots of blueberry muffins. They even brought out a special Vegan plate and we can accommodate Gluten free as well. We were so stuffed that we had to digest for a



while before heading out to the learned a lot about the olden days, and are very thankful that we have modern technology to help our ways of living! It was neat to see how people dressed and how they lived back then. It was too cold for us to explore more of the property, but hopefully next time! It is New York State's largest living history Museum after all! Next time, stay sweet!

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## Holiday Valley Update

ChuteFest: A Celebration of Another Winter Season

By BROOKE SZPAICHER



ChuteFest is something all the local skiers and riders look forward to at the end of the winter season. Everyone comes together at the Chute chair and parking lot, sets up "camp," grills are smoking, chairs are in place, laughs and stories are exchanged. The day doesn't get much better!

As all the crazies show of what they got, moguls, jumps, tricks, you will see it all! Stand at the bottom of the Chute and cheer on everyone! Whatever weather comes our way, Mikey P notes, "ChuteFesters" don't give a you know what on what

the weather is, we just show up, and DO IT UP, as Radio Ron would say."

The Fest is planned to take place this weekend, either April 2nd or 3rd depending on if the Chute lift will be

spinning. Tentatively the plan is to aim for April 3rd, but it's hard to say how things will look up there until we get closer to the weekend. Stay tuned to social media for more information!

## Holiday Valley Still Open!!



Holiday Valley Resort Operations Update: With 8+'' of snow in the past 2 days, plans this week are to run 4 lifts: Cindy's, Mardi Gras, Yodeler & Slippery Streets Conveyor. Access to roughly 23 trails. We are open 9AM to 4:30PM. Snowsports will offer private lessons only. Reservations are required so please call 716-699-3506 to book your end of the season lesson. It's never too late to learn! Lift ticket prices this week will be: 4hr adult \$45 / 4hr Jr. \$35 and All-day adult \$50 / All day Jr. \$40

## Longest Running Lift Operator



Today, Holiday Valley Resort would like to introduce you to Jeff Zink, a lift operator who has been working with them for 37 years, which makes him the longest running lift operator at Holiday Valley! Learn more about Jeff and all the reasons that he enjoys working at the resort at their most recent blog post: [www.holidayvalley.com/explore/blog/jeff-zink/](http://www.holidayvalley.com/explore/blog/jeff-zink/)

## Holiday Valley Covid-19 Testing

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## New Sugar House Opening!!

Letchworth State Park's Newest Attraction Is Open Now



Get a taste of maple syrup production at Letchworth State Park's new sugar house! Due to COVID-19, free tickets for timed entry are required to minimize crowds. Face coverings are

required for all attendees over 2 years old. You will see syrup production by many methods throughout the day, including iron pot boiling, of the Humphrey Nature Iroquois stone boiling, and with an evaporator. Outdoor

educators will lead guided walks to the sugarbush, where you can watch maple sap collecting before your very eyes. If you like, you can purchase a to-go pancake breakfast from the Friends of Letchworth State Park on site. Only cash or check can be accepted for pancake breakfast purchases. Picnic tables will be provided on the grounds of the Humphrey Nature Center. Questions? Call (585)493-3680.

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# Chili Crawl Winners Announced

GOACC Event Brought Out More Than 60 Participants This Past Weekend



**Pictured L-R: Erica Dreher with GOACC and Fuzzy Smith, general manager at Hammer Back.**

OLEAN — More than 60 participants took to the town Saturday to try out chili at 7 different restaurants: Four Mile Brewing Co., Hammer Back Bar & Grill, Napoli Pizza, Randy's Up the River, Talty's Irish Pub, Union Whisk(e)y and Village Green. The participants had rating cards to judge each chili based on Visual appeal – Chili should be attractive and inviting to eat; Aroma– Chili should smell appetizing; Taste – Chili should be delicious and balanced; and Heartiness – Chili should be substantial and nourishing. They were based on a system of 1 as need improvement to 5 as best. Overall best chili based on the four areas above went to the Hammer Back with their basic chili of ground beef, beans, dice tomatoes, loads of spices which teamed up perfectly with their presentation buffet of fresh baked combread, sour cream, rice, cheddar cheese, oyster crackers, chez its and sliced bread. Coming in

second was Union Whisk(e)y and third place went to Four Mile Brewing Co. Individual winners based solely on one of the criteria went to: visual – Napoli Pizza; aroma – Randy's Up the River; taste – Union Whisk(e)y; and heartiness – Talty's Irish Pub. For the participants, for the fee they were charged were given an awesome chili vessel, 7 chili vouchers and a chance to win \$500 in Shop Olean Gift Certificates. That winner was Kathy Paciorowski of Olean. Besides all the deliciousness that participants enjoyed during the crawl and the crazy forecast of weather, the big benefit was to the Western New York Heroes program called 'Pawsitive for Heroes'. The program pays for service dog training as a result of the funds raised from the event. The dogs and their owners go through various courses together, properly preparing the dogs to serve those who've served. Chris Kreiger Sr., Iraq War Veteran,

President, Co-Founder WNYHeroes, Inc. stated, "Yesterday was awesome – we met a lot of great people to promote this great cause." Chris brought down four (human) participants in the program with three of the service dogs.

"Two of the places – Union Whisk(e)y and Four Mile Brewing Co. - had bison meat in their chili; Talty's and Village Green had corn beef in their concoctions, Randy Korokowicz's wife has created chili for the restaurant for the past 30 years – same recipe presented at the crawl as well as on their menu; and Ed and Tony over at Napoli Pizza served up their chili in a bowl created out of and featuring their yummy pizza dough!" reported Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO. The Olean Sports and Social Group and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up to present this third food event. Mrs. Yanetsko added, "Although we were very low in count based on past crawls (144/200), the participants enjoyed their crawl." The chili vessels are available at the Chamber in a limited supply for \$10. Most of the seven locations will also be selling them. "The crawl is a fundraiser and these chili vessels will cover the expenses of the event in hope that there are funds left over to gift to the veteran's service dog program," reported Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. Please stop in the Chamber and pick up yours today. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email member@oleanny.com.

# Marijuana Recreational Use Expands

Large Corporation Looking to Cash in on Local Industry



**A few farms in Ellicottville and Great Valley are being fenced off, and the property previously owned by Signore on Jefferson Street just south of the village has started to be surveyed as the clean-up of the soil has been complete and underneath the concrete and asphalt, the land has great Ph for the plant.**

BY NED CHALA

Marijuana is legal in New York for recreational use, after medicinal use was legalized a few years back. The new law took effect and many people rejoiced. The new laws allow persons to possess and use marijuana and marijuana products. The organization of the law is being figured out as to how it can be sold and the licensing for distribution as well, and those will be put into effect slowly, but surely, according to lawmakers and aficionados all over the state. The new law also allows private citizens to have up to five pounds of marijuana in their home and three ounces when out in public, also growing six plants for personal use is allowed. Now corporations are getting involved and have

found much of the land in the areas around Ellicottville and Cattaraugus County perfect for growing marijuana.

Known to local hemp farmers, the soil in this particular area is perfect in pH and is air-able. The studies have shown much of the land used for crops have been rotated well, and sustaining the hemp plant is easy, even if the soil was overused. Big tobacco has been doing studies on the land in secret, the information leaked by local farmers who have been offered large sums of profit sharing and money for use or purchase of their fields to grow recreational marijuana on. The market for marijuana and products is booming in the neighboring town of Salamanca as several dispensaries have been set up. Many entrepreneurs are

searching for farmable land to grow the weed.

These local farmers and landowners said they cannot share too much information, nor do they want to disclose their names or locations as of yet. Many farms that no longer are in use have been sold and the company, still un-named is doing surveys and checking soil health to grow potent female marijuana plants to harvest the flower and fiber. As word of this has been growing other farmers in the area have concerns about pollen and run off, which may cause problems with their hemp plants or personal marijuana plants. As the law is formed the larger companies who lobby for the law in their favor are angering local farmers who plan to farm marijuana themselves.

So far it is known that 420 - 2000 acres have been sold to an undisclosed corporation, rumored to be big tobacco in Cattaraugus County. A few farms in Ellicottville and Great Valley are being fenced off, and the property previously owned by Signore on Jefferson Street just south of the village has started to be surveyed as the clean-up of the soil has been complete and underneath the concrete and asphalt, the land has great pH for the plant. Ideas for tourism and local dispensaries are being tossed around to further the local economy and the planting of female marijuana clones is set to start April Fool's Day.

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## Business Spotlight: Revolution Fitness Studio

Sweat it Forward - Revolution Buffalo partnered with FeedMore WNY



They first opened in 2014 in a small carriage house on Delaware Ave with 18 classes, all taught by the owners. Fast forward to today, they have approximately 24 employees, 8,000 square feet of space and the best workout classes and community Buffalo has to offer.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This past weekend, Revolution Buffalo partnered with FeedMore WNY to kick off their “sweat it forward” initiative to do good in the community. Colleen Kirk, Rachel McCrone and Amanda Meyers, are co-founders and owners of Revolution Buffalo. They joined forces 7 years ago after many years working in the WNY fitness community - to bring Buffalo a boutique fitness studio that offers clients the opportunity to better themselves and the community around them.

“Rev operates from a sweat-it-forward mentality. We take that mental “high” experienced within the walls of our studio during workouts and spread it back into the community. There’s no reason those feel-good-vibes should stay within the walls of the studio! From charity rides with all profits donated to local organizations, to community volunteer projects and prioritizing partnerships with local businesses and organizations, we spread the ‘Buffalove’ all around WNY. This year in Q1 alone the

Revolution community has raised more than \$52,000 in donations for Parkinson’s and Roswell!”

Revolution offers over 70 workout classes a week including indoor cycling, running, rowing, strength, and more. They first opened in 2014 in a small carriage house on Delaware Ave with 18 classes, all taught by the owners. Fast forward to today, they have approximately 24 employees, 8,000 square feet of space and the best workout classes and community Buffalo has to offer. The downstairs CYCLELAB studio immerses riders in a state-of-the-art cycling experience that’s good for the body and soul. They offer classes that are both beat-based and non-rhythm – so there’s something for everyone. The second-floor space is home to REVLAB, their strength and interval-based programming, loaded with treadmills, rowers, YBell, TRX, dumbbells, slam balls, battle ropes, sandbags and more. “No amenity is overlooked, from parking to full-service locker rooms, to the small details like extra hair ties – all these special touches

help remove any barriers from making your workout happen.”

Each year, they host dozens of charity rides benefitting local causes and organizations including GLYS WNY, MOCHA Buffalo, Bison Fund, Haven House, Girls on the Run and more. “As frequently as possible, we partner with local business and organizations for the goods we sell and the services and programs that keep our business running. Some of our friends include Seneca One, 43N, Positive Approach, Ekl Pro, Free Street Tavern, Ace Flag, Peg’s Hardware, Meccay Photography, Moonshine Photography, B.McCrone Photography & Design, Andrew Hennessy Designs, Shamrock Construction and more.”

“We love to volunteer! Multiple times per year, Rev clients are invited to sweat it forward and share the good vibes with those who need it most. We’ve supported numerous WNY projects though volunteer work with a focus on the organizations

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## Business Spotlight: Tap Truck, Ice Cream Truck

Reinventing the Ice Cream Truck in Buffalo, New York



BY KATE BARTLETT

Spring is in the air, and along with it, soon will be the familiar song of ice cream trucks. Paige Huetter is the owner of Tap Truck Buffalo, a mobile beverage catering company serving up cold beverages from their 1950 Ford Truck playfully called Frankie. She is also the more recent owner of Our Ice Cream Truck, a fleet of five ice cream trucks that will be hitting the WNY neighborhoods this spring and summer.

Inspired by Mr. Cool, a local ice cream truck company, Paige and her gang decided to branch out into the ice cream industry. “We had a great introduction to our predecessor, Mr. Cool last spring with the initial idea of turning one of the vehicles into another tap truck. However, we quickly realized that the ice cream trucks were amazing as is and we thought it would be a fun way to expand.”

They purchased 5 trucks and are planning to have 2-3 of them on the road this season. Some will be operating under the original brand, Mr. Cool,

while the others are being rebranded into ‘Our Ice Cream Truck’. Paige is motivated but realistic, knowing it will take time to get these trucks up and running. “Juggling two businesses and three kiddos makes it a little tough to get all of them redone before we get them on the road.” The plan is to have them up and running by April 15th just in time for spring.

They will be serving up ice cream novelties with variety of allergy friendly options. “It’s really important to us to make sure everyone has something they can safely enjoy. We’ll even have some pet friendly options! We’re excited about expanding and getting out on the roads to meet new faces and bring some normalcy back to the summer activities.”

Paige and her crew have designed maps of requested routes from social media. “We’ve had some great feedback from our social media followers on neighborhoods to explore. We have a map of requested routes going and will continue to add to it. We’ll be posting

on our social media, @OurIceCreamTruckBuffalo (insta and FB) to fill people in where we’ll be. We have already had several requests for events – grad parties, corporate picnics, and end of year school events; so it will be a hybrid between cruising the streets of WNY and private events.”

“As always, it’s a family affair and my kids will be involved heavily in the business. My oldest, Cameron (13) will be managing a lot of the routes and inventory. She’ll be assisting with booking events and scheduling. My youngest, Sydney (8) has been learning Canva in school and is developing some posts for social media. Jacoby (10) is the helper in cleaning and stocking. My kids are thrilled to say the least! My youngest (8) is on a mission this year to find the perfect Sponge Bob popsicle where the face hasn’t melted!”

Be sure to follow on Facebook and Instagram @OurIceCreamTruckBuffalo to find latest routes, events, and make requests. Email Paige @hello@taptruckbuffalo.com

### Community Easter Egg Hunt

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## Event Spotlight: "Rockin the Commons"

Benefit Returns to Fredonia to Benefit Roswell



By JUDY SHULER

After a COVID cancellation and 6-month delay due to construction in Barker Commons, the student-led 'Rockin the Commons' event returns on Saturday, April 9, from 11am-7pm, at the Commons between Church Street and West Main Street in Fredonia, NY.

Fredonia Radio Systems, on campus of State University of New York at Fredonia, has been organizing the fundraiser since 2008, with proceeds going to Roswell Park Cancer Center. In prior years they've raised about \$4,000, aiming for even more this year because of the 2020 COVID cancellation. It was originally scheduled for September 2021, then moved to April because of the construction. The event is planned and produced by the nine-member executive board, says Alexander Erwin, staff representative. The day-long music schedule features SUNY Fredonia's a cappella groups Some Like it Hot and Guerrillas; Beach Tower, a campus band which started as a freshman experiment; Fredonia-based Oscar's Cash; singer/songwriter

Jacob King, Williamsville. And from Buffalo, Cheap Peach, an alternative punk rock group, and indie-rock band The Burkharts, notable for matching yellow sweaters.

Music will be broadcast on campus radio stations Alternative Station WCVF 88.9 FM and Top 40 Station 89.5 WDVL and at fredoniaradio.com. Food trucks, some 40 basket raffles and a CD sale are also part of Rockin The Commons.

Fredonia Radio offers students practice in being an on-air DJ, program director, engineer, station manager, news director, all the myriad functions of operating a radio station. Erwin, a junior from the Village of Bellport on Long Island, plans to continue working in the audio field after graduation.

"Whether that's in radio, television, live sound or produced sound, I would love to focus on audio work. A dream position for me would either be to work in a podcasting company or doing audio archival work for a historical organization or museum."

To see an on-air interview by board members Melaney

Fajardo, WDVL program director, and Jordan Budd, music director, go to fredoniaradio.com and click on the Local Lo-Down logo. Erwin is behind the scenes as technical director; the person being interviewed is senior composition major Matt Slazik in a program called the Local Lo-Down which showcases local musicians.

Fajardo is a junior from Sunnyside Queens with a double major in the music industry and business administration-management. She originally came to Fredonia as a vocal major, but since moving to the music industry program has explored different areas including live sound. She is now the vice president for the on-campus club, Sound Services.

"I am interested in doing venue management and starting my own record label which, I am currently working on called Entering Orbit," she says.

Budd, a sophomore music industry major and communication minor, is thinking about pursuing a communication major as well. He is Artist & Repertoire lead for the Local Lo-Down; a staff writer for the school newspaper, The Leader; member of the promotions committee for the Music Industry Club; and the music director for Fredonia Radio Systems.

"As of right now, these positions have shown me that I hope to have a career either writing about music for a publication, working in radio or podcasting, or an A&R or related position in the music industry." Budd is from Red Hook, a small town in Dutchess County.

SEE "FREDONIA" RIGHT

## New York Times Best Selling Author

Once Local Resident Susan Wiggs Visits Home for Signing Event

Meet New York Times Bestselling Author Susan Wiggs



Susan Wiggs is a New York Times best-selling author, whose works are about family, friendship and romance. The books have been translated into 20 languages and are available in 30 countries. Ms. Wiggs, an Olean native. She will hold a talk at 7pm, April 9 at the Old Library Restaurant and Inn, 116 S. Union St., Olean, with the reception to follow for a \$25 cost. The Olean talk is sponsored by the Olean Public Library.

By SHARON TURANO

Area readers who feel like they recognize locations when reading some of Susan Wiggs' 50 novels, have a chance to hear what she has to say about those books when she visits two area libraries in April.

Ms. Wiggs is an Olean native, who now lives on Puget Sound, will hold talks at 7pm, April 8 at the David A. Howe Library, 155 N. Main St., Wellsville, with an 8pm \$25 reception to follow. She will hold a talk at 7pm, April 9 at the Old Library Restaurant and Inn, 116 S. Union St., Olean, with the reception to follow for a \$25 cost. The Olean talk is sponsored by the Olean Public Library.

Michelle LaVoie, director

at the Olean Public Library, said she was contacted by Nic Gunning, the director of the Wellsville library, who asked if she would like to partner on bringing Wiggs home to discuss her work as part of National Library Week.

"She has fond memories of the place," said LaVoie about the author. She said Wiggs' books are popular with Olean Public Library patrons and, she said, a number of her books are set in Western New York, including the popular Lakeshore Chronicles series.

Wiggs' books include *The Lost and Found Bookshop*, *The Oysterville Sewing Circle*, and many more. She is a New York Times best-selling author, whose works are about family, friendship and romance. The books

have been translated into 20 languages and are available in 30 countries. Her book, *The Apple Orchard*, is being made into a movie, and *Sugar and Salt*, is her soon-to-be-released book.

LaVoie said the author's visit is one of many activities being held at the library. For instance, she said, the library is partnering with the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University, which will hold an exhibit "Frida Kahlo's Garden," opening April 6. As part of this partnership, the library will host visiting artist, Joan Stoltman, an author and artist from Buffalo, who will teach Kahlo-themed art lessons for children. There will be additional programs for all ages based on the celebration of Kahlo's work.

Teen programs and other events are also held at the library. For more information, call the library at 372-0200.

Caption: Susan Wiggs is a New York Times best-selling author, whose works are about family, friendship and romance. The books have been translated into 20 languages and are available in 30 countries. Ms. Wiggs, an Olean native. She will hold a talk at 7pm, April 9 at the Old Library Restaurant and Inn, 116 S. Union St., Olean, with the reception to follow for a \$25 cost. The Olean talk is sponsored by the Olean Public Library.

## Fredonia

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All nine members of the Fredonia Radio Systems executive board are profiled on fredoniaradio/about-us. Fredonia Radio is soliciting

gift cards, certificates, gift baskets, or any other kind of prize that can be entered into a Chinese Auction and raffled off on the day of Rockin the Commons. Some of the businesses already contributing raffle baskets include Critical Gaming

in Fredonia, Rhythm & Grooves in Fredonia, the Comedy Center in Jamestown, Julie's Fish Market in Dunkirk, and Mighty Taco. Items will be displayed on campus on the Thursday and Friday leading up to the event.



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# Up Close: The Woman Behind the Surf Club

The Beloved, Hardworking and Empowering Jackie Schenck



"We Built This City on Rock and Roll" is an 80's song by Jefferson Airplane and for those of us who were lucky enough to work at the "Surf Club" in Bemus Point, New York for those years, it kind of tells our stories within the Story that Jackie and Junie Schenck (above with son, Paul) wrote into the history books.

By DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

Many things remain a mystery to me about my friend and role model Jackie Schenck, but I love that about her. Her mystique is a reminder of how important you might encounter her. She enjoys elevating and encouraging other people and it happens so naturally. Whoever said "familiarity breeds contempt", didn't know Jackie. The more you become acquainted with her, the more you want to know her. I became a fan during those formidable years when we were so busy and there never seemed to be enough time when you are hustling through your twenties, trying to find your own path. The truth is, she was always sharing herself with everyone around her and somehow, she knew just what we all needed even before we did. She takes being human to a whole

other level. And WE are the clowns and jokers she helped to shape and mature as our Commander and Chief.

"We Built This City on Rock and Roll" is an 80's song by Jefferson Airplane and for those of us who were lucky enough to work at the "Surf Club" in Bemus Point, New York for those years, it kind of tells our stories within the Story that Jackie and Junie Schenck wrote into the history books. Myself and so many others got to play different parts in the chapters and we all have our share of great tales to tell, but Jackie really did lay the foundation that launched a number of us. The thing is, even though the Surf Club Banner no longer waves in the wind that used to blow our napkins into oblivion, what we found there will never be blown away and those times were legendary!

Working for Jackie was never a chore and I could never figure out how she always seemed to be there when we

were open almost 24hours a day - all summer long. She did use to say "If I don't want to be here with you hooligan's, why would anyone else want to be"? Then she would flash that million-dollar smile while giving you that famous wink of hers. She usually gave her staff nicknames. Not right away, she learned your real name first if she knew you were going to be around a while, her intuition was always on target, but she believed in giving chances. Thank the Heavens for that.

She gave me my claim to fame as "Mean Darlene the Dancin' Machine". People actually still call me that. She got everyone calling me that and then she shortened it to Hey "Dancin'". I never had to wonder she was talking to me. My then partner in crime was Lone Sharone One Wolf and she would let us sneak on the dance floor to jam with the live bands her son Paul would

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## Up Close: Denise Jones, The Resource Center

CEO of The Resource Center Recognized on Power 250 List



Denise Jones, The Resource Center's CEO, is once again recognized as an influential professional figure on the 2022 Power 250 list. Her career with TRC began in 1990 and has built momentum ever since.

By JESSICA MILLER

The Resource Center (TRC), headquartered in Jamestown, NY (200 Dunham Ave.), prides itself on its service to developmentally and intellectually disabled community members. Founded in 1958, TRC was originally a group of caregivers and neighbors that wanted to help their loved ones obtain the training and education allowing a higher quality of life. A substantial amount of growth in terms of services offered, clients served, and professionals employed has led to the present day of 1,200 employees meeting the needs of 5,286 service recipients. These impressive numbers and people are the reason TRC is the largest non-governmental employer of Chautauqua County—and the 43rd largest employer in New York state.

An organization of this size and scale needs leadership

skills of the highest caliber to ensure that staff and consumers alike have their needs met. Denise Jones, CEO of TRC, is providing just that level of support for people with disabilities, caregivers, families, and the support staff who assist these groups navigate through their respective systems. Jones began her career with TRC in 1990 as the organization's first internal auditor. This role, in combination with her prior experience as a CPA, led to her promotion to Finance Director in 1997. The year 2004 found Jones accepting another promotion when she became CFO and Assistant Executive Director for Administrative Services. In 2008, Jones was named COO and Associate Executive Director. The most recent advancement occurred in 2015 when she accepted her current role.

Such an extensive and illustrious resume made it no surprise when Jones was

ranked as number 67 on Buffalo Business First's 2022 Power 250 list. This honor is especially noteworthy due to her prior listings on this list; 2022 is the seventh year in a row that Jones was listed on the Power 250 list. She carries an additional distinction with this listing as the highest ranked person from Chautauqua County. When names are considered for ranking on the list, the scale of TRC services made available and the number of employees working for the organization confirmed why Jones was a perfect fit for the ranks.

"Factors we consider include length of time in an executive position, companies with sizable employment and payrolls, and non-profits making an impact on community welfare," said Donna Collins, Buffalo Business First's Editor-in-Chief. "The 2022 Power 250 showcases people who set the goals, communicated to all their factions and then led the charge for employees and clients to attain prosperity, security and success."

TRC board members are just as confident as Buffalo Business First writers that Jones is worthy of the recognition she has received with the latest ranking. "The Board of Directors congratulates Denise on her recognition in the Power 250 list of the most influential people in Western New York," said Patricia Perlee, TRC President. "Denise continues to lead TRC through challenging times, all while recognizing and understanding the needs of staff, clients, self-advocates, and families. This distinction

SEE "TRC" RIGHT

## Jackie

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book all seven nights a week. In those days the club closed for winter. My first night at the "Rusty Nail" after the Surf closed up for hibernation after the first season I worked for her, who shows up calling for Mean Darlene and Hey Dancin'? None other than Jackie Schenck. I have a sneaking suspicion she got me that job over the winter so I would continue to have a means to support myself until the days of summer were once again calling for the SURF to open the magic doors. I believe she did that quietly

for a lot of us. She was like that about many things she did, she was never a Seeker of the Light, but a Keeper of the Light and for me, she glowed. She gave so many of us the opportunity to develop a strong and honest work ethic. Everyone did all they could at all times to keep our guests happy and the house clean. She led by example and never had to raise her voice or ask repeatedly because we loved pleasing her. Not only did she treat us as valued members of her staff, BUT SHE PAID US ALL WELL!! She was easily the best boss I ever had and when I was in management years later and as I raised my children, I tried to follow her example. If you met my

adult sons, you would know I stayed pretty true to her template. I have had ample opportunities over the years to say I've learned this or that from Jackie, but hat I have learned above all, is everyone is worth your time, some more than others, but always worth your attention and respect. I am glad when our Publisher, Jeanine Zimmer asked if I could think of a woman to honor in this last edition during International Women's Month and when I mentioned Jackie, she undoubtedly was excited herself, for Jackie is a major part of Jeanine's journey as well. Thank you for all you have done to set so many of us on our way Jackie Schenck! You are a Legend in my Mind!!

## Fitness

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that our clients and staff have often requested/feel most passionate about, including Ronald McDonald House, Haven House, Buffalo Zoo, The Tool Library, Buffalo Niagara River Keeper, Grass Roots Gardens, Kevin Guest

House and more."

"Rev's first sweat it forward event of the year landed us at FeedMore, filling meal kits for Buffalo Public School's backpack program, ensuring children have access to nutritious food on the weekends. Each vegetarian bag was filled with snacks, beverage, vegetable, rice, beans and fruit. We created an assembly line to fill bags, label and assemble boxes, and over

the course of two hours were able to assemble 750 meals to contribute to the program!"

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## TRC

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by Buffalo Business First is

well earned, and TRC is very fortunate to have Denise as our Executive Director."

Bona fides such as those demonstrated by Jones are an asset to any community or organization. She uses her

skills as a prominent example of leadership and rising to challenges in the name of service. Her continued guidance promises further growth and enrichment for everyone connected to TRC.

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## This Week in Health & Science: Daylight Savings Time

The U.S. Senate Wants to Keep Daylight Savings Time All Year

By CARA BIRRIETIERI  
AUTHOR, FREELANCE WRITER,

Spring Forward, Fall back. How many times have you persevered through this twice annual rite? Like most Americans, the answer is probably, "Too many." Invariably people tend to prefer "falling back" over "springing forward," given in the spring and summer, but for that extra hour of slumber, we suffer with afternoon darkness overtaking our lives in fall and winter

Now it appears that we could suspend this rigmarole, if Congress decides it's time to quit messing with time. The U.S. Senate wasted no time endorsing the Sunshine Protection Act on March 15, which would stop the clock at Daylight Savings Time (DST) in 2023, providing that extra hour of sunshine later in the day, and darkness in the morning--permanently. The bi-partisan bill was then sent over the House of Representatives, where members are taking their sweet time to decide which is better: DST with light later in the day, or Standard Time (ST) with light earlier in the morning? After all, morning people may prefer an earlier sunrise to a later sunset.

The very first DST began in Canada in 1908, but Germany popularized the practice two years into World War I. Both Germany and Austria pushed their clocks an hour forward in April of 1916 to cut down on artificial light to save fuel

during the war. According to timeanddate.com, within a few weeks, Britain, France, and others followed. The U.S. tried it briefly in 1918, however, most countries returned to Standard Time after the war, and it wasn't until WWII that DST was reintroduced across the U.S.

From February 1942 until September 1945, DST was in effect continuously, as part of the war effort. Over the next two decades, rules for DST were haphazard across the country, creating confusion for trains, planes, television and radio programming. In 1966, the Uniform Time Act was passed, and it provided a nationwide framework for our current DST schedule, though states could opt out. Some people may recall DST was again enacted during the energy crisis, when clocks remained on DST from January 1974 to April 1975. The idea was to study the impact on energy savings, which turned out to be minimal. In addition, the public hated it, and so the country returned to ST during the winter months the following year.

This could be the reason the U.S. House of Representatives is taking its time to decide how best to proceed. One Representative from Washington State is concerned for her constituents who will face darkness until nearly nine o'clock in the morning in winter. Meanwhile the Senate's Marco Rubio of Florida, who sponsored the bill, had hoped for swift passage for his sunshine state. Also, scientists are now weighing in. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine is in favor of abolishing the seasonal time changes. Sleep experts say switching to DST



every March is associated with risks: more car crashes, a higher risk of stroke and hospital admissions, mood disturbances, and disruption of everyone's circadian rhythm, which is important for health and safety.

AASM's Erin Flynn-Evans, says it's time to end DST, definitely not keep it permanently. "Research shows that time changes affect the body's circadian rhythm, or body clock, which makes it more difficult to achieve quality sleep and also negatively impacts health and safety."

The AASM is strongly against the Senate bill, and favors eliminating DST to keep Standard Time in place all year round. In a position statement, endorsed by more than 20 medical, scientific, and civic organizations, including the American College of Chest Physicians, National PTA, National Safety Council, Society for Research on Biological Rhythms, and World Sleep Society, the AASM says, "Current evidence best supports the adoption of year-round standard time, which aligns best with human circadian biology and provides distinct benefits for public health and safety."

Either way, you have to wait a little longer. Congress simply must decide to keep DST or ST, and yes, on that point, only time will tell.

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# What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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We return to The Gin Mill for Mo Porter from 8-12am. This long time EVL favorite plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers that has a Doors influence. Try one or more of the 37 beers on tap or get a high-end craft cocktail from the Carriage House Sidebar.

We end the evening a few doors east at Madigan's with DJ Cobra Con from 10-2am playing some slide for your glide in the upstairs window. Try the foosball or pool tables for a little competition.

SATURDAY: Balloons gets us started again with Henry's Summer Kitchen from 6:30-10pm. This is the full band version of the Kitchenette so they play the same genre of music a little more suited to dancing. DJ Giltoy will follow in the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin on the dance floor.

The Gin Mill is back with Hot Apple Pie from 8-12am. This band plays rock covers from the 60-2000's that are very danceable. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap. Try the pot roast, like mom made.

We end back at Madigan's where the nighttime temps are still cold enough you might catch a fire in the wood stove. DJ Angelo will put the funk

in the trunk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor from 10-2am. Play stomp the bartender with those umbrella drinks, bonus points for using a blender.

SUNDAY: Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm hosted by Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers which provides the perfect background to the southern tiers finest Italian eatery.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 75 cent wings and a wonderful selection of beers hosted, this week by, Maria Sebastian from 6-9pm. Maria plays a folk/pop/alt/indie/set of covers and originals and has toured as a member of 10,000 Maniacs.

We end the week as we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company Wednesday from 8-11pm. \$10.99 gets your choice of the Gin Mill Burger or beef-on-weck and house made chips and \$1off all domestics.

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The temps are warming and the spring rains are bearing wildflowers and there's plenty of music to be heard in town so let's see who's playing where.

We start the weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$12 gets any burger and any beer on the menu and this week's musical guest is Henry's Summer Kitchenette from 6-9pm. This Buffalo duo plays some rock-a-billy/oldies/covers/am radio hits set of covers and some corny jokes too.

At the corner of Washington and Monroe The Gin Mill will host Tyler and Jim from 8-10pm. This Bradford duo plays a guitar piano set of rock/folk/pop covers and originals that reflect the British Invasion of the 60-70's. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm Sun-Wed or 12am Thurs-Sat.

FRIDAY: Balloons is first up with Tony Holiday from 7-10:30pm on the main stage. This Memphis band plays the blues with the best of them and has cd's and merch available. DJ KT Styllez will follow with some soul sauce in the sound booth so you can

# Beat on the Street:

How Can You Prove that You Exist?

By CHAD NEAL

Questioning existence has been a philosophical discussion for millennia. One of the most famous quotes about it was penned by Rene DesCartes. Today's society has many thinking we could very well be a simulation - a computer program where we all believe we are conscious. Reality is

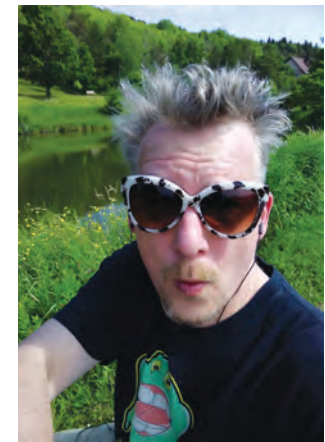
looked at differently by everybody and seeking a comfortable idea about existence could be proof of it as well. We know of the inevitable end, but that is often questioned as well, but that's a different subject matter. Existential rabbit holes of thought can cause psychosis, I'm sure. How can you prove that you exist?



John D. - My tax bill



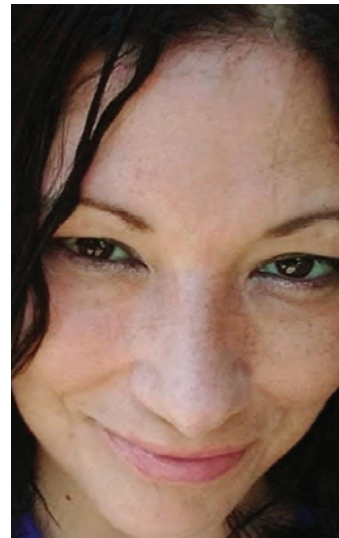
Kristen P. - My husband would be walking around without pants if I didn't exist.



Shad N. - You'll have to wait for my obituary...



Clark G. - Existence is pain.



Jennifer M. - Nothing or no one to prove it too, this is all so temporary, were all just walking each other home.



Beth R. - You asked me a question which has no answer that you know. I exist because you don't know what I'll say. I exist because I've put my bare feet in the snow, I've pushed another entire human out of my body, I've created art that will exist when I am gone. I exist because I've created ripples.

# National Library Week

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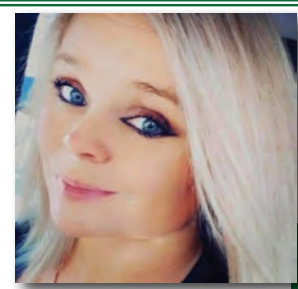


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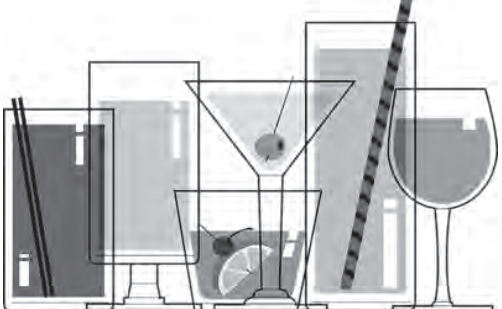
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

## Nourish

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neighbors, through their food pantry. This nine-week (once a week) delivery of prepared frozen meals was part of the NYS Resilience Program, a win-win program designed to financially assist Covid affected restaurants while keeping their employees working and sharing their bounty with those less fortunate who rely on food banks and soup kitchens to supplement their family meals. The program ended at the end of March, 2022.

The wonderful, state-wide-program, gave a leg-up to restaurant owners across NYS (22 in WNY), who then gave a leg-up to over fifty thousand hungry Western New Yorkers. In speaking with Amber Thiel (originally raised in West Valley) who held the reins on this project for FeedMore WNY (formerly the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for WNY), each participating restaurant served more than one nutritional site, either a food pantry or dining site, etc. In Dina's case, her three restaurants served five agencies throughout the area from Jamestown and Olean to Ellicottville, Great Valley, and Cattaraugus. Nick Pitillo was actually the first Ellicottville person to respond to the call. His two restaurants provided meals for as many agencies in need of meals for their clients

– including food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters. Ellicottville's West Rose was yet another local participating restaurant reaching out to those in need.

This program brought 2.1 million dollars into the Western New York communities as payments to these restaurants for their meals. In turn, these businesses kept more of their employees working, which allowed them to remain open more days and longer hours. Amber related that Nick said he could keep his entire staff on board during the Christmas holiday season because of this initiative. As a result, this funding became available to all of NYS, helping to keep people working, business doors open, restaurants finally getting back in the black, not to mention the fabulous meals provided to people who would not have the opportunity or the financial means to ever eat at places like Dina's or Villaggio or West Rose.

This from their site: "The Restaurant Resiliency Program builds on the great success of the Nourish New York program, which, through three completed rounds, has helped New York's food banks purchase over 35 million pounds of New York food products, or 29.8 million meals, to provide New Yorkers in need. During the fourth round, as of the end of December, New York's food banks have purchased more than 13.4 million pounds of food, creating an additional 11.1 million meals for households in need."

It is estimated that nearly 175,000 neighbors across Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties are at risk of hunger. For those who are food insecure, food pantries can be a fundamental resource to improve access to adequate food. In 2021, Feeding America estimated the number of food insecure individuals to be over 42 million (13 million children).

Amber stressed that this program is so much more than providing a meal – it provides dignity, hope and a brighter future, which is part of their mission. "FeedMore WNY believes that to solve hunger, we must acknowledge that the struggle against hunger, poverty, injustice, and hopelessness are one and the same. We envision a future in which all are treated with dignity, food access and equity are recognized as human rights, and every person is empowered to have hope and thrive."

If you or someone you know is hungry or in need of food, reach out to FeedMore WNY to learn more how they can be of assistance. You can also visit their 'Find Food' page to locate pantries near you or call (716) 822-2002 to speak to someone directly. Plan to support their Sweet Expectations fundraiser event on May 18, in-person or virtually. Another source of assistance is ROC (Rural Outreach) at 716-240-2220.

## Skate

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Extreme Sport Enthusiasts, whether on wheels or snow, have it going on.

Through Pete's affiliation with larger organizations in the Skate and Snowboarding world as a proprietor of JSP and through his work in the snowboarding arena at the HoliMont Ski Resort in Ellicottville, New York; he is in the scope of a few really great National Programs promoting the Building of Safe Play Spaces across the country with special funding for Skateparks. Build to Play and the previously Named "Tony Hawk" foundation, now the Trevor Staples of the Skate Park Project offer up to \$250,000 in matching funds for the construction of these parks, and Pete, though his park that was already built and operational, was spreading the word. Enter Brenda Perks, an Ellicottville Business Woman, mother, wife and extreme sport enthusiast herself, and her husband Chris. Pete works for "all things snow at HoliMont" with Chris Perks and they are all also friends. Brenda picked up the mantle and began weaving together a plan for the Ellicottville Community Park, which will soon be breaking ground to offer the entire community and their many visitors to enjoy a \$500,000 state of the art Skatepark.

The design team at "Grindline Skateparks", out of Seattle Washington, has been given the dimensions for the park and I learned from Mat, their lead designer, that layouts were already underway. Brenda and all of the Corporate and Private Sponsors deserve giant Kudo's for their efforts. As she said it, and as I believe it, parents and their children deserve places that everyone can afford that offer opportunities to interact and enjoy healthy activities together. It is essential for teens and young adults to have access to places, outside their classrooms, facilitating community and positive interaction with their peers. These places foster the concepts of selfcare, an awareness of others and the desire to work cooperatively for a mutually beneficial project aimed to serve the population as a whole. I know Brenda wants me to include all the information I requested of her for this article, but alas I would never finish this story.

"DesignPerks" is Brenda's business and she and her local business partners, along with private donors, under the guidance of the "Skate Park Project", will soon be breaking ground and hope to have a completed Community Skate Park by late October of this year. Great Job!!

Another project initiated and instigated by the Legendary and Illusive Pete Scheira, is the Skate Park being built on the Chadakoin River, as part of the "Greater Jamestown Renewal Project". This is a joint effort with the "Resource Center of Jamestown" that in addition to the Skate Park, will offer to members of our community with disabilities and the community at large a new pavilion with rooms for Art classes, Dance opportunities and more. This is in direct relation to Pete, who has been raising money for ten years to help the "Skate Park Project" build a park for skaters and our Mayor Eddie Sundquist who put these super-hero efforts together.

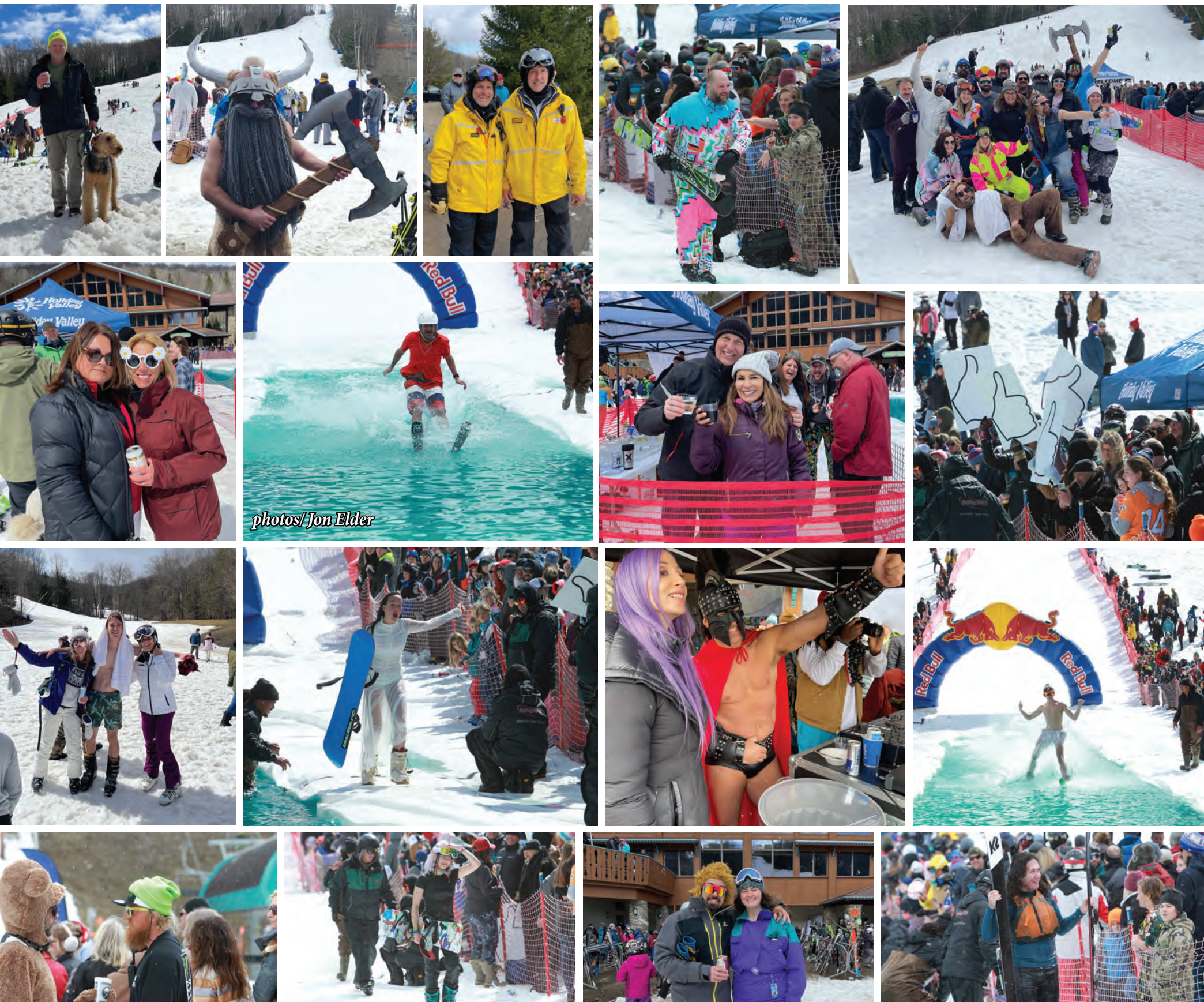
Another Cattaraugus Skatepark in the process of being built is the Allegany River Skatepark. Their story was aired on WGRZ back in January when the dedicated team worked with the Village of Allegany and the Cattaraugus Community Foundation to secure a \$300,000 grant from The Skatepark Project. The grant will help the Village of Allegany create a permanent public park to help local children and adults get outside and get some fresh air. Exercising with their bikes, skateboards and more. To see how you can help make this dream a reality for the Allegany Skate Park you can check out their Facebook and Instagram pages.

Parks are also being built in Olean and Springfield. I think we can safely say that the 40 something generation are today's movers and shakers. Great Job to everyone involved. You can find out more on Pete's Facebook Page, Jamestown Skate Products, SK8EVL Facebook's page and through the "Greater Jamestown Riverwalk Renewal" Web site!

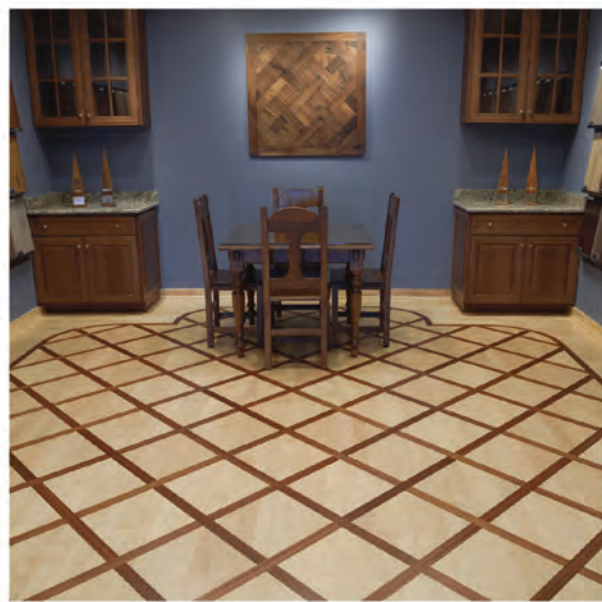
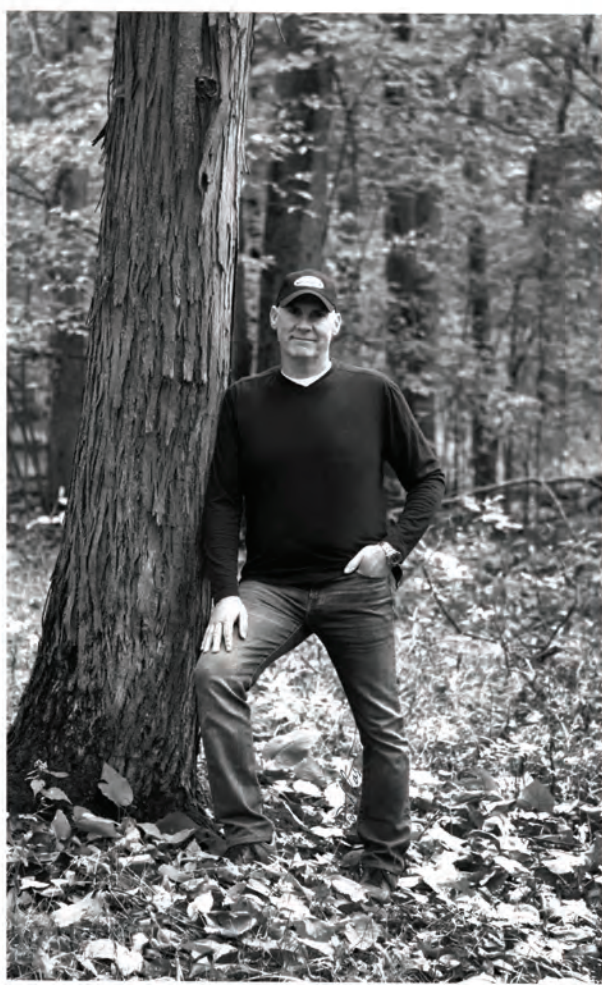
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