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## Area Events

**ELLICOTTVILLE EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 16th • 1pm  
EVL Fire Department, Ellicottville

**HOME HEALTH & FITNESS**  
Friday, April 22nd • 5pm  
Good Times of Olean, Olean

**POWER OF NATIVE PLANTS**  
Saturday, April 23rd • 10:30-12pm  
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville

**SPRING FLING & VENDOR SHOW**  
Saturday, April 30th • 11-4pm  
Eden Valley Creamery, South Dayton

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

**GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK OPENS**  
Sunday, May 1st • 9am  
Griffis Sculpture Park, East Otto

**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

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

**2022 EASTER CARNIVAL**  
Saturday, April 16th • 10-1pm  
Chautauqua Safety Villager, Ashville

**COMMUNITY EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 16th • 10:30am  
Bemus Point Tap House, Bemus Point

**CITY EGG HUNT**  
Saturday, April 16th • 11am  
Allen Park, Jamestown

**EASTER SIT DOWN DINNER**  
Sunday, April 17th • 11:30-5:30pm  
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

**LUNAFEST**  
Thursday, April 21st • 6-9:45pm  
Scharmman Theater, JCC Jamestown

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## Chautauqua Season Returns

Arts & Business as Normal at CHQ. Institution for 2022



The 4,400-seat, open-air Chautauqua Amphitheater will return to 100% capacity in 2022. The Amphitheater's summer season opens June 25 with a concert by violinist Joshua Bell and his wife, opera soprano Larisa Martinez. It closes with a week of concerts, including The Avett Brothers, Punch Brothers, Rhiannon Giddens, and Emmylou Harris and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

**BY JUDY SHULER**  
"Chautauqua is back!" The way it felt in 2019, pre-pandemic, that's the way it will feel this summer, says Jordan Steves, director of strategic communications.

The 2020 season was entirely online,

2021 was in-person supplemented by online programming. Last year people who came to Chautauqua Institution for only one week found they could experience the entire

SEE "CHQ." PAGE 10

## Celebrating Dyngus Day this Weekend

Buffalo Sets an Example: Let's All Be Polish Proud



Buffalo, NY is once again hosting the largest concentration of festival locations, polka bands and Polish traditions in the nation. On Monday, April 18, following Easter Sunday, the Annual Dyngus Day Parade kicks off at 5pm in Buffalo's Historic Polonia District traveling down Broadway.

**BY CAROL FISHER-LINN**  
Wall Street Journal: Dingus Day "...The tradition started to catch on with younger Buffalonians who

were looking to reclaim some of their Polish heritage, or just looking

SEE "DYNGUS" PAGE 14

## The Season of Rebirth

Easter, Passover, Ramadan: Appreciating Spring



Easter egg events from rural areas to the White House (since 1878 – open to all by ticket. Get yours (free) early online for 2023 if you want your family to have this fun experience and a trip to DC for Easter break). Check out last week's article in *The Villager* for egg related events in your area.

**BY CAROL FISHER-LINN**  
It's the season of rebirth!!! Winter sports enthusiasts may be a bit forlorn to see their favorite season depart, but one needs only to look at the happy face of a bright yellow daffodil or a purple crocus, smell the fresh spring air

and drive on dry roads to appreciate the arrival of this new season.

Spring can always be counted on to fling off the feather blankets, rub her eyes, jump out of her winter repose and say, C'mon, let's do

SEE "SPRING" PAGE 11

## EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Katy's Cafe

Celebrating 10 Years in the Community this Week



Owner Katy Arena describes her café as a place "where you enter as strangers, leave as friends". Katy's favorite thing about Ellicottville is the people. "You have this amazing little town that fills up every week with different people from all walks of life. Some people you see every couple of weeks, some just once, some every day and some seasonally. It's a pretty amazing little place."

**BY KATE BARTLETT**  
Katy's Café is celebrating their 10th anniversary in Ellicottville as they opened on March 16, 2012. Katy Arena is the owner and operator of Katy's Café. As a

Salamanca native and Great Valley resident, she is an active member in the community and proud to contribute as a small business owner.

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

**Holiday Valley Update... Pg. 5**

**New Director of Marketing: Dash Hegeman**



Some may recognize him from his involvement in the Snowsport community, the Boardroom, the chairlift, and if you didn't know his face before, you will now. Holiday Valley's Jane Eshbaugh will be retiring after 40+ years and the resort is excited to welcome Dash to take on the position to continue to bring new ideas to the plate.

**2022 Summer Music Festival... Pg. 3**

**The Date is Fast Approaching, Get Your Tickets Now**

This may be one of the most anticipated events of WNY, and this year it's going to be better than ever before! Our three-day music event commences July 1st - 3rd where you can find us celebrating our independence with the Voices of Classic Rock!

## Business: Good Leaf Dispensary

Cannabis Dispensary Serves Two Locations



Customers are able to visit Leafly and place their orders ahead of time for quick in-store pickup and to browse and view their current inventory or visit their website at [GoodLeaf716.com](http://GoodLeaf716.com) to view their current promotions as well as see their latest products.

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Cannabis is officially and finally legalized in New York State and there have been a multitude of dispensaries popping up with many options to choose from. How do you pick one from another? Well, "it's time to bless your lungs" by stopping into Good Leaf Dispensary.

There are currently two locations. One in

SEE "GOOD" PAGE 15

## Allen Park Women's Club

Jamestown Organization Celebrates 80 Years



This year the Allen Park Women's Club is celebrating 80 years of service to the park and the many other organizations they assist. A Big Birthday Bash is planned for Members and their families at the Landmark Restaurant for April 19th 2022. On Saturday April 16th the Club is hosting the Return of their Traditional Easter Egg Roll in the park. The Hunt begins at 11am and everyone is invited.

BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

As the spring sun shines and settles on the hill tops melting the last of the winter snow, the earth below begins to warm and soften, pushing up the first sprouts of the flowers to come. The trees in their predictable way are budding and the song birds can once again be found perching among their branches. It really is a magical time of year here in Jamestown and throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus

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"It's a Wing WNY Thing!"



Whether its snowfall, football, chicken wings or apparently Dingus Day, we in Western New York know how to make the best of it! Did you know Buffalo, NY is the capitol of Dingus Day celebrations, hosting the largest concentration of festival locations, polka bands, and Polish traditions in the nation? You will learn a lot about this and more in this week's edition of *The Villager*. As always, we enjoy filling these pages for you each week with things to do, businesses to explore and artists to meet. If you have a great story in mind for us, please contact me directly: [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com). We would love to spread the word!  
**Until next week, enjoy the read**  
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## Spring Hydrant Flushing

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# Ellicottville Summer Music Fest.

July 1-3, 2022: The Date is Fast Approaching; Get Your Tickets Now

**VOICES OF CLASSIC ROCK**

**ASIA**

FEATURING **JOHN PAYNE**

ALEX LIGERTWOOD Formerly of **SANTANA**

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

JOHN ELEFANTE Formerly of **KANSAS**

**TICKETS ON SALE**

If you're a classic rock fan then buckle up for one heck of a show! Get ready for Asia, featuring John Payne with special guest Alex Ligertwood, former lead singer of Santana and John Elefante, former lead singer of Kansas on Saturday, July 2nd. Opening for them is Practically Petty- the Tom Petty Tribute Band that has been mesmerizing audiences with the true spirit and essence of Tom Petty. Following the Voices of Classic Rock is a performance from the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on Sunday, July 3rd where you can enjoy the wonderful sounds of the BPO with a spectacular fireworks display!

This may be one of the most anticipated events of WNY, and this year it's going to be better than ever before! Our three-day music event commences July 1st - 3rd where you can find us celebrating our independence with the Voices of Classic Rock!

This year's lineup is fire! If you're a classic rock fan then buckle up for one heck of a show! The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the three-day music event, has finalized a banger lineup for this year's slope side concerts at Holiday Valley. "This is an amazing weekend" stated Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber, "we've been doing this for over 25 years, you can bring your chairs, blanket, picnic basket and there are no parking fees, it's a one-of-a-kind event for the whole family."

On Saturday, July 2nd, ticket holders will be treated to "The Voices of Classic Rock", featuring Practically Petty, an acclaimed Tom Petty tribute band, followed by Asia featuring John Payne with special guests John Elefante, former lead singer of Kansas, and Alex Ligertwood, former lead singer of Santana.

**OPENING ACT: PRACTICALLY PETTY:** If you love Tom Petty, then you'll LOVE Practically Petty! The Tom Petty tribute band has been mesmerizing audiences throughout North America since forming in the Fall of 2009. Every performance is true to the spirit and essence of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, right down to the Tom Petty look and sound. The group pride themselves on utilizing the same equipment as the

Heartbreakers just so as not to leave any stone unturned. Their extensive song catalog includes all of Petty's hits with the Heartbreakers as well as his solo work and other side projects including The Traveling Wilburys.

**THE MAIN EVENT:** Asia featuring John Payne will not only perform their classic hits, but will also invite John Elefante on stage to give the audience a taste of unforgettable Kansas hits. Not to be outdone, Alex Ligertwood will join Asia for their final set of the evening, jamming out to the classics of Santana.

**ASIA FEATURING JOHN PAYNE:** The British-American rock group band formed in 2007 following a schism in the lineup of Asia. The band is a continuation of singer and bassist John Payne's career as the band's front man, which lasted from 1991 until 2006, when Asia's original 1982 lineup reunited. In December 2017, Payne and keyboardist Erik Norlander formed a new group, Dukes of the Orient, with various members and ex-members of Asia featuring John Payne as collaborators. Asia featuring John Payne remains active as a touring stage, and Ellicottville is excited to host him this summer as he performs hits such as "Go", "Only Time Will Tell", "Who Will Stop the Rain", "Don't Cry", "Sole Survivor" and "Heat of the Moment".

**JOHN ELEFANTE, FORMERLY OF KANSAS:** American singer/songwriter John Elefante is an instrumentalist record producer most known for his tenure as frontman of the rock group Kansas, from 1981-1984. Growing up, he sang and performed drums for his

family band, The Brotherhood. As an artist, his credits include writing and singing lead vocals on three multi-platinum albums; as producer, his albums have earned numerous GMA Awards, four Grammy Awards, and ten Grammy nominations. He has maintained a close working relationship with his brother, Dino (co-writer of several Kansas songs), throughout his career. Expect hits such as "Carry On Wayward Son" and "Dust in the Wind".

**ALEX LIGERTWOOD, FORMERLY OF SANTANA:** The Scottish-English singer, guitarist and drummer is best known as the lead vocalist of Santana, with five different stints from 1979 to 1994. He is credited on songs by Santana such as "All I Ever Wanted", "You Know That I Love You", "Winning" and "Hold On". Santana fans will not be disappointed with Ligertwood's high energy performance that is sure to get the crowd on their feet dancing.

In addition to these star-powered acts, the Ellicottville Chamber is proud to host the return of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra the following day, Sunday, July 3rd, which, like in years past, will include a spectacular fireworks display orchestrated to the music of the BPO.

Tickets for each evening of entertainment are \$45 in advance or \$55 at the gate. Pre-sale tickets, as well as VIP Sponsor Packages, are ON SALE NOW and can be purchased through the Chamber's website, [ellicottvillenyny.com](http://ellicottvillenyny.com).

As always, kids 12 and under are free! For information, contact the Chamber at 800-349-9099 or email [info@ellicottvillenyny.com](mailto:info@ellicottvillenyny.com).

## "En Plein Air" Painting Event

Springville Center for the Arts, Olmsted Camp, Tuesday, May 10th, 9am

Artists and would-be artists alike are invited by Springville Center for the Arts to paint en plein air (in the open air) at the Olmsted Camp, a historic farm and summer camp built in the Arts and Crafts style. Designed by Harold LeRoy Olmsted, prominent architect and artist. The Olmsted Camp overlooks the Cattaraugus Creek Valley and distant hills, making it a beautiful location to paint. Enjoy a morning demonstration from Southtowns artist/instructor Jennifer Koury, focusing on simplifying the landscape into foreground, middle

ground and background while using value structure to compose a pleasing composition and focal point. Participants will choose their unique view to paint in plein air and receive guidance from the instructor. All mediums are welcome. Please bring your plein air supplies, including a sketchbook, easel, chair, hat, bag lunch, and hydration. Koury has enjoyed a rewarding career as a dedicated painter, freelance illustrator, and designer. Her watercolor artwork is published in both children and adult books. She has exhibited

her paintings in multiple solo and group exhibits throughout the United States. For the past several years she has been a watercolor instructor at the Burchfield Penney Art Center's International Center for Watercolor. Koury is a Board member of the Niagara Frontier Watercolor Society.

Plein Air will take place Tuesday, May 10th from 9am to 3pm. The cost is \$60; \$55 for Springville Center for the Arts members. The Olmsted Camp is located on Benton Road in Sardinia. Register online at [SpringvilleArts.org](http://SpringvilleArts.org) or by calling 716.592.9038.



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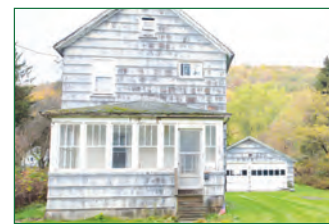
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## Bike Trail Opening 2022



from the top of our Greer slope to the main chalet area. Recently added is a trail that connects the top of Sunset to the top of Greer. We are currently offering up-hill lift service courtesy of our Sunset lift and 12 season built carriers purchased with member donations. **ANTICIPATED 2022 SEASON: May 28th - October 9th, Saturdays and Sundays 10-430pm, We are going to be closed July 1-3rd in Recognition of July 4th Holiday.**

HoliMont has constructed a fun and flowy, 1 mile trail

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## Student Elsa Woodarek Honored

Catt. County Youth Bureau Awards ECS Student with Youth Citizenship Award

The Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau is pleased to announce this week's featured Youth Citizenship Award recipient is Elsa Woodarek. Elsa is the daughter of Kim and Christopher Woodarek and is a senior at Ellicottville Central School.



Elsa has worked hard in the community and her school to help those around her. She has volunteered with Cattaraugus County Youth Court for two years helping to give youth who are first time non-violent offenders a second chance before entering the criminal justice system and has been a Peer Tutor for four years. Elsa has been the founder and President of the Ellicottville Central School Caring Closet for two years. The Caring Closet is a place where students in need can shop for clothing and personal hygiene needs at no cost. Additionally, Elsa has been the Class of 2022 President for six years, has been a member of the Student Council for six years and has held the position of Vice President for two of those years. Elsa has been a member of the Varsity Club for five years holding the position of President for the past two years. She has been a member

of the Yearbook Committee for four years, a member of the band and Jazz Band and has attended All-County. Elsa has excelled academically while playing sports and has earned a number of awards. She has been a member and the Captain of the Girls Varsity Soccer Team for four years, was a Basketball Cheerleader for two years and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. Elsa has earned the DAR Good Citizens Award, the NYS Senate Youth Leadership Recognition Award, the JCC Ellicottville Student of the Year, and is currently ranked First in her class. In addition, Elsa is a student in the New Visions: Health Professions at Olean BOCES and has held a job for

a year. Elsa's future plans are to attend college to work with Health Policies and Medical Laws to change for the better. She is described by her school counselor as one of the most kind, caring, hardworking, and giving students who is well respected by all. Nominations for the 2022 graduating class are closed. However, if you know an outstanding member of your community who will be a senior in high school graduating in 2023, you can nominate them for a Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. For more information, please visit our website at [Cattcoyouth.org](http://Cattcoyouth.org) or contact: Alison Crosson, Youth Bureau Program Coordinator at (716) 938-2617.



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## Junior Explorers: Strong Museum

The Junior's Took a Trip to Rochester's Strong Museum of Play

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Hi neighbors! This week we ventured out to Rochester, NY to The Strong National Museum of Play – the ultimate play destination. We love visiting here, with 2 levels of highly interactive play, there's always something new to discover. The museum has undergone some major renovations lately, adding the Skyline Club, a high ropes course, along with a new entrance and parking garage. Our classic favorites are still there, like the Wegmans shopping center with real kid-sized check out machines, Bernstein Bears playhouse area and the vintage video game arcade. Mom and Dad always enjoy checking out the toy hall of fame to show us kids from when they were kids, like Lincoln Logs, My



Buddy, Slinky, and Original Kong. We played with the giant Mr. Potato Head and Magic 8 Ball to help predict our future, but it told us to "ask again later." We operated the giant crane and a life sized Etch A Sketch really drew a portrait of all of us. The Daniel Tiger exhibit is Grr-ific for little ones and is on display until April 24, and

the Sesame Street Village is sunny days year-round. It really is the ultimate play destination for all ages! Be sure to visit their website for upcoming events and plan the entire day for your visit, although with 10,000 square feet of play you'll probably come back again anyway. 'Till next time, keep playing strong!

## HoliMont Covid-19 Testing

HoliMont Ski Area Important Testing Update

Due to the upcoming change in border restriction and decreased traffic flow: Beginning Saturday, March 26th, HoliMont Resort will be updating their NO-COST Testing Service at their Sunset Tent, located at the Sunset Lift off of Canfield Hill Road at HoliMont to Saturday & Sunday, 9-1pm, Rapid Antigen Tests only. Appointments and insurance not required.

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## Holiday Valley Update

Holiday Valley Welcomes New Director of Marketing: Dash Hegeman



By Brooke Szpaicher

Some may recognize him from his involvement in the Snowsport community, the Boardroom, the chairlift, and if you didn't know his face before, you will now. Holiday Valley's Jane Eshbaugh will be retiring after 40+ years and the resort is excited to welcome Dash to take on the position to continue to bring new ideas to the plate.

(V): For those who might not know you...who are you!?

(DH): I'm originally from Little Valley, NY. My father, Nelson Hegeman, was at one point an avid skier and an instructor at Kissing Bridge. So, I was introduced to skis at a pretty young age (approximately 2.5 years old). Given my proximity to Holiday Valley, I ended up spending a good amount of my childhood on the slopes during the winter. After high school, I spent two years at St. Bonaventure University, first studying computer science and then upon learning that there was way too much complex math involved, switching over to Journalism/Communications. Then I transferred to St. John Fischer in Rochester and finished my degree in Journalism/Communications with a concentration in marketing. Eventually, I made my way to New York City where I got a Master's in Sports Business with a concentration in marketing from NYU.

(V): How long have you been involved in the Snowsport community?

(DH): I began instructing skiing at Holiday Valley when I was 15 years old, which means that I've been involved in some capacity for longer than I care to admit. I was skiing at the time but was definitely building an infatuation with snowboarding and so when I was 19, I switched over to instructing snowboarding and, along with a small contingency of friends, became a thorn in Ron Kubicki's (the snowsports director during my initial time here) side for many years to come. But I was lucky to have had him for a boss because he was patient and encouraged me to get my AASI certification and of pursuing additional certification levels. Those experiences really took my love of snowboarding to an entirely new level and made me want to figure out a way to make a career out of my love for the outdoors and snowsports in general. In due time, I was eventually a night-lesson supervisor and as a result got to hire some fantastic people; many of whom became life-long friends. So all-in-all, it's been about 27 years now.

(V): What is your new title at Holiday Valley?

(DH): Director of marketing

(V): What led you to this position?

(DH): When I moved back to the area, post NYU, the director of marketing position at HoliMont opened up and I was offered that job, which I had for 5 years before I was given a job at Taos Ski Valley in New Mexico, where I was initially the marketing manager and then later promoted to director of marketing.

When I moved back, my desired snowsports career opportunities were limited but I was lucky enough to work for The Boardroom Snowboard Shop over the past two winters, which allowed me to stay in the

industry I love, snowboard a bit and help the Timkey family, who have been so supportive over the years, through two of their busiest winters ever. I can't thank them enough! Living out west taught me a lot in terms of the snowsports industry and really opened my eyes to just how important it is from a marketing standpoint to work at a place that has a great story to tell. Taos has that for a variety of reasons and I'm very excited for this new role because Holiday Valley has that as well and I'm looking forward to communicating that story to our guests.

(V): What do you look forward to most becoming a full time Holiday Valley team member?

(DH): So many things. This is an opportunity that I wanted for a long time and now I'm able to fulfill a goal that I had set out to accomplish a long time ago. In terms of what I'm looking forward to the most, it goes back to telling the story of Ellicottville and Holiday Valley, its guests and its staff in a way that really resonates with people and makes them want to visit this area for years to come. There are so many fantastic ways to enjoy the great outdoors in WNY, year-round, that it makes for so many storylines for people to gravitate to. I'm also really excited about working with an incredible team of people who share the same kind of passion for this industry as I do. I'm excited to be back in WNY and thrilled to be working for a company that I have believed in and admired for such a long period of my life. Being out on the slopes of Holiday Valley really shaped my life in many ways and my goal is to help showcase just how special of a place this is so that other people can have that same kind of positive impact in their lives because of the outdoor industry.

We cannot wait to see all the successes of Dash in the future, congratulations Man!

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## Business Spotlight: Freyja's Farmacy

### Young Ellicottville Entrepreneur Sells All Natural Cosmetics

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

We all enjoy a little self-care. It's something we all need to work on doing more often, but there are so many products out there that are full of chemicals and finding something that will actually help solve the problem is tough. Cue in **Aleah Arena**, a young local woman who decided during the pandemic that she would create her own line of natural cosmetics to share with as many people as she could reach and so, Freyja's Farmacy was born.

**The Villager** had a chance to speak with Aleah in depth about her new business venture and she was happy to explain how it all began and where the idea is headed.

**The Villager (V):** How did Freyja's Farmacy come to be?

**Aleah (A):** "The idea of Freyja's Farmacy first started last winter, my lips were chapped and dry. Chapstick wasn't cutting it so I started researching lip scrubs that I could make from home; the first scrub was with just kitchen ingredients but it got me interested in other natural alternatives to cosmetics. I have never been very good at make-up and I always felt like it made me just look worse and didn't fit in with my face. I also struggled with acne and I noticed that a lot of treatments would not only burn sensitive skin but are packed FULL of ingredients I couldn't even pronounce. The killer was that they didn't even work! So, I started making my own face scrubs and body lotions to replace the numerous products that would not leave me feeling nearly as refreshed and clean."



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**V:** What type of products do you offer currently and what type of items are you thinking for the future?

**A:** "Currently, I have the "Goddess of Love Lip Scrub" made from local honey and 100% natural Hemp Seed Oil, my mom absolutely loves this one ha-ha. It buffs away dead skin and rehydrates, leaving the lips, instantly unchapped, pink, and flush. I also have the "Daily Up Lift Brown Sugar Face Scrub" my personal favorite, which is wonderful for acne and dry skin. It is sensitive enough to use daily if needed and is effective enough that you probably won't even need to. Whenever I have a breakout, I slap some of this stuff on and right after they seem so much less irritated and red. Within a few days a consistent once-a-day application I'm cleared up! The feeling that comes with using the brown sugar face scrub is... amazing, your skin feels so much softer and more flexible, especially in the winter. My next product to be released will be the "African Shea Body Oil". Perfect for extremely dry and itchy skin, NOT a facial product but legs, arms, bellies, stretch marks, love this stuff. All-

natural African Shea butter and refined coconut Oil make this beautiful base lotion that turns into oil from your body temperature. A tiny amount goes a long way but this might be my first product to be offered in a bigger size. In the works right now is a cuticle stick for on the go but I'm still doing research on the best ingredients and it has a few testing phases to go through before being sold to the public. It would also be nice to do some different variations of products in the future like a pomegranate flavored lip scrub or something."

**V:** What makes your products different from others?

**A:** "I believe my products are different because I put love into them, I want to help people feel good about themselves. I don't add any harmful ingredients to act as fillers or disinfectants, or preservatives. The all-natural local honey (Donna Gerwitz is my honey source) in my products is the disinfectant and is such a great way to hydrate and deep clean. My products don't burn when you apply them or dry out your

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## Business Spotlight: Mountainside Impressions

### Newly Opened Craft Shop in Hinsdale Gives Back Through Arts & Crafts



Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month-occasions that may draw attention to some of the issues with which Lelito hopes to help.

"Even though they are experiencing something in life that brought them there," she said about women in the shelters, "their children are experiencing it too, and I hope my activity books and craft supplies can help them use their energy for healthy creativity."

"Donating and giving back to the community is important to me, because everyone doesn't have the same opportunities," Lelito said "Some sort of guidance at a difficult time in young, impressionable lives is important."

"A lot of people of all ages these days are feeling lost," Lelito gave as a reason for opening the woman-owned family business.

Donating the activity books, along with art supplies is not the only community-minded project the couple has in mind. Lelito said a pavilion is also planned on her property, where the shop is located. Free activities and workshops for the community will take place at the pavilion, she said, including CPR classes and sign language training. A variety of activities are planned, along with the community being able to rent the space for parties and holiday events.

For now, though, people can visit the family business in Hinsdale, knowing they, too, are giving back to the community where they live.

One the products they designed is "Mind, Body & Soul Activity Books for Kids." She said the books are designed to help youth begin thinking about and implementing healthy lifestyle habits she hopes will help guide them towards "happy, productive futures." The books are about exercising, healthy eating, positive thinking, being grateful, etc.

By SHARON TURANO

will be added to those being donated.

Katelyn Lelito, owner of the newly opened Mountainside Impressions, believes giving back to the community is important. She and her business partner and fiancé, Darrick Babb, are putting that belief into action at the arts and crafts bookstore they just opened.

The store recently celebrated its grand opening April 9, complete with a free Easter egg hunt for children, as youth are a theme of the store. Located at 1156 Flanigan Road in Hinsdale, the store is open from 4-8pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays and 10-6pm, Fridays to Sundays.

Mountainside Impressions is not only a place that sells Lelito's designs and creations, but also Babb's laser-engraved plaques and cutting boards, all while donating some of the goods to area women's shelters.

For every 10 books sold, Lelito said, an additional book

will be added to those being donated.

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She said the idea of creating more products and opening a store blossomed after she realized "No other businesses were going to get this important project out for me."

"I was going to have to create a store and do it myself," said Lelito about why she wanted to open a store.

Books will be donated to women's shelters, including those with an Easter theme, along with colored pencils and crayons. Easter is not the only item on April's calendar, which is also Sexual Assault

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# Artist Spotlight: Like Clay in the Potter's Hands

The Fire Hot Talent of Harik Gustafson



Harik Gustafson has had quite a few of his pieces in Art Shows hosted by the College. His work is recognized throughout the community and he has sold pieces from his private collection, as well.

By DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

Like paint on the bristles of a brush awaiting a master stroke or the ink in a pen that lingers until the poet scribes the longings of his heart; talent seems to flow through the veins of those gifted with vision that awaits the right moment and the perfect tool to create what others can only marvel at. This is a story of a young artist whose creative spirit transcends what it has been taught and whose works of art belie his youth. In some manners of his chosen craft, this student has become the master. For some of us playing in the mud and pretending to be great sculptors of classical art or bakers of fine earth pies, are of our fondest memories of childhood. For people like my friend and neighbor, Harik Gustafson, that fondness grew to become an insatiable thirst for experimenting with the organic colors and raw consistencies of the earth and how he could manipulate them to reveal what he saw with his mind's eye. Having been exposed to the Performing and Fine Arts early in his youth, Harik was able to try his hand

with different mediums. He remembers being quite young and attending a few classes offered by a local artist and later through the Jamestown Community College Arts Programs. He recalls being fascinated early on by how the wet clay felt in his hands. It was miraculous how by exposing what he sculpted to intense heat it hardened into a permanent object. The idea that these pieces of art could actually serve a function made it even that much more exciting. After graduating from Jamestown High School, Harik enrolled at Jamestown Community College as a full-time student. He graduated in 2019 earning an Associate's Degree in Independent Studies. He is adept in photography, a skilled illustrator and while he likes to paint, he prefers applying and experimenting with various applications of glazes and glazing techniques to his clay and ceramic creations. Harik Gustafson has had quite a few of his pieces in Art Shows hosted by the College. His work is recognized throughout the community and he has sold pieces from his private collection, as well. At just 23

he has been commissioned for his work and he currently has pieces hopefully to be accepted at the college in the "WEEKS ART GALLERY" in the Sheldon Building, reception at 5-7pm on Friday, April 22nd. The exhibit will run from April 22nd until May 11th.

Harik is currently lining up various opportunities to publicly show his work. He currently audits classes at the college and is frequently found helping newer students. His knowledge of mineral, iron ore and other metallic compositions of various glazes has earned him props from instructors and he is considered to have a superior understanding of the kilning process to perfect the depth of color and gloss of his pieces. He has custom designs for imprinting his pieces and rarely do the scraps of clay go to waste in his space. He creates patterns and crystal-like geometric designs from what would otherwise be tossed into the dry bin and his frequent use of intricate lace to create "Vintage" and "Old World" designs are of his favorite trademarks. While he already has his own wheel and most every sculpting tool an artist could wish for, Harik Gustafson's dream of owning his own studio still waits for just the right stars to align. Owning a kiln is big money and requires considerable space, but no matter there is usually room in a kiln somewhere for a piece or two from this young artist to fire. In the meantime, if you would like to contact Harik, he may be reached via text @ 716-499-3323 (TEXT only, no calls) or via e-mail @ aizemral@gmail.com and we will keep you posted of his upcoming showings.

# Inside Business: Chautauqua Art Gallery

New Location in Jamestown Offers Space for More Artists

By BARB ARNSTEIN

The Chautauqua Art Gallery, formerly in Lakewood, NY, just reopened in Jamestown, NY. Its new larger space at 318 North Main Street means that more artists will have their work displayed, and many artistic activities and events will take place there. The art in the gallery includes original watercolors, prints, cards, shadowboxes and jewelry. All the art pays homage to the beauty of nature, with colorful elements including trees, water, flowers, autumn leaves, boulders and moss.

Leslie Calimeri, the gallery's owner, commented, "I opened Chautauqua Art Gallery in January 2018 as a place to showcase my own painting and the work of other regional artists. Very soon I began to see that the gallery was outgrowing our little location in Lakewood and we began to search for a larger space, which we found in Jamestown. We are excited to be almost doubling the number of artists we are hosting and will be able to showcase a much larger body of artwork. Our larger space will also enable us to host classes and artist gatherings as well as creating much needed room for photographing and preparing artwork for website display and shipping."

On the gallery's website, [chautauquaartgallery.com](http://chautauquaartgallery.com), aspiring artists can learn about creating art from Leslie Calimeri by buying up to five kits including video tutorials. The "Watercolor Birch Tree Class Kit" allows you to create a painting of Chautauqua County-inspired birch trees. It includes: a printed step-by-step tutorial with photos, a link



to a step-by-step video tutorial, a sketch to start your drawing, and all the necessary materials: paint, two kinds of paper, a pallet, brushes, a rule and a pencil. The other class kits are similar and focus on: a pen and ink sailboat, a watercolor painting of a barn, another of Chautauqua Lake, and a pen and ink House Portrait.

In a radio interview she did on WRFA 107.9 (you can listen to it on their website), Calimeri says that she often takes photographs of natural beauty in Cattaraugus and Erie County to use as drawing inspiration, in spots that might otherwise be overlooked. One result of this technique is her original watercolor, "Parking Lot Galaxy", a "snapshot" of the Allen Park parking lot in Jamestown. By capturing the unique beauty of a random cluster of leaves clustered in a parking lot, she reminds every viewer that beauty can be found in places you might never expect. She also conveys this message in her series of paintings of weeds, including Queen Anne's Lace.

The gallery's other artists include Michael Weishan, who beautifully captures local scenery in works such as "Autumn Along Jones Road", available as a 16 x 24 canvas print. It features calming shades of green and subtle patterns of sunlight. His "Rock City State Forest", available as a 17 x 13 print, highlights the simple beauty of a scenic spot including green moss, brown bark, and light green and yellow leaves. Kimberly Turner's artwork includes excellent portraits of animals, including a bobcat, a coyote and an otter, while Wendy Bale's creations include a wonderful arrangement incorporating a white feather and blue and white beach glass.

If you can't get to Jamestown, you can make a virtual visit to the gallery by going to [chautauquaartgallery.com](http://chautauquaartgallery.com). The items available there include note card packs featuring Calimeri's paintings of trees in the spring and autumn, and assorted dew-bedecked wildflowers. It's a fantastic little oasis to visit.

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# M3 Olean Flea Market

GOACC Announces New Outdoor Event, Vendors Wanted, May 20th & 21st

OLEAN: The M3 Olean Flea Market, a new outdoor flea market that will take place in mid-May at the War Veterans Park, is seeking vendors, according to GOACC Officials. The market is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 21st, on the basketball courts at the park, 551 East State Street, Olean.

Vendor applications are being accepted on the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce website. "We have 10x10 and 10x20 booth spaces for vendors selling vintage, collectibles, salvage, antiques, repurposed items and more," reported Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. "Spaces are limited. Booth fees are \$20 and \$35. Apply now!"

Vendors can reserve their spaces by paying for their

spots via the Chamber's shop site at [www.shop.oleanny.com](http://www.shop.oleanny.com) under Magnificent May Mayhem as well as completing and submitting the vendor contact form. Payment is the only way to assure a spot. Vendors must bring their own tables, chairs and any other needed supplies. "GOACC is also hosting community-wide garage sales the same day as the Flea Market. We felt that the two selling events will complement each other with traffic to both garage sales and to the market," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. She added, "There is a difference between garage sales and flea markets -- A flea market is usually a location that has a few dozen people selling their wares. They are set up in parking lots, centers, and other establishments.

A garage sale is typically families getting rid of the things they don't use anymore. Some vendors at flea markets are selling new items. You don't typically see new things at a garage sale." The M3 Flea Market will be a part of the Magnificent May Mayhem, held Friday, May 20th and Saturday, May 21st. The tentative schedule for Friday is as follows: street dance, food trucks, carnival games, 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. Information for the M3 can be found online at [shop.oleanny.com](http://shop.oleanny.com), call 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).

# Marvin House Speaker

Author Walter W. Pickut, Marvin Community House, Jamestown Ny, April 21st

The Elizabeth Warner Marvin Community House is pleased to announce a must attend event with outstanding speaker Walter W Pickut. April 21st, noon for members and guests. The Marvin House is honored with the introduction of Mr. Pickut's new book "Spy, Counterspy, and Mice—The deadliest tool in their toolkit." The First Counterspy: Larry Haas, Bell Aircraft, and the FBI's Attempt to Capture a Soviet Mole. By Kay Haas and Walter W. Pickut. Publisher, Rowman & Littlefield bit.ly/2VpWPbu

Walt Pickut is a New Jersey native, raised in the Essex County town of Bloomfield. Growing up, he watched the sunrise outside his bedroom window to start each day, and every night he watched the Empire State Building take its place to light the eastern horizon. He and his late wife, Patricia Winter of West Orange, New Jersey, raised their three children, Dr. William Pickut, the late Rev. Matthew Pickut, and

Dr. Catherine Lambertson, in Upper Montclair, New Jersey, though the job wasn't quite finished until they moved to Wellsville, one of Western New York's historic old oil towns. Country life can cure nearly every illness endemic to the madding urban crowd. A graduate of Bloomfield College and Seminary (biology and chemistry) and Houghton College (communication), Walt added graduate training at Fairleigh-Dickenson University (cardiopulmonary physiology) and the State University of New York-Amherst (mass communication) to pursue parallel careers in medical sciences and radio broadcasting. Adjunct faculty appointments at NYU School of Medicine and Graduate School, faculty service at Houghton College, and hospital practice, including clinical diagnostics and therapeutics, management, and research in respiratory care and sleep medicine, back

Walt's experience for writing in the sciences, medicine, and communication. As a freelance writer, Walt now lives, in Chautauqua County, New York, with his wife, Nancy Juriga, MSW. He has served as editor and contributing editor at the Jamestown Gazette since its founding in 2011, published various book-length works—memoir and history—as a non-fiction ghostwriter and author, and has written extensive content on healthcare for online and print media. He also currently serves on the board of directors at the Martz-Kohl Astronomical Observatory in Frewsburg, New York, committed to education and research. The luncheon meal is served by the Landmark Restaurant. Space is limited for this event so make your reservations today. For more information call the Marvin House 716-488-6206. Reservations: call 716-488-6206 or [marvinhouse1@outlook.com](mailto:marvinhouse1@outlook.com) \$20 Members, \$22 Guests

# 74th Annual Egg Hunt

City of Jamestown, Allen Park, Saturday April 16th, 11am

The City of Jamestown is excited to announce the return of the traditional Easter Egg hunt at Allen Park on Saturday, April 16, 2022, starting at 11 AM. Age groups will be split up, with 4 & under by the big pavilion & kitchen, 5-8 by the basketball court, 9-12 by the little pavilion. There will be over 300 Prize eggs and plenty of candy for all. The Easter Bunny and Whiffy the

Tarp Skunk will make special appearances. The event will be free of charge to the public. Jamestown City Parks Manager Dan Stone said, "We are extremely excited to be able to hold our traditional Easter Egg Hunt this year. After a few years of having to alter the event due to COVID, and we are happy that we are able to do this for the kids of Jamestown." The event is being sponsored by City of

Jamestown, Pro Hardware, Allen Park Women's Club, Jamestown Fire Department, AFSCME local 418 - DPW & Parks Employees, JURA JCAA - Jamestown City Administrative Association, Jamestown Police Department, Jamestown Babe Ruth League, Jamestown Area Midget Football League, The Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County and The Frewsburg Soccer Club.

# 10th Annual Easter Carnival

Chautauqua Safety Village, Ashville CABOCES, April 16th, 10am



The Chautauqua Safety Village is holding its 10th annual Easter Carnival on

Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. The carnival takes place at the village on the Ashville BOCES campus. This event will take place in-person, and will be mostly outdoors. Please dress appropriately. Admission is only \$5 per person. Children 2 and under are free. Admission includes games, crafts, train rides, and a bounce house and cars track (weather permitting). Children can hunt for candy at the different buildings and also visit the Easter bunny where families can take their

own pictures. There will also be a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle tickets, kettle corn, food, and drinks for purchase.

If you purchase a 2022 Safety Village membership before this event, you will receive free admission and be able to use the Fast Pass Lane. All current members are able to use the Fast Pass Lane. Pre-sale tickets, although not needed, are available to purchase at [www.chautauquasafetyvillage.com](http://www.chautauquasafetyvillage.com)

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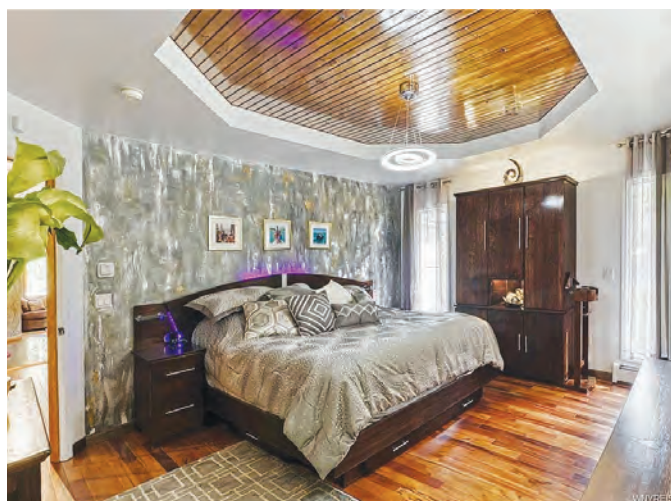
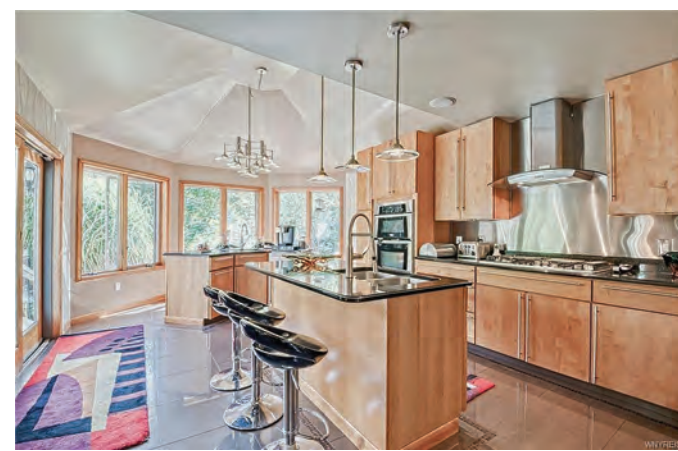




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# Pinwheels for Prevention 2022

## CASA of Chautauqua Kicks off Annual Prevention Campaign Through April

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, CASA of Chautauqua challenges residents of Chautauqua County to stand against child abuse and take action to support children who have been abused or neglected.

At any given time, there are over 100 children in foster care in Chautauqua County. These children come into the child welfare system through no fault of their own. Trends have shown that more foster youth are aging out of the foster care system without finding safe and permanent homes. The opioid epidemic is changing the demographic of children coming into care and placing a burden across the United States including Chautauqua County. This issue is hurting addicts along with their children. The demands for advocacy for these children are exponentially increasing with the lack of addiction treatment centers, housing, jobs and foster care placements. CASA of Chautauqua County recruits, trains and supports volunteers who get to know children and the adults around them, and who advocate for the needs of those children in court and in the community. Our volunteers are simply everyday people who care deeply about children and are ready to make a child's life better. They are part of a national network of over 93,000 volunteers who are doing this work. Throughout the month of April, CASA of Chautauqua is calling on



**During the month of April (Child Abuse Prevention Month), look for pinwheels at area businesses. The pinwheel reminds us of childlike notions and stands for the chance at the healthy, happy and full lives all children deserve.**

members of the community to help our program serve more of Chautauqua County's most vulnerable children. The public is invited to join our Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Pinwheels for Prevention is a national awareness campaign created by Prevent Child Abuse America urging people to act to prevent childhood abuse and neglect by transforming awareness into action. Look for the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign at area financial institutions, convenience stores, markets, restaurants, gas stations, liquor stores, libraries and more. Visit any participating business to purchase a pinwheel for \$2 or a pinwheel card for \$1. For a complete list of business participants visit [ChautauquaCASA.com](http://ChautauquaCASA.com). Without intervention and the help of a CASA volunteer, the odds are stacked against children in foster care. A child with a CASA volunteer spends 20 percent less time in foster care, on average,

compared to a child without a CASA volunteer. Studies show children with a CASA volunteer receive more services that are critical to their well-being and are four times more likely to find a permanent home. "CASA volunteers are a constant for the child in a time of chaos," said Kathy Park, executive director of CASA of Chautauqua County. "A child may have multiple social workers, attorneys, therapists and foster placements throughout the life of the case but only one CASA volunteer, which can make all the difference for the child's future."

All monies raised from CASA's Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign are used to fulfill CASA's mission of supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County. If you would like to support CASA, a tax-deductible donation can be to CASA of Chautauqua Co., Inc. at 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757.

# CHQ.

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season through the online presence, he says. And even those who spent all season on the grounds could catch up with programs they might have missed.

"We continue to refine how they work together," he says of in-person and online programming. Planning for the mosaic that is a summer season typically begins a year and one-half in advance, with each week built around a theme. "We will always talk about the important things—politics, education, foreign policy—but we also realize people are coming to Chautauqua on vacation."

While subjects may be weighty, there has to be something that offers hope and solutions they can take home with them. "We also want to introduce some fun."

Unlikely theme for Week Six is After Dark: The World of Nighttime. Still "we're really taking a look in a very scholarly way." Topics include the science of dreams and the substantial portion of the GDP that transpires while most are asleep.

In another unexpected twist, Nick Offerman, best known for his role in Parks and Recreation, is coming not to act but to lecture. He will talk about his book, Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside during Week Two, The Wild: Reconnecting with Our Natural World.

Sometimes weekly themes become even more relevant than anticipated. A Week Seven panel on author Salman Rushdie's More Than Shelter: Redefining the American Home will be narrated by Henry Reese, co-founder and president of City of Asylum in Pittsburg, "even more



**Concert schedule for the CHQ. Symphony will be announced soon and the Special Studies catalog of community education classes should be ready in a month, both in print and online. Info about the entire season, including visual arts, can be found at [chq.org](http://chq.org).**

important when many people are fleeing."

Some 15-20 weekly themes are proposed for each year, then market tested with surveys from the Chautauqua community, who provide "fantastic feedback" to whittle them down to nine. Themes for the 2023 season are currently being market tested, he says, and final themes will be announced in June.

The Amphitheater's summer season opens June 25 with a concert by violinist Joshua Bell and his wife, opera soprano Larisa Martínez. It closes with a week of concerts, including The Avett Brothers, Punch Brothers, Rhiannon Giddens, and Emmylou Harris and Mary Chapin Carpenter.

Three of the artists, Giddens, Chris Thile of the Punch Brothers, and Scott Avett, will also speak during 10:45am lecture platforms about their art making, roots of folk music, and the tradition they are moving forward. The final week will also include the Chautauqua Food Festival.

The Ukrainian Chorus Dumka of New York City, which appeared on Saturday Night Live, will perform on July 18.

Week Five will include

a special program in partnership with the National Comedy Center, "*Carl Reiner at 100: Celebrating a Comedy Legacy, featuring Reiner's children and comedy legend Mel Brooks.*"

The 4,400-seat, open-air Chautauqua Amphitheater will return to 100% capacity in 2022. Any vaccine, testing or other COVID-19 requirements for concert attendees will be announced as summer approaches.

The Chautauqua Opera Company will perform Tosca and Thumbprint in Norton Hall and The Mother of Us All in the Amphitheater.

Chautauqua Theater Company will return to Bratton Theater with "*Indecent*," "*Animals Out of Paper*" and "*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*"

Concert schedule for the Chautauqua Symphony will be announced soon, according to Steves, and the Special Studies catalog of community education classes should be ready in about a month, both in print and online. Information about the entire season, including visual arts, can be found at [chq.org](http://chq.org).

## Lakewood Library Still Closed

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

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# Spring

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this! We respond by opening windows and gathering up mops and brooms, Pledge and dusting cloths, glass cleaner, rakes, shovels, seed packages and renewed energy for making our surroundings clean, colorful, and cheerful. The good thing about the holidays is that they give us a deadline. Face it, with the warm sun streaming on your face as you wipe away winter grime and dust from the windows it's easy to get lured into a reverie. The important spring events remind us to look at the calendar and get moving in preparation for some very high commemorations on the liturgical calendars.

Easter is April 17 - the major festival of the Christian church year, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus on the third day after the Crucifixion. Easter is a "moveable feast" depending on the date of the first full moon after the spring equinox ending the 40-day Lenten season. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. The word Easter is said to have been derived from Eostre, a

Germanic goddess of spring. Passover begins April 15 (thru April 23rd). Passover reminds of the account of the Jewish people's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. It is said that G-d sent Moses to the Pharaoh to instruct him to release the Jewish slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh refused. G-d sent ten plagues to afflict Pharaoh's people. The last was a death angel who killed all the first-born sons in Egypt, including Pharaoh's son. After this, Pharaoh set them free. The Jews celebrate this release during the night of Passover each year.

Ramadan April 2 to May 1 - For Muslims, Ramadan is the holiest month of the year. Many celebrate by gathering regularly in the evenings, trying to read the whole Qur'an during the month and fasting from sunrise to sunset. During this time, Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset to focus on prayer, self-reflection and helping those in need. It is said that the fasting helps to bring a clearer understanding about those who are less fortunate, and a desire to lend a hand.

Eggs play a big role in each of these events, each serving a different purpose. It is believed that eggs represented fertility and birth in certain pagan traditions that pre-date Christianity. Of course, we all think of the colorful hard-boiled eggs in

Easter baskets, or to be found or rolled at Easter egg events from rural areas to the White House (since 1878 - open to all by ticket. Get yours (free) early online for 2023 if you want your family to have this fun experience and a trip to DC for Easter break). Check out last week's article in *The Villager* for egg related events in your area.

The family meal of the first night of Passover, called Seder, calls for symbolic foods to be eaten, one of which is beitzah - roasted egg, symbolic of life and birth - the continuing life cycle. Many will appreciate the part of this custom that requires one to drink four cups of wine throughout the Seder. Also, roasted eggs peel easier! Here's how - place eggs on sides in small muffin pan - 325 degrees - 30 minutes. Remove and dunk in ice water until cool.

Ramadan requires strict fasting. To fortify oneself, one may choose a breakfast including eggs to get enough protein to carry them through the day. Don't worry, they make up for all this fasting with a three-day celebration known as Eid al-Fitr, or the Feast of Fast Breaking where they exchange gifts and share meals with friends and family.

It's a glorious season. Enjoy it to the fullest! Happy Easter! Happy Passover! Ramadan Mubarak!

# Freyja

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skin as most acne treatments or cleansers do. They are also all 100% natural and I choose only refined and top-grade ingredients when I can't get local, such as the African shea butter and hemp seed oil. Small batch to ensure that everything I'm sending out works and I don't have loads of excess

product laying around and running up its shelf life. I keep the containers small so that they are used far before it starts to dry out and harden (it takes about 10 months of not touching it) and because a little really gets you a long way, my lip scrub is only 10 grams but can last 2-3 months."

V: Are you thinking of expanding past online sales to an actual storefront later on?

A: "There is a possibility

that we will be turning our barn into a boutique-type shop in the future, but I hope to one day have a shop that sells all sorts of stuff. The Pharmacy/Pharmacy comes from Victorian-style pharmacies where you could buy soaps, tinctures, tonics, candles, cosmetics, different herbs, and plants. A place you could come and be detoxed and find healthy, all-natural ways to solve your ailments.

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## This Week in Health & Science: **Plastic Pollution**

### Scientists Now Find Micro-Plastic Particles In Human Blood & Lungs



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As Earth Day approaches, the news about plastic appears even more confounding. Yes, plastic is everywhere, literally. Plastic is on the summit of Mount Everest, in the deepest reaches of the Mariana Trench, and pretty much everywhere in between. Now, studies have announced finding tiny microplastics for the first time: deep inside lungs of living people; in human blood samples; even in human placentas.

Researchers at Hull York Medical School reported the finding last week in Science of the Total Environment. Lead author, Dr. Laura Sadofsky said this is remarkable, "Microplastics have previously been found in human cadaver autopsy samples - this is the first robust study to show microplastics in lungs from live people." In a news release she says the particles were deep, "...they are in the lower parts of the lung. Lung airways are very narrow so no one thought

they could possibly get there, but they clearly have."

The lung tissue was collected during surgical procedures on living patients as part of their routine medical care. The tissue was then filtered to see what was present. Researchers found 12 different types of plastic from many different sources. They are commonly found in packaging, bottles, clothing, rope/twine, and many manufacturing processes. The most abundant microplastics were polyethylene, likely from degraded plastic packaging or plastic bags; and nylon, which may be from clothes; as well as resins, which could come from degraded roads, paint chips, or tire rubber. All were the size and shape that could be inhalable by humans. In addition, they found considerably more microplastics in males compared to females.

As far as location, researchers showed 11 microplastics were located in the upper part of the lung, seven in the middle part, and 21 in the lower part of the lung - which was completely unexpected.

Sadofsky adds, "We did not expect to find the highest number of particles in the

lower regions of the lungs, or particles of the sizes we found. This is surprising as the airways are smaller in the lower parts of the lungs, and we would have expected particles of these sizes to be filtered out or trapped before getting this deep into the lungs."

This study clearly shows that more research needs to be done to find the source of this airborne plastic pollution, where people are exposed, and whether there are long term health impacts. Another recent study, this time from the Vrije University in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and published in the journal Environment International, looked at blood samples taken from healthy adults and for the first time detected microplastic.

Approximately 75% of people tested had plastic in their blood. Scientists analyzed blood samples from 22 anonymous donors, and found plastic particles in 17. Half the samples contained PET plastic, which is commonly used in drinks bottles, while a third contained polystyrene, used for packaging food and other products. A quarter of the blood samples contained polyethylene, used to make plastic bags. Researchers say the concentration of the particles amounts to about a teaspoon of plastic in about ten large bathtubs full of water, but still there are lots of concerns. Eco-toxicologist and lead author, Heather Leslie says, "We have now proven that our bloodstream, our river of life as it were, has plastic in it."

So, given these findings,

SEE "PLASTIC", RIGHT

## Garden Girl: **Exquisite Easter Lily**

### Nothing Expresses Spring Like Easter Flowers



BY LINDA KATHERINE YATES  
ARTIST & GARDENER



Nothing announces spring like the parade of Easter flowers, weather they come from your own garden, a nursery, or a florist. The favorite symbol of Easter, the elegant white Easter Lily is held as the most traditional. The single flower stem, originating from a single bulb, bears large pure white trumpet shaped flower blossoms. In Christianity they represent the resurrection of Christ after his death by crucifixion. They also speak for purity, rebirth, faith, hope, love and new beginnings. The Latin name for the Easter Lily

is *Lilium longiflorum*, a plant endemic to both Taiwan and islands of Japan. Besides their illuminating beauty they have a very strong sweet fragrance about them. One plant will perfume the whole house. The longiflorum lily has become as synonymous with the holiday as hand-painted eggs and baskets of rabbit shaped candies. The flowers are a springtime mainstay in homes and churches across the world, and though named

for a Christian holiday, the flowers embody a message of joy and hope that extends beyond faith. Easter lilies are a pleasant reminder to all that the promise of rejuvenation has arrived, and nature's cycle has begun anew. "Faith brings you stability, centeredness, calmness and love." ~ Ravi Shankar "The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies." ~ Kate McGahan

## Plastic

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it's not all that surprising that just a few weeks prior, scientists in Italy reported they analyzed 6 placentas from consenting patients, and found tiny plastic particles in four of them. In all 12 plastic

pigmented fragments were discovered.

These recent studies certainly prove that microplastics are ubiquitous. They are all around us. In the far reaches of the earth, as well as inside us. We know these particles enter our bodies as we inhale, and also as we eat and drink, and they find their way deep into our vital body parts.

The next obvious step in this research is to decipher whether these particles travel throughout the body and brain, where they land, and whether these kinds of exposures to plastic are damaging to health. Right now, scientists admit they simply don't know but armed with this recent knowledge, they are on track to find out.

## Ancestry Library Edition

Discover your unique personal history! Ellicottville Memorial Library has a new resource that uses technology to make tracing family trees easier. Ancestry Library Edition, a Web-based reference tool distributed by ProQuest, will allow you to start exploring your roots by searching a surname. Anyone can come into the library to dig into Ancestry Library Edition's millions of records - as far back as the 1400s.



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# What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

This Buffalo band plays a rock/alt/90's/Motown/country set of covers. DJ KT Stylez will follow in the sound booth from 10-2am with some bump, bump for your hip shakin.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Steelhorse from 8-12am. This biker band plays a southern/classic rock set of covers that'll have you dancing the night away. Try one or more of the 37 bees on tap or check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails.

We close out the night at Madigan's with DJ Cobra Con from 10-2am. Check out the foosball and pool tables for some friendly competition or play stump the bartender with the members of the A-Team behind the pine.

SATURDAY: Balloons is first up again with The Abruptors from 6:30-10pm. They play a ska/soul/reggae set of covers. DJ Gilroy will follow on the house sound with some slide for your glide in the window.

The Gin Mill is back with West from 8-12am. This trio has been performing in town for as long as I can remember. They play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers. Try the pot roast for a hearty

meal like mom used to make. Once again Madigan's closes out with a DJ layin down some crunk so you can shake your junk. Let the A-Team whip up a shot or grab you a beer.

SUNDAY: Villaggio does its AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Chris Maloney will provide entertainment from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/folk/pop/alt set of covers to accompany the southern tiers best Italian food.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night from 4-10pm, this week's musical host is Mike Nowak from 6-9pm. Mike plays a rock/folk/pop/alt and a little country set of covers and you eat 75 cent wings and drink from a fine selection of craft beers.

We've ended the seven-day weekend the same for 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/pop/rock/country rock set of covers that you'll sing along with.

If you enjoyed your stay in our town, please let your friends now and keep coming back but wherever are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# Beat on the Street:

What was Your First Job?

By CHAD NEAL

When we found out money didn't grow on trees, and that no one is going to buy us that certain something we wanted- we learned that we had to sell our time and energy to gain the capital to trade for said something. We had to get a job. Looking back, it was exciting in a way, to find work and do stuff we may have pretended to do as a kid. Some kids were thrown into it; they grew up on farms and had relatives or

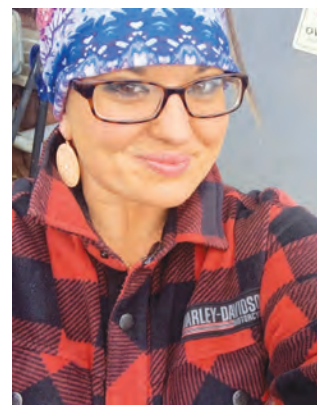
neighbors to babysit. And back in the day the pay for those gigs was horrendous, but money was money and saving it was key to get that something. Alas many of us squandered that cash and bought candy and junk, hoping our next birthday gift was that something. Finding a job in the real world, taught us that our time is precious. We all gained a bit of wisdom though. What was your first job?



Kurt F. - Olean Times Herald newspaper boy. Winters were brutal!



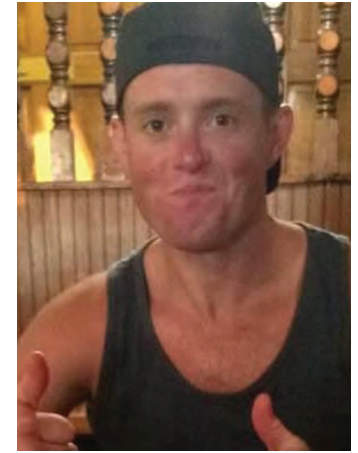
Cindy F. - Babysitting! Officially though, cashier at Quality Markets in town.



Cassie A. - Server at the double diamond!!! I miss that place!



Bill G. - Busboy - middle chalet, 1984.



Vinnie S. - Working summers at school scraping all the gum off the bottom of the desks!



Emily T. - Fox Valley Greenhouse. 14 was dropped off on the bus 3 times a week for a few hours to plant seeds and water plants. I think it was like \$5 an hour.

## Community Easter Egg Hunt

The bunny is leaving eggs for our communities kids to find. At the Ellicottville Town Park, April 16th at 1pm, the time honored tradition of the Community Easter Egg Hunt returns to Ellicottville for 2022!!

## Special Monthly Contest

Nominate your favorite small business owner. (One entry per person please) and if your recommendation is chosen, we will feature that small business owner in a special feature article on the cover of our publication. Next deadline is May 1st, 2022 All nominations can be made via e-mail to info@thevillager.com or to jessica@thevillager.com or by calling into the office at 716-699-2058. Vote and support your favorite businesses today!!

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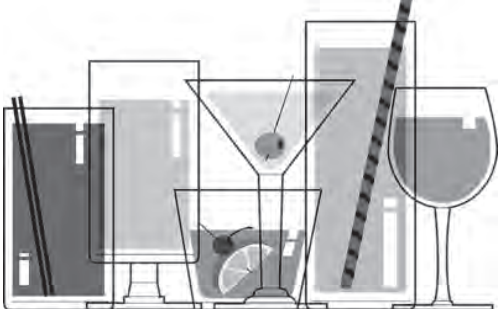
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

**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

## Dyngus

STORY FROM COVER

Remember, it's spring and with spring comes exuberance, mischief and exaggerated adherence to old customs. The ancient custom of pouring water is a spring rite of cleansing and fertility. The practice of gently switching with willow branches is also an ancient custom for young men to get the attention of young ladies.

for an excuse to shake off the winter months with vodka and pierogies..." Dyngus Day. It's a BIG thing!

After creating the last of beautifully decorated eggs (pisanki), slaying the butter lamb and having one's fill of Easter biala kielbasa (white fresh kielbasa) with special "majeranek" spice (marjoram), pierogi, Sledz (schledzh - herring), semik ('SAIR-neek') - a rich creamy baked cheesecake, babka or makowiec (mah-KO-viets) a poppy seed roll spun like a strudel (just don't eat one before applying for a security job!) or even left-over frozen paczki washed down with copious amounts of vodka or piwo, aka, beer. It just seems logical that it's time to work it all off by partying! You can start early on Easter Saturday (maybe after taking the kiddoes to get their baskets blessed at one of the churches in Buffalo's Polonia district) by participating in an ADULT egg hunt at The RecRoom on Chippewa in Buffalo sponsored by Buffalo's own Labatt's. Buffalo, NY is once again hosting the largest concentration of festival locations, polka bands and Polish traditions in the nation. Smaller festivals can be found in communities with sizable Polish American populations such as: South Bend, IN, Elizabeth, NJ and Bristol, CT. This year, with the marketing support of Dyngus Day USA, Chicago, IL., Cleveland, OH, and Pittsburgh, PA, will, hopefully, all see significant growth in the number of people and places celebrating

this quirky event.

On Monday, April 18, following Easter Sunday, the Annual Dyngus Day Parade kicks off at 5pm in Buffalo's Historic Polonia District traveling down Broadway. Following the parade, people are invited to head down Fillmore Avenue which was traditionally part of the parade route for a total experience of a day in Polonia. As with many things, the Dyngus Day celebrations began very small with the Chopin Singing Society in the 60's, but it didn't take any time at all for Buffalo's Polish Pride to kick in, turning the parade into moving sea of Poland's colors, red and white. Between the shrieking fire truck sirens and their spraying hoses (water is a MUST on Dyngus Day), the raucous polka bands (best anywhere), floats, polka dancers and marching units it is an hour filled with mayhem and delight. Be prepared to be sprinkled at the least or have a bucket of water tossed by an overly zealous Dyngus Day celebrant. Remember, it's spring and with spring comes exuberance, mischief and exaggerated adherence to old customs. The ancient

custom of pouring water is a spring rite of cleansing and fertility. The practice of gently switching with willow branches is also an ancient custom for young men to get the attention of young ladies. To cap it off for Poles, Dyngus Day marks the day Prince Mieszko 1st was baptized, thus bringing Catholicism to Poland. Incidentally, there is an old legend about butterfly-chasing baby kittens falling into a raging river, with the mother cat unable to save them. As she wept, the willows heard her and dropped their graceful arms into the water so the kittens could cling to them and get safely to shore. From that day forward, every spring, the willows produced fur-like buds where the kittens once clung.

Bottom line, Dyngus Day is a BIG thing! CNN's Anderson Cooper might do well to accept organizer, Eddie D's invitation to come see the celebration for himself instead of placing it into his "Ridiculist" and giggling uncontrollably in 2012 without seeing what it is all about. Why, he might even be honored to be the parade's first "Pussywillow Prince."

## Katy's

STORY FROM COVER

She also recently opened Katy's Fly-In, a family-style restaurant in Great Valley serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"Katys café started by a crazy idea from my sister-in-law who told me I should buy the café; she was working at Coolings Café at the time. I talked it over with my now husband and we decided to seize the opportunity. It was the best chance we've ever taken, and we have been taking chances ever since. It was not quite the plan we had for our lives at the time, but I am so glad we decided to take the plunge."

Katy's original location was in building that is now the Tee Bar on Washington Street in Ellicottville. "It was small and really crowded most of the time. As we grew it became obvious that we needed more space and in 2017 we moved the café to where it is now at 10 Washington Street (formerly housing Coffee Culture). We do miss the old space and how cozy it was, but we also love our new space and the beautiful patio we now have to enjoy during the warmer months of the year."

Katy describes the café as "kind of like Cheers but in café form. It is always buzzing with our locals and out of town guests. It tends to be loud because everyone is talking to each other sometimes from across the dining room. Someone found me a sign that hangs above one of the doors that says "Enter as strangers, leave as friends" and I feel like that's a pretty good motto for the café."

Katy got her start in the restaurant industry as a dishwasher and has since worked in just about every



With the warm weather approaching, Katy and her crew are getting the patio set up for outdoor dining with the hopes of live acoustic music throughout the warmer months. They are also hoping to offer beer and wine at the café in the near future along with extended hours into the evenings.

position in a restaurant. "When I began to help out in the kitchen, I really became interested in cooking and it blossomed from there. I learned from many people as I moved through the industry, my mom of course, Carol Herbach, Grace Kell, Mike Nickolson, Victoria Brown, and Jay Buchardt to name a few. "I take inspiration wherever I can find it. I love to read about food and make new things." She cooks in both restaurants regularly, and believes everything tastes better with cheese.

"I really just enjoy what I get to do. Buying the café was one of the best decision's I've ever made. I have amazing staff that I am privileged to work with every day. They are like my second family. I love cooking and coming up with new specials and menu items. I absolutely love the customers and getting to interact with them. The whole thing has just been such a blessing I would have never thought 10 years ago I would be where I am now. I do not like paperwork and my accountant will attest to that anytime lol. I seriously don't know what else I would do; I can't imagine my life any other way."

Katy's favorite thing about Ellicottville is the people. "You have this amazing little town that fills up every week with different people from all walks of life. Some people you see every couple weeks, some just once, some every day and some seasonally. It's a pretty amazing little place."

With the warm weather approaching, Katy and her crew are getting the patio set up for outdoor dining with the hopes of live acoustic music throughout the warmer months. They are also hoping to offer beer and wine at the café in the near future along with extended hours into the evenings. They are adding permanent covered outdoor seating at Katy's Fly-In café. Be sure to follow for updates on social media and watch for exciting announcements. "We might have something else in the works but are not ready to disclose just yet!"

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# Good

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Salamanca, NY located at 730 Broad Street and the other in Gowanda, NY at 14411 NY-438. This is a one hundred percent Native owned recreational cannabis company and they take great pride in their products.

**The Villager** had a chance to speak with owner **Holly John** about Good Leaf and what it has to offer and what sets it apart from the many other dispensaries in the area.

**The Villager (V):** What brought you to open up Good Leaf?

**Holly (H):** "Our family has been pursuing a potential cannabis retail and grow establishment since 2013 when a federal "Cole" memorandum essentially honored Native American land as equal as a state and would not be pursued for their marijuana pursuits. Recently when New York State passed their legislation in April of 2022, it gave our customers the confidence to come and purchase from us so we opened as quickly as we could and currently have a Gowanda and Salamanca location. Customers are able to visit Leafly and place their orders ahead of time for quick in-store pickup and to browse and view our current inventory or visit our website at GoodLeaf716.com to view our current promotions as well as see our latest products. We saw an opportunity to enter the cannabis scene as a family business. It's passing the entrepreneurial torch to our next generation. We initially formulated Good Leaf to be an entity that was all things agriculture - growing, producing & preserving food. Food sovereignty has become an important topic in light of global warming. Cannabis

was just one consideration under that umbrella. We decided it would be our first venture into the world of agriculture. We continue to reinvest into operations in order to become fully integrated to expand what and how we grow. Farming and agriculture are in our DNA as Seneca people, we have an obligation to get back to it. It just so happens to be Cannabis currently."

**V:** What types of products do you offer?

**H:** "We offer traditional flower in 1/8 oz as well as pre rolls already made. We also have dabs waxes and cartridges available for smoking and vaping. We have an edible line including chocolate bars, gummies, cookies, lemonade drinks and other forms. Our most exciting products are slushies as we are not aware of any competitors offering this form of infused cannabis drinks."

**V:** How does Good Leaf set itself apart from the other dispensaries in the area?

**H:** "We carry quality products which are well presented in a clean, inviting atmosphere. We encourage our bud tenders to assist the customer to make their shopping experience at Good Leaf a memorable one. We solicit feedback from our customers in order to continue providing great products and friendly, knowledgeable service. We pride ourselves on carrying high quality flower and have partnered with some Growers to exclusively carry theirs. We are constantly trying to innovate our product line by carrying new and hot products like slushies and are exploring selling cookie dough not just fresh cookies so the customer can enjoy it when and where they want to."

**V:** Will you be hosting any specials or events?

**H:** "Of course we will be celebrating 420 with many of

our other competitors but the most exciting thing is we will be opening an indoor cannabis lounge by then. Visit our website GoodLeaf716.com for more details. Don't forget, we have been busy planning in store marketing promotions at both locations. Good Leaf dispensaries are located at 14411 Rt 438, Gowanda, NY 14779 716 -532-HIGH (4444) as well as 730 Broad St, Salamanca, NY 14779 716 945-HIGH (4444). With the warmer weather in the near future, we hope to host some outdoor events to include, food trucks, car shows, perhaps an art/vendor market to coincide with the Seneca Nation Pow Wow in mid-July at the White Pine Lodge."

**V:** Anything else you would like to add?

**H:** "We will be opening a lounge at the White Pine Lodge, at 779 Broad St, Salamanca, NY 716-945-7600 soon. The great room will be transixed into a smoker's lounge. Visitors will be able to purchase and enjoy in a relaxed atmosphere, Good Leaf product sold in the lounge daily. We offer space to host special events/private events such as: birthday celebrations, bachelor / bachelorette parties, PPV sports events, paint nights, reunions etc. You name it, we'll host it. We'll even have a 6 chair "gamers corner" where guests can show their expertise on the latest gaming platform. We have a lot planned for the future and we welcome our communities to join us."

Thank you to Holly, for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing a deeper look into your dispensary and what it has to offer. Sounds like your communities have a lot to look forward to in the year ahead!!

Visit Good Leaf online on their Facebook page or GoodLeaf716.com for more details.

# Classifieds

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY:** The name of the Limited Liability Company is INDIGENOUS CONSULTING LLC; its Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 1, 2022; the county within New York in which its office is to be located is Cattaraugus; the Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served; the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 11660 Route 39, Perrysburg, NY 14129; the purpose of the limited liability company is to carry on any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law

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

**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** 200 Main Little Valley LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/25/22. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1051 West Ave, Buffalo, NY, 14213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THRIVE IV LOUNGE, LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with the New York Secretary of State (NYSS) on 3/8/22. Office in Cattaraugus County. NYSS designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. NYSS shall mail a copy of any process to: THRIVE IV LOUNGE, LLC, 50 Fountain Plaza, Suite 1700, Buffalo, NY 14202. Any lawful business purpose.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD: PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING: NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN** that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing Pursuant to the Mansfield Zoning Law, Article XIV, Section 14.3 (D) (3). Brian Kress requests Planning Board approval for a Special Use Permit to install a Dependent Manufactured Home on his property at 7211 California Hill Road to care for his mother. Said Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. Margaret Puszc, Planning Board Chair

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER NEEDED:** The Town of Ellicottville is looking for a Dog Control Officer. Please send a letter of interest to the Town Clerk, Robyn George, at 1 W. Washington St., PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

**ANNUAL MEETING** of the Maples Cemetery Association: Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Mansfield Town Hall, 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Eddyville, NY. All deed holders are encouraged to attend.

**VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** Please take Notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville on Tuesday, April 19th 2022 at 6:00pm. In the Village Hall at 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville NY for the purpose considering: uthorizing the adoption of a Local Law requiring the Village of Ellicottville receive prior written notice to the Office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Ellicottville of any alleged defective, out of repair, unsafe, dangerous or obstructed street, highway, bridge, culvert, sidewalk or crosswalk, and the reasonable opportunity of the Village to repair said condition(s), as condition precedent to the maintenance or prosecution of any cause of action seeking damages against the Village on a cause of action alleged as arising from said dangerous condition. Go to www.ellicottvillegov.com to attend via Zoom.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK:** The Village of Ellicottville Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town & Village Hall, located at One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York re: 2022-2023 Budget. Copies of the tentative budget are available in the Village Clerks office. Mary J. Klahn, Village Clerk

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD: BOARD MEETING RESCHEDULED: NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN,** the next meeting of the Town Board has been rescheduled, to be held April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Mansfield Board Meetings are held at the Town Hall, in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. By Order of Town Supervisor Carl Calarco, Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk

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As the temperatures climb, docks are seen being returned to their rightful places around the water's edge. Boats become the favored mode of transportation and daredevils strap on water skies and attach inner tubes to long ropes for wave busting rides across the water. Convertibles cruise the long and winding roads that lead to picnics in the parks, while Golf carts and little flags dot the knolls and hills as we crazy people chase around a little ball with long titanium clubs.

All around our community,

the different clubs and organizations start finalizing and putting their seasonal plans into action. On the Southside of Jamestown, nestled into the valley carved out by a running stream, the trees in Allen Park ready their canopy for the influx of summer critters.

All are welcome! Squirrels of red, black, gray and brown can be heard chortling to each other as our migratory birds begin their warm weather nesting ritual. Now is when the members who make up the Allen Park Women's Club mark their calendars with summer events.

This year they are celebrating 80 years of service to the park and the many other organizations they assist. A Big Birthday Bash is planned for Members and their families at the Landmark Restaurant for April 19th 2022. On Saturday April 16th the Club is hosting the Return of their Traditional Easter Egg Roll in the park. The Hunt begins at 11am and everyone is invited.

Lisa Gustafson is the Vice President of the Club for her second, three -year post. She is very happy for the return of "normal" to our city and looks forward to meeting and planning with her friends again. She mentioned they are always reaching out for new members and volunteers for events like "Clean the City Day". The group organizes teams to be spread throughout the park to pick up any trash and winter debris. It is easy to find



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this group on Facebook and there you can follow the plans they are working on for park improvement and summer events. Originally organized by mothers on Jamestown's southside to support their soldier sons, they remain intact and support families and friends well beyond the southside of town. They have planted a few community gardens and have plans for more. They helped to provide new play equipment to our parks and welcome ideas for their service.

I look forward to finding ways to be of service to this worthy cause and learning about up-coming events. Thank you, Lisa for taking a few minutes to fill me in.

**The Villager** wishes the "Allen Park Women's Club" A Great Big "Happy Birthday"! Congratulations and Thank You for 80 Years of Service!

should be all, thank you again for taking the time to learn about Freyja's Pharmacy. You can find Freyja's on Facebook under "Freyja's Pharmacy" and on Etsy under "ThePharmacyTreasures". Looking forward to sharing our products with the

community and beyond." Thank you, Aleah, for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing all this wonderful information about your new business. And thank you, for bringing a line of local all natural products to help combat those dry skin blues.

# Freyja

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Fixes that actually get rid of the problem not just hide it."

**V:** Anything else you would like to add? **A:** "That

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