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## Area Events

**EL LICOTTVILLE EGG HUNT**  
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**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

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

**DINING IN THE DARK**  
Thursday, April 21st • 6pm  
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE**  
Saturday, April 23rd • 9-2pm  
YWCA Westfield, Westfield

**GROW GARDEN FAIR**  
Saturday, April 23rd • 10am  
Third Street, Jamestown

**1891 RUN 5K & WALK**  
Sunday, April 24th • 9am  
Day Street, Fredonia

**CHAUTAUQUA'S GOT TALENT**  
Monday, April 25th • 7pm  
The Spire Theater, Jamestown

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## “Beyond the Blue”, Sherman, NY

Great Blue Heron Festival Continues Expanded Season



Beyond the Blue I, slated for July 16, kicks off with sweet harmonies, funky bluegrass and soulful rhythms with artists Dirty Blanket, Folkfaces and Bella's Bartok (pictured, above). The series continues July 30 with Beyond the Blue II, a full day of progressive Reggae beats, island vibes and thunderous Native American sounds. On August 20, Beyond the Blue III features electrifying funk and electro-rock with event headliner, Jimkata. Season finale, Beyond the Blue IV, will take place on Labor Day weekend with more than 20 artists. (See story “HERON”, page 10.)

## April: Autism Acceptance Month

Some Key Facts for Better Understanding ASD



People with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can be very creative and exhibit their feelings through a passion for theater, art, and dance. Take a minute to consider that it is speculated that Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Thomas Jefferson, Michelangelo, Darwin, Mozart, Tesla, the developer of Pokémon (Sotashi Tajiri), and Bill Gates are on the autism spectrum. So please, remember that “autism is not a disability. It is a different ability.” (Stephen Shore, Adelphi University). (See story “AUTISM”, page 11.)

## EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Ratchet Hatchet

Axe Throwing: Target Sport Trending Across the Bar Scene



**BY KATE BARTLETT**  
Nathan Woodruff and Kaleigh Fleischman are owners and founders of The Ratchet Hatchet in the heart of Ellicottville. Opening in July 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, they aimed to bring a fun, and different activity to the area that could be enjoyed all year round. “Amidst the hardships, we have worked very diligently to keep our doors



open, and the axe's flying. We are committed to always keeping our facility safe and enjoyable.”  
Axe throwing is a target sport, similar to darts, that is trending across the bar scene. Players stand behind a foul line, typically 10-12 feet from the target, depending on the organization, and try to throw their axe into the

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## Local Tree City USA Designations

Reachable Community Green Goal for Earth Day



**BY CARA BIRRIERTIERI**  
AUTHOR, FREELANCE WRITER, FORMER MAYOR, BOSTON TV REPORTER, SCIENCE TEACHER, CHQ COUNTY RESIDENT

In the State of New York, the Arbor Day Foundation (ADF) has awarded over 150 communities the “Tree City USA” designation. They range in size from New York City, to the small Village of Lakewood, and communities of

all sizes in between. The cities of Buffalo, Jamestown, and Rochester are Tree Cities; Cuba, Gowanda, and Ellicottville are also members of this green consortium.

If there is anything most people in any community can agree on, it is the benefit of trees. The Arbor Day Foundation has been encouraging communities across the country

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

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Statue of 2012 Olympic Gymnast to be Placed (pictured)



Gabrielle Douglas is a US Women's Artistic gymnast. At the 2012 London Summer Olympics, she won gold medals in both the team and individual all-around competitions. Gabrielle is the first woman of color of any nationality and the first African-American gymnast in Olympic history to become the Individual All-Around Champion. She is also the first American gymnast to win gold in both the gymnastic individual all-around and team competitions at the same Olympic games.

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### Business: Chautauqua Music

Discovering the Leaders of the Bands



Chautauqua Music is an incredible museum of modern music. They are located at 110 Second St. Downtown Jamestown, NY 14701.

**BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR**

As I stepped through the door and crossed the threshold, I was immediately filled with that indescribable sense of joy you feel when after a long journey, you finally make it home. I remember RUSH was playing “The Spirit of Radio” at high decibels in my headset and I gave into the irresistible urge to air guitar to the riff. I felt the energy of airwaves crackling with light and the bright antennas glistening with the energy, everywhere in the store/studio/museum that is CHAUTAUQUA MUSIC. I was greeted by a knowing grin on the face of a man resembling a young Gregg Allman. We chuckled at my expense and thus began a series of

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### Biodome Project: Jamestown, NY

Planting New Seeds for Another Generation



The Jamestown Biodome Project was first conceived as a place to hydroponically grow starter plants for indoor décor and herbs for customers interested in growing herb gardens, it wasn't long before they were branching out and making available to their customers everything necessary to successfully grow and maintain their gardens and houseplants.

**BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR**

Spring is a perfectly appropriate time of the year to be sharing with readers the story of another inspired and blooming business planted here in the hills of Jamestown, NY. This organically conceived project has grown and then out grown its original location while the original business plan has expanded to enrich other local: businesses, family-owned farms, crafters, artists and artisans.

Spring is the time of year when an equatorial shift occurs extending the number of hours of daylight and it is marked

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April has been full of foolery, hasn't it? Unpredictable weather, great events re-emerging, and today as I write this, the sky is bursting with sunshine that I do believe is here to stay! Holiday Valley resort has announced the opening of a new season and Chautauqua County is opening up its windows. We had a lot of great events just this past weekend and there are many in store for the weeks to come, which you will read about in these pages. If you have an event or business, you would like our readers to know about, please don't hesitate to reach me directly: [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com) - we are always happy to spread the good word. Until next week, enjoy the read,  
**Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

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# Summer Music Festival Update

Lou Gramm Joins the Lineup for This Year's Slopeside Concert

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  - URGENT - SAY YOU WILL
  - I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU
  - WAITING FOR A GIRL LIKE YOU
- plus Lou's Top 10 Solo Hit, MIDNIGHT BLUE and more!

Since announcing a stellar lineup for this year's Summer Music Festival just last month, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce has already experienced an influx of ticket sales, and it's no surprise as to why. With Practically Petty (a Tom Petty tribute band) as the opening act, and Asia featuring John Payne coming in hot as the headliner with two very special guests, this year's venue is well on its way to hosting a record crowd. Dubbed as "The Voices of Classic Rock", Summer Fest also invited John Elefante, former lead singer of Kansas, and Alex Ligertwood, former lead singer of Santana, to join Asia featuring John Payne on stage, showcasing a dynamite mix of top hits from all three bands. However, just last week, Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, received the news that Alex Ligertwood will

not be able to perform. "Due to unforeseen circumstances, Alex Ligertwood has withdrawn from this year's Summer Music Festival bill," said McFadden. "We were excited for the opportunity to host him, but we're just as excited for the musician that we've secured to take his spot." Does the name Lou Gramm ring a bell? Lou Gramm is an American rock singer/songwriter, best known for being the lead singer of the band Foreigner from 1977 to 1990 and 1992 to 2003, during which time the band had numerous successful albums and singles. Gramm has signed on to perform at this year's Summer Music Festival, joining John Payne and John Elefante. Foreigner's legendary songwriting partners, Lou Gramm and Mick Jones, together propelled an arsenal of ten multi-platinum albums and multiple Top 30 hits.

Universally hailed as one of the most popular rock acts in the world, the band is responsible for some of the greatest rock anthems of our time, including the worldwide No. 1 hit, "I Want To Know What Love Is," which today remains one of the 25 most performed songs in the ASCAP (the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Catalog. Other iconic songs include "Feels Like The First Time," "Cold As Ice" and "Long, Long Way From Home" from their self-titled 1977 debut album. The Gramm/Jones catalog also includes major hits "Juke Box Hero", "Hot Blooded" and "Waiting For A Girl Like You." Ticket holders for this year's Summer Music Festival will be treated to perhaps one of the most jam-packed lineups the event has seen in its history. It all takes place Saturday, July 2nd, slopeside at Holiday Valley Resort. In addition to these star-powered acts, the Ellicottville Chamber is proud to host the return of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra the following evening, Sunday, July 3rd, which, like in years past, will include a spectacular fireworks display orchestrated to the music of the BPO. Pre-sale tickets for each evening of entertainment are on sale now and can be purchased through the Chamber's website, [ellicottvillenyc.com](http://ellicottvillenyc.com). Tickets are \$45 if purchased before June 1st. (Price bump takes effect June 1st, with the final price increase at the gate.). Kids 12 and under are free to attend. VIP Packages are also available, which include a Gala Dinner and tickets for two to the Saturday concert, VIP Sponsors Reception and tickets for two to Sunday's BPO concert, VIP seating and reserved VIP parking both nights, VIP lounge access stage-side, and recognition in program..



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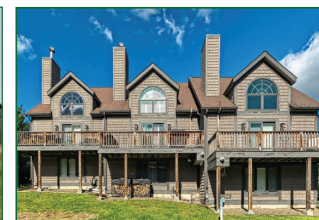
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# Arbor Day Celebration at Arboretum

Ellicottville Village Board Adopts New Local Law

BY DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Tuesday, April 19. This month's meeting was opened by Mayor John Burrell and opened the floor for public comments on the proposed 2022-2023 Village Budget infrastructure. The Board and proposed law requiring prior written notification filed with the Village Clerk of the Village of Ellicottville, NY Committee Report Review, as a condition precedent to the prosecution of causes of detailed the releases of water actions seeking monetary damages against the Village Tiny Home Village, LLC. With minor changes to the of-way, or certain public release documents required, infrastructure. No public comments on these two public hearings were received. and for Mayor Burrell to sign the releases. Attorney Stanton also provided an update on the DEC letter regarding the floor. MJ Brown informed the Board and attendees of proposed parking lot property the Arbor Day celebration and that the Village could on April 29 at 11am at the proceed with the title search. Nannen Arboretum. MJ The Mayor motioned for funds detailed the activities, learning to purchase the property to be opportunities, and food for the moved to the general fund event. Mayor Burrell asked which the Board approved. for a motion for the Village to Mayor Burrell detailed the support this event with staff plans to reimburse the Village and a vehicle which the Board accounts with the promised approved. In the Good News grant money from the County topics, newly hired Associate which needs to be completed Planned Greg Keyser will by the end of the current fiscal start next month. Mr. Keyser year. Trustee Doug Bush later and the recently contracted in the meeting detailed the planning firm will provide the work with Cattaraugus County planning services to the Town he's doing to obtain grant and Village. funding for the parking lot.

**NEW LOCAL LAW**  
Trustee Sean Lowes informed received on the 2022-2023 the Board of a Chamber of budget, Mayor Burrell Commerce request to place motioned to close the public a statue of 2012 Olympic hearing and also motioned gymnast Gabby Douglas in for approval of the budget to front of the Town and Village which the Board approved Hall. This statue will be both motions. The mayor also provided from the Griffis motioned for the adoption of Sculpture Park and be on local law 1-2022 requiring display from May until after prior written notification Fall Fest. As a member of

the USA women's national gymnastics team in the 2012 Summer Olympics, Douglas won gold in both the individual and all-around competitions, becoming the first African American and the first of African descent in Olympic history to do so at the same Olympics. The Board approved the request for the statue to be displayed in front of the Chamber office.

**SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**  
The Mayor and Board discussed the need to start marking areas of water pooling on sidewalks after heavy rainfall. This effort needs to be done to plan and prioritize the sidewalks that need to be raised during the summer to prevent future water pooling. Trustee Caitlin Croft provided an update on the activities of the recently formed refuse committee. The committee was reviewing concerns with the trash collection schedule that did not permit weekend residents to make use of trash collection and also the lack of recycling by the current refuse service. The committee submitted recommendations to lower the refuse fines, provide a paid option for cans to be placed back by the residence after pickup, and efforts with Town and Country to address the lack of recycling. The Mayor motioned to dissolve the committee which had achieved its goals and set a public hearing in June to address the proposed changes. The Board approved this motion. Attorney Stanton will be reviewing the refuse fine structure to ensure fines cover the cost of processing them.

For full meeting minutes and other Village news, please visit the Village's website at [www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html).



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## Weddings at HoliMont Chalet

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## Skate Park Community Meeting

The Ellicottville Skate Park wants you to join them for the Second Community Meeting on **MONDAY, APRIL 25th** at Fathey Beer Co., 6696 Route 219, Ellicottville, NY. The Village of Ellicottville is commissioning a new concrete skatepark. They are inviting the public to come and see the proposed concept, give feedback and ensure the best design outcome. Come on down and hear the plans and give your input on the project.

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## Junior Explorers: Make A Splash

The Junior's Visit the Aquarium of Niagara in Niagara Falls, NY

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

This week we made a splash at the Aquarium of Niagara, in Niagara Falls USA. We love to visit every year to check out what's new and say hi to our favorite fishy friends. First, we watched the Rescue Harbor Presentation in the outdoor cove. We saw two different species – grey seals and harbor seals – and they all have unique rescue stories, and fun personalities too! Like Della, who is blind, and works with her trainers using tactile and verbal cues. Next, we ventured inside and watched the Humboldt penguins waddling and swimming around their pool area. The aquarium cares for 14 penguins, ranging in ages, many even born on site. The highlight of our visit was the Sea Lion show. The trainer worked with the California sea lion to perform amazing tricks, doing flips, spins, jumps even clapping his fins, balancing a ball on his nose and twisting and twirling in the air. Before leaving, we explored the jellyfish room upstairs, and all the different kinds of fish downstairs. We even found Nemo! Be sure to check out their online schedule of and upcoming events at <https://www.aquariumofniagara.org/> and take a walk around the majestic Niagara Falls afterwards. And just remember, when life gets tough, just keep swimming!

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## 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.





## Best Wishes to Jane Eshbaugh

Retiring After 42 Years of Service at Holiday Valley

By BROOKE SZPAICHER



We all know her name, we all recognize her as a very familiar face to Holiday Valley, the one and only Jane Eshbaugh. When the seasons start to change and the news wants the scoop on the snow report, Jane is the first to give all the details! After 42 years of service to our local resort here in Ellicottville, Jane is stepping into retirement. Her hard work and dedication over the years has only brought Holiday Valley one step closer to what it is today!

Jane started at Holiday Valley in the season of 1980-1981 and was hired in the ski school and as a part of group sales. "The resort has just installed the first Yodeler quad and the year before; Route 219 was extended to Springville. Those were two big impacts on Holiday Valley's business, but overall, it was a great family resort (and that is still true today!)" Busy on weekends. Weekdays were very quiet. There were some challenging years with snow because our snowmaking was not what it is today!" As a local of this community, I can go on about various accomplishments and growth that the resort endured, but I asked Jane to elaborate even more on her involvement in making this happen. "When I started, I went to the ski shows (Toronto, Buffalo and Cleveland were the big ones) and sold the school programs. We didn't really have a marketing department at that time. We had an ad agency that created a few print ads for us. Then after a couple of years, because I was artistic, I ended up creating some ads, designing the brochures, and news magazine. Eventually that ended up being the marketing department— all very casual. Accomplishments of HV... "always reinvesting in the resort every year. This gave us a great reputation for working hard to provide the best product possible for our customers. My job was always to communicate to the public about what was going on at Holiday Valley...I didn't influence planning until later. Some of the major accomplishments – each new

chairlift installed improved the skiers' experience. Since I started, we have installed 16 new lifts! (of course, some were replacements, and some opened up new terrain.) Each base lodge was replaced – The Warming Hut became Tannenbaum Lodge, the Middle Chalet became Yodeler Lodge and the Main Chalet became The Lodge at Holiday Valley. Holiday Valley entered the lodging business when we purchased the Holiday Valley Motel in 1985 and then replaced it with the Inn at Holiday Valley. When SnowPine Village opened in 1984, we created Holiday Valley Rental Management and Realty Company. Then in 2008, we built the fractional ownership condo-hotel, The Tamarack Club. These properties allowed us to encourage people to stay more than just the day. The second nine of the golf course opened in 1987 and renovated in 2005 and 2006. This was the start of encouraging people to visit year 'round. Sky High opened in 2011, which really ramped up summer visitors. The Tubing Company opened in 2003 and provides fun for skiers and non-skiers alike. The Tubing Company really took off during COVID! The transition of Ellicottville from a logging town to a tourist attraction was influenced by the growth of Holiday Valley. More skiers coming to the slopes meant more skiers coming to town and vice versa. It was/is a very symbiotic relationship.

Something we are very proud of is our SKI Magazine rankings – although our vertical drop is smaller than other resorts on the lists, the readers rank Holiday Valley high because of our variety of terrain, great lift system, food, lodging, family appeal, super friendly vibe, and the Village

of Ellicottville. This last ski season we were ranked #2 in the East!" Jane has always been and will always be a huge part of Holiday Valley and her heart and dedication to this resort and the sport of skiing will never go unrecognized. I was even able to touch base with both her daughters and how proud they are of their mom!

"Just like mom, I also chose a career in ski area marketing, at a mid-sized independent ski area. I think that says a lot about the way my mom has led her career. She worked long hours, still had plenty of fun, and never lost the passion for skiing. Watching her work hard and succeed in the ski industry influenced me to pursue a similar path. When I'm at work, I try to operate with the same grit and grace that my mom has shown in her career. We could all add more positivity, humility, and kindness into our workplace like Jane does."—Maggie Eshbaugh

"There aren't very many people in the world who love skiing as much as Jane does. During the height of the season when working in the ski business is at its most demanding, my mom never loses sight of how much joy the sport holds. And although Holiday Valley has transformed over the course of her career, Jane's attitude about why skiing matters is a key reason that Holiday Valley has been able to achieve great success while retaining its authenticity and connection to the community of Ellicottville. Although I'll miss working next to her every day, I know that she'll continue to be the best ambassador that the sport could have, whether it's hiking up Frostline on a special WNY powder day or chasing a storm to the Sierras."—Kate Eshbaugh

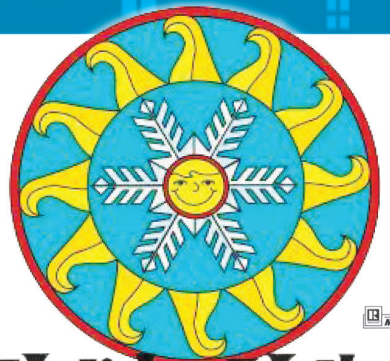
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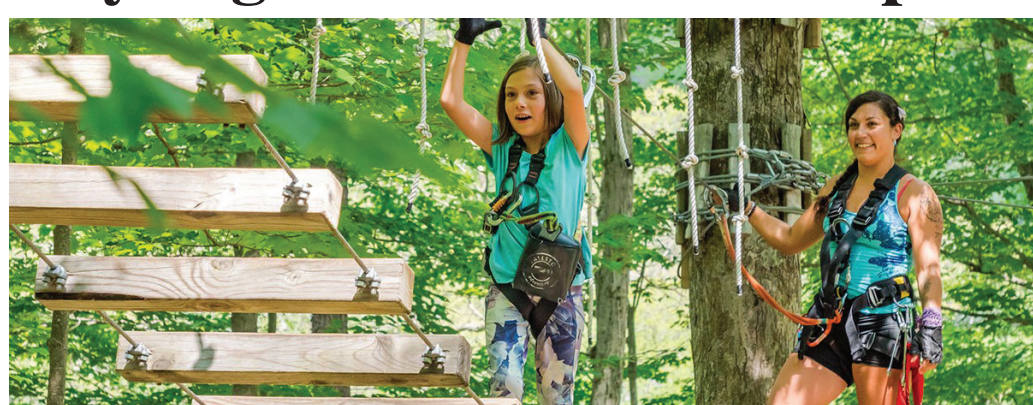
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## Sky High Adventure Park Opens



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## Holiday Valley Covid-19 Testing

Holiday Valley Resort Offers Service to Community

Holiday Valley Resort is proud to host a NO-COST Testing at 6129 US Rt. 219, just south of the Ellicottville Health Center on Thursdays: 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Fridays: 2:00pm - 6:00pm and Saturdays: 9:00am - 1:00pm. \*PCR (molecular) and antigen tests are performed at no cost, thanks to Community Testing Service. The rapid test results are available within 5 to 10 minutes and the PCR test results are available within 24 to 48 hours. Appointments and insurance are not required.

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## Trail Mapping & Signage Project

### Cattaraugus County Trail Map Viewer Launching Online



and Barton & Loguidice representatives announced on the County Wide Trail Committee Zoom Meeting, the launch of the Cattaraugus County Trail Map Viewer. The Web App link can be found at [www.CattCo.org/Trails](http://www.CattCo.org/Trails). The Cattaraugus County Wide Trail Mapping and Signage Project was designed to help promote the robust trail systems found throughout the County. One of the main objectives was the creation of a new web mapping application for viewing all of the County's trail systems for all user groups, including hikers, cyclists, cross country skiers, equestrians, and more. In addition, the project involves the development of a new signage system that will help to create consistent branding and promote the increased usage of the many trails throughout the County. These two initiatives were identified as priorities in the 2017 Countywide Trail System Plan as two of the most important improvements for increasing trail usage. The County is

excited to be moving forward with promoting trail activity to allow more users to experience the beautiful natural resources that the Enchanted Mountains have to offer. Crystal Abers, Director of the Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism states, "We are excited to have a new tool to help promote the wonderful trail systems we have in Cattaraugus County. The new Cattaraugus County Web application and signage system will help visitors and residents alike to easily access and confidently navigate trails throughout our county." Cattaraugus County EDPT is also working on the implementation of the Signage Program. There have been funds set aside to purchase signage and kiosks for trail organizations that will increase the visibility of the trail heads, increase the safety of visitors, and to help visitors navigate the trail system. Trail organizations interested in participating in the program contact Kate O'Stricker at 716-938-2320.

With Funding provided by the Appalachian Region Commission, Cattaraugus County Economic Development, Planning and Tourism (EDPT) was able to contract with Barton & Loguidice to complete the Cattaraugus County Trail Mapping and Signage Project. The project intends to promote public recreation, active living and healthy lifestyles; encourage economic development by encouraging more visitors to visit, play and stay; celebrate the County's natural resources and rural character; and improve user experience and accessibility of the trail system. On January 20, 2022, EDPT

# Edgewater Arthouse Funding Success

### Mayor Sundquist Secures Funding for Resource Center's Art House Project



The City of Jamestown has been awarded a \$195,000 New York State Empire State Development (ESD) grant for the Edgewater Arthouse, a collaboration between the City and The Resource Center

The proposed Edgewater Art House project is a joint partnership with the second largest employer in the city, The Resource Center. The Edgewater Art House will be situated on the waterfront of the Chadakoin River on Eighth Street, across from the newly completed Riverwalk Community Skatepark, McCrea Point Park, and adjacent to the Greater Jamestown Riverwalk Trailhead and the new Prendergast Landing redevelopment project. The project will repurpose a storage garage currently located at the Edgewater Day Habilitation Site. The

Arthouse will provide access to an indoor/outdoor art studio for people with disabilities & the community at-large. These classes will be held overlooking the waterfront. The Art House will weave art & artists into the fabric of the downtown & waterfront revitalization efforts providing community art classes including painting, drawing, mixed media, ceramics and a gallery space to showcase the art.

Jamestown Mayor Eddie Sundquist, in a statement said, "This project will redevelop a premier waterfront location which will provide an inclusive artist hub for individuals with disabilities and the community at large. We thank The Resource Center and our City Staff for all of the hard work that went into the grant application. This location will attract

small business, entrepreneurs and visitors to the area which will continue to support the progress of economic development, downtown revitalization and improvements in the quality-of-life for the residents of the City of Jamestown."

Denise Jones, President and CEO of The Resource Center, said in a statement, "We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant. The Edgewater Art House will be the new home of our award winning art program and will make it possible for more people with disabilities to develop their artistic talents. In addition to providing a serene location that is sure to inspire artists, this beautiful facility will become another jewel in the City of Jamestown's waterfront revitalization initiative. We look forward to breaking ground this spring.

"We are extremely grateful to Empire State Development for recognizing the significance of this project and its impact on our community. And we are indebted to Mayor Sundquist and his team for supporting this project and leading the effort to obtain this grant."

## Distribution of Home Test Kits

### City of Jamestown Joins Local Organizations, Gives 5,000 Test Kits to Distribute

The City of Jamestown, in conjunction with Chautauqua County, have announced a new shipment of 5,000 COVID-19 rapid test kits that will be distributed to Jamestown non-profits and organizations. These include the YMCA, the YWCA, the Salvation Army, the Prendergast Library, Jamestown VA Clinic, the Boys and Girls Club, the Mental Health Association,

Chautauqua Opportunities Inc., Hillside Children's Center, Chautauqua Alcohol & Substance Abuse Council, and Evergreen Health Services. These organizations will be able to distribute test kits as they see fit. In a statement, Jamestown Mayor Eddie Sundquist stated, "I am thrilled to work with the County and our local non-profits to distribute rapid test

kits. This will allow some of our most vulnerable populations to keep safe should COVID cases spike again."

County Executive PJ Wendel said, "I am glad we can partner with the City of Jamestown to distribute rapid COVID tests. These tests are a way we can continue to protect our residents as the pandemic is slowing down."

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# Celebrating the Arrival of Spring

## Taking a Tour of Local Greenhouses

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Pssst! It's me! Don't look outside – just slip on your sunglasses (preferably the rose-colored ones), pick up your seed catalogs, slip into your coziest armchair, and dream. Recent Easter displays of hyacinths, lilies, pansies, and other colorful potted plants whispered HOPE to the wanna-be gardeners who are still shoveling snow! Let's do this!

If you must have your plant fix immediately, visit the **Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens** (pictured, 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY) where connecting with nature is painless. The Botanical Gardens is a national historic site and education center and the perfect place in any weather to enjoy exotic horticultural treasures from around the world. Opened in 1900, it was designed by Lord & Burnham, premier designers of Victorian glass houses who fashioned it after the famous English Crystal Palace. Whether you crave the sight of elegant orchids, ivy, cacti, succulents, bromeliads, carnivorous plants, or medicinal plants, you will find them at the gardens. (bufflaogardens.com)

A day trip to **Sonnenberg Gardens in Canandaigua NY** is worth the drive. They open with a Spring Wildflower and Orchid Show April 29-May 1. Celebrate the arrival of Spring by strolling through the Arboretum and gardens laden with early spring flowers. Enjoy the collections of orchids in their historic greenhouse. Tickets available online and



at admissions sonnenberg.org/events/ Admission \$10.00 | \$5.00 (3-15 years old) | Free (Under 3) | Pre-sale Online through April 27th. On May 7-10 enjoy "I Love My Park Day." Help them by volunteering to help clean up their park. Free to Volunteers that sign up through Parks & Trails New York ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day. Non-volunteers will pay regular admission. On May 8, 9:30-4:30 treat mom as you stroll the nine formal gardens and walk through the historic mansion and greenhouses. Admission - All Mom's get in for \$1.00

If you just want to start drawing your plans for showing some love around your homes and gardens with flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetables, stay in that armchair and begin planning. There is a bountiful selection of greenhouses and nurseries in our surrounding counties which are gearing up to turn your gardening dreams into fragrant and colorful reality. Before you get too sidetracked with flowers and herbs let me give you a bit of advice I received from Jake Williams, proprietor, with his wife Rachel, of **Jakes Greenhouse on 11904 Route 240 in E. Concord**, three miles past

Route 39 (BIG, red-roofed building – cannot miss it). It's no secret that food prices are rising. Jake suggests you meet inflation head-on by growing your own veggies. (And it's healthier!) Not a lot of space? Opt for a container garden; just be sure to use pots large enough for the veggies you want, provide support for plants that need it (beans, tomatoes and green peppers), provide for very good drainage with gravel (and a few rocks for weight). DON'T use soil from your garden (it will quickly compact and suffocate your plants). Consider planters on wheels to move plants around to catch the optimum sunlight requirements. Consider an organic water-soluble fertilizer. Thanks to Jake for that suggestion. Stop in at their place for a bite to eat and a walkaround while you develop your garden plans. They feature annual flowers, perennials, shrubs, bushes, their own beef and eggs, milk, Cuba Cheese, lunches, & ice cream. It's a one-stop shop! Jakesgreenhousesny.com

There are many great greenhouses and local nurseries around. Here's

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# Area Attraction: Health, Home & Fitness Expo

## GOACC Combines Events in One Large Weekend



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

With a new name and in a new location, the Health Home Fitness Expo opens this Friday, April 22nd at the Good Times Events Center, 800 East State Street, Olean. The expo, presented by the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, will present countless ideas on enhancing your health and fitness and recreation. Show goers can talk to a number of area experts and learn about home, health, fitness and more –all in one place.

The EXPO will take place over the weekend of April 22-24 (Friday 5-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 10am-4pm). This year's show will have no admission fee but all expo goers are encouraged to enter the basket raffles for \$10/sheet. More than 50 items will be raffled off with most products or gift certificates for service from the expo vendors.

The vendors will be located on the main floor as well as the second-floor space. An elevator is available for those needing assistance. There will be many vendors to visit.

On Saturday – the first 200 customers to the expo will receive reusable grocery tote bags courtesy of the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York. Sunday, the first 100 customers to the expo

will receive either a flower pot or a basil pot courtesy of Miller's Farm Market. Also, Cattaraugus County Health Department will have COVID TESTS available for free (to pick up) at their booth. GOACC booths will also be selling their chili vessels from their CHILI CRAWL as a fundraiser for WNY Heroes. Get yours at the show for \$10 per vessel.

Here are the complete demo/workshop schedules: On Friday, April 22nd from 5-7pm you can join staff members at the Quick ArtMobile from St. Bonaventure University with plant art activities. Have a go at marbling flower pots, DIY mini-wreaths, and sun catchers. The ArtMobile provides access to the Quick Center's collections of original works as well as quality art lessons and activities.

Also on Friday, April 22nd, from 6-6:30pm, there will be a fly-fishing demonstration. You can learn how to fly fish for trout, bass and much more there. Steve Skvarka, the demonstrator, is with the Kinzua Fly Fishing School, an instructional camp organized and taught by professional teachers who have years of fly tying, fly fishing, teaching and coaching experience.

The third event on Friday, from 7-7:30pm is a session

with a Simulation Teaching Mannequin. It is a simulated anatomic human body which bleeds, cries, voids and talks. (You can imagine it has a lot to complain about!). Members are taught to insert a chest tube, perform an intubation and check vital signs.

On Saturday, April 23rd, from 11-11:30am, you can participate in Tai Chi exercising. Tai Chi involves a gentle yet effective series of slow movements that lead to better health and calm. The demo will begin with warm-up exercises and progress steadily.

Also on Saturday, between noon and 12:30pm, you can learn about the prevention and treatment of heart attacks. There will be tips about prevention and a discussion about how to stop a heart attack.

Another event on Saturday, between 1-1:30pm the Friday Fly Fishing demo will be repeated. From 2-2:30pm you can hear the inspirational speaker Suzy Woo, who will talk about how your thoughts impact your health. Using a spiritual, heart-centered model, Suzy coaches entrepreneurs, teams, groups and individuals to clear energy blockages, increasing flow, and joy in all areas of life! She will share what worked for her to rebuild her life and find success after enduring 22 years of domestic violence. Her message is to never lose hope, to realize how powerful you truly are, and to fully step into that power to lead an empowered, joyous, fulfilling life. Additionally, on Saturday, between 3-3:30pm, you can learn

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# Heron

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## STORY FROM COVER

BY JUDY SHULER

Sometimes ideas born of necessity are too good to cast aside. This would have been the 30th anniversary of the Great Blue Heron Music Festival in Sherman, NY, but for the two-year pandemic interruption. Last summer, weekly concerts replaced the iconic three-day July 4th festival.

The traditional Great Blue Heron Musical Festival returns July 1-3, 2022 with many familiar performers, but so too will the smaller scale concerts launched last year. The extended summer season, called "Beyond the Blue," features four additional festivals July through Labor Day Weekend.

"The genre-focused Beyond the Blue mini-festivals present diverse and family-friendly experiences all summer long that enable us to welcome more people who share our passions for music, the outdoors, and sustainability," says Julie Rockcastle, festival co-founder and owner of The Heron Farm & Event Center. Beyond the Blue I, slated for July 16, kicks off with sweet harmonies, funky bluegrass and soulful rhythms with artists Dirty Blanket, Folkfaces and Bella's Bartok.

The series continues July 30 with Beyond the Blue II, a full day of progressive Reggae beats, island vibes and thunderous Native American sounds. Event headliner, Giant Panda Guerrilla Dub Squad, often referred to as "The Grateful Dead of Reggae," will grace the main stage, along with Keith Secola, Root Shock and Mosaic Foundation. On August 20, Beyond the Blue III features electrifying funk and electro-rock with event headliner, Jimkata.

The trio, based in Ithaca and Los Angeles, stretches boundaries with bold

arrangements fueled by swirling synthesizers and anthemic hooks.

Season finale, Beyond the Blue IV, will take place on Labor Day weekend with more than 20 artists, including Pokey Lafarge, a musician influenced by old-time country, blues, folk, and Western swing. Another headliner, singer/songwriter Ryan Montbleau, has spent much of his life crisscrossing the globe on a perpetual search for meaning, purpose, and understanding, defining not only his music, but his very sense of self.

In 2020, with virtually all large gatherings canceled, Heron Farm & Event Center focused on expanding their camping facilities as a way for people to safely distance while enjoying the outdoors in comfort. Their efforts were applauded in December 2020, when they were voted best overall HipCamp in New York State, and best overall HipCamp tent site in the United States. Camping opens May 13 this season, with 90 sites in nine different sections of the 400-acre property, ranging from primitive tent sites to more comfortable Airbnbs. While challenging, the two previous seasons have broadened their sense of mission, Rockcastle acknowledges. "It's been a wonderful, although a bit painful, opportunity to shift and realign our vision for the future of this place."

While best known for their music festival, and now camping, The Heron Farm & Event Center is much more. "We have art installations on the property, including special lighting of the trails at night. Steve French from Volt Vision

is part of those endeavors. Education programs are centered around wellness and farming. We have farm tours to see the shiitake mushroom operation, hold foraging workshops and the Great Rhythm Revival is an incredible weekend of chanting, drumming, yoga meditation, self-expression and dance."

Julie's husband Steve operates the farm, producing certified organic vegetables, shiitake mushrooms (largest site in Western New York), organic chicken, GMO-free pork, and 100% grass-fed beef.

Their products are available year-around in their self-service Green Heron Growers Farm Store, open 8am-8pm daily; at the Fredonia Farmers Market all year; Chautauqua Institution's Bestor Plaza during their 10-week season; plus, Williamsville May through October.

"Best for us is people shopping at the Farm Store here at The Heron though, because we love to have people discover the beauty of this place!"

So much activity takes more than two people. "We had 14 employees last season, mostly part time seasonal people, and we expect the same this year."

Many volunteers are central to what they do. "This year we will need nearly 300 volunteers for the Great Blue Heron weekend and also many for the other four weekends."

For more info, a full schedule of performers, tickets, camping reservations or to sign up as a vendor or volunteer, go to theheron.org, FB or Instagram.

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# Autism

STORY FROM COVER

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

*"I could not understand why people were so cruel simply because I was different. I process information and see the world differently. I've chosen to accept my label of autism, not as a disability, but as an extraordinary ability."*  
 - Tyler McNamer, author Population: ONE.

A young high school lad by the name of Tyler McNamer, has written a book titled Population: ONE. Tyler is on the autism spectrum. He tells us this: "I was diagnosed with autism at age 2. I communicated with a series of frustrated noises and physically 'acting out'. I started forming words at age 6; I was not able to speak in full sentences until I was 12. I've been called a retard, dumb, and disabled. I've been bullied, picked on, and made fun of. They put me in 'special' classes and told me that I should not expect to reach my goals. I could not understand why people were so cruel simply because I was different. I process information and see the world differently. I've chosen to accept my label of autism, not as a disability, but as an extraordinary ability." Tyler has given those of us not on the spectrum an inside look into how the mind of someone on the spectrum works. He understands he is "trapped inside" himself, but he bravely put his thoughts to paper to let outsiders understand from an insider's perspective. This book is for everyone, including those affected by **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)**. It can be ordered online.

The term "autism" has been used for over one hundred years but very little was truly known about it until late into the 20th century. Now affecting 1 in 68 children (mainly boys) it is more common than childhood cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined (Cdc website).

Living with a person with an ASD affects the entire family—parents, siblings, and, in some families, extended members. Meeting the complex needs of a person with an ASD can put families under a great deal of stress—emotional, financial (from a recent study funded by Autism Speaks, lifetime costs of autism average \$1.4 million to \$2.4 million), and physical. Please be aware that an offer of respite care can give parents and other family caregivers a needed break and help maintain family well-being. Mass General Hospital informs that "parents do not and cannot cause autism disorder. Although the multiple causes of ASD are not known, it is known that parental behavior before, during and after pregnancy does not cause ASD." The word "autism" literally means self, or alone, which unfortunately, is the situation that many of those on the spectrum experience. Currently, clinicians and family members no longer use the term "autistic." The proper expression is "people with autism or autism spectrum disorder" although a diagnosis is elusive since there presently is no means of medical detection. There is no cure. The disorder affects all nationalities and races, usually appearing before age 3 (the earlier it is detected and treated, the better). Girls may be diagnosed later because symptoms in males and females differ.

As Tyler stated, those with ASD have communication deficits. Whether they are verbal or non-verbal, those who interact with them need

patience. They are unique individuals, as we all are. Whether verbal or non-verbal, whether they make good eye contact or not, they may be very bright, or not-so-much. Often, they read above their grade level (although comprehension may not necessarily correspond – see study reference below) and can steadily improve in all aspects of their lives, with proper care and services. Unfortunately, those with ASD may also deal with asthma, allergies, epilepsy, sensory integration dysfunction, cognitive impairments, and other medical issues. Here's what often gets missed about people with ASD – Thehealthsite.com says they don't necessarily have a learning disability but lack a lot of other skills which are needed for leading a fulfilling life in society." They often care deeply, as Tyler points out, but lack the normal ability to socially connect. They can be very creative and exhibit their feelings through a passion for theater, art, and dance. Take a minute to consider that it is speculated that Albert Einstein, Isaac Newton, Thomas Jefferson, Michelangelo, Darwin, Mozart, Tesla, the developer of Pokémon (Sotashi Tajiri), and Bill Gates are on the autism spectrum. So please, remember that "autism is not a disability. It is a different ability." (Stephen Shore, Adelphi University). [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2892026/](http://ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2892026/) The publisher's final edited version of this article is available at J Autism Dev Disord

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# Healthwise: Natural Pain Relief

## Natural Ways to Help Lessen Pain



BY LILIAN D. DIRITO,  
HOLISTIC WELLNESS &  
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Any pain in our body has a cause, the way we respond to it can make a big difference on the outcome. For instance, the cause of a headache may be as simple as dehydration. Drinking some water has greatly reduced the number of headaches some people have. A headache can also be a sign of an over-acid system, of poor bowel elimination or of excess stress and tension. When we start listening to the headache's message, we can actually learn to stop having headaches altogether. Headaches are normal part of most people's lives only because the average person does not have health habits. Today I'd like to share with you some tips for relieving chronic pain naturally.

Lack of oxygen- at a cellular level, the primary cause of pain is lack of oxygenation to the tissues. The sharp pain of acute injuries is caused by the inflammatory process depriving cells of oxygen. When cells are chronically deprived of oxygen, you will get chronic dull pain. Many people have experienced a great deal of relief from chronic pain just by practicing deep breathing. So, if you are in chronic pain, start practicing deep abdominal breathing for 5-10 minutes twice daily. The results may amaze you. I have

used breathing techniques myself and sometimes it is truly amazing what deep breathing does.

Dehydration-Accumulation of toxins in the tissues is another underlying cause of pain. Dehydration inhibits oxygen transport and allows toxins to accumulate. Increasing the water intake is a good strategy. Use the purest water, ionic, if possible, plastic free, drink at least 1/2 ounce of water per pound of body weight every day. For example, if you weight 200lbs you should drink 100ounces of water a day. This simple practice can greatly reduce the frequency of headaches, constipation, indigestion and muscle aches. I like adding liquid chlorophyll to my water, chlorophyll helps alkalize the system and helps the blood to carry more oxygen to the tissues

Stagnant Lymph- When tissues become congested due to poor lymphatic drainage, cells experience accumulation of toxic acid waste and low oxygenation. Ear ache, sore throats, menstrual pain and headaches can all occur because of swelling in the lymph nodes and congestion of the lymphatic system. The secret is to massage the painful areas 6-8 times per day or more to keep the lymph flowing. There are herbal remedies specific for lymphatic drainage that may help as well.

Tense Muscles- Muscle tension is a frequent cause of pain. This may be due to stress, but it can also be too repetitive movements or bad posture that stress the structural alignment of the body. For example, sitting at a computer and typing all day can cause chronic tension in the neck, shoulders, upper

back, wrists. This can lead to sore throats, headaches, tension on the arms, carpal tunnel syndrome and back pain. Periodic stretching and better posture will often correct this type of pain. Chiropractic adjustments, massage therapy or other forms of body work can help a person have better structural alignment, thereby ease pain. Antispasmodic herbs can also help. I personally love lobelia liquid with a cream that includes ginger and amica, kava kava and magnesium are great for muscle tension. I recently found out that MSM and SAM-e supplements are very helpful for carpal tunnel pain.

Chronic Inflammation- Antioxidants and anti-inflammatories will help to reduce this inflammation and relieve chronic pain. Eating a diet that is 70% fresh fruits and vegetables (which are loaded with antioxidants) may help greatly. Besides this changes in diet consider antioxidant supplements that have mangosteen and extracts of seeds and skin from grapes and other berries, also Omega 3's. Try to avoid fats like margarine, shortening and processed vegetable oils.

I like using essential oils to complement my natural pain relief programs, always diluted with a pure base oil and applying on the area of pain. I like essential oil combinations that include, frankincense, peppermint, clove, fir needle, wintergreen, camphor, wild rosemary, cajeput leaf, helichrysum, juniper berry. It is a traditional approach to easing pain by using them as a topical analgesic application.

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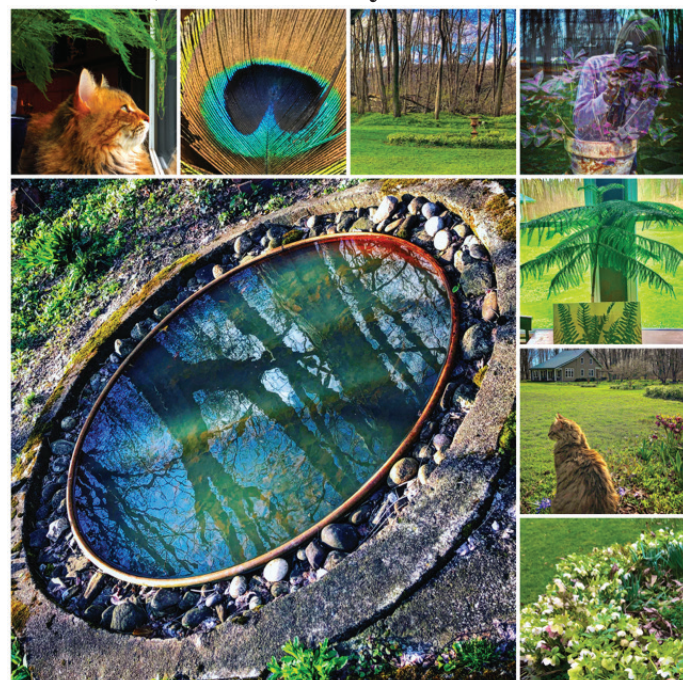
# Garden Girl: Hooray for EARTH Day!!

Let's Go Green, It's Earth Day!!



BY LINDA KATHERINE YATES  
ARTIST & GARDENER

Earth Day everyday ~ well, let's say it certainly should be. What are we as human beings if our own natural surroundings are not considered the most important issue of the day/century? Bad things are happening to our beautiful planet earth. I don't think I need to list them as we hear about them every day. My question is what can we do about it? One of the most famous and influential environmentalists, Jane Goodall, savior of animals, especially apes, proclaimed, "The greatest danger to our future is apathy." She also said, "Only if we understand can we care. Only if we care can we help. Only if we help shall they be saved." We can interchange that to say 'shall WE be saved.' It seems to me that it is time for everyone to do their/our part in saving our most precious resource to life itself, our own beautiful life sustaining planet Earth. Earth day was founded in 1970 by Gaylord Nelson (1916-2005). The idea was to force environmentalism into the national agenda. Within



a year the US government formed the Environmental Protection Agency to tackle environmental issues. He believed "Every person has the inalienable right to a decent environment." David Attenborough, the gigantic proponent of wildlife says, "We moved from being a part of nature to being apart from nature." That's sad, yet perhaps true. So, what can we do about this climate change situation? Does the earth not suffer the consequences of war atrocities and pandemic pollution on top of the already out of control plastic society suffocation. Aldo Leopold (1887-1948) was, among many other of his accolades, co-founder of the Wilderness Society. He urged humans to adopt a new relationship with the wilderness he called "Land Ethic", in which people become invested 'Stewards of the Land' they inhabit. It may be time to face reality and realize that we all have a carbon footprint on the earth, and adopt a feeling of pride for not adding to the problem because everything we do affects the environment, the earth and the whole wide world for that matter. We know what we need to do. Be conscious and for goodness' sake, have a conscience. Do what is right for yourself and for everyone. God Bless Mother Earth and God Bless Us

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. ~ Henry David Thoreau Earth day tips: Recycle, reuse, compost, turn off lights, pick up trash, go vegan and don't buy plastic!

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# What's Shaking in the Area

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

BY: MOUTH SAY TUNGUE

It's mud season and things are a little slow but there's plenty to do outside and there's still plenty of music to listen to so let's see who's playing where.

We like to start our weekends on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$12 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu and this week's musical guest is Joseph and Company from 6-9pm. This acoustic percussive act plays a rock/folk/pop set from the 60-90's.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. They perform covers and originals in the 60's style. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm Sun-Tues and 12am Wed-Sat.

Finnerty's joins the Thursday night fun with Open Mic Night hosted by Tui Osborne from 8-11pm. Bring your instruments or voice or both and join the fun. Tui plays a reggae/ska/folk/pop set of covers. This is the place to watch the Bills or any sporting event.

FRIDAY: Balloons gets the party started with PA Line from 7-10:30pm on the main stage. This Buffalo band plays alt/mod/indie originals

and covers that'll have you moving. DJ SI will follow in the sound booth with a little bang, bang so you can shake your Shang-a-Lang on the two dance floors.

Over on Washington, The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a lively set of rock/folk/pop/oldies. From the 60-2000's. The bar always has 37 beers on tap for your enjoyment.

Last but not least we move a few doors east to Madigan's where DJ Cobra Con will fire up the sound booth with some groovin that'll have you movin. Let the A-Team shake you up a shot behind the pine.

SATURDAY: We return to Balloons for The Growlers Blues Band from 6:30-10pm. This is one of Buffalo's premier blues bands and they throw in a little southern rock too. DJ Kage will hit the sound booth with some thumpin and bumpin from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is back with The Noblemen from 8-12am on the stage. This band is also from Buffalo and play southern rock/country rock and country for your dancing and listening pleasure. If you like high end cocktails check out the Carriage House Sidebar.

Once again, we end the

evening at Madigan's with DJ SI from 10-2am. He'll put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk all night. Try the foosball and pool tables for you bar room decathletes.

SUNDAY: Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm featuring Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Dine on WNY's best Italian food while Chris plays a rock/folk/pop/alt set to accompany. They have a fine wine list too.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm featuring The Chillbillies from 6-9pm. This husband and wife duo plays a folk/rock/pop/roots set of covers. 75 cent wings and a nice craft beer selection makes for a great evening.

We end the seven-day weekend like we have for the last 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/roots/rock/pop set of covers that you'll know the words to. \$10.99 gets your choice of Gin Mill burger of Beef on Weck and \$1 off all domestics.

We hope you had a fantastic time here in our village and that you continue to return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# Beat on the Street:

What's the Strangest Date You've Been On?

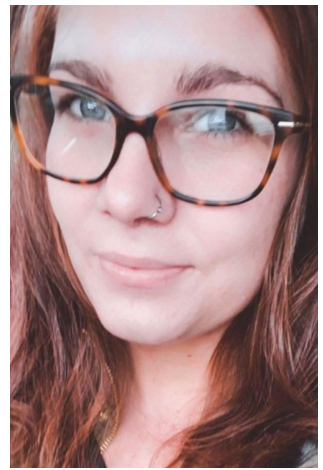
BY CHAD NEAL

Life seems to give us a certain path to follow. Not everyone follows it, but a lot do. The idea is to grow up and find a partner and possibly recreate as well. Part of that path is finding the partner and going on dates to bond and find out more about each other. The basic date usually consists of

food and entertainment, but sometimes those can be out if the ordinary. The usual dinner and a movie aren't always the plan and the evening or morning or night can become weird. Whether the time together leads to more times out or not they can be terribly memorable. What's the strangest date you've been on?



Wes M. - I took my wife on a date to a cemetery.

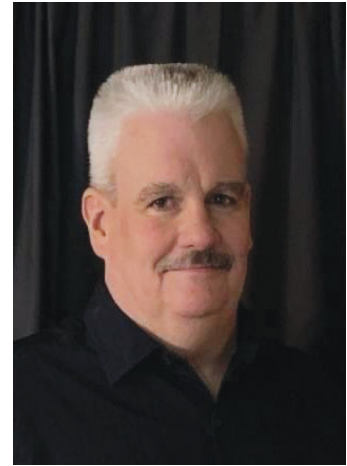


Kara M. - The pet store to window shop the baby hedgehogs. It was our first date.

Amanda S. - Bondage Ball, Fetish night... club lvar in Hollyweird.



Amanda M. - I had a guy take me "people watching." Not sure what he was thinking, but I wasn't into it.



Mark S. - I was set up on a blind date, and, sure as s\*\*t, I get there and she is blind!!! Really awkward.



Brooks L. - Once went to Chucky Cheese and when it came to getting beers the dishwasher had to serve us because he was the only one old enough.

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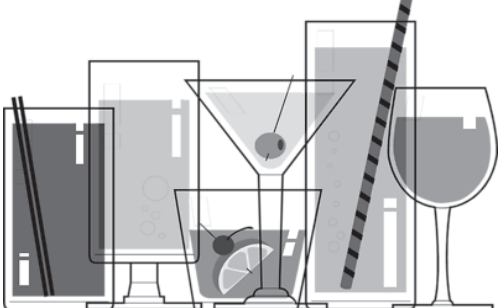
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## ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

**This Week's Difficulty Level:**  
★★★★☆

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

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:**

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

## Relief

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Managing pain naturally is not as complex as we think, it is a lot of listening to our body and paying attention to its needs. I personally have helped myself and my family in several occasions where natural remedies are incredibly helpful.

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## Earth

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residents and business owners form the advisory board overseen by government officials. This system creates broad awareness within a community which fosters better tree care.

The 2nd standard is necessary alongside the first: creating an ordinance that sets forth the establishment of the board and expert with responsibility for tree care. According to the ADF, the ordinance must also, "...provide clear guidance for planting, maintaining and/or removing trees from streets, parks and other public spaces as well as activities that are required or prohibited."

The ADF also wants communities to invest in their trees. So, the 3rd standard asks communities to fund their tree program with at least \$2/person in the annual budget. This is often an obstacle for smaller communities, however, the ADF argues the return on investment is worthwhile in terms of economic impact, home values, and community health.

To meet the 4th requirement communities must mark Arbor Day every year with some kind of event to acknowledge the important role of trees. Often cities and towns plant new trees on Arbor Day. ADF says, "By passing and reciting an official Arbor Day proclamation, public officials demonstrate their support for the community tree program and complete the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA!"

Each community must meet four separate standards, and then submit an application before being considered. All the requirements are explained in detail on the website. The first requirement is creating a committee or board with an arborist or forester or some combination of people legally responsible for decisions on tree care, and the ability to determine who will perform the tree work. Part of this requirement, is residents know who is responsible for decisions about trees. Often

The most obvious advantage of maintaining trees in our communities is the combination of reducing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen. A study from North Carolina University found that a single large tree can provide the oxygen needed for four people every day. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service has shown that trees clean the air by removing air pollution, creating better air to breathe for people and wildlife. In fact, just one acre of mature trees can remove and store the amount of carbon dioxide produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Other benefits of becoming a Tree City, and caring for your community's trees include: proper tree placement will save energy; creating shade in summer; reducing crime; improving mood and mental health; benefiting wildlife; filtering and cleaning water; better storm water management; and increasing property values.

Probably the best case for starting your community's progress toward Tree City USA designation is return on investment. ADF says the returns are two to five times the investment. Communities have calculated that for every one dollar invested in trees, the return is close to, or over \$5.00 to the community. That's a pretty green deal. April 22 is Earth Day, and April 29 marks the 150th Arbor Day in the U.S. See: <https://www.arborday.org>

## Axe

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target. Ratchet Hatchet has three bays and specializes in small group sessions of 6-8 people, or less. "Our small, professionally trained staff is here to make sure your time with us is safe yet memorable." It is one of the very few bars where guests can throw axe. They also are one of the few places that book private sessions, meaning ranges and targets are not shared by multiple groups at once.

At Ratchet Hatchet, they book groups according to size for one hour or 30-minute sessions. All sessions are led by an axe coach who first trains the group in proper axe throwing technique and safety and then guides the group through a series of competitive and fun games. They offer a full bar serving

draft and bottled beer, wine, spirits and crafted house cocktails. Their menu features flatbreads and shareable small bites with gluten free and allergy friendly options... "We are also coming out with an updated seasonal menu in the beginning of May featuring double the options of flatbreads and some refreshing summer cocktails."

While they specialize in small groups, they are also available for private events and can host groups up to 50 people. "It's the perfect place for corporate gatherings or large parties. The entire space can be available with full-service bar and menu options." They also have open-throw on Thursday nights from 5-7pm for \$10 a person. Guests can stop in, or make reservations online. Although, you don't need to throw to go. "We always appreciate an audience. Anyone is welcome to stop in and watch, enjoy a drink

or grab a bite to eat while they watch the action." Kaleigh and Nathan love working with and hosting the people in Ellicottville. "We love seeing familiar faces. The local support is awesome. It's because of them we're still here! We love that so many people choose to spend their special moments like proposals, bachelorettes, and birthdays with us. Being able to make these "once in a lifetime" experiences that much more memorable is what we are all about. We have a great staff that takes great pride and passion in making everyone's experience here - axe throwing or not, memorable and enjoyable."

Stop in to visit Kaleigh, Nathan and the crew at 14 Washington Street call 716-699-9892 or visit [theratchethatchetevl@gmail.com](http://theratchethatchetevl@gmail.com) to make reservations or check hours and current promotions. Follow on social media @ [theratchethatchetevl](http://theratchethatchetevl)

## Spring

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186 to Exit 30. Eastwind3@verizon.net

Windy Acres Greenhouse, 6175 Wagner Road Springville, opening May 1. This one-woman show has a lot going on. It helps that owner, Beverly Fitts, has thirty-some years of experience in the business. 716-541-4923

Stillwater Garden Market - 1445 Foote Avenue, Jamestown says their biggest draw for gardeners of all levels is their bulk topsoil and mulch. 716-664-3747

The Jamestown Biodome Project 207 Pine St. specializes in all-things-organic especially organic heirloom starter plants. Check them out on their website [jamestownbiodomeproject.com](http://jamestownbiodomeproject.com). You can shop online and request delivery as far as Ellicottville.

Forget the snow. Start exercising those green thumbs! Let's get dirty!

## 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](mailto:info@thevillager.com) or to [jessica@thevillager.com](mailto:jessica@thevillager.com) or by calling into the office at 716-699-2058. Vote and support your favorite businesses today!!



# 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.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** PeaK Focus Coaching, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 3/13/2022. Office: Cattaraugus County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to PeaK Focus Coaching, 361 Lakeview Blvd. Delevan, NY 14042. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD: PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING: NOTICE IS HEREBY 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 Puszcz, 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.

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

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## WANTED

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

**HELP WANTED:** Bartender needed. American Legion Post 659, Ellicottville. See Joanne, Tuesday through Friday, between 12-6pm. No experience necessary.

**SEEKING** 2 or 3 BR furnished summer rental for July and August for responsible married couple with references. Prefer air conditioning but not essential. Please email JimHeim9@gmail.com

## FOR SALE

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

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Call: 716-699-2058

## Meeting Writers Wanted

The Villager Newspaper is actively looking for motivated individuals to join our freelance writing team to cover Town and Village Meetings in Cattaraugus County. We offer pay for time attended and article written. Please send in a copy of your full resume and two writing samples if interested. We can be reached at 716-699-2058 or e-mail Jeanine at [info@thevillagerny.com](mailto:info@thevillagerny.com) or e-mail Jessica at [jessica@thevillagerny.com](mailto:jessica@thevillagerny.com)

## Local Writers Wanted

The Villager Newspaper is actively looking for motivated individuals to join our freelance writing team in both Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. We offer the opportunity to write about local entertainment and events. Please send in a copy of your full resume and two writing samples if interested. We can be reached at 716-699-2058 or e-mail Jeanine at [info@thevillagerny.com](mailto:info@thevillagerny.com) or e-mail Jessica at [jessica@thevillagerny.com](mailto:jessica@thevillagerny.com)

# Biodome

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by the gradual increase of temperatures in a specific region. Together these changes encourage new growth and a rebirth of that which was lying dormant. A time when even the "old is new again". Revival! Simply Amazing Spring!

The Gen Xer's and the Millennials are the forces of nature behind the winds of "New Life" and "Revitalization" blowing into the towns and cities across Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. These entrepreneurs of creative genius and diverse interconnectedness are radically committed to the future health of this corner of New York State in terms of: economic growth and opportunity, ecological health and sustainability and the stability of the socio-political environment. The collective mind set of these forward-thinking business people is rooted in the shared belief in and practice of, sourcing locally in every way possible. By offering a convenient and exciting venue for buyers and sellers of local goods: grown, created or crafted by local farmers, artists and artisans' numbers of community members benefit and the local economy grows. Many area farms and businesses have been handed down through generations and from family to family. Similarly, the traditions of fine workmanship by area artists, crafters and artisans have been handed down and for those who will come behind applying the same pride and care to their craft, they too will flourish. These home-grown innovators are today's leaders in commerce. They understand the necessity for local businesses to cooperate with and support one another. Understanding the more seeds planted in fertile soil, the greater the number of opportunities for sustainable growth and future business development. The vision of revival of our once brilliant and bustling downtown is easy to see if you look through the lens of these talented and inspiring individuals.

Ryan Peterson, Brandon Triscari and Bill Thompson were the original partners that started the BIODOME PROJECT. First conceived as a place to hydroponically grow starter plants for indoor décor and herbs for customers interested in growing

herb gardens, it wasn't long before they were branching out and making available to their customers everything necessary to successfully grow and maintain their gardens and houseplants. Early on they purchased property together. There they started growing fresh produce to sell at the Saturday Downtown Jamestown Farmers Market and like a well-tended garden will grow, so did the well-tended business of the BIODOME PROJECT. They began helping other growers, crafters and purveyors of locally sourced products by introducing them at the market and in their growing store front / gallery. They were bursting at the seams so when the opportunity to go big or bigger...

Ryan, having previously worked for Pete Scheira, {yes, the same Pete from *The Villager's* recent Skatepark feature, March 31, Issue 13}. Pete is a gift that keeps on giving and Ryan knew he had just bought the building that is now the home of Jamestown Skate Products and Jungle Skate Park. His purchase included the building and this was more space than Pete needed, but exactly what Ryan and Brandon needed to expand their operations. It was a perfect fit. As their space grew, so did the number of local vendors availing themselves to this innovative and supportive approach to business. Offering even more locally grown and organic products by increasing space for crafters and artists to display their wares, served to grow their customer base and interest in their business model.

After securing grant monies for property improvements including money for storefront enhancement, floor to ceiling windows were installed at the front of the building and they couldn't be more perfectly suited for a hydroponic plant store. Stop in and see you will have to agree the 20 feet high wall of window is beautifully adorned by a labyrinth of pvc pipe sprouting any number of lush green plants that would add flare to any room in the home. The abundance of natural sunlight shines through the window providing for photosynthesis while the soil is kept moist via the water trickling through the pipes. All systems "A Grow" creating a work of "Living Art".

Inside plants are growing all around while the many shelves throughout the store

display an array of something more. Pottery and various fine works of art all created by local artists and crafters available for purchase. You can find hand-crafted Macrame plant hangers, crocheted shawls, locally loomed textiles and one-of-a-kind garments. Fine hand-crafted jewelry and locally sourced honey, jams and preserves, fine oils for cooking and fresh locally grown produce.

Bill now has a print shop in the back of the store and his designs are on select apparel sold there.

Deserea Klemens is sister to partner Brandon Triscari and she is the designated shop keeper. She works most of the hours the store is open and she seems to know every customer by name. She can share success stories of other businesses that were launched because the BIODOME PROJECT gave them access to the community. She knows the history of the PROJECT, as well as the products they vend and the stories behind them. When I spoke with Ryan, he made a point of the Project half of their name. Their business approach is fluid and transparent. They protect the integrity of their vendors and their products offered in the store, and they welcome fresh ideas and one-of-a-kind works of art. I asked him if they struggled through the pandemic, but it seems loyal customers, dependable local vendors and delivery service throughout the community, kept them and keeps them "Growing".

I feel privileged to be given the opportunity for sharing these amazing stories about creative commerce, and the earth conscience entrepreneurs who aspire to share with all who will come, the incredible talent and insightful resilience of the people who live in our Enchanted City.

For that one-of-a-kind shopping experience, a lesson on growing plants indoors or out, or if it's original works of art you seek or wearable custom designs, the BIODOME PROJECT and Art Gallery is the next place you should go. They are located at 207 Pine St. in Downtown Jamestown and their phone number is 716-294-0582.

To learn more, check them out on Facebook or go to their website: [biodomeproject.com](http://biodomeproject.com).

Spring is in the air and the buzz is all about the BIODOME PROJECT JAMESTOWN NY!

## Celebrating Love EVL Style

April 12 was Dave and Colleen Blanchard's 19th wedding anniversary.

They celebrated on this tiki barge in Punta Gorda on Charlotte Harbor with Kim Szpaicher, Becky Szpaicher, and George and Christine Benorek



## Expo

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about the signs & symptoms of a stroke, treatment options & prevention. Every second counts if you or someone you love is having a stroke. A stroke is a medical emergency that requires immediate treatment. Just a few hours can make the difference between recovery or learning to walk and talk all over again, or even death. On Saturday between 3-4pm, you can learn more

about fly fishing. If you've always wanted to learn about fly fishing, but didn't have the equipment, don't miss the free demo class outside at the expo. If you have never been fly-fishing before, it is an excellent way to get a quick introduction to fly fishing with one of Kinzua Fly Fishing School qualified instructors. They will be demonstrating how to set up a rod, basic fly casting, flies, and some basic terminal tackle. On Saturday between 4-4:30pm, you can learn all the dirt about composting, and easily learn how to make compost at home in just a few steps. That means

soon you'll be able to enjoy the many benefits of home composting, which includes living an eco-friendlier lifestyle and creating healthier soil for your garden. The speaker will also touch on food waste prevention tips. The final Saturday demo is from 5-6pm and deals with cupcake making. You can learn about materials and equipment required for cupcake designs, basic buttercream icing techniques, how to use pastry bags and piping methods, and the art of cupcake design. The demo is free, but you can make your own to take home for just \$3.

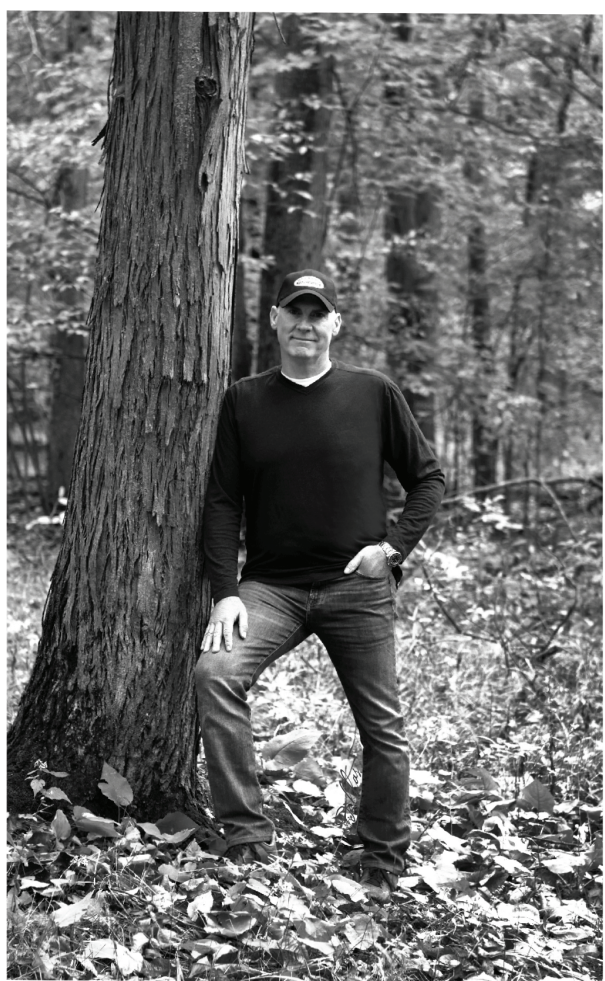


Views from the Village: **21 Brix Adult Egg Hunt Last Weekend in Portville NY**



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