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Area Events

SKY HIGH ADVENTURE PARK
June 23rd, 24th & 25th • 9am
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

FREE FISHING WEEKEND
June 25th & 26th • All Day
Lakes & Streams, Cattaraugus County

RICK SPRINGFIELD LIVE
Saturday, June 25th • 8pm
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

EL LICOTTVILLE RODEO
June 30th - July 3rd • Times Vary
Sommerville Valley Road, Ellicottville

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
July 1st - July 3rd • Times Vary
Holiday Valley Resort & Ellicottville

FIREWORKS 2022
Monday, July 4th • 10pm
Bradner Stadium, Olean

STROLL THE STREETS
Friday, July 8th • 5-8pm
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

HELLO SUMMER WELLNESS FAIR
Friday, June 24th • 12-4pm
Northwest Arena, Jamestown

ALL AMERICAN BASH
Friday, June 24th • 5-8pm
Grape Discovery Center, Westfield

TARP SKUNKS BASEBALL
Friday, June 24th • 7pm
Russell E. Diethrick Jr. Park, Jamestown

BONFIRES & BREWS CONCERT
Saturday, June 25th • 5-9pm
Peek' N Peak Resort, Clymer

DUNKIRK FLEA MARKET
Saturday, June 25th • 8-2pm
Route 5/Washington Ave, Dunkirk

FREDONIA FARMERS MARKET
Saturday, June 25th • 9-1pm
Church Street, Fredonia

FARMERS AND ARTISANS MARKET
Saturday, June 25th • 9-2pm
Moore Park, Westfield

2022 CHAUTAUQUA CLASH
Saturday, June 25th • 8-3pm
Long Point State Park, Bemus Point

For more information on this week's music, see page 11

Ellicottville Championship Rodeo Intl. Professional Association Event Next Weekend



The rodeo consists of 9 full events, with BIG prize money, bringing over 350 rodeo athletes to the area from all over the globe.

By KATE BARTLETT
Not only is the holiday weekend host to the Ellicottville Summer Music Festival, but the 4th of July weekend also kicks off rodeo season, known as Cowboy Christmas, with the Ellicottville Championship Rodeo. Cowboys and cowgirls travel from around the world to compete in the largest IPRA

(International Professional Rodeo Association) sanctioned Rodeo in the northeast. The Ellicottville Championship Rodeo invites you to come out and enjoy this family tradition as you step back in time to wild and western non-stop action in the beautiful Enchanted Mountains

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Chautauqua Institution 2022

New Season Promises Return to Normal Activities



Chautauqua Institution season highlights include season-opening lecture by CNN's Fareded Zakaria on June 27; a special tribute to comedy legend Carl Reiner on July 27, shows from Sheryl Crow (July 12), Jay Leno (July 22), Lyle Lovett (July 29). The final week of the summer, Aug. 20-27, features major acts: The Avett Brothers (Aug. 24) and the Beach Boys and Temptations (Aug. 26) alongside their popular week-long Chautauqua Food Festival.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ
The Summer has officially arrived; we are all working on putting everything that's happened the last two years behind us and Chautauqua Institution is

opening for its 2022 season!! *The Villager* had the chance to speak with the Director of Strategic Communications, *Jordan Steves*

SEE "CHAUTAUQUA" PAGE 12

Summer Wellness Fair in Jamestown Northwest Arena Collaborates with Advocates for Kids



The focus of Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS) is to provide the tools and resources necessary to assist children by offering them opportunities to reach their maximum potential. They bring together businesses, organizations, agencies, schools, along with the City of Jamestown and private residents of Chautauqua County. (See story, "WELLNESS" page 14.)

Art in the Wilds 2022, Kane PA.

Annual Juried Art Show Returns Saturday, June 25



Art in the Wilds will have tents brimming with jewelry, ceramics, glass and wood workings, wearable and non-wearable fiber arts, paintings and drawings, metal sculpture and more. Photos/ facebook.com/ArtInTheWilds/photos. (See story, "ART", page 14.)

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Up Close: **Vanessa Collier ... Pg. 9**

Blues Musician Comes to Bellini Lounge at Chautauqua Suites, July 1st



Every now and again you get a chance to hear a musician play and for a moment, you are transported somewhere else, where the music lives inside of you. One of those musicians is Vanessa Collier. She started playing the saxophone in fourth grade and hasn't looked back since.

Summer at the Stone House 2022... Pg. 6

Cattaraugus Museum Offers Stories, Music and More

Amanda Woomer, one of the speakers in this summer's free series of talks at the Cattaraugus County Museum & Research Library in Machias, NY.

Holiday Valley Update... Pg. 5

NEW THIS SUMMER: Cabana Bar Shows

Welcome to "The Nickel"

E'VL Entrepreneurs Forge Into Frewsburg



CHAD NEAL
There is a hidden gem a lot of folks round these parts don't know about. The Nickel restaurant in Frewsburg, NY. About 45 minutes southwest of Ellicottville on Bone Run Road, sits an historic restaurant that has recently changed ownership to a local gal and her fella. Lisa Mendell and Chris Lynn (pictured) have taken over the Nic-L-Inn, which was also called the Mooney's Tavern and Lucky Dollar back in the day, more than 40 years ago. It was established on the main thoroughfare twixt Jamestown and Bradford then. The Nickel restaurant has some stories to tell and this one here, is the beginning of the rabbit hole, because you'll want to hear more once you've entered the established roadhouse.

The Villager caught up with Lisa Mendell and grilled her for some more information on their endeavor in Frewsburg at the Nickel. Mendell grew up in Ellicottville and has worked at many

SEE "NICKEL" PAGE 15

EVL Chamber Spotlight: Niagara Label

Family Business, Country-Wide Production



By KATE BARTLETT

Niagara Label, located in Akron, NY, is a family run business that has been printing and manufacturing high quality pressure sensitive labels (stickers) since 1985. They boast a full state-of-the-art, in-house art department and offer assistance with graphic design. Niagara Label serves a wide array of industries such as Food & Beverage, Industrial, Chemical, Retail, Health & Beauty with a growing concentration in the Wine, Spirit and Cannabis industries. "We make labels for thousands of satisfied customers all across the country", says Keith Hatswell. As the General Manager and a partner at Niagara Label, Keith has been with the company for 28 years, since he was in high school.

Niagara Label was founded in 1985 by Mike and Margie Whitmarsh. Mike had experience working for a label manufacturer in Syracuse NY. "His intentions were to purchase the company, however when that didn't work out, he left the company to form Niagara Label. Chris

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Publisher's Word

"Officially Summer"



Yes, Tuesday, June 21, 2022, marked the official first day of Summer and we have had sky high record temperatures. There are so many events in the works and so many people are coming out and being themselves again, it's truly refreshing. Go out. Grab a drink, or an ice cream, a concert or a walk. If you're not sure what to do, peruse these pages; we have a lot lined up for you. As always, if you have an event or an idea you would like to share, please email me directly, we want you to be a part of the art: info@thevillager.com. **Until next week – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

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The Village of Ellicottville is accepting bids on two trucks. Please call the Village Clerk at 716-699-4636 or go to www.ellicottvillegov.com for specs. Bid opening will be on Friday July 1, 2022

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New EVL Music Festival Sponsor

M&T Bank Joins Holiday Valley in Sponsoring July 2nd & 3rd Festival

Ellicottville, NY – The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that M & T Bank will join this year's presenting sponsor Holiday Valley Resort, continuing their multiyear sponsorship of the Summer Music Festival in 2022. Both M& T Bank and Holiday Valley Resort have been major partners of the Chamber for many years, and it is with their generous sponsorships that we are able to provide outstanding family entertainment at an affordable price. "This sponsorship assists us in



allowing children 12 and under free admission" stated Brian McFadden Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber. **Pictured from left to right, Ashley LaVerde, Therese Stock, Christina Smith,**

Brian McFadden Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, Susan Holmes, Carrie Barrett. For more information on the Summer Music Festival www.ellicottvilleny.com info@ellicottvilleny.com

Gabby Douglas Statue

Griffis Sculpture Park Previews New Sculpture of Inspirational Woman in EVL



ELlicottville - One of Griffis Sculpture Park's newest sculptures will be calling Ellicottville home for the summer. A life-like 10-foot-tall bronze sculpture of Olympic gymnast Gabby Douglas will be located in front of the Village Gazebo for all to enjoy. The public is invited to attend a welcoming event in front of the sculpture on Friday, July 1st at 5:00pm. Live music and refreshments will be served. "Continuing with our theme from 2021, and with the majority of Ellicottville's business owners or co-owners being women, this sculpture is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments of women," said Brian McFadden,

Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. In 2021, Griffis Sculpture Park received four bronze statues of inspirational women created by Australian collaborative artists Gillie and Marc Schattner. The life-like 10-foot-tall bronze sculptures of Gabby Douglas (Olympic gymnast), Tracy Dyson (astronaut), Janet Mock (actress/producer) and Cheryl Strayed (author) were donated to the Ashford Hollow Foundation/Griffis Sculpture Park by the artists. The Cheryl Strayed sculpture was selected to appear in Ellicottville last summer. About Gillie and Marc: Gillie and Marc have been called "the most successful and prolific creators of public art in New York's History" by the New York Times. Creating some of the world's most innovative public sculptures, Gillie and Marc have re-defined what public art should be, spreading messages of love, equality, and conservation around the world. Their highly coveted sculptures and paintings can be seen in art galleries and public sites in over 250 cities. About Gabby Douglas: Gabby Douglas is the first

African American to become the Olympic individual all-around champion, and the first U.S. gymnast to win gold in both the individual all-around and team competitions at the same Olympics. Now retired from the sport, Gabby claimed the 2012 Olympic all-around championship and was the 2015 World all-around silver medalist. She was a member of the gold-winning teams at both the 2012 and the 2016 Summer Olympics, dubbed the "Fierce Five" and the "Final Five" by the media, respectively. She was also a member of the gold-winning American teams at the 2011 and 2015 World Championships. As a public figure, Douglas' gymnastics successes have led to her life story adaptation in the 2014 Lifetime biopic film, *The Gabby Douglas Story*, as well as the acquisition of her own reality television series, *Douglas Family Gold*. Douglas has also written a book about her life and what it takes to be an Olympic gold medalist by determination and perseverance. A perfect fit for Ellicottville, and as we say ... "Doesn't This Place Feel GREAT!"

Town Board Meeting Recap

Local Law, Boot Drive, Woodin Retiring, Position Opening

By Dave Parker

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, June 15. Supervisor Matthew McAndrew opened the meeting with a public hearing on Local Law No. 1 2022 for the override of the tax levy limit. This law allows for the override of the limit on real property taxes levied by the Town of Ellicottville. No attendees were present to address this proposed law. Later in the meeting, the public hearing was closed and the Board approved the new local law. Town Engineer Ben Slotman provided an update on the many activities occurring with the Town Center renovation. Mr. Slotman presented two

change orders for additional costs of the Town Center renovation that the Board approved. The expected completion date for the Town Center project is mid-July. Officer-in-Charge (OIC) Don Auge informed the Board of the school resource officer discussions occurring with Ellicottville Central School (ECS). ECS officials have prepared a proposal for this position that is being reviewed by OIC Auge and Town leadership. Town Attorney Seth Pullen identified multiple items in the proposal that will need to be revised and he will be working with OIC Auge on the review of the proposal. OIC Auge addressed the recent boot drive which collected over \$3,500. The boot drive will have its funds

matched and the proceeds will be given to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Highway Superintendent Kevin Woodin detailed the Highway Department projects and the hiring of multiple vacant positions. Mr. Woodin also announced his resignation during the meeting. The Board approved a motion to accept both Mr. Woodin's resignation and another recent resignation of a Highway Department employee. Mr. Woodin and the Board will be working to interview and hire for the vacant positions before he departs. The Highway Superintendent position will be posted. For full meeting minutes and other Town news, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/town.html>.

Village Board Meeting Recap

Three New Applications Tabled for Future Meetings

By Dave Parker

The Village Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 14. The public hearing for a new garage and an accessory apartment at 31 East Washington was closed and the Board approved the application after a review of the parking plan for the residence. The Board had three new applications to review this month. First, Madigan's application for

a porch addition to 36 West Washington requires a Special Use Permit, Site Plan Review, and Architectural Design Review. The Board moved this application to a public hearing to be held at the next meeting on July 12. The next application reviewed was for a new single-family home at 13 Elizabeth Street. Due to the representatives for the application not being present at the meeting and the application being incomplete the application was tabled

to the July meeting. Finally, another new single-family home application was reviewed for 23 Parkside Drive. This application was also tabled due to the Board requiring additional drawings. The applicants will submit the requested documents for review at the July meeting. For more details on this and other Village Planning meetings, please visit ellicottvillegov.com/village-planning-board-meetings.html.

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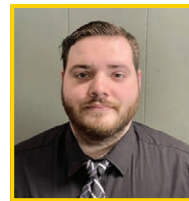
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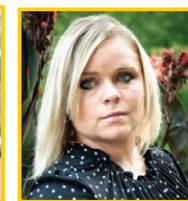
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Local Artist Returns to Her Passion



After opening and closing a farm to table bistro "The Station Bistro" in West Valley, NY, Emily Tingue returns to her passion of creating custom wood signs and gifts. Owner of Lucky Day Homestead and Something Scrolled Wood Art Signs and Gifts in 100 year old barn this fall just outside Ellicottville. Watch for details and view her work on Facebook or call 716-353-0193 for an estimate for a custom piece. The piece above was commissioned by our Publisher, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer. Photo/Jon Elder

Junior Explorers: Take Toronto

The Juniors Crossed the Border to Explore Toronto Island in Canada

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT
 Bonjour from Canada! This week we crossed the border to explore Toronto Island and celebrate our graduation from Kindergarten and Second Grade at Centerville Amusement Park – the ultimate summer destination. Toronto Island is located just a short ferry ride away from downtown Toronto and has loads of activities for all ages, including several beaches, bike, canoe and kayak rentals, amusement park, farm and more. No vehicles are allowed, you can walk from one end to the other, but biking is quickest. After checking out the stunning views of the city and CN tower, we headed to one of the main beaches to search for

shells. Then we headed over to Far Enough Farm to visit the animals including pigs, goats, rabbits, chickens, cats and peacocks. Then finally, what we've all been waiting for... the rides at Centerville Amusement Park. There's over 30 rides and attractions surrounded by 600 acres of gorgeous parkland. The rides were just our size, with some over 4' and some under 4', so we could ride together on almost everything! We both loved the Frog Hopper and Dizzy Bears; Evan loved the Log Flume and Roller Coaster. We even happened upon the Dragon Boat Festival and caught some races during lunch. After that we were POOPED, so we tried to head back early, but the ferry line was Ginormous with a capital



G. Pro Tip – take the Water Taxi's if you don't want to wait (more expensive) or just grab some pizza (like we did) and be prepared to wait a while on the weekends. We hope to visit Toronto again soon, there's so much to see in Canada's biggest city, and it's just a short drive away. SO much to explore!

Art IN THE WILDS

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June 25th & 26th

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Holiday Valley Update

NEW THIS SUMMER: Cabana Summer Shows



WEEKLY COLUMN BY BROOKE SZPAICHER

Just added to the events calendar at Holiday Valley, Cabana Nights! Come enjoy the beautiful views of Holiday Valley along with some live music and drink specials! The Cabana will be open every Thursday through Saturday from 11am to 10pm, with 7pm

to 10pm being bar only. Thursdays are Locals' Night where HV is offering drink specials, promotions, and so much fun! Fridays will have a Music Series and Saturdays will be house music and plenty of poolside fun and games!

Below is the list of entertainers for the Friday Music Series for Cabana Summer: June 24th - Jay

McDonnell, July 1st - N/A - Summer Fest, July 8th - Tui Osborne, July 15th - Jay McDonnell, July 22nd - Tim Bartlett, July 29th - Kody & Herron, August 5th - Borderland Music Festival - Band TBA, August 12th - Jay McDonnell, August 19th - The Bird & the Beard, August 26th - Cody & Heron and September 2nd - Porcelain Train

Holiday Valley Mudslide 2022



The Holiday Valley Mudslide 2022 was a great success this past Saturday, the 18th. Great weather, great competition and great fun were had. Congratulations to all the participants!!

Holiday Valley Throwback



The Mountain Crew at Yodeler at Holiday Valley Resort back in 1980. #ThrowbackThursday

East Otto Historical Museum

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Summer at the Stone House 2022

Cattaraugus County Museum Offers Stories, Music and More



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

"I don't think it's scary when someone you love contacts you after they die. I think it's sweet", said Amanda Woomer, one of the speakers in this summer's free series of talks at the Cattaraugus County Museum & Research Library in Machias, NY. Ms. Woomer is the author of "A Haunted Atlas of Western New York", "America's Haunted Breweries, Distilleries & Wineries" and other books on similar subjects. "I think of after-life communication in a positive light", she added. "There's enough doom and gloom on TV." On June 23rd, July 14th, July 28th, August 11th and August 25th, there will be free one-hour talks by an assortment of interesting speakers at the museum/library, nicknamed the Stone House because it's in a stone house built in 1868. On July 28th, Woomer will be talking about her book "Haunted WNY, Volume 2". One of her most interesting stories is about the time she says she made contact with her brother, two years after his death. She was at the Ghostlight Theatre in North Tonawanda, where they both performed in plays as children and, thinking his spirit might be there, she asked

out loud how he was doing. She says she recorded his voice answering "I'm fine". On that same night, in that same place, someone took a cellphone picture in which, she says, he clearly appears. On another occasion in that same theatre, according to her, she saw his spirit backstage. "I was the only one who saw him then", she said. "But other people saw him there later, including local medium Rev. Tim Shaw. I'll be talking about five haunted places in Cattaraugus County", she added. "One of is the Hinsdale House (I'll especially be focusing on the TRUE history) and the Wildwood Sanitarium. My newest book, which was just released, is 'Harlots & Hauntings'." She will lecture for about a half an hour and then take questions (and sell her books) for the remaining time. On June 23rd, Jim Kimball, a music lecturer at SUNY Geneseo and director of the Geneseo String Band will present "International Folkways of WNY Traditional Music". He will both play different types of music popular throughout the history of WNY, including Irish, Italian and African-American music, and talk about their origins. On July 14th, in her talk "100 Years of Redwork", Linda

Hunter will talk about the fascinating origins of redwork, the art of using red thread to make ornate designs on quilts with white backgrounds, and how it led to contemporary quilt-making. She will show examples of it and a variety of patterns and fabrics used for it. On August 11th, Allen Hopkins, a musician who plays the guitar, the banjo, mandolins, the harmonica, and the ukulele, as well as many other instruments, will perform his intriguingly titled presentation, "Outlaws & Rebels", featuring traditional tunes. On August 25th, Jeanette Sheliga, since January 2022 the president of the Virtual Genealogical Association, will explain how to use historical Sanborn Fire Insurance maps to research family connections. The talks are all on Thursdays at 7 pm at the Cattaraugus County Museum & Research Library, located at 9824 route 16 (next to the Pines Nursing Home), in Machias, NY. and they are all presented outside, under a tent. Each typically lasts an hour. I strongly suggest you bring folding chairs because seating is limited there and audiences range up to 100 people. For more information, email bjmcclellan@cattco.org, or call (716) 353-8200.

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Summer Solstice Came & Went

Did You Miss It? Let's Call this a 23.4 Hour Day! Read Why!



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

June 21st. First day of summer. Summer Solstice! According to National Geographic, solstice is "the result of Earth's north-south axis being tilted 23.4 degrees toward the sun. This tilt causes different amounts of sunlight to reach different regions of the planet during Earth's year-long orbit around the sun. On the June solstice, the North Pole is tilted more toward the sun than on any other day of the year ... the Northern Hemisphere will have the longest day and shortest night of the year."

So, that means we were closest to the sun that day, right? Well, no. "During the Northern Hemisphere summer, we're actually farthest away from the sun," says Mark Hammergren, an astronomer at Chicago's Adler Planetarium. So, it's not the hottest day of the year, either, though intuitively, one would think so. The earth may be absorbing a lot of sunlight on the summer solstice, but it takes several weeks to release it. That's why we generally have our hottest days starting in July, normally, in the good old pre-planet-warming days. In that same piece in Nat Geo, Robert Howell, an astronomer at U of Wyoming tells it this way ... it's like

turning on the oven. It takes time to heat up, and once you turn it off, it takes a while to cool down. "It's the same with the earth," says Howell.

Solstice has, for centuries, been a big deal. Ancient Egyptians built the Great Pyramids so the sun sets precisely between two of the pyramids on summer solstice. Since you must be sitting on the Sphinx to get the best view of this event, be sure to reserve your spot early if you're thinking of seeing it for yourself next year. The Incas did a lot of celebrating during what was for them winter solstice on the south side of the equator. This was their most important festival of the year. There's lots of evidence that they did plenty of celebrating but also some serious purification ceremonies. These involved making sacred offerings of animals and, sadly, even children (inkaterra.com The ancient rituals of Inti Raymi) to Pachamama, the earth mother to ensure good harvest as the empire looked toward a new season. In Guatemala, an astronomical observatory found in a newly excavated Maya city proved that their buildings were designed to align with the sun during the solstices. And, of course, Stonehenge in the UK is the first thing one thinks when we

think of solstices, right? Being there for one solstice should be on everyone's bucket list. Take your favorite Wiccan who can tell you all you need to know about solstice at Stonehenge. Send a postcard.

Not to be outdone, we in North America have our own way of commemorating summer solstice. Next year, if you can't reserve a seat on the Sphinx, plan a trip to Fairbanks, Alaska, where they have commemorated summer solstice with a late-night baseball game for 116 years. Why? Why do you think? Yep - It started as a bar challenge. Here's how it works: At 10 p.m. Alaska time, (2 a.m. here) the Alaska Goldpanners play right through the night at Growden Park in Fairbanks (go to Google Maps - it's on 207 Wilbur Street - 4,058 miles - about 70 hours driving time - just head west from the Evi village park and look for the TransCanada Highway) because, yes, the sun stays up. That's a BIG deal. No artificial lights used, ever, even in a cloudy, dim night. And, in true tourist-town style, the good people in Fairbanks dedicate the whole weekend to parties, street festivals and a 10K costumed fun-run for the townsfolk and 4,000 friends and visitors, because who wouldn't want to celebrate the sun being up all night? Oh yes, and you know how you always sing, "Take me out to the Ballgame at a baseball game?" Fairbanks loyalists sing "Happy Boy" "Hubba hubba..." by the Beat Farmers - totally worth the hunt on U-Tube. Arlene Solly will like this because everyone plays a kazoo! mlb.com/news/midnight-sun-game.

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Final Season Held at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum



The Hootennannies are now held at the outdoor amphitheater of the Seneca Iroquois National Museum. Entertainment starts at 7 p.m., with the Hootenanny at 8 p.m. Thursdays June 30 to Sept. 1.

By SHARON TURANO

Sally Marsh would like to invite others to share in some joy, as she celebrates the last of 51 years of the Hootenanny. Marsh said the weekly sing-a-longs, complete with flag-waving, dancing, contests to see who can hold notes the longest and more began when her mom worked at Allegany State Park. A lover of the park and her guitar, Marsh was asked by park staff to entertain some campers. At one point, she'd go to different campfires to do some singing with campers. Fifty-one years later, hundreds come to the

kids once brought by their parents now bringing children of their own. "Five generations of families come," said Marsh, who has raised money for charities and even sung for a celebrity or two. Despite the notoriety, it is the joy she spreads to the people who sing with her that makes her shed a tear or two on her way home from the events. "I can't even tell you the joy of it," she said, adding if the people come, she will too. Marsh has missed only three Hootennannies in the 50 years she has done them, she said. And, when people can't come, she takes the Hootenanny to them. For instance, she got sponsors so

50-year Hootenanny t-shirts could be made and sold for \$5 each. Boxes were shipped out across the country so all who wanted could celebrate the anniversary. Hootenanny parties were held from North Carolina to California. She also gets videos back-some of children singing the songs she taught them. Add some raffles and donations, and Marsh was able to continue spreading joy in the winter months, as 15 families in-need got gift cards for Christmas.

Putting smiles on faces is nothing new for Marsh. "When you come to the Hootenanny, you will have a smile on your face all night long," she said, adding there is enough bad news people face today. She urges newcomers to join in also. "Come right down the road," she said, adding the events are free and feature other local talent, as well. Elvis and Frank Sinatra impersonators, dancers and more have opened the show, where vendors are also available. The Hootennannies are now held at the outdoor amphitheater of the Seneca Iroquois National Museum. Entertainment starts at 7pm, with the Hootenanny at 8pm. Thursdays June 30-Sept. 1.

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Artist Spotlight: Vanessa Collier

Blues Musician Comes to Bellini Lounge at Chautauqua Suites, July 1st

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

absolutely loved it and took to it right away. I would actually just open up books and sight-read a piece for fun. And since then, I haven't looked back!"

V: Who would you say is your inspiration?

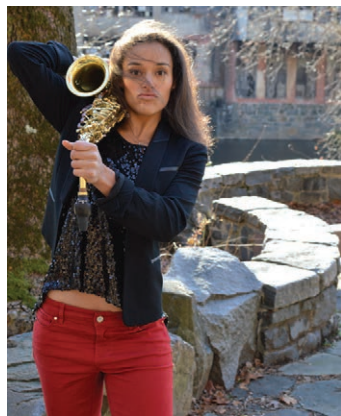
VC: "In life, my inspiration is my mom 100%. She's kind and caring and a total powerhouse and she's always encouraged me to do my best, regardless of the circumstances. She's worked hard to make sure I could have all the great opportunities I've had. Musically, I loved Cannonball Adderley right from the start - he's soulful and passionate as a player and I couldn't get enough. My other favorite is my mentor, Chris Vadala, who played with Chuck Mangione for over 20 years. He gave me my foundation in saxophone - with a focus on tone, timing, and technique - and he allowed me the space to express myself, which has made all the difference in my musical career."

V: You're coming to the Bellini Lounge Live in the Chautauqua Suites, could you give the details on that, like date, time etc..?

VC: "Yes! I'm so excited to come back to the area! The show is on July 1st at 8:30pm. Ticket link is here in case you need it: <https://events.eventgroove.com/event/Vanessa-Collier-64032>"

V: What type of shows are your favorite to perform; small or large venues?

VC: "I love them both, honestly. Small venues allow you to have a really unique, intimate show where you see all audience member's facial expressions and reactions to the band."



Vanessa Collier, started playing the saxophone in fourth grade and hasn't looked back since. She's won three Blues Music Awards

But it's also cool because I usually play a different set with more lyric based songs that take everyone on a journey. I like the smaller venues to feel like we're sitting in someone's living room. Larger venues and festivals are always fantastic because it's a whole big group of people who are already excited to see what's going to happen. So, there's already an incredible energy coming from the audience from the first note and then we just push it further with higher energy songs. It's just a different journey."

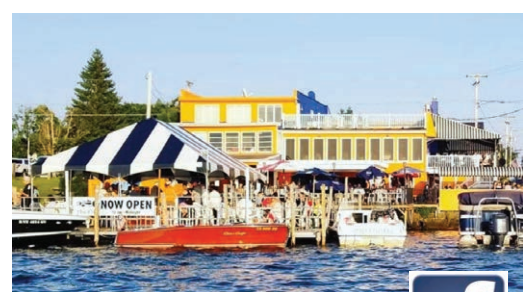
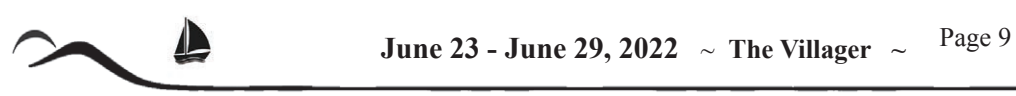
V: What are your plans for the rest of 2022?

VC: "Lots of touring across the US and we'll spend about 3 weeks in Europe and travel to Romania as well! I'll also be releasing a live album and Blu-Ray disc in the fall, which I can't wait for! The mixes sound incredible and the band is the best band I've ever had the pleasure of putting together. It will be a killer record!"

V: Anything else to add?

VC: "I've launched a crowdfunding campaign

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college professors). I'm an independent artist with my own record label, Phenix Fire Records, and I love to continue making music the way I hear it in my head, without interference from a label. It's important to me to be able to express myself freely on any album I make and my fans have helped me do that with 3 previous records. I'm excited to get this one in their hands as

well!" Thank you, Vanessa, for taking the time out of a very busy schedule to speak with us and for sharing your story. Looking forward to you visiting the Bellini Lounge in the Chautauqua Suites on July 1st. To purchase tickets, call +1 716-269-7829 or visit events.eventgroove.com/event/Vanessa-Collier-64032.

Solstice

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You may have missed the day, but you haven't missed the summer season. Heck it's just beginning! Get out there

and enjoy every minute. Remember, blink, and just like that the days are getting shorter!

Cattaraugus County IDA Meeting

Olean Mall Development, New Applications Approvals and More

By DAVE PARKER

The June Board meeting for the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board was held on Tuesday, June 21. Vice-Chairman Joseph Higgins presided over this month's meeting. The first agenda item was an informational overview of a recent application for the redevelopment of the Olean Center Mall. Mall owner Angelo Ingrassia detailed the plans for the mall which are similar to the mixed-use plan that was put into place for his company's other mall project in Irondequoit near Rochester. Mr. Ingrassia plans to maintain several anchor commercial tenants but redesign the property to also provide 70 to 80 residential units, retail shops, and other commercial and community space. A new 4-story complex that will house the residential units will replace the area

that The Bon-Ton previously occupied. The CCIDA Board will be presented with the formal Pilot application and a public hearing will be set for the July meeting. Executive Director Corey Wiktor guided the Board through the approvals for 3 applications that were reviewed at the May meeting. First, a \$130,000 project was approved for Marquee Brewing in Portville to open a new brewery in the former Portville Drug Store. Next, a \$4 million project was approved for Lebanon Seaboard Corp. to open a new lawn seed/fertilizer facility in Franklinville. The last approved application was for a \$1 million project for County Line Recovery, Inc. to build a new recycling facility in Ashford. Representatives from Olivewood Energy Company attended this month's meeting to address the CCIDA's temporary moratorium on

approving solarenergy project applications. The CCIDA enacted this temporary moratorium on solar projects to ensure the approval criteria was ensuring local economic benefit. It was called out that the local solar projects are currently employing between 100 to 200 local laborers and <couldn't hear most of what the Olivewood reps said were benefits of solar>. After the discussion on the solar application moratorium and the possible benefits of solar projects to the community, the Board approved adding wind projects to the temporary moratorium as the same benefit criteria need to be provided for wind projects as with solar. The moratorium on wind energy projects was approved by the Board to run through November of 2022. For full meeting details and CCIDA updates, please visit the CCIDA website at cattcoida.com.



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Rodeo

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that surround Ellicottville...” where the road ends and the west begins.”

John and Karen Kent have been hosting the rodeo on their family farm since 1989. It all started with their riding stable, where they rented horses to the public. “People had such a good time, they wanted more. I got the idea to have a rodeo, and people we rented horses to volunteered to help. They worked in the kitchen serving up the food, we had the farm plowed, set up an arena, and it was a huge success. 33 years later, we are still going strong.”

John has been training horses since he was a young lad on his family’s dairy farm in Great Valley. “I always wanted to learn how to ride, but my mom wouldn’t let me. I wanted to compete riding bucket horses. There was (and still is) big money in rodeo, and I wanted a part of it.” When I moved out and got married, I swore I’d never have anything to do with farming. Then I ended up buying a farm that’s even bigger than the one I grew up on with a rodeo every year.”

The rodeo consists of 9 full events, with BIG prize money, bringing over 350 rodeo athletes to the area from all over the globe. The rodeo is divided into two categories – rough-stock (or riding events) and timed events including – bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, junior bull riding, cowgirls barrel riding, calf roping, cowgirls breakaway roping and bull riding. Kids

10 and under are invited to join in a stick horse race (pre-registration required, at the gate day of event) Kids must have a stick horse to enter, and are available for purchase at the K-M Tack Tent.

Come hungry, the rodeo boasts a midway full of food vendors in addition to his wife’s home-cooked foods. “Karen puts on all the food herself. She’s got all the good stuff: hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, big pretzels, popcorn, ice cream, you name it.” They also offer soda stations and a full beer tent. The souvenir tack shop offers a variety of rodeo apparel – hoodies, hats, t-shirts, kids’ toys, and of course cowboy hats.

John explains the rodeo as “edge of your seat excitement. There is a lot of action, a lot of competition and fun in every corner.” He personally hires his announcer on horseback, the trick riders and the clown entertainment in order to ensure a good show. “It’s good old-fashioned family

fun for all ages. It’s the real thing. It’s thrilling to watch the competitors; you never know what’s going to happen. If they get hurt, it’s real. If the bull goes wild, it’s real. You just have to see it to believe it.”

His favorite part of the rodeo is watching the spectators. “I just love watching the families walk in, smiling. The kids get so excited. I love listening to the crowd, the cheering. I don’t have to even watch the show to know what’s going on, I can hear the intensity of the crowd’s reaction. It’s great.”

Presale tickets are available online at a discounted rate of \$23/adult, \$13 kids, 5 and under free, until June 25th. Tickets will be available at the gate for \$25 adult/\$15/kids with credit cards accepted. Don’t miss out on the excitement! Grab the family and head to 6319 Sommerville Road, June 30- July 2 at 7pm, July 3 at 2pm. Gates open 2 hours prior to the event, with fireworks after evening events.

Chautauqua

STORY FROM COVER

about what is in the works for this year and beyond.

The Villager (V): New year, new season; is there anything different in the works for 2022?

Jordan (J): “Much of what is “new” in 2022 is simply a return to a more typical level of activity on Chautauqua’s grounds after two years of modified programming due to the pandemic. This means full schedules for all our major programs; all back in their usual venues at full capacity. We’re also excited in 2022 to begin a new tradition with Chautauqua County Day on July 21, 2022, in which we celebrate our home county and invite our neighbors from the county to take advantage of free gate passes and parking. For more information on how to secure your passes and the programs offered that day, visit chqcounty.chq.org. Finally, the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra (CSO) will present an Aug. 12 concert at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in downtown Jamestown. It’s the first performance the CSO has ever played that doesn’t take place on our grounds, and the ensemble will be joined by Broadway favorite Capathia Jenkins for an evening of Aretha Franklin tributes.”

V: What are the biggest events of the season to attend?

J: “It’s always tough to choose with a schedule as large and wide-ranging as Chautauqua’s, but a few programs of note would include the season-opening lecture by CNN’s Fared Zakaria on June 27; a special tribute to comedy legend Carl Reiner on July 27, presented in partnership with our friends at the National Comedy Center; shows from

Sheryl Crow (July 12), Jay Leno (July 22), Lyle Lovett (July 29), Brett Eldredge (Aug. 5) and “The Voice” winner Girl Named Tom (Aug. 19); the entirety of the final week of the summer, Aug. 20–27, featuring major acts like The Avett Brothers (Aug. 24) and the Beach Boys and Temptations (Aug. 26) alongside our popular weeklong Chautauqua Food Festival.”

V: You’ve got great weekly themes this year, could you elaborate on them?

J: “At Chautauqua, we’re fortunate to have the time and space to take an issue and really work it over, coming at it from multiple angles and perspectives. This year’s topics run the gamut, from a week on “America’s Ideal Role on the World Stage” (June 27–July 1) to a week about what happens to us and our world when the sun goes down each day – culturally, economically, biologically (Aug. 1–5). So, you have a nice mix of serious and intrigue. We select these topics more than a year in advance, so it’s always interesting to see the context in which they play out versus what we were thinking when we settled on them in the first place.”

V: Looking ahead, what are your plans for the rest of 2022 into 2023?

J: “Chautauqua continues to build its capacity to be a truly year-round destination and programming organization, as called for in our long-going 2019–28 strategic plan. This fall, winter and spring, we hope our audience will watch for announcements of events like farm-to-table dinners and public presentations during artistic residencies, like what we’ve been able to produce in the past with partners such as Jazz at Lincoln Center and Dance Theatre of Harlem. Outside of these events, around the Chautauqua grounds a



number of our shops and restaurants are open in the spring and fall, if not year-round. We are also beginning to make concrete plans to celebrate the Institution’s sesquicentennial, and we invite all to help us celebrate our 150th birthday in 2024.”

V: Anything else to add?

J: “Just an invitation to anyone who hasn’t been to Chautauqua in a while, for pandemic reasons or otherwise – this is a great year to get reacquainted! Our 2022 program really has something for everyone. You can explore all our offerings at chq.org/events, and then purchase tickets in advance at tickets.chq.org. And remember, Sundays are always free at Chautauqua, with free parking until 2pm.”

Thank you, Jordan, for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing all this great information on the upcoming programs. And a huge thank you to Chautauqua Institution for putting on all these great programs for our communities to enjoy.

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The summer solstice has passed so the days are getting shorter but the heat of summer isn't upon us yet and the music scene is just heating up so let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. This week's musical guest is The Chillbillies from 6-9pm in the tent. This couple plays a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers with some nice guitar licks thrown in. \$12 gets you any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is Meet the Bacons from 7-11pm. This husband-and-wife duo plays a classic country/rock/bluegrass/blues/folk set of covers. Explore the latest kitchen in town open till 12am Wed-Sat and 11pm the rest of the week.

Finnerty's is a Thursday player with AJ Tetzlaff from 8-12pm. AJ plays a rock/pop/alt/folk set of covers based on the audience's vibe. Check out the dart board, pool table/Birdie King video game or EVL's only moving putting green.

FRIDAY: Balloons kicks things off in the tent with Julian Burgio from 6-9pm. Julian tells me he plays 90's grunge to modern alternative. The main stage hosts Tried by Twelve featuring Tina Williams from 7-10:30pm. They will play a rock/alt/90's/Motown/country/jazz set of covers and the occasional original. DJ KT Stylez will follow in the sound booth with some jammin for your slammmin on two the dance floors till 2am.

Holiday Valley joins the

party with their Friday Night Music Series. This week's guest is Jay McDonnell from 7-10pm. Sit poolside while Jay plays some acoustic based rock/pop/alt covers I.e. Eagles, Petty, CSNY.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Wasted Whiskey from 8-12am. This area band plays modern country that pushes the boundary between rock and country. If you're getting thirsty from two steppin try one of the 37 beers on tap.

Madigan's will have the deck jumpin with DJ Buffalo Joe playin the funk so you can shake your junk in the window from 9-2m. Play the foosball or pool table for a little competition.

SATURDAY: The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Marty Peters Duo from 2-5pm. Marty plays a set of acoustic folk and blues from the 60-70's. Grab a late lunch or early dinner. The 2nd shift will be hosted by West. They play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of cover that you can dance too. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end craft cocktails.

Madigan's is up next with Tony DeRosa out on the deck from 5-8pm. Tony plays a rock/pop/alt set of covers and originals. DJ SI will blow up the sound booth with some thump, thump for a little bump, bump from 9-2am.

We return to Balloons tent for Molly Conrad from 6-9pm. Molly is a singer/songwriter who plays indie/folk originals and covers. High Noon takes the main stage from 6:50-10pm. This local band plays a country/bluegrass/country rock set of covers. DJ Andre the Giant Redhead will hit the sound booth with some sauce so you can do the floss out on the dance floor.

SUNDAY: Ellicottville Distillery hosts its car show, starting at 10am, entry fee is \$15 per car. Carson's BBQ Truck will be on hand, there will be a 50/50 raffle with proceeds going to Oishei Children's Hospital. Music will be provided by The Diggins Roots Band from 2-5pm. They play roots/Americana style covers.

The Gin Mill is up next with RJ Pauley from 2-5pm. RJ plays an acoustic set that covers everything from The Beatles to Billy Joel.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm featuring Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Pick your pasta and toppings and have them made fresh or enjoy a delicious slice of prime while Chris plays some rock/pop/folk/alt covers to accompany.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's musical hosts are the very talented Pat Harrington and Owen Eichensehr from 6-9pm. This duo plays rock/folk/blues/alt covers and originals with some smoking guitar work. Pat is the lead guitarist for Victor Wainright and the Train and Owen has toured with The Chris O'Leary Band and The Gracie Curran Band to name a few.

Tuesday The Gin Mill brings back the Marty Peters Duo from 7-11pm. Marty likes classic r&r and blues. Try the pot roast if you're hungry. Like mom made and it'll fill you up.

We end every 7-day weekend the same way we have for the last 39 years, at The Gin Mill, for Joe Wagner and Company, Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a folk/country rock/

SEE "WHAT", PG. 15

Beat on the Street:

What was the First Time You Rode in an Ambulance For?

By CHAD NEAL

Accidents happen. And for a few thousand years of documented history there was no ambulatory service. There surely was something similar where someone in need was taken to get cared for, but the vehicle and hospital has only been around for a short amount of history. It is something taken for granted

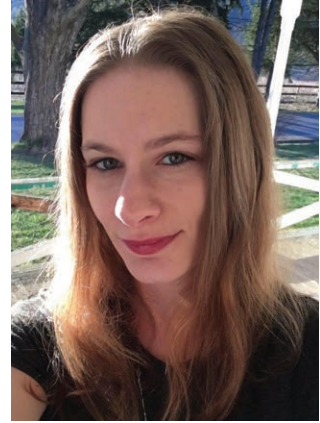
now a days actually, but it is a needed social service and has saved many lives since its inception. Having to use an ambulance is scary, whether riding in it with a loved one or for yourself. When something traumatic happens getting help quickly is available in most places. What was the first time you rode in an ambulance for?



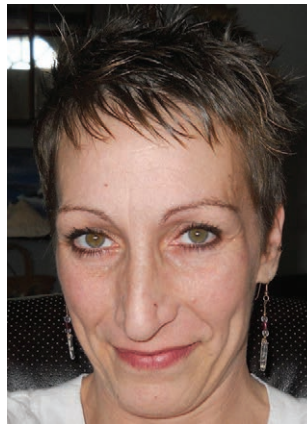
Connie L. - Major roll over car accident in Mobile, AL.



Lakota L. - Broken spine from a snowboarding accident, went to big on a jump.



Megan M. - Ankle sprain playing basketball in 9th grade 2002. I did manage to hit the 3pt shot so one good thing happened that day.



Kim R. - I've never personally ridden in an ambulance as a patient, but my oldest needed one when he was a baby and I went with him.



Jacqueline P. - March 2021, Covid. First ambulance ride.



Catherine G. - August of '98...transport from the ER to the helipad at OGH.



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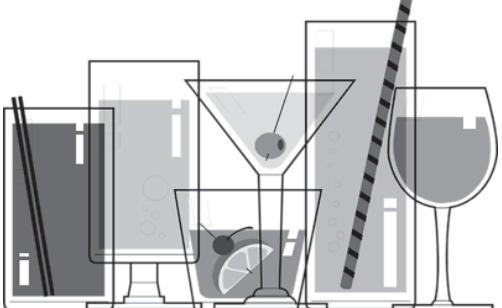
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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Art

STORY FROM COVER

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Everyone needs a bit of beauty in their life these days. A nice sunny day, fresh air, beautiful art, lovely homemade items. Who doesn't love to look at finely crafted work that is done by the hands of those who are dedicated and talented and that create wonderful things that we could take home to enjoy? If you have a hankering for a road trip, you could head down to Kane, PA and visit Evergreen Park on June 25th and June 26th for the Annual Art in the Wild, juried artisan and craft show. (Evergreen Park is located on Route 66 (S. Fraley Street) between Chestnut Street and Birch Street.)

The Villager had a chance to speak with Director **Merry Ryding** on this year's event and what it was to offer.

Villager (V): Art in the Wild is back for its 16th year in 2022; what's new this year?

Merry (M): "We have several artists and artisans who are new to our show this year. They include painters, ceramic, jewelry and fiber artisans."

V: Will you be keeping the CDC guidelines of distance from last year's event?

M: "We continue to watch the CDC guidelines for outdoor events in our area and we are confident the spacing will follow those guidelines."

V: What artists can be expected?

M: "Many artists and artisans enjoy our show so much they return year after year but we also like to include new artists with new styles and techniques. This year we will have tents brimming with jewelry, ceramics, glass and wood workings, wearable and non-wearable fiber arts, paintings and drawings, metal

sculpture and more.

Ceramic artists include Lana Heckendorn, Stacy Johnson-Leske, Karen McKee, Krysta Robinson, Amanda Wolf, Francine Zajac. These artisans create a variety of pottery pieces that are both functional and beautiful. Three fiber artists include weavers Pamela Bartl and Jill Rouke, and felt worker Debbie Penley. Glass artists include mosaic artist Amy Hahn, lamp worker Kalpana Lehman, fused glass worker Kathleen Schnell, and wearable glass artist Dan Sullivan. Several Jewelers in the show include Mimi Antonetti, Gerina Faison, Megan Gillis, Peggy Houser, Christina Krautz, Laurie Leonard, Donna Little, Kaylee Taylor, and Heather Thompson. Artists working in 2D include 2 Mixed Media artists: Lisa Arkus, Dawn Johnson. Painters include nature and wildlife painters Chandler Beatty, Jack Paluh and Al Dornisch, and watercolorists Alexis Rodefer and Denise Drummond. Ellen Paquette add whimsy to the 2D lineup. Photographers Larry Downey, Rocky Holland, Curt Weinhold, and Michael Weishan focus on regional wildlife and landscapes. Two sculptors work in metal: Anthony Arkus and Mark English. Three artisans producing functional pieces in wood include Gregg Kristophel creating greenware, Jack Northrop woodturnings, and Robert Vrboncic fine wood working.

V: Is the Student Art Show back for this year?

M: "Yes, it is. This year Arts in the Wild will focus on select work from the students of Kane High School. They will be represented in the Hospitality tent."

V: Could you give the dates and times for the weekend please?

M: "The show is Saturday,



June 25th from 10-5pm and Sunday, June 26th from 10-4pm.

V: Anything else to add?

M: "There is some important info to note. Admission to Art in the Wilds is FREE! Food and beverages are available from vendors located on site at Art in the Wilds, and several local restaurants located near the show. Art in the Wilds hosts a breakfast at the Kane Elks Club on Saturday and Sunday for a small fee. There will be portable toilets, including one handicapped, located on site. An ambulance crew are available in the case of medical emergencies. Art in the Wilds has a hospitality booth staffed by volunteers. There is an ATM located on Birch Street across the street from the show. **It is very important to note that The Borough of Kane prohibits smoking, alcohol, and dogs (with the exception of certified service dogs) in the park. The ordinance prohibiting pets in the park will be enforced.** Free parking is available nearby and handicapped parking is available at the point of the park on Birch Street. We hope to see a lot of our communities visiting the show."

Thank you, Merry, for taking the time to speak with us. And thank you to the whole Art in the Wilds team for setting up such a special event.

Wellness

CONT. FROM COVER

By JUDY SHULER

How do you get people's attention and make a difference at the same time? Stir in a generous heaping of fun. When school ends Friday, June 24, in Jamestown, young children and their families are invited to Hello Summer Wellness Fair. Third Street outside Northwest Arena will be closed between noon and 4pm while some 30 vendors set up booths. Health care providers and social services agencies have been invited, along with organizations planning summer activities for children. Participants include 211 WNY, Aftercare Nursing Services, Audubon Community Nature Center, B.E. Strong 716, Ballgame Heroes, COI-TILP/Safe House, Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program, Chautauqua County Health Departments, Chautauqua Health Network, Jamestown Public/Mobile Market, CCE SNAPEducation, Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, Chautauqua Opportunities Inc., Fidelis Care, Girl Scouts of Western New York, Healthy Community Alliance, Hillside Children's Center, Jamestown Area Midget Football League, Jamestown Community Learning Council, James Prendergast Library, Parent Network of WNY, Prevention Works, Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County, The Chautauqua Center, The National Comedy Center, The Next Level 716, The Resource Center, YMCA Camp Onyahsa, YWCA Jamestown. And woven through it all will be a carnival atmosphere, says Patrick Smeraldo, founder of the non-profit Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS).



The Christmas in July weekend will include Tarp Skunks baseball, pub curling, color run, a Christmas vacation movie at The National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY (pictured) and walk-through of a Christmas village.

Entertainment, all free, includes Nickel City Reptiles and Exotics, Buffalo; Pirates ARR for You, Jamestown; and Marty's Bubblegum Machine, an interactive show for children from Warren, PA.

Hello Summer continues Friday evening as it moves to Russell E. Diethrick, Jr. Park for a baseball game with Tarp Skunks, the college wooden bat league, taking on Batavia at 7pm. Fireworks will follow, somewhere between 9-10pm, first of four fireworks shows planned this year. Mindful of neighbors of the ballpark, anyone living within two blocks can request free noise-canceling earphones or comfort blankets for pets by emailing ccsolutions716@gmail.com, Smeraldo says.

A physical education teacher in Jamestown for 28 years, Smeraldo started CCS about a year and one-half ago. He has served as a sports coach and mentor throughout his teaching career, while specializing in at-risk and students with disabilities. As independent service coordinator of Chautauqua Connections Inc. for a dozen years, he assisted children from birth to five and their families.

"I noticed there was a gap for young kids," he says. Children who don't get to the eye doctor in time, or don't get early dental care or care for special needs. "The goal is to get parents involved and get

children the help they need." Focus of Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS) is to provide the tools and resources necessary to assist children by offering them opportunities to reach their maximum potential, he says. And collaboration is key. He has brought together businesses, organizations, agencies, schools, along with the City of Jamestown and private residents of Chautauqua County.

Jamestown mayor Eddie Sundquist was once his student, Smeraldo says. Now the City of Jamestown and CCS have partnered for four weekends of events aimed at children and families, all with fireworks. Following Hello Summer are Christmas in July, July 22-23; Labor Day Weekend September 3-4; and Holiday Weekend December 2-3.

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Each of the special weekends will feature support and participation from a broad spectrum of private businesses, public agencies and non-profit organizations. Further information is available at ccsolutions716.com and on Facebook.

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Nickel

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sold the company and created LDI in 2011. Then in 2018 LDI bought this place {Nic-L Inn}. The official name was still the same, but most people refer to it as "The Nickel" so we ran with it."

After the purchase Mendell said that Chris redid the bar and refurbished the décor consisting of a mounted deer, a buffalo head and a mountain lion. "Chris had always wanted to own and run a restaurant. He enjoys talking and working with people, and what better place to buy than one where you had your first job."

Mendell also proclaimed The Nickel is in a great spot, "It's has a great setting because it's close to the Marina, (Onoville) and ATVs can easily access the restaurant. Very ideal to see boaters, fishers, bikers come in."

They opened as The Nickel on April 6th this year. They are open all year long and

their hours are Wednesday to Saturday 4-10pm and Sundays Noon-8pm. "The type of food we serve," Mendell said, "is classic American cuisine, seafoods, pasta, steaks, and our famous Nickel Bread. We have a full bar with specialty cocktails that I brought from my 8 years of experience in Ellicottville. Our décor is on the rustic cabin side, we also have some wildlife in the building. Outside we have a patio bar with outside seating, with a beautiful waterfall too!"

On select nights there will be live music on the patio as well, and the great outdoor games of cornhole and mega Jenga too! "We're really excited to bring some of the old nostalgia from the Nic-L-Inn with a new touch. Chris and I are hoping for this to become a legacy for our family and generations to come. But also, to make the memories with the community and friends."

OBITUARIES

Krista M. Brooks 10/24/93 - 06/12/22



and the Hawk Clan. She was a graduate of Salamanca High School, Class of 2012 and attended Jamestown Business College, Jamestown, NY. Krista had been employed as a payroll specialist with the Seneca Nation of Indians and had previously been employed with Seneca Promotions. She enjoyed spending time with her family and loved to cook and bake. She also enjoyed traveling and doing outdoor activities with her children, as well as watching lacrosse games. Surviving besides her mother are: two sons, Hudson and Hendrik Jimerson; a daughter, Noelle Jimerson; her companion, Jesse Jimerson, all of Kill Buck, NY; two sisters, Cheyenne Brooks, Olean, NY, Terri Brooks,

Jimersontown, NY; a brother, Clifford Brooks IV, Carrolton, NY; a paternal grandmother, Marlene Brooks, Kill Buck, NY. She was predeceased by her paternal grandfather, Clifford Brooks, maternal grandparents, Milburn and Irene Redeye John. Funeral services were held at 5976 Route 417, Kill Buck, NY 14748 on Wednesday with Speakers of the Coldspring Longhouse officiating. Burial was in Memorial Heights Cemetery, Jimersontown, NY. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the O'Rourke & O'Rourke Inc Funeral Home, 25 River Street, Salamanca, NY. E-condolences can be sent to orourke.orourkefh@gmail.com.

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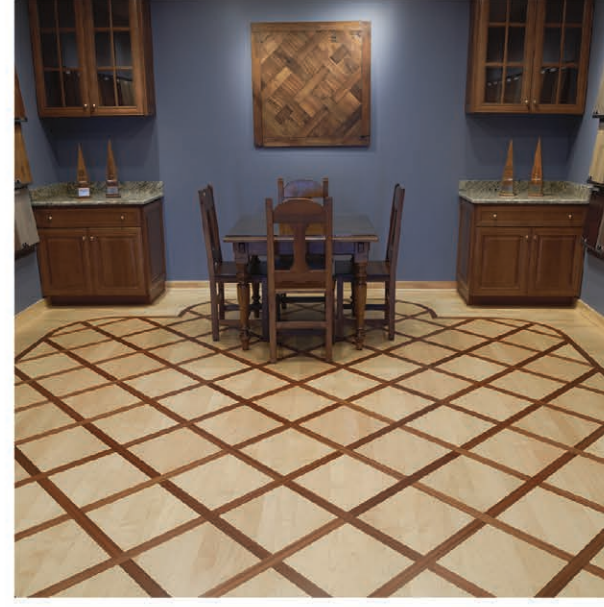
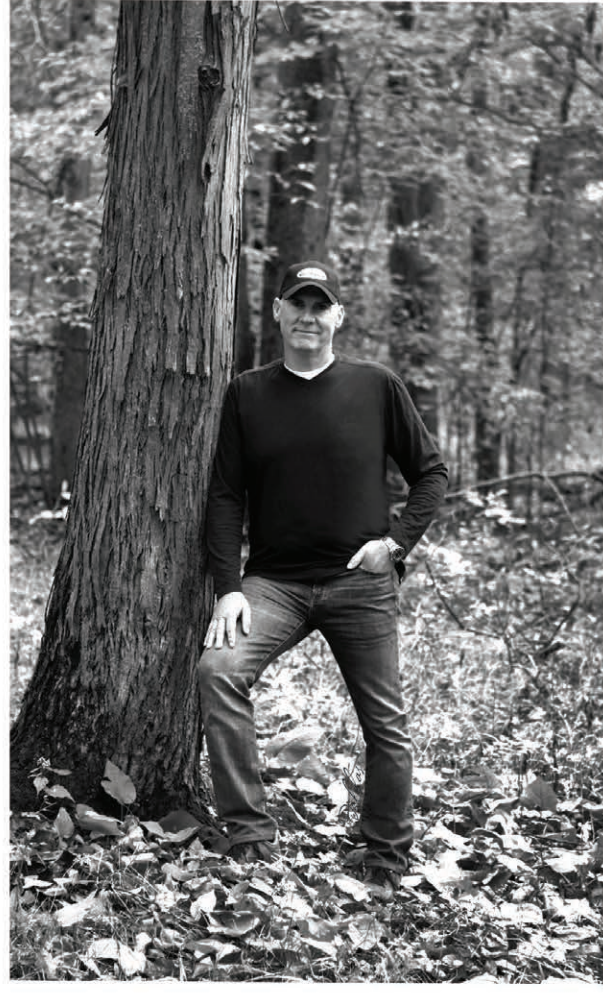
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