

The Villager

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Area Events

- NIGHTLIGHTS @ GRIFFIS**
Friday, September 9th • 7pm
Griffis Sculpture Park, East Otto
- ALLEGANY RIVER RUNNING FEST.**
Saturday, September 10th • 7-5pm
War Veteran's Park, Olean
- GRANDPARENTS TRAIN RIDE**
Saturday, September 10th • 11am
Gowanda Train Station, Gowanda
- WEEKEND CHAIRLIFT RIDES**
September 11th & 12th • 11am
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville
- KIDS N'ART**
Thursday, September 15th • 3:30pm
Tri-County Arts Council, Olean
- TRIPLE D RODEO**
Friday, September 16th • 7pm
Triple D Rodeo, Napoli
- ROCK & ROLL WEEKEND 2022**
September 16th - 18th • Times Vary
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville
- RT. 16 GARAGE SALES & BBQ**
September 17th & 18th • 9-5pm Daily
Rt. 16 Corridor, Hinsdale
- PUMPKINVILLE OPENS 2022**
Saturday, September 17th • 9am
4844 Sugartown Rd, Ellicottville
- KNAPP CREEK ATV DICE RUN**
Saturday, September 17th • 9-5pm
Knapp Creek Fire Dept, Knapp Creek
- BUTTERFLIES & BREWS**
Friday, August 26th • 6-8pm
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown
- RED, WHITE & BLUES FESTIVAL**
September 9th & 10th • Times Vary
Barker Commons Park, Fredonia
- HISTORY FESTIVAL 2022**
Saturday, September 10th • 7-9pm
Village of Sinclairville, Sinclairville
- SHERMAN MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Saturday, September 10th • 12-9pm
Edmunds Park, Sherman
- 40TH ANNUAL SEPTEMBER FEST**
September 10th & 11th • Times Vary
Merritt Estate Winery, Forestville

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

Celebrating Labor Day Weekend

Bounty of Activities Await & Why We Celebrate



The U.S. Department of Labor informs us that Labor Day "is rooted in the late 19th century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being."

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

The last summer hurrah is upon us. School is about to resume, and families are doing their best to squeeze in a final week of summer fun. The Southern Tier of WNY is a favored destination for all things fun from golf to hiking and biking at Holiday Valley. Sky High offers an Aerial Park, a Climbing Forest,

a Mountain Coaster and Gem Mining plus chairlift rides and mountain biking! The largest in New York State and 3rd largest in the US, Sky High is a series of platforms, obstacles, bridges and ziplines built in a 5-acre section of the woods and the challenge is to navigate through all the platforms

SEE "HOLIDAY" PAGE 8

Music Is Art Annual Festival

Founding Goo Goo Dolls Member's Educational Celebration



BY KATE BARTLETT

The Music is Art Festival (MiA) attracts thousands of people to WNY and has even gained international attention. This annual festival was started in Buffalo 20 years ago by Robby Takac of the multi-platinum band Goo Goo Dolls in order to showcase art in numerous forms. This year, MiA will be held on Saturday September 10, from 11am-midnight at Buffalo RiverWorks. As always, it is

free to attend and will feature many family-friendly attractions including a Kids' Village, Instrument Zoo and a variety of food and beverage vendors.

The Villager was fortunate to connect with Robby about Music is Art. In addition to playing with the band Goo Goo Dolls, he also runs a recording studio called GCR Audio and has a small record label called Good Charamel records. Robby started

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Fundraiser to Ease the Cost of Cancer

Grateful Dead Themed Benefit for Local Artist in EVL

BY CHAD NEAL



Ellicottville is full of characters who all know how to come together for a good cause. One of these characters is Mat Snyder, affectionately known as "Slugger" to his many friends and fans. Recently Slugger has been diagnosed with that detestable affliction of cancer. Slugger is an artist and a hard-working man. He owns Ellicottville-Stained Glass and creates many wonderful pieces. He repaired windows for the Catholic church and has a large piece on the ceiling at Balloons Restaurant and Nightclub, he also works at Balloons gigging as a bartender. He promoted Dead Mondays, which gained a lot of popularity amongst the Grateful Dead fans from near and

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Night Lights Return to Griffis

Sculpture Park Brightens the Night September-October, 2022



NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto, NY is back for its 10th season. There are 18 nights planned to feature a magical combination of art, nature and lighting where visitors can enjoy an evening walk outdoors and fantastic sculptures dramatically illuminated with colorful lighting. (See "LIGHTS", page 12.)

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

10,000 Maniacs Digital Archive ... Pg. 9
Jamestown's Own 10,000 Maniacs Working on Preserving Legacy



Jamestown's own 10,000 Maniacs are working on a project to preserve their legacy through digital archiving. This new method for them will preserve their long legacy. It's a long process that requires a lot of work. The band will have to gather and catalog their history and then they can submit it to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, who expressed interest in preserving some of the work.

Merritt Estate Winery "Septemberfest" ... Pg. 10
40th Annual Celebration Next Weekend, Sept. 10-11 in Forestville

Fall is coming faster every day, but don't let that get you down. The fall is the perfect season for fun. Harvest festivals, hayrides and the return of Merritt Estate Winery's annual "Septemberfest", now in its 40th year.

Weekend with the Lincolns

President Lincoln Comes to Westfield Sept. 9-10

JUDY SHULER



guests may indeed feel they are in the presence of the 16th president.

It started, as many things do, by happenstance. In 2012, at the urging of his brother, Ron Carley of Westland, MI, attended a Halloween Party disguised as Abraham Lincoln. With the help of his barber, who cut his hair based on a picture from the five-dollar bill, a top hat, vest and bow tie, the 6'4" Carley amazed even himself with the uncanny resemblance. He began to research Abe's life and now thinks of himself as a living historian who brings the president to life. Today he makes appearances at events across the country.

"Ron makes the persona of Abe Lincoln come to life, not only because he is tall and looks so much like him, but also because he recites Abe's history, writings, political positions, and beliefs with

SEE "LINCOLN" PAGE 14

History: Birthday Traditions

It took an Industrial Revolution in 1752...



Geopolitical realities tell us calendrical reform will not happen quickly, but history tells us change, perhaps to the Chinese calendar for example, is possible. <https://worldview.stratfor.com>

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were? (Satchel Paige quote)
You know you're getting older when the candles cost more than the cake (Bob Hope)

Imagine how you might feel if no one, not a single person, acknowledged your birthday, ever. Frankly, some people don't want their birthdays acknowledged because they've hit an age that makes them uncomfortable in the winter of their life. But, with today being my dad's 112th birthday, August being the month I first became a mother,

SEE "CALENDAR" PAGE 14

Publisher's Word



"Celebrating the Opportunity to Work..."

celebrate Labor Day and recognize the work we share to make our Country tick. We have the opportunity to take a day of reflection to see how far we have advanced and to send our students back to school to continue the evolution. We live in a great day and age and it's only getting better. There is so much to be thankful for: the freedoms, the choices, the friends we make, the children we are able to watch grow, and the wisdom we keep. Please,

This is the weekend to

take the time this weekend designated for you, to reflect on where we came from, how far we have come and how far the children will go. Wherever you are right now, you are in a great place with a great free press publication that is all possible because of our labor and our freedoms; enjoy it, we have all worked hard to be right here right now. *Until next week, enjoy the read - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

National Buffalo Wing Festival

20th Anniversary, Highmark Stadium, Orchard Park, NY, Sept. 3 & 4

Buffalo, NY – The National Buffalo Wing Festival, America's premier celebration of Buffalo's signature culinary creation, announced that it will celebrate its 20th anniversary this Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 3 and 4) at Highmark Stadium in Orchard Park, the "Home of the Buffalo Bills".

Since its founding in 2002, Wingfest has evolved into one of the country's top food festivals, drawing more than 1 million attendees from all 50 states, 41 different countries and every continent (even Antarctica). The festival helped establish Buffalo as the World Capital of Wings and gave the city a reason to celebrate its signature food like it never had before.



"We want this year's Wingfest a party to remember," Cerza said. "We survived Covid and have found a new home. Whether you visit us every year or haven't been in a decade, this is the year to come back, reconnect with old friends over a cold beer and feast on your favorite food, complete with ample helpings of wing sauce and blue cheese."

Wingfest has come a long way since Cerza started the first festival in Dunn Tire Park in downtown Buffalo in 2002. Cerza began Wingfest and changed the course of food history after reading a newspaper column that questioned why Buffalo had no annual celebration of its signature food. Foodies and wing fans in those 20 years have consumed more than 5 million wings served from 161 participating restaurants from as far away as Australia. The festival has also raised \$420,000 during that time for charities such as Feedmore WNY.

Wingfest has been showcased by such national media as the Food Network (All-American Festivals, Unwrapped, Throwdown with Bobby Flay and Emeril Lagasse Live), the Travel Channel (Bar Food Paradise, Taste of America and Food Wars), NBC's Today Show, ABC's The View, The CBS Morning Show, BBC, Fox and Friends and even a PBS documentary. And in 2021, Wingfest moved to a new home: Highmark Stadium, the home of the Buffalo Bills, a much larger venue that will prime the festival for continued growth for years to come.

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Town of Ellicottville: Job Opening

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT (APPOINTED): The Town of Ellicottville is seeking to fill the position of Highway Superintendent (Appointed). The Highway Superintendent is a managerial position which involves supervising and participating in the construction and maintenance of the Town Highway System. The Town has passed a resolution expanding the residency requirement to include all applicants with permanent residency within a 15 mile radius of the Town Highway facility at 5575 Bryant Hill Rd., Ellicottville, NY. A full job description with qualifications can be seen at the Town of Ellicottville web site <http://www.ellicottvillegov.com/>. This is a fulltime salaried position with benefits. Letters of interest including a resume explaining experience and qualifications will be received until 4 PM August 11th at the Office of the Town Clerk, 1 W. Washington St., PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

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Meatball Street Brawl 2022

Osteria 166, Buffalo NY, Hosts Competition September 25th, 11-5pm



Osteria 166 took the Judge's Choice Award in the Freestyle Meatball category in 2021, with their Gluten-Free Chicken Jambalaya Meatball

Join us for the sixth annual 166 in Buffalo, NY from 11-Meatball Street Brawl on 5pm. We're shutting down September 25th at Osteria Mohawk St. and inviting the

best meatball purveyors in town to put their meatballs where your mouth is. Ok, that's weird. But you get our point. The game will be on a large screen. The meatballs will be many. There will be beer and wine and bread and antacid. Your ticket covers all meatballs as well as beverage tastings. Proceeds go to local charities and you get a chance to tailgate for a road game. Bring the family—Tickets are \$30 at the door, \$125 VIP and free for kids under 8!

Contenders so far this year will be Osteria 166, Hanzlian's Sausage, EBC Tap & Bottle Taqueria, Jack Rabbit, This Little Pig and more...

Each year the brawl submits the proceeds directly to charity. Charities receiving this year are Response to Love Center, FeedMore WNY, P.U.N.T and the Frank Pitallo Memorial Lighting Fund. Hope to see you here. Come hungry.

Allegheny River Running Fest

GOACC Unique Race Event Planned for September 10th

OLEAN: The Allegheny River Running Fest happening Saturday September 10th could be the perfect chance to race around the towns you love. With three different distances available and even a Kids Fun Run there really is something for everyone at this event.

The ARRF is a unique race not in distance but that a good portion of the 10K and Half Marathon races are run along the picturesque Allegheny River Valley Trail, one of few races that run along the 325-mile-long river. Both races will start/finish at War Veterans Park in Olean. The half marathon participants will step off at 9 a.m. and the 10K runners at 9:15 a.m. A new 5K distance has been added this year and will begin at 9:30 a.m. also starting and finishing at War Veterans Park, this loop will go through downtown Olean.

Register for any of the three distances at alleghenyriverrunningfest.itsyourrace.com/register. All registered runners will receive a race shirt and swag bag. Those who finish will receive a medal featuring Olean's unofficial city mascot the squirrel! Awards will also be given to top male and female finishers overall for both races as well as those finishing first in their age divisions. The Last Squirrel Award will be presented to the final finisher through the half marathon event.

Not a runner? There are still opportunities to support this race in our community. "GOACC is excited to be bringing this event to our vibrant community for its third year and sponsors play a big role in making these events happen, several levels are still available," stated Erica Dreher, Member Services Manager. "As a sponsor, you will not only benefit the community with your investment, but sponsorship can also provide a powerful marketing tool for your own products and services," continued Mrs. Dreher.

Vendor opportunities are also available! "Last year, we had Olean Wellness Store set up with various product samples and GoTo Meals providing snacks for the finish line," stated Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

"The event is a great venue to get the word out – to the athletes, to the spectators and more," she added. Vendor space is \$25 for GOACC members and \$40 for non-members. Complimentary vendor space is available with sponsorships.

For more information on the September 10th event please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433.

School Supplies for Those in Need

The Ellicottville Rotary Foundation for Youth is proud to provide School Supplies to families that need them. Please contact Tina Barrett at (716) 699-2904 to arrange for a time to pick up school supplies for the coming year. Many thanks to our local Rotary for providing this assistance!

East Otto Historical Museum

The East Otto Historical Museum will be open Sundays during the month of September from 1 – 3 p.m. or by appointment calling (716) 257-0654. Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that once were a part of East Otto. In 1972, after the Town Hall relocated to its present location on East Otto, Springville, Rd., the E.O. Historical Group was given permission to use it as a museum. Cattaraugus County Historian believes it could be the oldest building in Cattaraugus County. The museum is located next to the Fire Hall in the center of town at 8982 Reed Hill Rd., East Otto.

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Step Out Buffalo Recognizes Holiday Valley

Holiday Valley Resort would like to thank Step Out Buffalo for mentioning Sky High Adventure Park in its recent "things to do in WNY" list. How many of these activities have you done? Check out the included link and find out!! <https://stepoutbuffalo.com/10-fun-things-to-do-with-out-/>

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Doug Anderson, Rotary Club of Ellicottville President; and Paula Berstein were sworn in by John Weismantel (not pictured), current Rotary Area Governor, during a recent meeting at West Rose in Ellicottville. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville and the Olean Rotary Club provide help and service our community. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, currently with more than 1.3 million members who volunteer their time and talents to further the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." For more information on joining our club please visit <http://ellicottvillerotary.com/>

Junior Explorers: Ripley's Aquarium

The Juniors Crossed the Border to Toronto, Canada for An Underwater Visit

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

Hi ho it's off to Toronto we go! This week we took a day trip across the border to Ripley's Aquarium in Canada's biggest city, Toronto. Its location can't be beat, right under the CN Tower in front of Roundhouse Park and next to the home of the Blue Jays, Rogers Stadium. The aquarium was totally worth the trip, it's one of the biggest in the area and has the longest underwater tunnel in North America. We stood on a moving walkway and took in all the amazing ocean life swimming over and all around us in the tunnel. We watched all kinds of fish, sea turtles, and lots of different kinds of sharks constantly swimming; the action was non-stop. We were amazed by the various exhibits of different types of ocean life including stingrays, jellyfish, seahorse, hundreds of different types of fish, coral, sea turtles, eels... we can't even begin to name them all. We learned lots of fun facts and enjoyed the interactive exhibits. We would advise readers that it gets very busy during peak times, especially on weekends and it is best to pre-purchase tickets online. We walked to the Toronto Harbor afterwards and enjoyed our first Beaver Tail, a Canadian delicacy. Don't worry, it's just fried dough with your choice of toppings (we recommend the Nutella with vanilla ice cream, and lots of napkins). Enjoy an adventure across the border soon! There's so much to discover, eh?

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Schools Excited to Fill the Halls

Back to School Season Begins at Ellicottville Central School in Ellicottville, NY

By KATE BARTLETT

It's back to school season around Western New York, and Ellicottville Central School (ECS) is ready for another great year. Bob Miller, Superintendent, and the entire district staff are ready to welcome back students and eagerly anticipate a fresh start to the school year. "Summer is great, but this is what we work for. We love to educate and we can't wait to bring back the students and fill the halls with excited young minds, ready to learn."

ECS is a relatively small, close-knit school district with a graduating class fluctuating around 50 students (37 students in 2022). The building at 5873 Route 219 houses PreK through 12th grade overseen by two principals; Mrs. Katie Mendell (Elementary) and Mr. Erich Ploetz (MS/HS). Bob Miller has worked in the district since 2005 and has been superintendent for the past 6 years, serving as the Middle/High School Principal 12 years prior. "I truly feel blessed to work with this district and work among such amazing individuals every day. The students and the community in Ellicottville are truly remarkable, and I'm very honored and privileged to be here in this position."

Bob and his staff fully embrace the district motto "Embracing change, celebrating success, and surpassing expectations" as they head into the 2022-2023 school year. "It really is something we strive to achieve everyday across the board. From the classrooms to extra-curricular activities and sports, it's more than just a slogan, it's what drives us as educators."

"We pride ourselves on academic achievements. We



This year, the District will also be focusing on their commitment to the Mosaic of Thought and Phonograph programs at the Elementary level. Bob and the staff will be working on refreshing these vital programs in order to best meet student's needs. They'll also be improving their security technology to offer enhanced security measures around the building, including message boards in the hallway and flashing lights around the exterior perimeter.

offer a diverse, well-rounded academic program including National Honors Society and student council. Our music and arts program are thriving, and we enjoy putting on annual musicals. Every year we are proud to boast several scholar athletes, and pride ourselves on sportsmanship both on the fields, as well as in the classroom through our quiz bowl and robotics teams. The ECS Eagles athletics department features a wide array of sports and we also partner with a couple of neighboring schools to expand what we can offer.

ECS has been working hard to start a new advisory program in the MS/HS, and will be launching it this upcoming school year. The program involves creating groups to help develop relationships between students and staff members in order to provide group support. "It's all about creating a sense of community within these walls. It's essential for everyone to have that feeling of belonging. This program will assist in building relationships among staff and students, so they

always feel like they have someone they are can turn to. Strong relationships are so important, especially during times like these."

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The building has also seen recent improvements, including new tile in the Elementary classrooms, resurfacing of the playground and parking lot, as well as new turf on the athletic field. They also have a new terrace near the snack bar as well as a walking track around the field. "We're so excited to share these updates with the

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Daedalus Luminaria Canal Side

The Architects of Air are Coming to Buffalo Waterfront, September 1st - 5th



"A luminarium is a dazzling maze of winding paths and soaring domes, where natural forms and architecture meld into an inspiring mix of design and engineering." Buffalo CanalSide, September 1st - 5th.

By KATE BARTLETT

The Architects of Air's Daedalus Luminaria is coming to the Buffalo Waterfront at CanalSide from September 1-5.

"A luminarium is a dazzling maze of winding paths and soaring domes, where natural forms and architecture meld into an inspiring mix of design and engineering." The Luminaria featured on the Buffalo Waterfront is designed by company

founder Alan Parkinson and Meko Parkinson, with music by David Bickley. Titled "The Architecture of Air, it is described as a wonderful world of light and color. Creators were inspired by natural forms, geometric solids, Islamic and Gothic architecture. "Each new creation is a maze of winding paths and inspiring domes where the visitors may lose themselves in sensory bliss. Since 1992 more than 3 million visitors in over 40 countries across 5 continents

have visited the Architects of Air's monumental luminaria. Guests are immersed in radiant color that comes simply from daylight shining through the luminarium's fabric.

Don't miss this one-of-a-kind exhibit September 1-5 with hours as follows - Thursday and Friday 1-7pm; Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10-7pm. Tickets are \$12, \$10 presale online at buffalowaterfront.com/events/architects-of-air-2. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult and children under the age of 2 are free.

Schools

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community, and play on our updated athletic fields for the first season. Our team worked hard to get these projects completed, and we

invite you to come out and enjoy them."

Bob is looking forward to the year. "With CDC COVID restrictions lightening up, we are able to bring back more normalcy to the school. It will be nice for our staff and students to be able to

relax more in our school environment and focus on the reason we're here. The students, staff and whole

Ellicottville community, the parents and businesses here, are like no other. It's such a great, supportive place to work, and I'm honored to be a part of it."

Ellicottville Historical Walking Tour

Saturday, September 24 at 1:00pm at the village gazebo: The Ellicottville Historical Society will be offering one more Historical Walking Tour around the village. You will be learning about some of the founding fathers and the houses they lived in. The walk is about one hour to an hour and a half. Cost is \$10; cash or check. For more information or to register ahead of time, contact Ellen Frank, Vice-President, at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528. Thank you. Hope to see you on Saturday, September 24.

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Red, White & Blues Festival 2022

Festivals Fredonia Hosts Annual Event Next Weekend, Sept. 9 & 10



Then on Saturday, we will begin in the "downtown" area in the gazebo at noon with the Growlers Blues Band, followed by The Cold Stares at 3pm. Throughout the day on Saturday live music will be featured at various downtown Fredonia bars and restaurants starting at 1pm. There will be live music every hour or half-hour at a different downtown venue. Full schedule is as follows: 12pm, Barker Common gazebo will host Growlers Blues Band, at 1pm Heenan's Irish Pub hosts the Beer Crate Blues Band, at 2pm Coughlan's Pub hosts Jammin' Gypsies, at 3pm is our MAIN EVENT at the Barker Common Gazebo featuring The Cold Stares, at 5pm at Fred's, Willy May performs, at 5:30pm at 64 On the Rocks, Mo Porter will be rockin', at 6pm at Muldoon's / Tully's Pub the JT Blues Band performs, at 7pm Domus Fare hosts the Shaky Ray Blues Band, at 7:30pm Downtown Brew will have the Mark Winsick Band, at 8pm at the Old Main Inn, Two Towns will be playing, at 9pm, EBC West is hosting the Jony James Band, at 9:30pm at 64 On the Rocks, Krossbones will be live and finally at 10pm at Valentine's, Silver X-treme will be rounding out the evening"

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Fredonia is a great hub of activity, with so much to see and do. Now that summer is winding down, a great way to get out and enjoy the heat while it lasts is taking a trip out to Barker Commons, located at Park Place in Fredonia, NY, next weekend September 9th and 10th for a two-day musical event. The weekend is sponsored by Festivals Fredonia and dubbed the Red, White & Blues Festival. (It's called that because the event showcases the areas local wine industry, which is the red and white and the bands are local blues artists, hence the blue.) *The Villager* had a chance to speak with event coordinator **Larry Fiorella** about this year's festival and all it has to offer.

The Villager (V): Red, White & Blues Festival is back for 2022, anything new this year?
Larry Fiorella (L): "We will be featuring some great local and national talent this year for our opener and headliner. Our opening act on Saturday in Barker Common is the Growlers Blues Band from Buffalo, followed by our headliner act from Evansville, IN: The Cold Stares! We are also expecting to showcase the talents of 10+ different blues performers this year as well."

V: You've got some great music planned, could you share the lineup and types of music the bands play?

L: "We have a lot of bands, so going into detail on them all would be a lot. Live music will begin Friday, playing in what is referred to as our "uptown" area, starting at 4:30pm with 64 On the Rocks followed by Midnight Recovery. At 6pm The Fredonia Memorial American Legion Post 59 hosts Grosh. At 8pm The Fredonia Beaver Club hosts Dr. Z and The Blues Remedy.

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of a course. There are 13 courses with varying levels of difficulty. If you want something more relaxing, take a chair lift ride to enjoy the mountain.

HoliMont Ski area offers miles of open hiking, biking, and ski trails to enjoy for 12 months of the year. They offer Dry Camping, Paddle boards, Kayaks, Disc Golf and more. Their lifts are open from 12 noon- 7pm every Friday until September 2nd. And don't forget, for those of you who just want to dine and stroll in one of the sweetest yet coolest villages in Cattaraugus County, spend some time visiting the unique shops and incredible restaurants in Ellicottville. Remember to grab a selfie at the giant ski tree by the Post Office. The Village of Cattaraugus presents their 4th Annual Labor Day Car Show Saturday at 10am. A fleet of classic cars will be on full display at 5 Washington St, the entry is free. Vendors, chicken BBQ, food trucks, music, comhole, bonfire.

In Chautauqua County there is still time to enjoy Bemus Point on Chautauqua Lake, stroll through the Chautauqua Institution, Lily Dale or look for Lucille Ball in Lake View cemetery in Jamestown, or at the Comedy Center. It's a perfect time to tour a lighthouse, visit a winery or park, or stroll through the quaint communities, visiting a diverse choice of art galleries (lots of them) and quaint shops. The weekend events include a Great Ball Drop at Bemus Golf Club Saturday, NSAA Art Trail Hub Crawl Saturday and Sunday, Labor Day Weekend featuring 24



The workforce in America has gone through some drastic changes since the pandemic, causing what uschamber.com calls 'The Great Resignation' with more than 47 million workers quitting their jobs. They go on to clarify that it might be more a 'Great Reshuffle' because "hiring rates have outpaced quit rates since 2020. The key instigator is said to be not more salary, but more flexibility.

participating artists, and a Labor Day party in Sherman on Sunday.

Here's a quick review of why we are celebrating the working persons this weekend. The U.S. Department of Labor informs us that Labor Day "is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being." After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. Individual states and labor activists recognized the need for this acknowledgement long before Congress and the Federal government, which finally, on June 28, 1894, passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal national holiday. Incidentally, the Department of Labor (DOL) was established in 1913 by a reluctant President William Howard Taft, the defeated and departing incumbent, just hours before Woodrow Wilson took office, in response to years of lobbying by organized labor for a voice

in the federal government that would improve the welfare of working people. The push to establish a DOL began after the Civil war. As per all things government, it took a while. What's good about a Labor department is it covers workers on many levels: Employee Benefits, Employment and Training, Mine Safety, OSHA, Disability, Veterans, Wages and Hours, and Women's Rights to name a few. The workforce in America has gone through some drastic changes since the pandemic, causing what uschamber.com calls 'The Great Resignation' with more than 47 million workers quitting their jobs. They go on to clarify that it might be more a 'Great Reshuffle' because "hiring rates have outpaced quit rates since 2020. So, many workers are quitting their jobs—but many are getting re-hired elsewhere."

Relish your extended weekend but please take a moment to thank those who labor during this holiday weekend to serve you, assist you with purchases, keep you safe on your adventures or in any way respond to your needs. Be safe and enjoy.

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1st Annual Sherman Music Festival

Sherman Chamber of Commerce Rocking Event, September 10th

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

A brand-new festival is always something to get excited about. Doubly so, when live entertainment is planned. Enter the 1st Annual Sherman Music Festival on September 10th from 10-9pm. The event is being held at one of the event sponsor's locations, which is The Cooler Bar & Grille (Located at 114 W. Main Street in Sherman, NY) *The Villager* took the opportunity to speak with Festival Press Agent, **Peter Hamilton** about the new event and what it had to offer.

The Villager (V): This is the 1st Annual Sherman Music Festival; how did the event come to be?

Peter (P): "Early in 2022, The Chamber distributed a survey to determine community interests. "Attending a music festival" was one of the leading desires, so the Sherman Music Festival was born from that survey. Local businesses stepped up to help with the event. The Cooler Café & Grille; Triple EMFG & Design and The Village of Sherman are all event sponsors. The event starts at 10am with our vendors and wine tasting and the music begins at 12pm."

V: How much is the cost of admission and where can tickets be purchased?

P: "Cost of admission is \$10 at the festival for those age 13 and older. Children 12 and under are FREE. You can also purchase 50/50 raffle tickets at the entrance as well, to help support the Sherman Chamber of Commerce. We encourage our guests to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets to sit and enjoy the music. We are discouraging bringing your own coolers as we will have food and beverage vendors on site."

V: You've got a nice line up

planned, could you share the bands and the type of music they each play?

P: "We do have a great line up. Opening the day's festival at 12:00 will be The Johnny Smooth Duo. The band is a collaboration of singer/guitarist John Eberhart and Timm Reasbeck, both of Warren, PA. They offer a wide assortment of instrumental and vocal tunes, arranged from familiar songs of the past, and those written by the Duo. They hope that they will have the audience smiling, tapping their feet, and singing along.

The second performance at 1:15 will be Adam McKillip who has been gracing the Western NY Northern PA region with his ambrosial vocals and musical talents for over ten years. Being multi-instrumental and drawing inspiration from musicians such as Damien Rice, Chris Thile, and Sam Beam, he has explored a range of genres in his career, anywhere from rock & pop, to bluegrass, roots style and foot stomping tunes with an undeniable ability to capture his audiences and move them. Adam's passionate focus on mandolin is evident, with at least twenty years of experience in playing. Performing at 2:30 will be Bill Ward and company. Bill Ward is a popular musical artist throughout the Western New York area and has been prevalent for many years within the acoustic/folk concert landscape. He is an entertainer, songwriter, and supportive promoter of many other musicians in the Chautauqua County region. He is the host of All Things Acoustic, a radio broadcast heard throughout the area.

Beginning the early evening program at 4:45 will be Derek Davis. Davis is an experienced, professional musician who has played with many bands across



Derek Davis takes the stage at 4:45. Davis has played with many bands across the country, including local groups Noisegate, HDP and Entropy's End. At a Derek Davis show you will hear oldies, old and new country, classic rock, new rock, alternative and more. If you ask nicely, he'll even play acoustic hip hop and R&B.

the country, including local groups Noisegate, HDP and Entropy's End. Derek's vast experience has allowed him to perform in many different styles of music. He chooses to portray that in his shows by playing a wide variety of genres. At a Derek Davis show you will hear oldies, old and new country, classic rock, new rock, alternative and more. If you ask nicely, he'll even play acoustic hip hop and R&B.

Closing out the festival program from 7:00 until 9:00 will be Pedro and the Smooth Cats cover a variety of American music styles, including country rock, blues, and R&B. The band has four members: Singer, sax player, keyboardist Pete Howard is a 35-year veteran of the Western New York music scene. Guitarist Greg Lay led the renowned Native American blues band Red Rhythm for over

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10,000 Maniacs Digital Archive

Jamestown's Own 10,000 Maniacs Working on Legacy Preserving Project



10,000 Maniacs original band (excluding original member John Lombardo) pictured counterclockwise: Rob Buck, Steve Gustafson, Natalie Merchant, Dennis Drew and Jerome Augustyniak.

Jamestown's own 10,000 Maniacs are working on a project to preserve their legacy through digital archiving. This new method for them will preserve their long legacy. It's a long process that requires a lot of work. The band will have to gather and catalog their history and then they can submit it to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, who expressed interest in preserving some of the Maniacs work. Now after over 40 years of playing together, there is a lot of stuff like old VHA, tape recordings, memorabilia and paperwork to record. Aaron Perez is leading the digital archive process in preserving the band's legacy and could cement the city of Jamestown's historical importance. The band would like not only to have an archive set up at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame but would like Jamestown to create a place for their archive as well, to help inspire local musicians.

with Dennis Drew (the band's keyboard player) and Steve Gustafson (the band's bassist). The band is seeking further assistance with the project and are in talks with SUNY JCC to see about collage interns lending them a hand. Drew believes the process will take at least several months. There are massive amounts of recordings that have to be listened to in real time to create the digital concert files and with some of the band members living in Buffalo, getting everything together is a little challenging as well. The band believes developing a comprehensive archive will go a great distance in preserving the band's legacy and could cement the city of Jamestown's historical importance. The band would like not only to have an archive set up at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame but would like Jamestown to create a place for their archive as well, to help inspire local musicians.

48th Busti Apple Festival 2022

Busti NY Hosts Annual Apple Event, September 25th, 11-5pm



The Busti Apple Festival will once again fill the Busti Historical Society's 1850 campus on Sunday, September 25 from 11 PM to 5 PM. The festival will feature family friendly activities, many area vendors and fall favorites. The traditional event is held rain or shine. "We are very excited to be holding the 48th Annual Apple Festival," said Nancy Aitken, Board President, The

event features the restored 1836 grist mill. The mill is only a few working mills left in the north east. Along with the mill is the miller's house that is being lovingly restored to its 1846 elegance. Flour, corn meal, and buckwheat flour, all ground at the mill will be available for purchase. The mill will be running throughout the festival with educational tours available. Out on the 2 plus acres of grounds, over 75 vendors will be selling handmade items while dozens of demonstrators show how to do old-time crafts and once daily tasks. Admission is \$5 per person at the gates with children under 12 years old admitted free. The gates are new this year. In the past then were admitted. Parking will be on the Busti Fireman's grounds with entry from the Sugar Grove Road and Lawson Road as in the past. One of the main draws of the festival are the apples! From fresh baked pies, to apples by the bag and gallons of apple cider. It's all at the Busti Apple Festival. This year's sponsors are Buck Trucking, Inc., Community Bank, Geraci & Co Accountants, and GJL Services/Gregory Lepley Additional information can be found at the Busti Historical Society's Facebook page, facebook.com/bustihistoricalsociety.

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Merritt Estate Winery Septemberfest

40th Annual Celebration Next Weekend, Sept. 10-11 in Forestville

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Fall is coming faster every day, but don't let that get you down. The fall is the perfect season for fun. Harvest festivals, hayrides and the return of Merritt Estate Winery's annual "Septemberfest", now in its 40th year. Located at 2264 King Road in Forestville, NY, the festival takes place Saturday, September 10th from 12-10pm and Sunday, September 11th from 12-6:30pm. *The Villager* spoke with owner **Bill Merritt** about the return of this long-celebrated event.



Septemberfest at Merritt Estate Winery always has a variety of fun activities for everyone of all ages including the younger members of the family. They will again have a bounce house, a balloon artist and a fire truck from one of the local fire departments. There is a great schedule of live music including one of WNY's favorite bands "Black Widow" (right) will be headlining again this year Saturday from 7-10pm.

The Villager (V): Septemberfest is back for its 40th year, what's new for 2022?

Bill (B): "We have a great selection of new vendors joining us this year. For example, Stingers BBQ Rubs & Seasonings with great offerings such as "Steak Shake," "Burger Blast," and "Mediterranean Medley." We also have a few new bands that will be performing this year playing a wide range of genres. Everyone always loves the live music portion, so we are excited about the lineup this year."

rich harmony vocals that the legendary Eagles are famous for. Saturday's headliner is Black Widow, a local favorite, will perform from 7-10pm with a wide variety of genres with a focus on rock favorites. On Sunday, September 11th "The Dark Horse Run Band" performs from 12-3pm. This six-piece country act focuses on country classics and today's country hits. Lastly "Yank the Cover" will rock the stage from 3:30-6:30pm. This Hamburg, NY group has an eclectic mix of classic rock, top hits, country, and R&B in their lineup."

V: You have a solid music lineup, could you share the bands and type of music they each play?

B: "We are excited to announce that we have five different bands playing at Septemberfest this year. Kicking off the weekend on Saturday, September 10th we have Dunkirk's very own "THE FREEZE" playing on stage from 12-3pm. This trio is known for delivering solid sound with some classic rock and blues tunes. From 3:30-6:30pm catch "The Eaglez: A Tribute Band" known for their

baked goods. That Popcorn Shack, known for its Dill-flavored popcorn, and Branding Buffalo which prints Buffalo-themed t-shirts right on-site (perfect for the Bills season right around the corner). Other vendors include Eden Valley Creamery who handcrafts USDA Organic cheese, charcuterie boards, and cheese by the block as well as Franklin's Honey & Apples selling its famous kettle corn in a variety of flavors such as caramel, extra sweet, & cinnamon. Mystic Gifts will also be selling their handcrafted items which include tumblers, & wine glasses. Also available is a huge selection of Buffalo Bills-themed items. There are too many great vendors to list but we have a great mix this year."

B: "Over twenty craft & artisan vendors will showcase everything from goat milk soaps and wickless candles to popcorn and seasonings! We have a few returning vendors such as U-Take the Cake which offers their famous wine-infused cupcakes and

V: Will there be food and beverages available?
B: "As always, there will be a variety of food options

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Music/Art

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Music is Art, a 501c3 not-for-profit in Buffalo, NY that does a variety of arts/music programming throughout the year, including the annual MiA Festival. "The Goo Goo Dolls are the motor that drove this from the beginning and helped raise awareness and support for MiA. Without them, none of this would be possible."

The festival has evolved and grown substantially over the years. "We started in 2003 with 2 stages as an "unofficial add on" to the Allentown Art Festival. Over the years, the festival has been in a few different locations including The Albright Knox Art Gallery and Delaware Park. "We originally began the festival to help prop up underground artists and musicians within the community and have grown into much more. The first festival had 2 stages and about a dozen artists. The 20th Anniversary festival will have 24 stages with performance artists, DJs, dancers, skateboarding, wrestling, projectionists, muralists, circus acts, a Kids' Village, dozens of visual artists and so much more."

Visitors can expect live music of every kind including rock, hip hop, electronic, jazz, country, singer-songwriter, jam bands, and traditional vocalists. "The music journeys into artforms and environments that span from the most traditional to the most Avant Garde. It's so much more than art and music; it's about the creative community as a whole. The festival is a sensory overload. It's a real chance to experience something you've probably never encountered before. It's one-of-a-kind."

Almost all of the bands are local talent. "99% of the musicians and artists are from our Western New York Community! We are bringing in a few artists and musicians this year including Peeland Z from Japan doing a live mural and performing live on the GCR Audio Main Stage, as well as returning artist Jess Pfol from Baltimore, MD."

This year, the festival will feature a skate park for the first time. They'll also have stages across the water in River Fest Park, as well as having 2 stages at the corner of Ganson and Michigan Streets, and the Wonder Coffeehouse Singer Songwriter stage. "We're also expanding the Refringement in the Silos Experience this year into the Rail Barn with video mapping and live EDM music. We're so excited for our first Skate Park with professional and amateurs on skateboards, BMX bikes and skates doing their thing on a massive halfpipe. We are bringing in Nickel City Wrestling with a full series of bouts throughout the day. The Button Factory and Blossom Buffalo will be showcasing an amazing art experience including Virtual Reality experiences. We'll also be featuring a hip-hop Cypher at the end of the evening on the Beats stage... and I've barely scraped the surface. There's just so much going on this year you gotta check it out."

Past events featured Willie Nile, Lisa Loeb, Goo Goo Dolls, The Jim Rose Circus, The Alarm, Shonen Knife and other national acts. But the most impactful part of the event is the Buffalo connection and the power of the creative community coming together. It's really about showcasing our local talent."

Robby loves watching the kids at the annual festival. "It's great to experience it through their eyes. I just love watching the kids that come with their folks to experience all these unique and special things. Knowing that we're giving them a lasting memory that may help move along their creative spirit is just incredible."

Robby invites everyone to come out to the festival and support our local talent "because it's the right thing to do. Somebody told me once that they were planning to move away from Buffalo shortly after a past MIA fest. After displaying their art at the event that year and experiencing all of the personalities and energies that made up the MiA family, they realized the wealth of people, knowledge and creativity in this city and decided to stay. I really, really loved hearing that, and invite YOU to come experience it for yourself."



This annual festival was started in Buffalo 20 years ago by Robby Takac of the multi-platinum band Goo Goo Dolls in order to showcase art in numerous forms. He is pictured here with the artist behind the poster, Don Keller.

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going on for the benefit for a chance to win steel artwork piece entitled "We Will Never Forget" provided by Echevarria Designs LLC. Donations are \$1 for a raffle ticket, and the drawing will be held at the end of the festival. Big shout out to Tim Horton's for providing refreshments prior to the event. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and basket/gift certificate raffle throughout the day in the West side of the park and the downtown area on Saturday. Guests can also pick up a commemorative t-shirt at the Fredonia Beaver Club on Friday night or in

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thirty years until the band's recent retirement. Fredonia native Doug VanDette has drummed in the area for most of his life. He has worked with numerous bands, most notably Red Rhythm, Doctor Z and the Blues Remedy, Hooman, and Fast Horses. Jeff White of Jamestown is a veteran bass player and songwriter who has worked with some iconic Jamestown bands, including the Rockin

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BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN
NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto, NY is back for its 10th season. On each of the eighteen nights featuring a magical combination of art, nature and lighting, visitors get to enjoy both an evening walk outdoors and fantastic sculptures dramatically illuminated with colorful lighting. You can explore the trails and forests at your own pace, since the walks are unguided.

The popular fundraiser for the non-profit park, starts at 7:30pm on each of the 18 special nights. It begins on Friday, September 9th and ends on Saturday, October 15. The full schedule of NIGHT LIGHTS is as follows: September 9th & 10th, September 15th through the 17th, September 22nd through the 24th, September 29th through October 1st, October 6th through the 9th, and October 13th through the 15th. Tickets for this one-of-a-kind event, at the largest sculpture park in the United States, can be bought in advance online at EventBrite or at the gate.

At NIGHT LIGHTS, visitors stroll in the lower part of the sculpture park on Mill Valley Road, one of the park's two large sections full of greenery. Each NIGHT LIGHTS night is both a relaxing evening out in nature and an exciting, surreal new way to experience incredible sculptures, which include realistic human figures and abstract objects. The sculptures that will be bathed in colorful light include many of the park visitors' favorites, such as The Bathers, The Spy Tower, Praying Mantis and more. NIGHT LIGHTS has creative entertainment



on some evenings, plus wine nights, arts vendors and special "night" hikes are scheduled. At press time, the entertainers for this year had not yet been announced, but you can now learn about them on their website.

The park features a charming little gift shop in the parking lot area. It's filled with sculpture park merchandise and creations from local artists, and visitors pay admission at that shop. NIGHT LIGHTS is the creation of SitrlerHQ, a Western New York event production company. They created the NIGHT LIGHTS brand in 2009 and have hosted NIGHT LIGHTS events at The Heron in Sherman, NY, the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens, and the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville. It takes the SitrlerHQ crew about two weeks to set up NIGHT LIGHTS, since it requires over 1.5 miles of power lines and 150 lighting fixtures, all of which have LED lighting.

"One thing we always remind visitors is to wear good footwear, bring a flashlight and dress for the weather. It's a little cooler at the sculpture park than most local places in autumn," said Doug Sitrler. (Note: The trails are dirt, there is some uphill walking, and an evening's event will be cancelled if it rains.) "We are thrilled that so many people

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far. He has also been a chef in many of the eateries around Ellicottville and across the country.

Unfortunately, his diagnosis had taken its toll and he is unable to handle the work that he's always loved doing. So all of his great friends in the community are coming together to help him with the financial woes he will incur because he is undergoing treatment at the Roswell Park Cancer Center.

On Sunday, October 2nd from 12-4pm, Balloons is hosting a benefit for Slugger. This is one of a few ways we as a community are helping him financially. There is also an online fundraising site, spotfund.com, where anyone can donate under the name BeGratefulSluggerStrong, which his sister Amanda Pecora-Sutphen set up.

She said a few words about her brother and the situation: "Slugger has begun the necessary steps to fight the good fight. There are still many unknowns, but with the love and support of friends, family & his incredible team at Roswell, Mat says, he's 'Gonna fight it like Rocky fought Clubber Lang!'"

In typical Slugger fashion he says to his disease, "C'mon, you ain't so bad! You hit like my grandma!" No offense to grandmas near and far. He is taking it one day at a time and has much to fight for.

Slugger has a son Gabe, who is starting his second year of college at Sarah Lawrence in New York City, and this is his main inspiration for recovery. The Ellicottville community is already 100% behind him.

NIGHT LIGHTS is located in the Mill Valley section of Griffis Sculpture Park, at 6902 Mill Valley Road in East Otto, NY. For more information, go to griffispark.org, or call (716) 667-2808.



Benefit for beloved friend, artist, chef, comedian and father, Mat Snyder will be held at Balloons Restaurant and Bar in Ellicottville Sunday, October, 2, 2022. We hope to see you there.

Comhole) and raffles to win (great baskets and prizes donated by Sluggers peeps and businesses around the area)

The benefit, called "Be Grateful, is Grateful Dead themed as Slugger is a huge fan of the psychedelic rock band that formed in 1965. Tickets are \$25, but if you can't make it, a donation is welcome, either on the spotfund.com website or by mailing a check with just his name on it to Mat P. Snyder, P.O. Box 1558 Ellicottville, New York 14731. Other donations are welcome as well like cash, baskets for the basket raffle, a dish to pass at the event. Donations of every kind can be dropped off at Balloons Restaurant or Jonny Barber Shop (13 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville).

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE
It's Labor Day weekend and we have a spectacular seven days of music so let's see who's playing where. Our seven-day weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. This week's musical guest is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/folk/alt/indie/pop set of covers and originals. \$2 gets you choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is Kody and Herren from 8-12am. This duo plays a rock/folk/pop/roots set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 12am Thurs-Sat and 11pm Sun-Wed.

FRIDAY: Balloons gets things started with a weekend of Brandon Santini performing an acoustic set in the tent from 6-9pm. Inside, on the main stage, Darkwater Duo and Company will perform from 6:30-10pm. This Bradford band plays a rock/pop/alt/country/indie set of covers. DJ Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth with some slide so you move and glide on the two dance floors.

The Cabana at Holiday Valley will host Porcelain Train from 7-10pm. They play an Americana/folk/pop/roots set of covers. Sip cocktails in an outdoor setting near the pool.

We return to The Gin Mill for Wasted Whiskey from 8-12am. This band plays modern country the pushes the boundary between country music and rock. Explore the Carriage House Sidebar if you like craft cocktails made with high

end spirits. Madigan's joins the party with The Dandy Lionz from 9-1am. This band of 2 utilizes multimedia and instruments to create a full band sound. Check em out.

SATURDAY: Ellicottville Distillery is first up offering hot air balloon rides starting at 1pm and music provided by Tuesday Nite from 5-8pm. Their page says they play right out on Washington Street.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 75 cent wings and music from former American Idol contestant Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm. Brianna plays country/pop originals and covers.

Balloons is back again with SON, Tuesday, from 6-9pm. This duet plays a rock/blues/pop/alt/jazz set of covers and originals with some awesome guitar work.

The Tuesday music from The Gin Mill is The Hick Ups from 7-11pm. These guys all play in other bands but formed this group to play some roots/blues/country covers with some great pickin'. Try the pot roast, like mom makes.

Balloons make its seventh appearance of the week with Mike Nowak out in the tent from 6-9pm. Mike plays a rock/folk/pop/alt/country set of covers.

We end the seven-day weekend as we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill for Wagner & Wings Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a rock/folk/country/rock/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to. If you had a great time in our village, please tell your friends and family and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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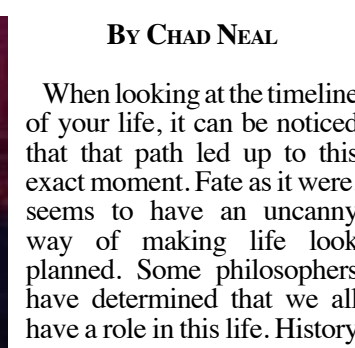
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Sean C. - Play music and bring happiness to all. I have shared the ability to do so!!



Jay B. - Be a father. I'm really good at it.

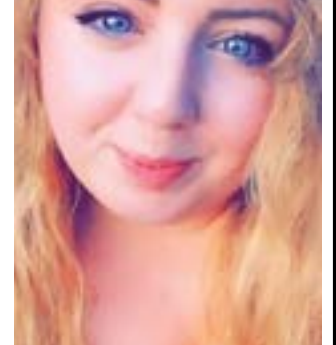


Elliott W. - Work for the bills, duh!

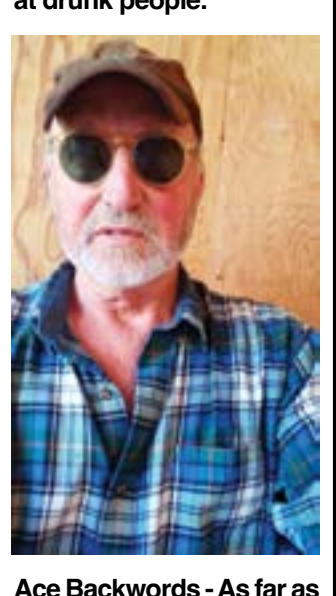


Jason K. - Make people smile and laugh!

has told tales of many who are vital to the way our world is now. As there are billions of humans on Earth most would probably be deemed unnoteworthy, but to a smaller community everyone really has a place in this world. What were you put on this planet to do?



Veronica W. - At this point I'm convinced it's to yell at drunk people.



Ace Backwards - As far as I can tell, it's all a cosmic drama put on for God's own amusement.

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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convincing accuracy. You can easily feel as though you are talking to the great man himself. It's quite amazing", says Marilyn Hemmer, chairperson of the Lincoln event. "When asked, Ron will tell you he enjoys bringing a smile to people's faces and helping them to respect and learn about our country's history. We are thrilled to bring the Lincolns back to Westfield for this year's celebration." His wife, Tina, who shares Mary Todd's stature, plays his wife. One of the events will be reenactment of Abe meeting Grace Bedell on the platform of the Westfield Train Station. Scheduled at 3pm Saturday, September 10, it will give life to the scene immortalized by the bronze statues at Bedell Park on the corner of Routes 394 and 20. Grace, who lived in Westfield, wrote to the then presidential candidate suggesting that growing a beard would enhance his chances for victory. On his way to his inauguration in February, 1861, he stopped to meet and thank her. Grace will be portrayed by Jema Matteson. The 9th NY Cavalry Civil War re-enactors will be in downtown Moore Park and on the grounds of McClurg Museum all day Friday and Saturday, with demonstrations of camp living, weapon tactics, and period craft making. The President will likely visit the troops to raise morale of Union soldiers and debate Confederate soldiers. Abe will meet and debate students at Westfield Academy Central School 11:30am-1pm Friday.



One of the events will be reenactment of Abe meeting Grace Bedell on the platform of the Westfield Train Station. Scheduled at 3pm Saturday, September 10, it will give life to the scene immortalized by the bronze statues at Bedell Park on the corner of Routes 394 and 20.

He and Mary Todd will host the Friday Block Party 5-8pm downtown. Abe will be on hand all weekend to shake hands, answer questions and pose for photos and selfies for online posting. On Saturday they'll be guests of Doc Hamels on Chautauqua Sunrise at 9am, followed by a stroll through the downtown Westfield Farmers' & Artisans' Market and the Westfield Flea Market in Moore Park, starting at 10:30am. At 11:30am Abe and Mary Todd will be guests at Patterson Library reading room. Two exhibits on Saturday will highlight Grace Bedell: a history exhibit 10am-5pm in the Lincoln Room at McClurg Museum, and the Grace Bedell family archives exhibit noon-3pm at Lake Shore Center for the Arts. Chautauqua County Historical Society (CCHS) Annual Gala, "An Evening with the Lincolns," will cap the weekend 6-8pm Saturday in McClurg Museum. The Gala, a fundraiser for CCHS, features food and beverages and encounters with the Lincolns. Guests may hear an address from Abe on the steps of the museum, from the curved stairway in the entryway or might just meet him in the Lincoln Room, Hemmer says. Donors to the two-day event include The Brick House B&B, Johnson Estate Winery, Rosie's Workshop, The Westfield Downtown Partnership, CCHS, and the Westfield Station Art Gallery. The schedule of events can be found at touchchautauqua.com and westfieldny.com. Further information is also available by calling or texting Marilyn Hemmer at (716) 753-6043.

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and we celebrated our forever-young editor's birth last week, birthdays seemed like fun research.

I have always operated under the assumption that humans, for all time, have honored their loved ones with some acknowledgement of the day they graced this earth and their loved ones' lives. Truly, I imagine my Stone Age ancestor, Tjir, smacking two rocks together to make sparks to delight twins Baby Bhessa and Baby Crikkuuk while their mother, Riya, presents them with a "cake" of smashed greens decorated with wildflowers. Long before bikes were invented (1885), Yjir copied Pebble's "bike" using rounded stone wheels as gifts for them.

OK, I exaggerate. But it was interesting to find that, until we adopted the use of the Gregorian calendar in America in 1752 during the Industrial Revolution (catching up to some of our European neighbors who had already been using it), we really had no way to pinpoint actual dates. Birthdays for royalty were acknowledged but were not generally celebrated by the plebeian class.

The Sumerians were the first to use calendars in Mesopotamia during the Bronze Age (3100 BC).

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OLEAN – What is a SQUIRREL SELFIE? Area residents and visitors are invited once again to send in their photos of the Woodland in the City Squirrels to be chosen and placed in the 2023 squirrel calendar. The Woodland in the City (Woodland) committee and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) are sponsoring the Photo Contest. The calendar will feature the local community in photos with the squirrels. The photos should feature one of the Woodland Squirrels – maybe your youngster dressed up like an elf and with the Santa squirrel or dressed up like a fair maiden with the Knight in Shining Armor squirrel. GOACC does ask that those in the photo DO NOT sit on the squirrel for the photos. Photos can be dropped off at the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, mail it to: Squirrel Photo Contest, c/o GOACC, 301 North Union, Olean, NY 14760, or email tourism@oleanny.com. Please make sure you include your name, address, and home phone number. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 1st. For more information on the photo contest, please contact GOACC at (716) 372-4433.

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including hamburgers, hot dogs, and Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ Dinners. Dinners include ½ a chicken, two sides, and a dinner roll. We will also have a wide selection of beverages including the famous Merritt Wine Slush, wine, craft beer, and non-alcoholic beverages such as pop, and water. We will have a beer tent located out on the lawn near the entertainment stage for people to enjoy drinks and the live music. Not sure what you'd like to drink? Stop into the tasting room for a wine tasting (just \$5 for 5 samples)!"

V: "This is a family-friendly event, do you have anything specifically for the younger members of the family?"

B: "We always try to have

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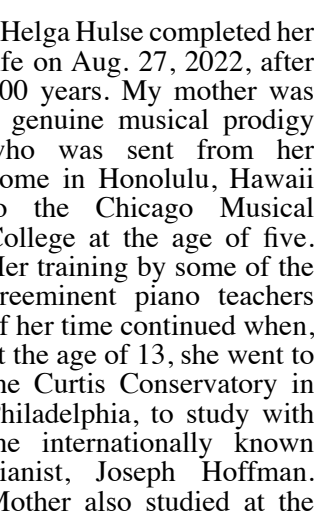
~ Patricia Q. Lowes, 10/26/1932 - 08/28/2022 ~



Patricia Q. Lowes of Tonawanda, NY, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022, in Kenmore Mercy Hospital. She was born in Niagara Falls, NY, on October 26, 1932, a daughter of the late Patrick and Vera [Conroy] Quinn. Mrs. Lowes was a graduate of Joan (late Hon. William Niagara Falls High School, L.) Kellick, also survived by many nieces and nephews. She studied radiology at Strong Memorial Medical Center in Rochester, NY and became an x-ray technician at Kenmore Mercy Hospital and later with Health Care Plan. She was a fan of opera and enjoyed attending the Metropolitan Opera, at St. Amelia Church, 2999 Eggert Road, Tonawanda, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday at 9:00 AM gardening, Mrs. Lowes is survived by her children Kevin (Barbara), Sean NY. Flowers are gratefully declined. Memorials may be made to the Metropolitan Opera, at givinginfo@metopera.org. Visit www.rhoneyfuneralhome.com

~ Helga Hulse, 09/21/1921 - 08/27/2022 ~

International Pianist & Longtime Jamestown Resident Completed Her Life at 100



Helga is pictured with 3 of her young piano students, Rani Laha, Aaron Westerlund and Jeanine Zimmer.

Helga Hulse completed her life on Aug. 27, 2022, after 100 years. My mother was a genuine musical prodigy who was sent from her home in Honolulu, Hawaii to the Chicago Musical College at the age of five. Her training by some of the preeminent piano teachers of her time continued when, at the age of 13, she went to the Curtis Conservatory in Philadelphia, to study with the internationally known pianist, Joseph Hoffman. Mother also studied at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

Her career of more than 80 years as a teacher of music began in her late teens when she taught the children of poor immigrants in the Boyle Heights slum of Los Angeles. Over the course of her career, she focused on young people with exceptional ability and was often instrumental in their developing into professional musicians. Mother also focused on teaching children and adults with exceptional challenges such as blindness, a psychiatric diagnosis, or incarceration.

Like most prodigies, my mother had many great challenges in her life. Her exceptional spirit of life and transcendent love of music empowered her resilience and ability to rise above and move beyond the challenges. In 2001 at an event in her honor that was attended by several hundred people the mayor presented my mother with the Key to The City of Jamestown and identified Sept. 21, as Helga Hulse Day. A musical celebration of the life of Helga Hulse will be held at the First Lutheran Church on Sunday, Oct. 23, at 4pm. A reception will follow in the church parlor. All are welcome. A video tribute to my mother's life can be viewed online at Helga.BladeWright.com. My mother was truly blessed by a loving community of friends in Jamestown. She was genuinely accepted, abundantly respected, and loved for who she was as a person, a musician, and as a teacher of music. There is no greater treasure in life than authentic acceptance, respect, and love.

My mother was happier here in the heart of this Jamestown community than she had ever been in her 100 years of life. As her son and only living relative, I will always be deeply grateful to my mother's dear friends in the Jamestown community. ~ David Ansgar Nielsen

Memories and condolences may be shared at lindfuneralhome.com.

~ Philip J. Nannen Passed Away 08/21/2022 ~

Philip J. Nannen, 70, of Birdsboro, PA, passed away on Sunday, August 21, 2022, in Reading Hospital. He was the husband of Laura (Hawkins) Nannen, with whom he celebrated 42 years of marriage with. Born in Olean, New York, he was the son of the late Jack and Nancy (Dineen) Nannen, formerly of Ellicottville. Phil's grandparents were Raymond and Nina Dineen and William O. and Sadie Nannen, all of Ellicottville. Phil graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1970, and from Antioch College in Ohio. Phil was an avid motorcyclist and cyclist. He taught motorcycle safety for the State of PA for 10 years. Phil was the owner of Ellicottville Wood Products, following family tradition.

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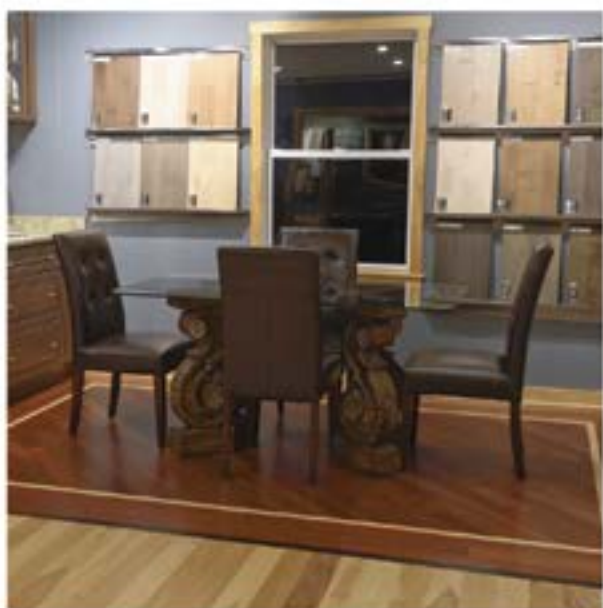
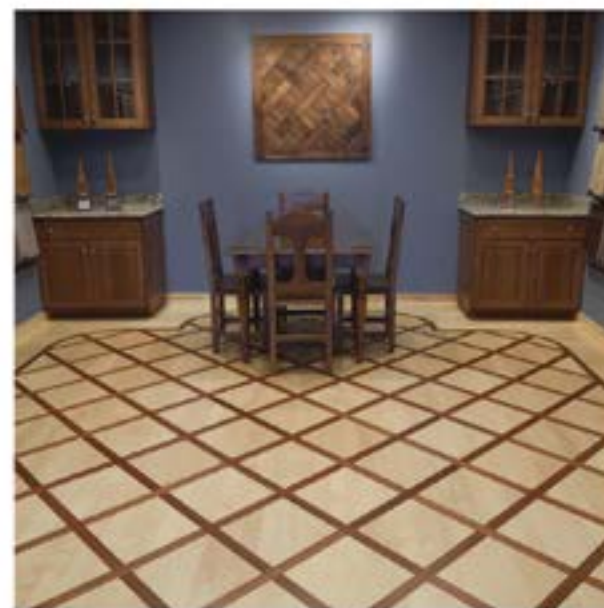


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