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Area Events

STROLL THE STREETS
Friday, August 12th • 5-8pm
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
August 12th - 14th • Times Vary
Ray Evens Seneca Theater, Salamanca

TASTE OF ELLICOTTVILLE
August 13th & 14th • Times Vary
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

STROLEAN 2022
Saturday, August 13th • 10-10pm
Union Street, Olean

WEEKEND CHAIRLIFT RIDES
Saturday, August 13th • 11-5pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

DAVEY O LIVE
Saturday, August 13th • 5pm
Ellicottville Distillery, Ellicottville

2022 FARM TO TABLE DINNER
Sunday, August 14th • 4-6pm
Woodside Tavern, Olean

MUSIC BY THE POND
Tuesday, August 16th • 6:30pm
Fireman's Hall, West Valley

MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES
Thursday, August 18th • 6:30pm
Lincoln Park, Olean

STROLL THE STREETS
Friday, August 19th • 5-8pm
Village of Ellicottville, Ellicottville

WHIRLYBIRD FESTIVAL 2022
August 10th - 13th • Times Vary
Downtown Jamestown, Jamestown

JAMESTOWN CRUISE-IN
Friday, August 12th • 5-8pm
Downtown Jamestown, Jamestown

BEMUS POINT LAKE DAYS
August 13th & 14th • Daily
Bemus Point Village, Bemus Point

CHAUTAUQUA GRAN FONDO
Saturday, August 20th • Times Vary
Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville

BEYOND THE BLUE III
August 19th - 21st • Times Vary
The Heron Event Center, Sherman

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

Summer Fest @ Sculpture Park

Griffis to Host Annual Event in Ashford Hollow



9th Annual Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival. Featuring: Jim Donovan & Sun King Warriors (Rusted Root), PA Line, Sly Boots Circus, Isaac Spaeth & Company, Ruby and Mikee Strongman. Local artisans vendor village, kids craft area, beer & wine garden and more. Tickets are \$20 for adults/teens. 12 yrs and under are FREE. (See Story "Griffis", page 8.)

Bemus Point Celebrates Lake Days

First Annual Event this Weekend, Boat Parade Sunday



By JUDY SHULER

Chautauqua County—29 percent water, 71 percent land. In summer, with so many water-related activities, we might be forgiven for thinking it was just the reverse. This weekend Bemus Point will celebrate its setting on Chautauqua Lake with Lake Days.

New this year, Lake Days is sponsored by the Bemus Point Business Association (BPBA). It rounds out

the community's seasonal events, joining spring's Back in Bloom, autumn's Fall Fest, and winter's Holiday Open House.

"Our events committee wanted to add a summer event to our roster, and came up with the idea of Lake Days because we often hear visitors discussing how much they love Bemus Point and spending days on Chautauqua Lake, they're

SEE "LAKE" PAGE 8

Welcome to Taste of Ellicottville

Annual Event this Weekend Showcases Best of the Best



Join the fun for Taste of Ellicottville on August 13th and 14th in Ellicottville, NY. This delicious event is celebrating its 36th year!!! There will be 18 restaurants featuring their best dishes set up in the village of Ellicottville. Samples are served on Saturday and Sunday from noon-4pm. Tickets are a dollar a piece. You won't find a menu item for more than six dollars or six tickets! There will be gluten-free and healthy items highlighted in the menu and map brochure that you can pick up when you get your food tickets. See the participating restaurants and map in *The Villager's "Insider's Guide to The Taste of Ellicottville"*, page B-1.

HoliMont's New Disc Golf Course

9 Hole Frisbee Golf Game Now Open at Ski Area

By CHAD NEAL

The game has been called a few things by folks I know- such as Frolf, Frisbee golf and the internationally accepted name of Disc Golf. Yours truly has written a couple articles about the sport in the past 12 years, trying to gain more local interest in it. Well now there is a nine-hole Disc Golf course at HoliMont.

Before I even knew the new course existed, I was asked by local realtor and adventurer Caitlin Croft (pictured) to go play some disc golf and when I asked where she said "HoliMont".

Knowing that many new expansions to the outdoor fun arena were being made at HoliMont including exciting new mountain bike trails and tracks, and a practice park with wooden jumps and bridges, I wasn't that surprised to learn about a disc golf course. It's fun to get to, because you get to take a lift ride to the top of Sunset where Saddle Pond sets. The first launch pad made of wood chips lies in wait for someone to "huck plastic" towards the orange chain basket 300 feet



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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

History: **Outdoor Music Festivals ... Pg. B-4**

From Woodstock to Griffis Sculpture Park....

Woodstock Music and Art Fair	Woodstock Music and Art Fair	Woodstock Music and Art Fair	THREE DAY TICKET
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The 4 organizers, Woodstock Ventures, lost their shirts – 50,000 to 80,000 tickets were expected to be sold, but, in the end, the massive influx of people and no fences, gave them no choice but to make it a free event. Imagine being one of the people who had bought \$6 tickets and hold them as souvenirs today!

Inside Business: **Ellicottville Greens Expands ... Pg. 7**

Ellicottville Greens & Vertically Fresh Farms



Company looking to build a distributed network of sustainable indoor vertical farms to provide affordable high-quality produce to economically distressed zones with food insecurity concerns.

Annual Jamestown Cruise-In ... Pg. 9

Jamestown Chamber Welcomes Back Event, August 12th, 5pm

Every Vote Counts

Our Counties Have a Special Election on August 23

Vote. Every Voice Matters



According to the U.S. Census Bureau only 71 percent of eligible citizens are registered to vote.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Why we should vote in EVERY election: Yes, Your Vote Counts...

"No vote, No Voice." So, says aactnow.org. They go on to tell us what should be obvious ... politicians listen to two things – money and votes. We are all aware of their attraction to money, no matter its source, but we tend to forget that they also have no choice but to listen to votes, or at least pay attention to stay in their lucrative and powerful offices. Our votes make sure they represent us and the things that are important to us. (And when they don't you should let them know. Voting gives you that right.) Our failure to vote gives them the latitude to do what

SEE "VOTE" PAGE 12

Annual Chautauqua Gran Fondo

Mayville Lakeside Park Hosts Event, August 20



The Gran Fondo is supporting the Bemus/Stow Ferry once again, by donating \$10 for each 20-mile Social Rider that rides the Ferry from Bemus Point to Stow.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Summer is coming to a close; it's very sad. Kids are gearing up to return to school, sweet corn is fresh and ready for cookouts and everyone is trying to enjoy the warm season as much as possible. That brings us to the 8th Annual Chautauqua Gran Fondo, the community event designed not only to promote health and well-being but enables cyclists of all skill levels to help raise funds for local non-profit organizations. Happening August 20th at Mayville Lakeside Park in Mayville, NY (located at 50 Water Street). Those participating will get the chance to enjoy the beauty of Chautauqua Lake on any

SEE "FONDO" PAGE 13





Publisher's Word

"You Better Get a Bigger Calendar!"



I hope you are energized and hungry; this weekend will have you eating and playing from one county into the next. You can begin in Olean for the StrOlean weekend and dice run, where businesses line the streets filled with fun and entertainment. After that continue your stroll into Ellicottville and bring your appetite for their much-acclaimed Taste of Ellicottville event. Bemus Point

is hosting their first annual Lake Days this weekend as well complete with a boat parade, but keep your eye out for the pirates! The summer may be winding to a close, but our area always hosts a grand finale. Rest assured, you will have a full calendar these next few weeks and we can't wait to tell you all about it! Until next week, enjoy the read!

- Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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 & Liza Licata... August 4th
 Happy belated birthday to Shelby Toth... August 10th

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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Rally in the Valley Joins StrOlean

GOACC and Rally in the Valley Bring Dice Run to this Saturday's Event

OLEAN: GOACC and the former Rally in the Valley committee met in late 2021 and are bringing a dice run to the August StrOlean – we are excited with this addition to the event,” reported Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO. The dice will be ‘shaken and rolled’ for the inaugural DW Memorial Dice Run, August 13th, with start/finish in Downtown Olean. Two businessmen from the Rally in the Valley Event Committee have passed away ~ Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston. Team DW Dice Run are proposing this event as a memorial to those gentlemen with proceeds to benefit area youth in the County through scholarships at Olean City Schools and Archbishop Walsh through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. “Dennis was the heart and soul of the first Rally in the Valley Olean – he was the organizer since early 2010s and current member of the DW Dice Run committee. DJ is joined by many others from the Rally committee including Mike Stevens, Tim Brushingham, Joe Duplechian, Colleen Taggerty; and they are accompanied by Abbey Bowser, Tim Smith, Tom Yanetsko, House Ellman, Cam Myers, Mayor Bill Aiello and Laurie McCarthy. The Dice Run will have registration on the campus of Jamestown Community College at Cutco Theater lobby that Saturday. The run will commence from JCC at 11 a.m. and will have a route either located throughout



(L-R) Tim Brushingham, DJ Dick, House Ellman, Joe Duplechian, Cam Myers and Mike Stevens

SWNY or NWPA – this will be determined in June. The run participants are expected to be back in Olean to Delaware Avenue (off North Union) by 4-5 p.m. Participant fees will be available for both driver and passenger with prize monies of \$2,000 awarded to high/ low rolls. Registration will also be open in June online at shop.oleanny.com. Mr. Duplechian stated, “Our core group would like to see this event grow back to a version what the Rally once was – we are working with GOACC again as their core staffing has attention to detail and organizational skills our volunteer committee didn't have – due to jobs, kids, etc.” The dice run has sponsor opportunities for local organizations and businesses. Named after the run's honorees, Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston – the levels are Jones Chrome Sponsor \$200: Sponsor's logo on the event tee shirt and promotion on social media / website. Sponsor receives two shirts; and Johnston Leather Sponsor \$100: Sponsor's name listed on event tee shirt and promo on social media / website. Sponsor receives one shirt. Mrs. Yanetsko added, “Since the run is held during our

StrOlean, there are food and retail vendor opportunities available. We are also going to connect with the restaurants in and around the AHOP area to see about them having an in-restaurant Taste of Olean. When GOACC officials unveiled its 2022 Events Calendar it was printed with a Taste of Olean date – but when the events committee met in January as well as the GOACC board – it was decided to eliminate the Taste from our menu lineup. Although the Olean area is well known for the fine tastes and cuisines with all our restaurants, the 2021 Taste featured the lowest number of restaurants in its history of five. “GOACC decided to shelve the Taste for the time being – COVID hurt a lot of the restaurants/retail – and focus on our restaurants with the other events we host. By having the ‘TASTE’ in their own restaurants – it's an ideal situation for them – kitchen equipment, staff, inventory – it's all right there – overhead is completely eliminated with this,” added Mrs. Yanetsko. For more information on GOACC events and activities, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

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Ellicottville Gazebo Series Encore

See the Alexander James Band, August 11th, Ellicottville Gazebo, 7pm

ELLCOTTVILLE, NY - The Gazebo Series, presented by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Niagara Label Company, will host the Alexander James Band on Thursday, August 11th. "Thanks to the generous contribution of our Presenting Sponsor, Niagara Label, and the numerous requests from our audiences, we are able to offer this last encore performance on Thursday at 7:00pm," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. Alexander James is relatively new to the Ellicottville music scene, but not to the music venues in Buffalo and along the Lake Erie shoreline. His range of music is quite impressive, and he picks songs as he reads his audience. To give you an idea of popular songs he is likely to choose from, here's a few tunes from a recent show at Sunset Bay and the



Pier in Dunkirk: Show me the Way, Fortunate Son, Two Tickets to Paradise, 50 Ways to leave your Lover, and Crazy Little Thing Called Love. So come on out and enjoy the final Gazebo Show of 2022! The Gazebo Series is an evening of free entertainment enjoyed by both locals and visitors alike. Take in live music this Thursday, Aug. 11th from 7:00-9:00pm in the village square. Lawn chairs, picnic baskets, coolers and even the family pet are welcome! For more information log on to www.ellicottvillenyc.com. @visitellicottville/IG, @ellicottvillenyc/FB

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Kids Bike Rodeo

Allegany State Park, Salamanca NY, Hosts August 16th Event, 6pm



The Allegany State Park Environmental Education and Recreation team have partnered up with the Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA), Next Level Mounting Biking, and Changing Gears to create a unique way for kids to test their bike handling skills. The bike rodeo course is especially designed to teach children various bike safety skills by

simulating real life situations. Children will first learn how to inspect their bikes and wear helmets correctly, then ride a fun course along the Frog Freeway and through the Salamander Slalom while learning bike safety techniques. Meet at Red House Picnic area on Tuesday August 16th from 6:00- 7:30 PM, open forum with last ride at 7:15 PM. Geared for ages

7- 12. Participants must bring their own bike and helmet to take part in the event. Each rider is eligible for a prize and will receive a cool sticker from the ASP Rangers. For more information call 716 354 9101ext 232. The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more, which are visited by a record 78.4 million people in 2021. A recent study found that New York State Parks generates \$5 billion in park and visitor spending, which supports nearly 54,000 jobs. For more information on any of these recreation areas, visit www.parks.ny.gov, download the free NY State Parks Explorer mobile app or call 518-474-0456. Also, connect on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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August 13
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August 13
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2. Event goers will be able to saunter, amble, wander, walk, promenade the sidewalks enjoying food, music, fine arts, events, fun for all ages

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Wild Wing Festival 2022

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary, Delevan NY, August 21st, 12-4pm

This is your last chance to see the birds at Gooseneck Hill. On Sunday August 21 from 12-4 pm. Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary, 5067 Townline Road, Delevan, NY is holding their Wild Wing Festival. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The 10' Rubber Duck is coming back for a visit. The "Rustic Ramblers" will be playing with Gene Hilts on steel guitar. Food will be served by Lil's Deli with Pizza for \$2 and Specialty cookies for \$2. For \$5-3 Wings, or 2 Chicken Fingers & Fries. Pop or Bottled water is \$1. There will be free Guided Bird Tours

throughout the day to see the 750 Ducks, Geese and swans, 78 different Species in the 2 largest covered aviaries in the world. Come feed the geese and 1,000 Koi fish. Dining Tents are available in case of rain. Come hungry and bring your lawn chair.



For more information call 716-942-6835 or visit www.gooseneckhillwaterfowlfarm.com

The Heron 5K Trail Run/Walk

The Heron Event Center, Sherman NY, August 14th, 10am



PROCEEDS AND DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE LEXY HUGHAN SUNSHINE FUND AT JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

The Heron 5K Trail Run/Walk is Sunday August 14th with a start time of 10am. The trails are all off-road at The Heron Farm & Event Center, 2361 Waits Corners Rd, Panama, NY. This annual race is in

memory of Dave McDonald. Dave loved to run and to support local music. This year, all proceeds and donations will benefit the Lexy Hughan Sunshine Fund at Jamestown High School. Lexy died this

year because of a tragic accident. She was a young beautiful woman with many interests, particularly everything she was learning at Infinity Performing Arts in Jamestown.

The Heron Trail Run is challenging, covering varied terrain including hills, pastures, woodlands and passes through the shiitake mushroom operation on the Heron grounds. Walkers are welcome! Sign up ahead or on the day of the race. <https://runsignup.com/herontrailrun>

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Letter from the EVL Rotary

Sun Sets on Tuscan Moon: Thanks for Long Standing Charity Event

BY KATE BARTLETT

Ellicottville will be missing one of its acclaimed fundraisers this summer, as the annual Rotary Club Tuscan Moon event will not be held. When asked about the end of Tuscan Moon, club president Doug Anderson said, "It was time for a transition. The local restaurants & businesses are awesome and have given so much of their time and talent over the years; it was time for a break."

The Rotary's annual fundraiser dinner started in 2010 as "Another Day in Paradise," then became "Voodoo Moon" in 2012. From 2014-2021, Tuscan Moon was one of Ellicottville's favorite summer parties. "After 20+ years, it's time to look back and express many thanks to the volunteers, restaurants, and the community that supported this great event." Doug would like to personally thank the Rotarians, "Friends of Rotary", and countless volunteers that made this event so successful. "Our annual sponsors were the backbone of the event. We appreciate their longstanding support, and we look forward to the continued backing of our club's efforts. Local businesses and restaurant owners/chefs amazed attendees with over-the-top food and merchandise. Student volunteers helped run food and clean



up. Holiday Valley's pool complex was a perfect venue blooming over with incredible floral displays. The management and staff of Holiday Valley went above and beyond to make the event a success year after year." Tuscan Moon has provided the funds needed to support the projects for Family Support and the Foundation for Youth such as: donations to the Ellicottville Food Bank, Ellicottville Skatepark project, Teen Slapshot Leadership Training Program, Alley Katz village beautification projects, Rotary Auditorium at the New Town Center and picnic tables at the Village Park. Funding also supported several departments within the schools including robotic & Drones for technology education, microscopes for ECS, annual support for student school

supplies, as well as ECS and BOCES student scholarships for outstanding graduates. Rotary Club was able to provide dinners for families during the COVID-19 Pandemic with the help of ECS. Several resources and programs for Ellicottville Library were sponsored including PC's, IPADs and Charging stations, summer intern and educational reading programs, upgraded computer components and monitors as well as upgraded Wi-Fi infrastructure.

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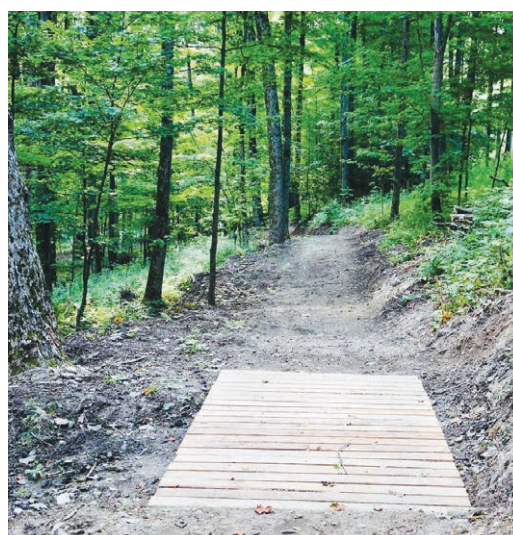
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Rotary Scholarship Winners

Rotary Club of Ellicottville awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors who will be leaving soon to attend college, the next step towards achieving their future goals. Jocelyn Wyatt will be attending St. Bonaventure University for a degree in nursing. This is a dual program with Jamestown Community College. Carly Neuman will be attending The Fashion Institute of Technology working towards a degree in Fashion Business Management. Elsa Woodarek will be attending Elizabethtown College focusing on a degree in Public Health and Political Science. The Rotary Club wishes each scholarship recipient nothing but success in the future. These scholarships are just one of the many ways the Rotary helps the youth in the community and surrounding area. If you're able to donate or for more information on joining our club, please visit www.ellicottvillerotary.com

HoliMont's New Beginner Trail



HoliMont has a new trail! This Saturday they'll be holding a grand opening for their new beginner trail, "Sunset". They'll have an 'early ups' beginning at 9:30am for anyone who would like to participate in the grand opening, and be the first in line to ride their new trail!

HoliMont

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away, starting at Half Moon slope down The Ridge slope and ending at the start of Sunset Glades.

Croft and I hiked our way through the course - with the map and scorecard they handed us before our ascent up the hill. If you are in for the full effect one can hike the hill also to play for free as the lift costs \$10 for a single ride and a few more dollars for the multiple ride pass. And bikes have chairs too. The course map directs the disc golfer pretty well through the narrow lanes of the course played out on HoliMont ski trails. Even though she made it and played well, Croft advises to wear sneakers or hiking boots to handle the terrain, as she wore sandals on our first match.

The holes go up and down the trails between Exhibition and Sunset, making for a thorough hike. It's not extraneous,

but exercise it is. On that humid day the sun hid for most of our game, the sweat was exhilarating as the breeze came through the open lanes to give us relief. As it is in its infancy the HoliMont Disc Golf Course has a couple things that confused us, but we found our baskets and launch pads, with the map. We actually told 'Doc' Dan O'Connor at the bottom we were ready to promote the dickens out of this new amenity in Eville. And when we finished, he was climbing the bottom wall of Sunset on his mountain bike and greeted us. The last hole comes out there via Slow Poke Extension. We told him of our confusion, and he said he would put up signage right away. I got his email to get a bit more info from him about it.

In our correspondence Doc told *The Villager* that the idea was "put into motion a few weeks ago." When asked how the idea was brought up, he stated that "the words "disk golf" have been floating around

for years from members, guests and staff. The reality is that it was a team effort. HoliMont management team agreed that it had lots of potential to improve the summer operations and that it was a great idea. Multiple departments came together to pool knowledge regarding course layout and design. The actual installment went fairly quick as we all teamed up to put baskets up and create the launch pads, while others worked on maps and scorecards. This would not have been possible without the coordination and effort of everyone at HoliMont."

O'Connor also affirmed that depending on how this year goes, they "would love to expand to 18 holes and are open to the possibility of hosting competitions!" The course length is 3,350 feet with a par of 33. Four par 3 holes, four par 4 holes and one par 5 hole. I was ten over on my first round, so what! It was awesome and I'll do better from here on out. Who wants some?

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Holiday Valley Update

Looking Ahead to the Beer & Wine Festival at Holiday Valley



The 18th Annual Beer and Wine Festival returns to Holiday Valley on Saturday, November 12. Given the list of breweries, wineries and restaurants that typically take part, this experience is one that should be on the "must do" list of any zythophile and oenophile (or anyone age 21+ who is looking to have a fun time in Ellicottville).

Two different three-hour sessions, one from 1-4PM and the second from 5-8PM, allow guests the option of attending the festival early and then making post festival dinner plans or guests can book the 5-8PM session and just plan to fill up on the great food provided by Holiday Valley while they sample the array of beer and wine.

The arrival of the Beer and Wine Festival always acts as an unofficial precursor for the upcoming winter season; allowing attendees to close out summer and fall seasons in style while the cooler November temps get people excited about the prospects of lake effect snow, early morning first chair missions, carving fresh corduroy and all the other joys that come with spending your winters in Ellicottville.

Whether you're a fan of Frequentem Brewing, craft brewers, regional wine, Pressure Drop Brewing, distinctive hard ciders or Man Brewing, Four Mile Brewing, BriteSmith Brewing, small-batch spirits, chances are the Beer and Wine Festival has something that will cause your taste buds to erupt with joy.

The vendor list is still being finalized but many of last year's attendees will be coming back again. That lineup consisted of: Ellicottville Brewing Company, Empire Brewing Company, Southern Tier Brewing Company, Six Point Brewing, Victory Brewing, Big Ditch Brewing, Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing, Community Beer Works, Buffalo Brewpub, Belt Line Brewery, 12 Gates Brewing, Steelbound Brewery & Distillery, 1911 Cider, Black Bird Cider Works, Ellicottville Distillery, Lockhouse Distillery, Southern Tier Distillery, Clarksburg Cider, Winery of Ellicottville, Leonard Oakes Estate, FVP Wines, Victorianbour Wine Estate and Merritt Winery.

To learn more or to book your tickets, visit www.holidayvalley.com/brewfest

New Mardi Gras 6 Pack Lift



The Mountain Crew at the Holiday Valley Resort has been hard at work on Phase 1 (taking place this summer) of the Mardi Gras 6 Pack lift. Phase 1 involves getting the concrete foundations for the lift towers set in place. That will allow the team to get an early start on Phase 2 next spring so that the rest of the 6 Pack can be completed during the summer of 2023.



August Junior Golf Clinics

Registering Children Ages 7-18 Now for 4 Half-Day Instruction



If you've got an aspiring young golfer in your house, there is still time to sign up for Holiday Valley Resort's August Junior Golf Clinics. Kids ages 7-18 receive 4 half days of instruction, rules, etiquette and a picnic day! <http://www.holidayvalley.com/.../golf.../youth-golf-camp/>

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Business: Thrive IV Lounge

Hydrating by IV Infusions and Nourishing with Vitamin Supplements

By KATE BARTLETT



One of their most popular infusions is the Meyers Cocktail. It is rich with vitamin C and packed full of multiple different B vitamins. It is wonderful for quick hydration and it can help increase energy and provide an immunity boost.

Thrive IV Lounge is one of the newest faces on the streets of the village of Ellicottville. Located at 5 E Washington Street, Suite 3, they opened just a few weeks ago on July 23. Thrive IV Lounge offers a relaxing spa-like environment for guests to get hydrated via IV infusion or receive vitamin supplementation by intramuscular injection. They exclusively offer private rooms that include comfortable recliners, with TV's and soft blankets so you can truly kick back and relax while you are being infused.

Thrive IV Lounge is proud to be both locally owned and operated. "Growing up skiing in the winters and spending our summers at the Holiday Valley pool, we love getting to call Ellicottville home and having access to the beautiful and diverse amenities that it offers, no matter the season. We are so happy to have our business be part of our wonderful community and to get to help those who are in it!"

As mentioned, Thrive currently offers IV hydration therapy as well as intramuscular injections (shots) of vitamins and nutrients. "Our services have a long list of benefits to them. Some of which include, supplying the body with fast hydration, increasing immunity, increasing sports performance and recovery, relieving the symptoms of a hangover, and helping increase energy, to name just a few. Thrive IV Lounge also offers mobile and concierge services. Enjoy the benefits of our wonderful services in the comfort of your own home, hotel, chalet, or just about anywhere. Our services are

perfect for events such as bachelor/bachelorette parties, weddings, sporting events, tailgating parties, music festivals, birthday parties, etc. We have plenty of space in our building to host you and your party or we will happily come to you."

Thrive reassures clients that there is no need to be nervous. "IV hydration is a simple process to get you feeling better, faster! Our ingredients are sourced from FDA regulated pharmacies to ensure that you receive only the finest of ingredients. All of our services are provided by licensed NYS Registered Nurses with years of experience in IV's and infusions and overseen by our Nurse Practitioner with over 16 years of practice. The backgrounds of our nurses range from specialty nursing fields such as the Emergency Department, Intensive Care Units, and Oncology."

"At Thrive, we are all about making you feel comfortable and helping you understand the process from start to finish. Our nurses

will walk you through the process and explain in detail, so you know what to expect each step of the way. We love getting to educate others on our services and the amazing effects that they can have. We always welcome and encourage questions. You can also call and schedule a free consultation in person, or we would be happy to answer any questions over the phone."

"IV hydration therapy takes roughly an hour from the time the infusion is started. Results can vary based on the client as well as on the type of infusion that is administered. It is important to remember that everyone's body and its requirements are different. Some clients report being able to feel the effects of their infusion almost immediately and others after a few hours. The effects can last anywhere from 2-4 weeks and infusions can be repeated on a weekly basis."

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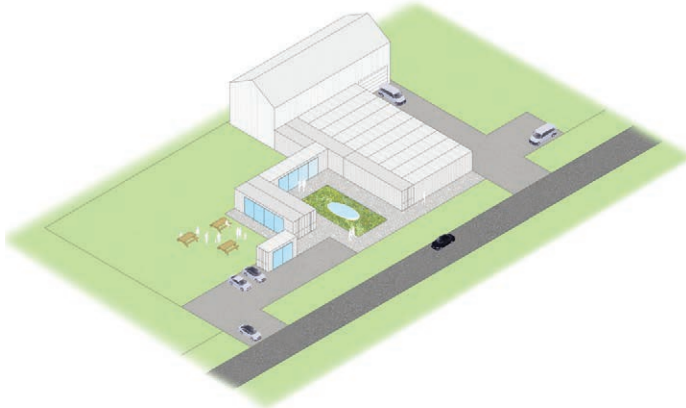
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Business: Ellicottville Greens Expands

Big Plans: Ellicottville Greens Growing the Business Outwards

By JESSICA SCHULTZ



Rendering of the new headquarters in Ellicottville on Simmons Road. Ellicottville Greens plans to operate indoor farms in at least 10 markets by the end of next year. Each farm location will be able to grow over 70,000 lbs. of produce a year. Each farm will service not more than a 120-mile radius and in some cases, much less.

yet high quality greens to each region we service.”

V: Currently, where are you operating and offering?

G: “Our current showcase farm is in Buffalo, NY and grows a variety of lettuces, herbs, and micro greens.”

V: What are your hours for each location?

G: “We only provide visits via scheduled tours as the Buffalo location grows wholesale.”

V: What do you think makes EVL Greens stand out from other farms?

G: “We operate inside containers vs a warehouse. This allows for increased traceability, product flavor customization, and quick modular development. Our goal is to have a network of indoor farms

across the country that we own or operate all from our headquarters.”

V: Anything else you’d like to add?

G: “We’re excited to finally find a long-term home in Ellicottville that we can build out and turn into a showcased attraction in the community.”

Thank you, Gabe, for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing all the great news about your new upcoming base in Ellicottville. And a huge thank you to the whole EVL Greens team for bringing fresh produce to multiple communities in need. If you would like to learn more about EVL Greens and what they have to offer, please visit their website, www.ellicottvillegreens.com.

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BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN



The performers include the band headlining the event, Jim Donovan and the Sun King Warriors, which plays rhythm-heavy roots rock featuring energetic drumming. Donovan (pictured) is an original member of Rusted Root and co-author of their huge hit "Send Me on My Way".

What's even better than a summer day in a beautiful park? Spending six hours on a summer day in a beautiful park enjoying exciting music performed by uniquely talented musicians, eating juicy barbeque or the picnic you packed, and socializing with friends. On August 21st, from noon to 6pm, Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto, NY, is hosting its 9th Annual Summer Festival featuring all of those wonderful things. Of course, you have to provide the friends yourself (maybe you can make some new ones there) and you could provide the picnic, or buy delicious Southern barbecued foods from the Jake & The Fatman food truck that will be there.

Nila Griffis Lampman, the Executive Director of the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the Griffis Sculpture Park and the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, said "Visitors absolutely love our annual summer festival, which is always on the third Sunday in August. It will be a great day of family fun. The performers are a diverse group of local musical talent".

The performers include the band headlining the event, Jim Donovan and the Sun King Warriors, which plays rhythm-heavy roots rock featuring energetic drumming. Jim is an original member of Rusted Root and co-author of their huge hit "Send Me on My Way". The popular Buffalo band PA Line has a unique harmony-packed, funky, Folk-Rock sound, that's been described as "Mumford & Sons meets Rusted Root". The enthusiasm of the Buffalo group, Griffin Brady & Sly Boots Circus, and their uniquely inspiring drumming is sure to get the audience happy and

dancing! Olean's Isaac Spaeth and friends will perform an exploratory musical piece on Larry Griffis Jr.'s sculpture, "The Castle Tower". The festival will begin with separate performances by solo artists, Ruby from Buffalo and Mike Strongman from Silver Creek.

There will be a vendor village, a kids' crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service. The vendors will sell: ceramics, jewelry, tie-dyed t-shirts, candles and more. The annual event is a major fundraiser for the park, one of the nation's oldest and largest sculpture parks. There will be a shuttle from the bottom of the hill to the top, but if you walk up, you can see the incredible female sculptures around a pond, that look as if they're about to dive in. Each person can bring a small cooler, lawn chairs, and blankets.

The park will open at noon, and the bands will start playing at 1pm. The event will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$20 for adults and teens but kids twelve and under get in for free. The entry point for the concert is at 6902 Mill Valley Road in East Otto, NY. All the activities for the festi-

val will be at the Mill Valley Road site, and none will be at the Rohr Hill Road site. However, you can also enjoy hiking and the large and small, surreal sculptures everywhere there. There are over 250 spread out over the park's 450 acres and twenty kilometers of hiking trails. Kids especially enjoy the metal sculptures like the giant giraffe, and other animals, among the trees at the Rohr Hill Road site.

Tickets are available online at eventbrite.com. For more information, call (716) 667-2808.



Olean's Isaac Spaeth and friends will perform an exploratory musical piece on Larry Griffis Jr.'s sculpture, "The Castle Tower".

Lake

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almost interchangeable," says Kelley Marker, Executive Director of the BPBA. Kourtney Shuman, owner of Modern Expressions Salon & Spa and member of the Bemus Point business community for many years, is BPBA's Events Committee Chair for 2022.

Centerpiece of Lake Days is a boat parade beginning at 4pm Sunday, August 14. The parade, and whole festival, center around a pirate theme. Everyone with a boat is invited to join. There is no entry fee, but participants are encouraged to sign up at visit-bemuspoint.com.

"As a special birthday tribute to David Lawson, one of the founders of TLC (The Lawson Center), a group of "Woodys" (Chris Crafts) will be leading the parade. Everyone will boat past The Lawson Center as we toast David." Viewers will be able to watch the parade from Lakeside Drive, and from many of the local businesses. It will begin around the Bemus Point Boat launch, near the Village Casino, and loop

around Bemus Bay. A costume contest at The Fish restaurant, where visitors can dock, will follow the parade. "We'd like to build on this event and help it grow each year."

Local businesses are joining in on the Lake Days activities Saturday and Sunday. Bemus Point Inn is offering pirate face painting for children, along with beachy music "while they walk the plank!" The Lawson Center will also have an open house on Saturday with pirate-themed activity books for children.

The historic Bemus Point-Stow Ferry will have a treasure chest with treats for children, and the captain will be decked out as a pirate. Guppy's Tavern will serve up "Pirate Punch" in a festive fish bowl; the Bemus Point Market is offering creations by Ruth, including the "Dead Man's Float" and "Shipwrecked Sundae." Lake Life Café will also be featuring a tropical drink special and will have live music 11am-2pm on Saturday. Several shops are offering specials for Lake Days. Bemus Point Pottery will have an outdoor sale for the week-

end, and The Ugly Peacock will hold a Lake Days pop up shop on Alburto Avenue where customers can toss rings into a kiddie pool to win discounts. Skillman's Summer Sale kicks off this weekend. The Bemus Point Historical Society will host their fundraising yard sale on Saturday from 9am-3pm. Alpacaville farm and store will feature Jimmy Buffett decor and music.

The Fish's Luau, from 5-7pm on Saturday, will be free to the public. The Fish also has music scheduled for Lake Days, including Bill Ward & Friends playing from 1-5pm Saturday and Midlife Crisis from 7-11pm on Saturday. Noah Gokey will be performing 1-5pm on Sunday.

The Village Casino will be hosting the Zac Brown Tribute Band on Saturday—tickets are required. "Lake Days is a way for us to celebrate everything that's great about Bemus Point, and to support our local businesses. We hope everyone who visits for the weekend can come and enjoy what our beautiful village has to offer," Marker says.

Junior Explorers: Seabreeze Amusement

The Juniors Took a Trip to Rochester NY's Seabreeze Amusement Park

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

Finally, the week we've been waiting for all summer...we visited Seabreeze Amusement Park in Irondequoit, a suburb of Rochester, NY (about 1.25 hours east of Buffalo, just 2 hours from Ellicottville). With over 60 attractions, you'll find something for everyone, from thrilling adult rides to classic family and kiddie rides and live shows and entertainment all day. Evan rode his first "real" roller coaster (twice), the Jack Rabbit, which also happens to be the 4th oldest in the world. Two enthusiastic thumbs up! He was our thrill seeker of the day and (almost) got his fill of daredevil rides.

Addison's favorite was the wave pool and lazy river in their impressive water park. We all chilled out for the afternoon and made a splash testing out the water slides and splash zone. Seabreeze is one of only 13 trolley parks still operating in the United States and it is the 12th oldest operating amusement park in the world. It really is just the right size for family fun, not too big and not too small. Located on picturesque Lake Ontario, you can take in the views and cool off in the summer breezes. While in the area, take in some of the nearby sights. We recommend Durand Eastman County Park and Beach and



Ontario Beach Park. If you're hungry, stop into the famous nearby Bill Grey's and get a garbage plate, a local favorite dish of comfort foods. Visit their website for more information, to view their schedule of events and purchase tickets <https://seabreeze.com/>.

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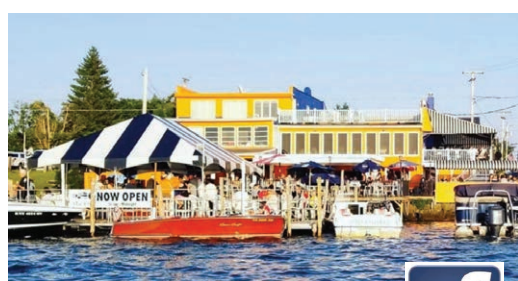
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Annual Jamestown Cruise-In

Jamestown Community Chamber Welcomes Back Event, August 12th, 5pm



Jamestown Cruise-In is back again this year! The Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce Committee has been planning for some time and this great annual community event will be held Friday, August 12. Working once again in conjunction with Der Kobblers – a local auto enthusiasts club – the Chamber is pleased to host this event now in its 29th year! Jamestown Cruise-In will be held from 5-8pm along

Third Street in Downtown Jamestown between Washington and Spring Streets and spanning the side streets between Second and Fourth. You can enjoy cool and classic vehicles, live music from In Crowd from 5-8pm, and food from local restaurants and from the Babe Ruth World Series vendor tent. Make a plan to stop in at the local businesses that will offer extended hours for this event. And when Cruise-In is completed, there's MORE

going on in Jamestown. The Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra presents a first ever event at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts with a musical tribute to Aretha Franklin, or you can enjoy the third night of the Whirlybird Music & Arts Festival at several downtown locations.

Jamestown Cruise-In is sponsored by Cummins, AfterCare Nursing Services, Brooks-TLC Hospital System, Producto Corporation, Shults Auto Group, Cattaraugus County Bank, Dot's Gift Boutique, Elegant Edibles Catering, LaBella Associates, Lafayette Corners, Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, and Media One Radio Group.

Drivers that want to participate can register online now for just \$10 per vehicle or can drive in and pay at the entrance at Third and Spring Streets between 3-5pm the day of the event.

Reiner Family Opens New Exhibit

National Comedy Center in Jamestown NY, Hosts New Carl Reiner Exhibit



The Reiner family cuts the ribbon on the Carl Reiner exhibit at the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY on July 27th, 2022. Carl Reiner: Keep Laughing is a new multi-media exhibit celebrating the seven-decade career of comedy legend Carl Reiner as a writer, producer, director and performer.

The children of comedy legend Carl Reiner, director/actor Rob Reiner, Annie Reiner and Lucas Reiner, cut the ribbon on the new multi-media exhibit honoring their father today at the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY. Carl Reiner: Keep Laughing celebrates Reiner's seven-decade career as a writer, director, producer, author and performer and opens to the public on Thursday, July 28, 2022. The National Comedy Center became the home of the Carl Reiner Archives in 2021, with the Reiner family donating rare creative papers, scripts and artifacts spanning Reiner's seven-decade career in comedy as a writer, director, producer, author and performer. The new exhibit showcases hundreds of never-before-seen archival materials spanning Reiner's remarkable career. Visitors can explore interactive stations that

feature rare audiovisual clips, creative papers, photographs, and dimensional artifacts that intimately chronicle a lifetime of creative output: from Reiner's early years as a performer on Sid Caesar's legendary Your Show of Shows to his creation of the seminal The Dick Van Dyke Show, from his collaboration with Mel Brooks on the Grammy-winning 2000 Year Old Man to his acclaimed cinematic partnership with Steve Martin (The Jerk, All of Me and more), and across his far-reaching contributions to the comedic art form. The exhibit will run throughout 2022 and beyond.

Artifacts and documents include Reiner's typewriter case and original, typed manuscript for the first episode of Head of the Family – which would become the legendary The Dick Van Dyke Show; rare photos of Reiner with

Mel Brooks, with Sid Caesar and Imogene Coca, and with Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler Moore; the cowboy hat that Reiner wore in the final episode of The Dick Van Dyke Show; his Emmy awards and Mark Twain Prize, and the chairs and TV trays used for years by Reiner and his best friend and frequent collaborator – comedy legend Mel Brooks – as they would spend evenings together eating dinner and watching television.

"Carl Reiner's comedic legacy is unmatched," stated National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. "His distinctive wit and remarkable talent enabled him to take the ordinary and transform it into indelible and timeless comedy, influencing generations of artists, and entertaining millions. From Your Show of Shows and The Dick Van Dyke Show, to his inimitably funny collaborations with Mel Brooks on the 2,000 Year Old Man, to his beloved comedy films, Reiner built a body of work that is a testament to his creative genius, and the power of comedy to inspire us, enliven us – and touch the human spirit. We are proud that our nation's first cultural institution dedicated to comedy developed and opened with Carl Reiner's blessing, and we are honored that his legacy will live on as an enduring anchor of the Ntl. Comedy Center's work."

Marvin House Luncheon

Marvin House membership and guests' luncheon, August 18th at noon. Featured speaker attorney Dana Lundberg from Lundberg Price P.C. will present "Protecting Your Private Information". Stealing info is a big-time concern for all ages. Luncheon will be catered by Elegant Edibles featuring Vickie's famous chicken dinner. Reservations are required by August 15th. Members \$21.00 and guests \$23.00. Cash, Check, Credit Card or Venmo for your convenience. Bring a guest and enjoy the historic Marvin House. Call 716-488-6206 or marvinhouse@marvinhouse.com.

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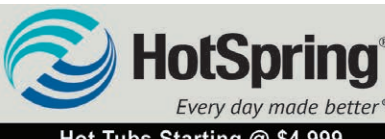
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Garden Girl: Tigerlily Time

July Says Goodbye in High Style



BY LINDA KATHERINE YATES
ARTIST & GARDENER



TIGERLILY TIME!

It is now the time for perhaps the most treasured lily of all, the Tigerlily. The Lillium Tigrinum, more commonly known as the Tigerlily is an herbaceous perennial that grows from a bulb and produces beautifully coloured lofty orange flowers in early August. The bulbs can be planted in the spring or autumn and will bloom midsummer. The flower is easily identifiable due to its recurved turkscap style petals of orange with many polka dot dark spots of maroon with six stamens and a long style. Not to be confused with the common roadside Daylily, (which is sometimes also referred to as a Tigerlily), the actual Tigrinum Lillium is grown from a bulb, where the roadside Lily is not a bulb but has a rhizome type root system, and is really a Daylily, or by its botanical name, Hemerocallis. Both are a true shade of what I call pure orange. Many other Daylilies come in endless colour

combinations but the Lillium Tigrinum 'Lancifolium' is a clear orange with the maroon dotting. They also grow much taller and have longer lasting flowers, as many as 10 or more on each stem. The structure of the Lillium stem is also quite unique. Mature bulbs send up bunches of flowers on a sturdy stalk with whorls of lance-shaped green leaves. This small but powerful bulb can grow a flower stalk up to 4-5 feet tall with its buds designed in a candelabra style, with the many smallish sized turkscap orange flowers facing downwards. Full and graceful, these elegant flowers make a bold statement in and around the gardens. These stunning flowers can transform your backyard and they are not hard to grow or maintain at all. It's particularly fun to invite friends over when the Tigerlilies are in full bloom and celebrate mid summer's gifts in the garden! Next summer here at The Caretaker's cottage we will have the 2nd annual Tigerlily Festival because they are so special and it's a wonderful time to get gardeners, artists and all friends together for a flower celebration and picnic. Be sure to keep a keen eye out for the gorgeous stately Tigerlilies of August. They are a treat!

Artist Spotlight: Mr. Jesse Wolfgang

Incredible Talents and Unbelievable Journey of a Jamestown Artist

BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

Just walking through my neighborhood situated around beautiful Allen Park in Jamestown is usually enough to lift my spirits on any given day. However, there is one house in particular that I like making part of my route, as there is nothing routine about it. One of the first things I noticed about this house was the two-car garage door covered in painted ducks. It is a menagerie of flying ducks, floating ducks and ducks diving for their dinner. Tall reeds rise up from the bottom to the middle where the water meets the sky. Clouds float up top and for a minute you think you are seeing actual life happening on a pond before you realize it is a giant mural someone who is very talented has painted. The excitement doesn't stop there, a sign welcoming you to "Camp Whatever" stands surrounded by statues of a Buddha, a Tree reading a book and various other offerings of faith, hope and love. Each time I pass by I hope to meet the person responsible for all this work either outside or getting in or out of their car so I can thank them for the happy display. It took over a year to have such an encounter and it was so worth the wait.




compared to recent work he had done and asked if I wanted to see a couple pieces. Of course, I did and he wasn't kidding, I was blown away. The first very large frame he unveiled really took me by surprise. What I thought had to have started as a photograph and enlarged to be painted over on an enormous canvas was actually a pencil drawing of the most astounding female figure, beautifully poised resting on her knees, head lifted to the sky from the neck down. You knew that if you were to touch her, the skin covering her sinewy muscles would be as soft as silk. Her long arms covering her bare chest were perfectly toned, invoking an image of a young woman anticipating the arrival of her beloved and the ecstatic joy they would find in one another's arms. It is a magnificent rendering. I mentioned my mission to promote new artists to the public and galleries. I was very interested in seeing more of his work and if he was interested, I would like the opportunity to write a feature article about him and show off his work. He said he was and a week later we had an incredible visit, after he, his mother and his partner Ashley picked my jaw up off the floor. From the 4ft tall pencil ren-


dering of the "Little girl sitting on a stool", with every detail captured down to the pin hole design in her dress, to the "David facing the storm", and the "Giant Octopus" drawn entirely with circles and squiggles and looking like it was alive and in motion, to say Jesse is genius is a severe understatement. What is remarkable enough on its own merit is that Jesse is mainly self-taught. What goes beyond reasoning for my mere mortal comprehension, is that just as he was graduating high school, he had an all too close brush with death, secondary to an accident causing him to suffer traumatic brain injury. He spent a long time in a coma and recovery, not even sure he could manage activities of daily life on his own, much less developing a "Rembrandt" level ability. Jesse said without his mother and devoted aunt, he would not have survived. They cared for him and believed in his ability to fight to live and eventually he was able to move on to recovery. While it was a long way to regaining his independence, he attributes his will to carry on to this incredible gift of artistic ability, which he claims to

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East Otto Historical Museum

The East Otto Historical Museum will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 pm every Sunday during the month of August 2022. Appointments for other days can also be arranged with Michelle Gogel, Historian (716) 257-0654. The museum is located next to the Fire Hall in the center of town at 8982 Reed Hill Rd. East Otto. Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that once were a part of East Otto. They include pictures of people and houses, small farm tools, in the kitchen, and old obituary clippings and much more. The museum is housed in one of the oldest buildings in town, originally built in 1834 as a Baptist church.





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SATURDAY: The Gin Mill is the early bird with the return of The Chillbillys from 1-4pm. Do a little late lunch or early dinner or just a little day drinkin. Live and Kickin takes the stage from 8-12am playing some multi genre dance music.

Drive out to The Ellicottville Distillery for happy hour with Davey "O" from 5-9pm. Sip some locally made spirits in the quiet of the country.

We return to Balloons for Michael Nowack in the tent from 6-9pm. Mike plays a rock/folk/pop/alt/ country set of covers the Nate Gross Band from Oxford, NY takes the main stage from 6:30-10pm. These guys are a national touring band that plays blues and rock originals and covers to get you on your feet. DJ Bad Weekend will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

We're back at Madigan's for a deck party with DJ Jordan rockin the sound booth from 9-2am playin a little crunk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor.

SUNDAY: Balloons is first out of the gate with Joseph and Company from 1-4pm. This acoustic, percussive duo plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers to accompany a nice meal outdoors on the Main Street.

The Gin Mill is up next with RJ Pauly from 2-5pm. Sip some Bloody Mary's while

RJ plays some pop/rock/oldies cover tunes. If craft cocktails are your forte try the Carriage House Sidebar inside the Gin Mill for some high-end spirits.

It's AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Night at Villaggio from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta with your favorite toppings and savory prime rib with musical accompaniment from Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers to accompany the finest Italian food in the southern tier.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 75 cent wings with your favorite sauces and music provided by Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm in the tent. Brianna plays a country/pop set of originals and covers.

Tuesday Balloons is back with SON from 6-9pm in the tent. This duo plays pop/blues/jazz/rock covers and originals. Try the blackened mahi tacos. My fave.

The Gin Mill's Tuesday music is provided by The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This local band plays a roots/folk/bluegrass set of covers wit authentic dobro and banjo.

Balloons is back for its seventh day of music with another appearance by The Chillbillys in the tent from 6-9pm. Listen to some great vocals and nice guitar licks from this talented couple.

We end the 7-day weekend where we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, wing Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a folk/country rock/pop/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to. If you enjoyed yourself in our town, tell your friends and family and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SSUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What Was a Significant Turning Point in Your Life that Led to Now?

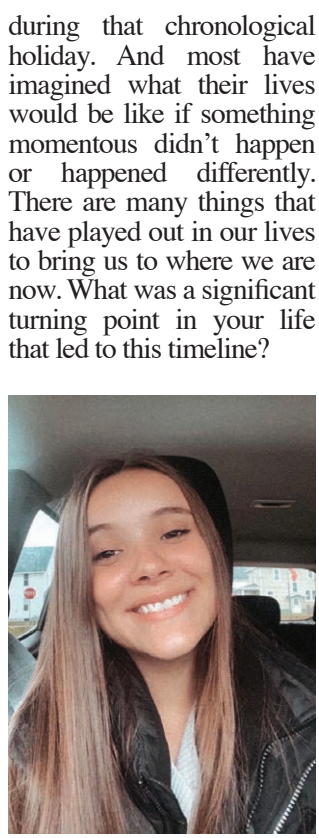
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Eric S. - Becoming a Wildland firefighter. Currently on my first roll as an owner/operator with my own truck and crew. Couldn't have even imagined it only ten years ago!



Nikki H. - The break-up that inspired me to drop out of school and quit my job and move to Ellicottville 10 years ago.



Nora B. - A car accident, where I totaled my car on the way to my first day at my new job. Then another car accident on the way to a different interview 3 weeks later.



Wes M. - Going on vacation to PA to see my sister. I never left.



Jay K. - Life. It happens when you've already made plans.

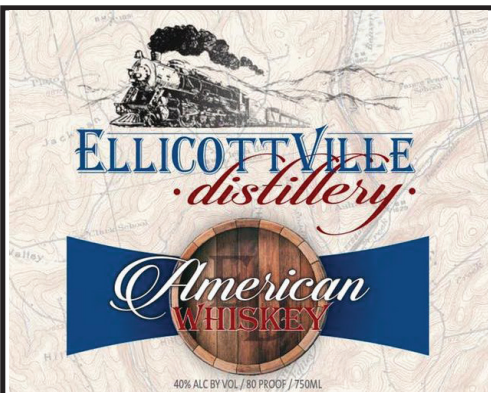


Corey N. - Sis Foster told me to move to Ellicottville.

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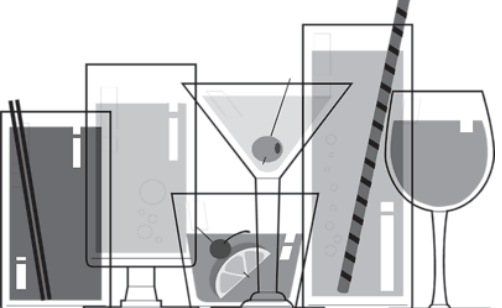
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will 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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is best for them. Notice the words "our votes". That includes you.

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You know voting might be grudgingly considered an obligation or, as many believe, "my vote doesn't count". It actually does! Truth be told, it is your privilege and your right. People have died for your right to vote. Sadly, still today, millions of Americans struggle to be treated fairly when it comes to voting. Don't take voting lightly. In fact, voting rights may be an issue you will have the privilege to vote about. Will you let others speak for you? You know, those who don't necessarily think everyone should have an equal playing field when it comes to voting, or housing, or health care, or guns or abortion. Yes, those people. And don't kid yourself. They vote. If you stay home, they speak for you. Is that what you want?

Scary voting facts: According to the U.S. Census Bureau only 71 percent of eligible citizens are registered to vote. As of April 2021, voter turnout is highest among ages 65 to 74 at 76%; lowest was among those ages 18-24 at 51.4%. About 60% vote during presidential elections, only 40% during midterms yet these elections pave the way for those less experienced to move up – why it's so important to study everything put out by candidates for ALL offices. America's turnout rate is a result of demanding registration requirements and more elections. Many democratic governments automatically register citizens, whereas Americans carry the responsibility of registering themselves.

Both Cattaraugus and Chautauqua County citizens: There will be a special election on August 23. It contains TWO elections: A special election and a Republican primary. The first is to fill the remaining few months of District 23 Congressman Tom Reed's term. It is open to ALL registered voters. Candidates are Democrat – Working Families: Max Dela Pia. Republican – Conservative: Joseph Sempolinski. What do you know about them? Still plenty of time to research. The other is a Republican Primary to choose the Republican candidate for the November election, to serve a full term beginning in January. Candidates are Carl Paladino and Nick Langworthy. Of course, you must be a registered Republican to vote for this one.

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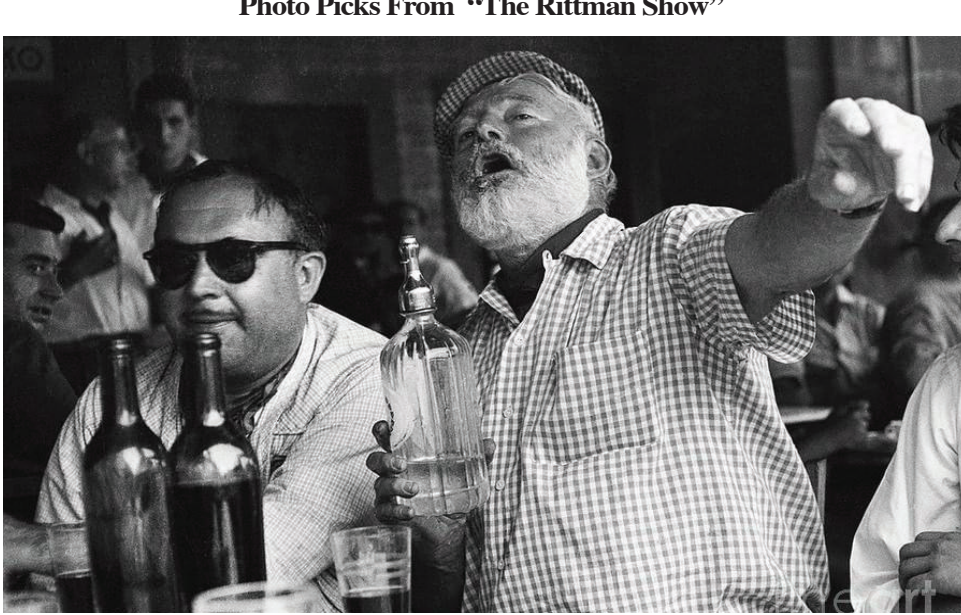
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Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



"Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut."
Ernest Hemingway

Fondo

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one of three scenic routes. *The Villager* had a chance to speak with one of the event curators, **Todd Wagner** about this year's fondo and what everyone could expect.

The Villager (V): This is the 8th Annual CHQ Gran Fondo, is there anything new for this year?

Todd (T): Nothing new about the event and rider routes, but we are supporting the Bemus/Stow Ferry once again, by donating \$10 for each 20-mile Social Rider that rides the Ferry from Bemus Point to Stow. We would really like our local riders to sign up for the 20-mile ride in order to support the Ferry."

V: What are the 3 scenic courses cyclists will be able to take?

T: "Riders of all abilities are welcome to enjoy this scenic, recreational ride while showing support and raising awareness for local charities. Each rider is allowed to choose their own path. There is the 20-mile – For Social Riders; the 40-mile – For Fit-

ness Enthusiasts and the 60-mile – For Experienced Cyclists. Full details about the routes can be found at <https://www.chqgf.com/routes>."

V: Safety is a top priority, what services will be available for riders?

T: "There will be a SAG vehicle behind the last riders for each route, as well as water stations/aid stations along the route at five locations. There will also be small first aid kits at each station and all routes will have signage for each distance as well as markings on the pavement in spray paint."

V: One of the best parts is the after party; where will that be held, time of event and what entertainment and food will be available?

T: "The post event party is at Mayville Lakeside Park, where food from Sticks and Bricks Wood Fired Pizza will be available and cold adult beverages, plus a DJ to hear your favorite tunes while hanging out with your peers' post ride."

V: The Gran Fondo supports local non-profits, which non-profits is it benefiting this year?

T: "Rider registration will

help support the following organizations in our community: The Creche, Inc, The Historic Bemus Point-Stow Ferry, the Mayville Library, and the Chautauqua Region Music Alliance (CRMA). All great local organizations that we hope the community is proud to help us support."

V: Anything else you would like to share with the community?

T: "In 2023 we are looking to expand the routes by adding a 100-mile for the serious cyclist, as well as introducing an off-road component on the local Rails to Trails. We have a great plan for the future and we would like to invite everyone in both our local and connected communities to join us as we keep moving forward."

Thank you, Todd, for taking the time to speak with us. And a huge thank you to the whole staff of the Chautauqua Gran Fondo for making this great event possible through the years. Looking forward to both a fantastic event and the plans for the next year. For more information on the event or to register to participate, please visit their website at chqgf.com.

Artist

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have never known before his injury.

Creating images that would astound any Artist or Aficionado, Jesse recalls the many setbacks and how, when overtaken by pain and frequent bouts with depression and even addiction to medications used to treat his physical brokenness, it was his art that urged him on. He believes in every Spiritual Sense, Art saved His Life. "In reality I was just exploring the new me and it brought peace to my muddled mind." Jesse is now an advocate

for other people, especially youth, struggling to recover from Traumatic Brain Injuries and expressed to me that it is his fervent hope that his body of work and his story will help to save others the same way it saved him.

Beginning August 16th Jesse Wolfgang will have a 36-piece showing at the "HOYT Center for the Art's at the Confluence @ 214 Washington St. New Castle Pennsylvania. His "Memories for My Mother" exhibit will run through September 29th 2022. On August 19th from 5pm-7pm they will hold a free, public viewing. You can check out Jesse's work on FaceBook @ Jesse Wolfgang {Warren P.A.} and on Instagram [jcyjwolfgang](https://www.instagram.com/jcjwolfgang).



EVL Zoning Board Discusses Variances

Town Zoning Board Kept It Short & Simple at Last Thursday's Meeting

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

The Town Zoning board met last Thursday evening to discuss a couple requests from members of the community. The first order of business was a public hearing on a variance request for the property at 10 Easy Street. The applicant is seeking variance from the side and front yard setbacks to allow the construction of improvement to an existing residential structure. The applicant proposed an addition to the existing

dwelling and renovations of the retaining walls, decks and patios. No comments were made in response to the public hearing notice. The Board considered the benefit to the community member against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community if the variance is granted and reviewed the criterion for the balancing test from New York State Local Law. After a short discussion the variances requested were granted. There was also an application for area variances for front, rear and

side yard setbacks to allow the subdivision of 57.8 acres into 11 lots at 6064 NYS Route 242. The applicants presented their plans back at the July meeting asking that the Low-Density Residential District setbacks be utilized for the subdivision where part of the property is located in the Conservation District. As the ZBA has never been asked to grant variances under the circumstances of the proposal, they took no action pending advice from the Town Attorney. The next meeting is on Thursday, September 1st at 6pm.

Ryan Stuart Monroe: 08/15/1990~07/30/2022

Ryan Stuart Monroe, 31, of Eagle Street, Little Valley, formerly of Great Valley, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2022. Born Aug. 15, 1990, in Olean General Hospital, he was the son of Leonard J. Monroe and Lowry Ann (Quinn) Raecher.

Ryan was a 2008 graduate of Ellicottville Central School and Ellicottville BOCES. On May 14, 2021, he proposed to the love of his life, Calla Lee Wagner. A July 8th, 2023, wedding was planned. For the past 13 years, the two have shared a passion for the outdoors, kayaking, music festivals & camping with a group of friends they called their soul family. Ryan was a diehard Buffalo Bills fan. Football games were spent with family and friends shouting at the tv screen, with good food and much laughter.

Ryan, a talented chef, was employed at The Bear Brick in Little Valley. He had previous chef positions include EBC, Tips up, Villaggio, Dina's, Springville Country Club and St. Bonaventure University.

Most recently he began training to become a dog groomer at Rover Makeovers, with future plans of taking over the family-owned business with Calla.

He is survived by his fiancé, Calla Lee Wagner and their fur children Titan, Punkin, and Martha; father, Leonard (Sharon) Monroe; mother, Lowry Ann Quinn (Jack) Raecher; Siblings, Brock (Rochelle) Monroe, Allison Raecher, Kayla (Brandon) Maynard and, Kaysie (Eddie) Griffith; Joshua Stacey; Ryan Stacey. He is additionally survived by his paternal grandmother, Joan Wright Hale (the late George); maternal grandparents, Linda (Lafferty) Quinn and Robert Quinn; uncles, Lee (Kimmy) Monroe and BJ (Nichole) Quinn; aunts, Lynne (John) Quinn and Christina (Scott) Grant; nieces and nephews, Blake, Riley, Marlee Jack, Elizabeth, Grace, Judson, and Marshall. He was preceded in death by his uncle, Michael Monroe.

A Celebration of Life,



organized by Ryan's best friend and mentor chef Thomas Kneeland will be held on 2pm Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at Dina's Banq- 9 E. Washington St. in Ellicottville. Memorials may if desired may be sent to the Humane Society, 2825 Strunk Road, Jamestown or E.A.R.S., P.O. box 445 Salamanca NY 14779

Classifieds

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Exit 25 Complex, LLC Arts of Org filed with SSNY 6/07/22. Office: Catt County. SSNY designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 1 Blue Bird Square, Olean, NY 14760. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Happy Hollow Enterprises LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 6/4/22. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6379 Sterling Cir., Victor, NY 14564. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: HoneyBees & Heather LLC. Art of Org. filed with SSNY on 4/4/2022 Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against if may be served SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 99 Sherwood Dr., Allegany, NY 14706 Purpose: Any lawful use.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: of 6357 Dublin Hills Road LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/20/2022. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37 Franklin St, Ste. 750, Buffalo, NY 14202. Purpose: all lawful activities.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: SOJOHN SNOW, LLC, Appl for Auth filed with SSNY 6/22/2022. Office location: Cattaraugus County. LLC formed in AL 4/13/22. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail process to: c/o CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., NY, NY 10005. The Registered Agent is CT Corporation System, 28 Liberty St., NY, NY 10005. AL address is 449 Green Glade Rd., Birmingham, AL 35214. A copy of the Cert. of Organization is on file with SS AL, RSA Plaza, Ste 580, 770 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Sargente Lawn and Property Services LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/30/2022. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC. upon whom process against. It may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 2789 Gile hollow rd. Hinsdale NY 14743. Purpose: any law full purpose.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING BOARD: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Ellicottville Planning Board will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Monday August 22, 2022. The Planning Board meeting begins at 6:00 p.m., in the second-floor meeting room at the Town Hall, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of this hearing is to consider: TZP 2022-016 – an application by Kathleen McGoldrick for a Special Use Permit to allow the installation of a 9.72kW pole-mounted residential solar array. The site is located at 8331 West Valley Road, identified as tax map parcel 38.0021-1.3. The Planning Board will hear interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so, may submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or sent by email to: greg.keyser@evengineering.com. Prior to the meeting, application materials will be made available for review at the Ellicottville Town Office or on the Town website: www.ellicottvillegov.com.

NOTICE OF FORMATION: Rhodes Forestry, LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/2022. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC. upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 315 N 18th Street Olean, NY 14760. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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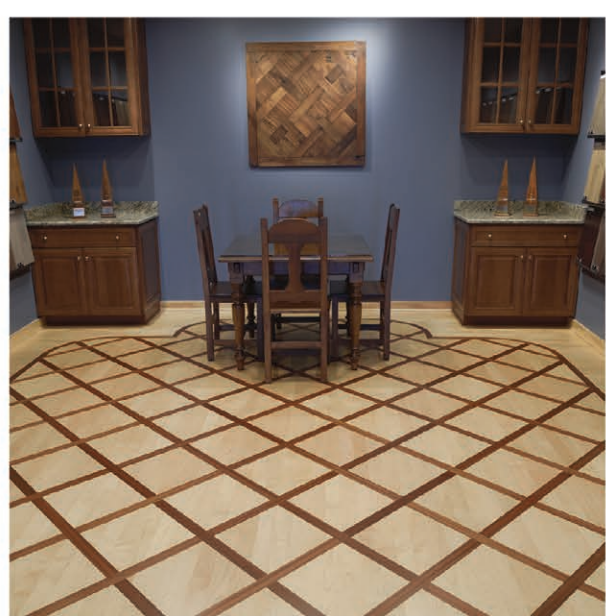
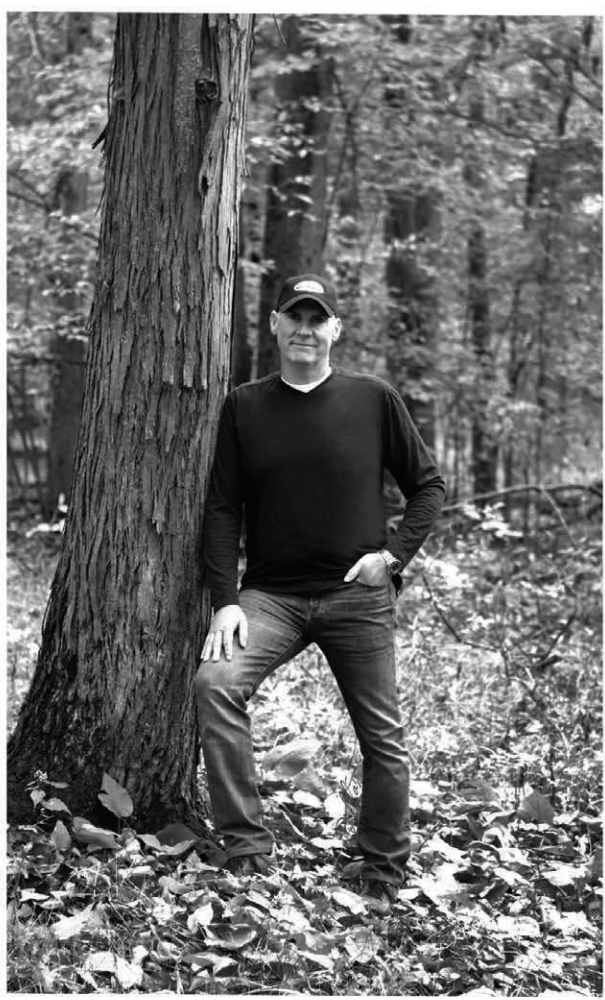
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Views from Jamestown, NY: "The Lucille Ball Comedy Festival Drew Crowds Downtown Last Weekend"



Photos by Jon Elder

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SCAN ME

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BY CHAD NEAL

Being tasked to create the Insider's Guide to The Taste of Ellicottville makes for a hungry author. Being an Ellicottville local since the beginning of The Taste I have eaten at most of them, and enjoyed every single one. This year will be no different. There are 18 restaurants participating and the menu looks like my diet will have to wait another week or two. It also looks as though there are a lot of dessert items available at this year's Taste, which just makes my mouth water much more. To give an idea about the stops all of us foodies will be making this weekend,

I'm going to share my inside knowledge of these amazing foods that can be selected. The route is short as it only takes up the area around the Monroe St. and Washington St. intersection, but the menu is long. I'm working from the map location 18-1. **The Banq:** One of the newest places on the list; the Banq has held up the west end of Washington St. for a few years now and is a popular craft cocktail and appetizer spot. Number 18 on the map for the Taste, their menu highlights their specialties including the Southern Fried Chickpeas, which sound delectable, and this foodie writer is going to be starting my Taste with

that item. The slider they're offering could very well make its way into my belly as well, but we've only just begun. The Banq is a cool place to start an evening in Ellicottville as well, while they offer the Watermelon Mojito Mocktail for the Taste, their classy cocktails inside are tantalizing. **Dina's at the Mont:** The well-known restaurant Dina's in the Village, is the mother to Dina's at the Mont (as well as The Banq), where the uptown fare is dished out for the members and guests at Ellicottville's Holimont ski area. Bringing the succulent dishes to the village for the Taste one must check out this booth next to the Banq's. They are featuring

a surf and turf line-up for the occasion with a tempting tenderloin option along with the lobster line up, either a quesadilla choice or ravioli. Both sound excellent, but as an insider I know I'm going to indulge in the Homemade Mac & Cheese. **Dina's:** Knowing that a healthy salad is always available at Dina's yours truly dines there for that and always finds more awesomeness to try as well. So, at this event I know the Pear Gorgonzola Salad with Tomato Basil Vinaigrette will make me feel as though it's ok to partake in this gourmandizing weekend. The seafood options of sushi and halibut have an air of

healthiness too. Alas I won't be able to pass up the Baby Back Ribs, of course a lot of these foods will be placed in my to-go bag to eat at a later time so we all know the Short Rib Melt will be enjoyed also. **West Rose:** Another newer place in Ellicottville, this past year West Rose set up the upstairs portion of their restaurant on Washington St. for a relaxed lounge type atmosphere. A couple games including a shuffleboard table with some craft cocktails and big tv for the sporting events make it a hip place to check out. The gourmet food is another reason to keep checking out West Rose. Their dessert option for the Taste –

Tahini Blondie Ice Cream Sandwich w/ Blueberry Swirl will have to be eaten on the spot of course, and the Cumin Hummus w/Sumac Chicken, Pickled Veggies and Focaccia Crisps will be devoured on the spot as well, before the ice cream though... **Watson's Chocolates:** If this is your first visit to Ellicottville or if you've never been to Watson's, it's a must, if you can. The aroma in their store is wonderfully sweet, not to mention the array of sweets. And they have ice cream! A standing tradition for many a foodie at the Taste is Watson's Rice Pudding.

SEE "TASTE" PG. B-2

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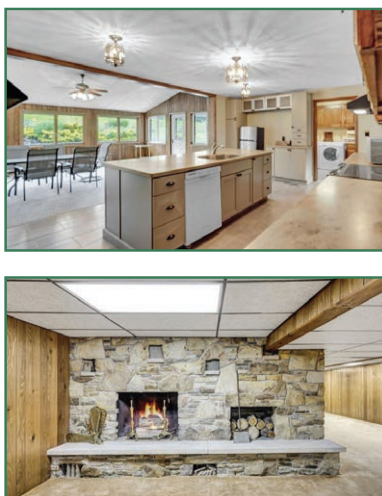
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Taste

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Sometimes I get two to splurge on at a later time, but the Sponge Candy is something Watson's is famous for so, if you haven't tried it and your body will allow it – I urge you to put that succulent treat in your mouth. Most of us don't really care about saving our appetites on this particular weekend and Watson's is the perfect spot to get those sweet, sweet yum - yums.

Monroe Street Brick and Brew: Monroe Street has four set ups for the Taste. Monroe Street Brick and Brew has been brick-oven baking pizzas for a while now. Their selection of pies, wings and calzones on their regular menu will find you what you're looking for. Though for the Taste they are bringing out their top four pizza selections. The ever - popular Buffalo Chicken slice, the old reliable Pepperoni, the sumptuous Garlic White slice and the Brick's Hawaiian slice. I know a few slices will be going in my to-go bag for later munching, especially the Hawaiian.

Ellicottville Brewing Company: Every year I make sure to get a fresh squeezed lemonade from EBC on my Taste tour. EBC is recognized around the world for their craft beer and they are a destination stop for many who visit Ellicottville. They have grown in size and distribution a great deal since they opened in 1995. Their kitchen has some great items to choose from and at the Taste the Pierogi w/ Peppers and Onions will take my tickets. Even though by this time in my Taste circuit I might be feeling full, the Mini Chicken Caprese on Naan will most likely be eaten.

Cupcaked: This sweet tooth mecca is one that definitely makes me rethink taking it easy during the Taste. All five items on the Taste menu at Cupcaked are checked as a food I will be trading my Taste tickets for. Passing up anything cookie dough isn't in the cards. Just reading this menu makes my mouth water like Homer Simpson. Let me just share my enthusiasm by listing off Cupcaked's choices: Cookie Dough Crusted Whipped Cheesecake—Oh My!, Mini Macaroon Packs – uh yeah!, Fresh Fruit Pizza Bars – a healthy one right?, Apple Crisp Bars – will there

be milk?, and a Chocolate Raspberry Mousse Cup – Come on! And we aren't even halfway around the circuit yet. **Balloons Restaurant and Nightclub:** Another staple in Ellicottville, Balloons has been around for decades and has been a popular spot for visitors and locals all those years. While some of their popular fare is always on their menu, they do a few changes to keep up with what's new and exciting. They offer scrumptious meals including their Monday night wing special and Thursday burger specials; they always have live music, at least four times a week, and good live music. Speaking of good, the Blackened Mahi Tacos on their Taste menu will be

making a home with this glutton along with the Smoked Turkey and Beet Salad. Their Taste menu doesn't stop there either, the Pork Nachos sound amazing and the dessert item Creamsicle Float...

Katy's Café: The breakfast and lunch nook in the Village is a tip top spot for enjoying coffee drinks and the morning meal. The soups, sandwiches, wraps and salads are always fresh and fulfilling. The recipes are delicious, and the atmosphere is genuine. Katy's Taste stand on Washington offers a Jalapeño Popper Mac n' Cheese which will be part of my day's indulgences, along with a portion of the popular Taste specialty their Blue Mushroom Soup. And

of course, you know this fat kid is getting the Strawberry Shortcake too.

Madigan's: If you ever had lunch at Madigan's you had to have had the house-made soups they serve with their other special menu choices, and you've said either out loud or in your head how amazing it tastes. And this year's Taste is showing off exactly what the hype is about with their Southwest Chicken Corn Chowder. Another popular menu choice they have on their weekend dinner menu is the Guinness Mac and Cheese- with or without Candied Bacon. Also, Dom's Butcher Block will have their Hickory, Appalachian or Hillbilly Beef Jerky at the Madigan's stand. All of them

delicious!

Gin Mill: The World-Famous Gin Mill is another staple in the Village. Always hosting live music as well, the Gin Mill is very popular, and their menu selection is quite large. Their choices for the Taste are some of their favorite foods often desired by regulars to Ellicottville on the regular menu. Giving a newcomer an idea of the food, they keep hearing about and letting the regulars have a smaller portion to allow them to enjoy more of the Taste without missing their favorite food. The Mini Beef on Weck, Shrimp Corn Chowder and the Fresh Cut Potato Chips are all part of my plans, and I know the Old-Fashioned Bottled Root



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The Insiders Guide to the Taste

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Beer will be refreshing. Those pops are my kids' favorites at the Gin Mill. **John Harvard's at Holiday Valley:** Coming off the hill to share their recipes for the Taste, John Harvard's is showing off the Fried Deviled Eggs that are probably going to go fast. I may rethink my route around the Taste to bite into one or two of these before they disappear. The other entrée on John Harvard's Taste menu is a Pulled Pork Banh Mi and that is a tasty delight. My to-go bag will be getting quite full by this time of my foodie tour. However, at John Harvard's stand, the Starbucks Strawberry Acai Refresher will wash down the Fried Deviled Egg nicely.

Silver Fox Steakhouse: Nestled in behind Katy's Café and Madigan's via Marshall Alley from Washington St. or Hughey Alley from Monroe St., The Silver Fox Steakhouse is one of the oldest establishments in Ellicottville. The well-known, gourmet restaurant serves delicious and elegant plates and is offering some surf and turf for the Taste event. The Angus Beef Tenderloin Skewer with Rosemary Aioli will give insight into their steak reputation if you've never dined there before. If you smell steak cooking in the village, you can be sure the aroma is coming from the kitchen at the Silver Fox. As for the surf option at the Taste

an Asian Tuna will be served and in keeping with the posh distinction San Pellegrino Water is available to drink. **Villaggio:** A hot spot for food, drink and entertainment Villaggio is a place I often advise newcomers to Ellicottville to check out and enjoy. The staff is a tight knit group of professionals, and the atmosphere is sophisticated and all the rage. The relaxed Italian dining has been drawing crowds for over 6 years now. Their menu for Taste has five mouthwatering dishes including Nani's Mini Meatballs, a smaller size serving of their famous menu item of the same name. Risotto bites which will be part of my list for the Taste along with Panzerotti which

is part of their food truck bill of fare. On the lighter side the Caprese Salad is available. For my to-go bag though, the Pasta Bolognese is a definite. **Finnerty's Tap Room:** As a local favorite Finnerty's is a cool spot to check out and hang out. With a bubble hockey game, a golf game, darts and pool there's games for all to enjoy. Another really fun atmosphere for the family with delicious food additionally. For the Taste, Finnerty's is focusing on two of their best recipes: General Tso's Chicken and their award winning Reuben Meatball. Both of which have a place on my favorites in town and I'm sure many will agree with me.

EBC Taqueria Tap + Bottle: Back onto Washington St. after that distinctive bout on the North side of Monroe St., another recent addition to EVL's restaurant catalog is EBC Taqueria. This new establishment has draft beer choices from EBC and other Craft beer joints; their food selection for the Taste will show you what they're all about. The Pork Belly plate is going to be the scourge of any chance at my healthy ideas. The Mushroom Pastor and Al Pastor Tacos have that come hither design, as they make the tastebuds rejoice.

The Tee Bar: Last but not least on this journey through the Taste, The Tee Bar has the summer delight of ice cream. The Tee Bar offers a grand multitude of hard and soft serve ice cream choices with any cone and sprinkles, they also have house made delights. Two of them offered at the Taste include the Ice Cream Taco and the Ice Cream Sandwich. The Tee Bar is an Ellicottville store with hats and garments showing love for Ellicottville and they have coffee too, but the sweet liquid refreshment this weekend is their Root Beer Float. I will be in a food coma après The Taste of Ellicottville as I'm sure many of us will. Not only will the food be hopping this weekend, the nightlife will be too. So, after the siesta make sure to taste the fun evening happenings.



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History: Outdoor Music Festivals From Woodstock to Griffis Sculpture Park

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Who remembers Woodstock? Or 10,000 Maniacs at Griffis Sculpture Park?

It's outdoor concert season: tunes, booze, and patchouli

I missed Woodstock. Halfway through my third pregnancy, I watched the event unfold on television. 1969 was a summer of music festivals held all over the globe, some not very peaceful - but in August, fifty-three years ago, the draw of a rock festival in NYS was "3 Days of Peace and Music." In the end, the organizers delivered on their promise, but they had to get through unexpected masses of attendees, (planned: 80,000/actual turnout: close to half million), snarled traffic and abandoned cars on the highways and country roads leading to the Max Yasgur farm in Bethel, NY. Being denied by the town board in Woodstock on short notice, they rented Max's 600-acre farm. Bethel was near enough to Woodstock to keep the festival name (posters citing Woodstock were already printed). The 4 organizers, Woodstock Ventures, lost their shirts - 50,000 to 80,000 tickets were expected to be sold, but, in the end, the massive influx of people and no fences, gave them no choice but to make it a free event. Imagine being one of the people who had bought \$6 tickets and hold them as souvenirs today!

Untamed as the whole show was it was also an opportunity to gather more of the world's greatest rock artists in one environment - 32 acts - than ever before. Picture open-air sleeping wherever a patch of ground was available, never mind the porta-potty queues (600 - 1 for every 800 people), the shortage of food



10,000 Maniacs (with Natalie Merchant -above right), John and Mary (left), and The Outer Circle Orchestra.

offset by an unlimited supply of drugs, (some police were present but apparently adopted a "no harm-no foul" attitude), walls of exposed skin with nudes covered knee-deep in mud, skinny-dipping in the farm pond, and ... did I mention the rain? Mud-sliding was another form of entertainment. With plenty of hugging, love was in the air, along with the whiffs of patchouli and marijuana, which was willingly shared with friends and strangers. Asking for firsthand stories about Woodstock netted me one person, my husband, Dennis Linn. At 21, he and a few college friends heard about this concert and decided that at less than 4 hours, it was close enough to be worth the drive. He remembers the mud, no sleep or decent food, no cold - or any - beer after the first day, great music - they stayed for Hendrix, strangers offering marijuana and willingly sharing front-row spots. Asked if he witnessed any fights, he laughed. "No," says he, "this was the peace and love generation just having a good time."

This came from societyofrock.com - "Was it a sign of things to come? Yes, but it was on a positive note. A bunch of

hippies descending into town may sound like a recipe for disaster but on the contrary, more than 500,000 who were present in Woodstock made history. They were having so much fun that nothing could ever dampen their spirits." <https://youtu.be/DonFMG-wrrDk>

Now, closer to home 22 years later, an outdoor concert that this writer did attend took place at Griffis Sculpture Park (see cover story) in July 1991. Three to four hundred people were expected - about 5,000 showed up ... following a torrential rainstorm the night before. The rain was so bad that the company that was to supply the sound equipment thought they had cancelled and didn't show up. Thankfully, as luck would have it, it was a Sunday so a quick scramble to nearby Ellicottville bars produced equipment that the night before would not have been available. I remember a long climb up a muddy hill carrying a blanket and snacks, surrounded by throngs of happy people looking forward to hearing 10,000 Maniacs (with Natalie Merchant), John and Mary, and The Outer Circle

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The Alphabet Inspired by the Taste A, B, C's of Culinary Taste Across the States



By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

Palates across the country vary. In Western NY we like the bite of spicy chicken wings. In Missouri you can readily find toasted ravioli and Provel cheese. Let's wander through the alphabet of places to discover some of their local specialties.

Alabama - barbecue, collard greens, fried green tomatoes and grits.

Boston - New England clam chowder and lobster rolls.

Canada - poutine: fries and room-temp cheese curd slathered in rich beef gravy (add fish sauce and soy sauce for extra zing), fiddleheads, peameal bacon and tremettes.

Delaware - Steamed crabs, slippery dumplings, salt-water taffy, the Bobbie: turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce layered on mayo-ed bun.

El Paso, Texas - tostadas and salsa, homemade caldos (soups), fajitas, burritos, and enchiladas.

Fayetteville No. Carolina - Southern Egg Roll made with bacon braised collards, house-made pimento cheese, and pepper jelly.

Georgia - grits, Brunswick

stew, pork barbeque.

Honolulu - Lauau, featuring steamed parcels of pork, butterfish (also called black cod) and vegetables (carrots and sweet potato) wrapped in luau and ti leaves.

Illinois - super juicy Italian Beef sandwich, Chicago style hot dog, the Horseshoe (toast covered with ham slices, topped with cheese-beer sauce encircled with hot fries), pierogi, spaghetti on pizza, fried eggs on burgers.

Jacksonville, FLA - garlic crabs, Hoppin' John (cowpeas and rice), she-crab soup with roe, conch fritters, gator tail.

Kentucky - Burgoo: midway between a hearty soup and a stew with chicken, pork, or mutton. Hot brown: a baked or broiled open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich smothered in creamy Mornay cheese sauce.

Louisiana - gumbo, mufuleta, jambalaya, and their famous beignets: fried, fluffy pieces of dough, served hot and doused with powdered sugar.

Montana - All things huckleberry, gravy-covered Irish butte Pasties, elk or bison burgers.

Nebraska - Runza sandwich:

a fancy hot pocket - fluffy bread stuffed with a mixture of seasoned beef, cabbage, and onions.

Rocky Mountain oysters (thanks to Nebraska's ranches they have an abundance of the raw material), deep-fried grilled cheese sandwiches and raisin pie for dessert.

Oklahoma- Oklahomans love their fried okra, black-eyed peas, chicken fried steak and fried pies: fruit filled turnovers.

Pennsylvania - Philly cheesesteaks. Their fame is spread across the world. Have it with a side of scrapple - a mixture of cured pork trimmings and cornmeal pan-fried in a block shape.

Rhode Island - Calamari made with freshly caught squid, the crispy battered rings and tentacles tossed in garlic, butter and pickled cherry peppers. Stuffed quahogs, baked and served on the half shell. Coffeemilk coffee flavored syrup in milk, or coffee cabinet- coffee ice cream added to coffee milk.

So. Dakota - Chislic: Salted cubes of meat - mutton, beef, venison, or goat - deep fat fried or grilled, served skewered or on toothpicks with a side of crackers or dipping sauces. Lakota-style skillet bread called Gabubu.

Tennessee - Country hams are salt-cured and served boiled, broiled, or fried. Fried pickles, sweet potato fries and fried catfish, banana pudding, and biscuits and gravy, best from The Loveless Café in Nashville.

Utah - Funeral potatoes, a dish that combines potatoes with cheese, creamy soup, and crushed cornflakes. In local culture, the potatoes

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“Art that Matters to the Planet”

Current Exhibit at Roger Tory Peterson Inst.



Work by Margaret Craig (above, left) and Sara Baker Michalak.

By DARLENE MAE O’CONNOR

To exist in or to experience a state of being that goes beyond the normal or physical realm is to be in a state of Transcendence and it is to every artist the highest achievement when they can bring others to that place in time where they themselves have been. That space where their very souls endeavored to go exploring the deeper meanings of life and finding the purpose to their passions. This exhibit and the individual artists, through their unique works, take us on a journey through the undeniable pain of what humans have done to harm the planet and onto a place of hope. They enable us to feel the desperate need of our humanity to connect with the natural world in quest of answers to the deepest questions of our own purpose and our place in the universe. Their heightened sense of connection is a gift they share to awaken us to the potentiality of our own lives and how we all matter to the planet.

There exists today a common quagmire between the arts and our daily human experiences. It is a question

really, of which inspires the other. A chicken vs. the egg kind of quandary if you will. When it comes to the natural world, we humans can’t seem to help leaving painful imprints behind us; this inspired the show’s featured artists alongside the works of Roger Tory Peterson in this breathtaking and thought-provoking display which offers us a hope for our planet’s future. Each in their unique and remarkable way take us on a vision quest offering us an opportunity to transcend the noise and chaos of our lives to find peace in relationship to the environment and the living entities we share it with. In addition to the number of artists whose works are presented in this exhibit, three of them participated in a public round table hosted by the institute’s Curator, Maria Ferguson. Maria did a fabulous job in her efforts to glean for us what motivated the participants and what message they each were intending to convey. The interaction was a truly enlightening experience.

While I found the work by Anne-Katrin Spiess, “Death by Plastic” to be effective in its shock factor and its de-

mand that we take responsibility for our afflictions on the planet, I felt overwhelmed and in the need of a salve. I wandered on and became transfixed by the art and visions of Sara Baker Michalak, an attending artist on the exhibit panel and conservation conversation with the public. Sara is from Dunkirk, New York and she is deeply invested, not only through her art, but through her everyday life, in the health and well-being of nature in her corner of the world. She has restored to her Creekside acres indigenous plants and species of flora to promote the continued health of pollinating insects and of course the many birds and visiting water fowl. I was afforded the amazing opportunity to share with her my feelings about her work. I expressed to her that her paper and earthen layering art without frames, afforded me the sensation of a warm quilt made from wonderful things found on the forest floor. She seemed pleased to have inspired this reaction.

I found Margaret Craig’s aquatic and ameba like sculp-

SEE “ART”, RIGHT



Anne-Katrin Spiess, “Death by Plastic”

Art

CONT. FROM LEFT

tures and wearable art fascinating and imaginative. Full of vibrant colors and strange contortions, she successfully conveys her hope for future oceans clean of harmful human waste and also offers a clear alternative to throwing our refuse into the waters they call home...Art! Reuse,

Recycle and Repurpose has a whole new meaning when you experience her sculptures. Even more impressive is what she designs and wears for her “Performance Art”.

Being that I spent 30 plus years on the gulf side of the Florida Peninsula, Brandi Long of Miami, Florida with her multi-dimensional displays of seaweed and uncovered treasures from under the sandy shorelines, personally spoke to me. I was able to con-

vey to her that her work struck me with a bit of homesickness for my grown sons and our days of frolicking on the different beaches and playing chicken with the waves when they were young. She brings to life the characteristics that make beach life an incredible way to live while impressing upon the observer the delicate nature of our coastal communities and our need to care for them. The plants, the creatures and even the sand itself.

The experiences and opportunities to learn about what makes our planet and all the creatures we share it with special, is what the Roger Tory Peterson Institute is especially good at. From one exhibit to the next the art and the message is clear... We share this spinning globe with so much more than people; however, it is up to us people to take responsibility for our actions and to provide for a future that will allow for healthy habitats for all creatures great and small, long after we have had our days under the sun.

States

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are prepared for bereaved families following a funeral. Crown Burger - a quarter-pound hamburger patty on a sesame-seed bun with Thousand Island dressing, lettuce, tomato, onions, cheese, and topped with a heaping helping of pastrami.

Virginia - Since the 17th century, Virginia country

hams began to earn an international reputation. Most famous are Smithfield hams, which, by law, must be cured within Smithfield’s town limits

Washington - Based in Seattle, Theo Chocolate is the first and only organic & fair-trade chocolate in the country. Famous for apples, raspberries, sweet onions, and huckleberries.

X-rated foods have not been included in this family-oriented article, but trust me,

they are out there. Example - sitting in bed munching frozen peas straight from the package.

Yuma, Arizona - Chimi-changa - a deep fried burrito filled with rice, cheese, beans, and meat.

ZZZZZZZZZZ! All this food talk has made me sleepy. Enjoy the Taste, on the streets and this one, in your head! (Questions about the foods in this article can mostly be answered at What’sCookingAmerica.)

Festival

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Orchestra. Since they were delayed getting their sound system together, I remember the members of The Outer Circle

Orchestra dancing in the grass and weaving their way around the blankets, playing their music as they strolled about. Perhaps it was the bohemian art environment, but much like Woodstock, it was an uneventful event as far as disruptive episodes. Were you

there?

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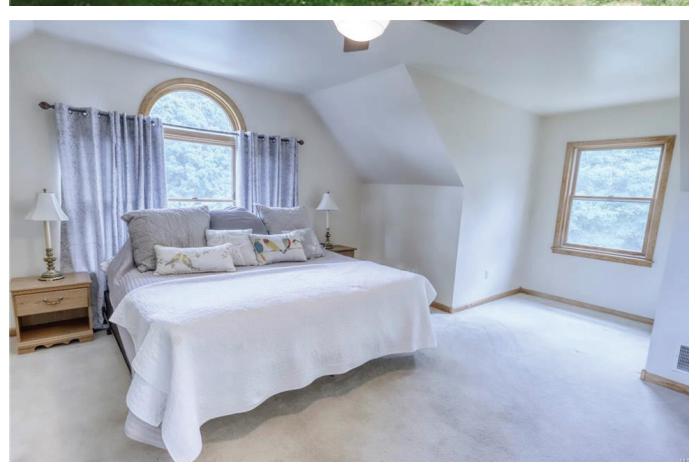
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