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Area Events

- FAT BIKE RIDES 2023**
Friday, February 17 • 6:30pm
Allegany State Park, Salamanca
 - FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY**
Saturday, January 28 • 10am-7pm
Chautauqua Art Gallery, Jamestown
 - LEARN TO SKI/SNOWBOARD**
January 30 - February 2 • 10:30am
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville
 - WINTER SNOWSHOE HIKE**
Tuesday, January 31 • 4:30pm
Allegany State Park, Salamanca
 - FAT BIKE RACE 2023**
Friday, January 28 • 9am
Loud Performance, Bemus Point
 - CONTRACTOR'S DAY 2023**
Friday, January 27 • 8:30-4:30pm
HoliMont Resort, Ellicottville
 - FRIENDS OF GOOD MUSIC**
Friday, February 17 • 7:30pm
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure
 - US AIR FORCE SNOCROSS**
February 17&18 • 8:30-10pm
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca
 - LONESTAR**
Friday, February 11 • 8pm
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca
 - TELESTOCK**
Friday, February 24 • 9am
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville
 - PENGUIN PADDLE**
Saturday, February 25 • 9am
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
 - BOARDROOM BANKED SLALOM**
Sunday, February 5 • 10am
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
 - WINTER MUSIC JAM**
February 24 - February 26
Village of Ellicottville
 - WINE & CHOCOLATE MONTH**
February, 2023
Lake Erie Wine Trail
 - TWO FOR FLINCHING LIVE**
Saturday, January 21 • 9pm
Peek 'N Peak Resort, Clymer
 - RPTI AFTER 5**
Friday, January 27th • 5pm
Roger Tory Peterson Inst., Jamestown
 - CASSADAGA WINTER FESTIVAL**
February 4 & 5
Cassadaga
 - DOORS OPEN JAMESTOWN**
Saturday, January 28th • All Day
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- For more information on this week's music, see page 11

WNY Mountain Bike Assoc.

Local Winter Cycling Community Best Around



There are six or seven trails in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties that are open year-round. Readers who would like to be part of the year-round community can visit www.wnymba.org for in-formation.

BY JESSICA MILLER

Members of the WNY Mountain Bicycling Association don't let a minor factor like winter keep them off the trails. In fact, they lean into the season and keep pedaling.

Dee Dippel, Vice President of WNY Mountain Bicycling Association and proprietor of Bemus Point's Loud Performance, said that winter is in fact an excellent season for mountain biking.

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HoliMont Men's Day

Adaptive Ski Program Fundraiser Fri., Feb. 3



Ellicottville, NY - The annual Men's Day to benefit the HoliMont Phoenix Adaptive Program is back and more fun than ever next Friday, February 3 from 9am-4pm! Funds are raised via silent auctions, direct donations, live auctions and event proceeds.

The auctions include cool items like an Atomic Banger snowboard and a pair of 1930's free-style 8 ft. hickory jumping

skis that are like new.

Fun activities are in store all day from cigar rolling and cut/grill your own steaks to the ever-popular tricycle race.

A race is scheduled for the same day, to start at 10:30am. This event is sponsored by Maverick Distillery. Same-day registration costs only \$5, and

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Cassadaga Winter Festival

Citizens for a Better Cassadaga Event Feb. 4-5



The Ice Scream Polar Dip takes place Saturday, February 4 at 1pm and is sponsored by Red House. Participants are challenged to take a plunge into the chilly Lower Lake of Cassadaga Valley.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This year marks the 6th annual Cassadaga Winter Festival, faithfully bringing chilly

celebrations to the area since 2017. The Citizens for a Better Cassadaga proudly announce

SEE "WINTER" PAGE 7

History: E-Ville Schoolhouse Salon

More than just a Hairdressing Salon



The environment in Ellicottville may indeed serve as an incubator for entrepreneurial women.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

In a 2021 report of businesses in Cattaraugus County referencing 2017 numbers, men owned 752 businesses or firms, while women owned

123 (census.gov/quickfacts).. The numbers change annually with more women at the helm of established businesses or entrepreneurs who create their

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Sneak Peek

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Full of Winter Adventure



RTPI "Art after 5" Monthly Series ... Pg 8

Roger Tory Peterson Institution Showcases

This monthly event provides guests with a unique opportunity to view the latest exhibitions of nature in art at RTPI in a more intimate setting, accompanied by good music, food and drinks.

Niagara Falls Festival of Lights ... Pg. B-1

Canadian Horseshoe Falls Illuminate

The holidays are behind us, but the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights is going strong through February 20th in Canada.

Glabicki Performs at UB

Rusted Root's Lead Singer Featured Feb. 4



BY DOUG SITLER

Starting in the early 1990s, the Pittsburgh band, Rusted Root made a mark on the musical world with their tribal rock and soul music. Led by enigmatic lead singer and guitarist, Michael Glabicki, the group played sold out concerts and tours, created several well-received albums, jammed alongside the biggest names in the music business, and gave birth to the mega-hit single "Send Me On My Way" – which thirty years later, is still heard on radio, movies, TV shows and commercials.

Jamestown and the Southern Tier region were the first areas, outside of Pittsburgh, to embrace Glabicki and Rusted Root. Great Blue Heron Music Festival founder, David Tidquist invited the band to play Jamestown's Joyce's Keg

SEE "GLABICKI" PAGE B-2

Spotlight: Tui Osborne

St. Bonaventure Rugby Sports Director



When he first moved to the US, Tui was a rugby player residing in Los Angeles but traveled the country with the sport. During college, Tui started a Reggae band called "Liquid Rootz".

BY KATE BARTLETT

This week we're taking a look at the man behind the popular island tunes heard around his hometown of Ellicottville, Tui Osborne. Currently, Tui can be heard at Villaggio on Sunday evenings, EBC Tap + Bottle Taqueria on Fridays and at the Holiday Valley Lounge on Saturdays. Tui plays acoustic guitar and sings top 40 and classic hits with an island twist. He loves performing and making the song his own.

Tui was born and raised in Fiji in the South Pacific where he gained a love for music while

SEE "TUI" PAGE B-4





Publisher's Word

"Winter Wonderland"



by activities and festivals a call out to each of you that embrace it. Take advantage of the natural beauty that surrounds us. What are your favorite wintertime spots, sport and events? From the slopes and trails of our resorts to the candlelight at your favorite restaurant; what are your winter top picks – we would like to share them with our readers. Each week we bring you stories of people and businesses in winter and surrounded

a call out to each of you to participate with ideas and submissions. Our communities are great to go out and explore. Let us know what you find next time you go out the door. Send in your ideas and submissions to info@thevillager.com or go to our website, www.thevillager.com and click "Submit Materials", we look forward to hearing from you!

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Ellicottville Village Life

"Rise & Shine, It's Time for a Brand New Day"



Ken, Tyler and Annette Auteri of Dom's Butcher Block in Ellicottville.

By, GARY MALICKI

There's an annual weekend camping trip that I attend with four best friends that developed out of our collective experience as former Boy Scout Leaders. We pack up and head to a cabin at Allegany State Park the weekend after what is now called Indigenous Peoples' Day. My buddies have to travel a greater distance to get there. But, for me, another of the many great benefits of living in Ellicottville is the twenty minute drive to get to that beautiful park.

So what's the most important part of a weekend like this? The

deep friendships and camaraderie? The sharing of the memories of past adventures? No. Ask any man and he'll tell you that it's all about the food!

There's a tradition we have on the first night of the outing and that is the grand event of the grilling of the steaks. There's always one guy who, whether or not it's true, insists that he's the master griller - and that person is me!

Circumstances of meeting the right people led me to stumbling upon Dom's Butcher Block located at the end of a small strip plaza right in the middle of the village.

Ken and Annette Auteri, along with their son Tyler,

do a great job there.

I looked at Ken right in the eye while picking up a piece of fresh salmon for my wife and said, "In a few weeks I'm going to need ribeye steaks that you yourself would pick out for four of the best friends of your life". On the day he knew I was coming to pick them up he had them wrapped and ready to go. I was impressed and also found out they've been in business for over ten years and also carry delicious soups, a line of flavored olive oils and many other things. The steaks were perfect.

It gave me another simple reason to think about what a nice place EVL is to live.

Women 2 Women Project

2nd Annual Powder to Prosecco February 23 & 24 at HoliMont



Join HoliMont and Ski Team representatives from and Blizzard/Tecnica Women 2 Women Project, Leslie Baker Brown. In February 23rd and 24th to celebrate the camaraderie of women skiers and connect with like-minded women who love to ski. Bring a friend or two and let's have some fun!

Marketing Director, Leslie Baker Brown. In 2015, Leslie launched the Women 2 Women Project, a global initiative to design authentic women's products that will take passionate skiers, regardless of ability, to new levels of confidence, excitement and freedom.

"Women 2 Women is a global Blizzard Tecnica initiative dedicated to creating a diverse and engaged community of female skiers and outdoor enthusiasts by being a trustworthy and credible source for product, education and inspiration. We ask, we listen and we act, all with the underlying goal of sharing experiences and celebrating our passion for the sport thereby enhancing the skiing and outdoor experience and creating a lifelong Blizzard Tecnica community of passionate female skiers and outdoors women."

Limited availability, registration is required. \$25/person. Sign up at Mud, Sweat n' Gears or mudsweatgears@verizon.net.

Lift ticket required. Discounted lift tickets can be purchased at Holimont.



Jeff Foxworthy Live in Salamanca

Seneca Allegany Resort on April 22, 2023

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (January 16, 2023) -The laughter will echo through the hills when Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino welcomes legendary funnyman Jeff Foxworthy for a special one-night performance in the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, April 22 at 8pm.

Jeff Foxworthy knows

funny. The largest-selling comedy-recording artist in history, Foxworthy is a household name. Widely known for his redneck jokes and the wildly successful Blue Collar Comedy Tour, he is one of the most respected and successful comedians in the country. His performances explore the humor in everyday family interactions and

human nature, delivered from an "average guy" perspective. Beyond his stand-up success, Foxworthy has hosted or starred in five television series and shows, received multiple Grammy Award nominations, and is the best-selling author of 26 books! This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets start at \$35. Tickets are on sale now.

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HoliMont Spotlight

Amber Widrig - Super Mom and Snowsports Office Manager



The family also enjoys to spend time enjoying nature in Allegany State Park and Chestnut Ridge Park, and to watch the kids play baseball and soccer. Many people in WNY, because we don't have a Major League Baseball team, are by default Yankees fans. HoliMont has a bit of kind advice for the Yankees if they hope to get back to be World Series winners: Don't steal Amber from us! Rumor has it Amber has coached T-Ball for her kids, and we know she would bring the same work-ethic, attention to detail, and cheerful attitude to raising the Yankees fortunes that she brought to the Snowsports School!

BY DAN BALKIN

Sometimes things work out perfectly – at least here at HoliMont. In 2006 Amber Widrig arrived at HoliMont to work in the SnowSports office. 17 years later she is still here. Why? She loves the job and everyone who interacts with her loves the job she does. I asked Travis Widger, after his first season as Snowsports Director, what did he learn about the job that surprised him? There was no hesitation, he just smiled and said, "How hard Amber works." In 2018 Amber became the Snowsports Office Manager. Travis appreciates Amber's unwavering devotion to the job because it has a lot of moving parts: overseeing all lessons scheduled; working with program leaders to register participants for season long programs in Skiing, Snowboarding, Adaptive, and Freestyle; managing the mounds of paperwork required for roughly 200 instructors, volunteers, and trainees.

Amber is a daughter of the Southern Tier. She is from East Otto and attended school at the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School District. Amber married her husband Chris in 2012, and they have four children: Ella (2), Jack, (5), Finn (8), and Carter (9).

It's a tribute to Amber and Chris's parenting skills that their kids are as kind and gentle with others as with each other. Anyone who wanders in our Snowsports building late in the day on weekends or school holidays will see these kids happily cavorting with the other young children of our Snowsports Director Travis (wife Laura) and Children's Director Mary Claire Vivian (husband Mark). Why not earlier in the day? The kids are too busy skiing! The friendship between the kids has brought these three families together into a tight circle of friendship. Amber said that the three families are also bound together by the "common goal" of overseeing and running HoliMont Snowsports.

When not working in the Snowsports office, Amber has an all-consuming hobby which she loves: her family. Amber, Chris, and the kids live in a house at the top of a hill in Ashford Hollow with five acres of surrounding land. In all seasons, the family loves to be outside. With a smile, Amber said she does not know if one would "exactly call it hiking" to wander through the woods on nearby lands with four exuberant kids – but that is one of their favorite family pastimes.

Working for the Snowsports School has always been a part-time job for the vast majority of the instructors. That said, some of us have worked longer at HoliMont in terms of years employed than we have worked anywhere else in our lives. In the center of our Snowsports building is Amber's office – our mission control. When the astronauts are in space, it must be comforting to hear voices across the void of space from back in Houston. Our HoliMont Snowsports earthly equivalent is that Amber and the other wonderful ladies in the office are always there at the other end of the radio if we are out on the hill and have a question or need assistance. How patient is Amber? Patient enough to help computer illiterates like me fill out paperwork electronically! Amber is as kindhearted as she is hard-working and efficient. A ski area is a bustling and big place with a lot of people, territory, buildings, machinery, lifts, and employees. At the center of our Snowsports universe, however, is the calm and reassuring presence of Amber. Houston, we have not a problem but a solution – her name is Amber!

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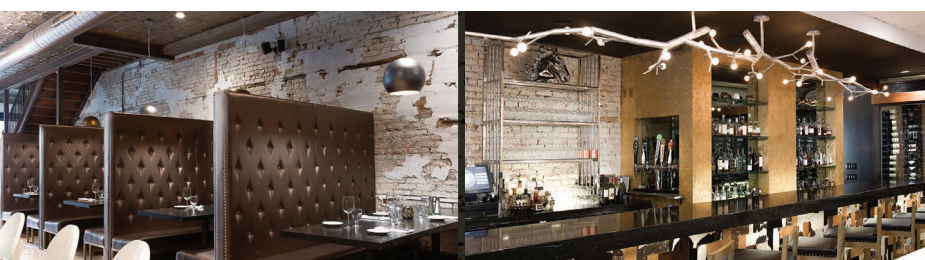
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Scenes on the Slopes



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Holiday Valley Spotlight

Intense Milk Rail Jam Last Friday



Explore Allegany State Park

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By RACHEL FRAWLEY

As January comes to a close, most of us are starting to experience the winter blues. The holidays are over, football season is over and the winter for outdoor enthusiasts has been less than satisfying. While Spring is still too far away and not everyone skis or snowboards, this often leaves us wondering exactly what to do with ourselves.



Enjoy a winter get away in your own private cabin with your family, enjoy the winter beauty and serene environment. Make your reservations now as cabins book fast.

If you are looking for a Winter adventure, head on over to Allegany State Park.

Allegany State Park is located just over a half hour from Ellicottville and is easily accessible from I 86, Rt. 219 and has an entrance in Bradford, PA as well. Centrally located to the neighboring areas, the State Park was founded in 1921 and encompasses 64,800 acres. It features two distinctive areas, Red House and Quaker, with access to the Red House area based in Salamanca, NY and access to the Quaker area based in Bradford, PA. Allegany State Park (ASP) is well known for its campgrounds, fishing, horseback riding and hiking. Most people immediately think of Summer activities when thinking of the beautiful State park. In fact most don't even realize that not only is ASP open in the Winter, but is a spectacular year round destination that offers a variety of unique Winter activities to nix your cabin fever.

With plenty to do in the Winter, a major attraction is ice fishing on Red House Lake. If you have never gone ice fishing, I hear it's a unique experience that you do not want to miss. Most fishermen gather on the north side of the lake by the boat launch. Besides a valid fishing license and obeying the DEC limits, there are no additional permits needed to fish in the State Park. The park is filled with scenic trails, A winter horseback ride may be exactly what you need to raise your spirits, just you, your horse, and the winter beauty of nature. While Allegany State Park doesn't have a stable on premises or offer horseback riding themselves, you are welcome to trailer your own horses in and enjoy a ride.

Join in on a winter snowshoe hike every Tuesday evening at 4:30, even if there isn't any snow. Naturalists will lead interpretive snowshoe treks or hikes. Take in a gorgeous winter sunset, hike along one of the many creeks and streams, or visit a historic site. The meeting places and hikes will vary weekly. It is advised to dress for the weather, bring a flashlight water and a snack. Don't have any snowshoes? No problem, there are several pairs that can be used during the program. Call and reserve snowshoes by 10am the day of the hike.

and March 17, 2023. The rides are all on Fridays meeting at 6:30pm and the ride starts at 6:45. The fun ride is a 5 mile fat tire bike ride around the red house lake area with Allegany State Park recreation staff and WNYMBA. All levels of riders are welcome, bring a helmet, headlight, warm clothes, water and a snack for the after ride social. Pre-registration is not required, however if you are interested in borrowing a bike for the evening, call 716-379-6939 as availability is limited.

Last but not certainly not the least of the Parks offerings is camping. Cabins reservations are available year-round. Winter cabin rentals are available Park wide and provide a fun and cozy retreat during the winter months. Enjoy a winter get away in your own private cabin with your family, enjoy the winter beauty and serene environment. Make your reservations now as cabins book fast. With everything Allegany State Park has to offer, it's almost impossible to be bored this Winter. You can find more information on the Parks facebook page. You can also contact the recreation department at 716-354-6232. Check out all of the fun and book your next adventure today.

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Santa Claus Lane Ornament

GOACC Looking Ideas for 2023 Design

OLEAN – For goodness sakes, the holiday decorations were just taken down and you are talking Christmas in January!

Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is looking to the community for ideas for its 2023 Santa Claus Lane ornament. Through the ornament sales, holiday lights are funded and can be lit in Olean from November to early January. The ornament will be the twenty-ninth in a series created by artist Kathleen McDonald.

Every year through voting from the Santa Claus Lane committee, Events committee, Chamber board and staff as well as from the community, a landmark is chosen to be designed on the 3 1/2 inch circular resin ornament. The artist sketches the layout from photos provided by Chamber officials and a prototype is created. Once the prototype is approved, work begins with the process of pouring and hand-painting each piece. The ornaments arrive in Olean, individually boxed,

with a brief description of the ornament.

Below is a list of several buildings that have been suggested to be an ornament: Rock City Park; Bartlett Country Club; Christopher Columbus Lodge; Dal Tile Plant; Downtown Deli; Governor Higgins Mansion; Lincoln Diner; Olean House; Sprague's Maple Farms, Olean Public Library, Paul's Steakhouse; PickUps; Portville's Pioneer Park; St. Mary's School; Thatcher Plant Factory and Warner's Pizza.

Tricia Henzel, former events director at Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and current (but soon to be retiring) physicians recruiter at Olean Medical Group connected with the Chamber early last year. "The Olean Medical Group will be celebrating 75 years in 2023 and thought they'd make an excellent ornament choice," added Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

Past ornaments include (starting in 1999) the Olean Municipal Building, the Fannie E. Bartlett House,

St. Mary of the Angels Church, Olean High School, St. Stephen's Church, St. Bonaventure University, a depiction of Santa Claus Lane, the Olean General Hospital, Olean Post Office, Com-munity Bank, Ivers J. Norton, the Castle Restaurant, St. Francis Hospital, Chuck Wagon Restaurant, Palace Theater, Boardmanville Elementary, Red and Trudys, North Union Street street scape (1st hundred block west side), Olean Class Cars, Cloud 9 Amusement Park, Bradners Stadium, Henry H. Hill, Archbishop Walsh, Beef 'n' Barrel Restaurant, Tasta Pizza, the Olean Public Library, and this past year, there were two – First Presbyterian Church and Pioneer Park in Portville.

Mrs. Yanetsko stated, "The committee wants community input on this ornament – what do you want to see in the ornament." Please submit ideas to GOACC no later than February 3rd by calling 716-372-4433, emailing info@oleanny.com or on Facebook.



Pictured (not in order): WNYMBA's Executive and Advisory Board for 2023: President- Joe Crumlish, Vice President - Dee Dippel, Treasurer - Christie Milanowski, Secretary- Missy Melnik. Advisory Board: Julie Drake, Kristian Reiber, Heather Kinal, Jacob Bodway.

Bike

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"There are six or seven trails in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties that are open year-round. Our members put on their fat tires and enjoy riding throughout the winter," said Dippel. "(Western New York) has some of the best winter rides in the country."

He and his fellow club members also do their part to maintain the trails that are used in all four seasons. They are in regular communication with New York State Parks, the Erie County Parks Department, and the state forests' Department of Environmental Conservation to meet and maintain the reported needs of trail sustainability. Stewardship efforts are focused upon based on ranger feedback and riders' earned experience. Winter has obvious environmental concerns for riders and inhabitants of forests that the club works to meet.

Ice and snow are

conditions that require snowshoes to groom trails," said Dippel. Luckily, club members are ready and willing to do the work that keeps trails usable all year long. Once the trails have been groomed by some means, the next step to a good winter trail ride is to ensure that the right tires are attached. Fat tires provide traction that is especially important when moving over snowy surfaces. Wider tires also have the advantages of absorption of shock, stability, and relative ease of maintenance.

Good trails and good bikes are important to an enjoyable ride, and a good community is what keeps club members coming back to enjoy more. WNY Mountain Bicycling Association members are from all age groups and have all levels of trail experience. "Lots of families are members," said Dippel. "There are kids that are four or five years old. We have a couple members in their eighties too." Readers who would like to be part of the year-round community can visit www.wnymba.org for information.

Vietnam Veterans Ceremony

Welcome Home Ceremony in Chautauqua County

MAYVILLE, NY - On Friday, January 27, 2023 at noon, Paul M. Wendel Jr., The Chautauqua County Executive, will be holding a Welcome Home Ceremony for Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans outside of the Chautauqua County Courthouse, 1 N. Erie St. in Mayville, NY. January 27, 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Paris Peace Accords, which ended the United States' involvement

in the Vietnam War. At this ceremony, Wendel will present a proclamation declaring January 27, 2023 as Vietnam and Vietnam-Era Veterans Day as he formally welcomes home these veterans and recognizes them for their service to our country. He will also read the names of the Chautauqua County residents who lost their lives while serving in the Vietnam War. Wendel invites Chautauqua

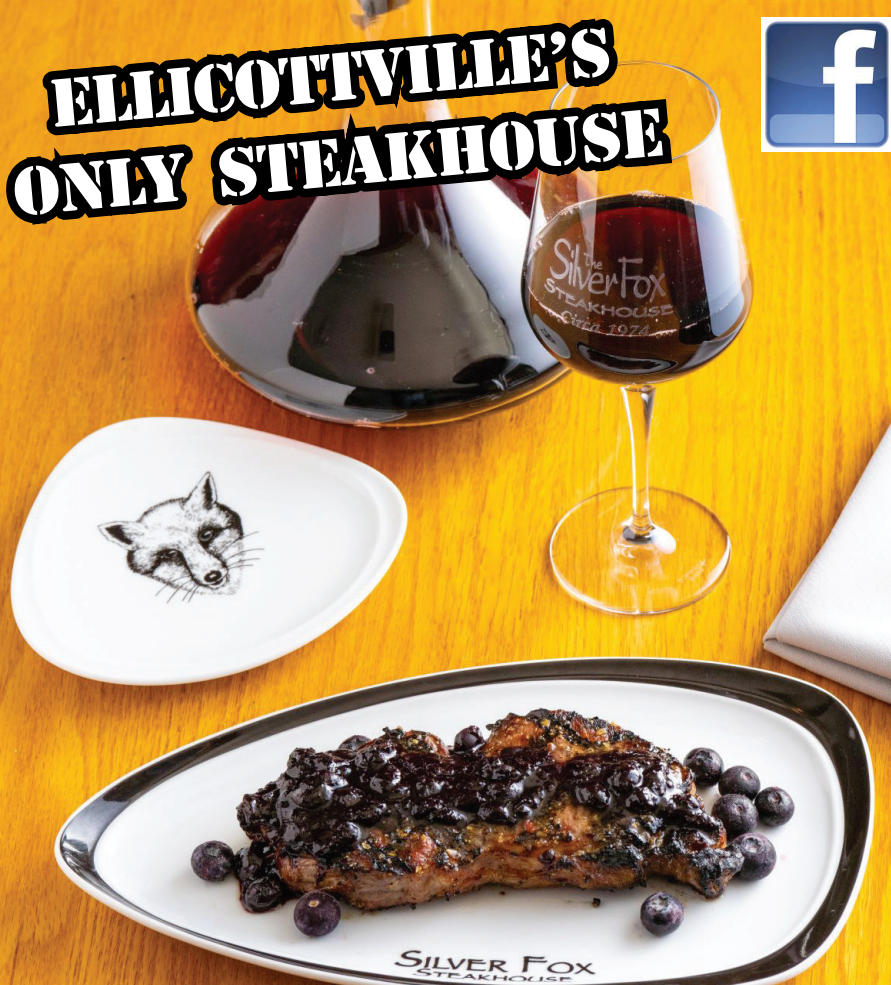
County Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans and their families to join them for this special event. "I also encourage County residents to attend so we can all come together to support and thank our veterans for their dedicated service to our country," says the Executive.

For more information about the event, please contact the County Executive's Office at (716) 753-4211.

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Taylor Dayne and Steve Solomon

Live at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (January 16, 2023) – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will be showering the region with spectacular entertainment this April! New shows announced today for The Bear's Den Showroom include singer Taylor Dayne on Thursday, April 13 and Friday, April 14 at 8pm and Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy" on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29 at 8pm as part of the Barrel of Laughs Comedy series. Tickets go on sale this Friday, January 20 at Noon!

Taylor Dayne helped define the Pop Music sound of the late-'80s and '90s. Starting with her groundbreaking debut single, 1987's "Tell It To My Heart," Dayne has delivered 17 Top 20 singles over the course of her career, including Number One songs "Love Will Lead You Back," "Prove Your Love," and "I'll Always Love You." All told, she has sold more than 75 million albums and singles worldwide, earning three Grammy nominations, an American Music Award, and numerous additional honors. Rolling Stone magazine ranked Dayne as the Number 18 Female Dance Artist of all time. In addition to her successful music career, Dayne has appeared in feature films, hit TV shows, and on the Broadway stage. Tickets on

sale January 20 at Noon! Tickets start at \$45.

Steve Solomon's "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy" is one of the longest-running one-man shows in Broadway history. The hilarious performance brings the ever-relatable situations of growing up in a multicultural family to the stage, complete with memorable characters, side-splitting dialects, accents and sound effects. The show is inspired by Solomon's family and the people around him while growing up in Brooklyn. This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets on sale January 20 at Noon! Tickets start at \$35.

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Winter

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on the swimmers. Every year is different depending on the lake temperature. As of now, we have no ice, but we'll see what February 4th brings." Cynthia took the plunge last year for the first time amongst about 20 other participants. "It's exhilarating. The lake is cold, but the adrenaline keeps you warm!" Pre-register online www.coachmarkwilson.com or sign up the day of event.

Warm up at the Cassadaga Library (18 Maple Ave) with "Hedgehog at the Library" at 2pm. Guests can enjoy family friendly fun with a real live Hedgehog, story and craft. Evening entertainment will be provided by The Untouchables at the Cassadaga Legion Post

1280 (228 Maple Ave) from 7-10pm. According to Cynthia "This band has been entertaining for 3 decades with a blend of rhythm and blues, oldies rock and roll, classic soul and other musical styles. They deliver a high-energy performance designed to get everyone onto the dance floor and keep them there!" Everyone is invited to this free event sponsored by the Village of Cassadaga and American Legion Post 1280. Bubba's Food Wagon will be in the parking lot beginning at 6:30pm serving crowd favorites and tasty treats.

Sunday February 5th features sledding at the Cassadaga Country Club from 1-3pm with cookies and hot chocolate. Gather your family and friends, bring your own sleds and brave the big hill! (In case of no snow, this event will be cancelled.)

The Cassadaga Winter Festival will close with a Full Moon Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing on Sunday starting at 530. The tour will meet at 5:15 and leaves at 5:30 for a guided adventure through scenic Cassadaga Lakes Nature Park (8115 – 8119 Route 60). Choose from a short (1 hour) or long (1.5 hour) walk and enjoy the beauty of nature in the winter. Guests must provide their own skis/snowshoes, limited parking available (car pool if possible). In case of no snow, this event will become a hike.

Come discover the beauty of winter in Cassadaga and have some winter fun! Visit tourcassadaga.com and follow Citizens for a Better Cassadaga @ [cbcassadaga](https://www.facebook.com/cbcassadaga) on Facebook for event updates. Please call Cynthia directly at (716) 665-8855 with any questions or if interested in volunteering.



The Frozen 50K kicks off the event on Saturday at 8am starting at the Cassadaga Fire Hall. Sponsored by Wilson Endurance Sports, runners choose their distance from 1 lap (5K) to 10 laps (50K).

Winter

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the Cassadaga Winter Festival to be held on Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5.

The event has deep rooted history in the area as it was originally started by the Jaycee's Organization over 46 years ago as a Winter Weekend. After a 25-year hiatus, the Citizens for a Better Cassadaga decided to reinstitute a Winter Festival in order to foster a sense of community through the winter months. What started as a small festival has evolved over the past 6 years with a variety of events for all ages.

Cynthia Flaherty is the Vice President of The Citizens for a Better Cassadaga (CBC) and chairperson for the Cassadaga Winterfest. The Citizens for a Better Cassadaga is a nonprofit organization founded in 2016 with the mission of "working with local organizations and interested citizens to develop, promote, sponsor or support activities and events that

benefit and engage the broader Cassadaga area and improve the quality of life for all residents." The CBC sponsors a variety of events throughout the year fostering this mission including Light Up Cassadaga for the holiday season, Labor Day Festival and the Summer Concert Series on the floating stage in Lower Lake.

"It's been a natural progression over the years" says Cynthia. "We've had a variety of events over the years and it's changed a lot as the community becomes more involved. We've had a lot of people come up with some great additions to the festival, including the Polar Plunge and the Frozen 50K, which have become feature events. This year we have a full schedule and it's really going to be a great weekend."

The CBC will not disappoint in 2023, with a full schedule of events all weekend, no matter the weather. "Snow or no snow, the event will go on!" The Frozen 50K kicks off the event on Saturday at 8am starting at the Cassadaga Fire Hall. Sponsored by Wilson Endurance Sports, runners choose their distance from 1 lap (5K) to 10 laps (50K). This event

was started 3 years ago, and has become a favorite of locals and visitors alike. Pre-registration ranges from \$13 -25 with proceeds to benefit the Chautauqua County Fire Police and Cassadaga Food Pantry. Register online www.coachmarkwilson.com or day of the event beginning at 7am.

Beginning at 11am, guests can participate in a snow sculpture contest at Cassadaga Beach on Park Ave. Gather a team and create a masterpiece in the snow (or sand, if lack of snow). Judging begins at 12:30pm with cash prizes provided by the Cassadaga Lakes Association.

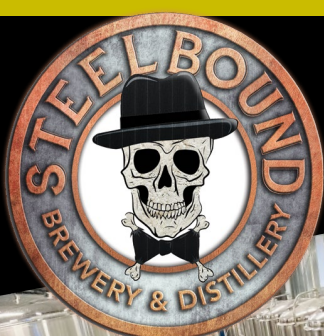
There's more fun to be had at the beach from 12-2pm with music by DJ Joe Guild and chili and hot chocolate provided by Park Church. Sit around the campfire in Adirondack chairs, make s'mores, play tetherball or play hockey (on the basketball court). The Ice Scream Polar Dip takes place at 1pm sponsored by Red House. Be brave, and take a plunge into the chilly Lower Lake of Cassadaga Valley. "This is such a fun event, whether you're participating or cheering

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Otto Celebrate Bi-Centennial

Town of Otto Established in 1823



The first settlement in the village was made in 1822, perhaps a year earlier, by C.B.Parkinson. Others soon followed, and in 1822 Parkinson built the first saw-mill in town just below where now stands the flouring mill of D. N. Brown." Here is a photo of the dam which made this possible.

Often, we take things for granted. In our bustling, growing, thriving communities, we generally don't stop to think about how our beloved hometowns got to be what they are today. We shop in our retail establishments, dine in our restaurants and coffee shops, enjoy the holiday lighting in the streets, drink clear water from our taps, and invite tourists to enjoy all our amenities including hotels, B&B's, yurts, and now, our tiny house village at the edge of HoliMont. We ski, we golf, we bike, we hike, we explore, we camp, we play in the trees and in the mountains. It's all fun. It's all done at our leisure, for the pure enjoyment of it all.

in 1797. Almost overnight, in 1798, four million acres of land in Central and Western New York State were purchased from New York State by a group of Dutch bankers who called themselves the Holland Land Company. In what seems to be impossible since the intrepid surveyors did not have three-wheelers, jeeps, drones, or any of our modern aids at their disposal, the complete survey was accomplished in two years. Now, think about that. In research of the Chautauqua Road trail, it was discovered that traveling west on what is Bryant Hill Road from Franklinville to Ellicottville, an approximate 10-mile length, could take three days or more to accomplish because of narrow passageways, creeks, and swamps, forests and ancient roots, boulders, and probably a bear or two. Early surveyors worked from ox-cart wagons, sometimes with two or

more teams to drag fallen timber, construct log bridges and make the trail (in a straight line as well) ... in two years.

Now, visualize that kind of environment when the determined first settlers found their way to plots of wild, untamed forestland they would purchase and begin to create farms, homesteads, and business enterprises. There were no mills, no churches, no schools, no tanneries, no cheese factories, no blacksmiths, no electricity - just a whole lot of untamed wildernesses. For seventy-five cents an acre for hilly untillable land, and \$2.50 an acre for farmable land, many New Englanders moved west with the first area to be settled in the Otto region called "The Valley of the Zoar" in 1810 along branches of the Cattaraugus Creek. (Cattaraugus County Bicentennial History). The creek was a means of commerce as well as a source of power for the new mills. An interesting story found in History of the Town of Otto by Ralph Dewey (long-time Otto resident in the 1800's) talks about a man by the name of Samuel Hill, who in 1814, with his wife and five children arrived in Otto by means of a canoe on that creek from Allegany County. This, 200 years before the fun regattas of today.

The Village of Waverly (it became Otto) was settled in 1821 and the Town of Otto (so named after Joseph Ellicott's successor at the Holland Land Company) was officially established as a political entity in 1823. Otto grew and prospered

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RTPI Art after 5 Monthly Series

Roger Tory Peterson Institution: Where Art & Nature Meet



By PATRICIA MEASER

Jamestown, NY – The Roger Tory Peterson Institute (RTPI) is kicking off the 2023 season of its "Art After 5" series on Friday, January 27th. This monthly event provides guests with a unique opportunity to view the latest exhibitions of nature in art at RTPI in a more intimate setting, accompanied by good music, food and drinks. "Art After 5" began nearly fifteen years ago and was such a hit that it has become a local tradition. A different musical artist and food are showcased at each event.

This month, enjoy a glass of wine and charcuterie provided by Elegant Edibles, while listening to the smooth jazz of featured artist, The Assembly. Take a guided tour of the current exhibitions: "Curious by Nature: Works by Charley and Edie Harper"; "Chautauqua County en Plein Air"; and "Beauty Seen is Never Lost: Margaret Braun's Birds."

"Curious By Nature", a collection on loan from the Springfield Museum of Art in Cincinnati, features more than 80 iconic works that celebrate the wonders of the natural world with humor, wit and the Harpers' signature style of "minimal

realism."

"Chautauqua County en Plein Air" includes works created during RTPI's first annual en plein air festival last September. The artists gathered for two days, working outside to capture local scenery in Chautauqua County. "En plein air" means "in open air." It is a style that captures the natural light outdoors, and was an important fundamental of impressionism in the late 1800s. Its popularity increased in the 1870s with the introduction of paints in tubes (resembling modern toothpaste tubes). Previously, painters made their own paints by grinding and mixing dry pigment powders with linseed oil, a much more laborious and messy process.

"Beauty Seen is Never Lost" is a collection by Fredonia artist Margaret Braun. These works focus on birds, primarily paintings on glass ornaments, and have never been exhibited before. Braun's lively portraits of birds emulate the sophisticated design of Art Nouveau style.

In the summer months, attendees can meet on the patio of the institute to be closer to nature. However, in winter, guests will join their hosts inside the institute, a building that is

a work of art in itself and is affectionally know as "The Lodge." Designed by Robert A.M. Stern, the building reflects several influences, including national park lodges, Greek temples, and the Arts & Crafts movement. Completed in 1994, it was constructed by GL Olson, a local firm that carries on the craftsmanship traditions of Jamestown's early Swedish furniture making industries. The beauty and sanctuary feel of the building, combined with the intimate gallery spaces, provide a unique museum experience.

Tickets for members of RTPI are \$16 in advance or \$18 at the door. For non-members, the price is \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance purchase is encouraged. If you can't attend this month, don't worry – the event is on the fourth Friday of every month, so you have plenty of opportunities. You can also see the exhibitions during normal business hours. Adult tickets for regular admission are just \$12 for non-members, free for members. Normal business hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10am – 4pm; and Sunday, 1pm – 5 pm. For more information visit the website.



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Winter Festival of Lights - Niagara Falls, Canada

BY KATE BARTLETT

The holidays are behind us, but the Niagara Falls Festival of Lights is going strong through February 20th in Canada. Cross the border to see the majestic Canadian Horseshoe Falls illuminate every evening paying tribute to the natural beauty all around us. The Festival is celebrating it's 40th anniversary with 101 days of a new illumination light show "Sparkling Winter Lights."

The colorful Falls display consists of a five-minute lighting taking place on the hour at 6, 7, and 8 every

evening until February 20th. The falls will remain illuminated after the featured show for the remainder of the evening complete with fireworks on Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm.

The Festival features millions of twinkling lights and immersive displays along the route of Niagara Parkway through Dufferin Islands and into the tourist districts of Fallsview Boulevard, Lundy's Lane and Downtown Niagara Falls. Illuminations include more than 50 large displays and dozens of trees wrapped in lights, the two-story

tall Zimmerman fountain, castles, 60-foot tunnel and more.

Focused on providing fun for all ages, the festival features free family fun entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Events include Magic Shows by Peter Mennie, Darren Bedford Juggling and Yo-Yo Show, Performances by Splash & Boots, the Tex Mex Winter Show and more. Visit <https://wfol.com/events-calendar/category/events/> for full schedule. All shows are free.

New this year, warm up with a hot beverage

while you explore the Hot Chocolate Trail. This self-guided trail includes 17 delicious stops of chocolaterie created by chocolatiers, chefs and mixologists. Visit some of the area's best restaurants and bake shops, and a few hidden gems, as you sip on a variety of hand-crafted hot chocolate beverages. From classic combinations with mint, orange and s'mores to inventive cocktails (non-alcoholic available) with flavored marshmallows or a Velvet Kiss; with 23 chocolate creations there's something for everyone! For a full list and map visit

<https://wfol.com/events/>.

Visitors are invited to experience the very first night flightseeing tour over the Falls with Niagara Helicopters Nights and Lights. Take in the falls soaring above the lights displays and the surrounding area. Tours run sunset to 8pm daily weather permitting. Tickets available online <https://www.niagarafallstourism.com/events/night-helicopter-flight/>.

Make it a weekend getaway, and stay at one of the many hotel accommodations just steps from the Falls. Visit Clifton Hill, ride the Sky

Wheel, take a gamble at the casino or dine at one of the many fine restaurants in the area. Explore the wines of the Niagara region or stroll the shops at nearby Niagara on the Lake. The event will run through Valentine's Day weekend, making for a great trip with your sweetheart.

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Glabicki

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Room in 1991. The band's high-energy concerts at the Keg Room and Blue Heron became stuff of local legend. Each and every Western New York show captured a growing audience of fanatical fans. From Pittsburgh and the Chautauqua region, Rusted Root took off like a rocket ship that spanned 25 years...and continues with Michael Glabicki to this day.

In addition, the Village of Ellicottville knows a good thing when they see it. The town's Chamber of Commerce have featured Rusted Root twice, and a concert by Glabicki's newest band, Uprooted.

Good times will return! Michael Glabicki is coming back to Western New York for a special mid-winter concert at the University at Buffalo.

On Saturday, February 4, 2023, 8pm, Glabicki and Dirk Miller will be playing an intimate concert at the UB's Center for the Arts Drama Theater. Tickets for the show can be purchased at Ticketmaster. There are VIP tickets available, which



Great Blue Heron Music Festival co-founder, David Tidquist invited the band to play Jamestown's Joyce's Keg Room in 1991. Photo/Lori Savaree

provide a personal meet and greet with Michael and Dirk.

Glabicki will bring his distinct vocals and blend of acoustic folk, rock, and world music in a duo performance with long-time bandmate Dirk Miller. They will take the old Rusted Root favorites along with new material and perform re-envisioned versions of them in UB's Drama Theatre, in an up-close and intimate setting.

"We go into the crevices of the songs and expand them out and open up the music to whatever happens in the moment," Glabicki says of his shows with Miller. "It's completely

improvisational, to the point where we surprise ourselves a lot. Things just happen, and I start laughing. It's like we've never heard it sound like that before. We have a great time with it and the audience seems to enjoy the musical exploration too."

A multifaceted musician, producer and songwriter, Glabicki's talents are unique and extremely uplifting. His new projects and music are extensions of his creative talent, and will inspire all those who participate.

It's going to be a hot winter's night in Buffalo, on February 4th.

Women

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In today's world, we are all much more aware of words like collaboration and empowerment, and the mechanics thereof. Today's women, particularly, rely on the sisterhood as they lift each other up, willingly helping each other along the way. Local stories abound about established women giving a leg up to newcomers: Dina DiPasquale, owner of "Dina's" helping Nicole get her "Flowers off the Farm" flower business running, Jessica Gilbert at "Ava Grace" revealing how to market online to other entrepreneurs in Ellicottville during the terrible days after the visit from Covid; Joan Ess from "Alexandra" bringing in hand made goods made by women refugees living and working in Buffalo and learning English, also through the energy and caring of Ms. Ess. The stories of women helping women in small business communities are ubiquitous.

The story of the Hanni Ruszkowski and the "Schoolhouse (hair) Salon" is unique in that we operated differently back in the 1970's. Except, it turned out, Hanni operated with collaboration and empowerment in the days when those words were not necessarily part of our business vernacular. Here is her story in her own words.

"Holly Smith opened a beauty shop in the 1887 Building in the late '70's. When my youngest son started school, I was ready to resume my career in the beauty business. I walked into Holly's shop and asked her if she would be interested in selling it. She



The story of the Hanni Ruszkowski and the "Schoolhouse (hair) Salon" (which was housed in the 1887 building, pictured above) is unique in that we operated differently back in the 1970's. Except, it turned out, Hanni operated with collaboration and empowerment in the days when those words were not necessarily part of our business vernacular.

said yes, and so I became a businesswoman in Ellicottville.

It was a good start for me because a lot of Holly's clients stayed. I get emotional to think back how Ellicottville people accepted me. Soon the shop got too small, and I added more space by building out into the hallway. Pete Widger was my contractor, Halloran's did the electric, Rex Malmberg the plumbing. Lynn Dubey joined me by renting a booth. It was a good opportunity for her since she was ready to move to Ellicottville full time from Cleveland. She later opened a salon on Monroe Street. Several young hairstylists got their start in the business with Lynn. She had a lot to teach. Meanwhile, I kept doing hair at my location for 25 years.

When I was ready to retire from the beauty business I happened to run into Debby Halloran. I knew she had recently gotten her license, so I asked her if she was interested in buying my shop. I told her, since I was about to go on a trip to Germany to visit my family, she could work at the shop and then decide

whether or not to buy it. She did so well that she bought it. Soon, her daughter joined her and when the building closed, they moved to Fillmore Drive.

So, 5 women got their start at the little shop in the 1887 Building, as well as the young ladies that branched out from Lynn's shop. Ellicottville's warm and welcoming spirit was key to the success of all these enterprising businesswomen." Hanni Ruszkowski

No doubt, the environment in Ellicottville may indeed serve as kind of incubator for entrepreneurial women. Going back to the '70's Hanni referenced, one could wander up and down main street and find many businesses owned by women or in tandem with their husbands (often the power behind the thrones). Today, Ellicottville offers readers a chance to catch up the news thanks to three women owned papers. Shirley Reinhart followed in the footsteps of Thelma Lane, introducing the

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until 1851 when the Erie Railroad established a stop at neighboring Cattaraugus. Even then, it was a fine place to live and relax with stores, mills, foundries and even a cabinet shop that served as both a furniture shop and undertaker. Talk about diversity. In those early days, the lack of the railroad wasn't too much of an inconvenience. After all there was direct telegraph communication with the outside world by means of Western Union, and Frank Barber ran a stagecoach to Cattaraugus three times a day to meet the trains and take passengers or goods to the village of Cattaraugus. Life was good until the tornado hit



In 1822 Parkinson built the first saw-mill in town just below where now stands the flouring mill of D. N. Brown.

May 30, 1860. The village was devastated and then in 1887, after rebuilding, much of the village was destroyed by fire. It seemed they couldn't catch a break. These days, much of Otto is devoted to farmland and it serves as a bedroom community for commuters. There are

acres of beautiful protected "State Land" of which portions of Zoar Valley are part. In 2007 NYS passed a law designating Zoar Valley a "forever wild." And, indeed, it is. Otto is located about 17 miles from Ellicottville following Maples Road to East Otto Road.

Town of Otto Bi-Centennial

Friday, February 10 from 3-5pm

We are beginning to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Town of Otto by the New York State Legislature on February 10, 1823. To commemorate this event, the Otto Post Office is offering an opportunity for all interested persons to obtain a special "cancel." Please bring as many stamped envelopes or postcards as you wish to the post office at this time and the postmaster or clerk will stamp your envelope with a special cancel and hand it back to you.

One of these would make a great gift for anyone interested in local history, or stamp collecting, or postal history. For more information, contact candacebroughton@gmail.com

St. Elmo Spa Receives Award

Mayville-Chautauqua Chamber of Commerce Recognizes

CHAUTAUQUA INSTITUTION - The Mayville-Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce recently announced that they presented their 2022 Business Improvement Award to St Elmo Spa.

After purchasing the St. Elmo Spa in 2018, owner Julie Ambrose renovated and refreshed the spa's interior, enhanced existing treatments, and added new services - all while navigating the uncertainties

brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The St. Elmo Spa has become a popular destination for those looking to relax and rejuvenate and it is open for business year-round.

Julie's goal has always been to bring a big city feel to their small town. When guests arrive, they'll notice the bright and elegant décor, but there have also been many practical enhancements including: an enlarged manicure area,

increased functionality of the facial room, a retail area devoted to skin care, and greater overall efficiency in the spa's layout. The St. Elmo Spa just completed its final expansion this year by building a full-service hair salon, an enlarged massage therapy suite, and third facial room - all to accommodate the increased demand!

The spa's tagline,

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Phoenix

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prizes will be awarded for the best racers in each age category: 25 and under, 26 to 35, 36 to 45, 46 to 55, and 56 and over. For questions about the race, contact Rick Ross at 905-518-5396, or ross3@cogeco.ca.

Attendance is expected to be back up to pre-COVID numbers of 700+. According to organizer Dave Vander Ploeg, "It will be 'epicus funus' to get everyone back together again AND to raise 'Phunds for Phoenix' with all kinds of silliness." Dave also hinted that they have planned a "big reveal" on the day of the event... So, come up with cameras and witness it to believe it!

The charity fundraiser draws a variety of sponsors ranging from their Platinum Sponsor, the Seneca Casino, to Yuengling and Pabst. A wall of sponsors will be on display. For questions about the fundraiser, email Dave at dvan@drmg.ca.

In the last few years, this fundraiser was able to provide over \$70,000 to support HoliMont's Phoenix Community Outreach Program, which introduces students to the

sport of adaptive skiing for the first time. Last year alone they helped with equipment like the wide instructor handle for an existing sit ski, another slider with super adjustable legs (can't miss it on the slopes, its turquoise!), 2 new sets of stand-up outriggers, various other equipment AND bursaries to help families in need get their kids out on the slopes. But guess what? We have immediate future needs like a new Jr. mountain man bi-ski to replace our 27 year old one!

The group is hoping to raise enough funding to purchase a TetraSki, the world's first alpine sit-ski to provide independent turning and speed variability through the use of a joystick and/or breath control. Immediate benefit: 2 of their impaired students can use this immediately and they can offer others to make use of this cutting-edge technology. This innovative ski will give them freedom of controlling their own equipment and movement.

The Phoenix Program began in 1996 when former program director Chuck Richardson was asked to work with a special needs student. Since then, the program has grown to



Claire Rider, a Phoenix instructor, displays a limited edition ATOMIC BANGER snowboard that will be offered in the live auction.

include students of all disabilities, both physical and cognitive. Staffed by dedicated volunteers and PSIA trained instructors, the program provides a safe, compassionate skiing and riding environment for our adaptive students' needs.

Our goal for 2023 is to raise \$25,000+! Outreach, training, equipment, are all needed. For more information on the program, visit the website <https://holimont.com/programs/phoenix-adaptive/>

Award

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"you deserve to pamper yourself," only describes part of its appeal. Along with various types of massage, facials, manicures and pedicures, the spa's services include body wraps, HydraFacial MD, and dermaplaning, which are not typically offered by day spas.

Special occasion hair and makeup are also available.

The spa welcomes bridal parties and others celebrating a birthday or anniversary, as well as couples and groups of friends to come and be our guests. Spend the day, bring lunch, and relax. The spa will do everything to make sure time spent with them is special.

St. Elmo Spa has received numerous five-star reviews online from customers who give it high marks for its beautiful atmosphere, excellent services and welcoming

and accommodating staff. While the spa has always been a destination for summer visitors, the goal of its new owner is to make it a year-round retreat for area residents as well. If the increased business this fall is any indication, it is well on its way.

The St. Elmo Spa is located in the concourse (lower level) of The St. Elmo Building at 1 Pratt Avenue on the grounds of the Chautauqua Institution. St. Elmo Spa is open year-round.

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The Need that Surrounds Us

Social Services in Ellicottville



Rotarians Tony Trost and Kathy Trost, with Nancy Rogan of the Ellicottville Food Pantry and Doug Anderson, Rotary President

BY DAVE PARKER Food, drinks, fun, and adventures make the Ellicottville experience special. Our Hallmark-like community is supported by hardworking neighbors operating mostly behind the scenes. Often these vital people find themselves and their families with incomes at or below the poverty level, lacking basic benefits, and facing challenges that are juxtaposed with the good times experienced by so many. Local seniors on fixed incomes, many supporting multiple generations of their family, find themselves also challenged to make ends meet. While subtle, there is a great need throughout our region. This is where our community heroes step in.

room of donated food to an impressively coordinated operation that supports over 100 families, the Food Pantry is a vital service to our neighbors in need. Volunteer Nancy Rogan lavished praise on the support they've received from local businesses, community organizations, and volunteers who back the Food Pantry. Nancy detailed the application process for an individual or family to receive food is a simple form to gather basic contact information, family size, and financial status. The process is aimed to be as simple and non-threatening as possible with volunteers ready to assist. Within minutes, the intake form can be completed and a food order can be processed. The Food Pantry services residents within a 15-mile radius of Ellicottville including the towns of Otto, East Otto, Great Valley, and West Valley. Food services are closely coordinated across the

county by the FeedMore WNY organization that provides food distribution services and pantry organization. The Ellicottville Food Pantry provides food to enrolled individuals and families twice a month and toiletries and household items once per month.

Recent supply challenges and rising costs have tested the Food Pantry's ability to provide commonly requested items like eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables. Even saltine crackers have been hard to keep stocked. Donations of food, money and kitchen items are always welcomed. Contact Food Pantry Director Val Germain at (716) 699-4003 to find out ways you can help. For those in need of food services, the Pantry is open Monday 1-3pm, Wednesday 4-6pm, and Saturday 10am - 12pm.

When the need and life challenges are greater than just food, people often struggle to find the assistance they need. The complexities of addressing issues with housing, transportation, childcare, mental health, and other needs can be daunting. Local churches offer various services and can help route people to the agencies that can best help based on their needs. Also, 211 WNY is a directory service of health and human services agencies that can be rapidly accessed via a call to "211" where a skilled information and referral specialist can match someone to the services they require. The 211 service is also available

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Tui

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growing up in the church. "My dad was a Pastor and my parents were very musical in church. I learned from my dad singing in the choir, and starting playing guitar at 10 years old." He dabbled with bass guitar and ukelele, but singing and acoustic were more his style. As Tui grew older, he took on more responsibility within the church as music coordinator as well as singing in the church choir until he moved to the United States at age 19.

When he first moved to the US, Tui was a rugby player residing in Los Angeles but traveled the country with the sport. During college at the University of Atlanta, Tui started a Reggae band called "Liquid Rootz". He was inspired by his cousin, "Wais", who is also in the music industry. "My cousin played full time and really gave me the push I needed to get started. He gave me a start-up kit and said 'you can do this.' That meant a lot coming from him." Wais is well known in Hermosa Beach in his niche of one-man music.

Tui graduated from the

Life University in Atlanta with a Bachelors Science degree in Exercise Science in 2010 and is now the director of rugby at St Bonaventure University for boys division I and girls division II teams. He resides in Ellicottville with his wife, Jessie, and their 9-year-old daughter Emma. He is active in the community and frequently helps out friends with charity events. Tui loves the Ellicottville community and enjoys performing here. "The vibe in Ellicottville is like no other. People here are so welcoming and I just love being able to play for them." Performing for Tui is the perfect artistic outlet. "I really just enjoy performing in front of a crowd. I love making people smile with

my music. It's great to be able to look out into the crowd and see their reaction, watch them smiling and enjoying themselves. It's a gift to be able to make people happy."

While he is most often playing in the village of Ellicottville, Tui has traveled around the area playing weddings, cocktail hours, and events at Peek'n Peak, Chautauqua, and Buffalo Breweries. He enjoys performing, but is looking forward to getting back into the studio and recording some original songs.

Tui advises aspiring artists to stay determined and find their niche. "It can be a tough industry, but keep at it, keep pushing and with enough persistence, you'll get there."

Women

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hunt of the antique to our community. Women are at the helm of public service programs, charities, and food pantries. A woman

oversees our library; women sit on our town and village boards, guiding the future of our community as only women can. In a conversation with Lynn Dubey, she did, indeed help prepare several women to launch into their own hair styling businesses

who successfully operate to this day, and they in turn, did likewise. No offense intended to the male business owners, but women seem to have an inborn "edge" when it comes to women helping other women. Must be in the feminine DNA!

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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Winter has been a fickle lover but it looks like the colder temps are here to stay so hopefully the skiing will be too. One thing that never changes is the music scene, so let's see who's playing where.

We start the seven-day weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burgers and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets you any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This week's music guest is Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

The Gin Mill will host Kody and Herren Thursday from 8-11pm. This couple plays a rock/folk/pop/country/bluegrass set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm Sun-Thurs and 11pm Fri, Sat. They're also open for breakfast 10-11 sat, sun.

FRIDAY
The Taqueria is first up against Tui Osborne since 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae /ska /pop set of covers to accompany a fine Tex-Mex meal. Try the spicy margaritas.

We return to Balloons main stage for Darkwater Duo and Company from 6:30- 10pm. this Bradford band plays a rock/pop/indie/alt/country set of covers with the occasional original and are very danceable. Tina Williams hill host the back bar with a rock /pop /folk /inde set of covers and originals. Dj Andre the Redheaded Giant will keep things rockin in the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

12 Gates of Evl

joined the party with Jay McDonnell from 7-10pm. Jay plays acoustic based rock, Eagles, Petty, CSNY. Sample some of 12 Gates beers and enjoy some deli style sandwiches.

Finnerty's hosts their Contractors Ball from 4 till close with The Rig from 8-12am. The Rig is a Buffalo band that plays a multi genre set of your favorite dance tunes from the 60's until today. check out the dart board, pool table, Birdie King video game for some fun.

We're back at The Gin Mill for TwoGuys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have been making music in Evl for as long as I can remember and playing pop/rock/folk/blues set of covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar inside The Mill for drinks with high end liquors.

We end our tour at Madigans with Dj SI from 9-2am. You can hang by the wood stove or play some pool or foosball or shake what momma gave you on the dance floor.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is back with Davey O from 2-5pm. Davey plays a folk/roots/alt

/country set of originals and covers to accompany a late lunch or an early dinner. Second Act will take the stage from 8-12am. They play a rock/folk/country set of covers and originals. try one or more of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

Madigans is back with Tony DeRosa in 5-8pm. Tony plays a rock/pop/alt/folk set of covers and originals. Dj Si will follow in the sound booth with some crunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

We're back at Balloons for Grosh on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. this is one of Buffalo's most popular and talented bands. They play a rock/metal/pop/alt set of originals and covers. The back bar will host Michael Nowak from 10-2am. mike plays rock'pop/alt/country set of covers. Dj Kage will keep the party rockin puttin the funk in the trunk till 2am.

12 Gates hosts Jason Wedlock from 7-10pm. Jason plays a multi-genre set of acoustic covers.

SUNDAY
Villaggio hosts their weekly AYCE Pasts Bar and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Tui Osborne will play a pop/ska/reggae set of covers from 5:30-8:30pm to accompany the best Italian food in the southern tier.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This weekend musical guest is Michael Nowak from 6-9pm. 50 cent wings and a fine craft beer list with some great music is a local's favorite.

Tuesday The Gin Mill will host The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This pick-up band of local musicians plays a folk/roots/bluegrass set of covers featuring a dobro and banjo.

We end the weekend like we have for the last 39 years with The Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/rock/pop/country/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to. we hope you enjoyed your time in our village and come back with friends and family frequently but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What is Something You Learned Embarrassingly Late in Life?

By CHAD NEAL

We are brought up learning every step of the way. We are taught in institutions and by family and friends throughout our lives, but some things we have to figure out on our own from clues and research. Many times certain statistics and facts pass over our heads, not one of us can say we know it all. If someone says that it must be assumed that they don't know very much at all. Sometimes

though, we think slightly about certain things not knowing what we believe is wrong. It is often said: "You learn something new every day." And that fact is sometimes awkwardly learned. Having an opinion on something because it's not completely processed in one's mind can lead to a mortifying realization too, when it's found out the opinion is based on a mistaken idea. What is something you learned embarrassingly late in life?



Jessie P.- I thought the Washington Redskins/Commanders were based in Washington state until like last summer. I'm 36.



Ben S.- Chinese take out containers fold down into bowls.

Tim D.- Numbers on a toaster are for time, not a level of toasting.



Brooks L.- We eat bananas from the wrong end. Don't believe me google "monkeys eating bananas", they open easier from other end and the stem makes a good handle to hold them.



Bob O.- That it can get really cold in Florida . Always thought it was warm every day, all day.



Ann O.- Why bridges freeze before roads. Glad I figured it out without someone telling me.

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Moratorium on Solar Projects

Motion to Hire New Assistant Code Enforcement Officer

By DAVE PARKER

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, January 18. Supervisor Matthew McAndrew reviewed with the Board the formation of a committee to address short-term rental regulations. The committee will consist of 2 members of the Planning Board, 2 members of the Zoning Board, 2 members of the Town Board, Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Fredrickson, Planner Greg Keyser, and Engineer Ben Slotman. Supervisor McAndrew and Councilman Zerfas will represent the Town Board. Mr. Keyser will check with the Planning and Zoning Boards for their representatives.

SOLAR FARM PROJECT

The Planning Department updates were provided by Greg Keyser. A public hearing is scheduled for Monday on Simmons Road solar farm application. The County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) will not be offering PILOT agreements to solar farms at this time due to their temporary moratorium on approving solar projects. The CCIDA rejected the application so the Town Planning Board will not make a decision on Monday; they will likely wait until the CCIDA comes back with a recommendation. Discussion followed on how to quantify the cost of disposal of solar panels and equipment after their useful years and bonding or letter of credit to cover the costs

involved.

Attorney Pullen discussed NY's proposed legislation to phase out the sale of fossil fuel heating equipment in NYS. He will draft a letter for municipalities to consider sending to lawmakers in opposition to the legislation. Mr. Keyser also has been working on Cannabis Regulations and suggested the short-term rental committee address Cannabis Regulations through zoning updates at their meet-ings.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Kelly Fredrickson of the Building Department noted two applications for the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer position have been received. One of the applicants is a certified and active Code Enforcement Officer and is familiar with the community. Mr. Fredrickson recommended hiring him. At their last Board meeting, the Village Board concurred that the candidate would be a good hire. The Town Board approved the motion to hire the candidate.

Ben Slotman of the Engineering Department presented a renewal for GIS services with the Wendell firm which was approved by the Board. Also, Mr. Slotman presented and received approval to get information security and offsite backup for the Engineering Department's IT systems. Finally, for the Engineering Department, Mr. Slotman noted he will be continuing to search for a qualified Assistant Engineer candidate to fill

the department's vacancy.

NEW BUSINESS

In new business topics, an agreement to utilize Ashford's dog kennel is being drafted. The agreement should be available for review at next month's meeting. Also, Mr. Zerfas had a conversation with the Operation Supervisor from National Fuel. There was a discussion of National Fuel running a gas line to the tubing park. The possibility of running it to the nearby Highway barn was discussed. The Board agreed that obtaining a natural gas line to the Highway barn should be looked into.

OTHER BUSINESS

For ongoing topics, the EVGV Trail project has sent easements to property owners along the trail for their signature. For the SAM Grant to update the Town Hall's windows and doors, Mr. Slotman was requested to get quotes for review. The Elk Creek Subdivision dedication had a resolution approved. Also, a fire hydrant at Valley Village is not being kept clear which would hinder fire protection. Mr. Fredrickson will notify the Homeowner's Association citing Building Code Regulations

The Board adjourned the meeting and entered into an attorney/client privilege session.

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

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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online at <http://211wny.org> for people to search for services offered in their area. However, a comprehensive services organization is available locally that every resident needs to be aware of. Connecting Communities in Action, Inc (CCA) is a local not-for-profit organization headed by area resident Tina Zerbian. CCA offers a comprehensive set of services and is the premier agency in Cattaraugus County for those in need. To access the services from CCA, start with a call to (716) 945-1041. Tina and her team can directly provide a wide array of services and can refer to other agencies when required. For those who wish to support CCA through volunteering their time or making financial contributions, many opportunities are listed on their website at <https://www.ccaction.org>. Please consider supporting the Food Pantry and CCA through donations and volunteering as they are vital to our community. Also, if you're in need of help, these agencies and their staff are ready to assist.

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Several Projects in the Works for Catt. Co. IDA



The Field of Dreams project by Olean Manor, Inc is moving forward with the next phase of their development of single-family assisted living homes in Allegany.

BY DAVE PARKER The monthly Board meeting for the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) was held on Wednesday, January 18. CCIDA Executive Director Corey Wiktor and the Board reviewed several existing applications and their progress.

\$1.7 million. Also in Allegany, is the 9154 Group, LLC project to develop a 10-unit, 2-story apartment building on 3139 W. State Street had its public hearing held in Allegany on January 9th with support for the project offered by those in attendance. This property will offer 8 apartments and 2 townhouse units and will be within walking distance of Saint Bonaventure and many of the local shops. The project investment is estimated to be over \$3 million.

multi-family buildings during the project's first phase and an 8-unit multi-family building along with another 12-unit multi-family building in the second phase. This complex will be located at 2101 W. State Street and has a total project investment estimate of over \$11 million. A public hearing was also held for this project in Olean on January 9th. No one attended the public hearing to offer comments or ask questions.

The Field of Dreams project by Olean Manor, Inc is moving forward with the next phase of their development of single-family assisted living homes in Allegany. This phase was halted due to COVID. This project has a total investment target of

Down the road in Olean, a public hearing was held for a related project for the Olean 2020, LLC project to develop two 12-unit

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Subdivisions Reviewed

Ellicottville Planning Board Meeting Notes

BY DAVE PARKER The Town of Ellicottville's Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 23rd. There were three items on the agenda. First, a public hearing was held for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan review of a proposed Tier 3 Community Solar Energy System at 6902 Simmons Road. Several residents of Simmons Road expressed concerns and asked questions. The applicant agreed to look into the concerns and offer mitigation to any issues. The application is still in the review process. No action was taken by the Planning Board.

item was a pre-application conference on 6064 NYS Route 242 with an intent to subdivide 50 acres into an 11-lot cluster subdivision. After reviewing the proposal and the zoning regulations that apply, the Board tabled the item pending additional review of the materials submitted and the applicable zoning regulations.

The last item on the agenda was the 42 Degrees North Subdivision and request to amend the approved Final Plat. The subdivision was approved in 2015 but not completed. The applicant is asking the Board to allow a construction phasing and determine if the request is substantial. The Planning Board should

also determine if the SEQR review needs to be reopened and whether the change is minimal as related to environmental review. The Planning Board may waive the requirement for a public hearing and decide on the proposed amendment if it determines the requested change is not substantial and the SEQR does not need to be reopened. The Board moved that the change is not substantial, not to reopen SEQR, waived a public hearing, and will allow the construction phasing with conditions.

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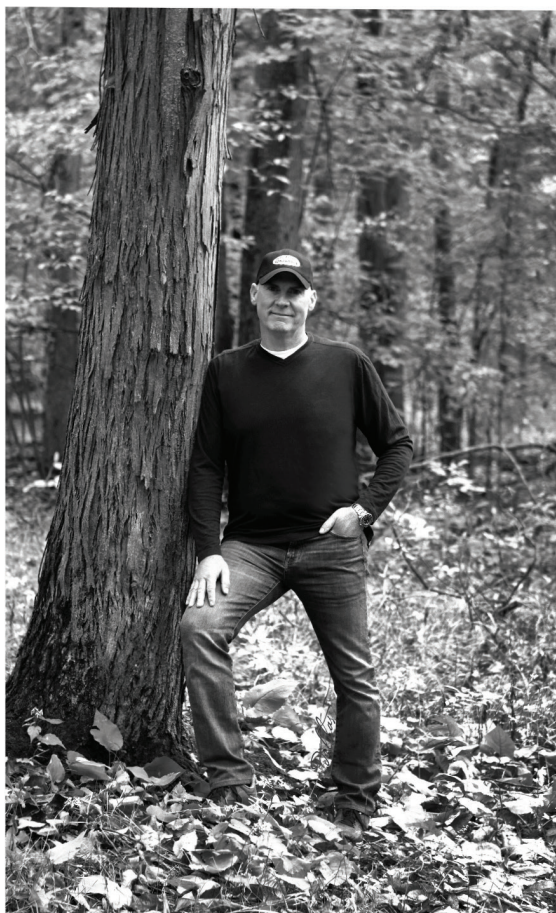
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