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WEEKLY SNOWSHOE HIKE
February 7 • 4:30pm
Allegany State Park, Salamanca

LONESTAR
Friday, February 11 • 8pm
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

INTENSE MILK RAIL JAM
Friday, February 11 • 6pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

FAT BIKE FUN RIDE
Friday, February 17 • 6:30pm
Allegany State Park-Camp Allegany

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

TELESTOCK
Friday, February 24 • 9am
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

RTPI AFTER 5
Friday, February 24th • 5pm
Roger Tory Peterson Inst., Jamestown

PENGUIN PADDLE
Saturday, February 25 • 9am
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville

MAYVILLE WINTER FEST
February 17 - February 19
Lakeside Park, Mayville

WINTER MUSIC JAM
February 24 - February 26
Village of Ellicottville

2023 SPORTSMAN SHOW
February 25 - February 26
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

COLDEST NIGHT 2K/5K WALK
Saturday, February 25th • 4pm
YWCA, Jamestown

4-H GREEN TIE AFFAIR
Sunday, February 26th • 3pm
Chautauqua Suites, Mayville

BANKED SLALOM
Sunday, March 5 • 10am
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville

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

Rail Rider Jamboree

One-Day Music Festival Returns to Holiday Valley



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Dark Star Orchestra will headline the event, playing two sets of Grateful Dead music to close out the event. The weekend will kick off on Friday, March 17th at Holiday Valley with music, beer tastings and more. (See "RAIL RIDER", page 6)

Cattaraugus County Trail Project New GIS Interactive Trail Mapping System



The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping system will make an intuitive, easily updated digital mapping system, using the current Cattaraugus County Trail viewer as the foundation for the System.

By DELAINEY MUSCATO, ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

Cattaraugus County has taken on a huge project. In 2020, they began developing

a mapping system that will help create a unique and improved experience for those on the trails. I spoke with

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Happy Groundhog's Day Day of Prognostication and Celebration



The popular fellow has no six levels of separation here. He has served as our Grand Marshal of the Mardi Gras parade several times right here at Ground (hog) Zero, Ellicottville, New York. He was sponsored by The Villager Newspaper.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Groundhog Day falls on the 2nd of February for a reason. It's what's known as a "cross-quarter" day, meaning it falls at the midpoint between one season and another. In the case

of February 2nd, it's the cross-quarter day that falls between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, making it the ideal time to consider whether or not spring will arrive early.

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HoliMont Membership Soars Some of the Best Skiing in the Northeast



Three generations of family fun. HoliMont President Cindy Goodin pictured with her family.

By KATE BARTLETT

HoliMont has seen a dramatic increase in membership this season. Currently, HoliMont has some of the best skiing in the Northeast. Their excellent programs and well-

groomed trails, paired with an incomparable family vibe, make HoliMont unique.

Current HoliMont president Cindy Goodin is well versed regarding the slopes as a former

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Reg Lenna Celebrates 100

Vaudeville House Turned Events Center



By KATE BARTLETT

This Sunday, Feb 5th, the historic Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown will begin a yearlong celebration of the Palace Theater with a free public event at 2pm. 100 years ago to the day, in 1923, the Palace Theater opened at 116 E 3rd Street in the heart of Jamestown. The theater has been entertaining families for generations, from silent films and variety shows in the 20's to movies in the 50's to live events and concerts in recent years, the Reg Lenna is a historic landmark with a story to tell.

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Buffalo History Museum

50's Era Valentine's Sweethearts Dance



By KATE BARTLETT

This Valentine's Day, treat your sweetheart (or yourself) to a night out at the Buffalo History Museum's inaugural Sweetheart's Dance, February 10th at 7pm. The night will include a dance lesson with Swing Buffalo, live music by Alex Rene Big Band, featuring Donna Kerr on vocals, and full access to explore to the Buffalo History Museum after hours. Step back in time and enjoy a fun 50's themed night. Sweets and treats provided by local bakers and cocktails available for purchase.

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The good thing about us Western New Yorkers is that we are hardy. Whether the rodent casts more winter upon us, or less of a winter,

we will all still be happy. We have four seasons and events are planned accordingly around them. Seeing as we are in for six more weeks of winter, keep the skis, boards, snowshoes and fat bikes out and enjoy the terrain; we have plenty of ski areas and trails for you to explore. Or throw another log on the fire, grab a glass of wine and a good book and enjoy watching the snowfall from the comfort of your home.

One way or another, there is no excuse to not enjoy the here and now especially when you live in our amazing area and you have such great reading material right at your fingertips, www.thevillager.com.

As always, if you have a story idea for us or are interested in being a part of our team, please contact me, info@thevillager.com, I look forward to hearing from you. Until next week – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Empire State Winter Games

Torch Relay Came to Ellicottville

and by local athletes and teams, dignitaries and special ceremonies. Upon the torch's arrival in Lake Placid, the torch relay concludes with the lighting of the cauldron as the Games officially commence the night of Thursday, Feb. 2. Competition begins the next day.

Photo/Team Pritchard

The 43rd Empire State Winter Games (ESWG) Torch Relay kicked off last Sunday, January 29 and made a stop at Holiday Valley Ski Resort in Ellicottville. The five-day, 700-mile journey will culminate in Lake Placid for the Opening Ceremony of the February 2-5 Games.

With title sponsor Community Bank, N.A., along with presenting sponsors Zappone Chrysler Jeep Dodge Inc.; Jeep; Highmark Blue Shield of Northeastern New York; Stewart's Shops; Casella Waste Systems and Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort, the torch relay will be welcomed by dozens of communities along the two routes that will merge in Lake Placid.

Along with visits to sponsor Community Bank locations, the torch relay is expected to involve up to 30 communities, schools, sports clubs, mascots, arenas and other venues as the ESWG flame winds its way east and north. In connecting three corners of New York state, the relay symbolizes a unifying spirit, inspiration and resilience as the ESWG celebrates the power of sport and community. At some stops, the torch will be feted with parades

The ESWG, the largest multi-sport amateur athletic winter sporting event in North America, is expected to draw around 2,000 athletes competing in more than 30 events in Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, Tupper Lake, Paul Smiths and the surrounding area. Registration is still open for participants. Visit empirestatewintergames.com. You do not have to be a resident of New York State to participate in the Empire State Games, and most sports are open to all levels. Connect with the Games on www.EmpireStateWinterGames.com, Facebook.com/ESWGGames, Instagram.com/ESWGGames and Twitter @ESWGGames.

Donate to Springville Fire Victims

Donations needed for 20 residents

Donations requested for Springville fire victims. Up to twenty Springville residents have been forced out of their homes by last Monday night's arson fire. Some of these are young single moms. Items can be dropped off at the Springville Moose Lodge on February 4, 11-5 and the Gowanda Moose Lodge February 1, 11-5. Items needed are clothing, blankets, school supplies and toys since these families lost everything but the clothes on their backs.

Town of Otto Bi-Centennial

Special "Cancel" Stamp Available

The town of Otto is celebrating the 200th anniversary of its formation 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" stamp. Please bring as many stamped envelopes or postcards as you wish to the post office on Friday February 10th from 3pm - 5pm, 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.

Share the Warmth
 Howard Hanna Coat Drive in Ellicottville, NY

Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive Is Back: Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and The Villager have joined together in collecting new and/or gently used coats, hats, gloves & mittens. Donations will be accepted all winter during business hours (seven days a week!) at the Howard Hanna office located at 34 Washington St. Ellicottville, NY.

The Purple Doorknob



Nikki Himes is the manager at the Purple Doorknob on Washington Street in Ellicottville.

BY GARY MALICKI

When you move to a new town you don't really think about the new people you may meet as there are more pressing issues like unpacking. Then there's the time you need in simply adjusting to a new environment and a little more unpacking. If you don't know anyone but are fortunate enough to make a new friend quickly it's a good thing and puts you ahead of the game. Lucky for us that happened early on in our Ellicottville adventure. The person we met has become a very good friend who would end up helping to greatly enhance our village experience. Our new friend is the office manager at the apartment complex where we lived when we first got here and was, quite literally, the first person we met. Although we have since moved into the heart of the village, we are still very good friends.

There came a time where we were in search of the perfect Christmas

gift for our new friend and were moved in the direction of socks...yes, socks. We somehow heard about a store in town that specialized in socks. I never thought too deeply about them until writing this article. With the help of a little bit of internet research I discovered that there are several children's books out there all about missing socks and even came across unique facts and jokes about socks like, for example, "Why did the golfer carry extra ones in his bag"? "In case he got a hole in one, of course"! Sorry, that was bad but we decided to check out this amazing sock shop on Washington Street that you may or may not know about.

We were drawn to The Purple Door Knob featuring, what may be, the world's largest selection of socks. What we learned about our new friend is that she is a horse lover and rides as often as she can. We went into the store and sheepishly asked the clerk, "Do you have anything with horses

on them"? We were immediately directed to a rack where we found what we were looking for...the perfect fit for the equine enthusiast.

I went back into the shop a week and a half ago and met the friendly and enthusiastic manager, Nikki. I told her I was writing this article and she was happy to chat with me a little. I learned that the business originally was an antique shop. Socks were a side-line but sold so well that, well, the rest is history. I didn't get to meet the owners, Rachel and Scotty but Nikki was wonderful. I asked what the best sellers were and she said that my story is typical of their customers. People routinely come in and ask for specific themes like, for example, breeds of dogs or hobbies and activities. They have it all and this really is a fun shop in which to browse.

It was incredibly satisfying a few days after Christmas when our new friend gave us a call to say, "Hey, I'm wearing my horsey socks today"! How fun is that?

Cupcaked Bakery Decorating Class

Valentine Cake Decorating Class on Monroe St. in Ellicottville

Ellicottville, NY – Join us for our first cake decorating class in our newly renovated space on Saturday, February 11th! Follow your heart & come join us for the sweetest Valentine's cake decorating class! Bring a partner, friend or yourself out for date night!

The Valentine's Date Night Cake Decorating Class will be held from 6-7:30pm, Saturday, February 11 at the new Cupcaked location: 24 Monroe Street, Ellicottville. Here you will learn how to decorate a Valentine's-themed cake, plus you'll receive a drink voucher (non-alcoholic), a treat & a \$5 Cupcaked cash coupon with class purchase! Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased on Eventbrite through the Cupcaked Facebook page.



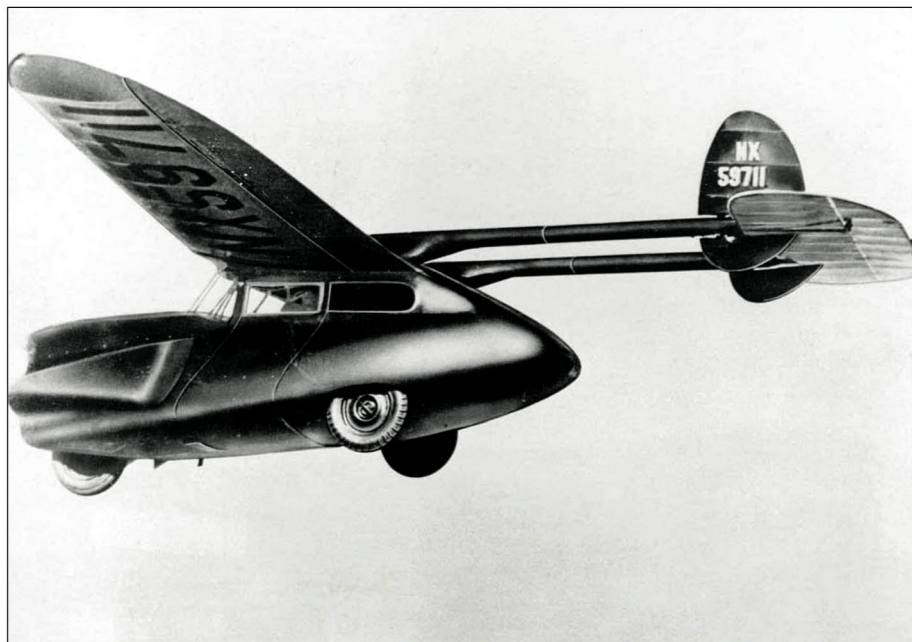
Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam

Live Music throughout the Village February 24-26

Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam, set for Feb. 24-26th, will feature three days of indoor live music in all the hot spots, complementing the list of outdoor fun you'll have in our active ski town. With 15+ performers on deck covering a variety of genres, it will prove to be a good challenge trying to check them all out.

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HoliMont Spotlight

HoliMont Mountain Manager Mark Burkhard



Mark Burkhard, HoliMont Mountain Manager.

lifts. From 1992 – 2002, Mark was HoliMont's Lift Department supervisor and did lift maintenance in the summer. In 2003, Mark approached former HoliMont GM Dave Riley and suggested he assume the role of Mountain Manager. Mark had an honest and heartfelt one sentence sales pitch to get the job: "I would like the opportunity to build a team here." We only need to look at our amazing snowmaking, world-class grooming, and employee teamwork to see that hiring Mark as Mountain Manager was one of HoliMont's most farsighted moves. Under Mark's umbrella as Mountain Manager, he coordinates closely with the supervisors of the Lift, Snowmaking, Grooming, Vehicles, Safety, and Ski Patrol Departments. This complex job of coordinating with all the supervisors of all the departments leads to a question: Does Mark sleep? In my opinion, soundly! It is the sleep of a clear conscience for a job well done. I asked Mark what he enjoyed most about his job and the answer was characteristically Mark: "The people, the team – seeing the growth of the employees." I was almost ready to toss my dusty resume across Mark's desk! Mark and his wife Kim have three children and four grandchildren. The grandchildren are 7 months – eight years old. His voice was soft, and his eyes glistened as he spoke of them. Mark has a van and loves "The adventure of the open road" with his family. A few of their favorite trips were a long drive to Arizona and an epic journey along the legendary Route 66. Mark is very grateful for all the opportunities for advancement HoliMont has provided him. He wants nothing more than to pass this baton of opportunity along to the next generation of HoliMont leaders. In conclusion, Mark said that working at a ski area is a "lifestyle choice." How true. We are blessed that Mark chose to style his working life around HoliMont!

By DAN BALKIN

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success: #1 Family First! – Not just the HoliMont members families, but also the "family" of HoliMont employees. #2 Be Like Pete – Pete Widger, the former HoliMont GM, who has only been skiing for 82 years!, and still does our morning snow report, is known in these parts for his unwavering optimism and great attitude. It's contagious. #3 Always On It – Tirelessly hard working and laser like focus. #4 Keep Building – Learning skills, evolving, growing. The purpose of the core values? Generations of family fun. Mark arrived in our mountains in his late teens. A roofing contractor Mark worked for also worked as the overnight crew leader for snowmaking at HoliMont. In the early 1980s, this contractor hired Mark to work at HoliMont on that same overnight shift. In 1983, 40 years ago, Mark was hired as a full-time employee. Eventually Mark moved from snowmaking to the Lift Department. Mark described this time as "Learning as much as possible, finding a niche." Mark learned a lot. He was regularly sent by HoliMont to attend a seminar at Butternut Mountain in MA to learn more about the intricacies of the mechanical and electrical systems of ski



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Ladies' Day at HoliMont

Friday, Feb. 24



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Open bar with breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks catered by Dina's. Join us for yoga, cycling, snow shoeing, and the vendor market!

There will also be a bachelorette dance party with DJ Chuck, as well as a best dressed contest. Trust us, you won't want to miss this!

Holimont Mens Day

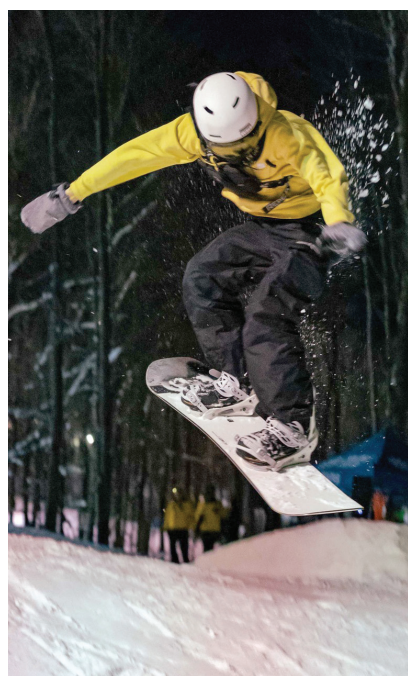
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Holiday Valley Spotlight

Intense Milk Rail Jam Last Friday



Fitness Incentive: New Year - New You!

Fitness Opportunities in Olean, NY

OLEAN, NY - Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is offering all three fitness regimes to work for in 2023: Magnificent May Mayhem (Float the Allegheny); Southern Tier Corporate Challenge and the Allegheny River Running Fest.

Erica Dreher, GOACC member services manager and fitness guru, states, "It takes 8 weeks of training to condition one to run a 5K - obviously longer runs, need more weeks of training." The Chamber has set dates for their fun and fitness events - Float the Allegheny, May 20; Corporate Challenge, June 22 and Allegheny River Running Fest, September 9.

There are options with the events. **MAGNIFICENT MAY MAYHEM, MAY 20, 2023** - Introduced in 2022, that event consisted of several water and land events. For 2023, the M3 will consist of Float the Allegheny, non-timed regatta running from South Union Street in Olean to the Four Mile/1st Street in Allegany. The event will also feature a timed regatta. Those

staying after, there will be a fun festival atmosphere for all - music, food, refreshments, cornhole and more.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE, JUNE 22, 2023

- 2023 will be the 10th annual running event. The event was created by GOACC with the goal of supporting companies in creating internal wellness programs and promoting team-building, fitness and friendly competition. "The Corporate Challenge allows local businesses to compete in a participative and competitive basis, while promoting fitness and corporate camaraderie," added Mrs. Dreher.

The race (5K Run and 2.1 Mile Walk) is open to both corporate and community teams. The challenge concludes with "Olean's Largest Office Party" complete with individual awards: Fastest CEO, Fastest Man, and Fastest Woman; and community teams and corporate team awards: Fastest Male Team, Fastest Female Team, and Fastest Coed Team. Teams need to be determined before race -- as running or walking -- if competing as a team. Community

Team is a team of friends, family, non-employment associates. Corporate Team is a team of employees of said company (this includes spouse if spouses' employer doesn't compete).

RIVER RUNNING FEST, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

This event will feature four competitions: Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and a kids run! A good portion of the longer races will have you running along the picturesque Allegheny River on the area's Allegheny River Valley Trail. In fact, this race is one of few that actually run along the 325-long Allegheny River. Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers for each race event. Also, a commemorative item (to be determined) will be awarded to the top three finishers in the race's five-year age groups. Lastly, the Last Squirrel Award will be presented to the last finisher through the half marathon event. As the City of Olean has an unofficial city mascot of a black squirrel, your finisher's medal will have one of these nutty characters on the medal - to remind you of the great time you had at the ARRF.

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Catt.Co. One Stop Career Center

Supporting Employers and Employees

OLEAN - What exactly is the Cattaraugus One Stop Career Center? Bret Marvin, center manager, replied, "Our goal is to provide constructive, convenient information to employers, businesses, workers and job seekers in Cattaraugus County. We are part of a nationwide workforce development system designed to help capable employees find and train for better jobs and to help employers find and train qualified employees."

One resource that many employers use at the center is the Basic Skills Assessment. "Employers utilize the testing, but many employers aren't sure what exactly it is," added Mr. Marvin. He continued, "Our fully

trained One Stop staff offers FREE Basic Skills assessment testing (TABE test) to let individuals and potential employers know what areas they may be strong in (or what areas may need brushing up). Many local employers now require TABE testing prior to consideration for employment." Please contact Cindy Kifer at 716-373-1880 ext. 261, for availability and more information.

In addition to the testing, workshops are planned in person every month. In addition to computer training and job search skills, the orientation/career planning workshop is a great tool for those new to unemployment, looking to change job paths or new to

the area. Cheryl Keesler, Employment Specialist stated, "This workshop provides an overview of the job search and career development resources and services offered through the One Stop. It also provides information on a variety of tools in order to research career opportunities and the steps necessary for achieving specific goals."

Most services are offered at no cost to the job seeker. The One Stop Career Center is located at 175 North Union Street in downtown Olean with hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, to register for the workshop, or questions, please call 716-375-2890 or visit Cattco.Org/one-stop.



Dark Star Orchestra has been performing together for over 25 years and in that time played over 3,200 shows. Its Grateful Dead concert experience is more than just the sounds of the Grateful Dead. Dark Star Orchestra encapsulates the contagious energy of the music and grabs the listener in a way that has captivated fans of all ages and demographics.

Tri County Arts Council Show

New Show, "Shifting Focus"

OLEAN, NY - The well to the anonymous Tri County Arts Council donor who wishes to thank the more than 60 people who attended the opening reception last Saturday for its new show, "Shifting Focus" by Peter Midgley Olean, which is open from noon to 6pm Tuesday through

Friday, and noon to 5pm Saturday. TCAC is actively looking for a catering and drinks sponsor at its next opening reception in March. For more information, please visit www.tricountyartscouncil.org/



Rail Rider

STORY FROM COVER

Ellicottville, NY, January 30, 2023 – Holiday Valley is proud to announce the return of the Rail Rider Jamboree. Taking place on March 18, 2023 this will be year two of the one-day music festival, which last year saw over 1,800 people attend the event.

Dark Star Orchestra will headline the event, playing two sets of Grateful Dead music to close out the event. GANTZER & Friends, who is led by Mike Gantzer of the Buffalo jamband, Aqueous as well as North East up and coming artists, Eggy, Grub, New Orleans Marching Band; Buffalo Brass Machine. Bluegrass & Bloody Mary's at the Cabana Bar at Holiday Valley with the grassroots, bluegrass band Folkfaces

will round out the musical experience for the day. The weekend will kick off on Friday, March 17th at Holiday Valley with music, beer tastings and more.

"We are so excited to return to Holiday Valley for our second year of the Jamboree. The lineup is filled with incredible talent, with music for all ages. We will also have food vendors and craft vendors and kids 10 and under are free. We really try to curate this event for everyone, to fit with the vibe of the mountain, which is good times and great music", says Festival Promoter, Jennifer Brazill.

One exciting change to the festival is that the venue will be moving locations from the SnowPine Lot on Rt. 219 to the main parking area located adjacent to the Resort Center at the Base Area Parking Lot. "Not only will this

new location allow for the Rail Rider concertgoers to have a more immersive Holiday Valley experience but it'll create a really fun vibe for Holiday Valley guests who are out on the slopes," said Dash Hegeman, Holiday Valley director of marketing. "There will be great music playing throughout the day that people will be able to hear from the Mardi Gras lift, which should only increase interest for year 3 of the event. Plus by putting the venue in an area that is covered in blacktop, which the SnowPine lot is not, it will make for a better overall concert experience for everyone involved."

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Dance

STORY FROM COVER

“At the museum, we’re always looking for new ways to engage the community and bring history alive,” says Brian Hayden, Director of Communications with the museum. “We decided on a historically themed dance as a fun event to give a nod to the 50’s era and offer the opportunity to experience the museum come alive in a new and exciting way.”

The Buffalo History Museum is one of the few remaining buildings from the Pan American Exposition, and one of the most historic buildings in Buffalo. Guests are greeted with historical architecture and the beautiful timeless backdrop of Frederick Law Olmstead’s Delaware Park. The museum frequently hosts weddings and other private events, with its timeless beauty and classic architecture offering a regal setting for any celebration. The Sweetheart Dance will be held in the main hall with the state court transformed into a dance hall. The Alex Rene Big Band will play on the balcony overlooking the court.

“We are making the most of this historic space and will have it decorated for the Valentines’ Holiday. Our staff has been working on cutting hundreds of paper hearts to hang from the ceiling. This event is a great introduction to the



Downstairs exhibits include Chippewa 1975, a photo exhibition by Charles Haan showing the mid 70’s bad old days of Chippewa Street in Buffalo, along with “History Makers 2”, which shares stories of top leaders and trailblazers who changed Buffalo

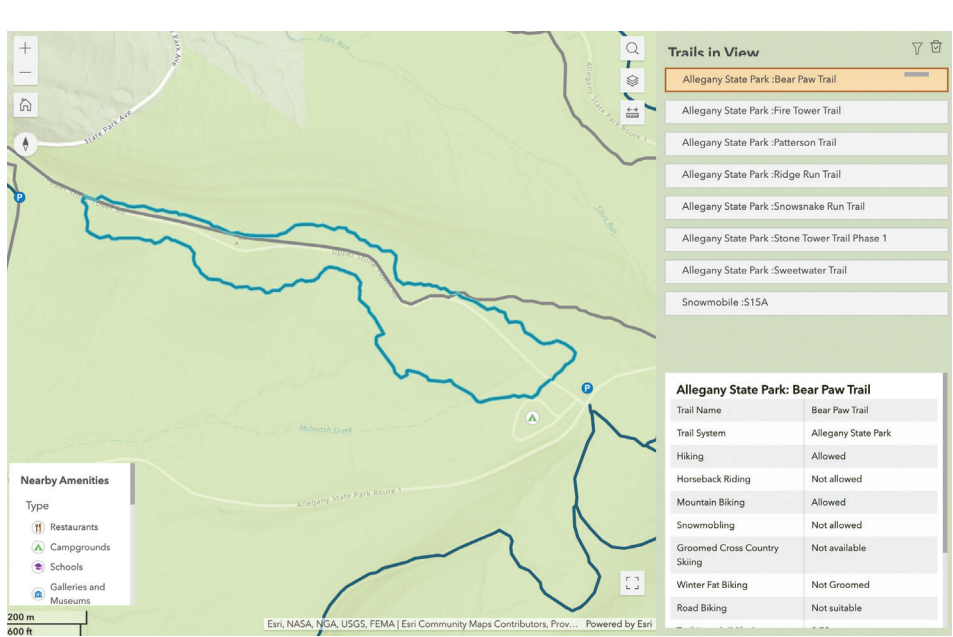
museum. We’re excited to introduce ourselves to new audiences and reintroduce ourselves to those who may have not visited in a while.” Guests are able to explore the museum after hours during the Sweetheart Dance. This unique opportunity allows access to all exhibits while enjoying the sounds of live 50’s big band music, dressed in their best 50’s attire, transporting them into a different era.

Museum exhibits include the popular “Icons” which highlights makers and moments of Buffalo Sports, and “Continuum” which explores the history of Erie country through artifacts of the area, including Pierce Arrow, and Fisher Price. “It’s the classic curation story of the community,” says Brian. Downstairs exhibits include Chippewa 1975, a photo exhibition by Charles Haan showing the mid 70’s bad old days of Chippewa Street in Buffalo, along with “History Makers

2”, which shares stories of top leaders and trailblazers who changed Buffalo.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in authentic 50’s attire and bring their dancing shoes to boogie-woogie and bunny hop on the dance floor. Enjoy cocktails and sweets, treats and baked goods from local bakeries. Step back in time and enjoy an unforgettable themed evening at the museum.

Tickets are \$100 couple, \$50 individual available for pre-purchase on buffalohistory.org, ages 21+. The Buffalo History Museum is located at and is open with pay what you wish admission (\$10 recommended) for the general public Wednesdays 10-8, Thursdays-Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 12-5. Admission is free on M&T Third Fridays from 10-8pm. Tickets at the front desk or Eventbrite.



Cattaraugus County Trail Map Viewer (<http://maps2.cattco.org>)

Trails

CONT. FROM COVER

Kate O’Stricker about how far they have come since starting the project and what’s coming next. O’Stricker is the Senior Development Specialist of the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development. She has been in this position for seven years. Director of Economic Development, Crystal Abers, accountant Deborah Miller, and website technician Jeremy Knab have been working alongside O’Stricker for this project. The original goals of this venture were to discover ways to connect existing trails with others and to create and connect new trails.

So how will they reach this goal? Through new technology developed by a hired consultant who worked with each trail to build the system. “The GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping system will make [an] intuitive, easily updated digital mapping system, using the current Cattaraugus County Trail viewer as the foundation for the System”, O’Stricker

explained. Another aspect of the project includes a comprehensive signage system. It will use consistent symbols and colors for all trails within the county’s trail system. The purpose of the project is to make trails more accessible for all. The county also hopes to simultaneously promote active living and economic development in the community. O’Stricker said, “This system will allow users to search trails close to their location, organize [a] hiking itinerary, review trails, and connect with destinations, businesses, and points of interest. The project will also create a comprehensive signage system for easier and safer access and navigability through the trail system”.

While they have made some great progress, O’Stricker says they still have a long way to go. As COVID impacted everything, this project was no exception. O’Stricker shared that their entire operation had to be moved online. Original plans included meeting in person and inspecting the trails themselves. However, shifting to an online setting to maintain

COVID guidelines and social distancing became necessary. They also had trouble finding contractors to print the signage they needed. Signs and kiosks have been ordered, but they are about a year behind schedule. However, they have made significant headway. “We have completed the GIS Database, designed a comprehensive trail signage system, and have launched the web maps. We currently have the signs printed for the trail systems that agreed to use them and have ordered 8 kiosks to be installed in the county Spring 2023” O’Stricker told me.

Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, and snowmobiling are just a few of the trails included in this project. Cattaraugus County also worked with several trail organizations. Finger Lakes Trail, NYS DEC, Allegany State Park, and Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail are a few of the organizations that are part of this project. These organizations helped “gather GIS coordinates for trails and were

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LIFESTYLES & LEISURE

History: The One-Room Schoolhouses

Many throughout WNY, Many still Stand in Catt. County



Watson Road School in Ellicottville, NY. Photo/Historicpath.com

By CAROL FISHER-LINN
 “The one-room schoolhouse was once a signature of the American education landscape with roughly 190,000 such schools in 1919. Today, roughly 400 remain.” This from a Forbes article by Brandon Busteed, Nov 7, 2020. He argues that what may be considered a quaint relic from the past or the vestiges of rural America, “the one-room schoolhouse may instead be a vision for the future of education. The kind of teaching and learning that takes place in such an environment is much needed in today’s

world and a modern-day version of the one-room schoolhouse can serve as a model for the renewal of education.”
 His comments echo the words of Jerry Apps who narrated a PBS Wisconsin documentary on one-room schoolhouses from his own perspective, having attended one for eight years. Apps felt that he and his fellow “scholars” as they were called, benefitted in ways not available to today’s students in large schools mainly because today’s students don’t have advantage of “community.” There is an old Lakota tribe philosophy that holds the belief that a person is not

merely an individual but an integral part of the universe. The one-room schoolhouse opened that universe. One teacher for many grades meant that the older kids who had already mastered the material helped the younger ones. There have been studies done which show that indeed, students do learn better when they teach the material to others, all the while preparing them for success, especially in workplaces where group-based work across teams of different ages and backgrounds is prevalent. In one-room schoolhouses, everyone pitched in. If

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Black History Month

Celebrating and Honoring African Americans



By PATRICIA MEASER
 The purpose of Black History Month is to celebrate and honor African Americans and their role in our country’s history. Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The 2023 theme, “Black Resistance,” explores how “African Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression, in all forms, especially the racial terrorism of lynching, racial pogroms and police killings,” since the nation’s earliest days. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History said Black Resistance has helped African Americans dismantle Jim Crow laws, end slavery and segregation

and increase political representation. Various organizations in the US are hosting events that support this theme and highlight contributions of African Americans. There are a variety of in-person and virtual events you can attend to show your support. Locally, an organization called Living Voices offers a live show entitled, “The Right to Dream: The Struggle for Racial Equality in the Civil Rights Movement.” The show is being performed at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, NY, and other venues throughout the country. The story centers around two young activists, Raymond and Ruby, who risk their lives to fight racism and help lead African Americans to equality and the right to vote

in the South through their involvement in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. While this is a topic that has been covered many times in many ways, Living Voices brings a unique approach to the show that works equally well on a theatre stage or in a classroom. The performance company breathes life into history through a unique combination of live actors, audio/video, visual aids and interactive discussion. Archival film and photos, blended with sound and synchronized with the actor, provide a dynamic experience of how the world looked, sounded, and felt during a significant time in history. The goal

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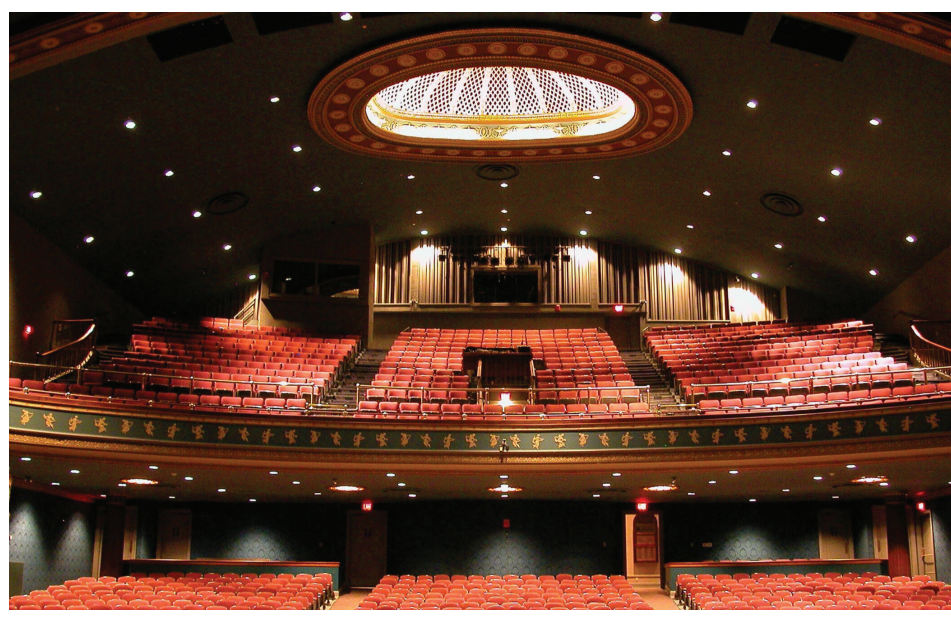



Wheel Explorers

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Palace

CONT. FROM COVER

The Palace Theatre opened with a program featuring live music, public officials and a screening of the Lionel Barrymore Film *A Face in the Fog*. The theater originally opened as a vaudeville house with more movie showings added as the years went on. It was an entertainment hub of films and live events through 1956. The theater showed cartoons and movies all day and kids frequently spent their days at the Palace. Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz chose the Palace to premiere their film “Forever Darling”, a major event for the Jamestown area including a parade and other celebrations. It began to fall into disrepair, and a memorable concert in 1981 highlighted the need for reconstruction. “Harry Chapin performed a solo concert at the Palace during a rainstorm, with buckets collecting rainwater surrounding him,” recalls Len Barry, director of marketing and communications with Reg Lenna. “The public finally realized the need to restore the Palace, and it sparked

the need for renovation to the theatre. Harry promised to come back to perform another concert, once the theater was repaired.”

The community began collecting funds in the early 80’s to renovate the Palace. Reginald and Elizabeth Lenna provided a generous amount of funding to complete the renovations, and therefore the theater was renamed in his honor to be the Reg Lenna Civic Center. The theatre reopened in 1990 and has continued to be a hub of entertainment and programming showcasing The Arts with over 60 films and 30 live events annually. In 2014, Harry Chapin’s family and musician friends held a celebration concert at the Reg Lenna in his honor, fulfilling his promise to return. Harry had passed away shortly after his performance at the Palace in 1981. “The theater has been such an important landmark in Jamestown” says Len. “It’s truly a multigenerational performance space for our community members. Many children have enjoyed their first film in here, then they return as students, they may even perform on stage through organizations like the Chautauqua Regional

Youth Ballet. They may become parents and return with their own children, beginning the cycle again. The one thing the Reg Lenna always offers is a live community audience experience. It’s classic and timeless.”

Len describes the theater as an elegant and enticing masterpiece, luring it’s guests in with every step. “It is a classic theatre experience. Guests are greeted with the brightly lit marquee from the street into the lobby where they find our box office. They’re guided over to our refreshment stand, anticipation building as they enter the inner lobby and mezzanine with its grand chandelier. Finally, they enter the main theater, the grand space of over 1,000 seats, including mezzanine seating and grand architecture. The screen is flanked by beautiful large curtains in a classic proscenium.”

The Centennial Celebration kicks off Sunday, February 5th at 2pm. Before a free screening of the 2003 Jack Black comedy, *School of Rock*, Executive Director Hillary Meyer will speak, along with special guests

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Mayville, NY – Be part of one of the largest annual events in Chautauqua County! The Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber's Winter Festival Committee is looking for volunteers. The Mayville Winter Festival is President's Day Weekend, February 17-19. People are needed to help park cars, assist with setup and tear-down, and help staff some of the activities. If you can spend a little time helping out, contact Coordinator Shannon Biekarck at sbiekarck@chqchamber.org.



CHQ Business After Hours

The Green Door Tavern, Bemus Point March 16

Bemus Point, NY – The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce will hold its first Business After Hours event for 2023 on Thursday, March 16 at The Green Door Tavern, Route 430, Bemus Point. Business After Hours is a Chamber networking event that runs from 5-6:30pm. It's designed to let local businesspeople meet in a comfortable setting, enjoy some appetizers and a cash bar, and provide a little information about their business or organization. Each Chamber member business can send two people at no cost to each Business After Hours. Any employees above the two-person limit, or non-members, are welcome at \$10 each. Advance registration is not required, but is requested



for our planning purposes. The Green Door Tavern, You can sign up now Media One Radio Group, through the Chamber's The Post-Journal, and web calendar at www.OBSERVER. Additional chautauquachamber.org. Business After Hours events will be announced throughout the year.

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HoliMont FLITE Team

HoliMont

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World Cup Racer and U.S. Ski Team National Champion. She has been leading HoliMont over the past year taking on many initiatives to help the club thrive. HoliMont is up 70 members this year, in addition to 105 new members the previous year, making a total of 175 new members of the past 2 years. HoliMont currently has approximately an equal number of American and Canadian members.

Cindy attributes the surge of membership to a few things: "The pandemic brought families closer together, and skiing is a great family activity. People were looking to get outside and get active with their families, and HoliMont has always offered quality snowsports programs. We have a wonderful family vibe here at HoliMont

and we have good snow!" is their freestyle program. HoliMont has expanded their program offerings to include a wider variety for all ages. Currently, 350 children are enrolled in snow sports programs. One of their newest is a 'parent and tot' program which gives parents the opportunity to ski with their children aged 3 and under and receive professional instruction. Cindy also said, "It's great to get kids started at a young age. This program provides professional guidance for both the parent and tot in a fun and safe way. It's become very popular." Other non-competitive programs include Dew Crew, a program for 9+ to explore all over the mountain, and Junior HoliHawks which provides advanced skiers ages 10+ to explore everything from racing to bumps, ski patrol, mountain safety, and terrain park. HoliMont also offers solid competitive programs, with 250 athletes enrolled. Programs include ski racing and FLITE team.

The FLITE team is coached by two former Olympians, husband and wife Corey and Kelly Hacker. Cindy continued, "Our competitive programs have been the launch pad for four athletes to make it all the way to competing in the Olympics! Many others have made their national teams and competed internationally." Athletes also have an opportunity to ski during the week. If five or more people request weekday training, the HoliMont team can accommodate them with coaching. Cindy invites readers of all ages and abilities to come see what HoliMont has to offer. With a wide variety of programs and some of the best snow in our region, it's easy to see why HoliMont's membership includes many second and third generation families. For more information visit <https://holimont.com/> or call the main phone at (716) 699-2320, or stop down to see the resort in person at 6921 N-242, Ellicottville, NY.

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Art in the Wilds Call For Artists

Applications Due March 1 for June Show in Kane, PA



Planning for the 2023 Art in the Wilds show is underway and the deadline for artists to apply is less than a month away. The show seeks artists and artisans who are creating quality fine art and fine craft. Art in the Wilds works to provide a balanced show with a variety of media that represents the best of our region. New artists are encouraged to apply. Applications are due March 1, 2023. The 2023 Art in the Wilds event will be held Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25 and the show goes on rain or shine in the

shade of Evergreen Park in Kane, PA. Artists may set up Friday evening and a reception for the artists follows.

Art in the Wilds has some specific requirements regarding the types of work accepted to qualify for the show. Only original hand-made works is eligible. Commercially or mass-produced items are not eligible. Other items not accepted include items made from kits, commercial molds, logos or patterns, mass-produced items. Also, at this time dried florals, calendars, personal care products and edible items are not

accepted. This year all artists apply digitally through the Zapplication site which can be accessed from the Art in the Wilds website (www.artinthewilds.org) or directly at www.zapplication.org (search Art in the Wilds). In addition to basic information artists are asked for their artist statement and seven high quality photos of their work. In the artist's statement the artist shares their creative inspiration and artists are also asked to describe their process, especially if their media is unique.

All applications are reviewed by a jury panel looking for strong visual impact and mastery of their craft. Also, the panel works to provide a balance of media for the show.

More information for artists can be found at <http://www.artinthewilds.org/artist-info.html>

Art in the Wilds is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible. More information can be found at www.artinthewilds.org.

History

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is to act as a link between the present and the past. The performance will take place Thursday, February 16 from 10am-2pm. Living Voices will have another performance March 15-16, they perform a different show once a month at the Center.

Looking for something different? You can visit several exhibits about the Underground Railroad. New York State played an important role in the Underground Railroad, the secret network that helped tens of thousands of freedom seekers escape enslavement. Experience the stories of Harriet Tubman and Niagara Falls heroes at the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Center. The exhibit "One More River to Cross" explores the crucial role Niagara Falls' geography played and the heroic actions of its Black residents. The center offers in-person guided tours Tuesday through Sunday at 11:30am and 2pm each day. You can even request a virtual tour. Visit the website for more information: "Niagara Falls Underground Railroad". "Freedom Crossing," a permanent exhibition at the

Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, also tells the story of the Underground Railroad in the Greater Niagara region with historic photographs, artifacts, and real-life stories. The cultural center has a temporary show from February 10th through March 25th, "12th Annual Artists of Color Exhibition." Gallery hours are 10am-5pm daily. <https://thenacc.org>

The Fenton History Center in Jamestown is another great resource regarding the Underground Railroad, with a section of the museum dedicated to that part of our history. It includes maps portraying the routes that escaped slaves would have used, records of individuals who helped the slaves and provided shelter and clothing, and documents stories from that period. The Fenton History Center is open Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm. <https://fentonhistorycenter.org/>

If you want to take a road trip with the family, head out to Cooperstown, NY, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. The museum includes exhibits honoring legends such as Hank Aaron and Jackie Robinson. Or, you can sign up for one of their virtual programs to get your dose of baseball history. Visit <https://baseballhall.org/news/black-history-month-2023> for more

information or to register. Another great option for a casual, at-home experience is listening to podcasts. NPR has several on tap related to Black History Month. See <https://www.npr.org/series/1152157000/black-history-month-2023>. And let's not forget music contributions! The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) is celebrating Black History Month with a series of weekly performances from rising ASCAP R&B artists and songwriters. Each week, the featured artist will cover one of history's most powerful Black empowerment songs. See <https://www.ascap.com/bhm2023> for more or follow on Instagram @ASCAPUrban. Take a moment sometime this month to attend any of these events, or read a book, or simply engage in discussion. Black History month is important. As Lonnie G. Bunch III, Director of the Smithsonian Institution said at the opening of the Washington D.C.'s National Museum of African American History and Culture in 2016: "There is no more powerful force than a people steeped in their history. And there is no higher cause than honoring our struggle and ancestors by remembering".

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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE 2am

The temps are cold and the guns are running and there's great music all around town. Let's see who's playing where.

The seven-day weekend starts Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house chips. This week's musical guests are Hanna & Horton from 6-9pm. This duo plays rock/folk/pop covers.

The Gin Mill hosts The Chillbillies, Thursday, from 8-11pm. This husband and wife team plays rock/pop/folk/country covers featuring some tasty guitar solos and harmonies.

Madigans makes a Thursday appearance for Holimont's Men's Day from 9-12am. The music will be provided by The Blues Express. This is a collection of Buffalo's best blues players laying down some Chicago and delta style blues.

FRIDAY
The Taqueria is first up with Jay McDonnell from 6-9pm. He plays acoustic based rock, think Eagles, Petty, CSNY....

We're back at Balloons for Interstate Daydream Review on the Main Stage from 6:30-10pm. They play a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers. The back bar will feature Danny Minogue from 10-1am. He plays country covers. Dj KT Stylez will rock the sound booth from 10-

We return to The Gin Mill for Live-n-Kickin from 8-12am. This band plays a multi genre set of covers that are danceable. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm Friday, Saturday and 10pm Sunday-Thursdays.

Madigans returns with Dj SI rockin the house sound room 9-2am with some thumpin for the bumpin in the second floor window.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is first up with The Brothers Blue from 2-5pm. This WNY trio plays a roots/folk set of originals and covers. The late gig features Mo Porter from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop/alt set of covers. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Balloons is back with The Nate Gross Band on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This is a working band who travels all around the country playing the blues. Ask about cds. The back bar will host The Chillbillies from 10-1am for the second of 3 appearance this week. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will put the funk in the trunk from 10-2am in the sound booth.

Finnerty's is a playah with Brian Ash from 8-11pm. Brian plays rock/pop covers from the late 60's till today. This is your spot to watch the Super Bowl or any sporting event.

Madigans will be rockin with Dj One Ten from 9-2am. Rock the

dance floor or get toasty by the wood stove.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill brings back The Chillbillies from 2-5pm. Sip some Bloody Marys while you have a late lunch or early dinner and catch some sports on the tube.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. The music will be provided by Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers to accompany the finest Italian food in the southern tier.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's host is Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm. Brianna plays a country/pop set of originals and covers. 50 cent wings with a fine selection of craft beers makes for a locals favorite.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This pick-up band of local musicians plays a country/bluegrass/roots set of cover.

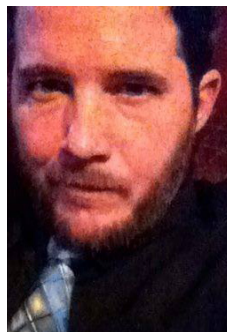
We end the seven-day weekend as we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a folk/country rock/pop set of covers you'll know the words to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics is also a locals favorite.

We hope you enjoyed every minute of your time in our village and that you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

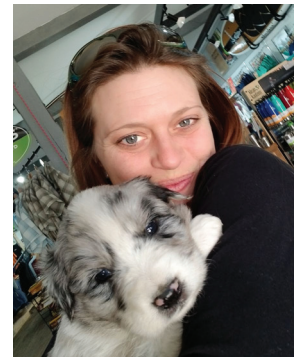
Beat on the Street:

What have You been Fired for?

BY CHAD NEAL



Having a job is the way most of the people in the world collect the credits they need to pay for all the things in life that keep us comfortable. It is ideal to find a place to work that is pleasant and pays good enough, alas most jobs are not ideal for the employee. Leaders are needed, bosses not so much - and they are quite often the reason employees don't "work" out so well. Albeit a lot of employees can be problematic as well, it takes a bit to find a harmonious work place. Sometimes the miscommunication and complete lack of communication can cause for difficulties and discipline can be brought about which can be termination of employment. A lot of times the reasoning for firing someone is legit, but there are a few times that releasing someone is completely senseless. It has been said that management is the main reason for unhappiness on a job, which causes strife and for some to just leave the workplace or to make them insubordinate enough to get canned. What have you been fired for?



Emily T.- For dating the guy they fired... guilty by association I suppose was the thought behind letting me go. I was rather upset about that one. "Ugh, your boyfriend doesn't work here anymore, so neither do you"....



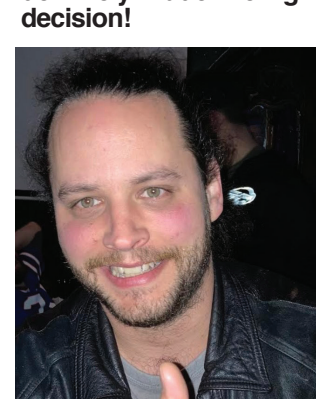
Kayla S.- Leaving work to take my child to the ER. I had vacation time but no sick time. Was told if I left I would be fired. By the time I got my child to the hospital temp was 104. I definitely made the right decision!



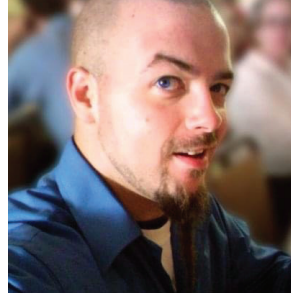
Taylor G.- I was approved for a day off then didn't show up that day and was fired!



Immy D.- Only once, from a private lawn mowing job because I didn't call in when my grandmother died. I was supposed to be there the following day. I was 13.



Michael B.- Not seeing a French fry on the floor.



Snitty M.- 1) helping a customer after I clocked out. 2) going to see a lawyer out of town and not coming back in time to catch part of my shift.

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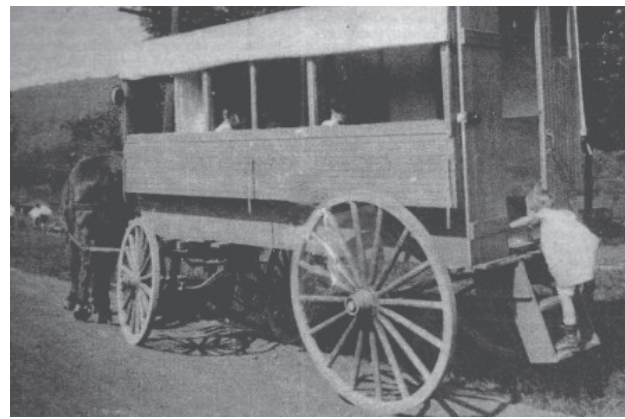
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School

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This horse drawn school bus may be one of the earliest vehicles to transport students to school. This was used in the early 1900s in the Killbuck area.

it wasn't helping with a lesson, it was fetching wood for the stove, or drinking water for dipping, sweeping, cleaning the blackboard and erasers. You know, the pandemic, in a way, gave everyone a sort of one-room schoolhouse effect, with parents and siblings involved with each other as they worked their way through Zoom classes or Facetime. Parents pitched in. Older siblings did likewise. We were, in a way living and learning in our individual one-room schoolhouses, weren't we?

In Ellicottville, classes began in settler's homes. There may have been a few schoolhouses but many of the classes were held all over town in the courthouse, in business establishments, in homes and finally a large school building was erected in 1887 at Ellicottville's four corners, bringing all the students under one roof. In this county, there are more than 170 common (elementary mostly) one-room school buildings) remaining in Cattaraugus County. According to research done by Sue Cross, Town of Mansfield historian, "The combined number of schools, both rural one room and village multi-room schools in 1915 was 308." Of course, if we travel out into our even more rural areas today, we will still find many white one-room schools with a bell tower, a playground, a softball field and two outhouses (girls-boys) as we travel through Amish country. These are active

schools for the Amish children who attend school until the completion of 8th grade.

In the early 1800's only boys attended; when girls arrived, there were often two doors (girls-boys) and they sat on opposite sides of the room. There may have been as many 20-30 children. Desks came in graduated sizes with a bench often at the front for "recitation." The blackboard was either slate or painted wood, and sometimes a parent-approved paddle sat next to the teacher's desk. Rules were firm and generally adhered to. Pictures of Presidents, a globe, sometimes a treasured bookshelf and the American flag sat in a corner at the front of the room to which the children pledged allegiance daily. Lunch pails (often reused covered lard cans) waited for the children's 1-hour lunch/recess break at the back of the room. Most schoolhouses had many windows to catch the sun (otherwise oil lanterns were lit). In the center of the room sat the pot-bellied stove which the teacher

lit long before the first students arrived at 9am to the sound of her bell. The teachers went to "normal" school for two years to be certified to teach. Most were 16-18 years old, not much older than their students. Here is a link which might interest readers: (<https://news.illinoisstate.edu/2014/02/old-school-reflections-one-room-schoolhouse-teachers/>)

In Cattaraugus County, by the 1950's, there were no more one-room schoolhouses functioning mainly because of centralization and changes in transportation (although, earlier, there were available to students horse drawn school "buses"). Many of the schoolhouses were either demolished or have been converted to homes, museums, or storage buildings, as is the one in Willoughby, not far from Ellicottville, that many of you pass on your way to Olean. (Where in the world in Willoughby? - Watch this paper later this month to find out.) Oh, for the "good old days..."

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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	7			8	3	4	6	5
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	5	3		1				8

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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1	6	5	3	7	4	8	2	9
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Palace

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invites readers to "come experience the theatre and help us celebrate this great milestone."

This milestone is a great opportunity to reflect on the past. "The past is very important" says Len. "It gives us the opportunity to look back over 100 years and look forward to what's next in the future of the arts."

Other upcoming events at the Reg Lenna include

Trails

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me about the funding for this project. She said, "This is a grant funded project through the Appalachian Regional Commission. Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development Planning and Tourism was funded \$51,940, and our department matched those funds totaling \$103,880 for the project". O'Stricker also said Deborah Miller has been incredibly helpful in the process of grant writing. They also applied for funds to create a Southern Tier trail that will cross through places

a variety of opportunities to experience the theater. March 18 features Colin Mochrie in Hypro: Improv Under Hyposis, March 23 will host The Beatles Experience: Yesterday and Today, and on May 6 the one-woman play All Things Equal: The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Visit reglenna.com/ for more info., tickets, and full schedule of events.

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It's always fun to watch the pomp and ceremony attendant to the popping out of Phil in Punxsutawney, PA on February 2nd.

he is not accurate most of the time. But here's the problem, Phil and Phyllis speak Groundhogese. This is the language Phil uses to communicate his shadow-finding to the Inner Circle President, who then announces it to the world. That is where there sometimes seems to be a hitch-in-the-giddyap. You see, Groundhogese is an obscure language, something like Leonese (spoken by only 20-50,000 people worldwide) or the Celtic language, Cornish (spoken by about 3,000 people). To this writer's knowledge, only the members of Phil's Inner Circle (15 persons) speak the language on some level. It's a difficult language which includes a lot of whistles (which is why groundhogs are often called "whistle pigs"). Even the most fluent in Groundhogese have difficulty with the nuances, the accents, the whicker wiggles, and the undertones which can change the meaning of a word. Don't be fooled. Groundhogs are very intelligent creatures whose language requires near-genius skills to interpret. So, although Phil is correct 100% of the time, as attested to by his long-time, now retired handler, Ron Ploucha, his interpreters are not. Phil enjoys appearing

at Knob Hill and certainly enjoys catching up on his favorite reading at the library, like Natasha Wing's The Night Before Groundhog Day, or Robb Pearlman's Groundhog's Day Off (they actually banned this one from Phil's reading list because they didn't want him to get any revolutionary ideas). We are told that his all-time favorite is Pamela Curtis Swallow's Groundhog Gets a Say. You see, Phil also thinks that his holiday should be longer than one day, and he proves to the other animals all the reasons why. It turns out, he can run as fast as a fourth grader! Who knew?

On top of all his activities, Phil has had a fairly busy travel schedule over his past 137 years. Alas, we have no records of him having met with Albert Einstein and discussing the theory of relativity, but we do know he has met with celebs like Oprah and President Ronald Reagan and has met many fans in Ellicottville when he served as Grand Marshal of the Mardi Gras parade. No six levels of separation here. He was at Ground (hog) Zero, Ellicottville. Now, you just can't get any better than that in a rodent's life! Happy Groundhog's Day. Sending many Ground-Hugs and may all your groundhog dreams come true!

Rider

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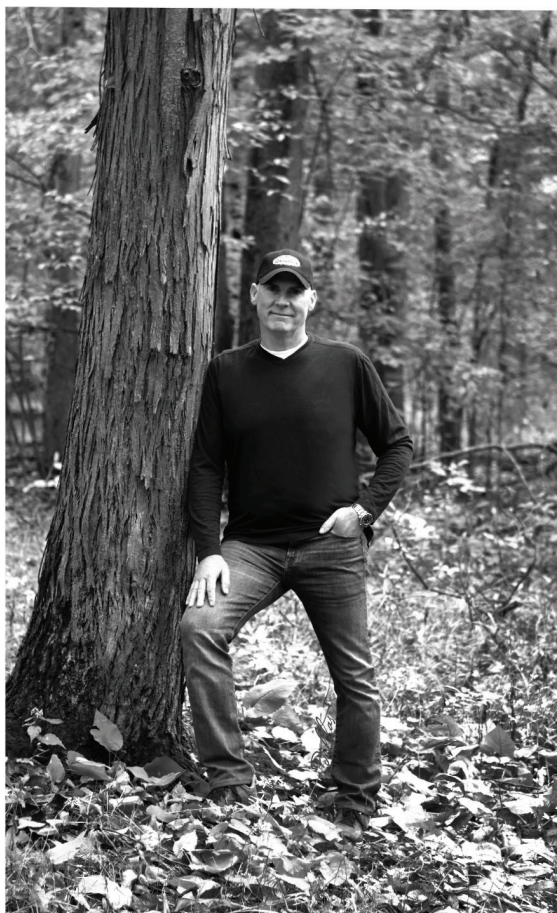


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