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## Area Events

**WINE & CHOCOLATE MONTH**  
February, 2023  
Lake Erie Wine Trail

**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

**TIKI WEEKEND**  
February 16-19, 2023  
Southern Tier Distillery, Lakewood

**CHPC ANNUAL GALA**  
Saturday, February 18 • 6pm  
Chautauqua Suites, Mayville

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

**CHQ STRIDERS 5K SERIES**  
Saturday, February 18 • 9am  
Harbor Hotel, Celeron

**WEEKLY SNOWSHOE HIKE**  
Tuesday, February 21 • 4:30pm  
Allegany State Park, Salamanca

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

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

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

**ICE FISHING DERBY**  
Saturday, February 25 • Midnight  
Hogans Hut, Chautauqua Lake

**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

**MARDI GRAS WEEKEND**  
March 10 - 12  
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville

For more information on this week's music, see page B-5

## Paddling for a Purpose

### Penguin Paddle for Adaptive Ski Program



BY JESSICA MILLER

The Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP) is once again putting the “fun” and “racing” into “fundraising”. The organization’s annual Penguin Paddle hits the slopes of Holiday Valley on Saturday, February 25. The fun starts around 11am on the slope side of the Yodeler Lodge and promises to be another one for the books.

... And they don’t call it the Penguin Paddle for nothing. Every February hundreds of Penguin Paddlers of all ages flock to Holiday Valley for the Penguin Paddle Races. These slippery sliders throw caution and dignity to the wind and don helmets and large black garbage bags to ‘make like penguins’ and slide down the

SEE “PADDLE” PAGE 6

## Telestock: Back to the Basics

### City Garage Hosts at Holiday Valley, February 24



A day of peace, love and Telemark skiing kicks off Friday, February 24 at 9am at Yodeler Champagne Sundeck. Bring a friend, a cooler and a dish to pass; you’re in for a fun day!

BY PATRICIA MEASER

Ellicottville, NY – The 21st annual Telestock event at Holiday Valley is coming up on Friday, February 24, 2023. Hosted by City Garage is always slated for the last Friday of February and is touted as “a day of peace, love and

telemark skiing at the Yodeler Champagne Sundeck.” But what is it exactly, do you wonder?

Telestock is about introducing the sport to a broader audience, for those who may have wanted to try it but have always been

SEE “TELESTOCK” PAGE 7

## Maple Season in WNY

### Maple Sugaring, a Growing Segment of Economy



The traditional method of gathering the sap involves drilling a small hole into the tree, tapping a “spile” or drip spout into the hole, and then hanging a small bucket from the spile and waiting for the sap to slowly leak into the bucket.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

It’s that time of year again, when folks all over New York are starting to collect the sap from sugar maple trees. The sap is used to make everything from syrup

to candy to sugar and ever-more popularly craft beer. It’s a popular activity that some families have been engaged in for generations. It’s also a growing segment of the

SEE “MAPLE” PAGE B-4

## Steelbound Expansion

### 78-Room Hotel & Event Center in Ellicottville



Steelbound opened their first franchise July 2022 in Dunkirk, NY at the Clarion Hotel Conference Center on Lake Erie, 30 Lake Shore Dr E. Last week they broke ground at their second franchise location in Pahrump, NV which is just outside of the Vegas strip.

BY KATE BARILETT

Steelbound recently announced their final plans for a \$17.4 million expansion project to their current

location at 6600 Route 219 in Ellicottville. Plans have been in the works for a while, and founder and partner William

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## Sneak Peek

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### Ellicottville Winter Music Jam

February 24-26 throughout Ellicottville... Pg. 3



### Celebrating Presidents’ Day ... Pg. B-1

Let’s Share a Toast to All America’s Presidents

Technically, there is no national holiday known as Presidents’ Day – the federal government still commemorates the day as George Washington’s observed birthday as originally established in 1885.

### Ellicottville Town Planning ... Pg. B-7

Bakery/Restaurant to Open on Washington St.

A public hearing was held for two special use permits for a change of use of vacant space to build out a bakery/restaurant and law office in the plaza at 1-5 Washington St.

## From Festival to Farm

### Heron Farm and Event Center



The land on which the farm sits in Sherman, NY was originally purchased for use as overflow event parking for the Great Blue Heron Music Festival. Then the owner, Julie Erickson, married Steve Rockcastle in 2005 and they began expanding upon the organic garden they had been managing for themselves. Photo/Lori Savaree

BY PATRICIA MEASER

Sherman, NY – Many of you are familiar with the Great Blue Heron Music Festival. For over thirty years, it has been held annually in Sherman, New York, featuring a variety of live music acts spanning genres from bluegrass to rock to Celtic music. But did you know that a portion of The Heron is actually a working farm, providing meat and produce locally? The farm offers a variety of vegetables depending on the season, along with

SEE “HERON” PAGE B-3

## ArtScape Jamestown

### Adding Art to the Landscape of the City



BY PATRICIA MEASER  
“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life” (Pablo Picasso). This famous quote perfectly illustrates the excitement driving the latest art program in Jamestown, called “ArtScape.” This is a play on the word “landscape”, as art would be displayed on banners in downtown

Jamestown, adding to the landscape of the city. As explained in a recent press release from Leslie Calimeri, owner of Chautauqua Art Gallery on Main Street in Jamestown, who spearheads this project, “ArtScape will create an outdoor gallery experience in the heart of the community. The colorful banners add interest and intrigue to the downtown streetscape, encouraging pedestrians and vehicle traffic to slow down and enjoy the display. Each banner showcases local artists, highlighting the creativity and talent of each who live and work in the region.”

Leslie is an artist herself. A native of Jamestown, she moved to Winchester, VA as an adult to accept a job in graphic design. She stayed for several years, during which time Winchester started their own ArtScape. Leslie participated as both an artist and a design logistics coordinator. She

SEE “ARTSCAPE” PAGE B-7





# Publisher's Word

*"Beautiful Weather for the Long Weekend Ahead"*



Enjoy this long weekend with your friends and family and appreciate having them and this time and being where you are right now. You sure did pick a great place to be! We have highlighted some fun things for you to do and learn about. If you have an idea you would like to share with our readers please send it our way; we are always looking for creative ways for people to spend their days: info@thevillager.com.  
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*"The Players"* Headline Saturday, July 1

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Restaurant & Craft Pub Welcome Public, Friday, February 17



The press and public are invited to an official ribbon cutting grand opening of Ellicottville Brewing at Little Valley on Friday, February 17th.

In the scenic hills of Cattaraugus County, this event will take place between 3-5pm. Guests will be treated to a ribbon cutting ceremony, food & beverage specials including \$5 tank-to-tap craft brews, live music by The Chumps, and a group walking tour of the brewhouse post-production hours for interested participants. Restaurant hours will

continue into the evening until 9pm.

With the opening of the public-facing hospitality & events portion adjacent to their 75,000 sq. ft. production facility, it is EBC's mission to further build within & attract visitors to beautiful Cattaraugus County. The Craft Pub, Pizzeria & Events space offers a charming, off-the-beaten path experience, just 10 mins. from the Village of Ellicottville.

"Ellicottville Brewing is one of our area's biggest success stories. Established in 1995 by Peter

Kreinherder, his vision put EBC at the leading edge of what would eventually become a booming craft beer market. Now, with five brewery/restaurants, several awards for its craft beers and approximately 150 employees, EBC's growth is a testament to his willingness to take risks, work 24/7 and invest in our great community."

- NYS Senator George Borrello  
Ellicottville Brewing at Little Valley is located at 202 2nd St., Little Valley, NY 14755  
For move info visit: [ellicottvillebrewing.com](http://ellicottvillebrewing.com)

## Vote for E'Ville in National Poll

Ranked "Best Small Town for Adventure" in USA Today

Ellicottville is Western New York's playground for outdoor fun and adventure. With over 24 shops, 23 bars and restaurants, and 2 ski slopes, all within walking distance, you won't have to travel far to have the perfect visit. Enjoy great skiing and snowboarding, golfing, mountain biking, hiking, fishing, paddle boarding, and kayaking. Then come back to the village for an amazing meal or to pick up that unique gift at one of our many eclectic shops. Come during one of our dozen festivals and events. The food and fun are enough

to keep you here. Hit the nightlife and stay at one of our great hotels, condos, or bed and breakfasts. It's no wonder why USA Today has once again recognized Ellicottville as being at the top of the charts for "Best Small Town for Adventure". Cast your vote online today at [10best.com](http://10best.com), you have until



Monday, February 20 to cast your vote. You can vote once a day up to the close of the polls.

## Mardi Gras in Ellicottville

March 10 - 12, 2023, Register for the Parade Now



ELLICOTTVILLE - It is perhaps one of the most fun and zany events of winter. An event that invites both locals and visitors to put their creative minds to work in preparation for the biggest party of ski season. An event that encourages individuals and groups to choose their theme, plan their costumes, and parade through Ellicottville's business district, while spectators line the streets, cheering for their favorites.

Coinciding with Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival weekend, the Mardi Gras Parade is set for Saturday, March 11th. Registered participants will gather in the parking lot at Katy's Café before 6pm and will march down Ellicottville's main drag promptly at 6:30pm,

ending at the Gazebo. Applications to participate are now available on the Ellicottville Chamber's website and you must pre-register to be in the parade.

The culmination of the Mardi Gras Parade is the crowning of a King and Queen, decided on by spectators who will applaud for their favorite. Not only will the King and Queen claim bragging rights, they will also be invited to lead the Winter Carnival Costume Parade down Mardi Gras slope the following day at Holiday Valley.

A few notes to remember: The Mardi Gras Parade is a family-friendly event. No alcohol is permitted in the parade. While candy and trinkets such as bead necklaces can be handed out to spectators, marchers are

asked not to throw items into the crowd. Lastly, day-of registration will not be available, hop onto [ellicottvillenyny.com](http://ellicottvillenyny.com) soon and fill out the online application.

"Once you're registered, let the fun begin!" said Wallace. "Gather your group and get started on those zany and elaborate costumes and floats. Let's make the 2023 Mardi Gras Parade another one to remember!"

For additional information about this year's Mardi Gras Parade or if you have questions, please call the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or email [jessica@ellicottvillenyny.com](mailto:jessica@ellicottvillenyny.com). To learn more about Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival celebration March 10-12th, go to [holidayvalley.com](http://holidayvalley.com).

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## HoliMont Spotlight

These Whales Befriend Skiers and Riders!

By DAN BALKIN

One does not need to venture to the New England coast to go Whale Watching. We can do it right here in Ellicottville. Sure, our whales don't swim very well, and they don't survive on a diet of plankton, but to a skier or rider they are the most beautiful whales of all – snow whales! These are the giant mounds of snow created by our tireless snowmaking crews. In front of the snow whale in the photo, from left to right, stand three of our stalwart Snowsports instructors, Brian Smith, Ward Wilson, and Mary Claire Vivian. The little skier on top of the snow whale appeared, as if on cue, as we were taking the photo. Kids love the mini roller coaster ride of riding up and down the snow whales, and our little friend throws into sharper relief how this particular snow whale towers above the instructors.

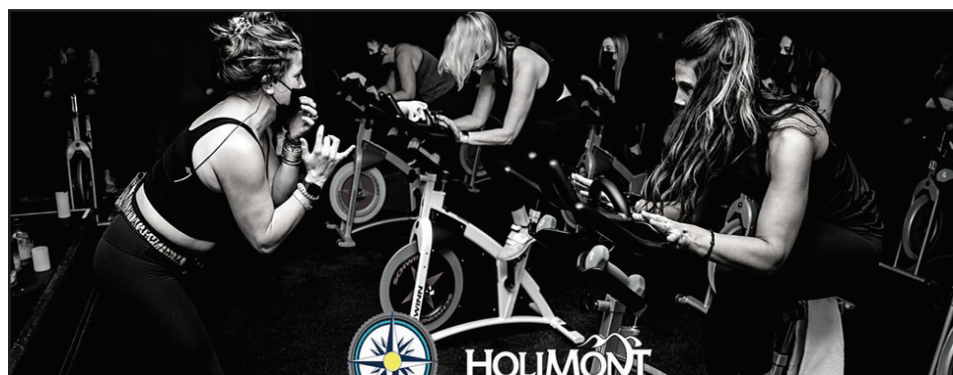


Three stalwart HoliMont Snowsports instructors: From left to right: Brian Smith / Ward Wilson / Mary Claire Vivian. The little skier on top of the snow whale appeared, as if on cue, as we were taking the photo. Kids love the mini roller coaster ride of riding up and down the snow whales

As we are all aware, recently there was a polar vortex which blanketed the Northeast and caused the mercury to dip to a record setting minus 78 degrees Fahrenheit at the weather station atop New Hampshire's Mt. Washington. Polar vortex = snowmaking nirvana. The snow whales soon popped up all over our slopes because the snowmaking crews poured out the snow over three rotating shifts each day. This leads to a question: How do we go from snow whales to groomed corduroy? Not knowing the answer, I asked two HoliMont snowmaking / grooming experts, Mark Burkhard and Dan Steinbar. Mark and Dan patiently explained the following: Machine made snow starts out like an eggshell; it is frozen on the outside but watery or slushy in the center. It takes 24-48 hours for the snow to "cure," to go from a semi-liquid consistency to a frozen state. Machine made snow looks nothing like an elegant natural snowflake. It resembles a minuscule BB, with a rough outer texture. As small as a machine-made snow

particle may be, HoliMont's legendary fan guns produce relatively large particles for artificial snow. This has several distinct advantages: Our larger snow particles are more resistant to melting and they drain water better if it rains. Dan used the analogy of pouring water over slush vs. ice-cubes (our larger particles being more akin to ice cubes), to explain how larger artificial snow particles better resist warmer temps or rain. Mark explained that almost all our fixed, tower mounted snow guns are located on the skiers left, or on the west side of the slopes. Why? Because at HoliMont there is generally a prevailing wind from the west. This ensures that the snow falls where it matters – on the slopes! Once the snow has "cured," each skilled operator heads out in a groomer called a "Pisten Bully" to knock down the whales using the plow on the front of their machine. Seeing as most of the snow whales are on the west side of the slopes, the groomers push the snow mainly toward the east (in the direction of Greer Hill). The groomers call these first sweeps over the toppled

whales "roughing it out." There can be air pockets that need to be eliminated and low spots that need to be filled in – not surprising given that the groomers just knocked down a series of massive snow whales on each slope. To aid in this process, there is a computer system onboard designed by Pisten Bully called SNOWsat. This is where grooming, like most things in the modern world, enters the realm of high tech. A few years ago, HoliMont had a camera-equipped drone make sweeps across the breadth and length of the slopes to create a visual map our groomers use with the SNOWsat system. They can determine the precise depth of the snow at any point on the hill - where snow can be safely shaved off, and where snow needs to be added. Skilled grooming is an art. The groomers use a variety of techniques, including how many passes they make, what time at night they go out, and how deep they till the snow (from one to three inches) to create our "groovy," groomed corduroy. Gentlemen – Well Done!



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## Valentine's Day at HoliMont



## Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam

February 24-26 throughout the Village of Ellicottville

February 24-26th Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam will feature three days of live music in all the hot spots, complimenting the list of outdoor fun, shopping and dining you'll enjoy in Ellicottville. Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, there are over a dozen bands scheduled to play, with additional bands being confirmed each week! "Winter Music Jam is a weekend meant for friends,

families and fun!" stated Jessica Wallace, business development manager for the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "We are excited to share our picturesque town with all our visitors, and we look forward to spoiling them with good snow, great food, and really good music!" Whether you're prowling for rock n' roll, soulful blues, or a good country party, the entertainment planned for Winter Music Jam weekend is sure to

cater to all music tastes. Take advantage of all three days of live entertainment by turning your visit into an overnight stay at any of the hotels, condos, B&B's or vacation properties available in and around the village. For a full line-up of this year's Winter Music Jam performers, or to view lodging and dining options, head over to [ellicottvillenyc.com](http://ellicottvillenyc.com). And be sure to follow @visitellicottville on IG to stay connected.



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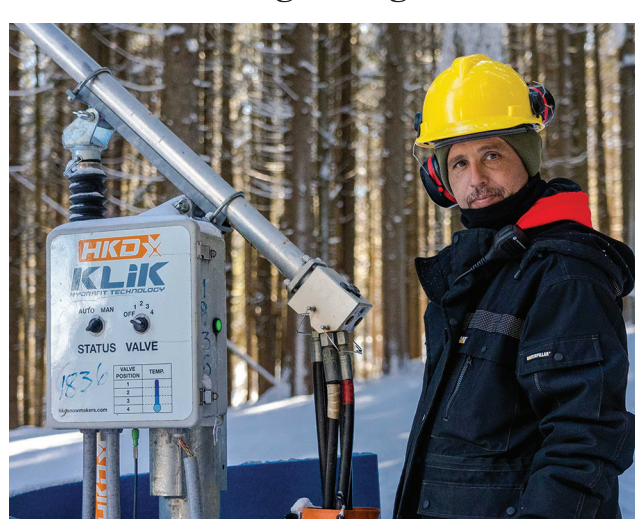
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# Holiday Valley Spotlight

**JR Reynolds - Snowmaking Manager**

When the temperatures drop in Western New York, JR Reynolds and his team of dedicated snowmakers spring into action in order to cover the slopes of Holiday Valley with an abundance of snow. It's a task that requires a lot of perseverance and is an instrumental component to a successful ski season.



JR took some time to let us get to know him a little better, check out the interview:

**Holiday Valley (HV): For those who don't know you, describe yourself in 5 words or less?**

**JR Reynolds (JR):** Dedicated, energetic, family orientated

**HV: How long have you been part of the Holiday Valley team? And what is your position here at the resort?**

**JR:** I been a part of H.V. family 3 years myself and family members over 30. I am the newly appointed Snowmaking Manager.

**HV: What is your favorite part of the winter season?**

**JR:** I enjoy the snow and brisk clear nights

**HV: What is it about your job that gets you excited to come to work every day?**

**JR:** My dedicated team, the laughs the smiles of customers having a good day making family memories.

**HV: Where are you from and what brought you to Holiday Valley?**

**JR:** I am originally from Sanborn, NY what brought me to Holiday Valley was the beautiful town and people. My family has been coming here for over

30 years.

**HV: Sunny bluebird day or powder day?**

**JR:** Powder is always great but I'll take a clear, cold, crisp, sunny day. I'm not too fussy.

**HV: When you're not at work, how are you spending your time in the winter?**

**JR:** When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending the day with my kids, dogs and goats. And catching up on some TV shows.

**HV: The best thing to do after a day out on the slopes is...?**

**JR:** Sit back relax with ice cold Pepsi.

**HV: Describe your team a little. How many people make up your team and what is it about those individuals that make them such a good group?**

**JR:** My team is a great group made up of about 20 individuals. Their ability to get job done is amazing.

With their hard work and dedication to making the best skiable terrain in this part of the of the northeast and adapting to what Old Man Winter provides (or

sometimes doesn't, LOL).

**HV: Your favorite place to eat in Ellicottville is...?**

**JR:** My favorite place to eat in town is Steelbound.

**HV: What's your best Holiday Valley memory?**

**JR:** Being taught to ski. Then teaching my kids how to ski and making memories that are priceless.

**HV: Favorite slope? Why?**

**JR:** My favorite slope is Tannenbaum because I love the scenery.

**HV: How many days are you aiming to get on snow this season?**

**JR:** would love to get 50 on the slopes for myself and 150 plus for our guests.

**HV: What's one thing about Holiday Valley that everyone should know and/or what makes this place so special to you?**

**JR:** I'd say the commitment to customer service. We are always looking for new ways to stay committed to customer experience. New things they do to make it a 4 seasons resort and I have a feeling the best is still yet to come.

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- Carolyn Litchfield-Baueri "I Love Ellicottville, NY Facebook page"

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This will be the Elk County Wilds Tourism Association's 5th annual Mountain Fest and will be the largest event to date! We added an entire building to this year's event. With this expanded venue size, we now have well over 100

vendors! The addition of a building also increased the space for guests to enjoy the variety of live music that will be playing throughout the weekend and allowed us to double the number of food vendors.

We have artists, crafters, photographers, woodworkers, sculptors, leatherworkers, weavers, and jewelry, candle, and soap makers attending. There will be vendors that create custom printed clothing, engraved items, and furniture made from reclaimed wood. Some booths will have sauces, candy, seasonings, jerky, pickles, and nuts. And of course, the food! We will have a huge food truck court with everything from

sandwiches to gourmet donuts and kettlecorn. And as in past years, there will be many wineries, breweries, and distilleries to choose from for your favorite adult beverage.

The Kids Corner has also been expanded for 2023. There are 10 kid vendors signed up. In addition to the Nerf gun shooting range, crafts, coloring contest, scavenger hunt, and educational guest speakers; on Saturday we will have a small animal petting zoo and a group participation dress-up story time. Follow our Facebook page for the Kid's Corner schedule.

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Join the City Garage crew for a day of peace, love and telemark skiing.

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# Ellicottville Village Life

## 'Good for the Spirits Gift Shop' More Positive Energy in E'Ville

BY GARY MALICKI

Sometimes going down the unbeaten path can lead to an enlightening experience or even a hidden gem. Even better is coming to a fork in the road and being unsure of which way to go is rewarding when, by chance, you choose the right direction.

My wife and I treated ourselves to a 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary trip to Bar Harbor Maine by car. Using an old-school 'Triple A' trip tik, my wife navigated telling me which way to go. There was no GPS in the car or on the phone yet. We came to an actual fork in the road which did not appear on the route map. Something, perhaps mystical, whispered to go right. I did and it all worked out.

For this week's village adventure I chose a road I knew nothing about. Enter Suzy Woo owner of the 'Good for the Spirits Gift Shop', a little off the beaten path in the Bike & Bean building on Martha Street. Suzy reached out to me via social media and invited me to check out her free tourist attraction, the 'CHI Chair' which stands for "Crystal Healing Immersion". How could I resist an offer like that?

Suzy has quite a resume describing herself as a spiritual healer, medical intuitive, astrologer, psychic medium and

ordained minister. She's a fascinating person who was quite candid about her life's story. Battling her way through a long history of domestic violence she struggled to find herself and began to develop her spiritual and psychic abilities. She is very creative and always had a love of miniatures. She began painting pewter angels, adding crystals and infusing them with healing energy. She said they were well received and still makes them for people today.

I did as she asked, took a deep breath before sitting in the CHI Chair and placed the palms of my hands on the large crystal configurations on either side. I was struck by the uniqueness of the shop. Other than the crystals and pyramid glassware, there's a large selection of candles for aromatherapy and so much more which gave me a true sense of positivity.

We sat in her office for a while and she was eager to talk about background and experiences. Her clientele range from children from four years old to the elderly. She has also worked in the field of reflexology with professional athletes as well as business executives. Suzy told me her specialties are working with people who have experienced trauma as well as PTSD.

In addition, she has hosted events at Holiday



**Suzy Woo owner of the 'Good for the Spirits Gift Shop', a little off the beaten path in the Bike & Bean building on Martha Street in Ellicottville.**

Valley and also books private parties for group readings. She has two employees that help her run the shop so she has more time to focus on individual clients. Her mantra, she says, is "Find yourself, Be yourself, Love yourself". That sure sounds like a unique recipe to live happily and I felt fortunate to meet one of the most interesting village residents. She has been in business here in for over a year and going strong.

I'm glad I took the time to take this unexpected and unbeaten path and learned a lot in the process. Ellicottville is truly a unique place!

## HISTORY OF LASP

The Bill Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP) was founded by dedicated ski patrollers with the cooperation and support of Holiday Valley Ski Resort in September, 1988. Bill Lounsbury was a member of the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol who lost a leg to cancer in 1982. Undaunted and determined to remain active in the sport he loved, Bill taught himself to ski on one leg. Bill eventually lost his battle with cancer but his courage and love of skiing was an inspiration to everyone who watched his struggle. In September of 1988 a group of dedicated Holiday Valley Ski Patrollers with the cooperation and support of Holiday Valley Ski Resort, founded The Bill Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP) to honor his memory. The first pieces of adaptive equipment for the program were purchased using donations that were sent to the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol in Bill's memory shortly after his death.

In 1988, there were 4 instructors and 14 students. That year 32 lessons were taught. Thirty-four years later the program has grown to 40 instructors who collectively teach over 250 lessons during the course of a single ski season. All instructors are specially trained in adaptive ski teaching methods and over half of these instructors are certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA). LASP is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

The Staff consists of volunteer instructors. Over 70% are PSIA certified. All staff members are specially trained in using innovative teaching techniques. Without the dedication of them, we could not run this program. We welcome new recruits.



## Paddle

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lower part of the Yodeler ski slope on their bellies to support the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program.

In addition to the Penguin Paddle Races, the day's festivities include a buffet cook-out lunch, silent auction, and a raffle. The silent auction features over 150 items including beautiful gift baskets, ski and outdoor gear, home decor and gift cards from many of Ellicottville's fine local restaurants and businesses. The raffle drawing begins at 2:30 and this year LASP is raffling of a 2023/24 Holiday Valley season pass, a pair of skies from the City Garage and a \$400 gift certificate from Villaggio in Ellicottville.

LASP is an all-volunteer program that offers lessons to persons with virtually all disabilities, both physical and cognitive. The LASP motto is de-EMPHASIZE the dis-ABILITY. If someone wants to ski, the enthusiastic Lounsbury instructors will find a way to get them out on the slopes. The focus is always on what a student can do, not on what they can't. A single lesson usually involves two instructors and sometimes

three depending on the severity of the student's disability and the type of adaptive ski equipment required. Results vary but many students become skiers and virtually all of them experience a sense of achievement, excitement and freedom that helps them to gain new confidence to tackle other activities.

Most of the students who participate in LASP require specially designed adaptive ski equipment which is very expensive. The proceeds from Penguin Paddle help to purchase and maintain this equipment and to fund ongoing adaptive training programs for the 40 volunteer instructors as well as a scholarship program to support any skier regardless of their ability to pay. LASP is a 501C nonprofit organization.

The dedication of LASP's volunteer instructors is essential to the continuing success of this program and new recruits are always welcome. Please visit the LASP website at [www.lounsburyadaptive.org](http://www.lounsburyadaptive.org) for more general information about volunteering, donating, scheduling adaptive ski lessons and of course, the Penguin Paddle. Hope to see you all on February 25<sup>th</sup>!

For more information on the program please visit: [lounsburyadaptive.org](http://lounsburyadaptive.org).

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# Community Member Spotlight

## Lynn Timon Offers Personal Touch to 'Alexandra' in E'Ville

By KATE BARTLETT

Lynn Timon has been a grateful Ellicottville community member since 1984. Having lived in the area for almost 40 years, she's witnessed this small town go through many changes evolving into the four-seasons destination that it is today. Lynn is proud to call Ellicottville home, and to be a part of what gives it that small town charm. Locals and visitors alike look forward to Lynn's casual but personal customer service at 'Alexandra,' a gift shop she's worked in for the past 23 years.

Lynn was born and raised in Southern California. She married and had 4 children before moving to Ellicottville with her family in 1984 when her husband relocated for his job. Her first job here was working for Heidi Widger at Adventure Bound. Since she has always been a people person, Lynn found this job to suit her well. She found it satisfying and fun to facilitate customers preparing for ski or summer adventures.

"I've seen many changes to the village in the past 38 years. Years ago, more families with children lived here full time. Skiers bought ski homes or rented for the whole ski season and participated in local activities and events. They became close friends and an integral part of the community. It was much quieter, but businesses here suffered in the off-season," Lynn remembers.

After several years, Lynn pursued a job that more suited her artistic nature. She worked for Luminite Products



Lynn Timon pictured shopping at the Beekman Store in Sharon Springs, NY last May. 'Alexandra' carries their line of goat milk products. Photo/ Andre'a Timon.

Corporation, formerly located in Salamanca. Her duties included color separating, interpreting and redrawing wallcovering designs by hand to be laser-engraved onto print cylinders. "Wallpaper was very popular in those days, and all of the designs were drawn by hand," Lynn recalls. "It was quite a process, and I loved it." Eventually Lynn's position became redundant. Fortunately, the owner of 'Alexandra', Joan Ess, was looking for a new manager. Joan interviewed Lynn in September 2000 and she's been happily working there ever since.

Alexandra is a contemporary gift store located at 10 Washington Street in the village of Ellicottville. The shop specializes in bath & body products, candles, pottery, glassware, cards and home goods. Each line is carefully selected by

Joan. Lynn has found her niche offering "laid-back customer service," as she calls it, helping people find gifts or select items for themselves and celebrate the simple joys the shop offers. "I've never been a 'hard-sell' person. I enjoy letting people browse and I'm available to help if and when they need my assistance." Lynn strives to provide a casual, relaxing atmosphere by welcoming all who enter, hoping to give them a break from the outside world.

"The beauty of shopping in Ellicottville is the small-town experience. It's disappearing from so many areas with the growth of big box stores like Walmart and online retailers like Amazon. Luckily, it is still thriving here in Ellicottville." Lynn appreciates the opportunity for connection

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## Telestock

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scared or busy. They offer free rentals, lessons, tips, group rides, and demo gear. It is a fun day beginning at Yodeler Champagne deck at 9am— bring a cooler and a plate to share.

Telestock is a variation in which the toe is fixed to the ski binding but not the heel (similar to cross country skiing). FREE THE HEEL, SKI FOR REAL. This gives the skier greater control, especially in turns. It teaches you how to center your weight over your skis. It also enhances your general agility and balance on skis.

The sport combines elements of alpine racing, nordic skate skiing and ski jumping but requires different equipment from that used in both alpine and nordic skiing. Telestock equipment can be used both on and off groomed slopes and even in freestyle parks. It helps skiers to access areas they would not normally get to. Initially, it was embraced as a means of uphill skiing in the backcountry, where skiers could place skins on the bottoms of the skis and ascend steep slopes with their heel free. This style of skiing was named after a town in Norway, where its inventor was from.

Fans of Telemark often cite the "telemark turn" as the reason they took up sport. In this turn, one ski is slightly ahead of the other. The turn is led with the heel flat on the downhill ski while the uphill ski is pulled beneath the skier's body with a flexed knee and raised heel. The technique allows for turning more easily in a variety of snow conditions.

Telemark has been around for a couple hundred years in Europe but wasn't really popular in the US until the 1970s and 80s. This sudden interest spawned all kinds of new equipment. Skis designed specifically for telemark skiing will have medium camber and a good amount of flex to compensate for the fact that the skier isn't weighting one ski more than the other to turn. That said, telemark skiing is truly a technique rather than a style of ski, and you can really telemark using any alpine ski today—the difference in gear really comes down to boots and bindings.

Traditional Telemark bindings (aka Nordic Norm) connect the toe end of your boot to the ski and have a cable that attaches your heel and can be loosened for cross country travel and tightened for a descent. However, the trade-off is that there is no "quick release" if there is an issue. Then along came the New Telemark Norm

(NTN) bindings. This type of binding connects both the toe and instep – sometimes called the "second heel" – to the bindings, while still leaving the actual heel free. And it includes a quick release function.

The boots can vary a lot, from plastic boots with buckles and a lot of give similar to alpine touring boots, to ones that resemble lace-up winter hiking boots – though all need to be compatible with your tele bindings. Regardless of style, they are usually considered a bit more comfortable and flexible than alpine boots to allow for uphill access.

There has been some discussion that interest among US skiers has waned slightly in the past 10 years. However, some devotees will disagree and say that this is increasing as younger generations pick up the sport. Telemark skiing has been included in the skiing World Cup for many years, and finally will debut at the 2026 Winter Olympics as part of the ski mountaineering competition. This may generate a whole new round of interest and enthusiasm.

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# LIFESTYLES & LEISURE

## National Donor Day

Launched Valentines Day, 1998



By Carol Fisher-Linn

In 1998, an American automobile company named Saturn Corporation joined with its business partners, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and other nonprofit health organizations to launch National Donor Day to encourage organ donation. The company lasted only 25 years, but their legacy of National Donor Day remains. The founders chose Valentine's Day as an acknowledgement to love. On the day we give cards, flowers, candy, and gifts, they wanted us to keep in mind that we can give the ultimate gift

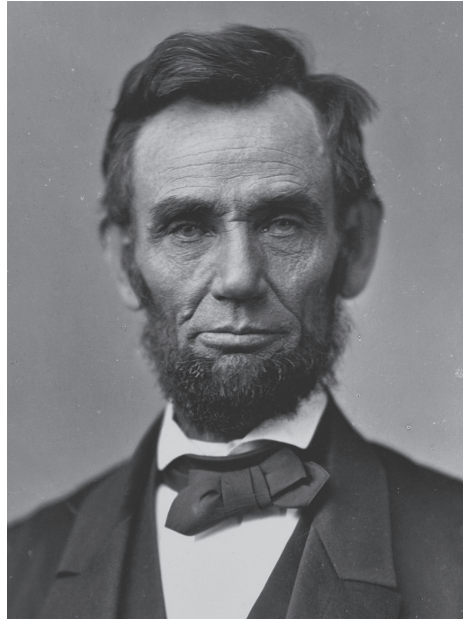
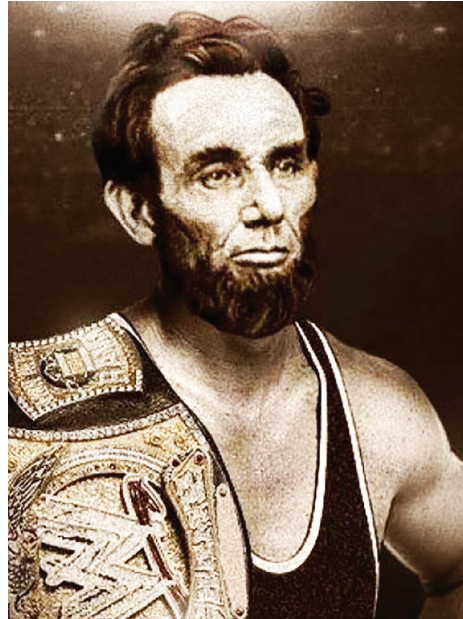
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one, go ahead and pat yourself on the back! Well done. Now, you can donate blood or platelets without a whole lot of hoopla. Yet think how good it will make you feel, knowing you are giving of yourself to help others in need. Why not go online to redcrossblood.org to find a drive near you? Simply put in your zip code and register. Here's a sobering fact: every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. That adds up to a need of 41,000 daily donations. Approximately 37% of the American population

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## Observing President's Day

Let's Share a Toast to All America Presidents



President Abraham Lincoln, who was probably the most revered of all U.S. Presidents. was a common man – a bartender, hunter, wrestler, general store owner, postmaster, lawyer, the only president to obtain a patent (a method to keep ships afloat in shallow water near shore). He established Thanksgiving. Ironically, Lincoln was shot the day he signed the bill creating the Secret Service, having been saved from assassination twice before. Portrait (right) by Alexander Gardner, 1863.

By Carol Fisher-Linn

Technically, there is no national holiday known as Presidents' Day – the federal government still commemorates the day as George Washington's observed birthday as originally established in 1885. The third Monday in February was designated for the federal Washington's Birthday holiday under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1971 to create more

for the nation's workers, and avoid disruptive, mid-week holidays. The states then moved toward considering the federal Washington-birthday holiday as Presidents' Day. Although largely intended to celebrate two of the most important presidents in United States history, in most states, Presidents' Day is now popularly viewed as a day to celebrate all U.S. presidents, past and present. It's interesting to note that Washington set the precedent for serving only

two terms by voluntarily stepping down after his second. This trend continued until FDR (according to biography.yourdictionary.com). "The only president to serve more than two terms was Franklin D. Roosevelt (FDR). He started his first term as president in 1933. In 1940 he won the election for his third term. Four years later, in 1944, he ran again and became the only president to be

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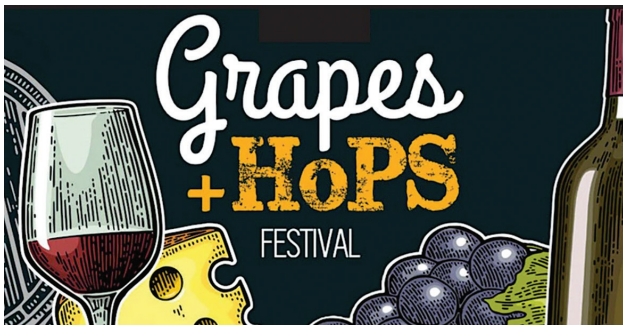
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## Donate

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donor liver transplant was performed (unos.org).

“Worldwide, kidneys are the most commonly transplanted organs, followed by the liver and then the heart. Corneas and musculoskeletal grafts are the most transplanted tissues; these outnumber organ transplants by more than tenfold. Unlike organs, most tissues (with the exception of corneas) can be preserved and stored for up to five years, meaning they can be ‘banked.’” (Wikipedia)

Living donation is a wonderful act of generosity and courage. People can donate part of their liver or one of their kidneys while they're still living. Living donation not only saves the life of the recipient, it can also relieve pressure on the waiting list for others. Last year 6400 people became living organ donors.

Now, saving the best for the last, here is a wonderful, heartwarming story about a 14-year-old basketball player from Ellicottville Central School who, nine months ago, received a

“domino” liver transplant and is now back on the court, participating with his JV team. Camden Palmatier's story can be read online on the post-journal website: “Months after Liver Transplant Ellicottville Freshman Back in Action”. Perhaps one day we might hear of Camden, or his brother, Evan, also a transplant recipient, heading off to the World Transplant Games. (www.wtfg.org) Who wouldn't support a GoFundMe for that?

Wondering what a domino liver transplant is? The recipient receives a liver from a donor who has familial amyloidosis. Each year Mayo Clinic doctors see 1,600 people with amyloidosis. The donor will receive a liver transplant to treat his or her condition. The donor can then give his or her liver to someone else in a domino liver transplant because the liver still functions well (mayoclinic.org).

Isn't modern medicine amazing? Happy Valentine's week. Please consider giving this ultimate gift.



Steelbound team pictured left to right: Kody Sprague, Jim Fleischman, Bill Gugino, Bill Bursee, Chef ohm And Mark Baerwaldt. This photo was at National Wing Festival in Buffalo. Steelbound took home three trophies including first prize trophy for best overall wing.

## Hotel

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Bursee released final details of the project last month. This expansion will bring a 78-room hotel, conference and event center to the area, revitalizing the entire village of Ellicottville.

Bursee has always had a passion for brewing and distilling. “Like most brewers and distillers this idea started as a passion that I was fortunate to turn into a successful business. My dream of Steelbound began in 2015 when I designed and built our flagship location in Ellicottville, NY. In 2018 we opened our doors to the public (offering a delicious menu of handcrafted food, beers and creative cocktails). By 2020 I added four incredibly hard working and intelligent partners, (Bill Guigino, Jim Fleischman, Kody Sprague and Mark Baerwaldt) that have the same passion to grow this business. We quickly opened our second location in Springville, NY and followed by creating a template which allows us to franchise our brand. This led to our first franchise in Dunkirk, NY at the Clarion Conference Center and Hotel. Our

second franchise location is currently breaking ground in Pahrump, NV which is just outside of the Vegas strip.”

The expansion will be taking place at the flagship location in Ellicottville, NY. “We will be building a 78-room hotel, with a conference and event center, along with a state-of-the-art sky bridge which will connect our two-story restaurant to our custom designed hotel. Also, we will be adding a grain silo and grain processing plant to streamline our brewing and distilling process.” The 35,000 square foot conference center will also feature a banquet hall with a 400-guest capacity. The sky bridge will offer spectacular panoramic views of the HoliMont and Holiday Valley slopes year-round. The expansion project is set to begin in early 2024 and is expected to be completed following year.

Steelbound will be unique from other hotels with their in-room offerings. “Our suites will be custom fitted with beer taps within these rooms for our guests to enjoy an experience which allows them to be their own personal bartender during their stay. Also, by having a full brewery and distillery on site, guests have the opportunity for a

one-of-a-kind experience to work, stay and play in Ellicottville, NY.”

Not only does Bursee wish to expand the Steelbound brand, but he strives to provide a unique experience to his guests. “We really want to give more to our guests. The hotel expansion will allow our guests to experience our passions in a way that only we are able to do every single day. We hope to bring more tourism to the area, ultimately helping the Ellicottville community thrive. We have so much to offer here; Ellicottville deserves to shine.”

This expansion will have an incredible impact on Ellicottville and the surrounding area. Not only will it provide hundreds of jobs, but it will attract tourism from all interests and age-levels. From families seeking a weekend getaway to bachelor and bachelorette parties seeking a unique distillery experience to the business traveler, the Steelbound expansion offers something for everyone. Bill recognizes the depth of impact of this tourism. “These visitors bring business to our stores, shops and restaurants. The jobs we create bring families to the area helping create a larger community.”

Bill had the opportunity to expand in other locations, but wanted to keep his dream where it began in Ellicottville. “The community here is like no other. This is where Steelbound belongs.” Steelbound is as unique as the area itself. Our brand is like no other because of our fearless group of partners who are willing to take the risk to not only achieve, but to exceed our dreams.”

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# Heron

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mushrooms, chicken and beef.

You can shop at the store on the premises, which is open 8am-8pm daily, year-round. You can also purchase their products at various outdoor markets. From Spring through Fall, the owners can be found at the Fredonia farmers' market as well as the Williamsville farmers' market near Buffalo. They also have a table at the Chautauqua Institution market in Bestor Plaza during the 9-week season. If you are not sure what to buy or how much, and just want to sample their products, you can buy sample packs online at ShopLocalCHQ (<https://chq.shopwhereilive.com/>). The Heron Farm seems to be represented just about everywhere! But they didn't get there overnight.

The land on which the farm sits was originally purchased for use as overflow event parking. It was essentially an investment toward the festival. Then the owner, Julie Erickson, married Steve Rockcastle in 2005. The couple realized they needed more income than what the festival provided to support two people. They were already managing an organic garden for themselves, and they wondered whether they could build on that. Julie and Steve wanted to do something that resulted in healthy, good food, while still being conscientious about the environment.

"We are very careful about what we do on our land," Julie noted. "We manage over 400 acres and want it to be as pure and clean as it can be." The Rockcastles began expanding the garden,



and the following year started growing shiitake mushrooms on the lot that was previously earmarked for overflow parking.

The next step was to add livestock. They researched different ways to care for livestock, read a lot of books and attended lectures. One such lecture, led by a well-known farming educator named Joel Salatin, turned their lives around. Salatin spoke about regenerative farming practices, i.e., putting the health of the soil first to gain both better crops for people and better feed for livestock.

For example, adult chickens can be housed in "chicken tractors." A chicken tractor is basically a portable coop that you put your chickens in and you move around the farm. It allows the chickens to forage in a new spot every day as well as fertilize the ground as they go. By using this natural fertilizer, you eliminate the need for chemical nutrients for crops and at the same time build up the water retention capability of the soil.

Another regenerative practice regards how cows are used on the farm. The cows graze on the land, so no one has to mow and use fossil fuel. And, the cows can be sold for meat, creating another income stream. The Rockcastles thought that all this sounded simple enough, so they

decided to raise chickens and cows for meat. They found out that it was far from simple.

"It is quite a challenge raising animals," says Steve. "You have to take certain health precautions. Also, cows are 100% grass fed, which is totally different. And then having calves, just managing the animals comes with a lot of ins and outs." They continued to do a lot of reading, going through hundreds of books, and experienced a lot of trial and error before they got to the point at which they felt they had a smoothly running farm with organic food and ethically treated animals. "If I was a cow, I'd want to live on my farm," Steve quips. "Our animals have a wonderful life and one very bad day."

Julie and Steve have grown their farm quite a bit since they started the project 18 years ago. They pick between 1500 and 1800 lbs. of mushrooms each year. They have about 3000 logs in production for that purpose, and have several different kinds of shiitakes, so they can keep picking mushrooms almost all year. The couple butcher around 600 chickens annually, and the chickens are certified organic. The cows are fed on certified organic pastures. In addition to the

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# Community Supported Agriculture

Jamestown Public Market Joins Country-Wide Week Initiative



Volunteers assist in packaging CSA shares during the Jamestown Public Market's 2022 market season



csainnovationnetwork.org/

The Jamestown Public Market will be offering its third season of the 'Eat Fresh, Do Good CSA' this summer. An idea borne of St. Luke's Episcopal Church Reverend Luke Fodor, the JPM's unique CSA is a twist on the traditional model. Working with local farms, such as organic produce farm Abers Acres and Amish-led Hidden Valley Produce, the JPM cultivates three sizes of CSA shares community members can 'invest' in prior to the growing season. The cost of each share covers the produce they will receive week for 16 weeks, from June-September, as well as a donation towards the Jamestown Mobile Market program. As the Jamestown Mobile Market offers produce at a low cost to community members living within low food access areas, most of the produce's cost is subsidized via grants and community donations. The 'Eat Fresh, Do Good CSA' is a way for community members to give back while enjoying the season's bounty.

For more information on how to sign up for an 'Eat Fresh, Do Good CSA' share visit <https://www.jtownpublicmarket.org/csa>

Jamestown, NY: The Jamestown Public Market and sponsor St. Luke's Episcopal Church are excited to join other CSA farms and organizations across the country to celebrate CSA week, a national event taking place from February 20th through February 26th to promote CSA (Community Supported Agriculture). CSA is a farm membership system that allows consumers to sign up to receive a season's worth of a farm's products (produce, eggs, meat, flowers, grain etc.) over a number of weeks. Along with getting to enjoy fresh, delicious and local food, being a CSA member is an excellent way to support and get to know your local farmers.

Join the JPM in promoting CSA Week as they celebrate their relationship with local agriculture and lift up local CSA farmers who work hard to produce the season's best food. Historically, this event has been called "CSA Day" and it was started by Simon Huntley and

Small Farm Central years ago. Beginning in 2021, the CSA Innovation Network extended it to last an entire week so that more people hear about the event and have the ability to connect with their local CSA farms during this time.

"Now more than ever, people recognize the value of local food that they can track to its source. CSA Week is all about connecting communities to their farmers and to the land their food comes from," said Sadie Willis, coordinator of the CSA Innovation Network.

The CSA Innovation Network is a national community of practice led by farmers and farmer support organizations who are dedicated to unifying and strengthening the CSA movement. Our mission is to serve as a resource base of programs and tools that facilitate idea-sharing and promote the value of CSA in order to support stronger local food systems across the country. Learn more at <https://www.csa>



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# Observe

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ected to a fourth term. However, he was just a few months into his fourth term when he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and passed away on April 12, 1945. Roosevelt was able to remain president for so long because the country was in a state of turmoil — World War II and the post-Depression Era — and he was a popular and reliable figure ....”

Three other presidents attempted to be re-elected three times: U.S. Grant, Woodrow Wilson, and Theodore Roosevelt. And, in current history, despite the 22nd amendment (ratified February 27, 1951), Donald Trump often spoke of serving a third term if he won the second. You might ask, “Why not let a President serve as long as he wants?” Well, the seeds for discussion of the issue began when Franklin Roosevelt ran for his fourth term in 1944. In 1947, President Harry S. Truman proposed the Hoover Commission which recommended that no president serve more than two terms. Going back in American history and the founding of our democracy one only needs to recognize the number of lives lost as this new country struggled to be free of the monarchy. Americans did not want history to repeat itself.

Let’s not overlook President Abraham Lincoln, who was probably

the most revered of all U.S. Presidents. He was a middle child as were most of our presidents. (Not one was an only child. Washington, FDR, Ford, Clinton, and Obama had half-siblings — History.answers.com). He was a common man — a bartender, hunter, wrestler, general store owner, postmaster, lawyer, the only president to obtain a patent (a method to keep ships afloat in shallow water near shore). He established Thanksgiving. Ironically, Lincoln was shot the day he signed the bill creating the Secret Service, having been saved from assassination twice before. He was the first to be assassinated but not the last (three more sitting presidents were assassinated: Garfield, McKinley, and Kennedy — attempts were also made on Theodore Roosevelt and Reagan). Lincoln embraced the idea of the rights of women to vote. Of course, he hated slavery, famously stating “If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong.”

Now, these powerful men who served as president of our country did not do it alone. Surely you have heard of “the power behind the throne.” Let’s take a few moments to acknowledge the pillow talk behind the scenes and give credit to some of the ladies who shared the burden of governing this great land of ours (unsalaried, by the way). We could use a Dolly Madison these days. She hosted many White House parties where she purposely invited individuals from opposing parties when tensions were so high



**Lucretia Garfield was a champion of women’s rights in a time when women couldn’t even vote, and she used her power to great effect in her fight against sexism. She also brought booze back into the White House ignoring the temperance movement.**

that debates, leading to physical violence and even duels were bound to occur. Because she invited women as well, the men were forced into civility and even cooperation. Lucretia Garfield was a champion of women’s rights in a time when women couldn’t even vote, and she used her power to great effect in her fight against sexism. She also brought booze back into the White House ignoring the temperance movement. For more about President’s ladies, check back with The Villager next week. Meanwhile, let’s share a toast to all America’s Presidents and their First Ladies. It’s a tough job.



# Maple

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economy. Maple products made by commercial “sugarmakers”, as they are called, are now in the top 10 list of goods produced and sold in the state.

The New York State Maple Producers Association (NYSMPA) organizes an event every March called “Maple Weekend”, to showcase various farms and methods. Farms across the state invite visitors to their sugarhouses to experience firsthand the production of pure maple syrup. This year, the dates are March 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, from 10am - 4pm each day. Over 130 farms are participating. At least a dozen of those are in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, some in our own back yard! A few of the sugarmakers will demonstrate the old-fashioned way of collecting sap and making syrup, while others will show how they use the latest technology to expand their capabilities.

Depending on weather conditions, it could take a full day for the bucket to fill up. So, sugarmakers will gather from as many trees as possible. Recommended practice is to tap only one hole per tree for small trees, with maybe 2-3 holes on much larger trees.

The sap is then boiled down and filtered to make syrup. According to the NYSMPA, it takes an average of 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup, so the more trees, the better. Obviously, just the collection process can be labor intensive. Some people get around that by involving their family or friends to help, making it a community event.

“I remember as a kid, my friends and I volunteered to collect all the buckets on the trees lining the road each day and bring them up to our neighbor John Cheney’s farm,” says Bemus Point native John Creager. “Mr. Cheney would reward us with syrup. It was fun, and it kept us busy for days.”

More modern methods of collection involve inserting a long tube into each hole and connecting the tubes so that they all funnel into a single containment tank. This eliminates the need to pick up buckets, as all the sap goes to one location. The sap may be pulled into the tank by using gravity, ensuring that the lines run

downhill. Or, farmers may use a vacuum pump to keep the sap flowing.

Brothers Paul and Dana Lesefske use both methods at their farm in Gowanda, Maple Glen Sugar House. During Maple Weekend, they give tours of their process, and discuss how the collection method depends on the location of the trees they are tapping. They also provide wagon rides through the sugar bush, give out samples of syrup, and offer treats like maple chili and maple hot dogs. “There are so many things we can do with maple syrup,” says Paul. “If a product doesn’t pan out, we can always make something else with it,” like maple vinegar, barbecue sauce and so much more. For example, the Lesefskes provide maple syrup to the Ellicottville Distillery, where it is used in a special liqueur made there. In return, the distillery gives them oak barrels that were used to age bourbon. Paul and Dana use these barrels to flavor some of their syrup, marketing it as a separate product that will also be available during the tours. “Maple Weekend is a great opportunity for people to try something new and learning something!”

Maple Glen has about 7000 taps open right now. Their goal is to collect a half-gallon of sap per tap, but sometimes they get only a quart. Paul listed challenges that affect output, such as having to fight off red squirrels that like to poke holes in the tubing. Even the tiniest hole can cause vacuum loss, so not as much sap is captured. “Every one inch of vacuum loss is 5 percent loss of sap from a given tree,” he notes. Paul says they combat that problem by using sensors that monitor for leaks. But

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The Gin Mill is back with Marshmellow Overcoat from 8-12am. This Bradford band plays originals and covers that reflect the British Invasion of the 70's. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm fri, sat and 10pm sun-thurs.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill gets the worm with the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. The night shift will feature West from 6-12am. They play a rock/blues/pop/country set of covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

We return to Madigans for Tony DeRosa from 6-9pm. Tony plays a rock/pop/jazz set of covers and originals. Dj SI is back in the sound booth playin some funk so you can shake your junk in the second floor window.

Balloons is back with The Funk Knights from 6:30-10pm. This band plays funk/ska/reggae covers that are very danceable. The back has Those Guys from 10-1am. This duo plays a rock/alt/set of covers. Dj Bad Weekend burning up the sound booth layin down the sauce so you can be the boss on the dance floor.

Last but not least 12 Gates hosts Paul Enderle from 7-11pm. Paul plays a rock/folk/blues/country set of covers and some originals. Try the coffee

porter, my favorite.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is first up again with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This couple plays a rock/roots / reggae set of covers. Two Guys Drinking Beer takes the stage from 7-10pm they play a rock/pop/folk / blues set of covers.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta made with the toppings of your choice and savory prime rib hosted by Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers.

If it's Monday it's Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers. This week's musical hosts are Owen and Pat from 6-9pm. These are 2 of Buffalo's finest singer/songwriter's and both outstanding guitarists. Pat has been nominated for a Grammy for his work with Victor Wainwright and the Train.

The Gin Mill is back for its next to last appearance hosting The Hick Ups Tuesday from 7-10pm This is a pick up band of local musicians from several different bands and they play a roots/bluegrass/folk set of covers.

We close out the seven day weekend as we have for the last 39 years at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a folk/country rock/pop/blues set of covers you will know the words to. \$1 wings and \$1 of all domestics makes for a locals fave.

We hope you had a wonderful time during your stay in our village and that you come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What Have You Crossed Off Your Bucket List?"

BY CHAD NEAL



Heather D.- Taking my kids to Disney world!

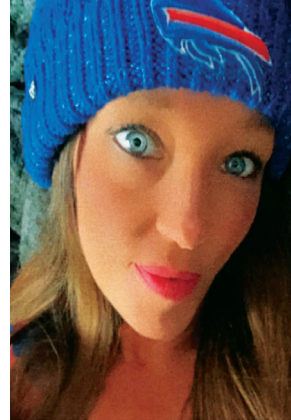
Plans. We all make them. Some are daily plans: some are future plans, the ones we dream about. Running errands and taking care of business is the usual list of things we do all the time, but those plans to do something more, something that takes more planning and assets are part of a phrase that has in the past couple decades become pretty well known as a bucket list. The phrase comes from the term "kicking the bucket", which means dying. Those special extra-uncommon ploys are the ones on that inventory of ideas one wants to do before they become history. A movie made the phrase pretty common and most people realize now that the objectives they made for their happiness in the coming years is called a Bucket List. And many people are doing the things they have on theirs. What have you crossed off your Bucket List?



Bobby O.- Going to a Super Bowl. Funny, the list is almost done.



Amanda B.- Seeing Jimmy Buffet!



Carrie H.- Went to Punxsutawney to see the groundhog!!



Hanna B.- Skydiving!



Jr. D.- Driving a real Nascar car.

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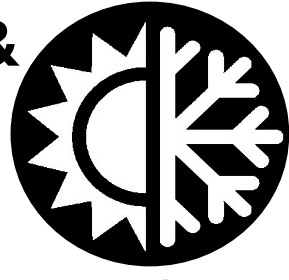
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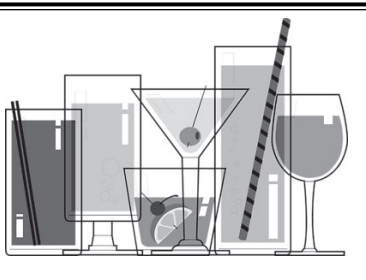
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:  
★★★★☆

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

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:

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

# Timon

CONT. FROM PG. 7

when people shop locally. "So many people miss out on the gift of human interaction when they shop at the big stores. When you shop small and shop local, you are given the chance to connect with people in the community, and you make a difference. Then both the shops and the community thrive."

Lynn has taken over some of the re-ordering over the years. One of the favorite parts of her job is selecting greeting cards, funny napkins, coasters and magnets. "I love making these choices, and it's validating when I hear customers laughing and sharing them with their friends. It's not a small thing to bring a smile to someone's face. It's an opportunity to spread joy and I'm grateful for that. It's so important these days

to laugh and relax. We often forget that in today's society. Our shop offers that sanctuary; an escape from some of the pressures of everyday life."

For many years, Lynn was also involved in drawing most of the front covers for "E'ville Events" a local bi-monthly publication. As one of many volunteers, she remembers how they all spent hours typing, copying, cutting and pasting (with rubber cement) articles and advertisements. "The process was so much more involved and time consuming than how it's done now. But it was a great artistic and social outlet and a fun way to serve the community." The publication started in the early 1980's and was an all-volunteer based monthly production. "So many wonderful women were involved. The original publishers were Mary Duszynski, Lori Northrup, Janet Tekavec

and Pat Enger assisted by Marg O'Brien. Mary's daughter, M.J. Brown took over as chief editor many years ago and remains our fearless leader."

Lynn is proud to maintain the small town feeling of Ellicottville at Alexandra, and commented about the kind nature of this community. "We're all here for each other and we help each other out whenever we can. If our store doesn't have what someone is looking for, I'm happy to refer them to another store in the village. We're all in this together. I'm happy to be working, I'm grateful for my job, and I'm so glad to be able to live here."

Lynn hopes to be a bright spot in someone's day by helping them find whatever they want. "We all have the opportunity to make even a little difference, every day. I love the quote by Mahatma Gandhi "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

# Maple

CONT. FROM PG. B-4

even if they catch every leak, mother nature can play havoc, too. He notes that the sap flows the best under very specific weather conditions, in which it freezes at night and warms up a little during the day. If the weather doesn't cooperate, their yield may not be as high as expected.

Once the sap is collected, it must be boiled down to get the syrup. The sap is only about 2% sugar, the rest mostly water, so boiling down the old-fashioned

way, over a large stove, can be time consuming. The Leseskes put the sap in a reverse-osmosis unit first to remove nearly 80% of the water. The remainder is still boiled and filtered but takes less than a tenth of the time to get a product with the correct sugar content, at the right temperature and consistency. They use an evaporator for that step in the process.

Even with the use of those machines, Paul says it is still a lot of work. "Anyone who wants to start out in this business needs to be a hard worker, and be patient. It doesn't happen overnight," he warns. The tree lots have been maintained

to certain standards, which requires working year-round, not just during the sugar season. He also mentions the paperwork involved can be lengthy, especially if the business will be certified organic and certified "made in New York." But, he said the pros of owning a maple farm are worth it. "I can spend time with my family enjoying the acreage in the summer, four-wheeling, and just hanging out. I really enjoy what I'm doing, and I'm my own boss."

For more information on Maple Weekend, visit <https://mapleweekend.nysmaple.com/>

# Heron

CONT. FROM PG. B-3

beef they sell at their store and online, they also sell between 50 and 100 lbs. of ground beef to Beltline Brewing, a restaurant in Buffalo, every month.

Future plans include expanding on their

regenerative farming techniques. According to Steve, traditional western farming is killing the land with herbicides and oozing carbon. Regenerative practices put carbon back in the ground and build up the microbes in the soil. But building the biology of the soil, says Steve, takes time. Their motivation to do all this is they care about what they eat: clean food without

chemicals, antibiotics, or hormones. And, they say it just tastes better.

The one thing that the Rockcastles want people to know most about their farm: "We are here and we are available!" states Julie. "There are lots of ways to reach us. We would love to help anyone we can to eat better and find delicious food." For more information, see <https://theheron.org/>

# Coppola's Pizzeria New Owners

Bemus Point Restaurant Passes the Torch to Family

Coppola's is very excited to announce the new ownership of Coppola's Pizzeria. Jake and Justin Andriaccio along with their families will be taking over operations. They will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday February 16 & 17, 2023 in order to make our transition a smooth one. This weekend's are 3pm-8:30pm Friday through Sunday.

Jake & Justin Andriaccio look forward to continuing the legacy and great reputation the previous owners worked so hard to establish. The original recipes for dough and sauce will remain the same.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** Luvia Healing Arts, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/19/23. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Luvia Healing Arts, 728 Front St., Olean, NY 14760. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.

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**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** Carpys Print Company LLC filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 1555 Olean-Portville Road, Olean, NY 14760. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** Zoar Valley Software LLC Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/3/22. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 9891 Point Peter Rd, Gowanda, NY 14070. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

**VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville on Tuesday, February 21st, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Village and Town Hall located at One West Washington, Ellicottville, New York re: Local Law #1 – 2023; It is the intent of the Village Board to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law ; 466-a. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD BOARD MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the regularly scheduled third Monday of the month Town Board Meeting has been rescheduled to February 27, 2023. Said Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley. By Order of Carl Calarco, Town Supervisor, Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk

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Additionally, please be aware that **the Town has a Local Law requiring the dog have adequate leash restrains.** The Local Law is posted on the Town's website - [ellicottvillegov.com](http://ellicottvillegov.com). *Robyn George, Ellicottville Town Clerk*

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# Ellicottville Town Planning Board

## New Bakery/Restaurant to Open on Washington Street

BY DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville's Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 14th. A public hearing was held for two special use permits for a change of use of vacant space to build out a bakery/restaurant and law office in the plaza at 1-5 Washington St. Concerns were raised that there is a shared driveway between the plaza and neighboring property.

The representatives from Ellicott Development Corp which owns the plaza agreed to install a fence and gate across the shared driveway. Attendees at the public hearing also raised questions on the plans for Ratchet Hatchet which will be relocating to the plaza; however, the application from Ratchet Hatchet has not been received and these questions could not be addressed during the public hearing. Following



the public hearing, the special use permits for the bakery/restaurant and law office were approved by the Board. A new sign permit application was reviewed for the new location of Ava Grace Fashions at 22 Monroe St along with another sign application at the previous location of Ava Grace Fashions at 23 Jefferson which will transition to Grace Properties. Both sign

applications were approved by the Board. Last on the agenda was a review of an amendment to the architectural design review that was previously approved for 79 Elizabeth Street. The amendment was approved by the Board. For full meeting minutes and Village Planning activities, please visit their website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/planning-zoning.html>.

# ArtScape

## CONT. FROM COVER



had a front row seat, so to speak, to this annual event, watching the project evolve and grow each year, and seeing the overwhelmingly positive response from the community.

Leslie moved back to Jamestown several years ago and opened the art gallery. But she kept thinking about ArtScape and the great experience she had with it, and dreamt about how to have something similar here.

She is finally making her dream a reality. She partnered with Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) and the City Parks Commission to make this opportunity possible for local artists. JRC is organizing the event and helping apply for grants to support it. The project fits with JRC's vision of "Stronger neighborhoods, a vibrant downtown, and an engaged community."

The City Parks Commission handles the logistics and timing of hanging the banners.

Artists from Chautauqua County, or anywhere within 35 miles of Jamestown (includes Cattaraugus County and Warren, PA, among others), are eligible to submit works for consideration. Each individual can submit up to three pieces. Selected artwork will be photographed and displayed on banners downtown, on Second and Third streets. The original work will be displayed at the Chautauqua Art Gallery starting in June. There will be a walking tour listing the artists and

their work, which will be on a printed brochure as well as on the website.

Submission requirements are outlined on a link on the Jamestown Renaissance website <https://www.jamestownrenaissance.org/artscape/>

Although it is common for artists to pay an application fee for a juried selection, no fees are required this year, which is an added incentive for artists to try their hand.

The website also provides information for prospective sponsors.

ArtScape is looking for local businesses to sponsor banners in support of the program. Sponsorship is only \$100 per banner. The business name appears on both sides of the banner, and the business name and logo will be included in a brochure designed specifically for ArtScape. It will also be recognized in media promoting the program. Sponsors get to keep their banner after it is taken down. Leslie isn't sure when that will be yet, but would like to keep them up as long as possible.

When asked how she would like to see ArtScape expand in future years, Leslie said, "I would love to see this turn into an outdoor celebration of the arts, with artists standing next to their banners, interacting with the community. We could have a festival in conjunction with ArtScape, maybe a scavenger hunt or some other outdoor event."

If she could take away only one thing from her Winchester experience and apply it to Jamestown ArtScape, it would be encouraging a variety of art to be submitted, and encouraging a variety of businesses to sponsor. "We want to see a broad spectrum that truly represents our community."

The deadline to submit an artist or sponsor application is April 7<sup>th</sup>. Art will be displayed in June starting with an opening celebration at the art gallery, and banners will be up at least until Fall, when a closing celebration is planned. Refer to the website for more information.

# ~ William M. Colestro 1938-2023 ~

## Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Homes, Bradford PA

William M. Colestro, 84, formerly of Bradford and Ellicottville, passed away, Sunday February 12, 2023, at Absolut Care in Westfield NY.

Born May 25, 1938, in Alliance OH, he was a son of the late Joseph Henry Colestro and Alice (Steck) and her husband Joseph Bizzaro.

Growing up in Bradford, Bill was a 1951 graduate of St. Bernard. His skills in basketball and football resulted in a basketball scholarship for Rochester Institute of Technology where he studied art and design. Later, active in the Bradford Youth Basketball League, many people in Bradford fondly called Bill "Coach". He also provided leadership and support for the Bradford Central Christian Rambler Association. Many Good Fridays until a few years before his death you would find Bill in St. Bernard kitchen baking excellent fish dinners for hundreds of people followed by an evening at the Italian Club.

On February 16, 1961, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed near Pearl Harbor at Hickam AFB in Honolulu, Hawaii. He was an aircraft mechanic and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and was the fearless Center of the Hickam AFB Football

Team. He was honorably discharged on August 6, 1964.

He was a Master Carpenter and contractor and worked on homes and condos in Bradford and Ellicottville NY. After his hard days at work, he enjoyed kicking back with his friends and coworkers, and having beers at the American Legion Post #659 and the Little Valley VFW. He enjoyed telling jokes and playing cards, especially SCAT. He had an excellent voice and would often be asked to sing the Irish favorite, Danny Boy, or Louis Armstrong's Wonderful World.

Surviving is one daughter, Debra (David) Wilber, and their children, Mary and Abby, one son, Joseph Colestro, one stepdaughter, Lisa (Brett) Crassi, and their children, Ariana and Briella, and one stepson, Jesse Grzankowski, and several great-grandchildren, one brother, Jim (Ann) Colestro, of Bradford, and Bill's former wives, Molly Colestro, and Janice (Grzankowski) Colestro, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his stepfather, his first wife, Mary (Gigliotti) Colestro, two brothers, Charles Colestro, Robert "Bob" (Freda) Colestro



of Streetsboro, OH and one sister, Judith (Walter "Red") Smith of Lexington, KY.

Friends will be received on Thursday February 16, 2023, from 11:00 am to Noon at Hollenbeck-Cahill Funeral Homes, Inc. 33 South Ave. where funeral services will be held at Noon with Fr. Jim Gutting of St. Bernard Church, officiating. Following the service Military Honors by members of the United States Air Force and the Honor Guard from the American Legion Post 108 of Bradford will be accorded at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Bernard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions if desired may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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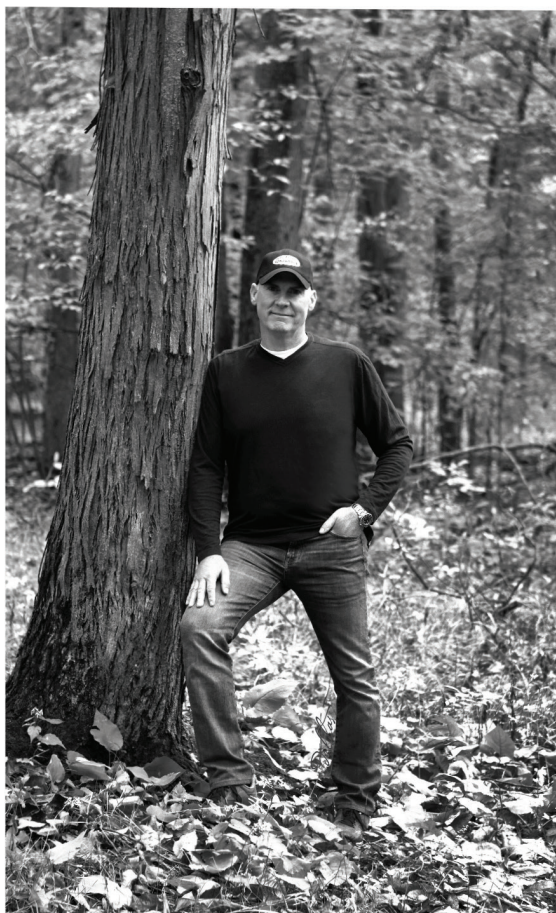
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