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## Area Events

## Mardi Gras Parade this Saturday

Day-of Registration Available this Year



An important addition to the parade this year is that they are accepting entries day of. If your float isn't quite ready now or you need to pull a few more friends together for a walking group, you'll have some extra time. Late entry for the parade this year will take place at Katy's Café around 5:15pm to register and get in line to walk! (See "Parade", page 8.)

## Welcome to Winter Carnival

Ellicottville Celebrates Mardi Gras March 10-12



Saturday morning kicks off with Winter Carnival activities at the base of Yodeler hill, including the Ski Patrol Toboggan event and Beer Slalom at 2pm. Outside Yodeler Lodge visitors can enjoy live music from the Mo Porter Band with a drink in hand from the annual Snowbar. (Full weekend schedule page 8-9.)

BY ABIGALE KRENHEIDER

Grab your festive beads, funky costumes, and party skis and shoes to join in on the Mardi Gras weekend celebration in Ellicottville, New York this weekend. This small ski town puts a unique

twist on the internationally recognized celebration, bringing together both locals and visitors for two days of music, fun, and festivities.

The celebratory tradition began thousands of years ago as a way

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## Springville Is "Out There"

Main Street Business Assoc. with Unique Theme



The members of Springville's newly formed Main Street Association" standing in front of the Bryan Metzdorf mural entitled "Before and Not Yet". (See story "Springville", Pg. 9.)

## Rail Rider Jamboree Next Saturday

Winter Music Festival Returns to Holiday Valley



BY KATE BARTLETT

Rail Rider Jamboree was a smashing hit in its inaugural year in Ellicottville last March. Event planner and nationally renowned festival producer

Jennifer Brazill is proud to again bring the music to the slopes of Holiday Valley on Saturday March 18. The lineup features a talented variety of local and

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- FAT BIKE FUN RIDE**  
Friday, March 17 • 6:30pm  
Allegany State Park
- CHEER AND DANCE SHOW**  
Saturday, March 18 • 9am  
Northwest Arena, Jamestown
- HYPROV**  
Saturday, March 18 • 7:30pm  
Reg Lenna, Jamestown
- HELLO SPRING FAIR**  
March 18, 2023  
Limestone, NY
- RAIL RIDER JAMBOREE**  
Saturday, March 18 • 2pm  
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
- INTENSE MILK RAIL JAM**  
Saturday, March 18 • 6pm  
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
- WNY MAPLE WEEKENDS**  
March 18-19, 25-26  
Various Locations
- BRUSHES AND BREWS**  
Sunday, March 19 • 5pm  
Four Mile Brewing, Olean
- RTPI AFTER 5**  
Friday, March 24 • 5:30pm  
Roger Tory Peterson Inst., Jamestown
- PAUL MORRISSEY**  
Friday, March 24 • 7pm  
Tropicana Room, Jamestown
- POND SKIMMING**  
Saturday, March 25 • 11am  
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville
- HAUDENOSAUNEE ART SHOW**  
Saturday, March 25 • 10am  
Onöhsagwé:de' Center, Salamanca
- AUDUBON LIGHTS**  
March 24 - 25 • 8pm  
Audubon Center, Jamestown
- CCS RED CARPET GALA**  
Saturday, March 25 • 7pm  
Northwest Arena, Jamestown
- GRAPES & HOPS FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, April 1 • 3pm  
Northwest Arena, Jamestown
- CHOSEN TREASURES MONTH**  
April, 2023  
Lake Erie Wine Trail
- FRIENDS OF GOOD MUSIC**  
Friday, April 21 • 7:30pm  
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure
- JEFF FOXWORTHY**  
Saturday, April 22 • 8pm  
Seneca Resort, Salamanca

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## Sneak Peek

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St. Patty's Day Traditions & Unknown Facts



The time is nearing for the traditional wearing of the green as we approach St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Here's something interesting about the fact that we wear green to celebrate this venerated patron saint of Ireland. You see, according to historians his color was blue, not green. The color, called St. Patrick's blue is a lighter shade, and can still be seen on vintage Irish flags.

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## Maple Farms Share their Syrup

Maple Weekends March 18-19; 25-26



A number of wineries and breweries in the region use locally sourced maple syrup to make unique products. Ellicottville Brewery makes a Blueberry Maple Pancake Wheat Ale with syrup from Sprague's Maple Farm in Portville, NY.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

New York State Maple Association's annual Maple Weekends are nearly here! This year, the dates are March 18-19 and March 25-26. This is a great opportunity to take the kids out for a family-friendly event, or just go with friends to enjoy the taste of homemade maple syrup and other maple goods. Many maple farms across the region are offering tours, demonstrations, and specials on their maple products. Here is a sample of the many ways you can enjoy Maple Weekends!

Benz's Sugar Shanty near Springville will have tours of their syrup-making operation and an explanation of the process from tap to table. They have a display of maple syrup related

SEE "MAPLE" PAGE 8

## Up Close & Personal: Topper Clemons

Familiar Face Behind Ellicottville Brewing Co.



Originally from New Jersey, Topper Clemons began his professional career in the NFL first with the Dallas Cowboys, then with the Philadelphia Eagles, before moving closer to his family in Olean and being "drafted" by Ellicottville's crusader, Eddie Szaicher at a youth camp. Szaicher brought Topper to Ellicottville and he has been with EBC since 1995. (Pictured: WKBW 7 News reported live last week for their "Believe in Buffalo page". EBC's Topper Clemons with WKBW's host Jeff Russo and EBC Head Marketing Designer, Sarah Corsi.)

BY KATE BARTLETT

The name 'Topper' is not only recognized, but nearly synonymous with Ellicottville Brewing Company as a once beloved bartender and now a multi-brewpub manager. Topper Clemons

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## Publisher's Word

"Why Not Today! Happy Mardi Gras"



marking the beginning of your friends, a few zany ideas and ridiculous outfits and join in the fun! I look forward to seeing you out there. Let's make each year's event bigger and better than the last. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for Holiday Valley Ski Patrol Food Drive and give back to the community that gives so many good times to you. See you at the party!!

So, it's not officially yet, no worries, you can sign up the day of right at Katy's Café. Grab a group

Until then, enjoy the read!

—Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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**Ellicottville Summer Music Festival**  
"The Players" Headline Saturday, July 1

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce this years Summer Music Festival Saturday performance- "The Players" featuring Grammy awarded & top former members of Chicago and Earth, Wind, & Fire. Enjoy a live performance with legendary members: Bill Champlin (Two-timed grammy winner; member of Chicago for 28 years) Keith Howland (Former guitarist of Chicago), Jeff Coffey (Former lead vocalist of Chicago), Gorden Campbell (Former drummer of Earth, Wind & Fire) with an opening act of Barracuda, a Heart tribute band! Sunday you can expect the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra followed by our annual fireworks display!

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**Seneca Museum Hosts Juried Art Show**  
Seneca Iroquois National Museum Hosts March 25

Salamanca, NY – The Seneca Iroquois National Museum is hosting a juried Spring Art Show on March, 25th 2023. There will be paintings, drawings, 2D mixed media, 3D fine art, basketry, beadwork, and traditional arts!

For more information on this event please visit the Seneca Museum website or call (716) 945-1760. This event will be held at: Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center at 82 West Hetzel Street in Salamanca, NY.

**Fat Bike Rides at Allegany State Park**  
March 17 at Red House Area Administration Building 6:30pm

Join the Allegany Recreation staff and WNY Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA) for a fun fat tire bike ride around the Red House Lake Area at Allegany State Park. Bring a helmet, head light, warm clothes and a snack for the after ride social at Red House Picnic Shelter, or stop by the Red House Restaurant open Friday – Sunday 11am-6pm. For more information call Environmental Education Department (716) 379-6939.

HELLO,  
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# Hope is in the Feathers

Roger Tory Peterson Inst. Women Nature Exhibit, March 18



Jamestown – A new exhibit is opening at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute on March 18. Hope is the Thing with Feathers: Contemporary Women Nature Artists includes work by five women whose art practice explores the paradoxically powerful and fragile nature of birds and the ecosystems in which they live. With cautionary tales and messages of hope and recovery, the artists reveal intersections between nature and culture, ultimately using their art to advocate for conservation. By incorporating scientific research and data into their art, they hope to inspire in the viewer a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the cultural and environmental importance of birds. The artists featured in Hope is the Thing with Feathers encourage us to consider the ways in which humans leave an indelible impact on the natural world, and the ways in which we are affected by nature in turn. The artists include Bayla Arietta, Jennalyn Speer, Carmen Ostermann, Katelyn Davis, and Liz Wahid. Opening March 18, 2023, on view through June 11, 2023.

## Holiday Valley Pond Skimming

Saturday, March 25, 11am-2:30pm

The zaniest of all spring events, Pond Skimming on March 25th challenges skiers and snowboarders to try to skim across an ice water filled pond at the bottom of Yodeler. Some will make it all the way across, but many end up getting very wet (and cold!).

## Ellicottville Women in Business

Promotion: Coltellino, Store Manager Good for the Spirit Gifts

Ellicottville, NY — Good for the Spirit Gifts has announced the promotion of Dawn Coltellino to the position of Store Manager, and a new, additional appointment of Administrative Assistant to the Rev. Suzy Woo, shop owner and private wellness consultant.

Coltellino will be responsible for the crystal shop's daily operations, inventory management, accounts payables and vendor relations while continuing to serve store customers.

Ms. Woo is working on plans to introduce a Healing and Wellness Retreat Center to the area; and needs to offload most of the correspondence and coordination for her private healing practice so she can focus on getting the preliminary documentation in order and filed.

Coltellino first joined Good for the Spirit Gifts in November 2021 as a Retail Sales Associate.

Three months later, a vacancy created the perfect opportunity for her to shine and she was promoted.

Since her hire, Coltellino has helped bring order from the chaos of the initial business relocation, and has been

instrumental getting the business up, running, and functional. From the utility company set-up calls and appointments to helping with floor plans and inventory ideas. She has continuously offered to take on more responsibility.

Prior to joining Good for the Spirit Gifts, Coltellino was on the Safety Crew at HoliMont for three years.

"Down to earth, intelligent, organized Virgo seeking job at local crystal shop" was the opening line of her resume," Suzy Woo recalls.

"I was sold right there, but had to still conduct the job interview. Looking at her astrology chart during the interview totally sealed the deal. A Capricorn moon person demonstrates leadership, will take initiative and get the work done; and a Virgo sun sign is analytical, has tremendous attention to detail and loves data, spreadsheets, organization and cleanliness.

"Months after hiring Dawn, we were having a chat in my office, when I started channeling, then I burst into tears realizing she actually was a sister of mine in a past life," Woo says.

All the right people are coming together to create great things. Please



congratulate her if you stop in and she's working that day! She totally deserves this."

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Ellicottville – It's Reserve and buy your table Back! The return of the HoliBreak. Get ready for an awesome March Break! Lots of great activities are scheduled. It all starts with a Kickoff Apres party on Sunday, March 12 at 3pm in the Chalet. Live entertainment is scheduled from 3pm to 6pm. Apres will be in Chalet or on the deck weather permitting. Wednesday is the Hot Dog and Sausage Lunch, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The Family Dinner Dance will be held Thursday from 6:30pm to 10:30pm.

Reserve and buy your table for the dinner on Monday or Tuesday. The Amazing Holi Race is Thursday at 11am. The Family Race is also on Thursday at 1:30 pm; you must sign up in Chalet by noon that day. Minimum of 3 persons per family team. Rewards will be announced at the family dinner. Friday is St. Patrick's Day! There will live Irish music featuring Kevin McCarthy from 4pm to 7pm. Other events include Karaoke Apres on Wednesday, Groomer Rides, and Bingo. Groomer

**Music Schedule**  
**Sunday, March 12 –**  
**Friday, March 17:**  
**Sunday, 3-6pm:**  
**Bleeding Hearts**  
**Monday, 3-6pm:**  
**Dark Water Duo**  
**Tuesday, 3-6pm:**  
**Olmsted Dub Squad**  
**Wednesday, 3-6pm:**  
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**Family Dinner Dance**  
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## Holiday Valley Spotlight

### Getting to Know Allie Doro Holiday Valley Snowsports Director

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Allie Doro is the Snowsports Director at Holiday Valley, where she has worked for the past 6 years. Prior to her current role, Allie started as a ski instructor and worked her way up the ranks. Currently, she is busy organizing the end of the season events including the Winter Carnival. I took the opportunity to speak with Allie and get an update on how the winter season has been progressing at Holiday Valley.

**Villager (V):** How has it been for snow sports this year?

**Allie Doro (AD):** It's been a pretty solid winter; we had a huge amount of pass sales and our Ranger program is bigger than I think it's ever been: we're over 200 kids. We're still staying busy, there are new trends with passes...we've got the new RFID ticketing systems, so I think that's been an adjustment. It's been going well.

**(V):** Where are you from and how'd you end up at Holiday Valley?

**(AD):** I am from Ellicottville, I graduated from high school in Ellicottville. I was a ski instructor at HoliMont and did ski club at Holiday Valley. I went to school in Boston and then I went out and taught out west for about 7 years. I was in Steamboat and Aspen and this is my sixth winter back home.

**(V):** Holiday Valley has a unique community feel partly because it is still independent despite neighboring resorts being bought up by larger players in the industry, what's your take?



**Allie plans the kid's activities at Creekside for Winter Carnival. They are going to have live music, hot dogs on Saturday, Icecream Sundaes on Sunday, a costume parade from the top of Yodeler down Mardi Gras and decorating contest.**

**(AD):** It's been interesting to watch that evolve and sort of take over resort after resort over the last few years and see how we've been able to stand on our own. I think they'll stand independent for as long as they can...it's definitely a family here at Holiday Valley.

**(V):** Are you directly involved with the hiring process of ski instructors?

**(AD):** I have a hiring committee and we've been doing that together for about 3 years with the same few people. I've overseen that whole process. We get

a preseason team together and then work from there to get all the hiring together and schedules. We have a huge turnover from summer to winter as far as buildings and facilities go so, I help with a lot of that.

**(V):** Are the instructors mainly locals or are they coming in from out of the area?

**(AD):** It's kind of a mixed bag...I would say probably half local like Allegheny, Olean kids, and Ellicottville kids, Great Valley, a bunch from Salamanca, and

SEE "ALLIE" PG. 10

*Holiday Valley*  
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Saturday, Mar. 18

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The patron saint of Ireland first arrived in Ireland in the hold of a slave ship.

**History.com**

By CAROL FISHER LINN was relegated to the history bin. The time is nearing for the traditional wearing of the green as we approach St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Here's something interesting about the fact that we wear green to celebrate this venerated patron saint of Ireland. You see, according to historians his color was blue, not green. The color, called St. Patrick's blue is a lighter shade, and can still be seen on vintage Irish flags. The blue color was used by the Irish Citizen Army ... the same guys who attempted to end British rule in the 1916 Easter Uprising. But, according to a March 16, 2010, piece in Time magazine the use of green started with the humble clover which was a symbol of Irish nationalism during the 1798 Irish Rebellion. Wearing clover pins became a regular practice and before long, the color spread to their uniforms. Between that and the color of the verdant green fields that cover Ireland, green won out and blue

was relegated to the history bin. Since I'm dispelling myths, hold on to your seats, or your green beer, when I tell you that St. Patrick was NOT Irish at all. Fact is, it is likely he was a Brit. As was the common practice back in the 400's he was kidnapped by a bunch of Irish rascals and taken to Ireland as a slave. His job was shepherding, that is, until he escaped and returned home. But he had visions, heard voices, and was compelled to return to Ireland and spread Christianity to the pagans. He became so beloved that when he died, the Irish made him their patron saint. But wait!!!! St. Patrick is NOT a saint at all. Here's what we read in History.com: "Patrick was never actually canonized by the Catholic Church. This is simply due to the era he lived in. During the first millennium, there was no formal canonization process in the Catholic Church. After becoming a priest and helping to spread Christianity throughout

Ireland, Patrick was likely proclaimed a saint by popular acclaim." "They" say "Saint" Patrick chased the snakes from Ireland. Not so, say those in the know. In a March 14, 2021 Washington Post article by Jason Bittel, we find that "According to the legend, the religious man known as Saint Patrick traveled from Britain to Ireland to do missionary work in the fifth century. While he was there, he was attacked by a group of snakes. Serpents are a symbol of the devil in the Christian Bible, so Saint Patrick cleansed the Emerald Isle of "evil" by shoeing every legless reptile he could find into the ocean." Nice story, but the problem is, Ireland is an island in a cold sea. It is one of only a few places on earth (all cold climates) where snakes are not found in the wild. With all the reverence for St. Patrick in Ireland, it only makes sense that the festivities of the day originated in Ireland. And there, we'd be wrong

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for pagans to ring in the spring season, symbolizing new beginnings and fertility. This historically pagan tradition eventually became incorporated into Christianity in Rome and then spread throughout Western Europe.

Mardi Gras, also known as "Fat Tuesday," centers around eating, drinking, and partying. Traditionally, it is celebrated on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday (February 21, 2023), marking the beginning of Lent.

The Ellicottville Mardi Gras celebration coincides with Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival, making for an exciting weekend on March 11 and 12, 2023. This year's theme is Retro Party, so dust off your vintage ski attire and hit



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on Saturday night in downtown Ellicottville with a colorful costume parade, featuring participants in wild costumes, painted faces, masks, and beads. The Holiday Valley Ski Patrol, HV Rangers Skiing and Snowboarding Program, and others will join in on the parade marching along in their Retro-themed costumes.

ski costumes for the group ski in spirit of this year's Winter Carnival Retro Party theme.

Before the parade, fuel up with some pancakes at the Mardi Gras Warming Hut, where Ski Patrolers will be flipping flapjacks at 9am. What a great way to start a Sunday morning on the mountain!

The weekend adventure of skiing and partying continues with the annual Dummy Downhill at Yodeler, where you can cheer on your favorite dummy on skis. After the downhill event, head back to the Yodeler Lodge to enjoy the musical offerings by the Jay McDonnell Duo and maybe another drink from the Snowbar.

For a full list of activities and details, visit the Holiday Valley's website.

Ellicottville's Mardi Gras celebration in combination with Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival is an opportunity to delve into the internationally celebrated holiday. Let your freak flag wave and break out that old but timely ski gear for the weekend. Ellicottville has been waiting for. You won't want to miss the vivid costumes, live music, and delicious food and drinks.

Mardi Gras has become an essential part of the SEE "CARNIVAL" PAGE 12

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Saturday morning kicks off with Winter Carnival activities at the base of Yodeler hill, including the Ski Patrol Toboggan event and Beer Slalom at 2pm. Outside Yodeler Lodge visitors can enjoy live music from the Mo Porter Band with a drink in hand from the annual Snowbar.

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The festivities continue

You can register online at the Ellicottville Chamber website to join in on the fun.

Following the village parade, visitors are invited to head back to the slopes for another full day of activities on Sunday, March 12.

One of the highlights of the annual Winter Carnival weekend is the ski parade down Holiday Valley's Mardi Gras Run. This year's parade will begin at 12pm on top of the mountain. Spectators and parade fanatics are invited to dress in their best retro

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# Ellicottville Historical Museum

## Documenting How We got to Where We Are

By CAROL FISHER-LINN



Beginning as a display center in 1956, the operation moved to its present, circa 1853 building in the 1970's, later obtaining its official charter by the NYS Board of Regents as a museum in 1992.

assembled a band just for Rail Rider for a unique rock experience. The "super group" includes members of various jambands such as Twiddle, Eggy and Turquaz. This group is a unique combination of musicians coming together for a special set.

Headliner Dark Star Orchestra takes stage next for two sets. "We decided to bring back Dark Star because they are such a great fit for the area," says Jennifer. "They were such a hit last year, that we wanted to bring them back to keep the vibe going. The crowd and the energy was awesome last year, we wanted to keep building on that sense of community." Dark Star Orchestra is a Grateful Dead band tribute that has been touring for 20-30 years selling out wherever they play. "By recreating set lists from the past, and by developing their own sets of Dead songs, Dark Star Orchestra offers a continually evolving artistic outlet within this musical canon. Honoring both the band and the fans, Dark Star Orchestra's members seek out the unique style and sound of each era while simultaneously offering their own informed improvisations."

Between bands, Buffalo Brass Machine will be traveling throughout the crowd playing New Orleans Style party music to keep the Mardi Gras vibe alive. "They are such a fun band and they really keep the energy going. The music is great, and the interaction with the crowd is awesome."

Tickets include entry for all music events, essentially 11-12 hours of non-stop music and partying from 1 until about 11pm. The event has a new and (much) improved location this year in the paved lot at

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Ellicottville is fortunate to have a museum in the prominent four corners of the village of Ellicottville. It doesn't get any better than that, or so it would seem. The issue at hand with a museum the size of a teacup is that it lacks storage, working room, and no ability to comfortably allow ready access to the museum archives for research by individuals.

Beginning as a display center in 1956, the operation moved to its present, circa 1853 building in the 1970's, later obtaining its official charter by the NYS Board of Regents as a museum in 1992. Tim Brown served as President of the Historical Society until he stepped down in 2014 when Dawn Westfall filled the position. The officers and the Board all serve voluntarily, along with individuals who have served in various positions throughout many years. Serving with Westfall are Ellen Frank (V.P.), Carolyn Litchfield (Secretary) and Robert Ellis (Treasurer). Trustees are Gretchen Plough, Judy Brown, Bonnie Koschir, Sara Nuzskowski, and Cathy Lacy. Ellicottville's Town Historian, Mary Elizabeth Dunbar, was appointed by the previous Town Supervisor.

The museum is a not-for-profit, operating on a budget generously donated by the local municipalities. It is self-sustaining ... but could always use some help. Financial donations are always hugely appreciated, and you'll find a link at the end of this article to their site that facilitates your generosity. Bottom line - they could use a larger building, retaining this one

as the walk-in for visitors. If a donated house ever fell into their lap, it would fulfill the dream of archive accessibility for the public, a venue for functions, and maybe a period home where visitors could walk back in time and experience life in our pioneer days. Patrons might even be able to attend classes of lost pioneer arts. A fully functioning larger local museum could offer these opportunities. Ellicottville deserves this.

What's the big fuss about preserving items from the local past in a central spot in a community? From History Relevance we learn that "history nurtures personal and collective identity in a diverse world. People discover their place in time

through stories of their families, communities, and nation. Museums and their programs teach historical literacy/historical thinking skills, such as critical thinking."

TV shows like Antiques Road Show, American Pickers, Maine Cabin Masters, and Barnwood Builders are not popular by happenstance. People today have a craving to know what life was like "back then," to touch it, to experience it, to be a part of it, or to recapture it. Museums do this for people. Every town has its unique story; ours centered around agriculture and lumber and then morphed into a ski town, which

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## Music

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nationally known bands that capture the Grateful Dead vibe including Gantzer + Friends, Eggy, Folkfaces, Buffalo Brass Machine and headliner Dark Star Orchestra.

Last year's event was a sell out with almost 2,000 attendees. "We were so welcomed by the community; the festival is such a great fit for Ellicottville," says Jennifer. "Everyone here embraces that outdoor adventure vibe and knows how to have a good time. You're surrounded by the mountains, good music, and good people."

This year, Rail Rider will open with Folkfaces at the Cabana Bar to get the vibe going with Bluegrass music and Bloody Mary's from 11am-1pm. Folkfaces is a New York State based roots music quartet playing a mix of original and traditional music. Acclaimed as "an energetic variety show and traveling music review, exploring a wide range of genres including country blues, traditional jazz, rock and roll, honky tonk,

western swing, bluegrass and oldtime, jugband music and more."

The music on the main stage at the festival is located just steps away from Holiday Valley Lodge, and kicks off at 1:30 with Grub, an up-and-coming jam/rock band with Buffalo roots. Described as a multi-genre trio capable of delivering funk-driven madness, improvisational bliss, and electronic soundscapes, Grub is "a true wildcard in today's music scene"; they intend to draw in music-lovers of all sorts, and push the envelope in modern musical expression.

Next, Eggy takes the stage. This national touring band is very quickly gaining recognition in the music scene having recently played with The Black Crows and Sheryl Crow. "Eggy's music traces the full spectrum of emotions evoked by a life well-lived alongside friends well-loved."

Ganter + Friends plays next, a 'supergroup' of nationally known musicians formed by Mike Ganter from the band Aqueos. Also with Buffalo roots, Aqueos has sold out throughout the country for over a decade. Mike Ganter

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# Maple

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for a meal and then peruse their flower selection, and perhaps bring home and Easter Lily.

One of the largest producers, Sprague's Maple Farms near Portville, has its own Restaurant and Pancake House. You can order breakfast all day long or try a lunch or dinner entrée from their menu of "down home cookin'". Some of the items include maple syrup right in the recipe. They also offer special menu selections for tour groups. Sprague's will have tours and wagon rides during Maple Weekends.

Interestingly, a number of wineries and breweries in the region use locally sourced maple syrup to make unique products. Ellicottville Brewery makes a Blueberry Maple Pancake Wheat Ale with syrup from Sprague's Maple Farm. Black

Squirrel Distillery in Buffalo makes a Maple Coffee Liqueur and a Maple Moonshine and Ellicottville Distillery makes a Maple Bourbon Crème all with New York State Maple Tree Syrup.

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No matter where you go on Maple Weekends, there is something unique to see and do. Come out and celebrate the maple season! For more information, visit <https://mapleweekend.nysmaple.com/>.

# Parade

## STORY FROM COVER

By DELAINEY MUSCATO  
— ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY



Business development manager, Jessica Wallace, at the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce remembers rushing out to see the Mardi Gras parade to collect beads and candy when she was little. The parade has been running for decades and every year, it ignites the community and creates a certain magic in the air. Wallace said, "It's just this time of year when everyone is ready to celebrate the successes of another Winter season with friends and family". This year the parade will start at 6:30pm right in the village on Washington Street on Saturday, March 11th.

This micro parade is so unique as floats, costumes, and walking groups do their best to create something they've never done before. "Most local businesses come up with their own theme different from years past. Keeping us on our toes!" Wallace said. I asked her what floats stand out. She said, "That's a hard question to answer only because they're all so unique and so great. I don't think I can pick a favorite. The energy in town is just great that weekend. Last year our Holiday Valley Rang-ers took first-place! It's always fun to see what both Holiday Valley and Holimont put together".

Another float to be excited about this year is the float from Villaggio. This year they'll have a brass band on their float as the parade moves through town. The band is The Brass Machine who were named the "Best Funk Band" in

Western New York. Wallace emphasized how this parade brings the town together. She said, "Every-one is just so happy to be in Ellicottville, on and off the slopes, enjoying their time. It's a weekend full of live music and fun outdoor activities." The camaraderie of the community in Ellicottville is always fun on the weekend, but especially during the parade. As the town celebrates the close of a successful and busy season, they al-so look forward to a few weeks of downtime before business picks right back up. "Our local workforce looks forward to mud season especially after a busy winter. Everyone can breathe for a few weeks before it gets busy again" Wallace mentioned.

An important addition to the parade this year is that they are accepting entries on day of. Wallace says you'll be able to register just before the parade starts, "We are accepting day of registration to allow people the opportunity to enter prior to the start of the parade". If your float isn't quite ready now or you need to pull a few more friends together for a walking group, you'll have some extra time this year. If you're interested

in late entry for the parade this year, head to Katy's Café around 5:15 pm to register and get in line to walk!

I was also fortunate enough to speak with a former president of the Groundhog Club and former handler of Punxsutawney Phil, Bill Deeley. Deeley is still a member of the Groundhog Club and spoke with me about Punxsutawney Phil being the Grand Marshall of the parade. According to Deeley, Phil has been the Grand Mar-shall four or five times over the last 20 years. Though Phil has led many a parade, this one is still special to him and the club, "We want to bring some fun to Ellicottville. We've had a horrible winter and we want to predict six more weeks of ski-ing!"

Both Wallace and Deeley are excited for the parade. Wallace commented, "It many not be a long parade, but it's certainly the zaniest, craziest parade in our vil-lage. People typically flock the streets around 6:15pm, right before the start of the parade". Mardi Gras Weekend in Ellicottville is packed with a lot of energy and end-less fun! You won't want to miss it.

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# EVL Winter Carnival

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## Music Scheduling

### Friday March 10

- 6:00 PM @ Taqueria ..... Son Duo
- 6:30 PM @ Balloons ..... County Lines
- 8:00 PM @ Gin Mill ..... Mo Porter
- 9:00 PM @ Madigans ..... DJ SI
- 10:00 PM @ Balloons ..... Chillbillies
- 10:00 PM @ Balloons ..... DJ Bad Weekend

### Saturday March 11

- 2:00 PM @ Gin Mill ..... Davey O
- 3:00 PM @ HV Yodeler Lodge ..... MO Porter
- 6:00 PM @ Taqueria ..... Interstate Daydreams
- 6:30 PM @ Balloons ..... Cats on Holiday
- 8:00 PM @ Gin Mill ..... Live & Kickin
- 8:00 PM @ Ellicottville Brewing Co ... DJ Gilroy
- 8:00 PM @ Finnerty's Taproom ....The Rigg
- 8:00 PM @ Villaggio .....The Brass Machine
- 9:00 PM @ Madigans ..... DJ Nelson
- 10:00 PM @ Balloons ..... Danny Minogue
- 10:00 PM @ Balloons ..... DJ BadWeekend

### Sunday March 12

- 2:00 PM @ Gin Mill .....The Chillbillies
- 3:00 PM @ HV Yodeler Lodge... Jay McDonnell Duo
- 5:30 PM @ Villaggio .....The Skyline Duo
- 7:00 PM @ Gin Mill ..... 2 Guys Drinkin' Beer



# Spotlight: Springville Main Street Association is "Out There"

## Emerging Business Group with Unique Theme



"Out There", is actually the group's slogan, because it can mean either: something far away, or someone who has uniquely creative ideas.

**STORY FROM COVER**  
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

An enthusiastic group of local business and community leaders in Springville have banded together to form the Main Street Association. When people think of the places to shop in Springville, they typically picture Walmart, Lowe's or one of the other stores right near them, but this group is planning to change that kind of thinking. They will be work-ing to make more people aware of the vibrant and quirky shops and fun events around Springville's downtown area, which boasts

unique boutiques, art, entertainment and much more. "Many people think Springville is too far out there and we're embracing that sentiment", said Mary James, owner of Fresh, a boutique on Main Street. "We are 'Out There' and it's why you should lace up your hiking boots or grab a group of friends for coffee, lunch and a cocktail here. There is something hip happening in this town and more people need to check it out". "Out There", is actually the group's slogan, because it can mean either: something far away, or someone who has uniquely creative

ideas. "Not only can you find artisan breads, espresso, theater, music, art and varied shopping in Springville, but Main Street has long been anchored by a number of family-owned establishments that provide key services", said Luke Skura of Springville Hardware. "They include Springville Hardware, the Meat Shoppe, Sheret Jewelers, and the historic Joy-lan theater. For a rural community, it's quite remarkable that we've managed to retain such establishments". Springville is special in many ways. Every Wednesday Gentner's

Auction takes place up on the hill, and when the weather is warm, you can shop at the Farmer's Market for fruit and vegetables, and browse in the back among the many tables, bins and racks full of plants, clothes, arts and crafts, toys, antiques and many more items. On various weekends in Springville you can catch an award-winning touring musician or another type of performer at the Springville Center for the Arts, where you can also get artisan breads and small meals, and see art on display. Need office space for remote work? Springville has a co-working space right off of

Main Street. "With the completion of a new concrete skatepark, a series of public art pieces downtown including an Albright Knox mural, development of the Pop Warner portion of the Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail and several new business developments on our downtown Main Street, now felt like the right moment to launch this organization", said Allison Duwe, worker-owner at Arts Cafe. "We will focus on marketing Springville, advocating for the policies and projects that matter to downtown, and creating events that will bring people

downtown. We're about building community and embracing our uniqueness". The Main Street Association's Springville 'Out There' message not only relates to the artsy and imaginative elements of Springville but also the opportunities for outdoor recreation that surround it. The group is now gearing up for Springville's annual Downtown Art Crawl, on Saturday, June 3rd, a wonderfully creative combination of music, demonstrations and art displayed in every business, which turns the

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# Ellicottville's Mardi Gras Weekend Celebration 2023

Most events on this schedule take place @ Holiday Valley Resort

## EVENTS SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

- 10AM - 5PM..... Safety Patrol Cookout @ the base of Yodeler
- 11AM..... Winter Golf Classic
- 11AM - 1PM..... Face painting @ Creekside
- 11:30AM - 4:30PM.... Snowbar
- 11:30AM - 1PM..... Hot Dog Cookout @ Creekside
- 1PM..... Scavenger Hunt @ Creekside
- 2PM..... Ski Patrol Toboggan Event @ Lower Yodeler
- 2:30PM..... Beer Slalom @ Lower Yodeler
- 6:30PM..... Mardi Gras Parade @ Downtown Ellicottville

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

- 9AM..... Ski Patrol Pancake Breakfast @ MT. Top Warming hut
- 10Am - 5PM..... Safety Patrol Cookout @ Base of Yodeler
- 11AM - 4:30PM..... Snowbar
- 11:45AM..... Line up for Costume Parade @ Edelweiss Lean (Top of Mardi Gras)
- 12PM..... Costume Parade for all ages @ Mardi Gras
- 12PM..... Lederhosen Ski Club Hot Dogs for Lounsbury (near Clocktower)
- 12PM..... Ellicottville Ski Club Wine & Cheese (near Clocktower)
- 2PM..... Icecream Sundaes @ Creekside
- 2:30PM..... Dummy Downhill @ Yodeler
- 3PM..... Mercy Flight Raffle Drawing @ Snowbar



# Allie

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they're all super close it's really fun. They go to each other's school dances, which is good, but they have work, and all ask to get off!

(V): How is the process and what advice would you give to someone looking to be an instructor?

(AD): We definitely put people through an equal opportunity, we try to have the process be as least biased as possible and look at how they interview with us, how they present themselves with each other, how we think they'll be with children... I always ask them, are you fun? Personality is one of the biggest things we look for.

(V): Were there any other new changes to programs or additional programs introduced this year?

(AD): Eagles were able to get back to doing a lot of the activities they couldn't do over COVID. Our night crew, night lessons have been way up with a lot of school groups returning and getting our Canadian schools back this year. The Ranger program... a big change we did was to start accepting every level, so they start their journey with us.



Allie oversees the Creekside events at Holiday Valley Saturday during Winter Carnival for kids aged 5-11. They participate in and win the costume parade every year.

(V): How do you see the future of the ski industry here at Holiday Valley?

(AD): I think it's important people don't let light snow seasons affect their views on the ski industry. We've done an amazing job as a resort getting as much of the hill open as possible, maintaining as much of the hill as possible. Skiing is very much still alive... In the long run I think we have a really good system in place here to make man-made snow if we're not getting any from mother nature and we just keep improving that... we'll definitely be okay.

(V): Can you tell us what's going on this weekend at Creekside for Mardi Gras?

(AD): We try to have a big party down here, so

we'll have music going, we have hot dogs being handed out on Saturday, there will be ice cream sundaes on Sunday, and we have face painting on Saturday, we'll have a little bit of a candy scavenger hunt open to everyone. We'll participate in the costume parade, it's really fun, that starts at the top of Yodeler at the firepit down Mardi Gras. We decorate Creekside every year, we're the reigning champions of the parade and of the decorating contest for Holiday Valley so we'll see what we can do!

A full list of events for the Winter Carnival is listed on the Holiday Valley website under the Events page and can be found on page 9 of this publication.



EBC expanded to a lakefront brewpub in Bemus Point, NY seven years ago where Topper was met with the challenge of expanding the brand, both physically and mentally, to consumers. Certainly, the goal was to keep the core values, tastes, and expectations in alignment with Ellicottville, but to intertwine the more laid-back summer vibe that the property lent itself to.

# Topper

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has been working with EBC since its inception over 20 years ago. Since then, he admits that, "it's been great to watch EBC evolve and grow with Peter's vision. The process of expanding the brewery has been grueling at times, incredibly rewarding, and always interesting."

Originally from New Jersey, Topper has had an innate, lifelong passion for football. He attended Wake Forest University, only to be drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in 1986 and signed with the Philadelphia Eagles the following year. After Topper was released, he decided to pursue something different, as his, "experience in professional football was an irrefutably monumental chapter" in his life, but he, "realized it was time for something new."

Much of Clemons' family resided in Olean, NY; naturally, he decided to move to the area in the '90s with high hopes of discovering newfound passions. A position at a youth camp in Great Valley paved the way for a tight friendship with the late Eddie Szpaicher. "Eddie was one of those compassionate people who wanted the best for everyone. He quickly had me in toe and en route

to Ellicottville with him, where I met locals and immediately felt the charm of a passionate ski town."

From then on, Topper has found his professional home throughout the village. He worked at the Silver Fox as a bartender, where his appetite for mixology and making community connections took flight.

Ellicottville Brewing Company opened in 1995 and it took Topper just a few months to join the crew. Bartending full time for 18+ years, he worked with owner/operator Peter Kreinheder and original brewer Phin DeMink to establish roots and, most importantly, to grow the brand throughout Western NY. "It's been a process with its own growing pains. We've stayed true to our company values and that's our devout testimony that things will always get bigger and better."

In its infancy, the brewery and its brewpub would take a hiatus following ski season to study brand awareness and the business itself. "We've always listened to the society who supports us and have gone with the flow of what fits best. Peter would take a group of us to Toronto yearly to be immersed in exploring the industry and various cuisines. We're always learning from other restaurants and breweries, and the challenge of staying

relevant forces us to stay fluid and push to the next level each and every season."

EBC expanded to a lakefront brewpub in Bemus Point, NY seven years ago where Topper was met with the challenge of expanding the brand, both physically and mentally, to consumers. Certainly, the goal was to keep the core values, tastes, and expectations in alignment with Ellicottville, but to intertwine the more laid-back summer vibe that the property lent itself to. "The beer and menu are similar, but the atmosphere is one of its own. It's a blessing and a curse to have a location in which its experience speaks for itself, because dumbing that down into words doesn't do the brewpub justice."

'EBOC,' (EBC on Chautauqua) as it's lovingly referred, is open May through October each year, offering entertainment throughout the summer season. "We love providing sights and sounds for locals and tourists alike; it keeps things fresh for everyone and allows us to encourage repeat business. Seeing the energy in the village has a ripple effect that allows for synergistic success."

SEE "TOPPER", PG 15

## Seneca Museum Hosts Juried Art Show

Seneca Iroquois National Museum Hosts March 25

Salamanca, NY – The Seneca Iroquois National Museum is hosting a juried Spring Art Show on March, 25th 2023. There will be paintings, drawings, 2D mixed media, 3D fine art, basketry, beadwork, and traditional arts!

For more information on this event please visit the Seneca Museum website or call (716) 945-1760. This event will be held at: Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center at 82 West Hetzel Street in Salamanca, NY.

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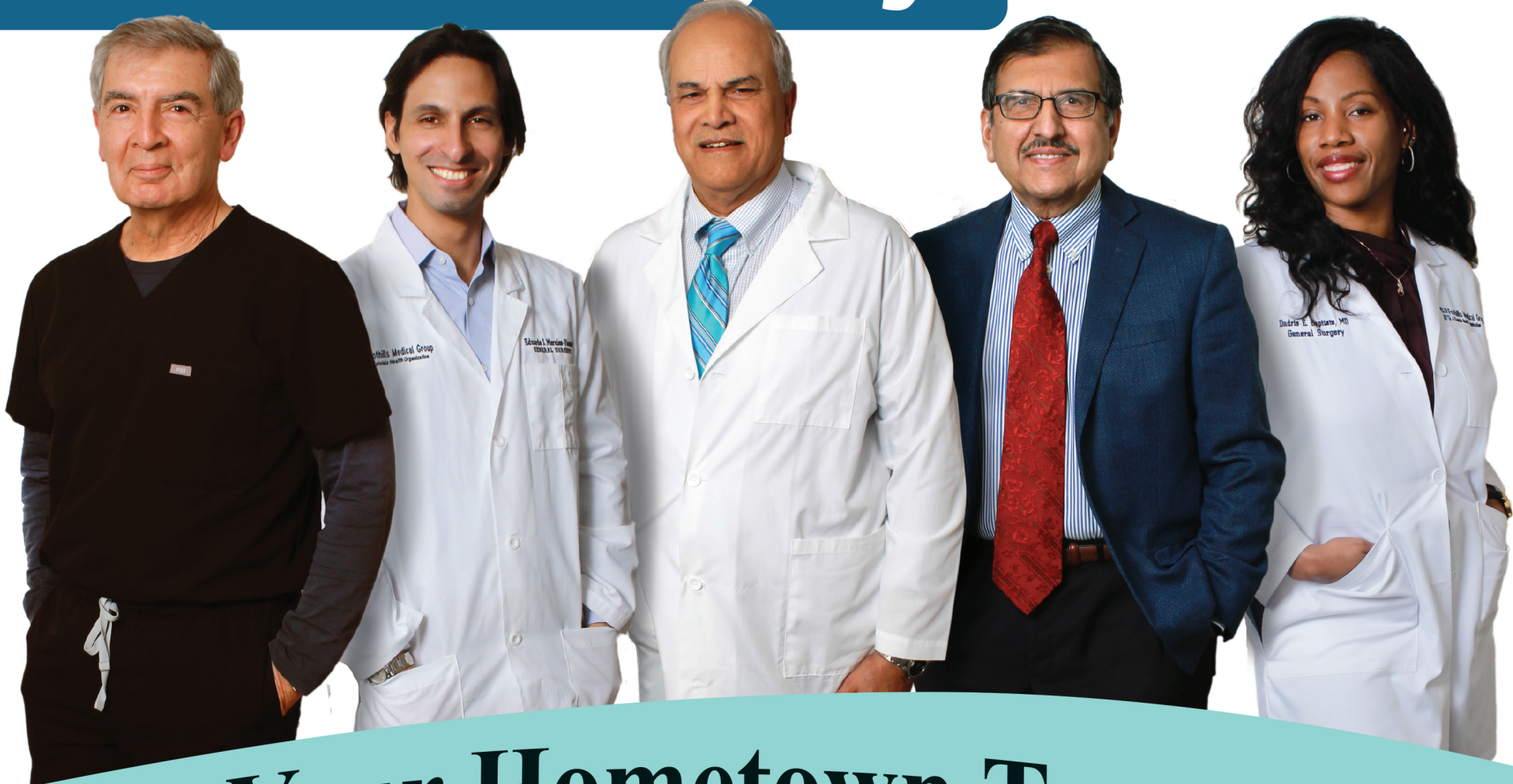
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Holiday Valley Basecamp. The venue will be closer to the slopes, lodging and the resort allowing for improved flow and convenience.

Local vendors including Board Room, City Garage and Mud Sweat and Gears will have tents on site with merchandise for sale. Food vendors include Villaggio Food Tuck, Cheesy Chick (with vegan options), Greens BBQ, Misty's Food Truck and Copper Horse Coffee from Ithaca. Southern Tier Brewing will keep your cup full as the beer ad distilling sponsor.

As Jennifer's events focus on sustainability, 90% of beverages will be sold in cans as it is fully recyclable. Zero plastic will be sold. "These little things make a big difference," says Jennifer. "We all have the opportunity to make an impact with small changes

every day. We try to make as little of an imprint at possible from the festival; create experiences not impact." Money collected from can recycling at the festival will be donated to a local non-profit.

"Ellicottville is such a great destination, and Rail Rider is a great fit with the community. We are organic and grass roots as a festival and we naturally connected and immersed in the vibe that already exists in the community. The scenery is beautiful being surrounded by the mountains, and everyone here is so welcoming. The

community embraced us right away last year, and we are thrilled to be back for another great festival. Holiday Valley has been awesome to work with; we honestly couldn't ask for a better venue or a better crowd!"

Jennifer invites readers to experience Rail Rider Jamboree on March 18. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Visit <https://railrider.frontgatetickets.com/> to purchase tickets, and to find out more information about the event, and listen to each band to get a feel for the music.

# Carnival

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Ellicottville community's tradition, marking the culmination of a great winter and the beginning of a new season.

However, the ski season is not over yet, as Holiday Valley has more events planned to follow Carnival, including the Intense Milk Rail Jam on March 18, the Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival on March 18, and Pond Skiing on March 25.



The party continues Sunday, March 12 with the ski parade down Holiday Valley's Mardi Gras Run. This year's parade will begin at 12pm on top of the mountain.

# Springville

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entire town into one big gallery for a day! The event commences with a parade featuring puppets and tractors down Main Street and ends with an after-party at the Springville Center for the Arts. Sooner than that, there will be the Spring Stroll event, scheduled for Saturday, May 6th. The places for rustic recreation surrounding Springville include Sprague Brook Park, Scoby Dam, the Genesee

*The Main Street Association's Springville 'Out There' message not only relates to the artsy and imaginative elements of Springville but also the opportunities for outdoor recreation that surround it.*

Road Forestry area, Zoar Valley, the Springville Trout Pond and Griffis Sculpture Park. Some of the best hiking, fishing, canoeing and biking opportunities in Western New York are right in

Springville's backyard. A website for the group is in development. Information about the events or local businesses can now be found on Facebook at: Visit [Springville.N.Y.](http://Springville.N.Y.)

# Patrick

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again. True, the Irish had celebrated this holiday for over 1,000 years with Mass and quiet prayer in the morning, and a meal and celebration in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast. But the first parades took place in America

(even one dating back to 1601 in what now is St. Augustine, Fla). In 1772, homesick soldiers marched in NYC to honor their patron saint. It caught on and grew from there.

As we prepare to celebrate with the traditional meal of corned beef and cabbage, we must bear in mind that the traditional meal was Irish bacon and cabbage. Traditionally, in Ireland, cattle were not used for meat and were, in fact, a symbol of wealth and a sacred animal. The

Irish ate pork. To read the whole story, go to [Smithsonianmag.com](http://Smithsonianmag.com) and research "is corned beef really Irish".

As the shamrock wearing day approaches and you decorate with all things green, remember this about green ... it makes you invisible to leprechauns. If you are not wearing green, you are likely to get pinched. Although we think of them as cute little imps, the Irish know what demons they can be. Listen to the Irish.

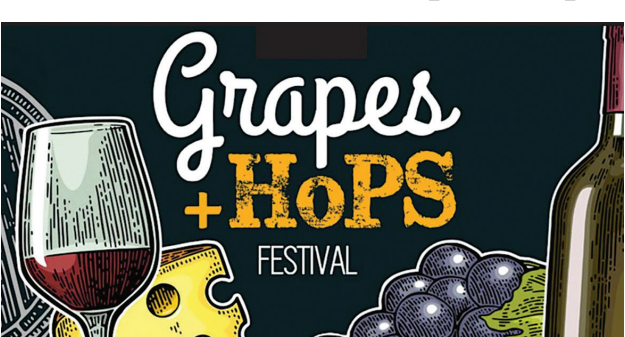
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Madigans will keep the party going with Dj SI from 9-1am. He'll put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the 2nd story window.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is back and so are The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. They play a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers. Explore the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat, open for breakfast sat, sun 10-11am.

Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This weeks musical guest is Girls of Grosh from 6-9pm. This very talented duo plays a rock/pop/folk/blues/alt set of covers and originals.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Davey O from 2-5pm. Davey plays a folk/roots/country set of originals and covers. Live-n-Kickin hosts the late shift from 8-12am. They play a multi genre set of covers.

We go back to Yodeler Lodge for The Jay McDonnell Duo from 3-6pm. They plays acoustic rock, Eagles, CSNY, Jackson Browne. Enjoy a great view of the slopes while you listen.

Thr Gin Mill will host Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This couple plays a roots/rock/folk/country set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers on tap.

FRIDAY

Taqueria is first up with SON from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/alt/blues/mod/r&b set of covers to accompany a fabulous Tex-Mex menu.

Yodeler Lodge at The Valley will host Mo Porter from 3-6pm. Sit by the fire and enjoy a little apres ski food and drink.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. This weeks musical guests are Skyline Duo. Their timeline says they play everything from Johnny Cash to Brittany Spears.

Balloons is back with County Lines on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a modern country/classic/country/southern rock set of covers. The back bar will host The Chillbillys from 10-1am. Enjoy som fine guitar and sweet harmonies. Di Bad Weekend will rock the sound booth so you can shake it out on the two dance floors.

Taqueria is back with Interstate Dream from 6-9pm. This couple plays a pop/rock/folk/country set of covers. Try the pork shawarma, very tasty.

Monday is Strings and Wings from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down with makes for a locals favorite, throw in music provided by The Chillbillys and it's an event.

12 Gates of Evl is up next with Darkwater Duo from 7-10pm. These guys play a rock/pop/alt/mod/country set of covers. Try the po' boys, excellent.

We're back at Balloons for Cats On Holiday from 6:30-10pm. This Cleveland band plays a zydeco/roots/blues/folk set of covers and originals. Danny Minogue will perform in the back bar from 10-1am. Danny plays modern and classic country covers. Dj Bad Weekend will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on dance floor from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill presents The Marty Peters Duo, Tuesday from 7-10pm. They play blues and folk covers from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We return to The Gin Mill for Mo Porter from 8-12am. This band has been rockin this village for the better part of two decades. They play a rock/pop set with an emphasis on The Doors. If you enjoy craft cocktails check out The Carriage House Sidebar for

12 Gates of Evl makes a rare Saturday appearance with The Brass Machine from 8-11pm. They play Nawlins style funk and jazz to accompany the southern tiers best Italian cuisine.

We end the seven day weekend where we have for almost 40 years, at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays a folk/ country rock/pop/blues/rock set of covers you can sing along to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics also makes for a locals favorite.

Madigans is back with Dj Nelson burnin down the sound booth with som sauce

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Beat on the Street:

"Name a Stupid thing You've Done, You Immediately Regretted?"

By CHAD NEAL



Matt G.- Holding a shock collar and letting my wife have the controller.

Doing something on a whim, without much thought or under the influence of an ability impairing substance can often result in embarrassment and/ or ruefulness. Despite how many times we are told throughout our lives to think before we act, we all do stupid things once in a while. The gut-wrenching feeling of knowing you've done something that causes others to think different of you, can cause grief that seems debilitating. A faux pas is something that can wreak havoc on a conscience and the real consequences can be painful - mentally and/ or physically depending on the person involved. What is a stupid thing you've done that you immediately regretted?



Daniel B.- Getting shot in my butt cheek by a bean bag out of a 12 gauge.



Amanda S.- I was a mooner... I don't know why I felt the need to show my a\*\* but I loved mooning. One time, a car slammed the brakes and the woman driving was from child services... her lecture was completely correct & I remember feeling mortified by her truth.



Tyler E.- Talking back to my dad as a teenager!



Pat M.- 151...



Twan - Meeting The Gobbler.

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This Week's Difficulty Level:  
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Last Week's Puzzle:

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# Museum

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Museums connect us to our roots, providing continuity between the past, present, and future. Visitors can benefit by relating what they see here with their own identities. When volunteers work at the museum, they hear comments like, "how did they ever do that?" This builds empathy for those "old-timers." Yes, museums evoke and engage emotion which can be transferred to people in the present, thereby strengthening connections. Museums help visitors to see things in a different light. Assumptions might be changed; visitors may be surprised to find old ways that they can adapt to new situations. It helps people envision a better future; history inspires leaders. Sharing again from History Relevance, "History, saved and preserved, is the foundation for future generations. Historical knowledge



Every town has its unique story; ours centered around agriculture and lumber and then morphed into a ski town, which started quietly enough but turned into the home of the number 6th popular ski area in the east and home to the largest private ski club in the United States. Cool as all that is, we got there because of our foundation of the people who showed up every day and made the Louisville slugger baseball bat billets just down the road from the museum or made wooden shoe lasts (foot forms) on the other side of town by Fitzpatrick & Weller which eventually found their way to The Queen's shoemaker to make her favorite shoes. Yes, that Queen.



is crucial to protecting democracy. By preserving authentic and meaningful documents, artifacts, images, stories, and places, future generations have a foundation on which to build and know what it means to be a member of the civic community." The Ellicottville Museum will be open from June through September. Society meetings are held first Wednesday of the month 7pm, Ellicottville Library. If you would like to donate items, please fill out this donation form and email it the Ellicottville Historical Society. If you'd like to become a member of The Historical Society you can fill out this membership form and mail it to PO Box 485 Ellicottville NY 14731.

# Topper

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We close each season with an epic Halloween party. Most importantly and aside from our individual charm, we wholeheartedly feel we have navigated becoming a true post of the village carefully and genuinely, while working together with our neighboring restaurants and shops to create a true destination on the lake."

Clearly, a laborious job has to have an alluring motive. For Topper, it is all about the people. "I have met so many amazing people throughout my years at EBC and have formed lasting relationships that reach far beyond our brewpubs' walls. From my coworkers to the families we serve, we all truly enjoy being around one another. I have had the privilege of seeing entire families grow up and expand in these communities, the traditions that are born and cherished. We know we're



doing something right when we see these folks, that we can call friends, coming back year after year. That ensures we are in it for the right reasons." The Bemus brew crew is intelligent, personable, and hard-working. "I find myself hiring based on personalities. Experience matters very little; more than anything, we look for good natured hearts – the rest can be trained on the job. All of our employees must love doing what they do, because that shows time and again." As Vince Lombardi said and as Topper retains, "There is only one way to succeed in anything...and that is to give it everything." Stop by Ellicottville Brewing on Chautauqua and pay Topper a visit starting the last weekend in May. For more info, visit their website and follow on Facebook and Instagram today.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing will be held on Monday March 27, 2023, beginning at approximately 6:00 P.M. at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input and comments on Zoning Permit 2023-029 – an application by American Tower Inc. for a Special Use Permit to co-locate antennas and equipment at an existing telecommunications facility. The site is located at 8030 Jackman Hill Road, identified as tax map parcel 37.002-2-9.1. Plans for this project are on file and available for review at the Engineering Department Office located at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Town website at [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com).

The Planning Board will take statements at the public hearing from all persons interested in the project. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to [greg.keyser@evlengineering.com](mailto:greg.keyser@evlengineering.com).

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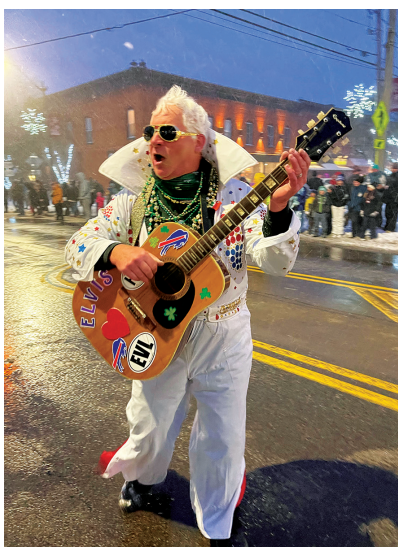
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