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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  
Onöhsagwê:de' Center, Salamanca

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Saturday, April 22 • 8pm  
Seneca Resort, Salamanca

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## Comedian Paul Morrissey Live

Recording in Jamestown March 24 & 25



**NATIONAL COMEDY CENTER**

Morrissey will perform four shows at the Lucy Desi Museum's Tropicana Room, 2 W 3rd St, Jamestown, NY 14701 716.484.0800 Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7pm and 9pm. Tickets: [ComedyCenter.org/events](http://ComedyCenter.org/events).

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

The National Comedy Center, the nation's official cultural institution dedicated to the art of comedy, will present acclaimed comedian Paul Morrissey – performing

on stage in Jamestown, NY — as he records his new comedy album in front of a live audience. “An Evening of Comedy with Paul Morrissey: ICE CREAM

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## Dark Star Orchestra at HV

Iconic Grateful Dead Band Takes Stage 3/18/23



Since 1997, Dark Star Orchestra has truly kept the Dead alive. While still encapsulating the energy of the Grateful Dead music, their improvisational renditions keep fans on their toes, even those hardcore Deadheads. Pictured, left to right: Rob Koritz, Dino English, Jeff Mattson, Skip Vangelas, Rob Eaton, Rob Barraco (rear: Lisa Mackey)

By ABIGALE KREINHEDER

The Holiday Valley Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival is back, bringing in some of the greatest bluegrass/americana bands from around the country.

Six bands will be playing throughout the day, headlined by the one and only, Dark Star Orchestra for their second appearance at the Jamboree

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## Springville Public Art

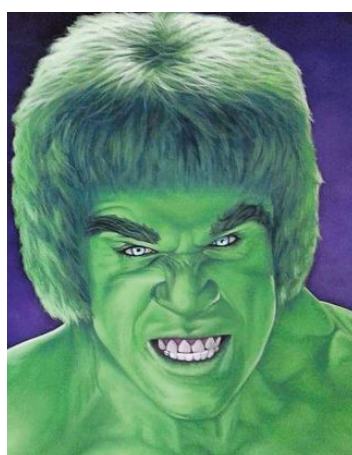
Bringing Art Outside the Walls



The outdoor mural entitled “Before and Not Yet”, which is located at 38 Main Street, was commissioned by the Albright Knox Public Art Initiative, and created by Bryan Metzdorf, an artist and commercial designer. Its title reflects his feelings of isolation during the height of the Covid crisis which prompted him to focus on places he'd been, where he'd admired various architectural elements, and places he was looking forward to seeing again. (See “MURALS” Page 8)

## Shad Nowicki's Pop Art

Local Artist with International Appeal



By CHAD NEAL

Shad Nowicki has been an Ellicottville local now for over two decades and is living his best life as an artist who recreates pop-culture moments from movies and tv

shows by painting characters on canvas (and sometimes pizza boxes). Nowicki started painting his own visions many years ago which he has sold to many folks from Ellicottville

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## Lakewood Historic District

Well Spent Time Outside of the Box

By PATRICIA MEASER

PHOTOS CARA BIRRIERTI



Lakewood Historic District along Chautauqua Avenue is a great place to shop and dine.

Avenue. There is no doubt that Lakewood provides a plethora of shopping, dining and services options.

What about the Historic District? This seems to be one of the best kept secrets in the area, but Lakewood Historic District along Chautauqua Avenue is also a great place to shop and dine. Most of the businesses are open year-round and offer quite the variety, all while keeping a small-town vibe.

For example, you can enjoy a casual fine dining experience at Stella: A Kitchen and Bar. The restaurant has an eclectic menu ranging from small plates like tuna crisps to heartier meals like jaeger schnitzel and chicken marsala. Or you can go

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## Jamestown Post-Journal Honored

Legacy Award Presented by Community



Photo/Jon Elder

By DELAINEY MUSCATO  
ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

After 197 years of service, the Post-Journal in Jamestown won the Legacy Award from the Chautauqua Chamber of Commerce. I spoke with publisher, Michael Bird, about the award, his involvement with the paper, and how the Post-Journal has changed over the years. The award is given to a deserving, long-standing business in the area.

The Post-Journal was established in 1826. Bird told me, “Two papers in Jamestown merged in 1941 to become the Post-Journal we have today. Ogden Newspapers purchased The Post-Journal in 1963.” Bird has been with The Post-Journal for 17 years and parent company, Ogden, for 30. Before joining the Post-Journal staff, Bird worked with a few other papers. “Previously, I was publisher of the Daily Mining Gazette in Houghton, Michigan.

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**2023 Maple Weekends**

Ready to taste some fresh maple syrup? Add to your calendar the weekends of March 18-19 and March 25-26 as your official Maple Weekends in New York State!

**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), Gordon 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!

**~ DIPASQUALE, Joseph F. ~**

**Legend to Ellicottville and all Friends Thereof : 1935-2023**  
 Service March, 20 at 4pm Holy Name of Mary Church, Ellicottville  
 ~ Celebration of Life to Follow Service at HoliMont Ski Resort ~



March 14, 2023 in Ellicottville, NY at the age of 87. Beloved father of Dina (James Carls) DiPasquale and Jennifer (Tony Barlow) DiPasquale; loving grandfather of Cecelia, Emmylu, Coleman Carls and Gianna Barlow; former husband of Judith DiPasquale; brother of the late Frank DiPasquale; son of the late Frank and Jennie (nee Genco) DiPasquale; dear friend of Patricia Laidlaw. No prior visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 4pm on Monday, March 20th, at Holy Name of Mary Parish, 22 Jefferson St., Ellicottville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alley Katz, Ellicottville, PO Box 1407 Ellicottville NY 14731. Share condolences at [www.AMIGONE.com](http://www.AMIGONE.com)

**History of Panama Rocks**

**Fredonia Opera House Lecture Series March 16, 7pm**

Fredonia – The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center continues its Chautauqua County History Lecture Series on Thursday, March 16, at 7pm, with The History, Ecology and Geology of Panama Rocks, presented by Park Manager Jonathan Weston.



# Seneca Spring Art Show

National Museum to Showcase Local Artists March 25



BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

made by some of the best established and emerging Haudenosaunee artists.

Hayden Haynes, the Museum's Acting Director, said, "This show offers a chance for people to see the new works artists have created during the past year. They will get to see the artwork before the artists take their creations out on the market trail to sell, which happens in late Spring, Summer, and Fall."

"Ranee Spruce, the show's organizer, has invited representatives from a number of museum institutions. They are coming from New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio." Haynes continued. "We are trying to build a prestigious show, an event where representatives of museums and galleries go to build their collections, and after seeing the artists' work, network with them, and later work with them."

"We invite the public to get a first look at all the beautiful and meaningful work that artists have created", Haynes said, adding, "I want to thank the Seneca Nation of Indians, their Council Office, Treasurer's Office

and President's Office for their support of the Cultural Center."

The first Seneca-Iroquois Art Show was held in November in 2018, when the Cultural Center first opened. The Covid pandemic caused the show to be cancelled in the years after that one, but it has now triumphantly returned, bigger and better than before. The Juror's Choice award is new to the 2023 show. No images from the 2018 show are available online, but images of the winning artwork from this show and those in the future will be posted online, soon after the show ends.

Ranee Spruce, the Museum Educator, said, "The show is a great opportunity for artists who are just starting out because it gives them a professional venue for their work and a way for their careers to move forward. I hope everyone has a good show."

The show will be at the Onohsagwe:de' Cultural Center at 82 West Hetzel Street, in Salamanca, NY. For more information, go to senecamuseum.org or call (716) 945-1760.

The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum is holding their Spring Art Show on Saturday, March 25th this year, from 10am-4pm. The opening reception will take place at noon. Admission is free, and the public is invited to attend. The juried show will showcase several different categories of artwork, including intricate beadwork and basketry, traditional arts, three-dimensional Fine Art and two-dimensional Mixed Media. The prizes that will be awarded include: Best of Show, Juror's Choice, and First, Second and Third awards in each category. There will be a total of \$10,000 in cash prizes and the winner of the Juror's Choice award will receive \$1,000. All the art on display will be for sale, and the prices will range from a couple of hundred dollars to several thousand. The event is a great opportunity for collectors and other visitors to see, appreciate and buy excellent examples of traditional and modern Indian artwork

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## EBC Giving Back to Community

McCarthy's Celtic Red on Sale for McCarthy Foundation



Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, Dan Minner, brew master at Ellicottville Brewing Company has brought back a limited-edition of McCarthy's Celtic Red. This great brew was created to honor the "Voice of Ellicottville" Bob McCarthy. As EBC has done for a number of years, they will donate a \$1 for every pint sold to the Bob McCarthy Foundation's Family Support. This McCarthy's Celtic Red is a delicious Red Ale that will only be available at select establishments in Ellicottville for a short period of time. Make sure you ask for EBC's McCarthy's Celtic Red to support the Bob McCarthy Foundation while you enjoy a great beer.



## HoliMont Hosts Chamber Ski Day

Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce Annual Outing, March 23



an appetite on March 23rd, 2023 to HoliMont for a fun day of Après Skiing, food catered from Dina's at the Mont, beer, wine, prizes, and live music from Party Squad!

Event goes are being offered two different ticketing options for business members, their staff and guest. Enjoy a day of spring skiing on the slopes with lunch and our end of season après party for only \$55.00 or just come for the party, \$20.00, it's one heck of a deal! You must be pre-registered for this event; to reserve your spot before March 22nd head to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com), information will also be available their Facebook and Instagram page.

The season may be winding down but Winter isn't over yet! The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce has finalized plans for their annual Chamber Ski Day. Get your gear ready and bring



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## HoliMont's Earliest History & Greatest Escapade; the 1976 Racing Center!

BY DAN BALKIN

In many ways, skiing in our region can be traced back to the enthusiasm for the sport generated by the 1932 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. Before there was skiing in Ellicottville, the first powered ski lifts - rope tows - popped up in the Boston / Colden Valley. That area is where Kissing Bridge and The Buffalo Ski Center (formerly known as the Buffalo Ski Club) are located today. Long before snowmaking, with each fresh dump of natural snow, early skiers in our region would either drive or take a passenger train to the Boston Hills. Some daring souls, seeking new adventures, started to take the same train further south to Ellicottville. The Buffalonians often stayed at the Hotel Lincoln, which eventually became the Ellicottville Inn, and in more recent years was converted into condos. In 1935, Ellicottville native Dr. Bill Northrup and other locals, along with some skiing enthusiasts from Buffalo, established a ski run on Fish Hill. Fish Hill is located to the west of HoliMont on Rt. 242. One of the early skiers at Fish Hill was Bill Merk, the founder of HoliMont. Bill and his wife Freda enjoyed to ski-tour across the top of the ridge of present day HoliMont and drop down to ski through what would be the present day runs of Punch Bowl and Meadow.

And then the war came - WWII that is. After the war ended in 1945, skiing enthusiasts would scour

the Army Surplus Store for wooden skis with beartrap bindings and reversible fur-hooded parkas which, to create camouflage in the snowy European mountains, were olive green on one side and white on the other side. These veterans of skiing the vast Alps found Fish Hill a bit tame for their taste. At this point, the Ellicottville Ski Club abandoned Fish Hill and established a new home on the much steeper and more challenging Greer Hill - currently HoliMont's easternmost slope. Eventually, in 1957, Holiday Valley's first lift, the Yodeler/Champagne T-Bar was installed (today these slopes are serviced by a high-speed quad). This T-Bar was a sensation and the springboard for Holiday Valley's rise and great success.

Holimont visionary Bill Merk, however, had the idea of forming a private ski club, and in 1961 HoliMont's first trail was cut. Seven more trails were added in 1962. In the early days, members did not know the trails by names but simply by numbers, 1-8. In February 1964, the original Exhibition chairlift became operational. It was located on the skiers right (heading down the slope) of the Exhibition slope. Prior to that, HoliMont's first Tucker Snowcat (grooming machine) was equipped with a sled which skiers would place their skis on and then jump on top of for the ride up the hill! The early days, as in most new businesses, were financially

rocky, but the club survived and prospered. Often, after spirited debates, lifts were added and new trails were cut - dramatically expanding the club's original footprint. Any HoliMonter knows that our Canadian friend have played a huge role in our growth and long term success. This leads us to arguably HoliMont's greatest escapade: In 1976, members volunteered to erect HoliMont's Racing Center. Being in the construction business, Canadian member George Megarry said he would provide the crane to put the rafters in place. After investigating the logistics of moving his crane across the Peace Bridge on a flatbed truck, George discovered he would have to fill out stacks of paperwork. George, having an entrepreneurial bent, thought this problem over and realized that the paperwork problem could be avoided. One Friday afternoon, he and his friend Gordon Wilkinson, still in their business suits, hoisted themselves into the crane's driver cab and chugged up to a U.S. customs booth. As one might imagine, the American customs agent asked what in the world they were doing. George Megarry nonchalantly informed the agent, "I'm going to work on my ski chalet in Ellicottville." The customs agent smiled and shrugged, waived them on, and the rafters in the race center were put in place. Two nations, one ski area, a shared set of friends. Perfect.

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STORY FROM COVER

# Up Close & Personal: Melanie Pritchard

Expanding Journalism Skills for Team Pritchard



Ms. Pritchard spoke to current communications-related majoring students about the move she made from journalism to selling real estate. The topic of her discussion was how journalism skills can be valuable even outside of that industry. She credits her communications education with helping her to hone skills that have served her well personally and professionally beyond radio and TV.

By JESSICA MILLER

Melanie Pritchard of Team Pritchard/ERA Team VP Real Estate wasn't always known as a trusted real estate agent in Ellicottville. Prior to that career pivot, she was known as a trusted journalist in Buffalo. Her recognition in both fields paid off recently when she was invited to speak to students at her alma mater, Ithaca College.

Ms. Pritchard's road to broadcasting began when she graduated from Salamanca High School and became an Ithaca Bomber. She graduated college in 1989 with a degree in Communications and spent nearly 20 years in the Western New York region reporting news over the radio and television. Her radio experience includes WBEN, WGR, and WJL. The latter half of her news career brought her into homes on the WKBW Channel 7 News, where she could be seen until she

stepped away in 2008.

Getting a real estate license in 2000 allowed Ms. Pritchard trusted access to homes in a whole new way. In 2008, she joined her mother Cathleen Pritchard in business full-time to help people find their homes in Ellicottville. Both Pritchards are thriving in their roles with Team Pritchard constantly finding new ways to engage with Ellicottville. Cathy and Melanie were even the first local real estate agents to have a Facebook business page.

This demonstrated creativity and integrity made Ms. Pritchard a natural choice to speak on March 3rd at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications. She was invited by a former colleague to discuss her experiences in broadcasting and how she made the transition to real estate. Visiting the Roy H. Park School of Communication was especially appreciated

due to the dedicated building being ready for use the semester after Pritchard graduated. "My tuition helped build a building I didn't get to fully see until now!" she joked.

Ms. Pritchard spoke to current communications-related majoring students about the move she made from journalism to selling real estate. The topic of her discussion was how journalism skills can be valuable even outside of that industry. She credits her communications education with helping her to hone skills that have served her well personally and professionally beyond radio and TV. "Writing, communication, conversation, social engagement... these are important to do well personally and professionally. You don't have to be a reporter to benefit from being comfortable expressing

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VS EVERYTHING" on March 24 and 25.

The Center, located in Jamestown NY near Lucille Ball's hometown of Celeron, is also a museum dedicated to preserving the heritage of comedy for future generations, thanks to Lucy's wishes. Following is a short list of National ComedyCenter accolades: June 2019, named one of the "100 Reasons to Love America" by People Magazine. August 2019, named one of the "World's Greatest Places" - one of "100 new and newly noteworthy destinations to experience right now" and one of only nine attractions to visit in the United States by TIME Magazine. January 2019, named by USA Today 10Best as a "Best New Attraction" in the country, ranking #2 out of 20 new attractions, and chosen as the #1 museum and #1 ticketed attraction. September 2018, Condé Nast Traveler said NCC is "One of the best museums in the country."

I tell you about the huge significance of the venue so you appreciate the prominence of those who are invited to perform there. This month, performing on the same stage that has featured great talents like Amy Schumer, Lily Tomlin, Dan Akroyd and more, Jamestown and the Comedy Center are excited to welcome funny man Paul Morrissey for a repeat performance, this one with a twist. Paul will be performing for an audience which will be live recorded. Just think, members of the audience will be a part of comedy history!

Morrissey lives in L.A. now, but he hails



The Tropicanna Room is located at 2 West 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York.

from Owego, NY, the birthplace of John D. Rockefeller and astronaut Doug Hurley. He grew up with the sound of basketballs being dribbled on a court and naturally played (point) all through high school and college at Binghamton U and SUNY Cortland. His affinity for sports landed him a television sports anchor/news reporter job. Discovering his talent for making people laugh, his next stop was comedy clubs all over the US and Canada. Before long, he was on the Late, Late show with Craig Ferguson in 2006, leading to four appearances in a total of sixteen months. In July 2014, Morrissey made his debut on Dave Letterman's The Late Show to stellar reviews.

Morrissey's style is "clean comedy". He told us this about that: "When I started stand up, I was still a TV sports anchor for ABC, so I didn't want to do any dirty, or offensive jokes to get me fired! But I quickly learned that I was pretty good at writing jokes about food and other human activities that didn't necessarily involve swearing or being

offensive or shocking the audience. I was getting genuine laughs off of everyday things." (Yep, even soup and melatonin.)

He's relatable (and single) - an Everyman. Says he: "I have traveled the world and tried to perform for almost any audience." (He was in Maui when we finally connected for this interview.) "I am genuinely curious and excited that something I wrote in a basement in upstate NY - made people laugh in places like Switzerland, Vietnam and Iraq."

Morrissey can't wait to get back to Jamestown: "I definitely will be talking about Jamestown and some of the great stories and fun memories I have from doing the Lucy Fest with so many great people ... Jamestown itself has a special spot for me because I was there before the Comedy Center was finished - and so I feel like this weekend of shows for me and seeing the Comedy Center finished is a celebration of sorts and will give me a big sense of pride and

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# Up Close and Personal: Emily Theresa

Lucky Day Homestead - Farm to Table Lifestyle



Emily has been 'officially' baking as a home processor for 10 years. It brings her joy and the family ties of the recipes she bakes. 'I love the history; wondering where the recipe originated. I imagine my grandmothers and theirs before them stirring and turning and making it just right before finding a taste tester. I love when someone bites into a pie or tart, or a cake and they close their eyes, lean their head back in complete satisfaction and I know they feel the warmth of home. That gives me goosebumps.'

By KATE BARTLETT

Emily Theresa is the owner and operator of Lucky Day Homestead in Machias, just outside Ellicottville New York. She has been a part of the Ellicottville community since 1999 with various roles in the community throughout her years. She's developed her passions for a self-sustainable lifestyle, connecting local farms, growers and gatherers with restaurants and remains inspired by her mother and grandmother. "I remember walking around the homestead when I first purchased it, through the fields and into the woods, so excited about every herb and plant and flower, and wanting to know more, diving into every book I could find."

The planning for Lucky Day Homestead began when Emily purchased the estate from family about 12 years ago. I began a journey back in time discovering all the

offerings of the homestead from the original creation. It has been an educational and emotional journey, one that I feel grateful to have experienced." Emily embraces this lifestyle wholeheartedly, and is motivated to provide a stable, wholesome life for her children, and generations to come.

Located at 5111 Roszyk Hill Rd. in Machias, The Homestead currently consists of a small farm stand, hay barn, country home and Airbnb tiny house. Emily keeps the farm stand well stocked with baked goods and primitive gifts made by herself and other local women and children. The hay barn utilized for small events as well as workshops during warmer months. "In the winter we welcome small groups inside the country home for cooking classes. During warmer months, and whenever possible, we move into the hay barn for these events. This

space provides a unique place for learning the old ways. It offers 30 acres of rolling hills with a space for all ages to explore, gaining information about foraging and gardening, the growth of fruit trees and our raspberry patch." The Airbnb tiny house offers guests the unique experience to spent the night under a bright starlit sky by the campfire, fully experiencing life in a primitive style while exploring the estate.

When Emily purchased the home it had very little electricity and needed a lot of repairs. "While the Homestead was in disarray, it was full of history. I've taken my time uncovering this world here, and rebuilding it back to a home for generations to come. The renovations are long but the dreams are endless. I encourage folks to come explore."

Emily describes Lucky

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anywhere. They're words to live by. The song writers, John Barlow and Robert Hunter, wrote some of the best lyrics you've ever heard, they're right up there with Bob Dylan.

(V): Do you think Dead music will continue to stay alive?

(RK): We're turning on a lot of new fans to The Grateful Dead, the younger generation didn't necessarily get to see them and now they have a way to see them. It's really cool to see a grandfather who saw the dead in the '60s or '70s or '80s come out with their kid who saw them in the '80s and '90s and then the grandkid who's never got to see them...multiple generations of a family can come out together and listen to the Dead together, it's pretty cool. This music is part of the great American songbook now, I think this music is going to be around forever.

(V): What sets Dark Star Orchestra apart from other tribute bands?

(RK): In the dead world, I would say our attention to the details in the music. We try and play it as close to the original sounds with the original intent that the Dead had is really what sets us apart.

(V): What are your thoughts on coming back for the second time to perform at the Jamboree?

(RK): We played it last year with Keller Williams, March 19, 2022. I remember it was cold and it rained all day, but it stopped right before we went on. There was a New Orleans style brass band that were out marching through the crowd in the downpour playing and all these fans were out there having a blast, I was blown away by it. We're really looking forward to coming back this year.

(V): What should Ellicottville expect from

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Rob Koritz with Mickey Hart of the Grateful Dead. Koritz took some time with The Villager to explain what sets their group apart and carries on the Grateful vibe for generations to come.

## Orchestra

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Mu-sic Festival. The band has been performing for over 25 years and has played over 3000 shows. They offer an authentic Grateful Dead live concert

bringing with him his enthusiasm for Dead music and undeniable tal-ent.

(The Villager): What do you think it is about Dark Star Orchestra's take on The Grateful Dead music that continues to resonate with people today?

(Rob Koritz): Well because it's improvisational,

*These are some of the most beautiful and thought-provoking lyrics anywhere. They're words to live by. The song writers, John Barlow and Robert Hunter, wrote some of the best lyrics you've ever heard, they're right up there with Bob Dylan.*

experience, recreating set lists from the past and incorporating their own improvisations. The seven band members, Rob Eaton, Rob Barraco, Dino English, Rob Koritz, Lisa Mackey, Jeff Mattson, and Skip Vangelas will bring the Dead to you on Saturday March 18 at Holiday Valley. I had the chance to chat with drummer Rob Koritz who joined Dark Star Orchestra in 1999,

it's never the same twice even if it's the same song, it's always going to be different because it's improvised. When it comes down to improvisation it happens in the moment. So, it's not hearing that same song played exactly the same way every time, that's part of it. A bigger part of it, in my opinion, is the lyrics. These are some of the most beautiful and thought-provoking lyrics

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# Murals

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BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Every day in Springville, on exterior walls and fences, under benches, on "street furniture" and other outdoor places, public art is on display. It brings color, culture, novelty, and artistic talent to the streets of the village and great happiness to its residents and visitors.

Should you wish to see the sixteen works of art for yourself, you could either walk around Springville, and enjoy encountering them at random, or

consult this handy guide to their locations (www.springvillearts.org). They are at: 1. The Arts Mini Park at the intersection of South Buffalo Street and Franklin Street; 2. The Springville Brewery at Me-chanic Street and Franklin Street; 3. 31 East Main Street; 4. Lulubelle's Gift Shop; 5. The Union Block Building; 6. The Carolse Shop; 7. Metro Kirsch Real Estate; 8. Leslie Gibbon's law office; 9. Spring Creek Mall at the intersection of Factory Street and East Main Street; 10. Heritage Park; 11. The area extending from Fiddler's Green to Heritage Park; 12. The Public Library, at

the intersection Fiddler's Green and Franklin Street; 13. Lawrence's Tavern, between South Buffalo Street and Academy Street; 14. Spray Park; 15. Slippy's Collision, which by both of Franklin Street; 16. Village Optical, on Main Street..

The outdoor mural entitled "Before and Not Yet", which is located at 38 Main Street, at the intersection of East Main Street and Mechanic Street was commissioned by the Albright Knox Public Art Initiative, and created by Bryan Metzdorf, an artist and commercial designer. Its title reflects his feelings of

isolation during the height of the Covid crisis which prompted him to focus on places he'd been, where he'd admired various architectural elements, and places he was looking forward to seeing again. The various geometric forms in the mural complement various architectural elements and colors of buildings around Springville's streets. In October of 2020, he stayed in Springville, and worked on the mural, for three weeks, in connection with Albright Knox's visual arts residency program, and while at work, he collaborated with staff from the Springville Center for the Arts, and

students, as well as working on his own. While in Springville, he also created several studies and works, that were displayed at the Arts Cafe.

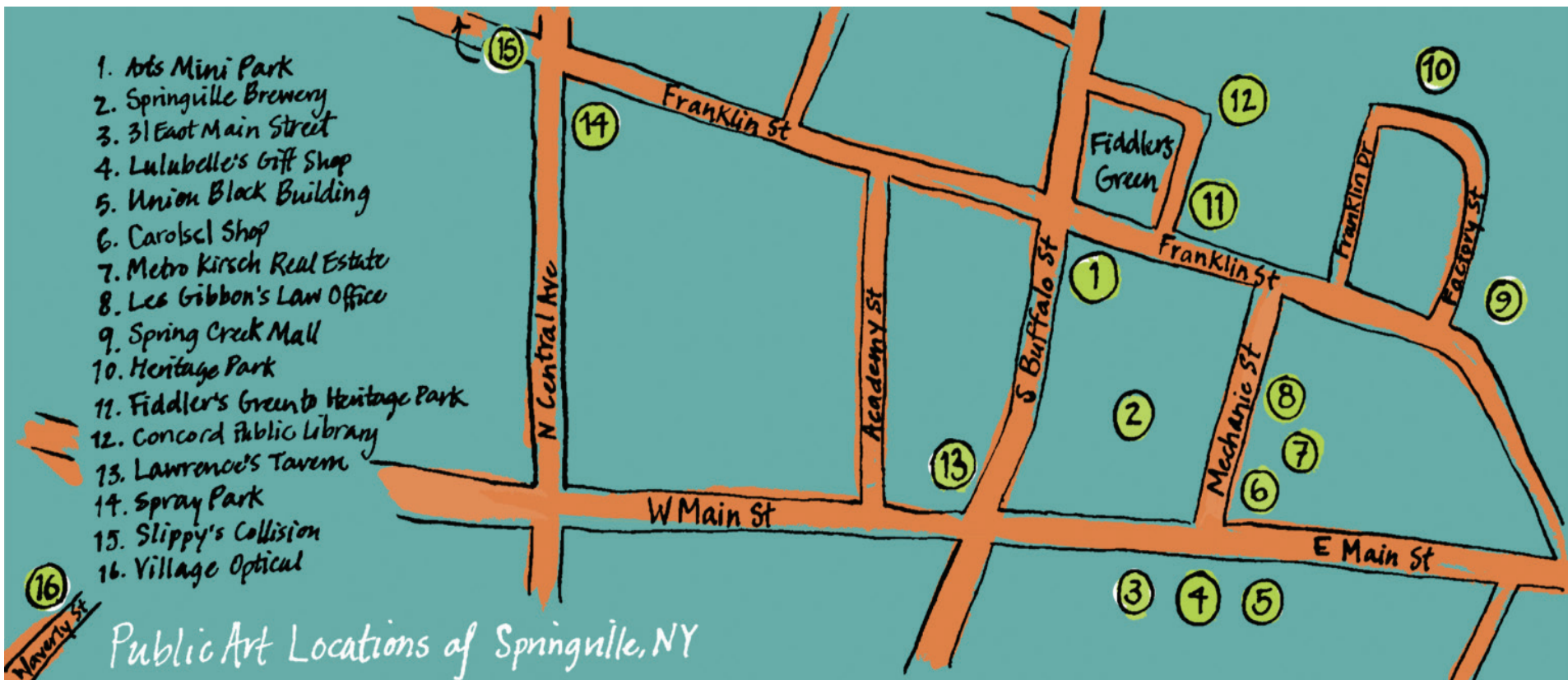
Another artist who created outdoor artwork in Springville is Alisia Glaser. She spent eleven weeks working on "Crow and Deer - Sweet Companionship", the art that's on the wall behind Leslie Gibbon's law office. It's romantic as well as beautiful, because it depicts a crow offering flowers to a deer with a happy expression, and hearts on either side of it. Fewer people have seen it than have seen

the other exterior works of art because of its hidden location between buildings, but it's well worth seeking out.

The art in the alleyway by Lulubelle's Gift Shop features colorful stylized rural elements as a tribute to Springville's agricultural strengths, including a barn, an ear of corn, and the sun, with sunbeams of varying colors.

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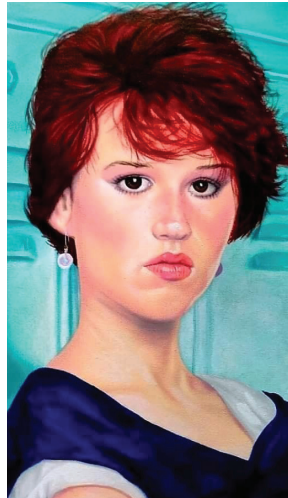
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# Spotlight: Shad Nowicki's Pop Art - Local Artist with International Appeal



Nowicki has befriended many celebrities and has become one among them as he keeps correspondence with many of them.

**CONT. FROM COVER** and others world-wide, and since he has painted hundreds more including portraits of famous people from cult classic movies to very popular newer shows; stemming from the mid twentieth century to modern day entertainment. His love of the screen is shown through his art on his canvases. For over ten years he has gone to Comic Convention shows showing off and selling his work all while meeting many of the celebrities he's enjoyed and depicted

on canvas. At the end of March his next show will be at Steel City Con in Monroeville, Pa. close to Pittsburg where he will once again shake hands with Richard Dreyfus who is scheduled to be there. Many others will be there as well including Fraiser (Kelsey Grammer) and MacGuyver (Richard Dean Anderson). Nowicki has befriended many celebrities and has become one among them as he keeps correspondence with many of them. One of those famous Hollywood types is Don Gibb. Gibb

played "Ogre" in the 80's comedy 'Revenge of the Nerds' and Kumite fighter in the martial arts movie "Bloodsport". He received a text with a picture from Gibb's wife (whom Shad calls a "sweetheart" all the while calling Gibb a "big teddy bear") of Ogre sitting next to prints of all the protagonist characters from Revenge of the Nerds which inspired this article. Nowicki often gives his portrait paintings of the character actors to the performers when he meets them. Shad has a website

(shadart.biz) and a Facebook page which he often posts live stream of his technique; painting one of the personalities he

a toys and pictures from the genres as well. He is a pop-culture guru and has a story behind everything he creates, collects and owns.

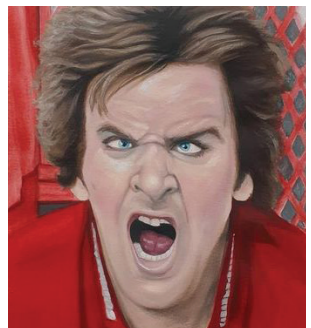
displayed throughout his apartment which is also his art studio. All of the friends he's made from the entertainment world are hanging as memories on his wall in photographs with him. With all of the curiosities from the world of pop-culture around his domicile it's easy to get caught up in the stories he has for them, as Shad Nowicki is a very entertaining host. The Steel City Comic Con March 31-April 2, 2023 is Nowicki's next road trip to set up

*"Shad is a pop-culture guru and has a story behind everything he creates, collects and owns."*

is a fan of. Not only does he recreate their visage with acrylic, he collects

Nowicki has a plethora of action figures and sets from movies and shows

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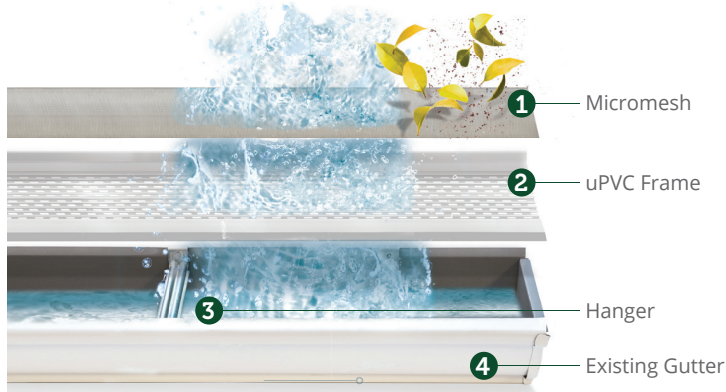
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# Lucky

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Day Homestead as a tranquil, healing retreat. "Visitors tell me out right they feel a shift when they are here. Ladies have acclaimed it to be a "magical place" with their eyes filled with tears. I know from my own experience, it has healed me to be here when the world has seemed an unruly environment. It makes me think differently about life in general, there is a deep relaxation that occurs when wandering my land. I aim to share a piece of that with folks and teach them how to obtain their own peaceful property and simplicity."

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**Emily and her grandmother, Agnes who has brought the family recipes to the table, turns 90 this April.**

and they close their eyes, lean their head back in complete satisfaction and I know they feel the warmth of home. That gives me goosebumps."

The Homestead is "like unwrapping history, I feel like every time I turn around I am finding something here and wondering it's origin - a flower, a berry, a tree with a reason for why it was planted where it was, a letter from a family member from WWI, a postcard from the doctor in town in the 1920's, a book that came off the boat with my great grandparents that I can still gain knowledge from. It's amazing to share this with folks from all over

the world, giving them a spark of passion for their own family history and confidence for the future."

The farm stand offers fresh baked goods Wednesday - Sunday 8am - 6pm at the homestead on Roszyk Road. Breads can also be purchased at Cupcaked in Ellicottville and pies can be picked up from Rise n' Swine Farm in Holland. "We like to branch out to the neighboring towns to allow for our customers to pick up or fresh bakes without having to drive out to the homestead, bringing farm fresh to their table more conveniently." Emily offers all baked

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# Historic

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across the street for an even more relaxed atmosphere at Group Ther-Happy, with a menu featuring items like stuffed peppers appetizer, personal pizzas, burgers and sandwiches. If you want lighter fare, you can go to Ryders Cup Coffee. Grab a specialty coffee, smoothie or hot cocoa with your pastries, sit back and enjoy.

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of wine to go with that great book? Bag & String Wine Merchants carries wines from all over the world. Come on in and browse, or chat with the owner for recommendations if you are not sure what you like. You can also order online and have the wine delivered to you. Delivery is free around Chautauqua Lake.

Other shops include several hair salons, a watch shop and an apothecary. The apothecary provides vitamins and other supplements, homeopathic remedies, and environmentally friendly cleaning supplies.

Many of these businesses have been open longer than average, even surviving through Covid lockdown. Conventional wisdom says that more than 60% of new businesses do not survive the first year, and over 80% fail before year five. The average business age in the Historic district is 7.3 years, with the apothecary being open at the longest at 17 years. This is a good indicator that the businesses here have something special to offer that keeps customers coming back for more. So, next time you are looking for a unique gift or great meal, check out the Lakewood Historic District. You'll be pleasantly surprised what you find! And stay tuned here...each shop and restaurant on Chautauqua Avenue will be spotlighted in this newspaper as part of an ongoing series on the Historic District.



Located at 5111 Roszyk Hill Rd. in Machias, The Homestead currently consists of a small farm stand, hay barn, country home and Airbnb tiny house. Emily keeps the farm stand well stocked with baked goods and primitive gifts made by herself and other local women and children. The hay barn utilized for small events as well as workshops during warmer months.

## Fat Bike Rides at Allegany State Park

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Dr. Woloszyn grew up in Poland where he graduated from the Medical University of Gdansk in 2002. He completed his internal medicine residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. He has been proudly practicing since since in 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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# Journal

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Before that I was publisher of the Salem News in Salem, Ohio." In addition to The Post-Journal, Bird works at a few other newspapers. "Currently I'm the publisher of the Post-Journal, the Dunkirk Observer, and the Warren Times Observer."

With all the positions and responsibilities he's juggling, Bird has his hands full on a day to day basis. "I don't know if one day I'll be dealing with an editorial issue or if I'll be dealing with HR. It's a wide variety." Bird said that each day is a new day for him, but he isn't new to how a newspaper runs. "I started out selling commercial printing and from there I've held almost every position you can have at our paper except for editor - things like commercial printing, circulation director, advertising. So, I've learned the entire operation from that standpoint," Bird explained. Of all

the positions he's held, he told me publishing is his favorite.

The pandemic forced a big shift in 2020. However, newspapers had to accommodate that shift much sooner than everything else and many did so well. The Post-Journal was no exception. Here is what Bird had to say about the paper changing over the years: "Newspapers have changed drastically over the years. We used to just deliver papers to your door. We still do that, but now we deliver the paper to readers via Facebook, our online edition, Twitter, etc. Readership is really strong with our print and online options. So, it's changed from print only, to electronic also. And that's what newspapers do; we evolve with our readers". The Post-Journal continues to create quality content online and in print for all readers to enjoy. The newspaper outlet is thankful for the award. "It's nice to be recognized as a respected entity within the community. But we don't expect it, we just do what

we do. We surely thank the Chamber of Commerce for recognizing us," Bird said.

I also had a chance to speak with the President and CEO at Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce, Dan Heitzenrater, about the Legacy Award. "The Hometown Legacy Award is part of our Jamestown Salute to the Finest Event," Heitzenrater said. The Legacy Award was first given in 2020 to Geer-Dunn Company. The next winner was the Lind Funeral Home in 2022. "Our Legacy Award is given to a business that has a lasting legacy in the Jamestown area and had an impact on the community. Looking at the history and longevity of The Post-Journal as one of our local sources of news in the 197 years of circulation was part of the decision," Heitzenrater explained about the award. He also told me about the process of choosing who wins. "All of the awards are chosen by our Jamestown community chamber committee. So that's a group of

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## "Love it or Ditch it."

### National Clean Out Your Closet Week - March 13-19



When you start the keep, sell, donate process but can't make up your mind about an item, do this little trick. Keep the item on a hanger turned backwards in your closet (the hook is in opposite direction of the others). If in the fall it is still there on that backward hanger, it needs a new home.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Spring in our part of the world brings mixed emotions. Some of us can't wait for the first bud of spring and peep of a robin, while others cross their ski poles toward the sun attempting to ward off the spirits of spring. But you can enjoy every last flake of groomed snow and still think 'spring' for your home.

Let's ease into spring by doing one thing at a time instead of going full-bore when there is still so much winter fun to be had. Since it is National Clean Out Your Closet Week, let's start there. Sure, you can get the dust cloth and "clean" the walls, the rods, boxes, etc. But clean-out implies that we clear out items that have become useless old-timers just hanging on the racks. For example, I have a silk, Hawaiian print, short-sleeved shirt that I put in the summer clothes box every fall and rehang every June. Have not worn it in years, definitely making that a "clean-out" item. Take a minute and think if you have one such item

in your closet or in your summer switch-out box. When you identify it, go get it and put it in a "sell" or "donate" tote. That will be your "seeding" for this project. Think about this - About 17 million tons of textiles end up in landfills every year - doubled in the last 20 years, according to data from the EPA. 84% of clothing ends up in landfills or incinerators. And get this - textiles can take up to 200+ years to decompose in landfills. You don't need to contribute to that.

Of course, the best thing to do with your old clothes/shoes is to share with others who might want them. Start with family and friends, then check with Betsy Peyser at Betsy's for resale. If that fails, Ellicottville's St. Paul's church has a box at the back of the parking lot where useable items can be dropped - clothing, shoes, bedding, linens, etc. You can find similar boxes in almost every town.

If you sew, you could repurpose clothes, and for high quality items, you could, of course, consider signing up for a sellers' website (Poshmark is one).

When you start the keep, sell, donate process but can't make up your mind about an item, do this little trick. Keep the item on a hanger turned backwards in your closet (the hook is in opposite direction of the others). If in the fall it is still there on that backward hanger, it needs a new home. Here's another suggestion: if you organize everything by category putting blouses, skirts, pants, sweaters, etc. in groups, you may be very surprised to realize how many of the same kind of item you have, which would theoretically help you cull. If that doesn't work, use love to guide you. If you absolutely love it, keep it. If you are just meh about it, it needs to go where someone else will love it. The bonus is that you know where everything is in your closet without a lot of scrambling to find that pink blouse you know is in there.

See what environmentally ethical companies like Worn Wear (aka Patagonia) have to say

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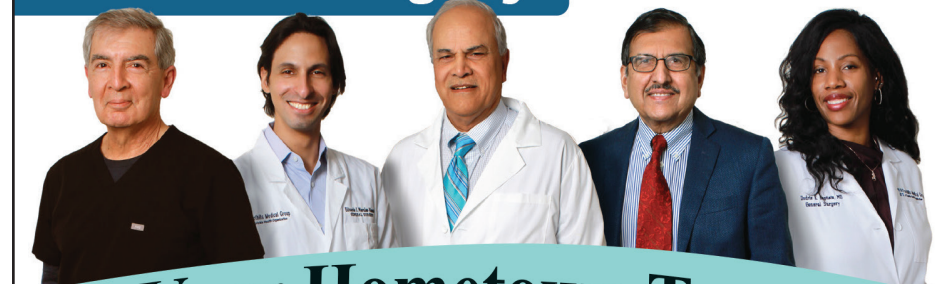
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# Orchestra

night. Since 1997, Dark Star Orchestra has truly kept the Dead alive. While still encapsulating the energy of the Grateful Dead music, their improvisational renditions keep fans on their toes, even those hardcore Deadheads. As Rob Koritz said, "You never know what to expect from us." So, grab a friend and

head to Holiday Valley this weekend to see what Koritz and the rest of the band have in store for this year's Jamboree. Dark Star Orchestra will take the stage at 7:30pm on Saturday March 18. For more information on the event and band lineup check out the Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival website at [www.railriderjam.com](http://www.railriderjam.com).

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his display of a vast amount of paintings and sculptures he molds and paints of monsters and zombies, and prints of his most popular paintings all signed and numbered. He will also attend Nickel City Con in Buffalo in July at the Buffalo Convention Center where he wants to meet The Fonz (Henry Winkler) among many other famous folks as they are a quite a big draw to the conventions of these sort. He also plans on reuniting with Michael Rooker at this show who has acted in many movies, most well known for The Walking Dead. Nowicki did a cross-over of Rooker from "Guardians of the Galaxy" and the famous playgirl photo of Burt Reynolds and presented it to Rooker who gladly accepted and displays it.

As he was honorably inducted into the Nerds world through Gibb, he is the Official Nerd Painter. His art keeps changing and growing and Nowicki enjoys all of it. He told *The Villager* at the interview in his Studio, he is doing "sculpting a ton. Tons of it. It's fun!" He uses an airbrush to paint the details just right. He is involved in an up and coming movie (which title he will not yet mention) for the art work on the poster. He is ready to paint anything and does commissions all the time. His 'Copper Bones' sculpture mold will show the way to the treasure he has waiting for anyone who is a fan of pop-culture. Nowicki is a fan of all of the people he paints and they are fans of his. Check out his work and check out the comic cons he displays and sells his work.



One of the famous Hollywood types Norwicki has befriended is Don Gibb. Gibb played "Ogre" in the 80's comedy 'Revenge of the Nerds'. He received a text with a picture from Gibb's wife (whom Shad calls a "sweetheart" all the while calling Gibb a "big teddy bear") of Ogre sitting next to prints of all the protagonist characters from Revenge of the Nerds which inspired this article. Nowicki often gives his portrait paintings of the character actors to the performers when he meets them.

# Pritchard

current students to find broad value in their educations. She believes that it's important to give back when it's possible, so she was especially pleased to share this "real world" perspective with current students who have many decisions ahead. Of course, she has a strong affection for Ithaca that complements the love she feels for Ellicottville and sees many charming similarities, particularly regarding winter fun.

Ithaca's ice skating is a particular example of their local culture that Pritchard recommends. Facebook fans and other real estate enthusiasts can see Team Pritchard's journalist perspective of homesales in the Enchanted Mountains by visiting their website: [teampritchard.com](http://teampritchard.com), and social media [@EllicottvilleRealtor](https://www.facebook.com/EllicottvilleRealtor) (Facebook), [@team\\_pritchard](https://www.instagram.com/team_pritchard) (Instagram) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), and [teampritchard](https://www.linkedin.com/company/teampritchard) (LinkedIn).

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something to others. "If journalism or broadcasting isn't for them in the end, there are always other venues to use these techniques," she said when asked to summarize her topic. Pritchard to this day makes use of the knowledge obtained and encourages

*Her demonstrated creativity and integrity made Ms. Pritchard a natural choice to speak on March 3rd at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications. She was invited by a former colleague to discuss her experiences in broadcasting and how she made the transition to real estate. Visiting the Roy H. Park School of Communication was especially appreciated due to the dedicated building being ready for use the semester after Pritchard graduated. "My tuition helped build a building I didn't get to fully see until now!" she joked.*

# Morrissey

comedian celeb, Brian Dunkleman, Morrissey responded, "I have crossed paths with Brian ... but I didn't realize he was from upstate." Small world. Morrissey will perform

four shows at the Lucy Desi Museum's Tropicana Room, 2 W 3rd St, Jamestown, NY 14701 716.484.0800 Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7pm and 9pm. Tickets: [ComedyCenter.org/events](http://ComedyCenter.org/events).

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visible evidence of how far things have come." When asked if he knew our own Ellicottville born

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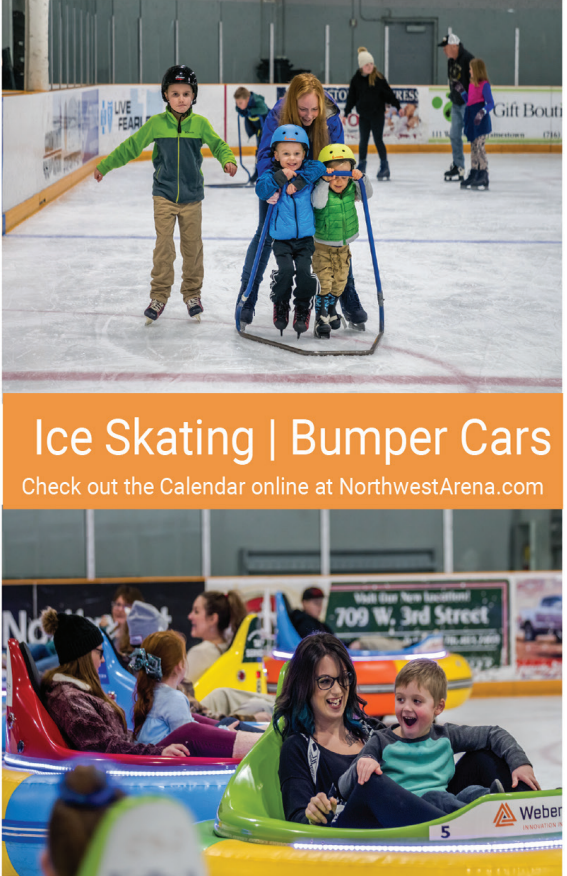
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Henry's Summer Kitchenette plays this Thursday from 4-10pm. This duo combines country/rockabilly music and throws in some corny jokes for a fun time.

BY: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Get out and enjoy some of the best spring skiing this area has ever seen and then hit town and listen to some music. Let's see who's playing where.

We start our weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chits and music provided by Henry's Summer Kitchenette. This duo combines country/rockabilly music and throws in some corny jokes for a fun time.

The Gin Mill offers Thursday music by The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/folk/pop/county set of covers utilizing vocal harmonies and smooth guitar licks. Sample some of the 37 beers on tap.

FRIDAY

Finnerty's celebrates St Patrick's Day with Brian Ash and Pete Gilroy, AKA, 2 Irish Guys Singing Irish Songs from 2-5pm and 7-9pm. There will be corned beef and cabbage and shepherds pie all day.

Balloons is back with The Abruptors on the main stage from 6.30-10pm.

They play ska/reggae high energy originals and covers. The back bar will host Tina Williams from 10-1am. She plays indie/rock/pop/folk covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will rock the sound booth with some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors till 2am.

We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Green Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have hosted many a St Patty's Day and play a rock/pop/folk/blues/roots set of covers. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

We close it out at Madigans and Dj SI from 9-1am. He'll provide the thumpin for the bumpin. Try the foosball and pool tables for a little competition.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is back again with The Restless Soles from 2-5pm. They play an acoustic rock, folk/country/reggae set of covers. The night shift offers Henry's Summer Kitchen from 8-12am. They play rock and country oldies. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till

10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri, sat. They're open for breakfast 10-11am sat, sun.

Back on Balloons main stage is Buffalo's own Tommy Z from 6:30-10pm. Tommy plays a blues/rock/pop set of originals and covers that will have you up and moving. Ask about merch. The back bar will host Samantha Taylor from 10-1am. She plays a folk/indie/country set of covers and originals.

12 Gates of Evl is a playah with Paul Enderle from 7-10pm. Paul plays an acoustic rock and country set of covers. Try the shrimp po'boy. It's the bomb.

Madigans keeps the party going with the return of Dj SI rockin the house sound with some jams so you can shake your gams in the window from 9-1am.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a folk/pop/roots set of covers. Have a late lunch or early dinner or just sip some Bloody Mary's.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Fresh made pasta with the toppings of your choice or a savory slice of prime rib with all the trimmings. The entertainment will be provided by Evl's own Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of acoustic covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings, craft beer and this weeks music is provided by my dear friends The Owen and Pat Dup from 6-9pm. These very talented musicians and songwriters play a rock/blues/

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# Beat on the Street:

"What's Your Favorite St. Patrick's Day Memory?"

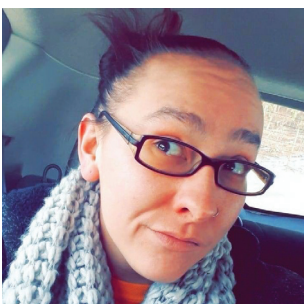
BY CHAD NEAL



St. Patrick is a well storied man in history who drove the vile vermin from the Emerald Isle of Ireland. There is a statue of the celebrated Saint in the Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church here in Ellicottville - which was delivered by Kevin Kell and Patty Ford on request of Monsignor McCarthy decades ago. Now Kevin's bar Madigan's is an essential place to celebrate that holy day on March 17. Although some see it as a day of debauchery it is actually a day of jubilation and observance of the Irish-American culture that has been through many kinds of discernment, but when St. Patrick's day rolls around everyone seems to enjoy the traditions and food of the early immigrants from Ireland. The main dish served in American pubs and restaurants is Corned Beef as it was the cut of beef used by the poor immigrants way back when and of course the beverages include Irish stouts and Irish whiskies. What's Your Favorite St. Patrick's Day Memory?



Brady P.- My Grandfather's last St Paddy's day on earth, but his first at Madigans. Grace Kell (the co-owner) took a picture of us. He had on a green vest, which I now have and wear every year, thankful for that pic Grace took because it's the only pic I have of him and I together: John Patrick McCormick.



Nicole G.- Making leprechaun traps and waking up in the morning to a empty trap, but little peanut butter prints around the house from him escaping.



Bobby O.- Anytime at Madigans, especially on the patio. This was one of those days!



Kathy T.- Going to mass in Westport Ireland on Ed & Maribeth Rick's (co-owners of The Gin Mill) wedding anniversary with Bob McCarthy, Hughie Dunn, Bud King & a couple others. As the mass was said in Gaelic, we didn't know till Bob told us that the priest offered his blessing on them!



Todd P.- Coughlins Pub 7am in Fredonia NY. Enough said!



Leanna P.- Foster's with Haney. Noel was bar tending.

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# Ellicottville Rotary Club

## Spotlight on Service to Community

By PATRICIA MEASER

For nearly 25 years, the Ellicottville Rotary Club (ERC) has been supporting the community through works of charity, scholarship and volunteering. According to John Weismantel, club president and rotary area governor, they plan to continue long into the future.



Rotarians help during last weekend's Mardi Gras Parade in Ellicottville.

"The key to continuing our good work is to promote change while going back to the basics," notes John. "We are focusing on core values." John says the club is passionate about key tenets of Rotary International, including supporting education, growing the local economy, protecting the environment, and helping mothers and children. In pursuit of those goals, John said they are partnering with the Olean Rotary Club, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and Tri County Arts Council. The club's relationship with these groups allows them to work on joint events in support of the same causes, combining their resources to ensure more successful outcomes and give back more to the community.

connections.

The Rotary Club participates in the annual Stroll the Streets in Ellicottville. This is a weekly event in the summer that brings community members together outside to meet with area organizations and engage in fun activities for all ages. The club is also known for their contributions of time and donations to the food pantry. Last year, the local food pantry received shelves, storage vessels and tables, thanks in part to a grant the club received from their district. They continue to work closely with the food pantry to promote the service they provide and to gather donations of food and money.

woman who was fighting breast cancer. John was impressed by that and wanted to do more to support his neighbors.

Since then, John has worked with the Rotary Club on various fundraising events that provide for their charity and scholarship fund. John says, "We couldn't do any of this without the support and cooperation of local businesses, who have given so much over the years." The local library has also been a great supporter, partnering with the club on a summer reading program, joint education programs and providing meeting space when needed. "We are so grateful to everyone."

ERC is known for their annual scholarships awarded to Ellicottville school district students, and the club plans to continue those scholarships. John indicated they are looking at ways to increase the amount given and to provide more meaning to these awards. In addition, they sponsor a student each year to attend a Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) conference. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where students develop skills as a leader while having fun and making

John himself joined the Rotary Club after seeing the positive outcomes of a Rotary auction and how it impacted the community. Years ago, he was asked by Greg Capelli, a club member, to donate a gift to a club charity auction. He decided to donate a round of golf for four people plus golf cart rental at a local course. Several weeks later, Greg called John and informed him that the money they earned from just that one auction item was enough to pay for Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner and gifts for the family of a local

John adds that donations are always greatly appreciated and much needed for their ongoing programs. If you would like to make a donation, or are interested in joining the club, visit their website at [ellicottvillerotary.com](http://ellicottvillerotary.com), or visit their Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/evillerotary>. There are over 65 clubs in the district, so if you do not live near Ellicottville you can still find a Rotary Club near you. Visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click Club Finder to search.

## Buffalocal Features EBC Artist

### Sara Corsi Staley Graphic Artist, Designer, & Marketing Lead



As a passionate designer and a beer lover, pursuing a career in this industry was a no-brainer for Sara.

She started as a freelancer before officially joining the team in February of 2020. She enjoys the diversity of projects, scope and depth of daily creative challenges, freedom to experiment, and the company culture at Ellicottville Brewing Company.

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As far as favorites go, Sara really enjoys EBC's barrel-aged brews. Read: [buffalocalwomen](http://buffalocalwomen)



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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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:**

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

# Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties

**Mammoth Tusks and Skull Cast found in Randolph NY 1934**



# Lucky

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goods made-to-order including pies, tarts and sweet and savory desserts for any occasion. This upcoming season, Lucky Day Homestead will be offering a culinary herb and edible flower share from June to September. Upcoming workshops include: Forest Foraging and Spring Sprouters hike (March 26), Clay Pot Cooking Class (March 25, private classes upon

request), Community Seed Exchange, Plant Swap and Meet your Local Farmers (April 22, free for all), Mother Daughter Picnic Hike (May 13), Home Processor Day Clinic (June 10) and Women in the Wild retreat August 17-20). All workshops are pre-register, so call the homestead directly at 716-353-0193 to discuss the details and get on the list for desired workshop, or schedule a private cooking class or foraging adventure.

In closing, Emily reminds us to embrace a wholesome, organic lifestyle with

appreciation for our roots. "I think everything in life is art. What you do. How you dress. They way you love someone, how you talk. Your smile and your personality. What you believe in and all your dreams. The way you drink your tea. How you decorate your home. Or party. Your grocery list. The food you make. How your writing looks. And the way you feel. Life is art" - **Helen Bonham Carter**

Follow Emily and Lucky Day Homestead on Facebook and Instagram @luckydayhomestead.

# Music

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folk/pop set of covers and originals. A locals favorite. The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This group, composed of different

musicians from various local bands, plays a roots/bluegrass/country set of covers utilizing several different stringed instruments.

We end the 7 day weekend where we have been ending it for 39 years with Joe Wagner and Company, Wing Wednesday at The Gin Mill from 8-12am. Joe

plays a folk/country rock/pop/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics also makes for a locals favorite.

If you enjoyed our fun little town tell your friends and family and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!

# Clean

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– "Send us your used Patagonia clothing and gear, and we'll help pass it along to the next person who needs it. If your items are eligible, you can receive up to 50% of the resale price through credit to use in store or online at Patagonia or Worn Wear. If they're not

accepted, we'll recycle your gear, so it stays out of the landfill." North Face has this on their website – "We can't stop people from outgrowing their clothes, wearing through them, or deciding that it's time for something new. However, we can help to ensure that worn clothes don't end up in landfills. Our Clothes the Loop program encourages people to drop off unwanted clothing and footwear at The North

Face Retail and Outlet Stores." And finally, when people lack the resources to get through today, it's difficult for them to focus on tomorrow. Soles4Souls (<https://soles4souls.org>) turns shoes and clothing into opportunities for education and employment so they can have a more hopeful future. They even pay the UPS shipping! Whatever the case, your old clothes will have a new life!

# Journal

CONT. FROM PG. 11

chamber members or people associated with a chamber member that gets together and looks at the past awards we've given. The group comes

up with some nominations and we have discussion about those before making selections." Deciding on The Post-Journal was a relatively simple decision for the committee. "When the suggestion of The Post-Journal was put up for consideration, I think it was a pretty easy selection. There's not a

lot of businesses that have been in operation for 100 years, let alone almost 200," Heitzenrater told me. The Post-Journal has been impacting the Jamestown community and keeping them informed for a very long time. They are incredibly deserving of this award for all their hard work.

# Ellicottville Planning Board

Reviews New Location for Ratchet Hatchet & Mill St. Parking

By DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville's Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14th. An update was provided on the application and plan for the new Ratchet Hatchet location at 1-5 Washington Street by the applicants and Ellicott Development Corporation. The applicant and Ellicott Development Corporation will be working with the

Village Board to obtain Special Use Permit to utilize an adjacent parcel next to the future Ratchet Hatchet location. The Planning Board took no action as the Village Board will be required to authorize the Special Use Permit.

Also on the agenda was a review of the Village's application for a Special Use Permit to construct a new public parking lot on Mill Street. Area variances will be required to be approved by the

Village Board before the application can be approved by the Planning Board. The Planning Board did a review of the application but took no action.

April's Village Planning Board meeting is canceled and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9th.

For full meeting minutes and Village Planning activities, visit <https://www.ellicottville.gov/planning-zoning.html>.

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