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Area Events

- CHOSEN TREASURES MONTH**
April, 2023
Lake Erie Wine Trail
- AUDUBON LIGHTS**
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- GRAPES & HOPS FESTIVAL**
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- EASTER CARNIVAL**
Saturday, April 1 • 10am
CHQ Safety Village, Ashville
- WINEMAKERS DINNER**
Saturday, April 1 • 7pm
Johnson Estates, Westfield
- MUD CAMP**
Tuesday, April 4 • 9am
Audubon Center, Jamestown
- TRIVIA NIGHT**
Thursday, April 6 • 7pm
Pearl City Hops, Jamestown
- OSBORN NASH**
Saturday, April 8 • 4pm
Southern Tier Distillery, Lakewood
- WEEKLY BIRD WALKS**
Wednesday, April 12 • 9am
RTPI, Jamestown
- SPAMILTON: A PARODY**
Saturday, April 15 • 7:30pm
Reg Lenna, Jamestown
- LIVING VOICES**
Monday, April 17 • 10am
Jackson Center, Jamestown
- FRIENDS OF GOOD MUSIC**
Friday, April 21 • 7:30pm
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure
- JEFF FOXWORTHY**
Saturday, April 22 • 8pm
Seneca Resort, Salamanca
- MAPLE FESTIVAL**
April 29 - 30, 2023
Franklinville
- NY DUATHLON SERIES**
Saturday, May 6 • 9am
Randolph
- MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN**
Saturday, May 6 • 4pm
Gowanda Depot, Gowanda
- FINDLEY LAKE CRAFT FAIR**
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Fire Hall, Findley Lake
- SPRING THING CARNIVAL**
Saturday, May 27, 2023
The Camp at Findley, Clymer

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Promoting Jamestown, New York JRC Plans to Increase Tourism



The Villager spoke with Urban Core Director at The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC), Frank Besse, about plans to increase tourism patterns in Jamestown. Besse is also co-owner of Labyrinth Press Company & Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge on E. 4th Street in Jamestown.

BY DELAINEY MUSCATO
- ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

While Jamestown might not be ideal for a tropical vacation or a full day of rollercoaster rides, it does have a lot to offer those who are looking for a low key, relaxing weekend getaway. I spoke with Urban Core Director

at The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC), Frank Besse, about plans to increase tourism patterns in Jamestown. As he's lived in Jamestown for 10 years, Besse is excited to help bring more tourists to the area so they can enjoy everything

SEE "JAMESTOWN" PAGE 9

Pond Skimming Event Returns Holiday Valley Annual Season End Celebration



The 2023 annual Pond Skimming will take place on Sunday, March 26 at 1pm. Registration begins at 11am. There is a maximum of 50 participants so make sure to sign up! Skiers or boarders must be at least 8 years old and have a parent's signature if under 18.

BY ABBY KREINHEDER
- FLAGLER COLLEGE

As the weather begins to warm in Western New York, Holiday Valley is ready to celebrate the end of another wonderful winter ski season. East coast skiers know how to enjoy every last inch of the white blanketed

hills right up until the end. It is officially spring skiing here in Ellicottville which means the beloved Pond Skimming competition is just around the corner.

It is unclear where Pond Skimming first began. Some

SEE "SKIMMING" PAGE 6

National Rosie the Riveter Day Wrapping Up Women's History Month



BY CAROL FISHER LINN

I write this on National Rosie the Riveter Day! Yes, there is such a commemorative day, as well it should be! The first National Rosie the Riveter Day was in 2017, 70 years after the end of World War II. Imagine!

But let me back up, for those of you who do not know who Rosie

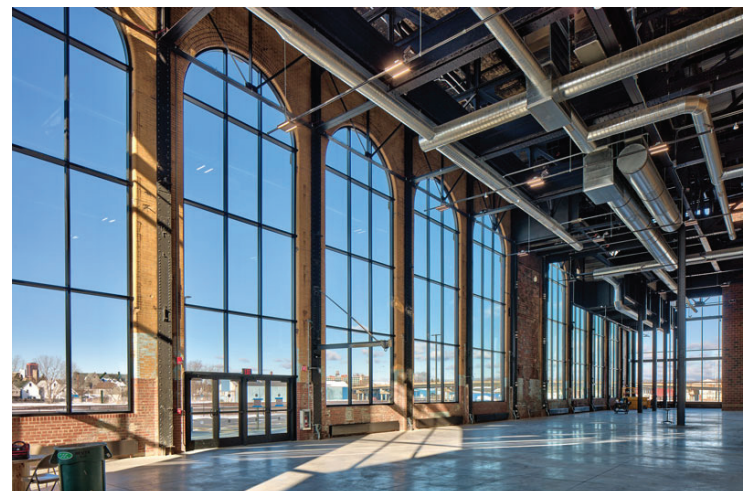
was. A "Rosie the Riveter" is a catch-all phrase for women and girls who stepped in to take over men's jobs during WWII when factories, shipyards, and airplane manufacturers were left with no workers, as men went off to war. Many of these "Rosies" produced munitions and war supplies and then went back home to bake bread, rock their babies to sleep, and sew clothing for their families. Some, like my mom, treated themselves occasionally and gathered at dance halls to shake some new life into their tied legs and bodies doing the Charleston or some swing. Here, try it yourself! <https://youtu.be/vk8d65yuUp4>

In the Oxford Research Encyclopedia, we find this:

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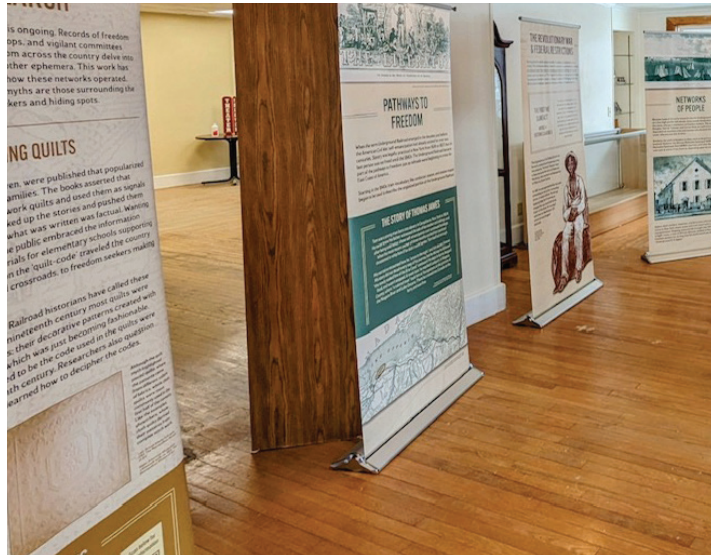
Unique Beer Festival March 25 in Buffalo



This year, their 3rd in person event is back at The Powerhouse (140 Lee Street, Buffalo NY), it is has already sold nearly 550 tickets. It includes 43 local breweries, cideries, meaderies and one seltzer location all serving up a unique collab. They will also have food vendors, shopping vendors, music and more! While many of the participating breweries operate in Buffalo, some come from our area, to include Ellicottville Brewing, Steelbound and Southern Tier. (See "BEER" Page 11.)

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Catt. County Freedom Trail ... Pg. 11
Banners on Display in Olean through March



The African American Center for Cultural Development (214 North Barry, Olean) is proudly hosting Journey to the North: New York's Freedom Trail Banners for display. These banners detail stories and New York locations of note during the Underground Railroad period. The display is up until March 30. The public is invited to view with no admission charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

Remembering Joey DiPasquale ... Pg. 8
Legend to Ellicottville & All Friends Thereof

Group Ther-happy

Where Everybody Knows Your Name



BY PATRICIA MEASER

Group Ther-Happy is a popular restaurant and bar in the Historic District of Lakewood Village. The play on the term "group therapy" is fitting. Groups can come and enjoy the pizza and pub fare in a relaxed atmosphere, with occasional live music. The owner, Michelle Turner, just celebrated the fifth anniversary of the restaurant's opening in Lakewood on St. Patrick's Day. Considering that most new businesses do not make it 5 years, let alone 1 year, the milestone is quite an accomplishment.

When asked what she attributes her success to, Michelle said several important factors play into it. One is to be able to keep changing as needed. "I think there are always things that you come across day to day that you are forever changing, improving upon or modifying...it's just the nature of the beast," says Michelle. "I feel I am always

SEE "GROUP" PAGE 12

Up Close & Personal: Amy Moore

Passionate Bartender and Community Activist



"Today, we would like to introduce you to Amy Moore. Amy is a Bartender Extraordinaire who has been working at the resort for nearly 15 years. During her time with Holiday Valley she has worked a number of jobs but at the end of the day she feels most at home behind the bar at John Harvard's, which she helped open 12 years ago." - Photo & Caption/holidayvalley.com

BY KATE BARTLETT

Amy Moore is no stranger to Ellicottville. As a bartender at John Harvard's for over 14 years and Humphrey resident since 2006, Amy is well versed in cocktails and customer service, and has a deep instilled passion for the great outdoors.

Amy was born and raised in Newark, Delaware and attended the University of Delaware for Hospitality Management and Business Administration. Searching for adventure in the great outdoors, she took a summer internship in Crested Butte, Colorado, at Three Rivers Resort helping manage the café. "It was an amazing

SEE "MOORE" PAGE 12



Publisher's Word

"It Takes a Village and One Amazing Individual!"



Ode to a Swiss Army Knife
By Joseph DiPaquale
circa 1980's

Please, God, help me find my Swiss Army knife
That precious little tool that love of my life
Long ago given by an old friend of mine
To slice my bread and open my wine

And in case you don't know it gleams right red
And when it was new I even took it to bed
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- Levi Swanson ... Marfh 29 • Grace Arrance ... March 31
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Ellicottville Summer Music Festival

"The Players" Headline Saturday, July 1

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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.

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Basics of the Christian Faith

Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville will be offering the internationally successful Alpha program on Mondays starting April 17th at 6:30. This 11-week series has been attended by millions across the globe that offers an open dialog on the basics of the Christian faith. Alpha is a place to connect with people on the challenging topics of faith in a friendly group environment. In a world that is becoming increasingly disconnected and virtual, this program provides an opportunity to reconnect with others, share your perspectives, and learn. Each week, the attendees will share a meal, have a topic to discuss around life and faith, and dialog with the group. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs.

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in EVL

Holiday Valley \$8M In Improvements

CCIDA Reviews Holiday Valley Sale/Leaseback Application

By Dave Parker

HOLIDAY VALLEY IMPROVEMENTS

The monthly Board meeting for the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) was held on Tuesday, March 21st. Two new applications were presented by Executive Director Corey Wiktor to the Board. First a Sale/Leaseback Application from Win-Sum Ski Corporation for \$8 million in improvements at Holiday Valley Resort. Planned improvements include renovations at The

Inn, new software, chair lift updates, additional snow guns, and a new snowcat. A new six-person chairlift is planned to be installed on the Mardi Gras run over the summer. The Board set a public hearing date April 6th at 9:30am at their office in Ellicottville.

GREAT LAKES CHEESE CORP. Construction Investment

The second application was for a Project Modification Request from Great Lakes Cheese Corporation for an additional \$121 million investment to complete the construction of the new cheese production facility

in Franklinville. \$45 million of this additional investment is applicable to NY State sales tax and is being requested due to inflation and supply chain issues requiring increasing the initial \$500 million investment to complete the plant construction. A public hearing has been set for the Project Modification Request for Thursday, March 30th at 10:30am at the Ellicottville CCIDA Office.

For full meeting details and CCIDA updates, visit the CCIDA website at www.cattcoida.com.

Public Notice: Hydrant Flushing

Town/Village of Ellicottville

Please be aware that the Town of Ellicottville will start flushing fire hydrants beginning the 1st week of April and continue for several weeks. Be prepared to expect discoloration of water and pressure changes. Please call the Town Water Department at 716-560-8920 with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

St. Bonaventure Hosts Poet

Detroit Poet John Rybicki to Read From His Work



Into Water,” “Traveling at High Speeds,” and his third collection, “When All the World is Old,” written in response to the long illness and death of his wife, poet Julie Moulds.

His poems, stories, and essays have appeared in Poetry, Ploughshares, The American Poetry Review, and The Paris Review, as well as in The Best American Poetry and Pushcart Prize anthologies.

Rybicki, who teaches poetry writing in Detroit schools, has taught or guest lectured at Carnegie Mellon, Sarah Lawrence, Haverford College, and Kalamazoo College, and he did an 11-year residency at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. He was also featured in Time Magazine for Kids as

an outstanding writing teacher.

While on campus, Rybicki will visit Dr. Joseph Hall’s Creative Writing – Poetry I class and Molly Snyder’s occupational therapy class. He will also visit Jamestown Community College for a class visit and to help judge a poetry competition.

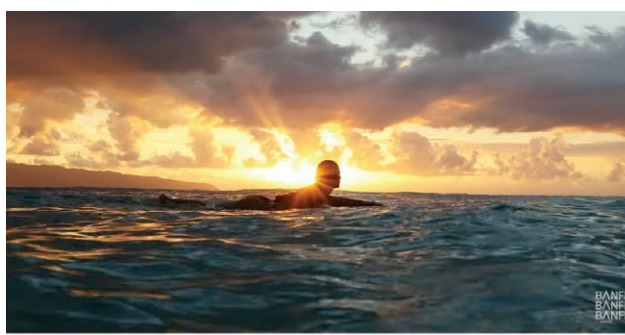
St. Bonaventure is hosting Rybicki as a Lenna Visiting Professor. Programming during his stay is also sponsored by the Department of English and Occupational Therapy program at the university.

Rybicki will also do a reading at Olean Public Library, 134 N. Second St., Olean, at 7pm Wednesday, March 29. That program is also free and open to the public.

Banff Film Festival in Jamestown

Roger Tory Peterson Inst. Hosts April 21 & 22, 2023

Jamestown – Banff is back and better than ever, baby! This year, RTPI is celebrating Earth Day by expanding their presentation of The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival to two days – Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22, 2023. Two nights. Two different line-ups of the very best in beautiful, heart-pumping outdoor adventure films.



day Ticket: \$45; Adult One-day Ticket: \$25; Active Military/Student/Child/Senior Two-day Ticker: \$30; Active Military/Student/Child/Senior One-day Ticket: \$15

This year, your Banff ticket includes an all-access weekend pass to the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, located a short ten-minute drive from downtown Jamestown. Hike our nature trails

through the Peterson Preserve, then come inside The Lodge – designed by famed architect Robert A.M. Stern – and enjoy Hope is the Thing with Feathers: Contemporary Women Nature Artists. This exhibition features artwork by five women whose who explore the powerful yet fragile nature of birds and the ecosystems on which they depend for their very lives.

Westfield Grape Discovery Center

Announces 2023 Opening of Season, Thursday, March 23

Westfield – The Grape Discovery Center in Westfield will open for the 2023 season on Thursday, March 23 at 11am. Conveniently located beside a vineyard on US Route 20 just outside the Village of Westfield, the Center promises to delight visitors, young and old alike.

Patio overlooking the escarpment where you can experience an up-close view of grape vines and a large vineyard. The wine bottle fountain adds a touch of relaxation for those choosing to sit and sip a spell. The gift shop offers an exciting variety of items not easily found in other local stores including locally made food products, Amish gifts, specialty candy, and gifts by local artisans to name a few. Local wines are available for purchase by the bottle in the wine shop.

The tasting room and patio are the perfect spot to rent for small groups or events. The Center has hosted business and club meetings, birthday and anniversary parties

along with baby and bridal showers for up to 45 attendees. Contact the Center at 716-326-2003 for additional details.

The Center is in Westfield at 8305 West Main Street. Seasonal hours of operation are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11am to 5pm. The Grape Discovery Center, owned and operated by the Concord Grape Belt Heritage Association, is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Contact or event information: www.grapediscoverycenter.com. By phone: 716-326-2003. E-mail: manager@grapediscoverycenter.com. Calls received after hours will be returned if a message is left including a phone number. Like us on Facebook.




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“Ski with Me” Community Outreach

City Students First Ski Experience in Ellicottville

By, MARC JOSEFFER
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What do you get when you mix 12 school kids, ages 11-14 from Buffalo Public School #6; 4 volunteer chaperones from Erie Community College; some really great Ski Instructors from HoliMont Ski Area; ski clothes donated by gracious HoliMont Members; ski equipment provided by HoliMont at GEAR-UP; bus transportation provided by Erie Community College to and from School #6 to HoliMont; and some of the best skiing conditions available for kids who have never skied on snow before! **PURE HEAVEN!**

On three consecutive Tuesday mornings and afternoons in March, HoliMont hosted these 12 kids through **SKI WITH ME**, a community outreach program founded by Gary Helfenstein, a local WNY Ski activist. Known as “MY 1ST Ski”, this innovative program facilitates pathways for kids to “earn” their admission to My 1st Ski through participation in both school and neighborhood programs. They are selected by their school to participate in the program.

While at HoliMont the kids received expert instruction on how to handle their ski equipment and master beginner skiing techniques. Through one-on-one and group instruction, it has been amazing to see the progress these students have made.



Marc Joseffer, author of the article and former President of HoliMont (2006-2008) pictured with students in the program.



All students involved in the SKI WITH ME program, receive a special award of participation.

Not only has their skiing ability improved and advanced each week, but their enthusiasm, work ethic, cooperation and good sportsmanship have been outstanding. They are all skiers now.

While the participants represent many native cultures, they are all on the same page when it comes to learning together and enjoying their first skiing experience. Just to see the joy in their hearts, the smiles on their faces and their desire to ski to the last minute each day made all

the efforts to get them on the snow very rewarding.

Special thanks to Ms. Wendy Emerling, Principal Buffalo School #6; Travis Widger, HoliMont Snowsports Director, and his excellent Ski School Instructors; all the terrific ladies and gents at HoliMont's GEAR-UP Ski Shop; the office staff at HoliMont; Carolyn Helfenstein for all her guidance; and Ed Youmans, HoliMont General Manager, who made the whole program possible.

Celebration of Life for Joey D.

HoliMont Ski Resort, Monday, March 20, 2023



Joey D.

November 13, 1935 - March 14, 2023

He Needs a Vacation

By JOSEPH DiPASQUALE
circa 1980's

There were deadlines and pressures and rules and regulations
There were lawyers and lawsuits and screaming allegations
There were inexcusable excuses and futile castigations
There were disappointing profits and withered aspirations
There were worthless words and mental strangulations

It's absolutely absurd
The costs that were incurred
And the judge concurred
While weighing every word

Run to Buffalo International
While the mind is still rational
Snowy heights may be inspirational
But hurry back -you're still organizational

There were profits and smiles and gushing platitudes
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There were praises and prizes and pleasant interludes
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2022-2023 Season in Review

Holiday Valley Pulls through another Amazing Ski Season



The introduction of the new RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Device) ticketing system created a more efficient experience for visitors. The system eliminated long wait lines for tickets and waste. The cards are reusable, no matter if you're a season's pass holder or a daily ticket purchaser. New tickets/passes are now reloadable onto the card. To encourage people to reuse their cards from day-to-day or year-to-year, skiers and boarders are subject to a \$25 replacement fee. The multi-year durability of the new RFID cards is expected to reduce Holiday Valley's environmental impact by lessening the production of single use day tickets and annual season pass cards.

By ABIGALE KREINHEDER

The 2022-2023 ski season at Holiday Valley was once again an exciting and successful one. The Valley was back running at full capacity after all the uncertainties thrown at ski resorts the past two years due to COVID-19. However, the season was not free from other challenges. New advancements in technology, developments in infrastructure and unpredictable weather made it a memorable winter.



The resort's excellent snowmaking capabilities and commitment to providing visitors with a top-notch skiing experience, make the resort like no other. Holiday Valley kept all 13 lifts and 60 trails of skiable terrain open as often and long as possible. Skiers and snowboarders of all levels had a variety of options to enjoy throughout the season.

Nature changed course and gave us all a taste of spring weather. While the beautiful warm days were nice for walking the dogs, Holiday Valley had to keep the white blankets from disappearing. Despite the fluctuating weather, Holiday Valley managed to keep a majority of the trails remained open throughout the season.

The resort's excellent snowmaking capabilities and commitment to providing visitors with a top-notch skiing experience make the resort like no other. Holiday Valley kept all 13 lifts and 60 trails of skiable terrain open as often and long as possible. Skiers and snowboarders of all levels had a variety of options to enjoy throughout the season.

Despite the inconsistent weather, season pass sales and day ticket sales were strong throughout the season. Buying a day ticket became an easier and faster process for those eager to get out on the mountain as soon as possible. The introduction of the new RFID (Radio Frequency Identification Device) ticketing system was an adjustment to say the least, but created a more efficient experience for visitors. The system eliminated long wait lines for tickets and waste.

The cards are reusable, no matter if you're a season's pass holder or a daily ticket purchaser. New tickets/passes are now reloadable onto the card. To encourage people to reuse their cards from day-to-day or year-to-year, skiers and

boarders are subject to a \$25 replacement fee. The multi-year durability of the new RFID cards is expected to reduce Holiday Valley's environmental impact by lessening the production of single use day tickets and annual season pass cards.

Last ski season was the opening of a new high-speed quad lift on the mountain. Yodeler lift provided faster access to the top of the mountain. The lift quickly shuffled skiers and snowboarders through the line reducing time waiting in line or sitting on the lift. People could get back on the mountain sooner and enjoy ripping down the slopes more frequently.

It's not over yet, but as the 2022-2023 ski season comes to an end, Holiday Valley is thankful to their loyal visitors and newcomers for making it another fantastic winter season. With a season total of 121 inches (60 inches less than the yearly average) of snowfall, Holiday Valley was still able to open every slope and lift across the mountain.

After ranking number six in eastern North America by SKI Magazine readers for the 2022-2023 season, Holiday Valley was ready for another great year and as a local skier myself, I think they knocked it out of the park...again.

As night skiing ends, Holiday Valley is still open for those awesome bluebird spring skiing days and coming up this weekend is the annual Pond Skimming event that you won't want to miss out on.

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Skimming

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Pond Skimming is a thrilling and often hilarious event. Set up at the bottom of a ski slope is a large pool of freezing water that is dug into the snow for a seamless transition over the water.

claim it originated in Canada back in the 1920s, or maybe it was in someone's backyard who wanted to have some fun in the slush. Either way skiers back then and now like to splash around in the spring conditions.

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Spectators gather around the pool to watch the spectacle and cheer on the skimmers as the rush down the hill and skim across the pool, or more often plunge into the frigid water.

Participants gather at the top of the run, donning everything from superhero costumes to tutus to full-body animal suits. Some competitors take the event seriously, carefully selecting their equipment and strategy for crossing the pond, while others are content to simply make a splash and entertain the crowd.

As the event kicks off, the first participants ski or snowboard down the hill, picking up speed as they approach the water.

The goal is to maintain enough speed to glide over the water and make it to the other side, but that's often easier said than done. Some participants crash spectacularly into the water, while others manage to skim across the surface, to the cheers of the crowd.

The skimmers are judged on their pond skimming skills, their costume creativity and flair, their graceful or not so graceful transition from snow to water, and of course whether they make it across the pond or not. This year's competition categories include Best Skimmer, Best Costume, Best Kid and Best Splash.

Costumes are silly, outrageous, and definitely keep you on your toes because you'll never know what to expect next. The winners are awarded bragging rights, and the crowd goes wild for their favorites.

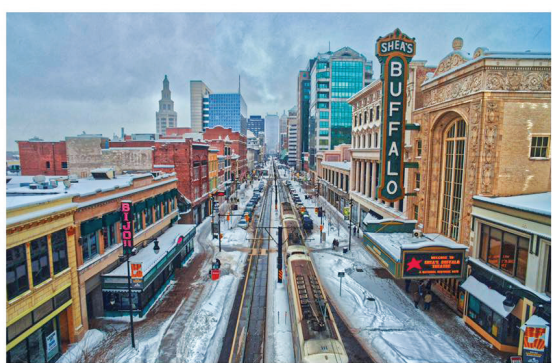
skim across the water, DJ Tyler Swift will be playing some tunes to keep the crowd entertained. As an avid snowboarder at Holiday Valley, it'll be great having him on a stage instead of the slopes this time. He'll be playing from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, March 25.

Pond Skimming at Holiday Valley is a must-see event for anyone who loves skiing, snowboarding, and having a good time. So, head to the base of Yodeler Lodge for some good music, food and drinks at the outdoor bar, and maybe grab a free Red Bull from a Wings Team member.

The 2023 annual Pond Skimming will take place on Sunday, March 26 at 1pm. Registration begins at 11am. There is a maximum of 50 participants so make sure to sign up! Skiers or boarders must be at least 8 years old and have a parent's signature if under 18.

Inside Business: Rock Lion Goods

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BY KATE BARTLETT

Mark Brice is owner and founder of Rock Lion Goods based out of Buffalo, NY. Born and raised in Orchard Park, the heart of Bills Country, Mark has great pride for his hometown of Buffalo, and has found his passion and a unique way to make a living sharing this pride.

With hopes of becoming a sports announcer, Mark studied Telecommunications at Penn State University. He gained experience 'behind the booth' doing color commentary for the Penn State football games and graduated in 2001 with his Bachelor's degree. He moved home and worked for WBEN as a board operator to gain experience in the field. However, after about 1 year, he decided to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a pilot.

Mark attended flight school in Sanford, Florida and attained his pilot license in November

2004. He worked as a flight engineer on a Boeing 727 for a cargo company until his position was ultimately eliminated when the company was bought out. "It was a great experience. I was able to live my childhood dream of being a pilot and I gained a deeper appreciation for flying; the world looks different with a new perspective."

Next, Mark moved home and worked various jobs, searching for something that 'sparked' him. He gained salesman experience with Time Warner Cable and learned valuable skills to help him down the road. He met and married his wife Becky, who encouraged him to start his own business. "I had always wanted to own my own company, and she gave me the final push to get started." Mark bought a drone and founded Buffalo Aerial Pictures in 2014.

His company 'took off' (pun intended) as Mark's experience as a licensed pilot gave him valuable

expertise for drone photography. He utilized his photography background from high school, and found a productive business within a creative outlet. "It was a great opportunity to meld my love for photography and pilot experience into something productive and useful. My salesman experience also paid off when selling prints and approaching business to stock product."

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"One thing led to another and soon I was making hundreds of products." Mark projected images onto different products including ornaments, cutting boards, magnets and the like. He became curious about making different products, so started using a laser engraver and described products. Mark founded Rock Lion Goods, a company specializing in custom magnets, ornaments, keychains, etc. He utilized his sales skills to yet again market his product, but "the product sold itself," says Mark.

Rock Lion Goods is currently stocked locally at the Buffalo Airport Giftshop, BFLO stores, Anchor Bar and the Sabres Store inside Key Bank Arena. Products can also be found around the country at

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SPRING BURN BAN

Message from the NYS DEC...

Annual Spring Burn Ban March 16 - May 14, 2023

March 16 marked the first day of the annual spring burn ban, which continues through May 14 statewide. This statewide ban temporarily outlaws burning residential brush and yard debris. Warm spring temperatures and lack of snow cover create drier conditions and increased fire risk. The ban does not prohibit small campfires fueled by charcoal or untreated wood.

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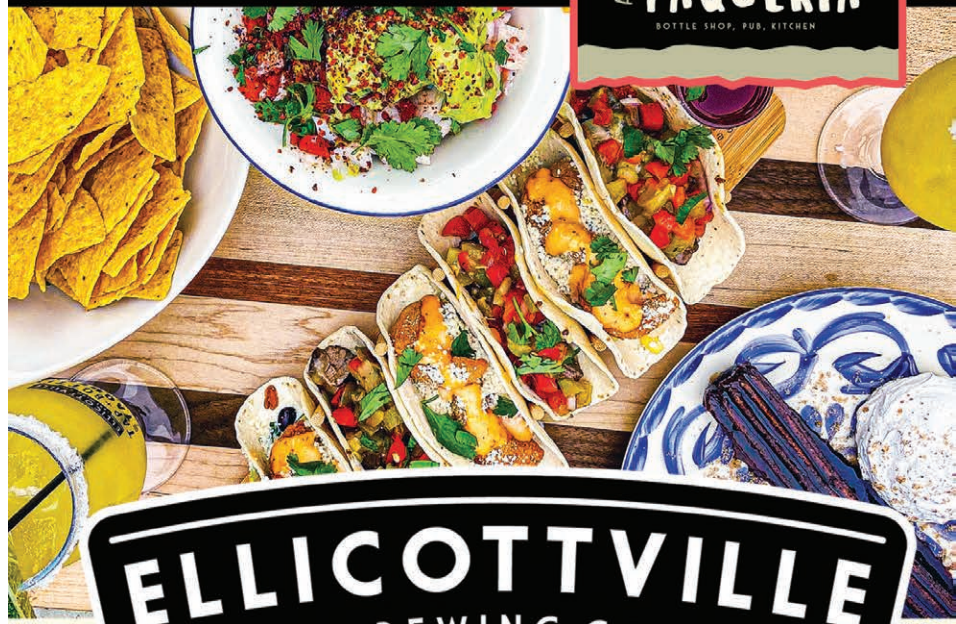
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Rosie

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"The Second World War changed the United States for women, and women in turn transformed their nation." Over 350,000 women enlisted; seven million stepped into civilian jobs joining the eleven million already working. Women raised funds and organized home front initiatives to conserve resources. Food and gasoline were rationed. Americans (women) were asked by FLOTUS Eleanor Roosevelt to plant "Victory Gardens" as she did, and to conserve rubber (saving and sending rubber band balls for recycling). Women gave up their beloved nylon stockings to repurpose for parachutes and powder bags. Kids got into the act. As a child, I recall taking my grandfather's empty tobacco package and peeling the foil off the paper, along with the foil in gum wrappers to be collected and sent for the "war effort." The government even tried for three months to ban sliced

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bread until the ladies stood up and made their voices heard. Fun fact, women got around the lack of stockings with leg makeup and eyebrow pencils to draw the seam lines up the back of their legs!

It seems making voices heard has always been a challenge for women in America. Even after stepping to the plate during the war, the government and the private sector sent this message to women: "... their activities and sacrifices would be needed only 'for the duration' of the war' ..." That served as both a promise ... and an order, subtly suggesting that women should not try to get too ahead of the dominant gender norms. "...when some women challenged these norms, they faced harsh criticism."

Problem was, these experiences taught women what they were capable of, laying the foundation for the civil rights movements in the second half of the 20th century.

One might think that the word, feminism has modern day roots. The word was first used in 1837 by French philosopher, Charles Fourier, referring to feminine qualities. By the end of that century, it was co-opted by the women's suffrage movement, meaning the advocacy of women's rights based on the equality of the sexes. Today, the feminists are the women and men who believe that women should get the same treatment that men do especially in terms of ability to be employed

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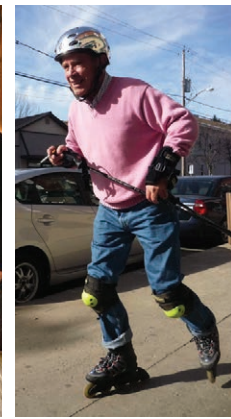


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Spotlight: The Life of Joseph DiPasquale ~ Eulogy, St. Mary's Church, 3/20/23



Everyone who knew Joe has a story to share, he was that kind of man. He was a character, maybe the last of the many characters who came to Ellicottville in the late 1950's and 60's to ski and have fun, changing the nature of this little mill town forever. Joe first came to Ellicottville in 1959, soon after Holiday Valley opened, and became a member of the Ellicottville Ski Club.

(or insistence), Joe went on to Canisius High school. Always an outspoken rebel, after three years Joe and the Jesuits decided that perhaps a change of venue would be for the best, and he happily spent his senior year at Kenmore High School, now Kenmore West. After high school Joe Graduated from The University of Buffalo.

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served in the armed forces during WWII. Among the members were Edna and Doc Northrup, Corky Kantowski, Roseann and Bob Truckenbrode, Bob and Audrey McNight, Duke Stock, Tony Cassetta, Oliver and Marcy, and Ricky Berrara.

I have spent thousands of hours with Joe over the years, but usually in 3 - 5 minute bursts. Abhorring boredom, he was seldom in one place for long. In any case, it is hard to really know another person. We are all so complex, and do not always share our inner selves openly. To learn more we must share what we know with others, and in turn, learn from them, and in that way create a more accurate picture of the man. The stories that we all have reflect the key attributes of his nature, some obvious, and some not.

I'll start by saying that

Joe loved his family, and he was so proud of them all. So many of the stories he shared were about his father and mother, his Uncle Sam Genco, who fought in Europe in WWII, his daughters Dina and Jennifer, his brother Frank, and Frank's daughters Dana and Danielle, and of course, his grandchildren. Joe really got a kick out of watching Cecelia, Emmylou, and Coleman Carls and Gigi Barlow grow and develop their own personalities, talents and accomplishments. He laughed when he heard about their little transgressions, probably because he knew they paled in comparison to his own. I deeply admire the parenting and commitment demonstrated by Joe and Judy. Joe used to say, many times, "De fontibus et non disputandum", meaning the source is beyond dispute,

or the apples don't fall far from the tree.

Joe was a showman. When he stepped out, he was on stage, and he had a costume for every occasion. From pastel suits and saddle shoes to a General Patton Uniform with army boots, Joe came to the party ready to entertain. Who could forget Joe on spoons, playing with local bands in town? On the occasion of his 80th birthday, Dina hosted a beautifully planned and executed party at Holimont. The grandchildren were dressed and ready for the professional photographer that Dina had arranged. Joe's friends were asked to dress as Joe might on such an occasion, but Joe was not to be outdone. He was way ahead of us all, for he came as a clown! To say that didn't go over so well might be an understatement. The grandkids were frightened,

and Dina was mortified, but Joe . . . he had a great time!

Joe was a Patriot. He was drafted by the Army in 1955 and proudly served two years in the famed 10th Mountain Division in Germany as a tank driver during the very height of the Cold War. This was a time when the Iron Curtain kept the populace of Eastern Europe firmly in the grip of Soviet oppression, with little hope of reform or escape. In the Fall of 1956, Joe was among the USA and NATO Forces positioned at the border as the USSR violently crushed the short lived Hungarian Revolution. It was a high stakes and extremely tense affair, with nuclear war or armed conflict between the West and the USSR a real

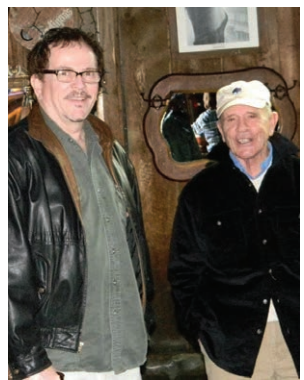
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By, PAUL CARMICHAEL
(PICTURED ABOVE)

Joseph DiPasquale, aka Joey D was born November 13, 1935, the elder son of Frank and Jennie (Genco) DiPasquale, and peacefully passed away on March 14, 2023.

He proudly and happily shared with anyone who would listen that he grew up in Kenmore, NY, in a place and time that he thought was ideal. Joe was brought up in a loving home, and had lots of friends. Often he and his friends poured into his house, and Ma, as she was known by everyone, made sure all were well fed. In the warm months he played baseball every minute he could, and in the winter, hockey.

Joe attended St. Paul's Grammar School, and with his parent's encouragement



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Spotlight: Promoting Jamestown: Downtown Jamestown Renaissance Corp.



The bigger attractions might pull people from farther away, but it's the local, small-town element that will help people remember their visit to Jamestown.

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the city has to offer. Besse is also co-owner of Labyrinth Press Company & Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge on E. 4th Street in Jamestown.

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) is focused on supporting local businesses to help increase tourism, "The JRC works in neighborhood revitalization and downtown economic development. We award grants to business owners and property owners". In addition to the businesses they work with, Besse explained how the JRC communicates with city organizations, "We coordinate work with the city, Chamber of Commerce, Visitor's Bureau, and other partners". Jamestown already has quite a few

interesting attractions to pull in tourists. In addition to being near gorgeous Chautauqua Lake, Besse also told me about, "the National Comedy Center. We also have a large dual pad ice arena that is very popular for locals, but also a lot of regional hockey or ice-skating competitions. We have the Robert H. Jackson Center which celebrates the Supreme Court Justice that's from Jamestown and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute for Roger Tory Peterson who is a preeminent naturalist of the 20th century. And we are the hometown of Lucille Ball, so we have the Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz museum. And all of that is near the downtown of Jamestown which is a nationally recognized historic district for its architectural significance. It's walkable and inviting. We have a variety of retail

shops and restaurants. So, it's really all of those things working together that create a dynamic visit to Jamestown".

These bigger attractions might pull people from farther away, but it's the local, small-town element that will help people remember their visit to Jamestown. "When people go on a trip, they want to talk about the cool museums, nature, and city they went to and what makes that more remarkable is the great local art gallery they visited, the cute retail shop they went to, or the delicious meal they had. Those are the main street businesses that we work with" Besse said. Keeping these local businesses alive is really what will help Jamestown be known as a fun, authentic community with lots to do. Besse says one of the best ways to do that is to verbally share with

others, "I'm a big proponent of word of mouth. A lot of people come through this area and they're going to ask the hospitality workers what's good in Jamestown because they want to know what that place is like. Just

"A healthy economy has many sectors. Tourism, hospitality, manufacturing, healthcare, education, all these different factors. I think that there would be concern of tourism growing to be too large in the pie, but if the entire pie is growing, that's good. The thing we're going to watch out for is being too dependent on tourism or too dependent on a single season".

being available for those impromptu conversations is a great way for community members to help. But more important is supporting those local businesses so they stay open".

Besse says the JRC is aware that tourism

is only one part of how a city functions and it can't be allowed to grow uncontrolled, "A healthy economy has many sectors. Tourism, hospitality, manufacturing, healthcare, education, all these

different factors. I think there would be concern of tourism growing to be too large in the pie, but if the entire pie is growing, that's good. The thing we're going to watch out for is being too dependent on tourism or too dependent on a single

season". And while they do want tourism to grow it can't be the only focus for the city in the future. "We need to create and foster the experiences that local residents enjoy and cherish. Those experiences are what tourists seek and are the most sustainable for a community to create and maintain. I think having those authentic experiences is important for a place like Jamestown. Tourists can tell when something is just a gimmick to get a tourist dollar. Those places aren't fun to live in. You don't have to accommodate tourists at the cost of your own community's integrity". Besse is looking forward to the future of tourism in Jamestown as well as maintaining a great environment for the residents who enjoy the small-town aspects of the city.



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Joey DiPasquale traveled to Mississippi's Temple Theatre to play Tribute to the Carter Family at National Venue, 2014.

Joey

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possibility. He had a ring side seat. Thanks Joe.

Later on, Joe helped Gale and me to make our Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance a wonderful success by identifying and encouraging local WWII veterans to attend and share their special memories. Thanks to Joe, we were made aware of our long unsung local heroes such as Bob Truckenbrode, who flew a TBM Avenger from an aircraft carrier in the Pacific. Bob sank two Japanese ships, including a destroyer, in one sortie. Retired Ellicottville Central School superintendent Dan Siriani shared his experience as a navigator aboard a B-17 bomber. His plane with a crew

of ten men was shot down over Schweinfurt, Germany in the infamous Black Thursday raid on the essential ball bearing factories. 60 US bombers and their crews were lost on that day, and 17 others returned to their base so severely damaged they had to be scrapped. Dan was severely wounded, and spent a year and a half in Stalag 17 before being liberated at the end of the war. Thanks Joe.

Joe was also a compassionate caregiver and loyal friend. A short list of those he cared for near the end of their lives include Panje Erickson, Pete Seely, Norm Koch, Junior Lafferty, Dave Collins, Don & Mary Ellen Morrison, his beloved 'Ma', and Grace Kell's big brother, Tommy O'Connor. For each he offered transportation, companionship, shopping, and wellness visits. In



Joe was a showman. When he stepped out, he was on stage, and he had a costume for every occasion. From pastel suits and saddle shoes to a General Patton Uniform with army boots, Joe came to the party ready to entertain. Who could forget Joe on spoons, playing with local bands in town?

the case of Tom, this was especially so, for Joe knew that Tom had served in a bloody, thankless war and carried the memories deep inside. Joe devoted himself to his wellbeing, dropping everything at a moments notice to help with many trips to Veteran's Hospital, pick something up, or to just spend some time with him. This is only a sample of Joe's compassion for others, and I am sure others could share more. Thanks Joe.

Joe was athletic and graceful. His time spent on ice rinks growing up prepared him well for roller skates and later, roller blades. There is a photo I once saw of Joe at an Ellicottville Ski Club party. He is dressed in a tuxedo, wearing roller skates, and holding a full glass of beer. The photo captures him in a tight turn, leaning at a steep but fully coordinated angle, with the beer level in his glass. . .not a drop spilled.

Some 20 years ago we flew in my plane to Key

West. Deciding that we really needed to explore the Key, I rented a motor scooter, and Joe followed on his roller blades. His grace and skill on blades were a huge hit wherever he went, and surprisingly after that, handsome young men were present wherever we went, and I don't think he had to buy a drink for two days.

Joe was a poet, and his work has been published in our local press over the years. In them you will find his wit, humor, understanding of the world, and directions for improving it. In fact, he left behind a handwritten book of his original poems, complete with table of contents.

Which brings us to his love of people. He needed their presence and attention. He was attractive to guys and girls alike. I mention two very special friends. First, the ever devoted and loving Patty Laidlaw who along with his family stayed by Joe's side until the end. Next, Joe's dear friend

and part-time antagonist, the late Bob McCarthy. Their friendship was unbreakable, but their banter was endless.

Joe's stories, his comments, his opinions, his antics were often outrageous, but always entertaining. He could enrage, but also disarm with his wit, and he was fearless. Like a little bantam rooster he would stand his ground in the face of overwhelming odds, yet always survive.

As an illustration, I will share one last story that I hope will spark many more from those who knew him. About 10 years ago, Gale and I were staying at her sister's home in Central Florida. Joe decided to drive down and meet us on his way to Naples. He was driving alone non-stop except for gas, and occasionally called to let us know where he was. Since he didn't know where we were staying, I suggested that he meet us a local bar I had noticed in town. Gale and I arrived just before

Joe, and quickly observed that the place was full of local, middle-aged guys, each resembling Larry The Cable Guy, and they had probably been there most of the day.

To them it was obvious we were Yankees, and one guy was particularly vocal about his opinion of folks who represented the occupying enemy from the North. That's when Joe came in, and the mouthy guy started on him. It was looking a bit tense, knowing that what Joe said next could restart the War of Northern Aggression. He looked at the de-facto leader and asked, "So, were you born here?" He responded, "No, I was born in Plum Branch, South Carolina." Joe replied, "Boy, I'll bet they threw a party when you left". The howls that followed completely filled the room, and once again, Joe purchased no drinks that night.

So long, my friend, and thanks. You will be missed far more than you ever imagined.



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Beer



and CollaBEERation was born.”

Next, Joe joined forces with local beer consultant Erik Coleman of Beer My Coleman and created the festival. Members of Buffalo Beer Geeks sign up, they are put into groups and those small groups are each assigned to a participating brewery. They spend 3-4 months meeting, planning, creating, naming and brewing a special beer that never has been made before by the brewery. This festival is where all the breweries can showcase these collaborative efforts and guests can have unlimited pours. The first festival was held in February, 2020 upstairs at Resurgence during two different sessions on the Sunday before Presidents Day.

“We all know what happened a month later,” said Joe. “So, the following year we knew we couldn’t do an in-person festival. We still had groups sign up and everything was virtual. We sold all 24 collabs in a mixed 24-canned case people could pre-order, and it sold out in like 2 hours. In 2022 we brought back an in person event at The Powerhouse in Buffalo, added on a VIP feature and

had one session, 5 hours long. We sold about 410 tickets.”

This year, their 3rd in person event is back at The Powerhouse, it is has already sold nearly 550 tickets. It includes 43 local breweries, cideries, meaderies and one seltzer location all serving up a unique collab. They will also have food vendors, shopping vendors, music and more! While many of the participating breweries operate in Buffalo, some come from our area, to include Ellicottville Brewing, Steelbound and Southern Tier. Some breweries are coming from Rochester, like Strangebird, and others are coming from the Finger Lakes, like Rising Storm and Frequentum. A full list is on the event website, Collabeerationfestival.com.

Tickets are \$65 for general admission, which allows you entry from 1pm-5pm with unlimited tastings. VIP tickets for early admission at Noon are sold out. However, if you are planning to be the designated driver for someone with a VIP ticket, you can still get early admission with a

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Catt. County Freedom Trail

Banners on Display in Olean through March

BY JESSICA MILLER

The African American Center for Cultural Development (214 North Barry, Olean) is proudly hosting Journey to the North: New York’s Freedom Trail Banners for display. These banners detail stories and New York locations of note during the Underground Railroad period. The men, women, and children who claimed their freedom from enslavement, and the allies providing support throughout New York and beyond are recognized in the guest exhibit.

Della Moore, the founder of AACCD, is especially pleased to hold space for the temporary display. She’s so enthusiastic, she is inviting the public to visit even before AACCD facilities are officially open. “Although we’re not open yet, we couldn’t pass up this opportunity,” Moore said. “We feel the wonderful exhibit will be a positive benefit for the Center and the whole Olean area.”

Olean, like much of New York, had strong abolitionist activity despite the penalties listed in the 1850 Fugitive Slave Law. Anyone who was caught assisting someone escaping slavery could be subject to imprisonment and a \$1,000 fine. This made discretion and stealth critical to everyone connected to the Underground Railroad. Fortunately, western New York was home to many supporters of freedom who offered their homes, skills,



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and resources in the name of abolition.

The social sentiment Olean provided to the Underground Railroad. Proximity to waterways and rest stations in Rochester and Buffalo, and Canada made the town a favorable locale for formerly enslaved people, whether they were en route to another destination or ultimately chose to build lives in Olean. “Aunt” Sarah Johnson is one prominent local example of someone who made Olean her home, where she remained as a valued midwife and friend to her neighborhood.

Ms. Johnson’s story is just one of those with roots in New York’s Freedom Trail history. She has good company amongst those who may be less local or familiar. The banners

visiting AACCD will recognize others worthy of note and other relevant historic details of her fellow New Yorkers and what they encountered.

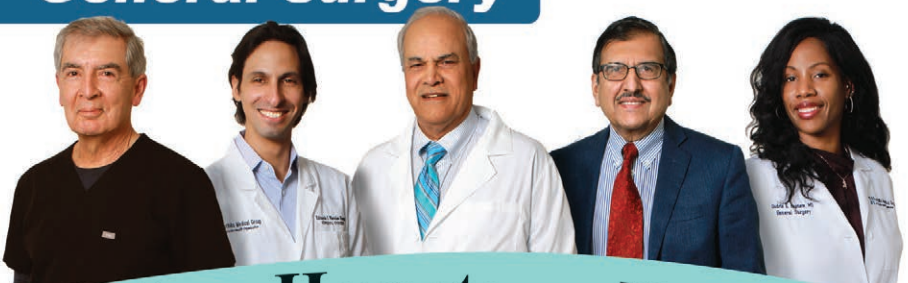
While many hometown heroes will always have a home at AACCD, this display is a visiting one for the facility. Journey to the North can be seen until March 30. Visiting hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturday’s from noon—3 PM or can be made by appointment via phone (215-704-6608). School field trips are welcome to visit AACCD for this exhibit and others. There is no admission cost, but donations supporting AACCD are gratefully accepted.

“We want everyone to come see and learn from it,” said Moore.

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learning, but a big key to success is to surround yourself with a 'key' team of employees... My motto has always been, 'you don't work for me, you work with me.' And I truly feel that way. Our current team is amazing!"

Changes can be seen in the menu from where it started 5 years ago. "I like that we have 'simplified' the menu and worked hard to streamline as much as we can so we can offer a great diverse menu for all ages," Michelle notes. "There truly is something for everyone on our menu. Last summer we partnered with Millie's Ice Cream out of Pittsburgh... their ice cream is the best and I am hoping to build that following up this summer with an earlier head start." She has also added a Brunch every weekend on both Saturday and Sunday.

Michelle stated that the growth and expansion of the menu comes from several areas: Listening to the customers and what they would like to see available; pulling in some of the "comfort" foods she grew up with such as the stuffed peppers; and "watching the trends in the industry and figuring out what is popular yet at the same time, what you are able to execute and keep the customers coming back for."

Another factor in her success is having an overall goal for the atmosphere and adapting to meet that goal year over year. "The goal is always to offer great food and a social atmosphere that people talk about," says Michelle. "It's a 'Cheers' kind of concept, where everyone knows your name and



You can see Michelle's creative influence in the decor, including colorful paintings, funny signs, and a unique limestone countertop. There is also a Selfie machine that lets you take your own photos with various backgrounds, and then will email or text those photos to you. And let's not forget the name of the restaurant.

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Michelle found a place named 'Group Therapy' during her many years of travel, and thought that would be great name to use if she ever opened her own place. But, when it came time to do just that, she found out another establishment in New York already had that name. Ever creative, she changed it up, and 'Group Ther-Happy' with the 'Y' being a tipped martini glass was born.

Another clever touch is the take-home pizza box with the saying, 'Let's take this back to your place.' "Creativity is key," Michelle stated. "My first year I was fortunate enough to attend my first International Pizza Convention in Las Vegas with Peter Kreinheder from EBC in Ellicottville. Peter has taught me a lot and continues to be one

of my 'go-to's' when I need to reach out for some expert advice. It was at the initial convention that I stopped to meet with a vendor for the pizza boxes. His many displays were overwhelming, but it gave me several ideas for a branded theme for our pizza boxes and it is a perfect fit!"

The location at 103 Chautauqua Avenue in the Historic District of Lakewood, NY has been a boon for Michelle. "We have many customers come by car, foot and even by boat," she points out. "Many people don't know that there are public dock slips down at the Lakewood Beach, so I am hoping that word spreads even more this coming summer."

When asked where she sees the restaurant in another 5 years, Michelle replied, "I see us still here and stronger than ever with the help of our team and our customers. My hope is that our customers see us as a family friendly place for all ages... A place to come on a sunny day and enjoy our outside patio and brunch on the weekends... a place where they can't wait to return!" For more information, visit their website at <https://www.groupher-happy.com/> or Facebook, /groupherhappy

Moore

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experience to live in the mountains of Colorado, especially coming from Delaware. I was fortunate to live on the river and went kayaking and white water rafting every day; it was incredible."

She met her now husband, Michael, during her summer in Crested Butte. Originally from Great Valley, Michael was working at the Three Rivers Resort as a whitewater raft guide and maintenance man. Amy finished her Senior Year in Delaware, then moved back out to Colorado with Michael and worked as a server and bartender at Harmel's Horse Ranch Resort. "We soaked in the great outdoors and took as many adventures as possible. My experience in Colorado helped shape who I am as a person today."

Amy was then hired to be a corporate manager trainee at The Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. However, a few months after relocating, the position was eliminated as a result of the decrease in hospitality and travel following September 11. Since she had just moved across the country, Amy made the most of the situation and found various jobs in the customer service industry including Enterprise Car Rental and waitressing. She became pregnant with their daughter, Cyrene, and they decided to move back to the east coast to settle down and start a family. "Our summer romance turned into lifelong love. 21 years and counting," says Amy. They bought land in Humphry, NY, built a house, and had their son, Errol, 2 years later.

With a great love all

things outdoors, Amy pursued a job at Holiday Valley. "I wanted my kids to grow up knowing the slopes. We embrace adventure in nature, and Holiday Valley is a perfect fit for us." Amy started out serving part-time at the resort and was head wait for the bride and groom at many weddings. She furthered her experience in customer service and bartending, and became head server when John Harvard's Brewpub opened at Holiday Valley in 2010. She has since worked her way up to become bartender/supervisor. "It was exciting to have a brand-new hotel and full-service restaurant with slope side dining. It's always been a casual atmosphere with amazing views of the slopes year-round. It's the perfect place to grab a beer in your ski boots, pizza with the kids, or to celebrate a special occasion with an amazing salmon or steak dish and a glass of wine."

During her 16 years at Holiday Valley, 14 of which have been at John Harvard's, Amy has witnessed the resort transform from a winter ski destination into an all-seasons resort. "Holiday Valley has done an amazing job attracting tourism during every season. From skiing in the winter, the pool and Cabana Bar in the summer, the Adventure Course, Mountain Coaster and chair-lift rides in the warmer months, the resort really doesn't have a down season anymore. Between conferences, weddings, music and events, there's always something going on with catering as well. It's been great to witness this first-hand and take part in the expansion of the resort."

While Amy enjoys her time serving customers at Holiday Valley, she



Amy was born and raised in Newark, Delaware and attended the University of Delaware for Hospitality Management and Business Admin. Searching for adventure in the great outdoors, she took a summer internship in Crested Butte, Colorado, at Three Rivers Resort helping manage the café. She met her now husband, Michael, during her summer in Crested Butte. Originally from Great Valley, Michael was working at the Three Rivers Resort as a whitewater raft guide and maintenance man.

keeps busy with a variety of hobbies during her personal time. She is active in the community of Humphry with her mentor and good friend Lois Hilton with Tickle Town, a center for promoting a local and sustainable economy. "We've had great fun bringing people together for full-moon potlucks, workshops and teaching about protecting our local land. I've learned so much from her about bee keeping, making syrup and living a sustainable lifestyle." Her creative outlets have led her to hobbies including basket

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The Gin Mill hosts Second Act from 8-12am. This band plays everything from Zeppelin to The Eagles. Try the 37 beers on tap.

Madigans will host Dj SI from 9-1am. He'll lay down the sauce so you can do the floss in the second story window.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is back with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife team play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers. West will play the second shift from 8-12am. This band does a multi genre set of covers.

We're back at Balloons with High Noon from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a country/bluegrass see of covers. The back bar will host Samantha Taylor from 10-1am. She plays a folk/country/indie/pop set of originals and covers. Dj Bad Weekend will play some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors.

FRIDAY
Balloons is first up with Darkwater Duo and Company on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/alt/country set of covers

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill rides again with Meet the Bacons. They play a country/bluegrass/rock/folk/blues set of covers. Grab a late lunch or early dinner.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. This week's musical host is Garrett Shea from 5:30-8:30pm. He plays a folk/pop set of covers and originals to accompany the finest Italian cuisine in the southern tier.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's guest is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Trina plays a rock/folk/indie/alt/blues set of covers and originals. Fine music and 50 cent wings along with a nice beer selection makes for a fun night.

The Gin Mill offers The Marty Peters Duo Tuesday from 7-10pm. They play rock and blues covers from the 60-70's.

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

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

Beat on the Street:

"What Crazy Weather Event Have You Been Caught In?"

By Chad Neal

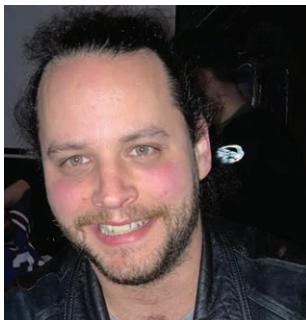


The atmosphere is usually predictable with the technology today as we can forecast most of the weather. One has to pay attention to what they call for in order to be prepared for it though. And sometimes even with all the fancy radar and gear they use to prognosticate the weather is not up to snuff and we get surprised by the biblical tempests that make going outside during it an adventure of sorts. It can be a very dangerous attempt to go get that six pack and bag of chips in some of the storms that make the news, and along with a handful of areas around the country we here in Western New York have seen our share of crazy weather. The oceans can rear up some squalls

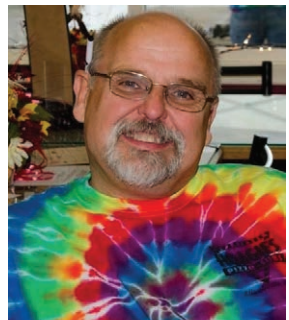
that have taken many to their grave or allowed for a gonzo story of survival and strength and we deal with large water weather as well off the lake and it has shown us amazing meteorology. What crazy weather event have you been caught in?



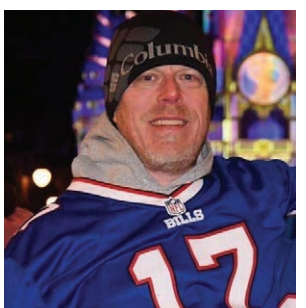
Bruce O.- At Olean Raceway, when my Father raced there, a lightning storm popped up and 2 race cars got hit by lightning.



Michael B.- Ran away from a tornado on my bicycle in Springville one time.



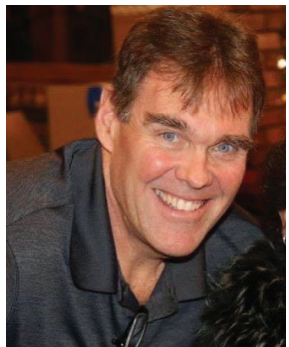
Dan K.- Spent an interesting night in my truck in a gas station parking lot in Alabama. The interstate was closed due to a snow and ice storm. There were many other fellow travelers also stranded. It made for a strange, impromptu party atmosphere.



Colby J.- January 4th 2022, trying to get home from NC. Absolute snow mageddon heading through VA. 195 was a parking lot, so we took back roads and didn't think we were going to get home. Absolute ghost town everywhere we went till we got to Wegmans in Charlottesville VA.



Beth C.- October Storm, out to dinner with friends after work, we left cars at the Eastern Hills Mall and everyone piled into mine while I drove to the closest house and we slept over in the living room!



Rick J.- Nothing like a few good hurricanes.

Moore

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weaving, winemaking and making balms and slaves from beeswax she harvests.

Amy has also been training in Karate at

Shurhari Karate Dojo in Salamanca for 3 years, and recently earned her Brown Belt. "It's such a great balance for me. I have a boisterous, outgoing personality and Karate helps me focus on my introspective, disciplined side and quiets my mind." She also recently added Pickle Ball

to her ever-growing list of extracurricular activities, and has competed in several tournaments with the Olean Picklers at the Olean YMCA. "This club is great for any level, beginners to competitive, and I invite anyone and everyone out to play! Only \$5/visit, non-members welcome."

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Short-Term Rental Planning

Town of Ellicottville Board Hears Debates

BY DAVE PARKER

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 15. Supervisor Matthew McAndrew opened the meeting with the Privilege of the Floor to allow for public input. Samantha White and Jeffrey Goodman joined via Zoom to review the proposal from their company Grancius to provide short-term rental planning, compliance, and monitoring services. From their data, there are 405 short-term rental listings in the Town, mostly single-family homes with a median rental price of \$344 per night. Mr. Goodman also provided references for other towns in New York where they provide their services.

Also during the Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting, Vicky Conner requested that the Board support an election audit. She claimed that there were numerous violations of the election laws including in Cattaraugus County.

During the Supervisor's Reports portion of the meeting, an update on the Short-Term Rental Committee was provided. The Committee has met and discussed the goals, fees, and process for short-term rentals. Parking issues at the short-term rentals were reviewed.

Highway Department In updates from the Department Heads, Scott Brumagin from the

Highway Department presented a construction schedule for 2023 to the Board. Also from the Highway Department, a new gas line from National Fuel to the Highway barn is being planned, a new one-ton truck was approved for purchase, and the hiring of Kevin Woodin for a part-time position was approved. Planning Department

Greg Keyser updated the Board on the Planning Department priorities which include updates on cannabis regulations. A Preserve NY grant application has been pre-approved for preservation funds for the Historical Society building. The Town of Mansfield has inquired about utilizing planning services to their Planning Board which will require an inter-municipal agreement. Also, a revised application was received for the Simmons Road Solar Farm to move it further back on the property to minimize the visual impact. The Board requested that Mr. Keyser follow up on the references provided by Grancius and for other firms that can provide similar services for short-term local law preparation. Engineering Department

Town Engineer Ben Slotman addressed several topics for the Engineering Department. A request for proposal for landscape services at the Arboretum, Jefferson St., and Niles and Bryant Hill Cemeteries was discussed. Also, the need for a general services

agreement for on-call and as-needed services was reviewed with the Board tabling the discussion. Mr. Slotman is also continuing the search for qualified candidates for the vacant Engineering Assistant position. The Water Project is planned to start with Phase 1 of the work involving drainage improvement on Holiday Valley Road. Discussion ensued involving drainage work planned for Elizabeth Street that should be coordinated with the Village's paving schedule to minimize construction on the road. Finally, a flyer has been developed and will be distributed to inform the Pinetree residents about the lighting effort in that neighborhood. Inter-municipal Dog Kennel

An inter-municipal agreement with the Town of Ashford was approved for the use of their dog kennel. Ashford will charge \$20 per day and any veterinary services fees which the dog owner will be charged to retrieve their dog. After 20 days at the Ashford kennel, dogs would be put up for adoption.

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

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Goods

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locations including Penn State, University of Ohio gift shops, and Laramie, Wyoming, Josh Allen's college town. "It's really fun making products for all these different places. I'm constantly changing products and evolving the process to best meet customer needs. I'm a maker at heart, and it's awesome to be able to produce something that is meaningful to people. I love the process, watching the vision come to life and ultimately seeing my artwork out in the community."

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Visit www.rockliongoods.com to view Mark's gallery of products and www.buffaloaerialpictures.com for more information on Buffalo Aerial Pictures. "All roads lead to Rome," recalls Mark. "Follow your heart and eventually you'll find your calling."

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties

Baptismal Group in Chautauqua Lake Circa 1900

Concerns Regarding Drainage Work

Village of Ellicottville Board Meeting

By DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, March 21st. Mayor John Burrell opened the meeting and took public comments from the floor. The first topic from the floor was local resident Lynda Neuirth. She talked about amending the local law #3 of 1982 to make sure the residents took care of the front and back sides of their properties. In the past where the lawns meet the grass has grown out of control. The board members stated they agreed that this is a problem and will follow up with the amendment.

Representatives from Ellicott Development Corporation addressed the plans for the relocation of Ratchet Hatchet to the plaza at 1-5 East Washington Street. They detailed the plan to address the widening of a shared driveway between the plaza and a neighboring house in order to provide access to the parking area for Ratchet Hatchet. The challenge is that the house is in a residential zone and would need to be rezoned to commercial

for the driveway plan to be approved. The Board approved a motion to allow the Village Attorney to amend the Village zoning law to rezone the residence at 7 East Washington Street to commercial. A public hearing for this rezoning was set for the April Village Board meeting.

A lengthy discussion with representatives from the firm of Barton and Loguidice regarding their proposed contract for planning services for the Water Project and the schedule for completing drainage work on Elizabeth Street this year. Board members raised several concerns with the timeline and the potential for not completing the Elizabeth Street drainage work as requested for this year. Also discussed was the approach for payments from the Village and Town to Barton and Loguidice. Engineer Ben Slotman and the Board will have follow-up meetings with Barton and Loguidice to address the schedule concerns for drainage improvements on Elizabeth Street.

Village Attorney Richard Stanton is reviewing the short-term rental laws to ensure the fines assessed on

violations can cover the cost of enforcement. Attorney Stanton and the Board discussed potentially raising the fines to over \$1000 which must be reasonable and proportionate to the cost of enforcement. Also, the proposal for short-term rental management and monitoring services presented by the firm Grancius at last week's Town Board meeting was discussed as a potential option to improve the Village's short-term rental management.

Mayor Burrell raised a report of an EMS event recently where a medical issue was reported to be caused by tainted cannabis being sold locally. The Mayor and Board discussed the lack of follow-up by the State's Cannabis Control Board to reports of quality issues at local dispensaries. Mayor Burrell was going to contact the local State Assemblymember and Senator to address the lack of response to the cannabis quality concerns and enforcement.

For full meeting details and other Village news please visit the Village's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html>.

Independent

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and in wages. As a feminist, you strive for the equality of all people. Adding intersectionality allows the striving for gender equality to become inclusive. It should not exclude people because of race, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status. Ask yourself, am I a feminist? Do I want to be?

It's funny how society accepts certain "norms". When I was growing up,

my brothers were expected to go into the armed forces or go to college. When I asked to go to college, I was told my place was in the home and my "job" was to raise a family. We have come a long way, but it's taken a lot of push-back to make it happen. If you are a forty-something reading this, you may say, "that can't be true." Many of the privileges women automatically have today came by way of parents and grandparents refusing to stand for rigid social traditions which excluded them. Every step forward does not mean we have

leeway to allow for steps back. Women are still fighting for equal pay for the same job. We are still fighting for equal representation for women in power. We have yet to have a woman in the highest position in the land. Did you know that U.S. ranks 75th out of 193 countries in terms of women's representation in government? Instead of moving forward, we have been moved back, losing rights we have had for half a century. Perhaps we need more "Rosies" to step up to show us how it's done. www.politico.com

Beer

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"As for next year," Joe

adds, "The plan is to keep it going and growing. More breweries, more beer geeks and even crazier collabs!" For more information or to purchase tickets, visit their website. If you are interested in participating next year, look up their Facebook group and request to join. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/buffalobeergeeks>

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