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## Area Events

**CHOSEN TREASURES MONTH**  
April, 2023  
Lake Erie Wine Trail

**AUDUBON LIGHTS**  
March 31 & April 1 • 8:30pm  
Audubon Center, Jamestown

**GRAPES & HOPS FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, April 1 • 3pm  
Northwest Arena, Jamestown

**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

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Saturday, April 15 • 7:30pm  
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Saturday, May 6, 2023  
Fire Hall, Findley Lake

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Saturday, May 27, 2023  
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## History: April Fools' Day

Facts Behind the Fun Frenzy



In 1957 the BBC reported a bumper crop of spaghetti, showing people harvesting spaghetti strands from ivy growing on ceilings in restaurants, and outdoors from trees.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

*How did April Fools' Day begin? Why April 1? Take your pick...*

As have most of us, I grew up looking forward to the jokes I might play on my family or friends on the first day of

April. Not so much in my graying years, but it's always interesting to find out how things started.

The explanation (and there are many) that makes the most sense is the story about the

SEE "TRADITION" PAGE 9

## National Autism Awareness

Month of April Dedicated to Recognizing Disorder



There are a great number of famous people who are diagnosed or suspected to have been on the spectrum such as (pictured clockwise: Anthony Hopkins, Dan Aykroyd, William Butler Yeats, Woody Allen and Daryl Hannah. ASD occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and is more than 4 times more common among boys than girls. If you know someone with the diagnosis, engage with them and affirm them. Likely, you will be enriched.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

One in fifty-nine.

*April is national autism spectrum disorder recognition month. It's a lonely place to be.*

Those are the odds of a child developing autism, Asperger's

SEE "AUTISM" PAGE 6

## Artist Spotlight: Dave Elder

The Roots of WNY's "Party Squad"



Dave and his daughter, Vanessa (author of this article) enjoying some wine, cheese, and French onion soup at the Johnny Onion ride with the Lazy Randonneurs at the Delaware Park Rose Garden, Buffalo NY.

By, VANESSA ELDER

Allow me to share with you some of guitarist, Dave Elder's traveling music career with

accolades from Stevie Ray Vaughn, Les Paul, and Buddy Miles.

SEE "ELDER" PAGE 7

## Housing Built Above the Rest

Newest Developments in Ellicottville



In order to find me affordable housing options contractors are looking into a Treehouse Development to be built in and around Ellicottville, NY. A large stand of larch and oak on the hill behind the Elk Creek development on Maples Rd. Is said to be a perfect spot to build several smaller houses that the Finnish company claims will be less expensive and could possibly be good for local housing as they have noticed many of the homes and houses in and around the village aren't used on a yearly basis. (See "Housing", pg. 11)

## Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

A Lifetime of Giving is Life Worth Living  
Remembering Mary and Larry Nowell ... Pg. 7



To speak of either one of my parents is impossible without mentioning the other. By the time I was born the last Nowell to Larry and Mary Nowell in 1965, they were well established as a dynamic duo on the thriving entertainment scene of Chautauqua County, and as local radio celebrities with radio stations, WJTN and SE93.

Remembering Joey DiPasquale ... Pg. 8

Legend to Ellicottville & All Friends Thereof

## Coppola's Under New Ownership

Popular Pizzeria Keeps it In the Family



Twin brothers Jake and Justin Andriaccio pictured with their families, purchased Coppola's Pizzeria located in Bemus Point, NY from their cousin, Luke Andriaccio, assuming operations only a few days after Super Bowl LVII. They have hit the ground running and while planning minor tweaks to the menu, they are excited to build on the fantastic job Luke has done with the name and the restaurant. They are also modifying the layout and traffic flow in the main area, adding a cold case for quick grab-and-go items.

By PATRICIA MEASER

Coppola's Pizzeria in Bemus Point is well known in the area for their specialty pizzas, amazing sauces, and rockin' cannolis. First opened in 2008, it recently changed ownership. Twin brothers Jake and Justin Andriaccio purchased the business from their cousin, Luke, assuming operations only a few days after Super Bowl LVII. "Luke did a great job of getting this business up and running and creating brand recognition," said Jake. "So, when we heard

SEE "COPPOLA'S" PAGE 12

## Up Close & Personal: JP O'Connell

Part of the Fabric of Ellicottville Community



JP is active in the Rotary Club, and helps out with many community events. He was most recently involved in helping raise money for the Frank Pitillo Lighting Foundation and also the Kentucky to Ellicottville trip that provided aid for victims of the Tornadoes. (Pictured JP, left at Villaggio with owner Nick Pitillo, center and friend, Jeff Williams helping at a Frank Pitillo Lighting Foundation event fundraiser.)

By KATE BARTLETT

Most locals are familiar with JP (John-Paul) O'Connell, the friendly face behind the bar at Villaggio, but few may know the complete story of his family's deep roots in the Ellicottville community. JP has bartended for almost 10 years in The Ellicottville bar scene. His wife, Jenna, is active in the community and is currently running for school board. Their 4 children, Jordan (15), Juliana (14), Jack (8), and Josephine (3) are involved in school groups and sports including

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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 Catholic Church in EVL

Holy Name of Mary Catholic 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.

# FANDANGO! Join In the Spicy Mix

St. Bonaventure's Friends of Good Music Presents April 21

St. Bonaventure – The most exciting new group on Chicago's musical scene, FANDANGO! is a spicy mix of Latin, Spanish, Sephardic, Balkan and classical sounds. These four multi-award-winning, globe-trotting virtuosi from Spain, the USA, former Yugoslavia, and the UK have appeared on the world's most prestigious stages and received rave reviews in the international press. A rousing finale to our Friends of Good Music 22/23 performance season.



## Public Notice: Hydrant Flushing

Town/Village of Ellicottville

Please be aware that the Town of Ellicottville will start flushing fire hydrants beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Women in Networking

Presented by Jamestown Small Business Dev. April 13



Originally from Russell, Pennsylvania, Kayla Crosby first came to Jamestown on a basketball scholarship to play at Jamestown Community College. After a great experience at JCC, including the women's basketball team winning the Region III Championship in 2010, Kayla transferred to St. Bonaventure University where she received 7 teaching certifications. The summer after graduating from St. Bonaventure, Kayla began working as a Residence Director at Jamestown Community College and is currently the Director of Campus Life at JCC on the Jamestown Campus and North County Extension Center.

After playing in semi-pro basketball leagues for 3 years, the Jamestown Jackals joined a new professional basketball league in 2019. During their first season in The Basketball League, Kayla received the Herb Ellis Executive of the Year award for overall community engagement efforts and professionalism on and off the court. The following summer, TBL announced the hiring of Crosby as the league's new director of team development. Crosby continues to serve as the Executive Director for #IntegrityFirst, Inc. and the Team Market Owner of the Jamestown Jackals while continuing her job at JCC.

While working at JCC, Kayla came up with plans of starting a nonprofit organization and professional minor league men's basketball

team. Advanced registration is required. The luncheon starts at 11:30am, with the program from noon-1pm. Please bring business cards for networking with other members. The price is just \$15 for lunch. Register now.

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The Small Business Development Center presents Women in Sports: Thriving in a Male Dominated Profession with guest speaker Kayla Crosby, April 13.

## CHQ. Chamber Legislative Breakfast

Register Now for April 28 Event at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel

Mayville – The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce State Legislative Breakfast will be held Friday, April 28 at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville. State Senator George Borrello and Assemblyman Andrew Goodell will be our guests for a discussion session with moderator John D'Agostino from the Observer. We urge you to come prepared

with questions for our state elected representatives. Advanced registration is required and is open now on the Chamber's web calendar.

This event is sponsored by Brooks-TLC Hospital System/Kaleida Health, Chautauqua Suites Meeting & Expo Center, DFT Communications, Jamestown Mattress, LaBella Associates, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, The Post-

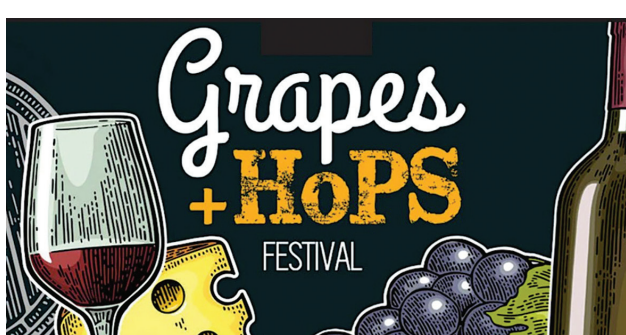
Journal, and the Small Business Development Center.

Check-in will begin at 8am with a buffet breakfast prepared, and the program will begin promptly at 8:30am. We ask that all attendees visit the buffet line before the program begins. The price is \$22 for Chamber members or \$26 for non-members. Sign up now on the Chamber of Commerce website.

## Vendors Wanted: Grapes & Hops Fest.

Annual Event at Northwest Arena in Jamestown April 1, 2-6pm

Jamestown – The annual Grapes and Hops Festival will be held on Saturday, April 1st at Northwest Arena in Jamestown. The event will be held between 2-6pm and vendors are welcome!



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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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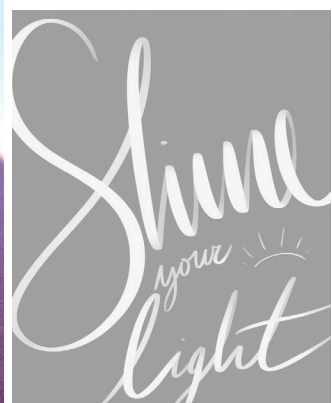
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## Tiny Home Village at Base of HoliMont Ellicottville Retreat Readies for Spring Bookings

BY DAVE PARKER



With the slopes at Holiday Valley and HoliMont transitioning from white to green, there's little time for rest at Tiny Home Village before the spring rental surge for golf, weddings, bridal/bachelor parties, and the many local outdoor events. "Our first ski season was a great success and there's a waiting list already forming for next season," noted co-owner and CEO of Tiny Home Village, Bob Carbone. The 11 cabins at the base of HoliMont opened during this past ski season and offer one of the most unique lodging experiences in the Ellicottville area. Tiny Home Village has been a welcome addition to the rental offerings of the area with its bright interiors, large windows framing the picturesque hillside, and all the amenities of home. "The kids and adults love our cool loft options where the bedroom is a ladder climb to a secluded second-floor hideaway," noted Bob about a common favorite aspect of the cabins.

Also adding to the ambiance and uniqueness of Tiny Home Village are the custom murals of acclaimed Brooklyn artist Maggie Antalek in several

of the cabins. Maggie's art and the overall design of the Tiny Home Village bring a fresh and lively feel to this mountainside retreat. "Our layout is great for large families or parties who want to be together but have the private space of their own cabin to retreat to," detailed Bob. "If anyone wants to book multiple cabins, they can check the availability of the cabins at our website <https://www.basecamp.ski> but use the 'Contact Us' option to reserve multiple cabins and we can work out a discount for multiple rentals." If you're just looking for a single cabin, that can be quickly reserved online via the Tiny Home Basecamp

website or through Airbnb and VRBO.

One surprise to Bob and the Tiny Home Village team has been how quickly they've been selling out for the late summer and fall due to many weddings planned for that time. However, they know the spring and early summer rush is coming. To help fill in any upcoming vacancies, Tiny Home Village is offering a 30% discount to The Villager readers that is valid for stays between April 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Enter the Promotion/Group Code of "VILLAGER30" during your booking at their Basecamp website to receive this great discount and enjoy your stay at this unique property.



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## People, Process and Pottery

Tri-County Arts Council Showcases Pottery Collective

BY MILES HILTON

"Catching Fire", an exhibit featuring wood-fired pottery from the Scott Creek Fire-Place, a collective of ceramics artists in Sheridan, is on view at the Tri-County Arts Council in Olean until May 6. The exhibit features over 100 pieces by a dozen artists, all fired in wood-fired kilns of Scott's Creek Fire-Place. Many of the ceramics on display are for sale, and can be purchased either at the Tri-County Arts Council's location in Olean, or online at [www.tricountyartscouncil.org](http://www.tricountyartscouncil.org).

The Council's Executive Director, Paula Bernstein, sees the exhibit as a way to promote the arts in the region. The team-work that drives Scott's Creek Fire-Place is "the only way this can happen" she acknowledges. To make ceramics "you need materials, talent, inspiration, but it all comes together when you work as a team". The Tri-County Arts Council is an important part of that team. "My job is to promote artists and their work, to allow it to breathe in this space", Bernstein concludes, gesturing to the sunlit gallery packed with people and pots.

The ambiance of this downtown gallery opening contrasts with the wall-mounted photos of Scott's Creek Fire-Place itself. Housed on an old horse farm, the kilns sit in a picturesque red barn overlooking green meadows and a peaceful creek. The site is the brainchild of Marvin Bjurlin, artist and retired SUNY Fredonia ceramics professor of 40 years. Many of the collective's members met through Bjurlin's classes, and the group built the kilns and the barn they are housed in from the ground up. It's an



unlikely group of people, says artist Lisa Eppolito, who might never have come together if not for a love of wood-fired pottery.

They share not only the love, but the labor. Wood-firing takes a village - the collective's soda kiln has a 48-hour firing time, during which the fires must be continually stoked. "It's real shift work", laughs Bjurlin, "I'm grateful to have a dedicated community". Not only do artists feed the fire, they harvest trees, split wood, prepare the shelves and supports inside the kiln, and brew the soda solution, which, when sprayed on the pieces, creates the distinctive surfaces that characterize wood-fired ceramics. The result is truly communal art. "When you pick up a mug that's wood fired, 20 people had their hands on that", marvels Eppolito.

The group's pieces share the distinctive texture of wood-fired ceramics, but each artist's style is unique. Marcia Merrins' statues of animals are lively and intelligent, while Anne Mormile's mesmerizing pieces defy easy categorization and Alberto Rey blurs the line between statue and

practical object. Burlin uses plant material from around his studio to pattern his flatware, while Ann Janik and Elliot Hutton take a more stylized approach to the same botanical themes.

Art can be a solitary pursuit, but the Scott's Creek artisans stressed the creative fire of their community. When artist Sarah Zielonka and others do the unglamorous work of preparing shelving for the kiln, they'll chat about their work and share ideas while the angle grinders aren't running. "It's like a reset, being together" she remarks, "it keeps everybody moving" artistically.

The group's communal work extends further than artistic inspiration, into an almost mystical space. "You're kneeling before the hearth, feeding the fire," Eppolito muses, "there's a lot of ritual involved in the process". She pauses, then continues, summing up the artistic magic of the Scott's Creek Fire-Place community. "Because of clay and because of process we have this space in which to grow relationship and community. And for me, that's quality life."



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## Holiday Valley Continues to Improve

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Say goodbye to the Mardi Gras quad during your last runs of the season. This summer Holiday Valley will begin installing the new 6 person chairlift along with various other updates around the resort.

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Win-Sum Ski Corporation (private owner of Holiday Valley) has submitted a Sale/Leaseback Application to the CCIDA (County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency) seeking a sales tax abatement for Holiday Valley Resort upgrades and renovations. The privately owned resort plans to invest \$8.05 million into various areas of improvement to continue to provide the best guest experience possible. To break it down, \$5.5 million will be designated for building construction, \$1.68 million for equipment, \$420,000 for infrastructure, and \$50,000 for reconstruction and renovation. The funding for these projects will be derived from equity, but the tax break will assist in their future growth and positive impact in Cattaraugus County.

Within the next few years, the resort plans to renovate the 29-year-

old Inn, update John Harvard's Restaurant, install new software upgrades, replace the Mardi Gras lift, add a Sno Cat to the family and golf equipment, renovate the pool, expand the Mountain Coaster, and various other projects.

Here's a quick break down of the CCIDA and what they do in a nutshell.

The CCIDA is "a public benefit corporation under New York State government so the state governs us. There are rules and regulations that tell IDAs what projects were allowed to do and not allowed to do," said Corey Wiktor, CCIDA Executive Director.

They offer financial assistance to businesses in Cattaraugus County through various tax incentives including sales tax, mortgage tax and property tax abatements. These tax incentives are meant to encourage local reinvestment with the end-goal to help further economic advancement and improve work and living opportunities.

The board of directors

work within state legislatures to assist businesses as much as possible. The taxes that would normally be in the hands of the state are either deemed worthy of exemption or not based on the merit of the applications.

Since 1957, Holiday Valley has continually reinvested in infrastructure, accommodation, and other areas to improve the experience of their guests. The IDA recognizes Holiday Valley's commitment to development for the benefit of their employees and guests. The annual investments show the resort's dedication to employee retention and job creation as well as impact on tourism expansion and property valuation growth.

Holiday Valley has contributed to the flourishing of restaurants, stores, and property value in Ellicottville deeming their application for tax abatement acceptable.

The installation of this lift will also contribute to employment security, given the fact that the HV mountain crew installs the lift themselves creating year-round jobs.

"Investing in everything from golfing, to lodging, to skiing. I like to call it a four-season application," Wiktor said. The millions of dollars, blood, sweat, and tears that Holiday Valley has reinvested over the years has not just made the resort better, but the investments and tax breaks "allow the resort to continue to grow in a spectrum that brings value to the region, to the homes.....".

## Upgrades to Holiday Valley

High Speed 6 Pack Chairlift, Restaurant Face Lift & More

Ellicottville, NY, March 2023 – Holiday Valley is preparing for a busy summer of upgrades, highlighted by the installation of a new, state of the art High Speed 6 Pack Chairlift that will replace the Mardi Gras High Speed Quad, thus allowing for two extra people to load each chair during peak operating times. Holiday Valley will purchase the lift from Doppelmayr USA out of Salt Lake City, UT., with whom the resort has a long-standing relationship. Additional investments include: a three-year renovation project on The Inn at Holiday Valley, the purchase of a new PistenBully 600 snow groomer, continued investments into the snowmaking system and renovations to John Harvard's at the Tamarack Club. In total, Holiday Valley plans to invest upwards of \$9 million back into the resort as it prepares for the 2023/24 winter season.

"It's wonderful and exciting to continue to grow Holiday Valley and offer more to our guests," said Holiday Valley President and General Manager, Dennis Eshbaugh. "Our mission is to create fun for every

visitor and our mantra is quality first."

The Holiday Valley Mountain Operations team will do the majority of the 6 Pack build, as they have done with all of the chairlift projects at the resort.

Approximately 35 rooms per year will be renovated at The Inn for the next three years until all 102 rooms are complete. A small convenience store will also be built into the lobby area, which will allow guests easier access to snacks and drinks. The Inn at Holiday Valley first opened in the 1994-95 winter season. The new PistenBully 600 snow groomer will be added to the Holiday Valley grooming fleet. This groomer is not only perfect for maintaining the slopes of the resort in terms of its efficiency and operation but it is also lighter than any groomer in its class and more environmentally friendly.

This past winter has showcased just how important a strong snowmaking system is to the success of Holiday Valley. More automation will be added to the system; allowing the Snowmaking Team to maximize its efficiency. Additionally, aging water and air pipelines will

be extracted from the ground and replaced with new lines in order to create an even more effective snowmaking infrastructure throughout the resort.

This fall, John Harvard's, the restaurant at the Tamarack Club, will be undergoing a redesign that will open the space up more and see a new design to the bar area, thus providing guests with fantastic views of the slopes while they dine. More information can be found at holidayvalley.com.

**About Holiday Valley Resort**

Holiday Valley is Western New York's largest year round resort featuring 60 slopes and trails, 13 lifts, 3 base lodges, slope side lodging and dining, conference facilities, an 18-hole golf course, a tree top aerial adventure park, a mountain coaster and a summer pool complex. Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville is on the web at www.holidayvalley.com. Ellicottville is located on Route 219, just 50 miles (90 kms) south of Buffalo and less than three hours from Cleveland and Toronto. Detailed media info at www.holidayvalley.com/media.

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# Autism

STORY FROM COVER



Sonny Muscato (pictured above right) who, with family love, acceptance, and hard, hard work, turned his situation into one of accomplishment and acceptance. Together they formed the foundation Rock Autism and spread awareness and raise funds for the cause.

Syndrome, or other developmental disorders on the autism spectrum. "Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a 'developmental disorder' because symptoms generally appear in the first 2 years of life." Nih.gov

Until a person on the spectrum develops their sure footing and discovers and develops their strengths, (which they generally will) the condition places them in a very lonely place. Sociability is not one of their strong points; in fact, indifference, seclusion, defiance, belligerence, and anti-social behavior is more the norm. Its hard for a person to be in their own autistic body and equally as difficult for families to understand and embrace them and keep family life on even keel.

I share with you here, briefly, the story of Buffalonian many of you many recognize through stories of his music and foundation "Rock Autism". Sonny Muscato who, with family love, acceptance, and hard, hard work, turned his situation into one of accomplishment and acceptance. Birthing complications sent Sonny down a long, dark road characterized by social isolation and repetitive actions. He responded to and created his own music, even by slapping his hands on a wall to make beats. He likely was influenced by his father's percussion background. Unfortunately, his behaviors negated any progress he may have made with music. His life was filled with ups and downs, prison time, good times

and bad times. His younger brother Max got into the act and together, with their dad, created a musical word into which Sonny could grow and flourish. I invite you to read their story and look for an opportunity to see them perform on stage. <https://www.rockautism.org/our-story/>

Folks on the autism spectrum do not need pity. They need knowledge, understanding, education, and a leg up to find their way. They need legitimately good health and social services and quick access to them. They need housing. They need safe transportation. They need advance, well-planned knowledge about future transitions, be it in school - high school to adulthood is especially challenging, change from pediatrician to adult doctors, change in housing, medications, etc. People on the spectrum can find work suited to their individual talents. Many on the spectrum are inventors holding advanced degrees; others are considered geniuses or prodigies. A review of current openings at workability.one show the

diversity of jobs available from Amtrak and Walt Disney to Major League Baseball, to match their abilities. To list a few: Fashion apparel design and merchandising, video games, computer science/Software engineering, Content producing, Sound design, architecture and engineering, accounting/banking, health professions - pharmacy techs, medical assistants, OT or PT Assistants, Dental Hygienists, animation, arts, culture, entertainment, customer service, education, finance, etc. The list is endless. <https://www.abadegreeprograms.net/lists/jobs-people-with-autism/>

The Autism Trail at Letchworth State Park could not have been a reality were it not for the guidance of Temple Grandin, a professor at Colorado State University and a prolific author who was diagnosed with autism as a child. It was recommended she be

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## Ellicottville: a Hub for Sustainable Energy

Highly Conductive Mineral at Prime Elevation Produces Epicenter



This scientific breakthrough will power the town and surrounding areas with the energy safely stored and insulated, making Ellicottville the first city to become completely powered by clean, renewable energy.

By PAT FINNEGAN

Many Ellicottville residents are not aware that the Allegheny mountains are full of FeS<sub>2</sub> pyrite, a major electrical conductor. In "Evl", pyrite is found throughout the earth, everywhere from the 1,549 feet average to the 2,326 ft. elevation at the town's highest point. This highly conductive mineral, the high elevation and increasingly warmer winters make 42 degrees north/78 degrees west an epicenter of electrical activity. This year produced more rain and more lightning storms in the area than any year in the past.

The Villager Undercover Research Team (VURT) has been working with the local agencies, scientists

and activists to explain what is happening and how to utilize the energy. VURT has found that the local peaks act as a lightning rod during storms. Many of these peaks can be seen struck by lightning multiple times at the same location in the same evenings. That energy is then absorbed by the earth and like all lightning has no lasting effects.

A group of local scientists and engineers have recently come together to do what has never been done before, harness the raw energy produced by lightning. The Harnessing of Lightning Association, HOLT, has been able to use the technique that Ben Franklin used with a key and a kite substituting modern technology to channel this pure energy.

Until now, HOLT has developed large battery cells similar to those that store wind or solar power. The lightning current travels through the conductor into a flux capacitor until it is stored in organic matter cells or batteries located underground to be used at a later date.

This scientific breakthrough will power the town and surrounding areas with the energy safely stored and insulated, making Ellicottville the first city to become completely powered by clean, renewable energy. HOLT will provide and informational Q&A time for local residents at the Nannen Arboretum at 4:20 pm this coming Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>!

Happy April Fool's Day.

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fell in love to the legendary swoon song, "I Only Have Eyes for You". My dad was a popular musician and performance staple in the roller rink of the then, world renowned, "Celeron Park". While Larry made the music, Mary made you want to lace up your skates and roll. She was, "Grace on Wheels" and the darling of the rink. In their early years together Chautauqua Lake and the southern tier region was vibrant and thriving. Celeron could boast of being home to the, "World's Largest Carousel", as well as, one of the nations, "Oldest and Largest Spinning Wheels", one of few built before "Ferris" became the premier builder and name of fame.

BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

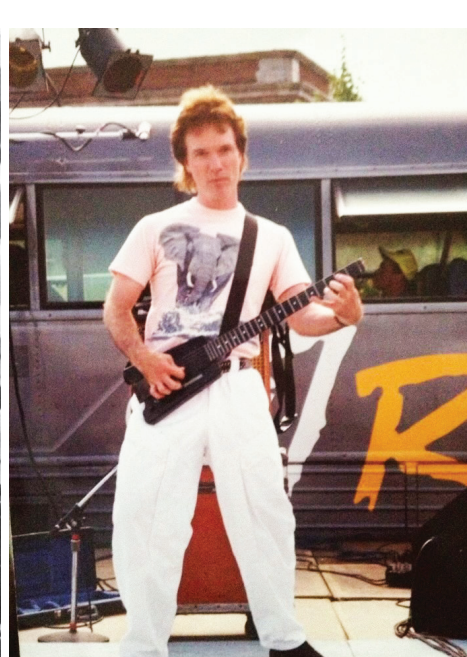
Mary Rose Perry, my mother, was born June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1932 in Nanticoke Pennsylvania, a coal miner's daughter. The nation was in the throgs of "The Great Depression" and times were hard for what would later be called, "The Greatest Generation". To ensure that her older brothers, upon returning from service in WWII would not suffer the fate of life in the mines, her father, Arthur F. Perry and mother, Mae Perry, relocated to the Celeron, New York. At only 16 years old my mother traded in her school books for a job at National Worsted Mills. Her father was disabled from black lung disease and her family needed her help. Thus begins her life of sacrifice and exemplary service.

of my parents is impossible without mentioning the other. By the time I was born the last Nowell to Larry & Mary Nowell in 1965, they were well established as a dynamic duo on the thriving entertainment scene of Chautauqua County, and as local radio celebrities with radio stations, WJTN and SE93. They worked tirelessly together using their notoriety in support of community service organizations, such as; The Lions Club and Lions Auxiliary, Boy's and Girl Scouts of America, The Vikings, March of Dimes and Toys for Tots, to name a few. Together they hosted numerous fund raisers, delivered Easter Baskets to the elderly and were forever visiting and entertaining residents in our community nursing homes.

Roller Skating and Live Music were the order of the day when Mom and Dad

Early in their marriage with two toddlers in tow, mom and dad decided to help a local disabled woman who sold tickets at the rink. She was afflicted with a horrible arthritic condition and abandoned by the people who had been providing her care. Taking Pearl into their home, my dad would carry her in and out of the rink and mom would change her bandages, caring for her at home. A concern for the dignity of others in need was definitely shared. Like my mother, dad helped his family during the depression. He performed his first wedding at 5 years old for a local Statesman and helped his family, brought by his older brothers to the local Honky Tanks to perform the hits of the day while my uncles would "pass the hat" for tips. While neither one of my parents were afforded the luxury of childhood or

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Pictured (left to right): Dave and Party Squad drummer/vocalist, Mark Dixon, at an early gig. Dave shredding with his signature headstock-free Steinberger guitar, and his custom boogie amp behind him.

## Elder

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In the year 1964, at a ripe age, Dave Elder was inspired to play music. He and his teenage buddies agreed, "Let's get electric guitars and be 'Beatles'!" He didn't even know who the Beatles were yet, and at the time he thought an electric guitar was something you plugged directly into a wall. This makes sense, because knowing Dave, you know he is very agreeable and goes with the flow. He mentioned his desire to his grandmother, Celia, and soon she appeared with an electric guitar and an amp. From then on, he never stopped playing.

Dave solicited any skilled guitar player he saw, asking if they could teach him, acquiring many teachers through the years. A Jamestown peer, Neil Anderson, taught him classical techniques. Neil became an instructor at the Chautauqua Institution, and was a catalyst for Dave to connect personally with the legendary Chet Atkins. The three would hang out

Backstage after "The Vincent Michaels' Band" (VMB) opened for "Stevie Ray Vaughn", Stevie asked Vince, "Who's that guy on the Strat, your lead player?"

Vince: "That's Dave Elder."

Stevie: "Man, that cat can play anything, I saw your whole set, and you guys rock."

Vincent also recalls spending time with Les Paul, American Jazz guitarist and Luthier. Les was responsible for the rich sound that became popular in the 1950's with his innovations of the solid body electric guitar.

While showing Les some original recordings that Dave was featured on, Les asked Vincent "Who's on guitar?"

and play together at the Chautauqua Institution after Chet taught his masterclasses.

Fast forward a few years, it's 1977 and Dave is traveling and performing across the country with his trio, "Chautauqua", which did well. Dave contemplated moving to California, but decided to go back to Jamestown and plant some roots. In 1979, he auditioned for and was hired by the well-loved

Buffalo group "The Road". Among the fans of The Road was a fellow circulating musician, Vincent Michaels, of the Vincent Michaels Band. Vincent was also a recording artist, with a stellar set of professional recording tools and synthesizers. Dave was starting to produce music digitally, and so a convergence of talent and skill began when Dave and

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# Spotlight: Roots of April Fool's Day: Tradition Began By Change of Calendar



## National Geographic to Stop Publishing Nude Animal Pictures

The media group says that it will no longer degrade animals by showing photos of them without clothes.

## In 1996 Taco Bell Announces they Will Buy the Liberty Bell

*"In an effort to help the national debt, Taco Bell is pleased to announce that we have agreed to purchase the Liberty Bell, one of our country's most historic treasures. It will now be called the "Taco Liberty Bell" and will still be accessible to the American public for viewing".*



## In 1992 NPR Reported Nixon Was Running For President Again...

### Tradition

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changing of the calendar. Our informed friends at history.com tell us this: "Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian

calendar to the Gregorian calendar ... In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1." Lacking rapid broadcast of news people were, of course, slow to get the memo. They continued to celebrate the new year during the last week of March through April 1,

as they always had. Those "in the know" took great delight in making those still uninformed the butt of jokes, calling them, you guessed it, "April Fools." Pranks began immediately. Paper fish called "Poisson d'avril" or April fish (thank goodness they weren't real, yukky fish) were put onto their backs. The joke of it was that young fish were easily caught, demonstrating that the April fools were gullible.

Naturally, ancient Rome got into the act, with followers of the cult of Cybele, an Anatolian (now Turkey) mother goddess; she may have been a forerunner of statues of plump women, sometimes sitting, accompanied by lionesses, which have been found in excavations. This possibly ties in to earliest April Fools' Day hoax on record in 1698, says Alex Boese, curator of the Museum of Hoaxes. "People in London were told to go see the annual

ceremony of the washing of the lions at the Tower of London," he says. "They showed up at the Tower of London, but"—alas—"there was no annual lion-washing ceremony." Apparently, the hoax went on for centuries, luring unsuspecting tourists who, by the mid-nineteenth century were sold tickets to the Tower lion wash - all lyin' - no lions.

The date is possibly linked to the end of March celebration of Hilaria (Latin for joyful). Revelers disguised themselves and ran around mocking people. Of course, there are those who blame it on Mother Nature, because she keeps fooling us with ever-changing, unpredictable weather.

Weather did play a role in Switzerland in 1957, when the BBC reported a bumper crop of spaghetti, showing people harvesting spaghetti strands from ivy growing on ceilings in restaurants, and outdoors

from trees. Not a common dish for the Brits at the time, some did not realize this was a prank and even inquired how they could grow their own.

Reputable news stations jumped in and joined the fun. In 1992, National Public Radio ran a story featuring former President Richard Nixon declaring he did nothing wrong and was planning to run again. But Richard Nixon it was not. It was a paid actor passing as Nixon, who turned much of America upside down with the thoughts of him running again. Goodness!

Did you hear about Taco Bell announcing that it was poised to buy our nation's beloved and iconic Liberty Bell and rename it Taco Liberty Bell? In 1998, Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," and Cottonelle tweeted it was introducing left-handed toilet paper. Finally, someone coming to the rescue of the southpaws. One of my favorites

was when National Geographic surprised the world when it announced via Twitter that National Geographic would no longer be publishing photographs of naked animals as of 2016: "The media group says that it will no longer degrade animals by showing photos of them without clothes." Readers who followed through on the story were greeted with "April Fools" and a gallery of adorably dressed puppies and kittens.

What's your favorite April fool's joke? Salt in the sugar bowl? Saran wrap over the toilet bowl? Short sheeting someone's bed? Ever replace the frosting in Oreos with cream cheese? Change out pictures on walls or turn them upside down. Put baby's socks in a teenagers sock drawer (if they are that organized!). Make your own April Fools' history and have a fun but harmless April Fools' Day.

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# Banff Film Festival in Jamestown

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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.

Upgrade your Banff experience by purchasing VIP tickets. VIPs are invited to a special opening night reception from 5:30pm to 6:30pm

on Friday, April 21. VIPs also enjoy special reserved seating in the best seats in the house, both Friday and Saturday.

VIP Two-day Ticket: \$75; VIP One-day Ticket: \$50 (Friday only); Adult Two-day Ticket: \$45; Adult One-day Ticket: \$25; Active Military/Student/Child/Senior Two-day Ticket: \$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.

For more information, visit <https://rtpi.org/events/banff2023/>

## Autism

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institutionalized, but her parents disagreed. Grandin has become a leading force in the animal sciences, has produced an award-winning biopic about her life, and was even named as one of TIME Magazine's "100 Most Influential People."

Since his diagnosis, comedy legend Dan Aykroyd has been vocal and honest about his experiences on the autism spectrum. Remember Susan Boyle, that highly

talented (but shy) Britain's Got Talent winner? She was diagnosed late in life and was relieved to find out! She has sold over 14 million record albums. And who doesn't love Pokémon whose creator, Satoshi Tajiri, has confirmed he is on the spectrum.

I'm going to name-drop here just to get you dizzy with the number of famous people who are diagnosed or suspected to have been on the spectrum: Marty Balin (founder of Jefferson Airplane), actor Daryl Hannah (Blade Runner), Sir Anthony Hopkins (Silence of the Lambs). It

is suspected that Woody Allen, Bill Gates, Thomas Jefferson, Michelangelo, Mozart, Sir Isaac Newton, Einstein, Nikola Tesla, William Butler Yeats, Emily Dickinson and Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz are/were on the autism spectrum. Judging from the list of names, it is simple to recognize that ASD occurs in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups and is more than 4 times more common among boys than girls. If you know someone with the diagnosis, engage with them and affirm them. Likely, you will be enriched.

# Chautauqua Book Read

Shared Book Read and Lectures April 17- April 28

Jamestown – The YWCA of Jamestown and Chautauqua Institution are pleased to announce the second year of the county-wide initiative – The Chautauqua County Book Read. We invite all Chautauqua County residents to participate in this book read. We have selected "Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation" by Linda Villarosa as our common read book.



The purpose of this shared book read is to engage Chautauqua County residents, businesses, nonprofits and organizations to help heal our divides and propel participants to be engaged citizens working towards a more inclusive and just society.

Those interested in participating are invited to register via a link on the website. Each participant is also encouraged to attend one book discussion group between April 17 - 28, 2023. In-person and online book discussion groups will be offered.

Information on the times and locations of the book discussions is available via the website. <https://www.ywcajamestown.com/chqbookread>

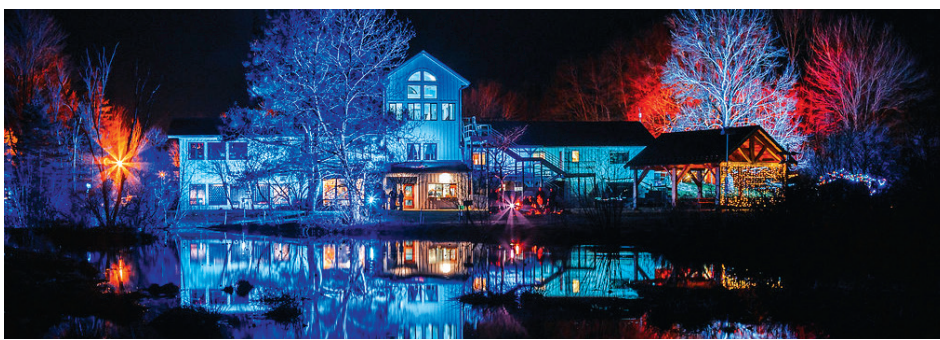
Additionally, participants are invited to attend a live lecture on Thursday, July 20 with the author, Linda Villarosa, at 3:30pm at the Hall of Philosophy on the Chautauqua Institution grounds. This day has been designated as "Chautauqua County Day" at the Institution, and all Chautauqua County residents are eligible for free admission and parking. Tickets for this day will be available beginning June 1

by calling the Chautauqua Institution Ticket Office at 716-357-6250. Free parking is only available with ticket orders made by July 11. This offer may not be combined with a long-term ticket. For more information on this day, please visit: [chqcounty.org](http://chqcounty.org)

The YWCA of Jamestown and Chautauqua Institution are serving as lead organizations for this initiative. We are pleased to announce that this program is part of a community-wide effort. Please look for more information about participating at one of our partner organizations.

## Audubon Lights

Grounds of Sanctuary Glow Weekends March 24-April 8



Choose a Friday or Saturday night from March 24 to April 8 to experience Audubon Community Nature Center's Audubon Lights, when forest and ponds glow with lasers, spotlights, and more to create a stunning display. After your exploration, enjoy live entertainment and treats around a warm fire.

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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 in 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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## Inside Business: The Bemus Point Lodge New Look for Landmark Hotel



Adam and his wife, Katie, along with their business partners Bryan and Jeannette Strang, purchased the lodge last October. They are currently working on interior renovations to the thirteen rooms and main house. While the lodge has remained open throughout that time, they plan on having a Grand Opening later this Spring once the exterior renovations are complete.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

The Bemus Point Lodge (BPL) has been a staple in the village of Bemus Point for decades. Originally started as a fisherman's getaway, this lodge on the lake evolved to offer rooms year-round for visitors with a variety of interests. The BPL is transforming again, and the next chapter in its story promises a new look for this landmark hotel.

"We want the look and feel to be more like a boutique hotel, while still offering all the same amenities," said Adam Howard, one of the new co-owners of the BPL. "And we want to make it inviting to families, so that customers who have been loyal over the past 40 years will continue to stay here."

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the thirteen rooms and main house. While the lodge has remained open throughout that time, they plan on having a Grand Opening later this Spring once the exterior renovations are complete.

The Howards are no strangers to working hard and managing change. Adam is the former – and original – head football coach at Notre Dame College in Euclid, Ohio. He left that job in 2015 to become Athletic Director at Berea-Midpark Highschool. In 2022, he reinvented himself again, taking a job as Sales Manager at BSN Sports. Katie works in fast-growing start-ups, building HR departments and creating unique cultures.

During COVID lockdown, Adam and Katie talked about the direction their lives were heading and whether they should make any changes. That's when they decided

to do something more. They created an LLC and invested in several rental properties in the Cleveland area. Through their work with the rentals, they discovered that they loved hospitality, and wanted to keep growing their personal business. The couple widened their search for more properties to anything within a 2-hour drive of Cleveland. They found a rental in Lakewood, and fell in love with Lake Chautauqua. Then, they heard about opportunities in Bemus Point, and the rest, as they say, is history.

When they bought the lodge, they knew that they wanted to honor the prior owners, Tom and Jan Murray, and all their hard work, while putting their own spin on the place. "The Murrays are amazing," says Katie. "They ARE Bemus Point."

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## Housing

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BY NED CHALA

Ellicottville has been growing exponentially in the past four decades. The houses and condos that have been built in the past 40 plus years are numerous. Not to mention, the dwellings that made up the village initially, have been refurbished and look as good as new to the older generation that watched the evolution of this town. All of the fields that were just on the outskirts of the village now have developments on them, and any property that lies vacant is going to have a house built on it. There is great demand for housing in Ellicottville as it has become an extremely popular destination during all four seasons. The Finnish development company Arctishe Boomhut claims they have the solution; they have begun plans to start building livable treehouses in the trees around the village.

Kimmo Sloof from Arctishe Boomhut has submitted the proper

paperwork to New York State to begin the process of selecting the areas with the best trees to use as bases for the four to six room domiciles in and around the outskirts of the village.

The state has forgone some local laws and is bypassing the local boards to get the project started. A meeting with the State land development officer for Western New York, April Skylark, has been set and a public hearing will be held as well. The planning is the first part, but *The Villager* has looked into the plans and found some interesting facts about these new style homes.

The trees are not built on or into, rather they make a stable base for the raised houses to set upon. Large timbers from former trees will be the main structural load bearing beams. The tree will still grow as it did, but the building around it will not be affected as the architects from Finland have come up with a bi-annual maintenance configuration. The tree will be part of the home and will allow for a natural setting inside the living room or bedroom. The maintenance includes readjusting insulation and electrical wires along with the plumbing to make sure

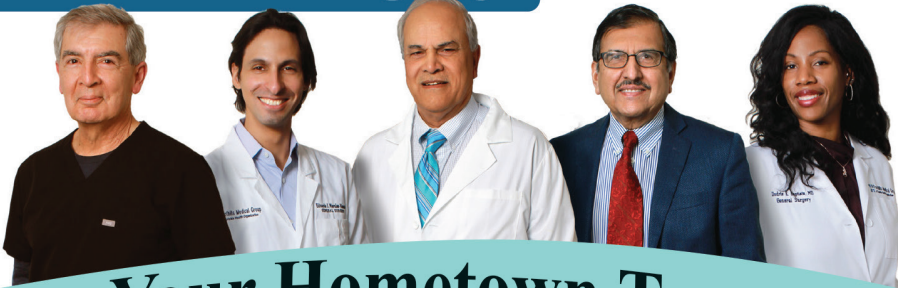
that neither the growth of the tree nor the use of utilities are affected. It was also mentioned that since the house isn't on land, taxes on these homes will be lower.

A large stand of larch and oak on the hill behind the Elk Creek development on Maples Road is said to be a perfect spot to build several smaller houses that the Finnish company claims will be less expensive and could fill the need for local housing. They noticed that many of the homes in and around the village appear to be for seasonal use only, so local year-round housing must be in high demand. They have also scouted eight trees in the center of the village that would be ideal for their larger tree condominiums. Arctishe Boomhut spokesperson Kimmo Sloof has pledged to make some of the most beautiful treehouses here similar to the ones his company builds in Finland just below the arctic circle. And some advocates for the forest creatures that this might displace have come forward to assure us minimal discomfort will come to them, but the many furry animals around the area plan a protest starting April Fool's Day.

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# Coppola's

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that he wanted to sell, we talked about keeping it in the family.”

Justin and Jake were born into the restaurant business. Their grandparents opened Andriaccios Restaurant across from the gates of Chautauqua Institution in 1982. Their parents, Nick and Sally, took over that restaurant when their grandparents retired. The brothers started working there while they were in high school. They worked every job, starting with dishwashing and prep work, learning the business from the ground up. They now help their parents manage Andriaccios. They believed that the experience they gained there could be applied to Coppola's but wanted to discuss it with their parents first to get their insight. Nick and Sally thought it was a great idea. So, Justin and Jake moved forward with the offer to buy. Their parents were very supportive and have provided some consulting advice, but the brothers are doing all the leg work.

When asked what their goals for Coppola's are, Jake responded, “First, we wanted to make it a seamless transition. We'll make only small changes to the menu to refresh some options, but will definitely keep the dough and sauce recipes that Coppola's is famous for.” They are planning to stay open longer during the busy summer season. Coppola's is currently open 5 days a week. Starting in May they will operate 7 days a week. They also plan to extend the hours each day starting in June and will offer lunches on the weekends. They are hoping to take advantage



**Coppola's Pizzeria in Bemus Point is well known in the area for their specialty pizzas, amazing sauces, and rockin' cannolis and that is promised not to change.**

of the great weather and foot traffic to expand their business.

Another goal is to make some process changes that will have a positive impact to both their employees and their customers. “It's a small building, so there is only so much you can do with the space, but we are always looking for small changes we can make,” Jake said. For example, they are modifying the layout and traffic flow in the main area, adding a cold case for quick grab-and-go items, and removing some bottlenecks in the kitchen. “Even the little changes to the menu mean that our employees don't have to complete multiple steps just to change one thing in an order.”

Meanwhile, the brothers are still handling the day-to-day operations at Andriaccio's, and plan to take over when their parents retire. How do they manage all that? “We have employees at Andriaccio's who have been with us a long time and are fantastic. We wouldn't have taken over the new business if we didn't have this core of great management and staff. And the employees at Coppola's have been super inviting and have been rolling with the changes. They care about

Luke like family, and now they've made us feel like a part of that family.”

It also helps that Andriaccio's will be closed for a bit at end of March/beginning of April for some renovations, so the brothers can slow down a bit. They want to spend more time at Coppola's to get things set up the way they want, like installing the TOAST point-of-sale system. Jake said they need everything to be systematic and foolproof, so that core management can take over and run the pizzeria as they would expect. Jake adds that they want to maintain a reputation of expedited service. “You always find out through trial and error what else needs to be changed. But, if you do it the right way, you can put out a lot of food, and good quality food, efficiently.”

One thing that won't change is the name. Coppola is their grandmother Andriaccio's maiden name. They will continue to use her recipes, so want to continue honoring her by keeping her name on the business.

For more information or to get the latest updates on hours of operation, follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CoppolasPizzeria>.

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basketball, cheerleading, and soccer. JP coaches many of his children's sports teams and is active in the Rotary Club. Without a doubt, the O'Connell clan is knit into the fabric of the Ellicottville community.

John-Paul's story began in Illinois, as he grew up in the suburban/rural town of Bradley, just south of Chicago. He graduated from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School in 2001 and served in the Air Force and Air National Guard from 2001 until 2007. After working in the telecommunications industry, he had an opportunity to take a position in Western New York which is the position that brought him to the wonderful town of Ellicottville.

He began his bartending journey at Dinas and has also had the opportunities to work in places such as Balloons, EBC, Finnerty's and his current position as the bar manager of Villaggio. “I have enjoyed working at a variety of places around town. Every bar and restaurant has been a learning experience. I was fortunate enough to get to know many talented restaurant owners and members of the community.” JP has always enjoyed meeting new people, and enjoyed bouncing around the Ellicottville scene. “I love talking with people and learning their stories, so it's really the perfect place for me.”

JP joined the Villaggio team in September 2022, searching for regularity with his schedule in order to spend more time with his family. He has been enjoying the people of Villaggio, the staff and the customers. “Villaggio is such a great space with a casual, laid-back



**One morning JP was in Ellicottville having his morning cup of coffee and scrolling through Facebook when he read about the mass destruction that hit the Mid-West. He connected with a gentleman that lost everything and couldn't help but to put himself in his shoes: his wife and daughter were in the hospital, no home, no cars, nothing but the clothes on his back. After that he knew he had to help. He reached out via Facebook messenger and asked what he needed, what his neighbors needed? Then I told him I'd be there in 1 week. After our conversation, I put down my phone and started planning. (Pictured: EVL to Kentucky group takes their donations down to those in need. Pictured Back L to R: Paul Aswad and Tui Osborne. Front L to R: JP O'Connell, Conner Kell, Jerry Cobado, Jenna O'Connell, Caylin Moss, Brenda Smith and Corey Nelliss.)**

atmosphere. It's a great family restaurant and we strive for personalized customer service, and a warm friendly environment. And the food...the food is absolutely outstanding. Anyone who knows me, knows I love food, and Villaggio is a total Mecca for my palate.”

His favorite thing about bartending is getting to know people. “It's such a unique opportunity to be able to get to know the locals and tourists alike. I'm so fortunate to get to know people from all over the country, and be a part of their experience here in Ellicottville. I love serving good drinks and I pride myself on knowing what our regulars drink; having it ready before they even reach the counter sometimes.”

Outside of work, JP keeps busy with his family and is enjoying his work-life balance. “I'm

loving having time with our youngest, Josephine (3). I'm soaking in these toddler years and just enjoying being a dad.” Their 3 older children keep busy with sports, many of which JP coaches. In addition to running for school board, his wife, Jenna, works at Eville Events, a wedding planning business ran by local Sam Nelson. JP is active in the Rotary Club, and helps out with many community events. He was most recently involved in helping raise money for the Frank Pitillo Lighting Foundation and also the Kentucky to Ellicottville trip that provided aid for victims of the Tornadoes.

JP is proud to be raising his family in Ellicottville. “It reminds me of Mayberry! It's a perfect little ski town where everyone gets along. The community here is like

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**SATURDAY**  
The Gin Mill is the early bird with The String Beings from 2-5pm. They tell me they play old, traditional and progressive bluegrass. Barnstorm provides the late night entertainment with som old and new style country. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end liquor.

Balloons is back with the ever popular Chillbillys (full band) on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. They add a drummer and bass player to add some up tempo dancing to the repertoire. Dj Bad Weekend will lay down the groove so you can bust a move on the dance floors.

12 Gates of Evl joins the party with Ade Adu from 7-10pm. He plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers. Try the beers on tap and the delicious sandwich selection.

**FRIDAY**  
We're back at Balloons for Grosh on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This is one of Buffalo's top bands. They play a rock/metal/pop/alt set of originals and covers and are great to dance go. Dj KT Stylez will provide the thump, thump for the bump, bump on the two dance floors.

We return to the Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from

Madigans brings back Dj SI who'll burn down the house sound so you can shake it all around from 9-1am. Check out the foosball and pool tables for a little completion.

**SUNDAY**  
Villaggio hosts their AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 6-9pm. Fresh pasta with the toppings of your choice and succulent prime rib, accompaniment provided by Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night from 4-10pm at Balloons. 50 cent wings and music provided by Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm she plays a country/pop set of originals and covers.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts the return of The Chillbillys from 7-10pm. Don't forget the 37 beers on tap. Try the Gin Mill burger if you're hungry.

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

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Beat on the Street:

"What Was Your Favorite Role to Play?"

By Chad Neal



We make it all up as we go along... essentially. Though, we have learned through mistakes and observation what to expect for most situations. We play many roles in our lives, and they all mimic something from experience. The real roles we play in life and sometimes a role that involves acting, which can also be used in life as well, are something we may not ponder often. We just go with it. Most roles seem to come naturally. The most natural one is the role of the newborn through adolescence. And as we imitate those observations the actions we make can be innovative and new as well, leading to imitation of that as that too. It's a progressive cycle Life it seems is a bunch of accidents good and bad, and we learn from them and grow and evolve. Adaptation is human nature in these ways and finding the correct role to play in the situation made by accident defines who we are. What was your favorite role to play?



Wes M.- Civil war reenactor.



Pab S. - "Bottom" in Olean Theater Workshop's "Mid-summer Night's Dream."



Brianne S.- In real life? Or role playing?... m o m / w i f e . . . b u t definitely a Wonder Woman!



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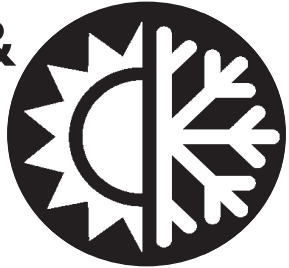
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# Mary

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a high school education, both made an imprint of positivity and meaning through service to others here in the city of the hills.

As little kid's, my siblings and I thought dad hung the moon and we were certain mom ran the world. Her petite frame belied her big personality. Less than 5 feet in height and weighing no more than 98 pounds soaking wet, she could and did move mountains. Had she been blessed with the opportunity of a higher education after earning her GED later in life, she could have been anything she might have chosen to be.

When I was four years old, she was preparing for her first solo flight in her pursuit of a pilot license. With only two days to go before the scheduled test, my father suffered a severe seizure.

Once again, Mary had to set her goals and dreams aside because her family needed her. For the next few years, she had to be chauffeur and constant companion to my father. While his natural gift of music was not diminished, the medications he was taking to control the tumor that caused the seizure, cost him the ability to drive. Dad was in demand for the public's, "Dining and Dancing Pleasure", and while the popularity of roller rinks, were waning, what Mary was to skating she was equal to on the dance floor. As Larry, "Tickled the Ivory's", Mary got people on their feet and dancing. These were good days for radio and WJTN. Personalities like Jim Roselli and his live radio remotes, Melva Weber, Doc Webster and George Fleeger, along with Hal Martin and Paul Harvey, who gave us, "The rest of the Story", were my parents contemporaries. Mary, already hosting the Saturday Breakfast Party, now started hosting a new live radio show, "Tuesday Evening Birthday Parties". Not long after dad was driving again and soon, she was back on wheels, earning medals in Roller Dance and her coaching credentials from the RSROA and RSTA. She could have stopped there, but another call came.

Merrill G. Rosen was the Vice President of Media One, operating WJTN and SE93. Merrill and his wife Patti, welcomed a third daughter to their lives. At birth Danyelle was diagnosed with autism and severe down syndrome. Not much was known about these issues, so my mom launched herself into service again. She began volunteering with many others, to provide services that were necessary in order to stimulate the



Roller Skating and Live Music were the order of the day when Mom and Dad fell in love to the legendary swoon song, "I Only Have Eyes for You". My dad was a popular musician and performance staple in the roller rink of the then, world renowned, "Celeron Park". While Larry made the music, Mary made you want to lace up your skates and roll. She was, "Grace on Wheels" and the darling of the rink. In their early years together Chautauqua Lake and the southern tier region was vibrant and thriving. Celeron could boast of being home to the, "World's Largest Carousel", as well as, one of the nations, "Oldest and Largest Spinning Wheels", one of few built before "Ferris" became the premier builder and name of fame.

young girl's brain. My mom began researching the condition and led the Rosen family to the, "Philadelphia Institute of Human Potential". For many years Mary worked Danyelle and the Rosen family; getting them to and from the Institute and spending countless hours of dedicated effort to help Danyelle reach her human potential. If mom were still here with us today, she would say it was Danyelle and her life that helped my mom reach her, "Human Potential".

In 1983 my father died and for a time we all were lost. Mom hated pity parties and firmly believed if you were given a gift, it was your responsibility to use it to enhance the lives of people less fortunate. She took her passion for helping people and her gift of roller skating and founded, "Special Olympic Roller Skating" as an official sport with the New York State, "Special Olympics Games". Turning her Tragedy into Triumph, she trained coaches and athletes, leading them around the country and across the globe. Holding yearly "Skate-A-Thons" and other fundraising events, she always said she could not have done any of it without the help of John and Diane Evans and who donated rink time, her numerous volunteers or without local business people like Joe Caprino and the multitude of community service organizations she had worked with throughout the years. Mary ran the training centers teaching coaches and "Her Athletes". Until deteriorating knees forced her to hang up her skates. Her determination and life's mission to help others would not end here. Already into her golden years, she took up golf and dedicated herself to training

coaches and athletes for, "Special Olympics Golf", and turned over the fund she had established for skaters to the golfers. Mary Rose Perry, Nowell, Ceci, Henning, knew how to make Lemonade out of Lemons. Having had to say goodbye to three husbands throughout her life, gave her a resilience and determination not known to many. She always picked herself up and found a way to recreate herself by serving others. She left us a Legacy and Lessons in Leadership through her Love and Compassion.

Mary was a life long learner and embodied the "Spirit of Champions". Even at her passing, she found a way to benefit others. Her last act of generosity was to dedicate her remains to the University of Buffalo School of Medicine. While awarded many times by the organizations she worked with and for, her heart was to see, "Her Athletes", achieve. Recognized as, "Women of the Year", by the Zonta Club, The Universal Unitarian Church, "Richard Parker Award", The Mason's, "Dewitt Clinton Award", for Community Service and the Resource Centers, "Humanitarian of the Year". She hosted and later produced the longest running live radio broadcast, "The WJTN Breakfast Party", until Covid shut it down.

With my mothers passing one year ago today, Jamestown, New York and Chautauqua County, were to say, "Good Bye", to a "Local Hero". May we forever remember her ability to Give beyond the Measure we are Given in pursuit of a life of Humanitarianism and Faith.

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## Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties

James Packard in his "Model C" Packard  
Lakewood NY. Circa 1901

# Lodge

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The BPL will continue to offer dock slips to guests at no additional charge, the same as when the Murrays owned it. The lodge will also continue to provide grills and other amenities that were offered by the Murrays. Changes include updated furniture and appliances, a new logo, and a new color scheme. The interior renovations should be complete by the end of April. While most of the decorating was done by Katie, she jokingly notes that Adam was her "intern" in that department, and after this project she will promote him. But in all seriousness, Adam agrees that they each have strengths that balance each other, making the work enjoyable. They look at the renovation as a weekend getaway for themselves, something different from their weekday lives.

The new owners are working with local fishing guides to target fishing excursions, since Chautauqua Lake is known

for its fishing. They are also looking at drawing a range of customers from couples to families to corporate retreat groups. Between the units and the house, the property can host up to 40 people.

In addition, they want to offer new amenities, such as renting eBikes, and offering a guest guide with information on local activities and restaurants. The lodge may have swag for sale in the future. They are also considering building more individual units, similar to the Tiny Homes at Basecamp in Ellicottville. "We have a lot of property," says Adam. "We are thinking of ways to expand the use of it."

Katie adds, "We want this to be a place that is welcoming, where families can enjoy the lake and can make memories."

Both Adam and Katie say they couldn't have attempted this project without the support of the local community. "They have been incredible," adds Katie, "providing support, advice and connections. Everyone has been very welcoming." Because of that, the owners plan to have a community walkthrough,



**The Howards are no strangers to working hard and managing change. Adam is the former – and original – head football coach at Notre Dame College in Euclid, Ohio.**

hopefully in early May.

Rates at the BPL vary depending on the type of unit. The cost is \$175/night for a unit with a kitchen, and \$140/night without. There are about 30 boat slips available. There is a two-night minimum between now and June 10, changing to a weekly minimum through the end of August. For more information or to make reservations, you can call 716-386-4275, or reach out on their new website, [www.TheBemusPointLodge.com](http://www.TheBemusPointLodge.com).

# Elder

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Vince started recording together. This technology was still in its infancy, a tedious, rewarding process. The future of recording, glimmering with promise. Dave soon joined The Vincent Michaels Band, which brought even more exciting experiences to light.

Recently, Vincent Michaels cited some compliments that were paid to Dave's style and fretboard fluency.

Backstage after "The Vincent Michaels' Band" (VMB) opened for "Stevie Ray Vaughn", Stevie asked Vince, "Who's that guy on the Strat, your lead player?"

Vince: "That's Dave Elder." Stevie: "Man, that cat can play anything. I saw your whole set, and you guys rock."

Vincent also recalls spending time with Les Paul, American Jazz guitarist and Luthier. Les was responsible for the rich sound that became popular in the 1950's with

his innovations of the solid body electric guitar.

While showing Les some original recordings that Dave was featured on, Les asked Vincent "Who's on guitar?"

Vince: "Dave Elder" Les: "He's good! What kind of guitar does he play?"

Vince: "A Steinberger and Fender Strat."

Then Les, in his cheeky, ball busting way, "F him then!"

Vince: "No, no, no! Dave also has a Gibson Les Paul Recording Model, just like the one you use!"

Les: "I'm just B-S-ing, he's really good. Great taste and tone!"

Another compliment was paid by Buddy Miles, drummer for Jimi Hendrix, who VMB opened for in 1983. Buddy Miles told Vince after the show, "Great guitarist you have there." and asked if he could steal Dave to come tour with Buddy's band! Buddy was disappointed when Vince broke news that Dave had months of gigs booked ahead, it was a no go.

In 1985 Dave left the "Vincent Michaels Band", and "The Party Squad" was

born. Joe Rozler on keys, Marc Dixon on drums, and later keyboardists Rick McGirr and Nelson Starr. All members of the band, and the band itself were inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame between 1990-1993. (In order to be inducted to the BMHOF you must win the category for 3 consecutive years, then the 4th year players are inducted.)

In 1993, Dave's home studio, SOUNDbyte Music Creations was established. A pioneer of the digital audio workstation, Dave continues to play, sing, arrange, and produce today.

Dave's newest venture is Rabbit Jaw, with shape shifting vocalist Erin Bahn (attorney and Bolshevik ballerina), Bob Price on drums, and bassists Mark Warner Hunt and Larry Smith.

If you ask Dave Elder what he does for work, he says "I get to play!" He currently resides in Buffalo, NY and teaches guitar at Nardin Academy, as well as privately. Catch him in his spare time riding his bicycles, enjoying fine fare (a slice of pie from Dina's) and drinking wine.

# O'Connell

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none other. Everyone is always willing to help out, especially during times of need." JP recalls when he ran a donation for Tornado victims in Kentucky, and had a semi-truck full of contributions in less than 2 weeks thanks to the generosity

and giving nature of the community. "Ellicottville is such a caring place. People open their hearts and their homes. We love to rally around community members and help out in any way we can."

Recently, JP also began a start-up company called Deego Guides, which teaches people how to use cell phones. The service offers bill consultations and training on how to use

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Eventually, JP plans to open his own bar in Ellicottville. But for now, he's loving his position at Villaggio and is enjoying more time with his family. Stop down to visit JP for a drink at 7 Monroe Street, and get to know one of Ellicottville's treasures.

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