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Thursday, April 13 • 7pm
Pearl City Hops, Jamestown

SPAMILTON: A PARODY
Saturday, April 15 • 7:30pm
Reg Lenna, Jamestown

BUSTI BICENTENNIAL
Sunday, April 16 • 1:30pm
Rod & Gun Club, Lakewood

LIVING VOICES
Monday, April 17 • 10am
Jackson Center, Jamestown

WEEKLY BIRD WALKS
April 19&26 • 9am
RTPI, Jamestown

FRIENDS OF GOOD MUSIC
Friday, April 21 • 7:30pm
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure

JEFF FOXWORTHY
Saturday, April 22 • 8pm
Seneca Resort, Salamanca

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
Friday, April 28 • 11am
Nannen Arboretum, Ellicottville

ACE FREHLEY
Saturday, April 29 • 7pm
Reg Lenna, Jamestown

COFFEE & CHOCOLATE FEST
Saturday, April 29 • 11am
Peek'n Peak Resort, Clymer

WINEMAKERS DINNER
Saturday, April 29 • 7pm
Johnson Estates, Westfield

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Randolph

MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN
Saturday, May 6 • 4pm
Gowanda Depot, Gowanda

FINDLEY LAKE CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Fire Hall, Findley Lake

TRIPLE D RODEO
Friday, May 19 • 6:30pm
Triple D Ranch, Napoli

SPRING THING CARNIVAL
Saturday, May 27, 2023
The Camp at Findley, Clymer

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Celebrating Earth Day April 22

Concern Grows with Renewable Sources & Climate Change



Windmills are made with fiberglass, steel, and plastic that are so durable that it is almost completely unable to break down. They also have the tendency to negatively impact wildlife and agriculture. Not being able to recycle such large and consistent materials adds to the waste we are trying to control. Recycling is a key factor in limiting the amount of virgin products we are required to make that produce the greenhouse gas and fossil fuel emissions we are trying to avoid. For more information on this topic, the Union of Concerned Scientists, has research and articles expressing growing concern for the environmental impacts of reusable energy. (See "EARTH", page 9.)

The Legacy of the Lenhart

Changes Upcoming for Bemus Point, NY



The new blueprint includes a rooftop deck, a decrease in the amount of rooms, no shared bathrooms, a heated pool, a sprinkler system, a spa, along with a major maintenance makeover. The former laundry facility behind the Lenhart has plans to become the said bakery and creamery. In order to make room for the rooftop deck addition, the number of available rooms will change from 57 to 40. All 40 rooms will now be able to have their own private bathroom, unlike the previous structure that included several shared bathrooms. Installation of heating and air conditioning is a part of the renovation plan. Full time employment of approximately 60 is to be expected. (See "LENHART", page 8.)

Artificial Intelligence? ChatGPT?

"A Novel Way to Write"?



(* This article does not reflect the opinion of the publisher, who is against someone WRITING somebody else's articles.)

By DAVID PARKER

ChatGPT, the cutting-edge language model developed by OpenAI, is transforming the landscape of artificial intelligence and its potential impact on our daily lives. As our community embraces

the possibilities of ChatGPT, it's essential to understand its benefits, risks, and unique uses in order to harness its potential effectively.

Benefits of ChatGPT:
Enhanced Productivity:

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Every Day is Earth Day

Canticle Farm is Celebrating Earth Day



The farm is sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany (FSA). Anderson told me, "Canticle Farm exists because of the sustainability dream that became a reality with the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. "Volunteer on Earth Day! We welcome musicians, folks to run activities for children, yoga classes and more. If you would like to get involved, please email office@canticlefarm.org".

By DELAINEY MUSCATO
- ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

The gorgeous green fields of Canticle Farm are not just home to delicious, fresh vegetables; they're also home to a team of wonderful farmers who stay true to their mission and express a deep care for the community they serve. I spoke with Executive Director, Gina Anderson, about the farm's plans for Earth Day, their mission, and more.

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GRAND OPENING OF ELLCOTTVILLE SKATE PARK: JUNE 30, 2023!!

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

A Day in the Life: **Tom Kirchmeyer ... Pg. 3**
12 Gates Brewery



Local brewery owner and real estate appraiser, Tom Kirchmeyer, has been visiting Ellicottville since his college days to go skiing and hang out with friends. He gained a deeper appreciation of the quaintness and beauty of the land, and began to fall in love with the area. Fast Forward to 2022, when Tom and his business partners opened the second location of 12 Gates Brewery in the village of Ellicottville.

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Let Me Tell You What This Means

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Spotlight Good Neighbor Bookstore

Connecting Lakewood's Historic District



Good Neighbor Bookstore is located at 124 Chautauqua Avenue in Lakewood, NY.

By PATRICIA MEASER

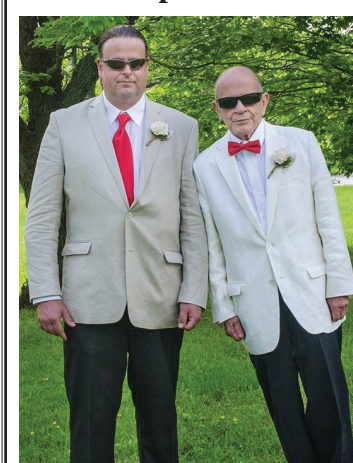
This week's business spotlight from The Lakewood Historic District is focused on the Good Neighbor Bookstore. Owned and operated by Bob and Shannon Lingle, the store, originally named Off The Beaten Path, is known for its family-friendly atmosphere and diversity of books and related merchandise.

The Lingles purchased the bookstore in 2018 and moved it next to Ryders Cup Coffee Shop in the district. According to Bob, the business was doing well until the COVID lockdown. "Then we had to really rethink what we were doing, to keep the business going," says Bob. Because of the lockdown, many people suddenly had

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A Day in the Life: Brooks LeFeber

Local Entrepreneur and Man of Many Talents



Ellicottville businessman and world entertainer, Brooks LeFeber (left) with the beloved Joey DiPasquale, best man in his wedding to Carrie LeFeber.

KATE BARTLETT

Cattaraugus native Brooks LeFeber is no stranger to the Ellicottville area. Growing up in the area and skiing at HoliMont since 3 years old, Brooks is very familiar with the community. Brooks worked at Holiday Valley for several years as a ski photographer, and owned Double Diamond (DD) Bar on Monroe Street for 8 years. He now owns Brooks Lefeber Auctions, specializing in online auctions, estate sales, consignments and business liquidations.

Brooks discovered a knack for photography while working at Holiday Valley. He started working at Holiday Valley in high school, then moved into the photo service industry photographing skiers in action for several years. He took this experience and studied photography at the Rochester Institute of Technology.

He worked various jobs while in Rochester, moving back to the area to open Double Diamond, in 2003. He applied the skills he'd learned in various

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Publisher's Word

"IT'S A WING THING?..."



Whether its snowfall, this and more in this week's edition of *The Villager*. As always, we enjoy filling these pages for you each week with things to do, the best of it! Did you know Buffalo, NY is the capitol of Dingus Day celebrations, in mind for us, please hosting the largest concentration of festival locations, polka bands, and Polish traditions in the nation? You will learn a lot about

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- Email us your birthday greetings: info@thevillager.com

Ellicottville Summer Music Festival

"The Players" Headline Saturday, July 1

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

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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.



Basics of the Christian Faith

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in EVL

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.

Local Equestrian Wins Horse Show

Anna DiMarco of DiMarco Body Sculpting & Aesthetics took home several wins from the first regional horse show of the year, the Ohio Arabian Horse Association Spring Show at the World Equestrian Center in Wilmington, Ohio, April 7th-9th. She won Purebred English Pleasure Select Rider with her horse "WP Corporate Empire", and also won in Half Arabian English Pleasure Adult Amateur to Ride with "In a Nutshell VH." Anna rode competitively as a child, but has been competing in Adult Amateur shows only since 2017, with wins every year. The photo to the right shows Anna with In a Nutshell VH. Below, Anna with WP Corporate Empire.



ERA Team Supports United Way

ERA Team VP Real Estate Raises \$8,000



Ellicottville – ERA Team VP Real Estate is proud to announce they have recently raised over \$8,000 to distribute to multiple United Way organizations. The company and its team of 100+ agents and staff joined forces to raise funds for United Ways across Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Warren and McKean

Counties, in conjunction with their "Where We Live" year-long campaign, with a focus on giving back to the community. Each month, ERA Team VP selects an organization or group to focus fundraising and awareness efforts on and United Way was selected for the month of February. "We knew we wanted to

find a unique, effective way to give back and what better organization than United Way! United Way's efforts in our communities are invaluable to the people they serve and we are thrilled to help them in any capacity we can," said Bill Soffel, Broker/Owner of ERA Team VP. "We have been part of the Cattaraugus County community for more than 30 years and take our role as local leaders very seriously. Commitment to community is part of our company's DNA, a value we share with the ERA Real Estate brand globally."

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Proposed Parking Lot

Ellicottville Residents Voice Concerns

By Dave Parker

A 124-space public parking lot is proposed for an undeveloped lot located adjacent to the backyards of nearly a dozen houses along Martha St., Mill St., and Rockwell Ave. The Village recently purchased the commercially zoned property from Cattaraugus County with the intent to lessen the common parking issues that accompany the regular swell of visitors in the Village. However, the construction of this parking lot required zoning area variances from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). The required

public hearing was held on Tuesday, April 4th to hear from residents and property owners. Approximately twenty attendees were at the public hearing to address concerns and present questions. Following last week's public hearing with much public input and concerns voiced, the ZBA approved the area variances. Up next in the parking lot review process will be for the Village Planning Board to host another public hearing on May 9th in order to approve the Special Use Permit and Site Plan. Per Town and Village Planner Greg Keyser, if approved by the Planning Board, construction

will begin this summer and is anticipated to be completed before the start of ski season. What are your thoughts regarding the proposed parking lot? Please contact The Villager at info@thevillager.com if you'd like to share your input for an upcoming article on this topic. Also, make sure to reserve May 9th to attend the Village Planning Board public hearing if you'd like to be involved in this important decision. For full public hearing details and Village ZBA meeting minutes, please visit the Zoning Board's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village-zoning-board-meetings.html>.

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.

CHQ. Chamber Legislative Breakfast

Register Now for April 28 Event at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel

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.

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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch Loving Every Whisper of Ellicottville



BY GARY MALICKI

This week's EVL Village Life retirement adventure is a simple one.

I've been chomping at the bit to get my butt in a chair out on our porch and that day was last Wednesday. It was 73 degrees outside with a balmy tropical-like breeze and although the threat of severe thunderstorms were looming, they never came.

With the view of the HoliMont ski slopes in the distance, I enjoyed listening to some traffic and rustling leaves previously trapped by winter's onslaught. The day included the whirring of someone's weedwhacker and, even closer, the soft musical sounds of wind chimes coming from two different porches. There were birds everywhere. Joggers, bicyclists and dog walkers completed this glorious ensemble. Nice to be surrounded by a handsome group of eclectic homes.

Driving around Our Village I've noticed there seems to be Adirondack chairs on almost every porch. I'm pretty sure that Ellicottville houses the world's largest collection of them.

So I sat out there, taking it all in...listening to oldies on my SiriusXM Radio app and getting beat up as I played online poker on my tablet. Maybe I'll be luckier tomorrow. *(*Editor's note, I told Gary not to mention this bad habit LOL!*)*

...no, wait...I think I'm pretty lucky right now because there is no need for me to go on vacation any longer. It's all right here.

Easter Sunday Walk

Meanwhile I gathered up the energy to take a quick village walk on, and it was a beautiful Easter Sunday. It was positively deserted and kind of a rare sight so



I felt the need to capture the mood in pictures. I thought about what it felt like to be the only person left and it made me think of a rather obscure B.J. Thomas song from the late sixties. If you feel so inclined, go to YouTube and search a song by him called, "Everybody's Out Of Town". You only need to hear a minute or two and you will understand exactly how I felt. Even when it's empty and at rest, 'Doesn't this place feel great!'

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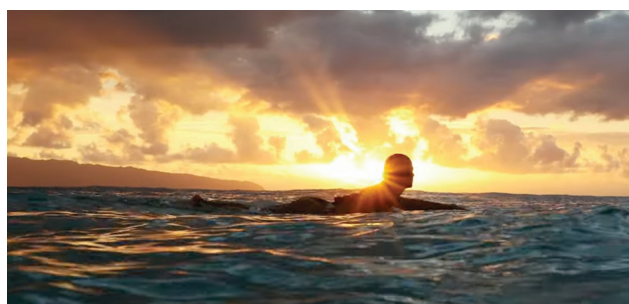
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Banff Film Festival in Jamestown

April 21 & 22, 2023 Tickets Include Weekend Pass to RTPI

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.



Holiday Valley Spotlight

Marketing Director: Dash Hegeman Celebrating Year Anniversary



Aside from his marketing expertise, Dash's love for the outdoors and the ski industry has made him a valuable member of the Holiday Valley team. His passion for snowboarding and mountain biking has made him a respected member of the ski and outdoor community in Western New York and a fun team leader!

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

It's been a whole year since Dash Hegeman joined Holiday Valley as their Marketing Director, and what a year it has been! Dash brought a wealth of experience to the role, having previously worked in marketing for several ski resorts, including HoliMont and Taos Ski Valley. Dash, a Western New York local and "zealous snowboard enthusiast since 1994," started his career in the ski industry as a snowboard instructor and columnist at Holiday Valley. He combined his love for the sport and education in Communication/Journalism to begin a career path as an outdoor marketing professional.

It all began his senior year in college when he interned at Holiday Valley writing articles about the resort for local newspapers. Former Holiday Valley Marketing Director, Jane Eshbaugh helped Dash set up the internship program that ultimately led him to where he is now. "That was where I started to conceptualize a career path for myself", stated Dash. Dash began working as the Marketing Director at HoliMont in 2010. For five years he managed all marketing aspects of HoliMont, including design work, social media, and event planning. From there he made his way out west to New Mexico for five years as the Marketing Manager and eventually promoted to Marketing Director at Taos Ski Valley. In 2021, Dash returned to his roots with Holiday

Valley as the Social Media Manager. Last April he succeeded Jane Eshbaugh as the Director of Marketing, upon her retirement after 41 years with Holiday Valley. "Throughout my lifetime, Holiday Valley

"Throughout my lifetime, Holiday Valley and Ellicottville have evolved into an experience enjoyed by so many people year-round, so anything I can do from a creative standpoint to help elevate this area and the resort to more people is my favorite part the job," Dash.

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Dash's first year with Holiday Valley has been nothing short of exceptional. He hit the ground running, bringing fresh ideas to the table. With his experience in social media development and his passion for photography and writing, Dash was able to revamp the resort's social media presence, giving followers an inside look at all that Holiday Valley has to offer and the people behind it all.

Dash implemented the "Get To Know Campaign" in an effort to showcase the people who make Holiday Valley so unique and a place visitors can call their second home.

"We highlighted our staff and used a combination of our blog, social media and email to show our guests the amazing people we have here at the resort with the hope that when those guests visit, they will start to recognize these individuals and feel a little more at home at the resort," Dash.

Dash's dedication to his work did not go unnoticed. In just one year, he has kept engagement high across Holiday Valley's social media channels and his work in marketing has also contributed to the success of the resort's events and activities, attracting visitors from near and far.

"To me, Holiday Valley's ongoing commitment to reinvesting in its infrastructure is awe-inspiring. I've been to a lot of resorts throughout the country, and for a resort our size, that commitment truly showcases the priority that the team here has made towards creating a guest experience that is first-class experience," Dash.

Aside from his marketing expertise, Dash's love for the outdoors and the ski industry has made him a valuable member of the Holiday Valley team. His passion for snowboarding and mountain biking has made him a respected

member of the ski and outdoor community in Western New York and a fun team leader!

His genuine love for the outdoors carries through in his marketing plans for Holiday Valley. The resorts slogan "Its Just Fun" is echoed by the marketing team's passion for the sport and the industry.

"The thrill of sliding down snow is something that I want as many people as possible to experience," Dash.

As Dash celebrates his one-year anniversary with Holiday Valley, it's clear that he has made a significant impact on the resort and its marketing efforts. His contributions have helped to express Holiday Valley's mission to create fun for every visitor.

"We can't wait to see what Dash has in store for the future of Holiday Valley's marketing efforts. Congratulations, Dash!"

HillTAP Festival at Holiday Valley

A Full Day of Music & Adventure, July 22

Ellicottville – The 3rd annual 42 North HillTAP Festival @ Holiday Valley will be hosted atop Spruce Lake on Saturday, July 22nd. This day-long experience will allow guests to experience the natural beauty of Spruce Lake combined with live music, food, drink,

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Tickets will be sold at \$40 (pre-sale), \$45 (day-of-event), and \$50 if transporting a bike on the lift. The ticket includes a chair lift ride to Spruce Lake, a full day of music, and vendor experiences at

the event—stay tuned as we announce our vendors!

Music Lineup: Kody & Herren (1 - 2:30pm); Ten Cent Howl (3:00 - 5:00pm); and The Probables (6 - 8:30 pm). This year, a stage will be added at the base of the mountain for the third band.

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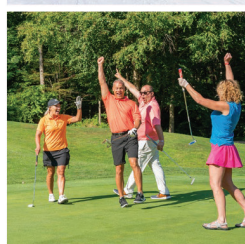
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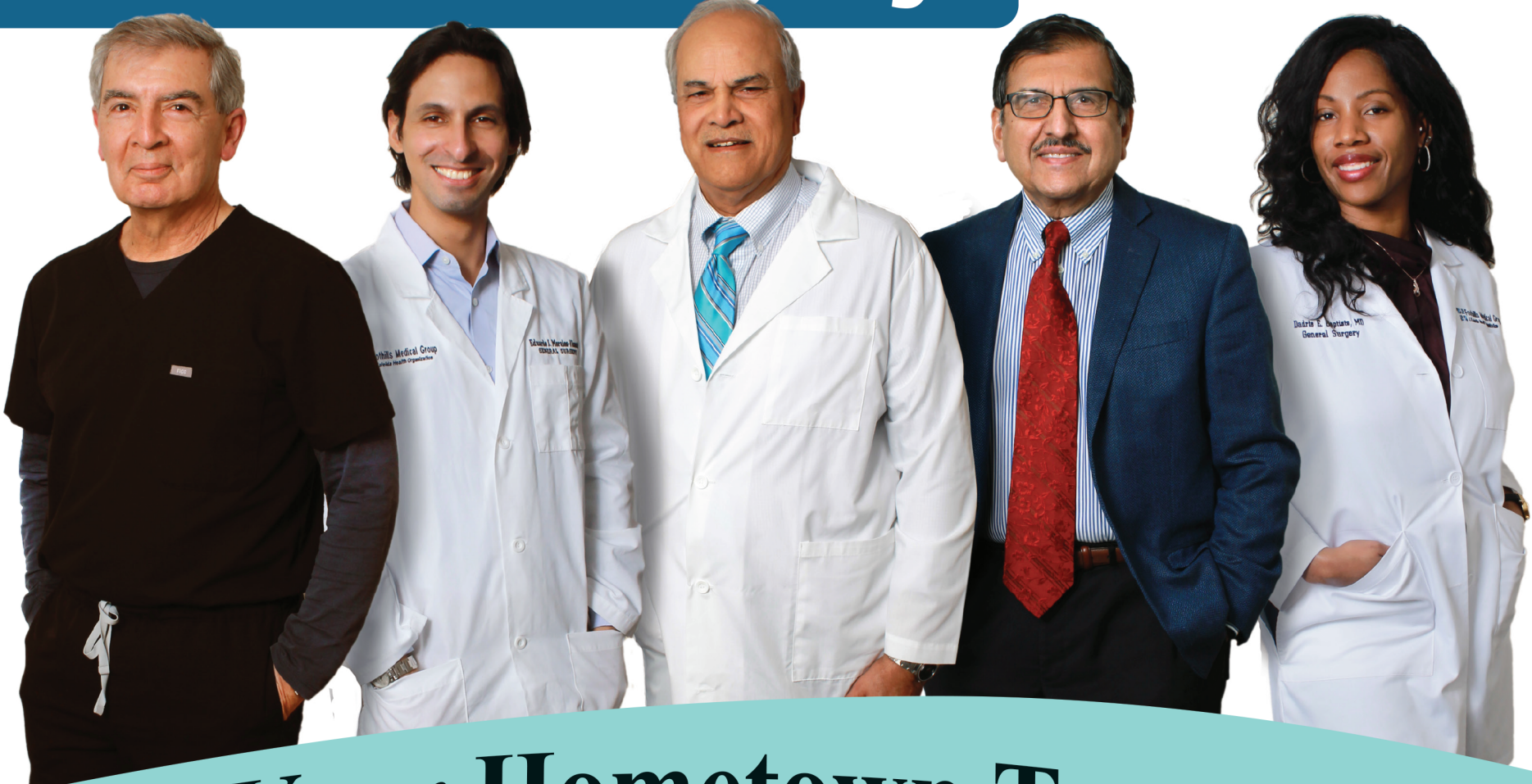
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Join local coffee shops, gourmet roasters, artisan chocolatiers, bakeries, wineries and more. Explore additional exhibitors and their products and purchase items to take home. There are limited tickets available to ensure all attendees have the opportunity to sample items from exhibitors. The list of exhibiting businesses will be announced shortly and will be updated frequently.

There are two General Admission sessions available: Session 1, 12-2pm and Session 2, 4-6pm ** General Admission ticket (\$35) includes: - Samples, samples of coffees, chocolates, wine, and much more - Unlimited trips to the always-flowing chocolate fountains with accompaniments - A commemorative espresso cup to use and take home to remember the fun

long after the caffeine and chocolate high has worn off - A swag bag with samples and vouchers from many different businesses There are two VIP Admission sessions available: Session 1, 11am-2pm and Session 2, 3-6pm ** VIP ticket (\$50) includes everything in the General Admission ticket PLUS the following: - Early entrance to the festival - Access to our exclusive VIP area on the deck, complete with a s'mores bar and fire pits - VIP parking section - Automatic entry into a drawing for an overnight stay at Peek'n Peak Resort with a \$50 food voucher - An exclusive swag bag with samples and vouchers from many different businesses. Purchase tickets on Eventbrite. Tickets are non-refundable. Exhibitors are subject to change.

Exploring Allegheny National Forest

April's Month of Activities Awaits



The Allegheny National Forest, with its rolling hills, valleys, and over half a million acres of forest, is one of the premiere outdoor recreation destinations in the US state of Pennsylvania. There are 9 named mountains in Allegheny National Forest. The highest and the most prominent point is Coal Knob.

By JESSICA MILLER

The Allegheny National Forest, part of the Enchanted Mountains region, is a natural asset that offers a lot to do and explore. Visitors and locals alike find plenty to do all year round. Here are some highlights outdoors enthusiasts can look forward to in the coming weeks:

St) Ludlow, PA: Spring Women's Retreat—The 2023 Spring Women's Retreat theme "Mystery Women" examines unnamed women of the Bible and their encounters with Jesus. Other activities include opportunities for relaxation and reflection, Bible study, a mystery trip, and an optional murder mystery game. Grace Lenox is the retreat leader. The weekend is \$215 with discounts available for a double room. Registration and questions can be handled over the phone (814-945-6512).
 • Saturday, April 22nd at 9am, Buckaloons Recreation Area (181 National Forge Rd) Irvine, PA: Garlic Mustard Pull—Come celebrate Earth Day by helping to pull invasive garlic mus-tard plants from the Buckaloons Recreation Area. Attendees should bring insect spray, gloves, sunscreen, and a potluck dish. It is encouraged to wear a weather-appropriate long-sleeved shirt.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided with the potluck food.
 • Friday, April 21st at 3pm through Sunday, April 23rd at 4pm, Olmstead Manor Retreat Center: Fly Fishing Weekend—New and experienced fly fishers are welcome to learn how to set up equipment, tie knots, find fish in a stream, identify aquatic insects, and select a fly. No equipment is necessary, and participants age 15 and up are welcome. Gary "The Fly-Fishing Coach" Kell is the retreat leader. The weekend is \$340 with discounts available for a shared room or commuting. Registration and questions can be handled at the above phone or at <https://www.olmsteadmanor.org/event-registration-form.html>
 • Wednesday, April 26th at 9am through Saturday, April 29th, at 6pm, Ridgeway Mills Campground (260 West Main St) Ridgeway

Xylazine Found in Illegal Drugs

CHQ Co. Officials Monitor Emergence of Dangerous Substance

County officials are monitoring the emergence of a dangerous substance in the local illegal drug supply. Xylazine, a non-opioid veterinary tranquilizer not approved for human use, is being found mixed with fentanyl and other opioids in communities nationwide. Added to these street drugs to extend their effects, xylazine ("tranq") also increases the already serious risk of a drug overdose. Because it is not an opioid, xylazine does not respond to naloxone (Narcan®), the opioid overdose-reversing medication. Repeated use of xylazine is also

associated with severe skin ulcers, abscesses, and related complications. "Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Administrator Anne Milgram said in a recent agency alert. Media reports have indicated the discovery of xylazine in cities nationwide, including in 90% of Philadelphia's street drug supply. In the Chautauqua County region, lab analyses of drugs seized by local law enforcement agencies have also discovered the presence of xylazine.

"Xylazine threatens to intensify an already severe overdose problem in our county," said Dr. Michael Faulk MD, Chautauqua County's Chief Medical Officer and Department of Health Director. "County residents are warned that using any street drug is dangerous and potentially deadly."

Resources to help those struggling with substance use can be found at CombatAddictionCHQ.com. Individuals who continue to use illicit drugs are advised that naloxone,

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Allegheny National Forest:

• Friday, April 14th at 8:30pm, Kinzua Beach (off PA-59 W), Mead Township, PA: Night Sky Program—A forest ranger will lead a free evening identifying constellations, night sky objects, and stars. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets while dressing for the weather. This is a free event. Contact the Bradford ranger station for additional information (814-363-6000).
 • Friday, April 14th at 3pm through Sunday April 16th at 2pm, Olmstead Manor Retreat Center (17 E Main

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Lenhart

STORY FROM COVER

BY VICTORIA PAVLOCK

The Hotel Lenhart is known to be one of Chautauqua county's oldest and greatest landmarks. The hotel's foundation has stayed within the same family since the late 1800s. With this being said, changes are now coming for the Lenhart and the entire Village of Bemus Point. Fourth generation owners, Bebe and John Johnston recently decided on selling their hotel so that they could retire. The Johnstons stated that the pandemic played a major part in their decision to sell. John Johnston said during an interview, "During Covid years we had a difficult time

staffing the hotel. As a result, management had to step in to do much of the daily operations work". The fifth generation of the family had the intention to move in and take over, but it was stated that it "was realized by all of us that the hotel did not generate sufficient income to support all of us". With the decision to sell outside of the family, a family from Pittsburgh decided that they were up for the project. Jill and William Curry are planning to officially close on the Lenhart towards the end of April.

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presented to them was because "the buyers have indicated that they want to maintain as much as possible the ambiance and history of the hotel". The new blueprint includes a rooftop deck, a decrease in the amount of rooms, no shared bathrooms, a heated pool, a sprinkler system, a spa, along with a major maintenance makeover. The former laundry facility behind the Lenhart has plans to become the said bakery and creamery. In order to make room for the rooftop deck addition, the number of available rooms will change from 57 to 40. All 40 rooms will now be able to have their own private bathroom, unlike the previous structure that included several shared bathrooms. Installation of heating and air conditioning is a part of the renovation plan. Full time employment of approximately 60 is to be

expected. With all of these changes, the new owners hope to have the hotel up and running all seasons of the year. It is well known that Bemus Point remains to be the hot spot for tourism and events during the summer season, and quiet during the winter. Most businesses in the village open around Memorial Day and close near Labor Day. Equitable factors of leaving the Lenhart open throughout all seasons could become a speculation, but the Johnstons have an optimistic take. "We wish the Currys the best in operating year-round in Bemus Point. The plans they have will allow the hotel to stay open in the winter. Bemus Point is principally a summer resort destination. There are opportunities for guests in the winter months. Skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing

and many other winter sports". This refreshing take could bring an entirely new feel for Bemus and its company. Other seasonal businesses in Bemus could have the potential to stay open annually with more foot traffic that the Lenhart brings in, according to the Johnston family. The Johnstons along with the entire Chautauqua Lake community show great anticipation for the future of the Lenhart and the new owners. Many hopes come with the changes that are in progress. "Our hope is that the Currys will continue the hotel's history. The Hotel Lenhart has a special place in the hearts of our guests. Many generations have stayed with us over the years. Many guests have already mentioned that they hope they can continue their tradition. We made it for 142 years. The plans Currys have

should allow the hotel to operate for many more years". Mementos of the legendary Lenhart such as the rocking chairs on the porch, the formal dining room breakfast, and grabbing a rocker from the attached bar will never be forgotten nor relinquished. The same goes for the family who made it all possible. One fourth generation owner, Bebe Johnston, has moved to Florida. Along with her, is Rocker, probably one of the most well-known cats in Bemus. John and Deb Johnston are currently traveling and "have yet to decide where to call home next". The family lastly says "We all are going to miss the Hotel Lenhart and Bemus Point. It has been our legacy from birth and in our blood. The reality has not hit yet".



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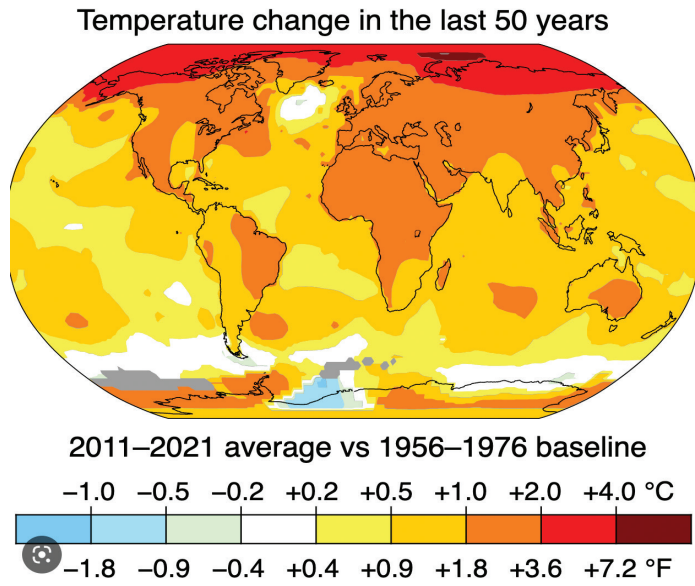




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Earth Day

STORY FROM COVER

By VICTORIA PAVLOCK

With spring upon us, Western New York is in for some well-deserved sunshine and beautiful weather. April sheds light on the appreciation we have for our Earth with the blooming of flowers, warmer days, and the world's very own Holiday. Earth Day this year will be celebrated on April 22, 2023. Showing our love for this planet is something that should continue 365 days a year. We need to take care of it, for it is the only one we have. Remaining cautious about how we are preserving Earth is extremely important. As it should be, climate change is a major topic being discussed amongst society. There is no

question about if the earth is experiencing rapid global warming. This Spring, we are seeing quite a few effects of the changes happening to our environment. The first change you may be noticing is within your sinuses. Due to the 21% increase in pollen production since 1990, allergy season has started 20 days earlier and is projected to last about 10 more days. The reason for all of this sneezing is the rise in temperature so early in the year. The earlier the heat creeps up on us, the earlier pollen is able to be produced.

Early allergies aren't to be the only expected happening due to climate change. Another frequently discussed effect we are due to see is the amount and intensity of future storms. Not only is the air temperature affected by the heating of the planet, but also

the water's temperature. Bodies of water on the East Coast such as the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico have shown quick increasing temperatures that are expected to be the reason for the larger storms the East Coast is promised in the future, according to researchers from the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. The question everyone is asking is, "How do we stop Climate Change?". The answer is there is no stopping climate change. The fossil fuels and greenhouse gasses have been admitted into the air and are present and are going to continue affecting our world's temperature. There are a few things that humanity can be aware of, however, to help start the limitation of rapid climate change.

Recycling energy has become a popular fad amongst society. Renewable resources

such as wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, and hydropower have shown substantially less physical harm to the climate than the fossil fuels filling our world such as natural gas, coal, and oil. Although this statement is true, we also need to remain informed on these new sources of energy. Environmentalists are now showing growing concern for the effects of recycling energy. Wind and solar power are some of the most well-known sources of recycled energy. They have also become very popular energy sources, as Western New York is able to see. The issue recently discovered with solar energy is not all energy storage is clean. Research is now showing that the battery boom could actually increase greenhouse gas emission if not done precisely. Solar energy could basically turn out to be an extreme positive

or an extreme negative. And as for windmills, their concern has to do with physical climate change. Windmills are a nontoxic, inexhaustible and affordable object of energy. They seem to have all of the qualities that our society needs to limit climate change. The issue now being discovered with windmills is their non-recyclable qualities. Windmills are made with fiberglass, steel, and plastic that is so durable that it is almost completely unable to break down. They also have the tendency to negatively impact wildlife and agriculture. Not being able to recycle such large and consistent materials adds to the waste we are trying to control. Recycling is a key factor in limiting the amount of virgin products we are required to make that produce the greenhouse gas and fossil fuel emissions we are

trying to avoid. For more information on this topic, the *Union of Concerned Scientists*, has research and articles expressing growing concern for the environmental impacts of reusable energy. Climate change is a topic we need to keep discussing and questioning. With every new answer to our planet's warming, we need to find the positive and negative impacts in order to efficiently save our earth. There are many ways to remain conscious of the well being of the earth. If we all do our part to stay aware of these new impacts of renewable resources, we can use them in more sustainable ways. With all of this being said, this coming Earth Day is the perfect time to start protecting the amazing place we are able to call home.

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Books

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time to read, and were calling them to ask about books. But Bob said they didn't want to rely on only phone orders. Also, they wanted to have a plan for what their business would look like after lockdown.

First, they created a website for the bookstore and started selling books online. They partnered with an online vendor called "Bookshop", for their expertise and support. Then, they started offering curated book boxes and gift certificates that could be purchased online. They embraced the use of technology in their business with software to monitor both sales and purchases. The Lingles stopped buying books from wholesalers and switched to buying directly from publishers, even connecting their inventory list with publisher's warehouses to provide better service.

The next step was to create a presence on TikTok, which Bob says became a key to their success post-COVID. For example, Bob pre-ordered 5,000 copies of the famous thriller author Jack Carr's latest book, hand signed, with a bullet in the cover. He sold over 500 of those the first day it was announced on TikTok, and had to ask the local post office to carve out space specially for those books in anticipation of their delivery.

Another change was to move the store up a couple of blocks to a bigger storefront. The Lingles used the space to feature more books, rearrange special interest sections and set up new bookshelves and

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reading areas. "We had a lot of support from the community to re-open," says Bob. "We love the historic district and wanted to stay there, but we also wanted to offer something new to the community when we re-opened."

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Their reflection on the relationships they have cultivated with customers and fellow business owners prompted the Lingles to change the store's name. "We wanted the name to reflect our desire to be good neighbors, and to provide a space where our neighbors can visit," says Bob. He adds that they want to be known not only

for selling books, but also for making connections with people and providing a level of service that makes customers want to come back.

For Bob and Shannon, part of making connections means working with organizations in the community. The Lingles help local schools acquire books when needed. They worked with the YWCA to purchase children's books and collaborated with the Jackson Center on literacy nights to promote adult reading. They also raised funds for the Mental Health Association of Chautauqua County by selling a fictional book about suicide and donating a portion of the proceeds. This month the bookstore is partnering with CASA in their Pinwheels for Prevention campaign.

Bob is passionate about books and says he has no regrets about the business. "The only thing I ever regretted was bringing my six-month-old into work one day," he quipped. The Lingles believe it's important to keep local bookstores alive in this age of being able to buy on Amazon. Bob noted that

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Cheating

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ChatGPT can significantly boost productivity by assisting users in various tasks, such as content generation, information organization, and time management.

"ChatGPT has become an invaluable tool for me at work. It helps me draft emails, generate content, and organize my thoughts, saving me time and effort," shared ChatGPT user J. Smith.

Access to Information: ChatGPT serves as a powerful information retrieval tool, providing quick and accurate answers to questions on a wide range of topics.

"Whenever I need to look up something, ChatGPT provides me with relevant information in a matter of seconds. It's like having a virtual encyclopedia at my fingertips," exclaimed a community member A. Brown.

Risks of ChatGPT: Misinformation and Bias: ChatGPT may sometimes generate responses that are inaccurate, misleading, or biased, as it learns from vast amounts of data from the internet, which can contain misinformation and bias.

"Although ChatGPT is a powerful tool, it's important to verify the information it provides. Sometimes, it may generate inaccurate or

biased responses that need to be cross-checked with reliable sources," cautioned J. Smith.

Ethical Concerns: The use of ChatGPT raises ethical concerns, including potential misuse for spreading misinformation, generating fake content, or conducting unethical activities.

"We need to be mindful of the ethical implications of using ChatGPT. It's crucial to adhere to ethical guidelines and use this technology responsibly to avoid any negative consequences," emphasized A. Brown.

Unique Uses of ChatGPT: Creative Writing: ChatGPT can spark creativity and assist in creative writing by providing suggestions, generating story ideas, and helping writers overcome writer's block.

"ChatGPT has been my writing companion. It generates unique ideas, helps me with character development, and provides writing prompts when I'm stuck. It's like having a creative collaborator!" shared a budding writer J. Smith.

Language Learning: ChatGPT can aid language learners by providing translations, grammar corrections, and practice exercises to improve language skills.

"ChatGPT has been a fantastic language learning tool for me. It helps me

practice my language skills, corrects my grammar, and even provides cultural insights," expressed a language enthusiast A. Brown.

In conclusion, ChatGPT offers numerous benefits, including enhanced productivity, access to information, and unique uses such as creative writing and language learning. However, it also presents risks, including potential misinformation, bias, and ethical concerns. It's crucial to use ChatGPT responsibly, verify information from reliable sources, and be mindful of ethical considerations. By leveraging ChatGPT's capabilities while being aware of its limitations, our community can unlock its true potential as a valuable tool for various applications.

It may astound you that the above content was actually generated by ChatGPT in about 60 seconds with the command "Write an article on the benefits, risks, and unique uses of ChatGPT for a community newspaper. Limit words to 500, cite sources in AP Style, and use at least 2 quotes." While the article is good, it's not great but could be touched up quickly to make it publishable.

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I'm an End-of-Life Doula (EOLD)

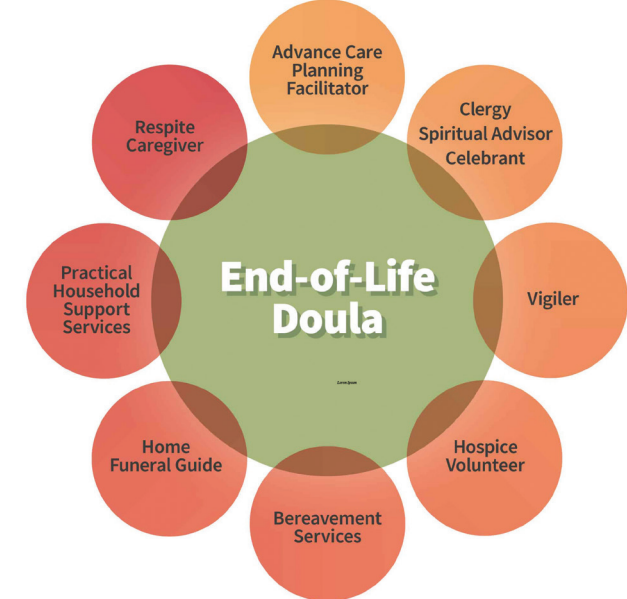
Let Me Tell You What This Means

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Many people recognize the word “doula” as someone we refer to as a childbirth coach. These days, doulas not only play a role in the beginning of life, but they are also found at the bedside when life ends. In short: “An end-of-life doula is a nonmedical professional trained to care for a terminally ill person’s physical, emotional, and spiritual needs during the death process. We are sometimes called ‘end-of-life coaches,’ ‘death midwives,’ ‘soul midwives,’ or ‘transition guides.’” (healthline.com)

Having worked with dying patients for decades, it’s only in the past two years that I stumbled up-on an actual profession for the work I do. There are courses one can take online with organizations that offer certificates for end-of-life doulas, although certification is not required. EOLD’s, like hospice are often misunderstood by the general American public. Unlike hospice, which requires a medical professional confirming that one has less than six months to live, (but often, patients do more than one round of hospice – it can be extended or cancelled) one can hire an EOLD long be-fore they are ready to die.

“In the American culture, where the majority of people die in hospitals, death has been routinely denied, sterilized, and/or removed from view,” said Maureen P. Keeley Trusted Source. She further reminds that “Talking about dying with the person



that is terminally ill can relieve anxiety for both participants in the conversation, and it can help ensure that final wishes regarding treatment at the end of life are honored.” Doulas help patients and families to move beyond the fear and denial, into the reality of understanding the process of dying. With the gentle assistance of doulas, families are urged to discuss the importance of talk regarding death while highlighting the role of family interactions in the process. When a patient works with a doula it becomes a natural transition to call in hos-pice when the time is right. When that happens, hospice plays its role, while the doula picks up where hospice has limitations. An EOLD provides physical and emotional support and preparation for what’s to come through education about the process of dying, serving as conduit between the dying person and the important people in their lives.

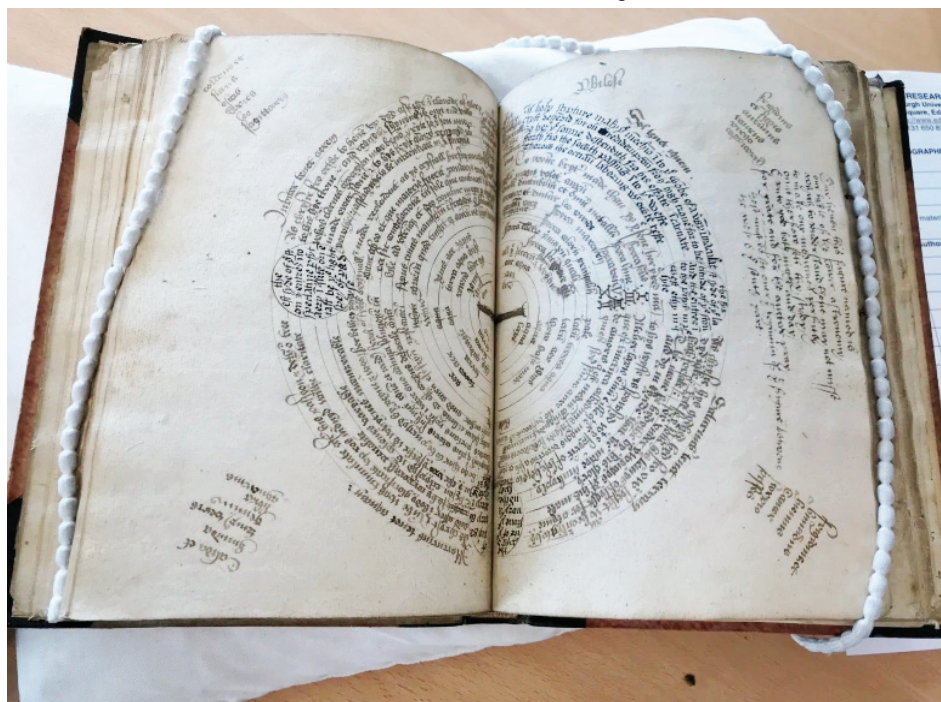
WHAT TO EXPECT FROM A EOLD:

Doulas look for opportunities to talk openly about the dying process with both the patient and their family members. They can engage the person to help create their own legacy book if they wish. They work with the patient to create an environment pleasing to that person – how it looks, feels, sounds, and smells. A doula can help schedule or regulate visitation. They oversee 24/7 care as an adjunct to other providers like palliative care and hospice assuring that they are aware of any DNR (do not resuscitate) or healthcare powers of attorney. A doula can sit vigil with the person and their family and assist with obituaries and planning memorial services. In many ways the EOLD is to be present for the dying person and for their family. To listen to their needs and be willing to converse with them during life’s most difficult and confusing moments. Most frightening is that we are faced with our

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A Day in the Life: Tom Kirchmeyer

12 Gates Brewery



George Ripley’s ‘The Compound of Alchemy’ or ‘The Twelve Gates’ (written 1471) describes the processes necessary to achieve the Philosopher’s Stone. The manuscript copy in the Edinburgh University Special Collections (Laing MS III. 164) dates to the late 16th/early 17th century. Written on paper, the hand attempts to imitate a 15th century style script. The copy evidences knowledge of the 1592 printed version of the text, helping to date it. “Just like alchemy, the chemical process of brewing takes practice, diligence, determination, and morale. We aim to create the perfect beer from the fermentation of the finest, hand-picked ingredients. And if you ask us, grains can be turned into liquid gold.”

BY KATE BARTLETT

Local brewery owner and real estate appraiser, Tom Kirchmeyer, has been visiting Ellicottville since his college days to go skiing and hang out with friends. He gained a deeper appreciation of the quaintness and beauty of the land, and began to fall in love with the area. Fast Forward to 2022, when Tom and his business partners opened the second location of 12 Gates Brewery in the village of Ellicottville. Tom and his wife Christine also own land in the nearby Town of Mansfield, their soon-to-be year-round residence. Tom grew up in Orchard Park, raised a family in Hamburg, and is now living

in Williamsville, just about 20 minutes from downtown Buffalo and a mile from the brewery. He owns a Real Estate Appraisal Business, TK Valuations, which covers all of Western New York. Back in the 1990’s, Tom frequently traveled to Cattaraugus County for his work, and became familiar with the area and started building connections and relationships with businesses and residents alike.

Although running TK Valuations is his full-time job, beer has always been his passion. While working for a large Appraisal Management Company and traveling the country for work, he’d frequent local breweries around the country, deepening his

appreciation for craft beer. “I enjoy connecting with the owners and getting to know different people. This is where my love for craft beer began. After many discussions over great beer with fellow appraiser Todd Wilhelm, we began to think about opening a brewery back home.”

After much planning, Tom and Todd and a few other investors opened 12 Gates Brewing in Williamsville on 12/12/2015. The name was inspired by chemist George Ripley and his ‘12 Gates of Alchemy,’ also known as *The Compound of Alchemy*. “Just like alchemy, the chemical process of brewing

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positions in the industry to open and manage the bar, which was located at 26 Monroe Street, currently Natures Remedy. "Double Diamond was a lively venue for laid back fun," describes Brooks. The bar featured live music and got into the craft beer market as they were becoming popular during the 8 years DD was open. "We witnessed a lot of substantial changes to the area during the time the bar was open. It was just a quiet ski-town with not many restaurant/bar options back when we opened in 2003. When we closed our door in 2011, Ellicottville had transformed into an all-seasons resort town with a diverse variety of restaurants and bars alike."

After the restaurant closed, Brooks worked at Ellicottville Brewing Company, The Depot, and Madigan's, getting more involved in the community and furthering his experience in the business field. Energized and inspired by his work, Brooks decided to open his own auction company, Brooks LeFeber Auctions. He graduated from the Missouri Auction School in 2016, the oldest and largest auction school in the world, and became a Certified Appraiser through the Certified Appraisers Guild of America.

Brooks enjoys appraising people's "treasures" and assists with estate, consignment and business liquidations. "Many of my customers are elderly people who've acquired a lot of things and aren't sure what certain possessions are worth. They don't want to burden their children with their belongings. Others are just looking to simplify or downsize. I help customers



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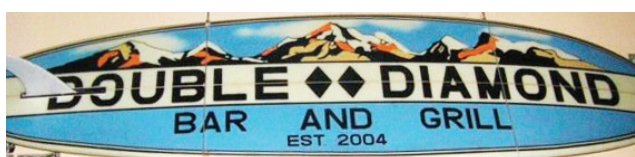
get the most for their possessions, simplify, and sometimes uncover hidden treasures in the process." Brooks has a large market of buyers through his online auctions. He photographs items and posts on his online national market, attracting a high volume of customers. His obscurity markets have everything from an 1860's casket lid from a prison, to Senator Hamilton memoirs and letters from Theodore Roosevelt. "I love finding these treasures. Some of these items are amazing, and people don't even know what they have. They end up being the perfect addition to someone's collection. I love what I do and I get to help people in the process."

Through his experience in the auction business, Brooks has gained a deeper

appreciation for history. "I've always enjoyed history. My job grants the opportunity to learn about significant moments in the past through specific items. Everything tells a story." He enjoys the excitement of un-covering treasures and learning about the past in the process.

Outside of work, Brooks has auctioned at several charity events in the community. He helps out with the Rotary Club and hosted the Ellicottville Ski Tree auction event.

For more information visit brookslifebreauctions.com/ call Brooks LeFeber Auctions at (585) 933-0381 or email contactrequest@BrooksLeFeberAuctions.com to schedule a free consultation to find out what treasures might be hiding in your home.



Buffalo Riverworks Announcements

New Attractions Opening Spring 2023

BY KATE BARTLETT

Buffalo Riverworks continues to pledge their loyalty to continued investments in advancing quality entertainment in downtown Buffalo with an exciting list of announcements for this upcoming season. The Villager spoke with Bill Casale, title, who accurately quoted "there's always something happening at Riverworks. We are committed to investing in downtown Buffalo and creating world class destinations and providing year round quality entertainment." Last season, they unveiled the Buffal-O Ferris Wheel along with Riverland Kids amusement park providing outdoor family fun throughout the summer months. This season, they're literally taking things to new heights with the "Jawz Drop" ride – a 12-person 55 foot drop and twist thrill ride. The rest of the amusement park rides will have an updated appearance with extended hours later into the evenings this year. The park is anticipated to open mid-May through late Fall, weather de-pending. Going along with the entertainment theme, Riverworks is also opening a new indoor Virtual Reality room featuring 5 new VR game style rides. This newly constructed indoor space will be directly ad-jacent to the current game room, offering a more immersive gaming experience. Perhaps one of the biggest announcement is the expansion of their newest indoor space, The Silo Event Center, anticipated to open Spring 2023. This new 9,000



square foot space offers a more formal event center complete with a private entrance, elevator and bridal party rooms. "We're putting the final touches on this amazing event center which will allow us to better serve events of all sizes and purposes. The atmosphere is industrial shabby-chic with metal wood tones and chande-lier lighting." The event center impressively showcases multiple historical murals of vintage down-town Buffalo along the silo walls. It will also feature multiple new video wall screens. "We're look-ing forward to better serving the community through this event center, which we consider an ex-tension of our catering operations at Pearl Street, The Web, and the existing space at Riverworks. We invite everyone to come tour this space, and let us host your next private event in our beauti-ful, totally Buffalo space." Last but certainly not least, Riverworks is opening a new outdoor Stonehenge Tiki Bar in Summer 2023. A fun tropical atmosphere, the space is decked out with 16 foot tall palm trees and island décor serving frozen drink specials. The Tiki Bar will feature daily live music with occasional Steel Drum

bands on their one of a kind floating Barge Stage with unmatched views of the city. "Riverworks is proud to host a variety of events throughout the year, and we're committed to mak-ing improvements to better accommodate these events," says Bill. Music is Art is one of the biggest music festivals in the area, and will be held at Riverworks for the fourth consecutive year this Sep-tember. Riverworks has also hosted numerous live concert events, including national acts like the Goo Goo Dolls. They've invested in a new state-of-the-art sound system in order to attract more national recording acts, expected to be completed in late Fall 2023. "The goal of the Pearl Street Family of Companies is to continue to reinvest in downtown Buffalo and create world class destinations and opportunities while continuing our motto...There is always something cool happening at Riverworks." For more information visit www.buffaloriverworks.com and follow on social media for updates @ Buffalo Riverworks. Email Bill directly for events @ bscale@pearlstreetgrill.com



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BY MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This popular couple plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers with some fine guitar licks and smooth harmonies. Marshmallow Overcoat will play the late show from 8-12am. They play a rock/pop/folk/mod set of covers and originals you can dance to.

Balloons is back with SON (full band) from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/blues/jazz/pop/alt/funk set of covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will lay down the sauce so you do the floss from 10-2am.

12 Gates of Evl will host Greg Zeis from 7-10pm. Greg plays a classic rock/folk/country/Americana set of covers. Check out the Cajun inspired menu. I like the shrimp po'boy and homemade potato salad.

We close it out at Madigans with the return of Dj SI playin the thumpin for the bumpin from 9-1am. Check out the foosball and pool tables for you barroom decathletes.

SUNDAY

Villaggio does it's weekly AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. This weeks music will be provided by Geno McManus from 5:30-8:30pm. Geno plays classic rock covers, think Stones, Petty, Bowie, Beatles...

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10 pm. During the month of April the wings are only 25 cents and they have a nice selection of craft beer. This weeks musical host is The Chillbillys from 6-9pm.

Tuesday, The Gin Mill hosts the Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. They play blues and folk covers from the 60-70's. If you like high end liquor try the Carriage House Side-bar for some craft cocktails.

We close out the seven day weekend the way we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-12am. Joe plays. Folk/country rock/rock/pop/blues/roots set of covers that you can sing along to. \$1 wings and \$1 off al domestics makes for a locals favorite.

If you enjoyed your time in our village let your friends and family know and come back often but wherever you are, PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What Was The Most Memorable Commercial From Childhood?"

BY CHAD NEAL



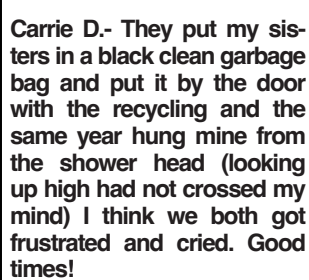
Life is a curious endeavor - if you look at the rituals we are accustomed to in our various traditions throughout the year. Easter for example is a celebration during the spring equinox, and many different cultures celebrate at this time of year as a rebirth of life. Even though we use different names for the sacraments, it all basically stems from the idea of resurrection, a rebirth of life. And the use of symbols has evolved and the strangest one for anyone not in the know is the hiding of the Easter Basket full of candy and gifts by a magical Easter Bunny, alas most of America has searched for their Easter Basket early on that Sunday morning in the spring. The holiday allows for an end to a fasting time. Fasting is found in many of the religious traditions this time of year. And that wickerwork containing candy is fun for children to track down. Where was the hardest place to find your Easter Basket?



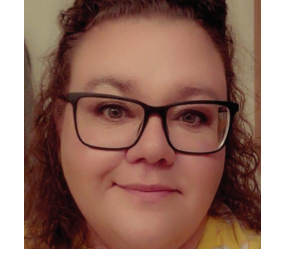
Gina K.- They hid my brother's under a loose step in the stairs! Another year it was unseasonably warm out, so they hid one in the wood stove. Final best place was hanging under the coats in the coat rack. Best part about all of them was finding a basket that was not yours (there are 5 of us) and eating all of your favorite candy from their basket before they found it ... tee hee.



Amanda M.- Everywhere. I sucked at this horribly torturous yearly ritual wherein candy was withheld from me until everyone else had theirs because their stuff was hidden in easy places and mine was impossible to find. Every year.



Carrie D.- They put my sisters in a black clean garbage bag and put it by the door with the recycling and the same year hung mine from the shower head (looking up high had not crossed my mind) I think we both got frustrated and cried. Good times!



Lori S.- Underneath the garbage bag in the garbage can.



Pat M.- It's always in the dryer, 41 yrs strong!



Ian B.- In the trunk of the car in the garage.

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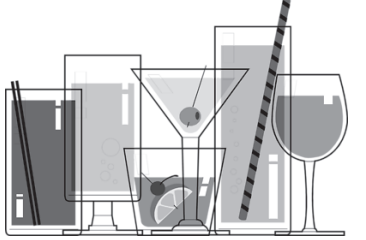
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution....**Good luck!**

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Books

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books are one of the few goods that have their price as an actual part of the item, which is supposed to keep things fair. However, he says Amazon tends to sell for less than that, thus cutting into authors' royalties. By buying from an independent bookseller, buyers support the authors.

Coincidentally, Independent Book Store Day is April 29th. Stop by the Good Neighbors Bookstore and show your support!



Cheating

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That's exactly the main point of using ChatGPT.

Currently, it's a huge accelerator for information collection and presentation. I liken ChatGPT to a textual version of Amazon's Alexa, which I ask questions of all the time with the various Echo devices in my house, but ChatGPT provides a much more complete response to questions. If you've grown accustomed to using Google to get information, this is the next step in improving research where the response to

your question is one comprehensive result and not an array of possible matches that require you to sort through the sources for the best information.

Therein lies one of the main risks of ChatGPT. It presents the results of your query in a very authoritative fashion and will only cite sources if you request it. So, **this can lead to false or biased answers that the user needs to be aware of as mentioned by ChatGPT's response above.** Many experts have voiced opinions of ChatGPT and the OpenAI concept taking over the world, replacing many human jobs, and threatening privacy, and while those concerns have merit, the novel aspects of ChatGPT are too beneficial to not take advantage of. Give ChatGPT a try yourself to see what the fuss is about. You can easily create an account at <https://chat.openai.com> and start generating poems, develop song lyrics, write jokes, come up with dinner recipes, translate text to another language, get a jump on your homework assignment, write Excel functions, and even author articles for your community newspaper.

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Brewing

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Tom Kirchmeyer (right) along with his wife Christine and his father Dave at the brewery in Williamsville.

and his son Brett started the 12 Gates Jeep Club in 2016. Now boasting over 200 members, the club offers trail rides near Ellicottville in the Spring and Fall, and monthly meet-and-greet events. Members receive a 12 Gates Jeep tire cover along with other perks. Tom hosts the club's trail rides on their 120 acre-property in Mansfield, just 5 minutes outside Ellicottville "It's such a great way to connect with other Jeep enthusiasts who are also crazy about craft beer. Our trail ride is much smaller than others in the country. We limit to about 30 people, offering a more casual, laid-back experience, with all the same Jeep off-roading adventures in the great outdoors."

Tom and his business partners decided Ellicottville was the perfect location for the second location of 12 Gates. Located in the heart of the village at 14 Washington St next door to the familiar Ellicottville Coffee Company, 12 Gates of EVL offers the same causal edgy vibe of their flagship location in a more intimate setting. With old cemetery gates flanking the walls, the location suits its nickname: *12 Gates of EVL*. "We've been so welcomed into the Ellicottville community, and we're thrilled to offer our craft beers to the area." Offering a unique menu, beer on tap, wine, full-bar and live music on most weekends, 12 Gates of EVL has something to please every palate. "Stop in and say hi to Audrey Snow, our manager and long-time resident of the area."

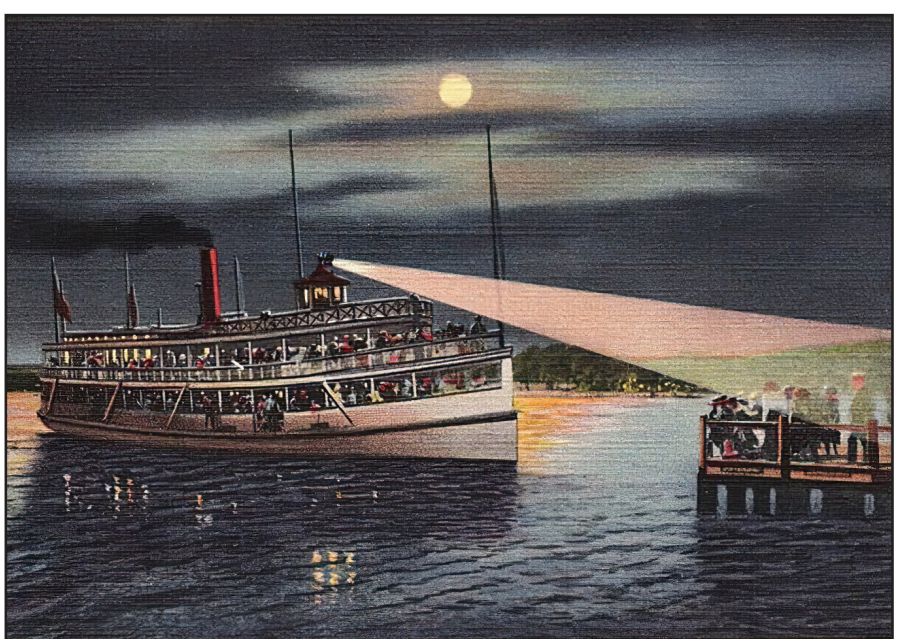
Tom loves the business of beer and feels fortunate to have found a niche in the craft beer subculture. "It's a very unique culture and is gaining popularity for good reason. It is far reaching and connects people from all over the country. Beer is made to be drank fresh. There's nothing quite like a fresh beer drank straight from the source. We invite everyone to come taste the difference and drink a fresh quality craft beer at our Ellicottville location."

With plans to have a full-time residence in Mansfield are near completion, he's eager to become more involved in the Ellicottville community. Already members of the Chamber of Commerce, Tom looks forward to giving back to the community that has been so welcoming. "My wife Christine and I love visiting all the local establishments and getting to know everyone. The community has welcomed us with open arms and everyone is always willing to help out."

For more information on both locations, and the Jeep Club, visit <https://12gatesbrewing.com> and follow them on social media.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties



Evening Cruise on Chautauqua Lake
Vintage postcard - Circa 1915

Canticle

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role models for which our board, staff and volunteers strive to emulate charisms of hospitality, humility, and service". One of the core Franciscan values is service. The farm undoubtedly exhibits this trait in their everyday operations. In addition to providing affordable produce for the community, Anderson says they "also donate produce to a wide variety of organizations engaged in alleviating food insecurity throughout Cattaraugus and Allegany counties in NY, and McKean County in PA, through our Sponsored Share Program, which is supported by grants and donations from religious groups and societies, local organizations, individuals and friends of the farm".

As an all-natural organization, Canticle Farm is very environmentally conscious, and as Anderson says, "Earth Day is everyday". For this Earth Day, the farm is inviting everyone in the community to participate in the festivities. "We are welcoming our community to join us to reverence and celebrate the gifts of Creation. We will host a variety of sustainability talks, have interactive activities for children, and offer farm tours so folks can

see what's in season this spring. This year we will also be hosting a fundraiser for our Franciscan Food Pantry Program in which every \$2 donated a vegetable start will be given to the donor. This is a win-win fundraiser; donors can start growing their spring vegetable gardens and we are helping our neighbors in need" Anderson told me. The Earth Day event is so important to the farm because they want to welcome people who share the visions and values of the farm. Anderson said, "This celebration is an opportunity for all community members to share their passion for protecting our natural resources and to inspire one another in the various creative ways we can live sustainably".

Canticle Farm also recognizes how important it is for community members to learn what natural grown food looks like. "Canticle Farm is a place to experience how local pesticide-free produce is grown. We are your local farm. Meet your farmers, get involved, it is always a very enriching experience", Anderson said. Getting involved in the farm is very easy. If you're interested, start by volunteering on Earth Day. Anderson shared several ways community members can be involved in the festivities on Earth Day,

"Volunteer on Earth Day! We welcome musicians, folks to run activities for children, yoga classes and more. If you would like to get involved, please email office@canticlefarm.org". There are even more ways to be involved with the farm even when it's not Earth Day. Anderson added that, "An-other terrific way to support the farm is by purchasing a summer and fall community supported ag-riculture share by visiting our website: <https://www.canticlefarm.org/buy-a-share.html>. Shop our market at 3809 Old State Rd in Allegany every Tuesday from 12pm-6pm and visit us at the Olean Area Farmer's Market every Saturday from 8am-1pm starting in May-October". Whether you love to garden yourself or you are just a consumer, everyone is welcome at Canticle Farm.

"We believe everyone should have access to nutritious produce at affordable prices. The vision of the farm is to be a model for the local, sustainable community farm relying on the recognition of God's gifts to nourish the mind, body, spirit, and Earth" Anderson shared. The farm's primary concern is not making money; their main focus is to welcome anyone and everyone to the farm and to provide affordable produce to their community.

Forrest

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PA: Chainsaw Carvers Rendezvous—75 carvers will demonstrate their chainsaw skills with demonstrations and pieces for sale. Food, an auction, and vendors will be on hand. Admission is \$5 per person at the gate.



EOLD

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own mortality when it happens close to home. All deaths don't look the same, so every dying experience needs its own formula and help along the path to understand what is happening. That's where an EOLD comes in. End-of-life doulas aren't licensed for any medical assistance, but they can work with the healthcare team, advocating for the

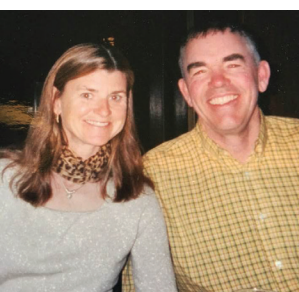
dying person's wishes. Families get exhausted taking care of their dying loved ones. A doula can help relieve some of that by giving the caregivers much needed breaks. A doula gives the dying person an opportunity to express their own grief – they are grieving as much as the family members, knowing they are leaving their loved ones behind and all the things in life that they enjoyed. The dying process is a lot of work for them, and they need space to process what is happening.

They want their families left prepared, so they don't have to scramble, wondering what their loved one wanted. A doula helps the patient develop this plan.

Bottom line, a EOLD on the team assures consistent continuity of care. Depending on the levels of care needed, a patient may transition from one to another but if faces change, the doula remains a constant in their lives providing a compassionate and supportive foundation.

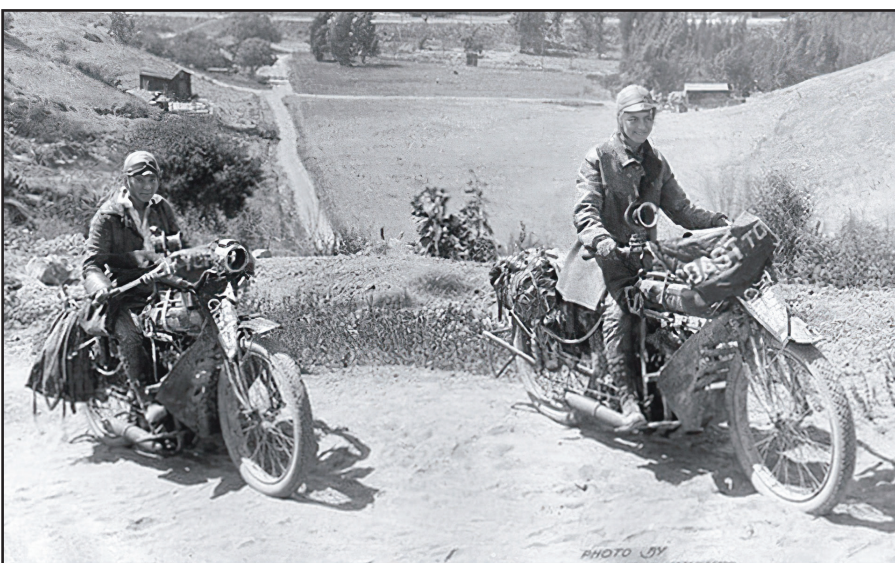
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