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## Area Events

- CHOSEN TREASURES MONTH**  
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- OSBORN NASH**  
Saturday, April 8 • 4pm  
Southern Tier Distillery, Lakewood
- BOOKS AND BREWS**  
Wednesday, April 12 • 5:30pm  
Brazilis Wine Lounge, Jamestown
- WEEKLY BIRD WALKS**  
Wednesday, April 12 • 9am  
RTPI, Jamestown
- TRIVIA NIGHT**  
Thursday, April 13 • 7pm  
Pearl City Hops, Jamestown
- SPAMILTON: A PARODY**  
Saturday, April 15 • 7:30pm  
Reg Lenna, Jamestown
- LIVING VOICES**  
Monday, April 17 • 10am  
Jackson Center, Jamestown
- FRIENDS OF GOOD MUSIC**  
Friday, April 21 • 7:30pm  
Regina Quick Center, St. Bonaventure
- JEFF FOXWORTHY**  
Saturday, April 22 • 8pm  
Seneca Resort, Salamanca
- ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**  
Friday, April 28 • 11am  
Nannen Arboretum, Ellicottville
- COFFEE & CHOCOLATE FEST**  
Saturday, April 29 • 11am  
Peek'n Peak Resort, Clymer
- WINEMAKERS DINNER**  
Saturday, April 29 • 7pm  
Johnson Estates, Westfield
- NY DUATHLON SERIES**  
Saturday, May 6 • 9am  
Randolph
- MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN**  
Saturday, May 6 • 4pm  
Gowanda Depot, Gowanda
- FINDLEY LAKE CRAFT FAIR**  
Saturday, May 6, 2023  
Fire Hall, Findley Lake
- TRIPLE D RODEO**  
Friday, May 19 • 6:30pm  
Triple D Ranch, Napoli
- SPRING THING CARNIVAL**  
Saturday, May 27, 2023  
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## Easter Traditions

Time of Solemnity, Joy, Delicious Food, & Seasonal Pranks



The lamb shaped butter spread dates back to the year 1200. "A religious symbol the lamb of god in the eucharist," said Adam Cichocki, Camellia Meats manager. The red ribbon represents the blood of Christ and the red flag represents peace on earth. It originated in Poland before it made its way the U.S.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

I received a brand-new butter dish made in Poland from my husband today. I broke the bottom of my old one and butter just doesn't taste the same unless

dispensed from my Polish dish. And this one is large enough to hold a traditional Easter butter lamb. A trip to the Broadway Market is out of the question

SEE "TRADITION" PAGE 9

## National Hug Your Pet Day (or Not)

Appreciating Pets is another Gift of April



Hup is 3 months old and is available for adoption at the Chautauqua County Humane Society in Jamestown.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

National Hug Your Pet Day is April 10<sup>th</sup>. This has been an annual "holiday" for almost 20 years. While there are conflicting stories on exactly when it started and who started it, all the stories agree that this is a day to highlight the benefits of owning a pet and to

raise awareness of the needs of animals in shelters.

Studies have proven many benefits of owning a pet, especially cats and dogs. Pets offer unconditional love and endless entertainment. This reduces stress, lowers blood pressure, and counteracts

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## Business Spotlight: Borsari Food Co.

Local Pioneers of Seasoned Salts



From the Original Blend came seven new flavors. Borsari played with their original ingredients – fresh garlic, rosemary, basil, nutmeg, and black pepper along with some new herbs – to create Citrus, Orange Ginger, Savory, Tuscan Rosemary Sage, Everything Bagel, Cracked Pepper, and Coffee. (See "Borsari", pg. 7)

## Dining in the Dark

Chautauqua Blind Association Fundraiser



After the silent auction at 6:15, each guest will be blindfolded and led into the dining room by sighted guides trained by the CBA staff. The sighted guides stay with their table of guests and will assist them with their meal. Dinner consists of three courses and a blindfold. The gourmet dinner offers choices of steak, chicken, fish and a vegetarian option as well as a beet salad and dessert. This is the 11th Dining in the Dark fundraiser and they are aiming for 150 guests, they currently have 91 reservations. (See "Dining", pg. 11)

## Sneak Peek

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IDA Invests in Continued Growth in Cattaraugus



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## Business: Spotlight Pea Pod and Juniper

More than A Florist; a Bouquet of Inspiration

By Patricia Measer



Kim Carlson, owner of Pea Pod and Juniper in the historic district of Lakewood, NY. One of the things that makes Pea Pod & Juniper special is the number of locally made goods on the shelves.

Pea Pod and Juniper, a unique flower and gift shop, is one of the gems in the Historic District of Lakewood Village. It opened during the pandemic, when some people thought it was a bad time to start anything new. But now, almost three years later, it is a thriving shop and a testament to how great this area is for retail.

"Lakewood is a great place to do business," says owner Kim Carlson. "I love the neighbors, the location and its proximity to the lake. And I especially love the other businesses here, the camaraderie with them. It's a friendly neighborhood."

This is the first time that Kim has ever owned her own business, and it started almost by accident. During two weeks of lockdown, Kim had a lot of time to think about where she was in life and where she wanted to be. Her son, Alex, had died at a young age, and didn't get the chance to realize his potential. "I suddenly realized I wasn't living up to my potential, and I had to do something

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## History: St. Paul's Church in EVL

Celebrating 100 Years & Thriving



St. Paul's Church began in 1910 when The F.J. Ploetz family moved to Ellicottville and invited three other Lutheran families to gather for prayer in their homes. By 1923, they were up to 24 members and formally organized and bought a property for \$1,000 which had belonged to the Seventh Day Adventists on the corner of Elizabeth and Mechanic Streets.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

St. Paul's Church has a 100-year-old history, but worship itself started earlier in community homes, as did so many in the frontier days of Ellicottville. St. Paul's started in 1910 when The F.J. Ploetz family moved to Ellicottville and invited three other Lutheran families to gather for prayer in their homes. By 1923, membership grew to 24 and they needed their own house of worship. They formally organized and bought a property for \$1,000 which had belonged to the Seventh Day Adventists on the

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# Publisher's Word

"Let's Try to Keep Up with Ourselves, shall We?..."



Needless to say, *The Villager* crew has spent the past week tirelessly trying to keep up with everyone in our communities; I mean seriously, you have a lot going on! We are proud to recognize all of the business working together, growing together and re-grouping together. The Bemus Point Business Association met this past weekend, the Tri-County Arts Council is growing with amazing things, and Ellicottville – well, this place always "Feels Great". Lets merge, and strive to align; today and every day is a great day to appreciate exactly where we are right here and now. We are so blessed to be in our corner of Western New York.

Until next week, enjoy the read – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer.

As always, if you have an event or idea you would like to share with our readers, please let me know. My personal email address is: [info@thevillager.ny.com](mailto:info@thevillager.ny.com)

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## Ellicottville Summer Music Festival

"The Players" Headline Saturday, July 1

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

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## 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 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.



# Residents Voice Concerns Over GLC

Great Lake Cheese Co. Modifies Request from CCIDA



At the special meeting Wednesday, April 5, the CCIDA approved the additional \$45M in sales tax abatement to the Great Lake Cheese facility located in Cattaraugus County and applauded their direct economic impact to the county.

By Dave Parker

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### RESIDENTS RAISE CONCERNS

Last week a public hearing was held at the Farmersville Town Hall to receive public comments on the GLC project revision and additional sales tax abatement. Several critical comments on the GLC project and their request for additional sales tax abatement were received by Franklinville and Farmersville residents. Communication issues, Franklinville benefiting more than Farmersville, lack of local jobs being created, truck noise, traffic

issues, and concerns with poor cost forecasting were the concerns raised by the attendees who spoke at the meeting.

CCIDA Board Member Ginger Schroder who is also a Cattaraugus County Legislator and Franklinville resident offered an apology on behalf of the community for what she termed the "myopic and shortsighted" issues that were raised at the public hearing. Ms. Schroder mentioned that she and others knocked on over a hundred doors of residents and received overwhelming support for the GLC project.

### POSITIVE DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT

Corey Wiktor Executive Director for the CCIDA and GLC representative John Jennings addressed several of the concerns raised at the Farmersville public hearing. The concern about local labor not being utilized was dispelled. While exact numbers were not available at the meeting, Mr. Wiktor and Mr. Jennings described the variety of local labor being used for trucking, laborers, food vendors, propane supply, and many

other roles. Mr. Jennings called out that only very specialized roles are being brought in from outside the local area. Mr. Wiktor detailed the direct economic benefits of the project and noted that the local job estimates will be updated as part of the application approval process.

### CCIDA APPROVES ADDITIONAL FUNDING

After reviewing the public hearing concerns, the CCIDA Board unanimously approved a resolution in support of the GLC project modification request for an additional \$45 million in sales tax abatement.

Before adjourning, a brief review of the CCIDA financial report was conducted and correspondence from attorney Peter Sorgi was acknowledged.

The next CCIDA Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25th at 11:30am in at the CCIDA Ellicottville office. For full meeting details and CCIDA updates, please visit the CCIDA website at <https://www.cattcoida.com>.

# OPINION: Letter to the Community

## Paving Paradise to Put up a Parking Lot

SUBMITTED BY TERESA ZENKOVICH PROPERTY OWNER SINCE '02

Parking comes with a cost. Village Council's proposed parking lot of 127 spaces, with a vehicle and pedestrian entrance close to the corner of Mill St., and an 8 Ft pedestrian walkway bordering a private driveway on Martha St., with 6 ft high TBD fencing bordering the lot will change the nature, character, living conditions, housing value and reasonable enjoyment of 26 families bordering the lot.

The impact of living next to a parking lot and 2 pedestrian walkways will be felt by residents 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, despite Councils claim to have the lot monitored by police. All for a parking lot needed for a few festivals hosted throughout the year?

Besides the obvious of destroying all the green space, home to flora

and fauna, living next to an "urban heat island" changing carbon levels, air quality, heating and cooling will be issues for neighboring homes. All negative impacts, offering residences no upside and no benefit. Will our taxes be reduced while our eating and air conditioning costs increase?

Vehicles will create only negative effects. Idling cars, car alarms, car stereos, honking, truck and motorcycle engines revving, exhaust fumes, overnight parking, bus and trailer parking. People bring more issues: loud conversations, drunken patrons returning from bars late into the night and early morning, trash, vomit, dog excrement, trespassing, second hand smoke, illicit late-night parties and gatherings, petty theft and vandalism will play out under our bedroom windows.

Parking lots require ongoing maintenance. Council is proposing

free parking, which will generate zero revenue. Funding for the construction, summer and winter maintenance of asphalt, fencing, daily garbage pickup, lighting, line painting, vegetation planting and care, will all presumably come from tax payers' money. I foresee an increase in taxes to sustain the ongoing care and maintenance of this parking lot. Will this all be paid by commercial taxes levied in the town?

Ellicottville is known as "The Aspen of the East" and a quintessential small town with ski hills, nature trails and hiking trails. A high, fenced-in paved parking lot, with few trees and vegetation does not represent the values and friendly family feel Ellicottville proports to have. Is our town to become another outdoor mall with parking lots good for cars first and the tax paying residents and families made to feel our residences are no longer valued?

# 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.

# 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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## HoliMont's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dummy Downhill Giving Easter Blessings!



BY DAN BALKIN

Look out Winter Olympics, there is a new winter sensation called the "Dummy Downhill." These athletes - real Dummies actually - don't need to train or stick to a regimented diet to compete. On Sunday, April 2nd, HoliMont held its second annual Dummy Downhill. As the name implies, HoliMont members constructed actual inanimate Dummies that were designed to careen down a designated slope, go over a jump, and if the ski gods were with them, spectacularly crash and be reduced to a pile of carnage at the bottom of the hill. Fun? You bet! Even though these competitors were just Dummies, they still had to stick to some strict rules: Dummies had to be on skis or a snowboard; had to be no taller than 6 feet tall and could not exceed 75 lbs in weight - the dummies were obviously not allowed to consume beer or chicken wings!

In addition, any form of pyrotechnics, such as Russian artillery shells that would fizzle, hiss, and emit sparks were strictly forbidden. Due to the vagaries of their construction, not every

Dummy made it over the jump, but the crowd still roared in approval as the Dummy would often wind up in an awkward position no one could envision when it was launched from the starting gate. For instance, one of the photos shows two Dummies (one headless because its head had fallen off on the descent) staring at each other on the crest of the jump. Kids of all ages came out to watch the event, and smiles seemed to be everyone's default facial expression.

This week is Easter week and every Christian believes that the miracle of miracles, Jesus rising from the dead, is commemorated on Easter Sunday. Let us also remember that our beloved liftie, Charley Coolidge, who acted as the events MC, would like to thank everyone in the Ellicottville region and beyond for their countless prayers that Charley and his family are certain helped raise their son and brother Emmett off his sick bed at Oishei Children's Hospital last week. The power of prayer? Even a Dummy knows it has the power to lift us up. Emmett, Happy Easter and we are glad you are back home with your family, friends, and the entire Ellicottville community.

*"Smiles seemed to be everyone's default facial expression."*



Charley Coolidge/Photo Luan Bobinchuck



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## Holiday Valley Sponsors Film Festival

Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival, Screening in Jamestown



BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Celebrate Earth Day in proper fashion this year and embrace the beauty of our planet at the annual Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival. Nurture your adventurous souls and curiosity of the natural world through film.

This year's world tour of the film festival features some of the most creative and anecdotal films the centre has ever seen. The two-day event will feature two different programs of the world's best mountain sport, culture, and environmental films.

Holiday Valley is a proud sponsor of the 2023 festival held at the The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, 116 E. 3rd St., Jamestown, NY over Earth Day weekend April 21-22 from 7-10pm.

The world has dramatically changed in the few past years. The pandemic reshaped the world and our minds, and the filmmakers have as well.

"They are spending more time with their craft, dealing with challenging subject matter differently, and they have decided that the voices of underrepresented

communities need to be heard. This year's program amplifies a new world, rich with alternate narratives and viewpoints," Joanna Croston the festival and world tour director.

After two years of isolation people have been eager to get back to the good old times. But many adventures never stopped; extraordinary solo journeys by climbers, skiers, and adventurers are documented in the films.

Life is short and goes by faster than anyone would like to admit. The pandemic amplified peoples' will to make the most of everyday and live life to the fullest. These films inspire the audience to seize the day and appreciate the world.

Like every year prior, the films keep you on the edge of your seat as you look at the beautiful landscapes around the world. The films capture those that were called by mother nature to fulfill inspiring quests and experience what the world has to offer.

The film festival provides a taste of travel and adventure that almost makes you want to try to jump into the screen and join in. It's such an invigorating experience

watching people on their world explorations.

"Whatever the past two years have taught us we know one thing for sure, it's good to be back and it's great to have new stories to tell," Joanna Croston, festival and world tour director.

The films are shown across the US and Canada and in 40 countries around the world to share what humans are capable of and how beautiful Earth really is.

The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival is an arm of the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, a renowned learning organization with a rich history of artistic and creative excellence since 1933. The organization began in the Canadian Rockies and has since expanded to become a global leader in arts, culture, and creativity.

The festival has not failed their mission as an organization. Each year the films inspire progressive conversations and creative thinking among audiences across the globe.

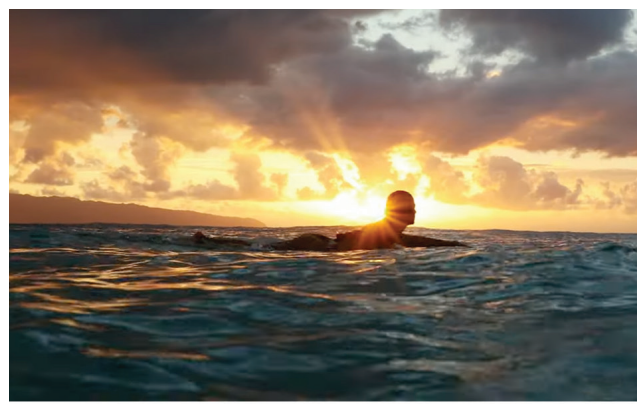
Tickets for the Jamestown screening in April can be purchased online through the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

## 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.

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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.

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Seneca Allegany Casino & Resort Hosts June 24, 2023

Salamanca – Spring may have just sprung, but Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino is preparing for an entertainment heatwave when REO Speedwagon storms into the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, June 24 at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now.

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On Loving You," "Can't Fight This Feeling," and "In My Dreams," among others. Through it all, REO Speedwagon has sold more than 40 million records, charting 13 Top 40 hit singles, while continuing to play high-energy live shows for audiences across the United States and Canada. Tickets on sale March 31! Tickets start at \$55.

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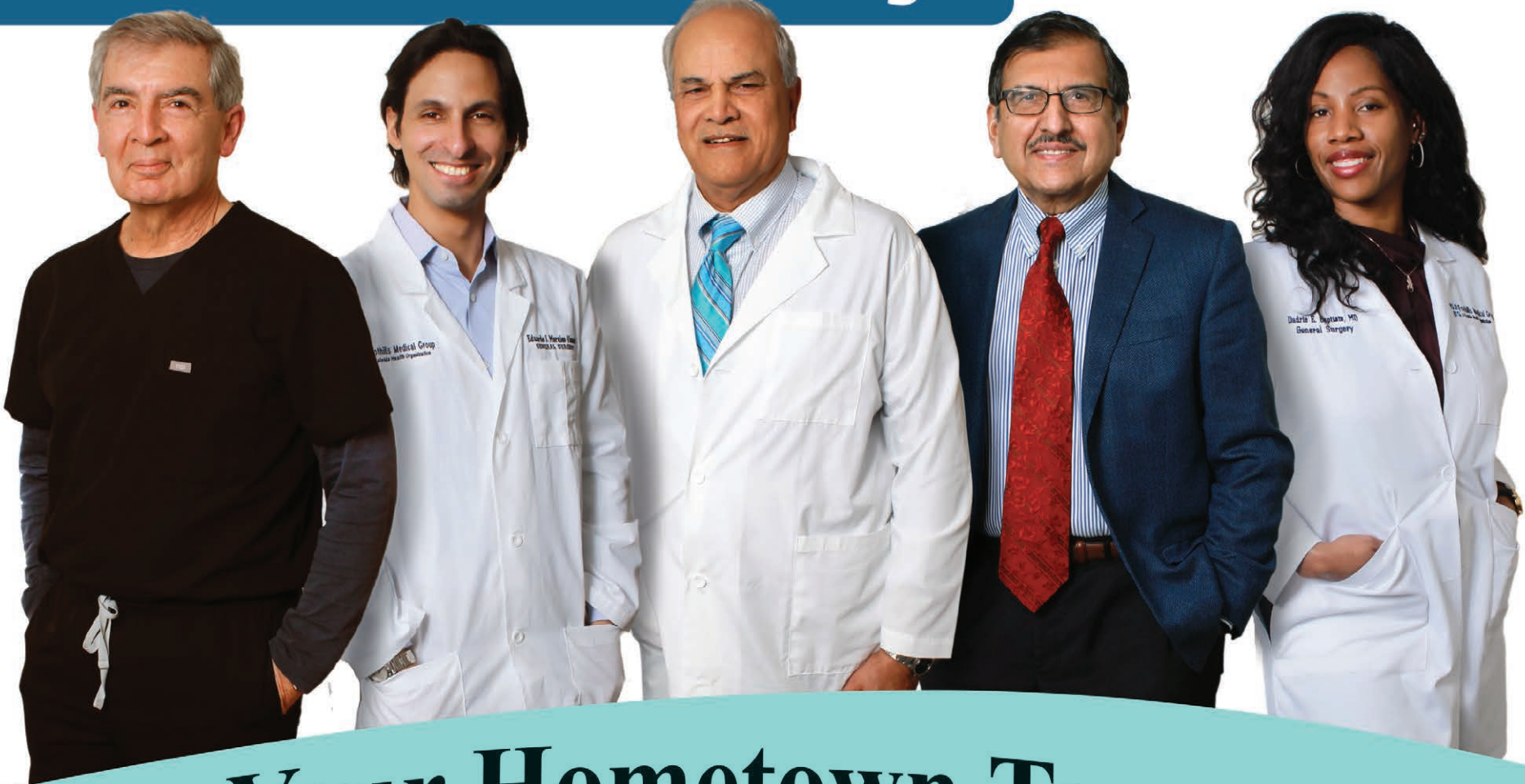
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# Easter Egg Hunts, Eats, and Skates for 2023

Festive Happenings in Chautauqua & Cattaraugus Counties

By JESSICA MILLER

The Easter Bunny always has a jam-packed schedule during the weekends of Easter. However, he has made it a point to hop over to Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County to squeeze in some fun with local families. Here are some scheduled stops where he can be found (*along with the eggs he famously hides*):

**Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
**Lakewood, NY:** The Chautauqua Mall has Easter Bunny visits and photos from 12-4pm on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Russell, PA:** Russell Roller Rink (7385 Market St) has its Easter Half Nighter Skate from 7pm-1am on April 7<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Admission is \$10 to skate from 7-10pm and \$16 for the full evening. Text or call 814-75-SKATE (814-757-5283) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/srrr.us> for information.

**Saturday, April 8:**  
**Jamestown: Christ First United Methodist Church** (663 Lakeview Ave) is hiding over 1,800 eggs filled with candy, toys, and prizes for their Easter Egg Hunt in the Buffalo St. yard with the hunt to begin at 11am. Children 2 and under will get a one-minute head start, and parents/guardians are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture memorable moments. The church is hosting an open house inside during and after the hunt with coffee, refreshments, and information about church programs. This event is free and all ages are welcome.



**Gowanda & South Dayton:** The Peter Cotton Tail Express is returning thanks to The New York and Lake Erie Railroad. Riders will enjoy a round-trip two-hour ride with Peter Cottontail and count candy pieces in a contest.

**Sardinia: The Tri-County Kiwanis Club** is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt in Sardinia Town Park (13169 Genesee Rd) at 11am. After the hunt, there will be treats, kite flying, and Easter egg games to play. This event is free and all ages are welcome.

**Delevan: Delevan Village Park** (85 South Main St) will have its Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm. There will be games, snacks, and prizes in addition to the egg hunting fun. Children under 12 accompanied by a parent or guardian are welcome and the event is free.

**Gowanda & South Dayton: The Peter Cotton Tail Express** is returning thanks to The New York and Lake Erie Railroad. Riders will enjoy a round-trip two-hour ride with Peter Cottontail and count candy pieces in a contest. Upon arrival in South Dayton, riders can

hunt for eggs and visit vendors during the half hour layover. The Peter Cotton Tail Express is scheduled to depart from the Gowanda NYLE station (50 Commercial St.) on April 8 at 11am and 2 pm. Riders should arrive 30-45 minutes prior to departure, and tickets can be picked up at the window inside of the depot. Adult tickets are \$21, senior (aged 62+) tickets are \$19, and children (aged 3-12) tickets are \$17. A four-top table in the dining car can be obtained for \$81. Buy tickets during NYLE office hours Monday through Friday 9am-4pm or online at <https://nylerailroad.com/peter-cotton-tail-express/>.

**Colden: The Colden Fire Department** (8448 Gutekunst Rd) has an Easter Egg Hunt

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Betsy and Adolph Morando, owners of the Borsari company pictured for Jamestown's Small Business Development Corporation.

## Borsari

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By DELAINEY MUSCATO - St. BONAVENTURE

Back in 2001, Betsy Morando and her husband, Adolph Morando, saw an opportunity to create a product the market had been missing, seasoned salts. I spoke with Betsy about that experience and how the company has changed since its inception. Betsy told me, "There was a vision. It started with a family recipe that came from northern Italy. We decided to test the market and it was very favorable. And at that point we were the only seasoned salts available. We were the pioneers of that for sure". Being the originals in the seasoned salt market allowed them to perfect their Original Blend recipe, which continues to be their best-seller. From the Original Blend came seven new flavors. Borsari played with their original ingredients - fresh garlic, rosemary, basil, nutmeg,

and black pepper along with some new herbs - to create Citrus, Orange Ginger, Savory, Tuscan Rosemary Sage, Everything Bagel, Cracked Pepper, and Coffee. "They're all somewhat a derivative of the original blend, except for the coffee and the everything bagel" Betsy said. She also mentioned that the Citrus blend is very popular and the newest seasoning, Tuscan Rosemary Sage, is doing very well in the market thus far. Betsy commented that her personal favorite was the Savory blend.

All these ingredients are carefully and expertly infused into sea salts through drying and remixing processes. The whole operation takes several days to complete, but the care and time put into their craft is apparent in the exquisite taste of each seasoning. After learning about this extensive process, I was curious about their facilities. A recent press release from Borsari Food Company mentions, "New equipment, additional frozen storage capabilities,"

and new personnel. I asked Betsy to elaborate a bit on their equipment at their Jamestown headquarters. She said, "We have an SQF certified facility, SQF standing for "Safety Quality Food". It's one of the higher standards in the food industry". In addition to their highly capable facility, they use only the freshest ingredients. Betsy noted that they receive fresh ingredients weekly from all over the country in order to create the highest quality products.

Their tagline of "The World's Best Seasoning" could not be more true. Betsy told me, "We're always bringing in all fresh all natural herbs to make our seasoning. There are no MSG, fillers, or preservatives". In addition to smaller specialty food stores around the country, they also hold accounts in bigger chain grocery stores like Whole Foods, Wegmans, Sprouts, and more. Their newest account, however, is with the Prepared Foods section

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# Views from Bemus Point NY: Easter Egg Hunt at the Tap Room Last Sat.



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# Tradition: Time of Solemnity, Joy, Delicious Food, and Seasonal Pranks



The 17th annual Dyngus Day Parade (Easter Monday, April 10, 2023) begins at Memorial Drive at 5:30pm and will proceed through the heart of Historic Poliona District, moving west along Broadway to Fillmore – 1.2 miles, passing the Broadway Market (above, right circa 1956). For complete details of festival updates go to [www.dyngusday.com](http://www.dyngusday.com). Happy Easter and Smigus-dyngus, everyone.

## Tradition

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this year, but I have found Easter butter lambs in local grocery stores. Look for them. They make your holiday table so much more festive. As TEVYE extolled in *Fiddler on the Roof*... it's "Tradition!"

Easter is a good and bad thing all rolled into one. If someone has recently died in your family who would normally sit at the table, an empty place setting may give acknowledgment and reason to invite and to toast the spirit of that person. It is a perfect time to share good memories. Easter week

(April 2 -9) has a sadness attached to it as we consider the passion and death of that beautiful man named Jesus Christ. Good Friday brings us to our knees as we visualize his suffering and his long walk toward the culmination of his purpose as a human being. We are reminded in ThoughtCo that Easter, not Christmas, has always been the central Christian feast. As St. Paul wrote in his first letter to the Corinthians (15:14), "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." For Christians, Christ's Resurrection is the proof of His Divinity. And a promise of eternal life.

Easter is a delectable

time of feasting. In my Polish tradition that means a trip to the Broadway Market for the usual Easter fare: pickled herring, ham, kielbasa, pierogi, the butter lamb, decorated eggs, horseradish, rye bread, kruschicki pastries, home-made "kucha" (coffee cake) or lamb shaped cake. A święconka basket (mixed foods that are blessed for Easter morning consumption) consisting of small portions of the pending Easter feast (including chocolate) wrapped in linen and festooned with bows and flowers is taken by the children for an Easter blessing. There is a mixture of feelings here

for the child: the basket is solemnly carried down the center aisle and the child kneels at the communion rail. In our Church, a life-size crucifix was propped sideways at that railing covered with purple cloth. Emotions collided as we thought of the happy Easter celebrations and yet were very aware of the meaning of that shrouded crucifix inches away from our basket as the priest blessed our baskets and our heads using the kropidlo (small brush) dipped in holy water.

Western New York has a distinctive treasure in the Broadway Market (999 Broadway). Begun by a group of immigrant citizens on a city-donated

parcel of land, it has been in continuous operation since 1888. The market provided (and still does) a community meeting place and access to traditional food, bringing the Old World feeling home to the residents of Buffalo's east side. It has had many changes (i.e., much of it was outdoors when I was growing up) but it has never lost the old-fashioned concept of selling farm-fresh, unusual, exotic, and ethnic foods. Check out their website at [broadwaymarket.org](http://broadwaymarket.org). Their phone is 716.893.0705.

In Western New York, you can't have Easter without Dyngus Day (Easter Monday). The meaning behind Dyngus Day is one

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This celebration attracts thousands of visitors to Buffalo to celebrate spring

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# Easter

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and display Polish pride (like St. Paddy's Day, everyone is Polish on Dyngus Day). Started in 1961 by the Chopin Singing Society, its members will once again be part of the celebration at St. Stanislaus Church. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual parade beginning at Memorial Drive at 5:30pm will proceed through the heart of Historic Polonia District, moving west along Broadway to Fillmore - 1.2 miles, passing the Broadway Market. For complete details of festival updates go to [www.dyngusday.com](http://www.dyngusday.com). Happy Easter and Smigus-dyngus, everyone.

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# Pea Pod

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different while I had the chance", explains Kim. "I needed to get back to doing what I love most, which is working with flowers." She said she was a little fearful about having her own business but had lots of support.

Kim makes custom floral arrangements for decorations and for special occasions. She also offers a wide variety of gifts and other decorative items in her shop, and hosts floral design classes year-round. Kim attributes some of her success to the fact that the shop is constantly evolving. She changes the products on hand and rearranges and/or redecorates as needed. "Whatever I do, though, my focus is having a quality gift line and producing beautiful flower

arrangements. I like having something for everyone, but I'm not trying to be everything to everyone."

One of the things that makes Pea Pod & Juniper special is the number of locally made goods on the shelves. This includes items such as Whiz and Smash gourmet peanut butter, Borsari gift packs, and local maple syrup and honey products. Suncatchers are made locally, as well as the Gardens of Eternity soap line. There is also a whole line of Buffalo Bills-inspired merchandise. "I like to have as many local products as I can, but they have to have a good track record and fit in with the vibe of the store."

Another unique aspect is that Kim encourages people to come in and browse with no pressure to buy anything. "People come into my shop for a lot of different reasons," Kim notes. "I'm there to help if they need

something. But I want them to enjoy the aromas and the ambience of the space, the experience. Anyone is welcome anytime. They can even bring their coffee in with them."

She is always looking for something new and is already planning what to add for Fall and Winter, such as hand-made alpaca wool items. So, check in periodically to see what is in her store. She belongs to Teleflora, so flowers can be ordered via that website. Customers can also place orders on her own website, <https://ppjflowerslakewood.com/> or call her directly at 716-526-1081.

When asked what her number one lesson learned from this endeavor is, Kim replied, "If you want to do something, then just do it, jump in with both feet. If you have a passion for something, don't let fear stand in the way."

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

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By RACHEL FARLEY

As Winter has seemingly come to an end and Spring has finally sprung, many of us are looking for a way to shake off the doldrums and awaken our senses. Look no further, as the perfect opportunity awaits you at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celeron New York on Friday, April 21.

The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is hosting the "Dining in the Dark" fundraiser for the CBA (Chautauqua Blind Association) vision rehabilitation services. The event will give the unique experience of eating without seeing, as guests will be dining while blindfolded. The event will begin at 5:30pm with cocktails and a silent auction and seating for dinner is at 6:15pm.

The silent auction includes a wide variety of items to bid on. There are cooking themed baskets, a cupcake basket, and a plethora of wine baskets. Spectrum eye care has donated designer sunglasses for both men and women, and the Fenton History center donated a history themed basket. Besides baskets, the auction items will

include a Buffalo Bills jersey and handcrafted furniture, including live edge wood tabletops. Speaking with Joani Blackman (Executive Director of the CBA), two of the most anticipated items in the auction include a Von Miller autographed football from Texas A&M and a beautiful hand-crafted wooden wine rack, created by a board member of the CBA who is legally blind.

After the silent auction at 6:15, each guest will be blindfolded and led into the dining room by sighted guides trained by the CBA staff. The sighted guides stay with their table of guests and will assist them with their meal. Dinner consists of three courses and a blindfold. The gourmet dinner offers choices of steak, chicken, fish and a vegetarian option as well as a beet salad and dessert. This is the 11th Dining in the Dark fundraiser and they are aiming for 150 guests, they currently have 91 reservations.

All proceeds of the fundraiser will benefit the CBA Youth Vision Screening Program. The program serves Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties and screens over 3000 children

between the ages of 3 to 6 for early childhood eye disorders. Joani stated that last year alone the program screened 4,387 children, checked to see if they were meeting developmental milestones and then refers their families to an eye dr. if needed. Joani also wanted to make sure that attention was also brought to another CBA program that works in conjunction with the Youth Vision Screening Program, The Dr. Tim Grace Sight for Success Program. The program provides funds for families that have children who need to be seen by an eye doctor but cannot afford to do so. She noted that funds from the event go towards that program as well, but both programs have the same goal of screening and helping children.

Tickets for the event are \$65 each and reservations are required. Reservations will be accepted until April 11th. You can purchase your reservation by phone by calling 716-664-6660 or online at CBAVison.org. If you cannot attend the event but would like to donate to or sponsor this wonderful event, you can also do that on the CBA vision website.

If you are coming to support the CBA and enjoy Dining in the Dark, you may as well make it a weekend vacation. The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is offering a discount to all of the dining guests. Prices range from \$179 a night to \$199 a night. Just let the front desk of the hotel know that you are coming to the event and want to stay the night. Sounds like the perfect weekend get away! Come for the fundraiser, bid on unique items at the silent auction, enjoy a gourmet meal using all of your senses except sight, and explore all that the area has to offer!

## Audubon Lights

### A New Tradition Takes Root at Nature Center

By MILES HILTON

Imagine walking through a forested trail at night. Candles line the path on either side, reflecting in the water of a still pond. As you round a corner, mesmerizing displays of LED lights and lasers greet you, and as you walk on you see magnificent trees spot-lit with brilliant, shifting colors that reflect in the water below. At the end of the trail, a warm bonfire, snacks, music, and performers await you.

These are the experiences of visitors to the Audubon Community Nature Center's Audubon Lights program, whose closing weekend is coming up on April 7th and 8th. With 500 people RSVP'd on the program's Facebook page, and over 300 people in attendance on opening night, Audubon Lights is once again shaping up to be a hit. "People love it, it's been a lot of fun," says Jeff Tome, Public Engagement Specialist at the Audubon and the organizer of Audubon Lights.

The event's roots go back ten years, to when the Audubon organized a program called Winter Lights from December to early January. Though popular, maintaining a technology-heavy outdoor program through the heavy snows of Western New York was untenable, and the program was discontinued. Fast-forward to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Audubon found both a way to revive the program, and a silver lining in the lockdown.

"During COVID we started this up with a grant from the Chautauqua Community



Foundation," Tome recalls. He says this enabled the Audubon to "offer an outside-only, fun, family event when there weren't a whole lot of fun family events going on." Audubon Lights does draw families, but those in attendance are a representative slice of the community. "We see this wonderful mixture of families and retired people and young people on a date night," says Tome, "there's something in it for just about everyone."

Flow artist Brandy Welch, performing in a blacklight costume using LED hula

hoops, is in her second year performing at Audubon Lights. "I love it, it's great," she says of the program. I also speak to local mother Colleen Vignere and her sons, Danny and Nate, who are relaxing around the campfire watching Welch's performance. Vignere raves about the lit trail, "oh it was beautiful, it was so well done." When asked if they had a good time on the trail, Nate and Danny respond with a simultaneous and resounding "yeah!"

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loneliness. Pets encourage us to move more, which is also good for our health. Service animals help with medical and psychological crises. And, at least one study showed that if you are looking for a date online, you are more likely to get one if you have a dog with you in your photo. So, get out there and find the right pet for you. Then, you can show your pet your appreciation by giving them lots of hugs... or maybe not.

Hugging is a very human behavior, and is not natural to dogs or cats. It can make a pet feel constrained or even under attack, which causes stress for the animal, initiating the fight-or-flight response. Some pets may enjoy a hug from their owners as a sign of affection. However, it is important to remember that not all species, and not all individual members of a species, enjoy physical

contact or attach the same meaning to it as humans do. Some may prefer you to pet or scratch them instead.

Even an animal that enjoys hugs may not enjoy them in certain circumstances. For example, if they are excited, distracted, or in pain, they may not want a hug. They may be reluctant toward someone they don't trust, such as a child or an overly effusive guest. Also, a hug that is welcome at first can go on too long. Monitor your pet for signs that the hug should stop, such as ears back, tail tucked, growling, snapping or pulling away.

If your pet doesn't like hugs, there are other ways to show them your love. They still enjoy your company, so plan time for walks, playing together, or simply snuggling on the couch. Give them a new toy or a special treat, and offer simple petting like head and chin scratches or belly rubs.

Of course, never hug a dog that doesn't know you. "And definitely don't hug a new dog in a shelter," says Brian Papalia, Director of Fundraising and Communications at the Chautauqua County Humane Society (CCHS). "Walk up, give them your scent, and gently pet them from the side."

Brian says that adopting a pet has its rewards. But he cautions that owning a pet is a long-term decision with responsibilities, so it's important for both you and the animal to have a good relationship. First impressions may impact that. If you are looking for a pet that is more welcoming to hugs, you may need to meet with several different animals to find the right one, or meet with the same animal

multiple times before adopting. CCHS has adoption counselors who work with you and will steer you to the pet that is the best fit. Sometimes they have other animals besides dogs and cats. As of the time this article was completed, "Ollie" the rabbit was available.

If you are not sure about adopting, you can always foster. According to Brian, now is a great time for that, as they have a lot of kittens ready to be placed. He has taken some of them home himself. "Nobody just works here," he adds. "We all foster some animals, too. They are part of our life."

Another option is to assist the work of CCHS through donations to help their local initiatives. In addition to finding homes for animals, CCHS also supports keeping pets in their homes. They offer free pet food, distemper shots and microchips to homes that qualify. Last month, they donated over 2800 lbs. of food. They also donate pet food to the Salvation Army food pantry to assist their clients who have pets. Recently, the Chautauqua County Humane Society started working with Meals on Wheels, to provide pet food to seniors who can't get out to get it themselves.

The Pennies for Paws fundraiser is going on until the end of April. You can leave change in the jars displayed in businesses around town, or you can donate online. Their goal is to collect two million pennies. Make a donation in honor of National Hug Your Pet Day, and remember to give your pet some extra love!

For more information, visit [chqhumane.org](http://chqhumane.org) or call 716-665-2209.

corner of Elizabeth and Mechanic Streets. The new church was dedicated in September 1923. In 1946, they obtained their own resident pastor, Rev. Edgar J. Buerger, who needed a home for himself and his family. A thirteen-room house (with barn) on Jefferson Street was purchased for \$5500. Fortunately, Rev. Buerger did not have to battle with backing his vehicle out of a snowy driveway in winters. The barn had a large metal turntable, the only one in the village, so he could drive the vehicle in, turn it around and be ready to drive out. *Is that*



In 2006 the church stretched a bit more, adding a new worship hall and narthex.

1964 with the cornerstone laid in November. At a cost of \$75,000 the church was dedicated to the glory of God on May 23, 1965. As the years passed, more growth meant the need for more space if they wanted

and expansion, bringing them, 100 years later, to 2023 with cause to joyfully celebrate.

St. Paul's Interior 1923



where the phrase, "taking it for a spin" came from?

In 1958 the growing congregation had accepted 24 members from the newly closed St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Plato. They now needed a new church, with plenty of room for parking and church events. In 1959, they purchased the W.O. Nannen property and house on Rte.219 and by 1961 starting their fund raising with an annual chicken barbeque. Many chickens later, ground was broken in September

to keep their numbers rising. Expansion plans were drawn up and a Vision Committee was formed in 1998 to survey the membership and consider the logistics. They chose to add on. Additional land to the west and behind the church was donated giving them much needed additional space without incurring any more debt. In 2006 the church stretched a bit more, adding a new worship hall and narthex. The following years brought more growth

An interesting addition to the story is the acquisition of the Hinners Organ Opus 2650 which had originally been dedicated in 1923 at the Plato church. When they closed their doors, Harold Olmstead of Springville purchased it and stored it at his farm in Sardinia. In 1980, it was given to Larry Ploetz for the church, in hundreds of pieces dotted with rodent and insect residue and water damage. Ploetz

must like puzzles because with patience and time, he rebuilt the organ exactly as it was in 1923. Be sure to check out this magnificent vintage musical instrument the next time you visit or attend services at St. Paul's. A bonus for Ploetz is that it created a new vocation for him. He is now an organ repairer and restorer, taking his skills all over Western New York. Looks like a God-wink to me.

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We kick off the weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 get your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu plus house bade chips. This weeks music will be provided by Brian Hanna and Friends who play a rock/folk/pop set of covers from 6-9pm.

The Gin Mill will host Tyler and Jim, Thursday from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers and originals that reflect the British Invasion of the 60's. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

**FRIDAY**  
We're back at Balloons for Interstate Daydream (full band) on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/op/folk/country set of covers that are danceable. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will play some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill hosts Live-n-Kickin from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop/country set of covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm fri, sat and 10pm

sun-thurs.

Last but not least Madigans hosts Dj SI from 9-1am layin down some grooves so you can bust a move in the second story window.

**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



The television brought many of us up. The baby-boomers got the first dose of heavy TV program rotation scheduling, and the Gen Xers really picked up a whopper of screen time, and all of it came free over the air into the aerial antenna on top of the house. Sometimes just rabbit ears on top of the console itself, but all of the content contained commercials. The newer generations are experiencing more screens than any one before them and the advertising is rampant as well. Alas, the TV commercials of old are part of what shaped us older kids. They knew exactly when to advertise during the television day. Saturday morning cartoons especially had the cereal brands, toys and such things for the Gen X kids and some of those were very, very memorable. The weekday afternoon and evening ads had their targets as well, and everyone despises them, although some stick in the mind. What was the most memorable commercial from your childhood?



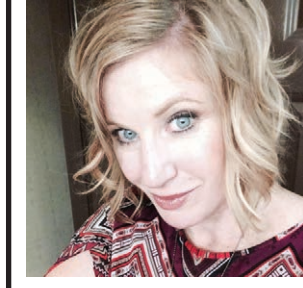
John S.- When Cindy Crawford drank a Pepsi!!! Still the hottest sip!!!



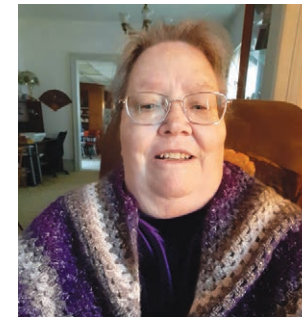
Tracy C.- Big Mac, Filet o Fish, Quarter pounder, French Fries, Icy Coke, Thick Shakes, Sundaes and Apple Pies!



Dan L.- Chuck Wagon dog food.



Michelle B.- 70's animation lol - Kool-Aid breaking through a brick wall carrying drinks for all the thirsty kids.



Cindy P.- Mr. Whipple-Please don't squeeze the Charmin!



Joe V.- Fantasy Island amusement park- "Fun Wow" burned into my deepest inner molecular being.

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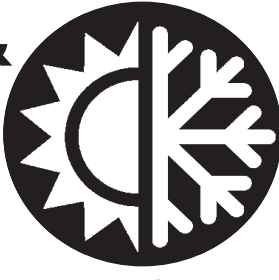
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# Borsari

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at Wegmans. "Their rosemary rotisserie chicken is seasoned with Borsari Tuscan Rosemary Sage seasoned salt" Betsy told me. The press release from the company also mentions, "What started in the kitchen of Betsy and Adolph Morando has expanded to a new facility with increased production capabilities, storage space, and office space". Borsari plans to continue expanding and opening new accounts to make Borsari seasonings available to as many people as possible. When asked how she personally uses the seasonings, Betsy told me, "Our seasonings are very versatile. They're good with meat, seafood, and vegetables. It makes a great bread dipping with olive oil. You could add it



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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:  
★★★★☆

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

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:

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

# Church

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Now that we are back into 2023, a conversation with Pastor Dan Buringrud provided the following about events that have already taken place and those in the future for the 100-year celebration. Members and visitors enjoyed a presentation about the history of the church, and several weeks ago, Cathy Osborne and Jeff Skurka gave a presentation and showed photos from their trip to Turin, Italy where

they were privileged to view the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud of Turin, also known as the Holy Shroud, is a length of linen cloth bearing the negative image of a man. Some describe the image as depicting Jesus of Nazareth and believe the fabric is the burial shroud in which he was wrapped after crucifixion. A church homecoming picnic is coming in July during the Homecoming Week held annually in the village. Pastor Dan was very excited to report that the festivities will take place in a 40' by 30' covered Gazebo behind the church. Construction will begin in May and is scheduled to be completed by mid-June, weather permitting. They have been diligently fundraising for this project and are about 80% there. If you would like to donate, go to Go Fund Me on St. Paul's Facebook page. Or send a check in the mail to P.O. Box 656, 6362 Route 242 East, Ellicottville NY 14731. Questions? (716) 699-2265 or [stpaulseville@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulseville@gmail.com) Sincere thanks go out to Mary Fox who provided the historical material for this story.

# Easter

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scheduled to beginning at 11am. Special prizes are available to win by age groups from ages 1-12. Email [jpwbuf@gmail.com](mailto:jpwbuf@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP. **Jamestown:** The Jamestown Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department's 75th annual Easter Egg Hunt returns to **Allen Park** (31 Hughes St) on Saturday, April 8, at 11am. In the event of

inclement weather, the hunt will likely be held indoors at the ice rink. This event is free and families are welcome. **Ellicottville:** The annual community easter egg hunt returns to the **Ellicottville Village Park**, located at 11 Parkside Drive in Ellicottville, NY from 1-2pm. Hunters are split into three age groups, and children will get drawing tickets that enter them to win prizes. The event is free and families are welcome. **Sunday, April 9:** **Celeron: The Harbor** **Hotel** (10 Dunham Ave) is hosting an Easter Grand Buffet in the Pier Ballroom from 11am-6pm. Breakfast offerings including made to order omelets and a yogurt parfait station will be served from 11am-1pm. After that, lunch entrees, soups, salad, sides, and assorted desserts and candies will be served from 1-6pm. Adults pay \$36.95, children aged 6-12 pay \$14.95, and children 5 and younger are complimentary. Reservations are required call: 716-489-2800.

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Lucy breaks into Bigelow's... A nod to Jamestown NY  
The Lucy Show S3 Episode 16 - Lucy and the Ceramic Cat



# Lights

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“Last year we started adding some casual musicians in there, and it went over so well” says Tome, leading to this year’s expanded slate of entertainment. In addition to nightly live music and LED hula hoopers, this year’s opening weekend featured fire-dancer and fire-breather Carrie Snow. Setting the trail up is a team effort. “There’s over half a mile of extension cords out

in the woods,” laughs Tome. In addition to computer-controlled LED walls, spot lights, and lasers, animal silhouettes throughout the trail keep the focus on nature. Sharp-eyed visitors will find silhouettes of birds, bears, rabbits, and foxes throughout the trail, and might even spot the elusive bigfoot.

The lit trail itself is a little over a third of a mile long, flat, wide, well-marked with luminaries on either side, and paved for about half its length. After walking the trail, visitors can enjoy music and performances

around the fire, as well as snacks and hot drinks from the concessions stand. The Nature Center is also open, and visitors can play in the indoor nature play areas, visit the live animals, or shop at the Blue Heron Gift Shop.

Will Audubon Lights continue into the coming years? “Oh definitely,” says Tome. In the nearer future, keep an eye out for the Audubon’s next event, the Dragons and Fairies festival in June. This year it will include a medieval artisan’s market featuring glass blowers, a blacksmith, and weavers.



## ~ Bernice Louise Fitzpatrick ~ January 18, 1930 – March 30, 2023



Ellicottville - Bernice Louise (nee Siebart) Fitzpatrick, 93, of Ellicottville, NY, passed away Thurs-day, March 30, 2023 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 18, 1930, in Arnold, PA, daughter of the late Frank and Marie (nee Crosby) Siebart. She met the love of her life, Dana G. Fitzpatrick, skiing at Greer Hill in Ellicottville. They fell in love on a ski trip in Aspen, CO. Dana and Bernice were married on December 28, 1955 and made Ellicottville their home. Dana predeceased her on December 18, 2020, ten days shy of their 65th wedding anniversary. Bernice graduated from Bradford High School in 1947 where she led the marching band as a drum majorette for three years. She was proud to have been voted Best Actress of her Senior class. After high school, she worked as a legal

secretary at McDowell & McDowell law firm in Bradford, PA. She was very independent for a woman of that era and, at the age of 21, she took a bus to Boston, MA without a job or a place to live. She lived at the YMCA until she found a job working as an assistant to an Economics professor at Harvard. Later, she worked as a legal secretary for Foley, Hoag, and Elliot in Boston. She had fond memories of working as a lifeguard at Allegany State Park for several summers, while working at a law firm in Buffalo the rest of the year. She was also an assistant to Mrs. Helen Neville, who was the first woman to have her own TV show in Buffalo. She later worked at Fitzpatrick & Weller, in Ellicottville, for several years where she was also a shareholder.

Bernice loved caring for the elderly. She had many friends who predeceased her who she visited in the nursing home and ran errands for on a weekly basis. She volunteered at the Salamanca Hospital. She was fiercely devoted to her family. She was a member of Holy Name of Mary Church and the Ellicottville Ski Club for several years.

Bernice is survived by two sons: Daniel (Nancy) Fitzpatrick of Ellicottville, Gregory (Ann Marie) Fitzpatrick of Ellicottville, as well as three daughters: Marcia (Jim Zaepfel) Fitzpatrick of Williamsville, NY, Kerry (Michael) Allison of Saratoga Springs, NY, and Dr. Sheila Fitzpatrick of Vail, CO. She is also survived by ten grandchildren: Maggie, Stephen (Natalee), Charles, Brendan, Kailey, Annie Meghan, Melanie, Connor, Dana, and Christina, as well as four great grandchildren: Carter, Henry, Hallie and Braden. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Kathleen Widger, of Allegany, and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by an infant son, Steven Fitzpatrick, two sisters: Marjorie Alsdorf and Zelma Boss, and one brother, Frank Siebart II.

We wish to thank and acknowledge the recent caregiving team who were so loving and devoted to Bernice’s care at her home: Tracie Flagg, Nancy Fuller, Ping Munzert, Tabitha Flagg, Samantha Wilcox, Molly Rissmiller, Nicole Lewis, Amy Yeager and Mindy Yeager. We are also grateful for the past caregivers as well.

A Catholic funeral mass will be celebrated on June 3rd at 11am at Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville. A Celebration of Life for both Dana and Bernice will be held at Holiday Valley Resort immediately following the mass.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bernice’s name to the Ellicottville Memorial Library (PO Box 1226, Ellicottville, NY 14731).

Arrangements are under the direction of Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 411 Rock City St. in Little Valley.

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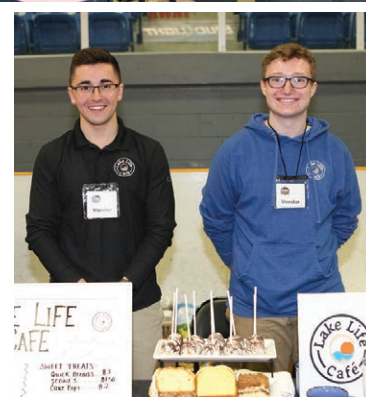
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