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## Area Events

CHOSEN TREASURES MONTH  
April, 2023  
Lake Erie Wine Trail

TRIVIA NIGHT  
Thursday, April 27 • 7pm  
Pearl City Hops, Jamestown

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

VERTICAL LIBRARY TASTING  
Saturday, April 29 • 6:30pm  
Liberty Vineyards, Sheridan

CELEBRATE THE BEATLES  
Saturday, April 29 • 7:30pm  
The Spire Theater, Jamestown

COMPUTER BASICS CLASS  
Monday, May 1 • 5:30pm  
Prendergast Library, Jamestown

DESIGNER BAG BINGO  
Thursday, May 4 • 5pm  
St. Josephs Church, Fredonia

SPRING FLING 2023  
May 4 & 5 • 7pm  
Lakeshore Ctr for Arts, Westfield

YWCA 5K RUN/WALK  
Saturday, May 6 • 10am  
YWCA Lake Lodge, Lakewood

KIDS FISHING CLINIC  
Saturday, May 6 • 10am  
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  
The Camp at Findley, Clymer

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## Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

Honoring History & Traditions May, 5



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Cinco De Mayo sounds like it should be Mexico's Independence Day. Although it is not, it does celebrate the improbable Mexican victory at

the Battle of Puebla during the second Franco-Mexican War, which came after Mexico's independence from Spain, the Mexican-American War and

SEE "CELEBRATE" PAGE 9

## Happy Half Marathon at HV

9th Annual Happy Half Run at Holiday Valley



BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Holiday Valley will be hosting one the greatest running events in Western New York on May 13, 2023. Running will never be more fun than at the Happy Half

Run. 'Sometimes it is not just about the distance, it is how you get there,' so get your running shoes ready for an epic race.

The race is organized by

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## The Basics: New Event at Ashville Library

Everything You Never Learned in School, but Should



The Ashville Library is located at 2200 N Maple Ave, Ashville, NY 14710 and can be reached at (716) 763-9906.

BY VICTORIA PAVLOCK

Do you ever find yourself in a situation and think, "I wish this is something I would have been taught in school"? Do you ever imagine about the "ifs" in life and wonder how you would

handle them? Well, the Ashville Library definitely has some of your answers in an upcoming arrangement of meetings. "The Basics of Everything You Never Learned in School... But Wished you Had" is the title of the event that Kristina Benson, a librarian of the Ashville Library, has put together. The idea came about for the library when they asked themselves the question, "How can we be a place for the community to get together and share a space of knowledge?" - Kristina Benson. The library was able to analyze those around them who have displayed a variety of interesting skills that could be useful for any person in their day-to-day life. Benson decided to make a post on Facebook asking the community what things they wish they would have learned in school but didn't. Receiving feedback with so many great ideas, Benson was able to make

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## Madigan's Gets a Facelift

New Addition Keeps Local Hotspot Growing

By Chad Neal



Madigan's hired Apex Construction Co. and they are putting a covered patio over the sidewalk in front of the building. Much like the neighboring Tips-Up, the new addition will have windows on every side and will be a great way to enjoy oneself at the hotspot, whether dancing on a Saturday night or enjoying the view during a happy hour in the air-conditioned setting.

One of the most iconic buildings in Ellicottville is the long, two-story building on the corner of Washington Street and Marshall Alley. Madigan's has been an institution for over four decades. Often called the "coolest bar" in town, Madigan's is known esoterically for their lunches, and as their brand never really changes the owners have been refurbishing the building every year. Kevin and Grace Kell started the Madigan's kingdom and now their sons, Shane and Connor Kell, are taking it to new places and levels, by taking the successful business objective and always investing in their interests. You may have noticed the construction on the front of the building as they are again reinvesting in the legendary establishment.

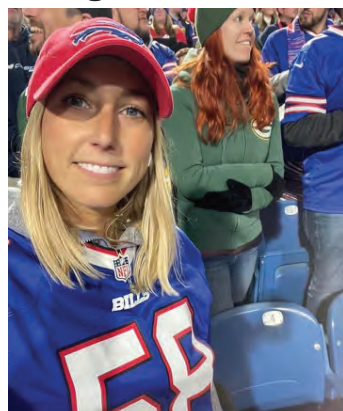
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## GRAND OPENING OF EL LICOTTVILLE SKATE PARK: JUNE 30, 2023!!

## Sneak Peek

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## Historic Longhouse Opens

Symbol of Unity Ready for Public in Salamanca



Allegany's first longhouse construction since 1820 will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 27. This event is part of the Carson Waterman's exhibit opening in May. (See article, "LONGHOUSE", page 7.)

## Bag & String Wine Merchants

Historic Lakewood District: A Passion for Wine & Spirits



BY PATRICIA MEASER

Anyone who talks to Sam Whitmore (pictured) for more than a minute will discover that he has a passion for wine and spirits. The owner of Bag & String Wine Merchants, which is located in the Lakewood Historic District, loves to share his knowledge of wines, cocktails and food pairings. He started

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*"Oh Joy! The things We Have in Store for You!"*



Being part of a regional publication offers many pleasures. We get to know so many unique businesses and events and are able to share them with you, our readers. Please enjoy your time reading through these pages and learning about the unique people in our combined areas; there is so much to explore. I know when we merged the two counties into one publication, we had a few puzzled faces but this comes from the founder of a tri-state arts journal. Open your minds and your windows; explore; there is so much to do right next door. Let us be your guide into things new! If you have an event or business person you think should be featured, please reach out to me directly, we love to share new ideas: [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com). *Until next week, enjoy the read – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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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), Gordon Campbell (Former drummer of Earth, Wind & Fire) with an opening act of Barracuda, a Heart tribute band! Sunday you can expect the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra followed by our annual fireworks display!

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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.

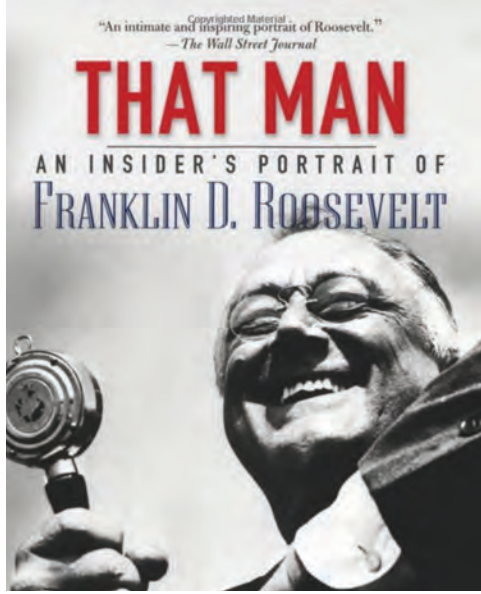


## Basics of the Christian Faith

Holy Name of Mary 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.

# Ruth Bader Ginsburg Day in Jmst.

Events Honoring Famous Judicial Scholars



**By Carol Fisher Linn**

Included in the list of upstate New York greats are U.S. Supreme Court justice and Nuremberg prosecutor Robert H. Jackson and, for four undergraduate years at Cornell, Ruth Bader of Brooklyn, who became Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a U.S. Supreme Court justice and "Notorious RBG."

Influencing and connecting them was Robert E. Cushman, constitutional scholar and government professor at Cornell University. Cushman was a Jackson contact and friend. And Cushman was RBG's most influential teacher—he introduced her to law and to civil liberties and urged her to become a lawyer.

Several upcoming events focusing on these influential people are not to be missed. Here are

two of them, scheduled on the same day – May 6th. At 2:30pm, Join Irin Carmon, journalist and co-author of Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and John Q. Barrett, Benjamin N. Cardozo Professor at St. John's University and Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow at the Robert H. Jackson Center, for a book signing and discussion about Cushman - an influential constitutional scholar and government professor. It is free to the public at the RHJ Center at 305 E. Fourth Street Jamestown. 716.483.6646

At 7:30pm get prepared to enjoy All Things Equal – The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. This presentation at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts is a one-woman show, starring actress-singer-writer Michelle Azar (<https://www.imdb.com/name/nm0044110/>) who has received awards

for her work on stage both in New York and Los Angeles, as the Notorious RBG, lace collar, scrunchie and all. This presentation is produced by Scott Stander (<https://www.scottstander.com>) and written by multiple Tony award-winning playwright-composer-lyricist-orchestrator-conductor-novelist-singer-songwriter, Rupert Holmes. The play is directed by Laley Lippard, (<https://theatre.umbc.edu/laley-lippard/>). I repeat, you don't want to miss this.

Synopsis: Supreme Court Justice "RBG" welcomes a friend of the family to her cozy chambers to convey, over the course of ninety fascinating and often funny minutes, a sense of her life and its many trials: losing her mother the day before she graduated as valedictorian of her

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**Coffee & Chocolate Festival**

**Peek'n Peak Resort Hosts Two Sessions April 29**



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 and 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:**

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Tickets are non-refundable. Exhibitors are subject to change.

**Prendergast Board Meeting**

The Prendergast Library's next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20th at 5:15pm in the library's Fireplace Room. Board meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend virtually, email [reference@prendergastlibrary.org](mailto:reference@prendergastlibrary.org) for access.



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## Up Close and Personal: Caitlin Croft Living Her Best Life, One Day at a Time



By KATE BARTLETT

While Caitlin has deep roots in Buffalo, her heart has always been on the slopes and in the village of Ellicottville. She has helped many find their 'perfect fit' home through her Real Estate work, but she also serves the community in many other ways. She has been appointed to the Town Planning Board for many years, and currently serves on the Village Board of Trustees as well. She is the Farmers' Market Coordinator and has been coaching ski racing for over 10 years.

Caitlin grew up in Orchard Park and has lived in various places around Western New York. Her parents moved their family to Colden in order to be closer to the slopes, and she graduated from Springville High School. She attended SUNY Cortland and University at Buffalo, graduating Cum Laude with a degree in Marketing. During her time at UB she attended two USCSA College Nationals.

She found her way to Ellicottville in 2012 and has been there ever since. "I knew the area from skiing over the years, but as soon as I moved here, it just felt like home." Caitlin began coaching full time at Holiday Valley in 2013, applying her experience from racing in college nationals with UB. In 2020, she began coaching at HoliMont as their U18/16 Lead Alpine Race Coach. When asked her favorite thing about coaching she replies "what's not to love about it? It's the most rewarding experience, and a privilege to coach these athletes. It takes such bravery and fearlessness to race; it's incredible to watch these kids conquer fears and grow every day. So much of racing is preparation and mental stamina. The race

itself only lasts about 40-70 seconds, but the mental strength and anticipation lasts much longer. There's nothing quite like ski racing. It's the most intense, incredible feeling; nothing compares."

HoliMont boasts the largest U18/16 ski program in the state. Caitlin is honored to be a part of this club offering the complete package. "Travis Widger, Snowsports Director, has given me the space and freedom to cultivate this program, and I'm incredibly grateful for that. We have an amazing coaching staff Joel Rathbun, Steve Dunlap and Devynn Martin. We are proud of all of our athletes and the hard work they put in." This year HoliMont sent Mary Catherine Mangan to Toyota US Nationals, quite an accomplishment for what Caitlin calls a 'weekend grassroots program.' "Our athletes are so well rounded, they are given the space to participate in other sports and become more diverse. Our ski program opens pathways to success while keeping our athletes members in their community."

Caitlin has been working in Real Estate for almost 8 years. She currently works with Keller Williams, and enjoys meeting new people, introducing them to the area, and working with people in the community. Caitlin finds joy in helping people find 'their place.' "It's so rewarding to find the right place for my customers. The moment it registers that someone has found 'their place' is magical. It's like when a groom sees his bride for the first time." Many people in the Ellicottville area are in the market for a vacation/ski home; a place where they will be building core memories with their families. Not only does Caitlin know the area well, but she is eager to share her passion for the area and fortunate to be able to serve in this capacity.

Caitlin is a valued member of the Village Board of Trustees. As she listens to community members and tries to find solutions to community issues, she enjoys being involved in community projects. She recently assisted in the 1/2

million dollar Ellicottville Skate Park Project, which will be celebrating its Grand Opening on June 30. "The team at Sk8 EVL has done an amazing job fundraising and it has been so educational working with them as the project progressed." Caitlin has also been involved on the Town Planning Board since 2018. She finds it fascinating what goes into planning and zoning. "Zoning tells a lot about a community and what is valued. It's given me a deeper understanding where the town is now, and where it plans to be in the future."

Caitlin's hobbies include hiking, paddleboarding, surfing, reading, attending live music events and of course avidly cheering on the Buffalo Bills from her front row season ticket. She just started ballet and tap dance classes with Dana Crandall at Elevé Studio in Little Valley. "It is important to me to always be a beginner. I become a better coach learning new skills and challenging my brain and body to move in new ways."

Above all this, Caitlin is a breast cancer survivor. "Cancer is weirdly the best thing that ever happened to me. It allowed me to pull back and focus on what was important." Thankfully, Caitlin is in remission and currently in good health. She remains thankful every day and lives her life with the motto "What choice do I have?" "I do my best to make today the best day I can, asking myself - What choice do I have...to live with fear and doubt? Or do I take things as they come and make a difference when I can?" Caitlin reminds us of a quote by Susan B. Anthony "Think your best thoughts, speak your best words, work your best works," if you do this, the rest will fall into place.

For more information about the HoliMont Ski Team, visit HoliMont.com. To contact Caitlin regarding Real Estate email relaxedrealtorevl@gmail.com or call 716-440-7933. Last, to get involved in the Ellicottville Farmers' Market this season email ellicottvillefarmersmarket@gmail.com.

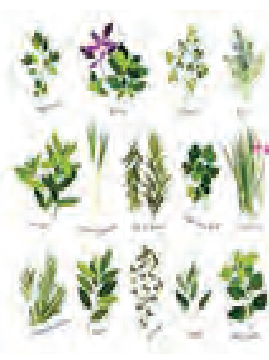
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## First Fridays Begin May 5

Family Fun and Entertainment in Westfield, NY

Westfield – First Fridays are back this year in Westfield! Starting Friday, May 5, this street fair event will be held in downtown Westfield, organized by the Westfield-Barcelona Community Chamber Committee. The theme for this season-opener is Cinco de Mayo! First Friday runs from 5-8pm and is fun for the whole

family, with businesses staying open, vendors offering food and more, and entertainment. If you want to be a vendor or a sponsor, you can easily sign up online through our web calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org or for more information contact Community Chamber Coordinator Stanzie Grady at

sgrady@chqchamber.org or at (716) 484-1101 ext. 300. The May 5 First Friday is sponsored by AHN Westfield Memorial Hospital and the Small Business Development Center. Additional First Fridays for 2023 will be held on June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, and on October 6.

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## Holiday Valley Spotlight

### A Trip to the DMV Can Be Surprisingly Pleasant



Happy Half Marathon runners are racing to the finish with smiles on their faces! Over 600 runners are expected to run in the three events at this year's Happy Half Run.

## Marathon

### STORY FROM COVER

Endurance Factor, a professional endurance sport coaching organization that produces epic running events all around the country.

In 2014, Holiday Valley reached out to Doug Bush, the Head Coach for Endurance Factor, to help organize the first Happy Half Run in Ellicottville, New York. Since then, it has evolved into an annual event beloved by runners around the area.

There will be three separate running events, the Half Marathon run (13.1 miles), the 5K run (3.2 miles) and the Beer Mile (single mile). Each run will begin and end at Holiday Valley resort.

Both the half marathon and the 5k courses will head south; the 5k will run towards Ellicottville Central School and loop back to Holiday Valley from there while the half marathon will continue through the scenic rural roads towards Great Valley and return along the same route. You can find an exact map of the course on the Happy Half Run website. The courses are USATF (US Track and

Field) certified meaning the times could be accepted as a record or be nationally ranked.

Aside from the more serious runs, there will be a Beer Mile, yes, a run that includes drinking beer! The Beer Mile is a mile long course that requires runners to drink a beer every quarter mile. The beer mile can be run individually or as a pair, so participants can run one mile and drink four beers alone or run 1/2 a mile and drink two beers with their partner.

"I came up with this idea of integrating a fun event to a running event," Bush said. "The Beer Mile traditionally didn't have a lot of popularity, it was only done at colleges and kids doing it where they could, so I decided to make it a bit more legit and fortunately Southern Tier was very supportive of it. Just something a little bit different to do at a running event...it can be pretty entertaining to watch as well."

It is not permitted to bring your own beer for the run, but don't worry, all the beer will be provided by Southern Tier Brewing Company so there will be good options to quench your thirst.

All road intersections will be controlled by County Sheriff Departments

and local Police, and the running path will be lined with cones to ensure the safety and of all runners.



"You have to take traffic into consideration. You can't just run down the road and have a safe event; you have to make sure all the municipalities are on board... It does take a tremendous amount of coordination," Bush said.

All finishers will be rewarded with a medal and a goodie bag at the end of each race and enjoy more beer, food, and a live DJ performance at the Southern Tier sponsored after-party at Holiday Valley.

Since runners will start in waves beginning promptly at 9am for the half marathon and 9:20am for the 5k, runners will wear RFID chips to record the finishing times for each individual runner. The Beer Mile will begin at 1pm to give enough time for the half marathon and 5k runners to recoup and join in if they want.

Registration is currently open online at happyhalfrun.com so be sure to sign up before May 12. The Half Marathon is \$90, the 5K is \$40, and the Beer Mile is \$50. If you make a last-minute decision to run it'll cost \$100 for the Half Marathon, \$50 for the 5K, and \$55 for the Beer Mile.

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Olean – Save the date! Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce member and 2022 Laine Business Accelerator Cohort Winner, Audiology Services of WNY announces their ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for Wednesday May 10th at 4:30pm

Audiology Services of WNY was founded in 2023 with caring for the local community being the center of all services provided by their office. Both Laura and Chelsea were raised locally and after receiving their doctorate degrees returned to continue to grow and raise their own families in the area, they have always called home. "This is where we were raised, we care about our community" Lamb stated. "We know the people in our communities and with the goal of bringing accessible and affordable hearing care to the Southern Tier region, we are committed



to continue the growth and development of the community we know and love," Freeman added.

They offer a variety of Audiology assessments including diagnostic hearing evaluations, hearing aid sales and repairs, tinnitus evaluations, pediatric hearing tests and services, in addition to balance and vestibular evaluations. They also now accept most major insurance plans. "We are proud to introduce Audiology Services of WNY to the greater Olean area and look forward to

seeing them contribute to the well-being of our community," stated GOACC Member Service Manager, Sarah Blovsky.

The ribbon cutting ceremony and open house will take place at their Olean location located at 610 Wayne Street, Suite #2. Community members and patients are encouraged to attend to see their facility, meet the team, and learn more about their services. For more information this please contact Services of WNY by calling 716-790-8480 or emailing info@wnyaudiology.com.



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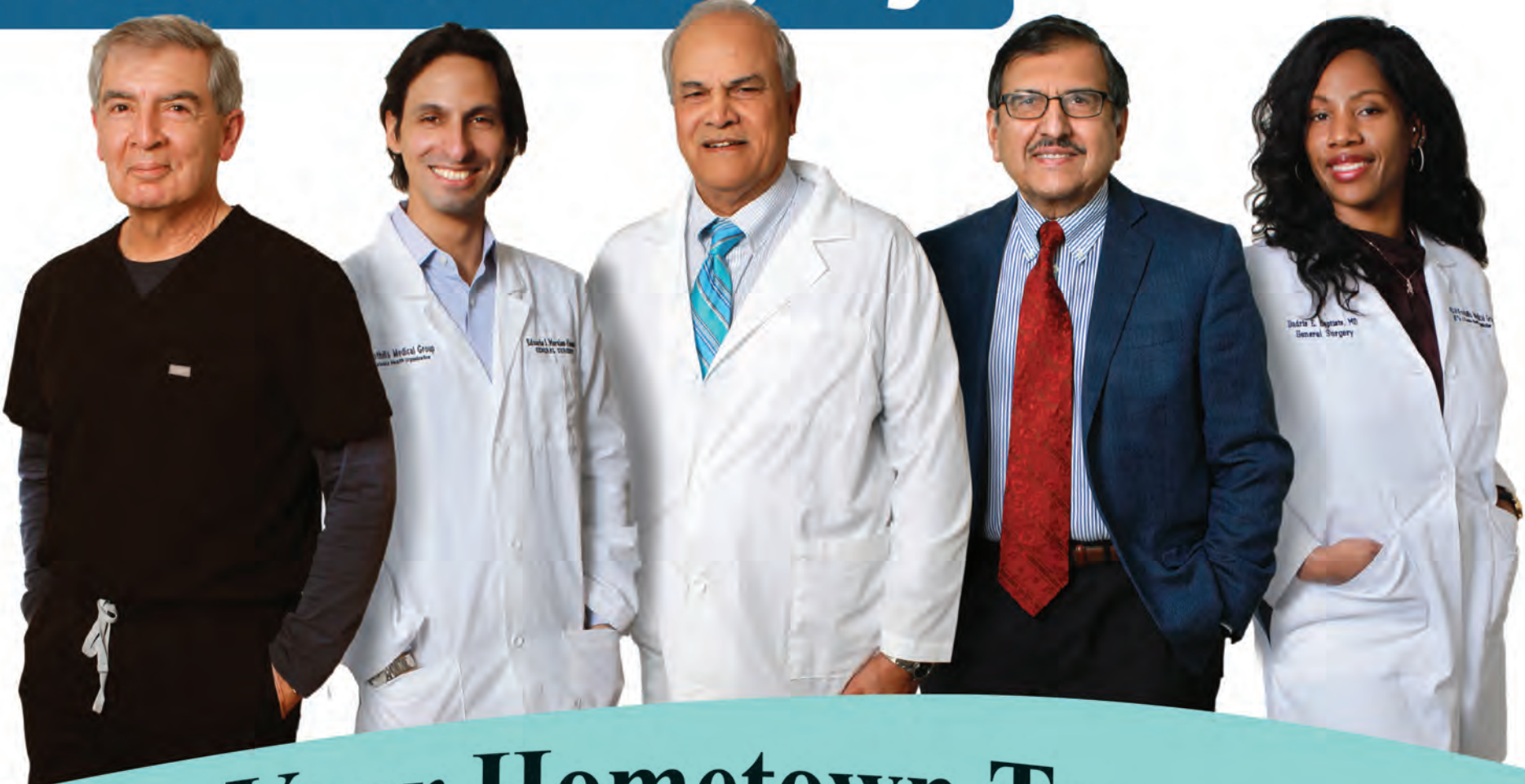


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# EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

## Enjoying an Evening of Live Local Talent



By GARY MALICKI



I find when I watch “Kody & Herren” perform, I’ve attempted to describe to myself what it is I’m listening to and what I’ve come up with is a blend of country, soul, blues, rock, bluegrass and folk. I don’t know how else to describe them except for the fact that I find them to be truly musically compelling.

An evening stroll a few nights back brought my wife and I to The Gin Mill on Washington Street. I feel so fortunate to live in a village with so many restaurants that feature live local talent. They do a great job of showcasing many performers.

Our hard-working server, Ashley, brought me a Beef on Weck and we settled into an evening of music by Nick and Lydia AKA, “Kody & Herren”.

I had the awesome opportunity to speak to this talented musical duo who entertain quite often throughout the local area.

They’ve been playing together for about 6 years. A group that Nick was with lost a band member and as good fortune would have it, Lydia was brought into the picture. With Nick on acoustic or electric guitar and Lydia on violin or mandolin, the result is a synchronicity enhanced by their beautifully blended vocals.

On this particular night we were treated to a rousing version of ‘Going Up the Country’ made famous by Canned Heat, ‘Stuck in the Middle with You’, done previously



The Gin Mill is located at 26 Washington St, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

by Steelers Wheel and a surprise performance of James Brown’s ‘I Feel Good’. Although, Nick admits quite humorously that he’s still working on Brown’s famous scream. They also squeezed in a light and pretty version of ‘The Two of Us’ made famous by the Beatles.

Lydia’s violin accompaniment is smooth and soulful as she’s able to make magic with each stroke of the bow. She told me that she has played the instrument since was very young and has been well educated in music throughout the years. She makes it look

# Longhouse

## STORY FROM COVER

By JESSICA MILLER

The people of the Iroquois Confederacy have always known themselves as Haudenosaunee, which means “People of the Longhouse”. The central community role of a longhouse is one of the common features the confederacy nations shared (Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca, and Tuscarora). One of the common ideas to help foster unity among the nations was to imagine each other as part of a great longhouse stretching through New York and Ontario, from the Seneca (the western door) to the Mohawk (the eastern door), with the Cayuga in the middle (the central fire).

These symbolic and practical structures could be homes, community centers, or ceremonial centers. Multiple families related through matrilineal clans lived together with the longhouse being expanded to accommodate new family members as necessary. Nonresidential longhouses would host meetings and celebrations. The nature of the materials used (bark and poles made from trees) and exposure to elements meant that

regular maintenance was required to ensure habitable buildings for communities.

One such contemporary longhouse has been built for use using timeless and contemporary materials. The longhouse at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum/Onóhsagwé:de’ Cultural Center (82 W Hertel St, Salamanca) uses trees from the Allegany Forest and Allegany territory in addition to rubber crafted to look like bark. The trees serve as structural poles and fencing, and the replica bark serves as roofing and walls. Simulated bark was chosen to ease the museum’s upkeep efforts through the years while visually matching the original materials. Dr. Joseph Stahlman, executive director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, has led volunteers in preparing the replica demonstrating what a historic Haudenosaunee home looked like.

“We want to introduce families to the longhouse concept,” said Stahlman. “This will be a good place for a showcase. It will show non-Native visitors how we lived.” A community garden near the longhouse will also involve the community in contemporary traditional farming; traditional staples will be cultivated with some

involvement from seed collectors and the Cattaraugus County Agricultural Society.

Dr. Stahlman hopes the longhouse garden that gives an example of classic Haudenosaunee diet staples is also an example of the rewards of collaboration. “It doesn’t matter if families are Indigenous or not. We want to share with all of our community. It shows how necessary it is to work together.”

Years of working together to make the museum’s longhouse a reality will pay off when the longhouse opens to the public on May 27 at 1pm. The ribbon cutting ceremony is also joining the opening of a feature exhibit honoring Carson Waterman’s work. Carson Waterman: A Retrospective shows works he has done at different points in time. Specific periods ranging from past sketches from his Vietnam service and as an art school student to more current artwork will be available for viewing. Waterman’s reimagining of the Buffalo Sabres logo is another highlight of this display that art and hockey fans will particularly enjoy.

Further details regarding the museum activities can be found online: [senecamuseum.org/](http://senecamuseum.org/). Readers interested in renting facilities for special occasions are encouraged to contact the museum at 716-945-1760 or emailing [info@senecamuseum.org](mailto:info@senecamuseum.org).

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## Ellicottville Residents Voice Concerns



### Madigan's

#### STORY FROM COVER

Madigan's hired Apex Construction Co. and they are putting a covered patio over the sidewalk in front of the building. Much like the neighboring Tips-Up, the new addition will have windows on every side and will be a great way to enjoy oneself at the hotspot, whether dancing on a Saturday night or enjoying the view during a happy hour in the air-conditioned setting. Madigan's has been renovating every Spring to make the building more accommodating and comfortable for all who come to enjoy themselves there. They have installed air conditioning in the past to keep the dance floor cooler in the summer and now with the renovations in the front of the upstairs bar a new DJ booth and dance floor will make it unrecognizable at first. It will definitely make Washington Street look new.

as a school house has some timbers in it that still hold the building in place. Madigan's has gone through many changes since the building was erected, from school house, to a tin smith shop with remnants of the tin in the crawl space below, to a harness shop which transitioned later to a restaurant called The Harness Shop, among some others and in 1981 the edifice became Madigan's. There used to be a limited patio on the front of the building several decades ago, so the idea is not new to the building and that part of town. The plans have been in place over a year and the idea has been thrown around for years as well. Not only is there new construction, but also remodeling the inside, too, as time causes degradation. To keep up with it, the kitchen has been refurbished as well.

Businesses were located there since the old school and the upstairs housed the owners or tenants. Since the Kells have owned it these past 41 and 1/2 years, they kept making the place higher quality and with the popularity of

Ellicottville growing as it has, they have matched the demand for the changes in town with their growth and evolution. Changing the restaurant into more of a bar that serves food and making the upstairs another bar within the bar, and then building a back patio for summer enjoyment, and expanding it to increase the amount of folks who want to enjoy it, Madigan's keeps getting better and better. There are many things that go unnoticed as well - until one takes a closer look. The bathrooms were redesigned a few years back and folks who haven't been there in that time are really impressed still. Madigan's may seem like a dive bar and it literally is in the sense of the phrase, but it is a classy dive bar to say the least.

The staff has seen its changes although there are some staple servers who have become family and are expected by patrons to be there to pour their usual libation and shots for all. The reinforcement and renovations keep Madigan's the celebrated place of enjoyment for locals and visitors alike.

The building first built in the mid 1800's as a school house has some timbers in it that still hold the building in place. Madigan's has gone through many changes since the building was erected, from school house, to a tin smith shop with remnants of the tin in the crawl space below, to a harness shop which transitioned later to a restaurant called The Harness Shop, among some others and in 1981 the edifice became Madigan's.

The entertainment keeps most amused, be it a game of pool or darts, live music or the karaoke that sounds every so often. The company that's held with friends, new friends or the staff makes for great memories and keeps them coming back. And the addition of the new patio out front, that will make for shelter over the sidewalk and a great new spot to enjoy the Madigan's atmosphere is going to be the topic of discussion there and in town for a while, until the next new project comes along. If the plans go as expected the construction should be complete soon. The projected completion is the first week in May. Stay tuned as Madigan's opens back up for full time business on May 2nd.

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# Celebrating Cinco de Mayo: Honoring History & Traditions May, 5



**General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín** (Spanish pronunciation: [iˈnaso saraˈoza]; March 24, 1829 – September 8, 1862) was a Mexican general and politician. He led the Mexican army of 2-3,000 men that defeated 6,000 invading French forces, including the elite French legionnaires at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862 (mostly celebrated in the United States as Cinco de Mayo). He additionally married María Rosa de la Riva Palacio, daughter of the lawyer and politician, Mariano Riva Palacio, and Granddaughter of Vicente Guerrero, the Second Mexican President. (Wikipedia.com). Puebla just so happens to be considered by many, including Rick Bayless and Mark Bittman, as the gastronomic capital of Mexico. Puebla is near the sacred town of Cholula (there's a pre-Columbian pyramid there, above right.) Though the day has nothing to do with American history, Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the United States are only getting bigger and bigger. Like on St. Patrick's Day, Americans are celebrating their affinity for a culture that is also increasing in the U.S. (military.com)

## Celebrate

STORY FROM COVER

the Mexican Civil War. These 2-3,000 ragtag soldiers with outdated guns in Puebla were tired of fighting and seriously outnumbered (6,000 French soldiers), led by an untested 33-year-old, General Ignacio Zaragoza Seguín (above, right), who defeated them after a day-long battle. Using tall cacti as shields, these indomitable fighters won

the day. Puebla, on the southern edge of Central Mexico, roughly between Acapulco and Veracruz, is the epicenter of the Cinco de Mayo celebrations. If you find yourself wanting to experience an authentic Cinco de Mayo celebration, it is only 2,400 miles and a straight 37-hour drive from Ellicottville, NY, USA. However, you can stay stateside and celebrate in Los Angeles, which bills its annual Fiesta Broadway (since 1990) as the largest Cinco de Mayo

celebration in the country. It is a few miles fewer driving hours 2521 miles – 34 hours straight drive from Ellicottville. Although not a national holiday, all the schools in Puebla are closed and they celebrate with military parades and reenactments of the Battle Puebla. Today, in America, revelers mark the occasion with festive, colorful parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing, and foods such as tacos and the traditional mole poblano. Here is a sample of Mariachi music

that one might hear at these celebrations. [https://youtu.be/12\\_eYjSP5G8](https://youtu.be/12_eYjSP5G8) Food is a major part of the celebrations. The funny thing is that you won't find tacos, nachos, and frozen margaritas in Mexico on Cinco de Mayo, any more than you will find corned beef in Ireland on St. Patty's Day. Here's what we find at Smithsonian.com: ... "what America's Cinco de Mayo misses is the traditional food of Mexico, named to the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural

Heritage, a recognition given to only one other cuisine (French)." ... "What makes traditional Mexican fare worthy of such a distinction? You won't find hard shell tacos stuffed with bland ground beef and topped with iceberg lettuce and cheddar. But you will find lamb barbacoa that has been smoked underground in banana leaves or carnitas topped with queso fresco, pickled onions and homemade salsa verde wrapped in a warm homemade corn tortilla that has been ever so

lightly heated on a comal. And Puebla just so happens to be considered by many, including Rick Bayless and Mark Bittman, as the gastronomic capital of Mexico." Long story short about Mexican food history: Puebla is near the sacred town of Cholula (there's a pre-Columbian pyramid there). In the ancient days, food vendors set up food stalls to feed incoming worshippers. Then the Spaniards came and created what is now SEE "TRADITION", PAGE 10



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# Basics

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the go ahead and put this idea into action.

These meetings will be held on Tuesdays, from 6pm-7pm, at the Ashville Library in the community room.

Members throughout the community have volunteered an hour of their time to speak on a very wide variety of topics. They will share their skills and expertise on certain subjects in hopes to leave a positive and beneficial impact on the rest of their community. The first event is to be held on May 2nd, 2023. Probate, living wills, and estate planning are the topics of conversation given by Fessenden, Laumer, and DeAngelo, a local law firm in Jamestown. Following this meeting, you can see future Tuesdays at the library discussing yoga for life long health, coping with grief and change with creative practices, meditation and mindfulness, LGBTQ+ Etiquette, etc.

Kristina Benson stated in an interview, "We are actually very hopeful that this becomes a regular Tuesday night event." The goal that Kristina Benson, along with the rest of the Ashville Library, has for the project exceeds the few Tuesday night meetings already scheduled. Any member of our local area is welcomed to not only attend these events, but also have the opportunity to speak at them. Registration is available for anyone who has a skill they feel should be shared with as much of the community as possible.

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May 30	Meditation and Mindfulness Steven Raynor
June 6	LGBTQ+ Etiquette: How to Navigate the Landscape with Compassion Quinn Foster (via Zoom)

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"Some future ideas could also include the younger generations such as tips on how to write a college essay..." -Kristina Benson. *(The Publisher of The Villager suggests learning taxes and how to balance a checkbook among upcoming discussions.)*

The library also has the ambition to target all age groups and would like to introduce meetings that could potentially lend a hand to the younger community.

No fee is required to attend or speak at any of the events the library is offering. The ultimate goal is to share the community's knowledge and learn new techniques, habits, and life skills that you may not have even thought of acquiring.

these volunteers have to spread wisdom to others is something that should not go unnoticed. This gracious offer from the Ashville library and local influences from numerous establishments in the area truly displays the etiquette that all communities strive for. With all of this being said, the events that will be held on Tuesday nights from 6pm-7pm at the Ashville Library starting on May 2nd, 2023 have a great intent and are a great way to learn something new or even connect you with people in your local community! To find first-hand information on this event, the Facebook page *AshvilleLibrary* is a great place to check out. You can also find information on their webpage, [www.ashvillelibrary.com](http://www.ashvillelibrary.com).

Being present within our community and giving back to it is something society will forever cherish. The intention that



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# Wine

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the business so that he could do just that, and help people along the way.

"I enjoy helping each individual customer find the right wine for their palate and budget," says Sam. "Wine doesn't have to be \$200 a bottle to taste good."

He knows what he's talking about. Sam studied winemaking at UC Davis and then worked in the wine industry in California for years. He is a Level 1 certified sommelier and is working toward a diploma as Master Sommelier. He has also been awarded a Level 3 certification from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust. WSET qualifications are globally recognized as the international standard in wine and spirit knowledge.

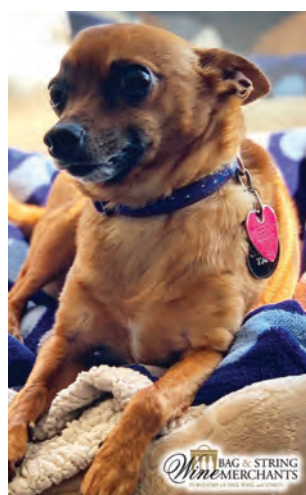
Sam met his wife in California. When they decided to have children, they moved to Western New York to be close to her family. "At the time, there was nothing like this shop in the area," notes Sam. "I wanted to continue doing something with wine, and that is how Bag & String got started."

Sam first opened Bag & String in 2011 across the street from his current location at 110 Chautauqua Ave. He slowly grew the business such that he needed a larger space, so he moved

it in 2016. "I didn't want to grow too big or grow too fast," says Sam. "The large warehouse-type stores have their place, but that isn't what I wanted this to be. I personally taste every wine before agreeing to put it on the shelves, so I know that what I offer customers tastes good." He adds that he tastes so many in a day that he has to spit them all out after tasting. "One of our favorite sayings around here is, 'We spit out wine so you don't have to.'"

Sam and the staff create their own tasting labels for each wine, rather than relying on critics' reviews. He curates wines that drink above their price point, and he doesn't look for bulk deals. He also curates his employees, in a manner of speaking, surrounding himself with people who understand what's trending. They include bartenders, mixologists and even some former customers. But his favorite "employee" is his dog, Buddy, who can be seen in the store most mornings.

The staff have seen some trends change over the years in the business. Bourbon and agave spirits became very popular, as well as organic wines. In fact, organic wines improved over the years due to the demand, and have become so good that even masters can't tell the difference between organic and non-organic wine tastings. Then, during COVID, people became more interested in crafting their own cocktails



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at home. Employees, Elijah Wright and Nick Dean, wrote a book of cocktail recipes, one for each day of the year, to help their customers. Copies are available at the store.

"Something that really drives humans is food and tasting. Memories of a holiday meal or any special occasion are some of the strongest memories. Wine

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# Largest Rocket Ever Built Takes First Flight

## SpaceX Calls Test Flight Successful Despite Explosive End



By CARA BIRRITIERI, AUTHOR, FREELANCE WRITER, SCIENCE TEACHER, CHQ COUNTY RESIDENT

Interplanetary travel is one step closer to reality following the first test flight of SpaceX's fully stacked Starship. On Thursday morning at 9:33 Starship's 33 raptor engines ignited, lifting the 394-foot rocket filled with nearly 10-million pounds of liquid propellant, the biggest and most powerful rocket ever built, off the launch pad.

SpaceX workers in California cheered exuberantly as they viewed the epic launch. Near the launchpad in Boca Chica, Texas, the billowing smoke could be seen for miles, and the rocket looked magnificent as it thundered toward space. Soon, it became apparent that some of the engines were not working, and other milestones in the launch failed as well. The upper stage Starship was supposed to separate from the lower Super Heavy Booster, but they remained connected and the entire rocket started to tumble. Next, spectators saw the rocket come apart in a spectacular explosion. SpaceX famously refers to their test flights' fiery

endings as a RUD, or Rapid Unscheduled Disassembly.

However, SpaceX deems the launch a huge success for a first attempt. Thursday afternoon, the private company's website noted, "With a test like this, success comes from what we learn, and we learned a tremendous amount about the vehicle and ground systems today that will help us improve on future flights of Starship." The company said Starship climbed to more than 24 miles over the Gulf of Mexico, and acknowledged they purposely scuttled the flight once problems became apparent, "The vehicle experienced multiple engines out during the flight test, lost altitude, and began to tumble. The flight termination system was commanded on both the booster and ship."

SpaceX founder and CEO, Elon Musk gave the launch about a 50-50 chance at success, and in a tweet praised the brief flight, "Congrats @SpaceX team on exciting test launch of Starship. Learned a lot for next test launch in a few months." During the live broadcast, SpaceX's Kate Tice praised the launch, "Everything after clearing the tower was icing on the cake."

the aftermath. It seems, although the rocket cleared the tower, it blew debris far and wide, damaging at least one vehicle, remote camera equipment, and left a gaping crater below the launchpad. This is the most powerful rocket ever created with twice the thrust of the huge Saturn V rockets that carried astronauts to the moon.

The Starship and the Super Heavy first stage have been in development for years. Musk originally said he founded SpaceX to colonize Mars, and this is the rocket that he hopes will make that dream possible.

Over the past two years, tests of the second stage also failed, but work continued and each test launch saw improvements. The SpaceX website describes this massive new generation rocket as fully reusable, eventually enabling travel across the globe in minutes, transporting cargo equipment to establish a moon base, delivering satellites in earth's orbit, and carrying up to 100 people on long duration interplanetary travel.

The SpaceX website boasts, "Starship will be

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By MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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We return to Balloons main stage for The Pat Harrington Trio from 6:30pm-10pm. Three of the region's best musicians play blues/rock/boogie covers and originals that you can dance to. This gets the, if-you-can-only-see-one-band designation. Dj Bad Weekend will follow with some funk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor from 10pm-2am.

Madigans brings back Dj SI who'll lay down the sauce so you can do the floss from 9pm-1am. Try the foosball and pool table for one friendly competition.

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Tuesday we return to The Gin Mill for The Hick Ups from 7pm-10pm. This group is comprised of players from several local bands and they play a roots/bluegrass/country set of covers that you'll be clapping along to.

We've ended the week the same way for 39 years at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company, Wing Wednesday from 8pm-12am. Joe plays a folk rock/pop/rock/country set of covers you can sing along to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics makes for a locals' favorite.

If you had a good time in our village, come back often with your friends and family but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street

"What Do You Look Forward To at Springtime?"

By CHAD NEAL

If you live in or frequently visit Ellicottville (incidentally the only Ellicottville in the world), you have seen the transformation constantly transpiring. Since the industry has changed to the more lucrative tourism, many things have come about in this wonderful little diamond in the rough. Where there used to be manufacturing there are now other businesses, condos and lots to be used in the future. The once typical small Cattaraugus County town and village has gentrified because of the draw and demand for vacation homes. This transition has started a trend of constant revision. Ellicottville is gaining in a lot of ways due to long-term foresight as it loses residents to short-term rentals. There are many awesome and wonderful amenities for the economy to thrive. What can you foresee in Ellicottville's future?



ways due to long-term foresight as it loses residents to short-term rentals. There are many awesome and wonderful amenities for the economy to thrive. What can you foresee in Ellicottville's future?



Tim H.- An amusement park with log rides. And such.



Jack A.- A locally owned and operated Marijuana Dispensary!



Campbell D.- Leading with love is going to become popular again like it was in the 90s!



Tim Z.- More money being spent on warm season tourism and attractions.



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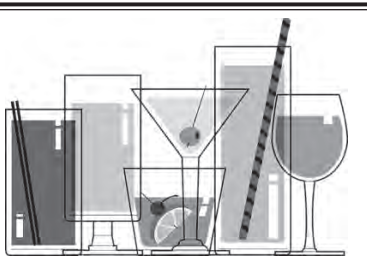
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

	7	3	8	1		6		
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# Wine

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and cocktails are an integral part of that experience." Sam says he is proud to be able to help with that. He finds wine pairings to be fun, and the results almost magical.

When asked what he is most proud of, Sam cited several things. First, he believes the training and education he gives his staff adds value to the service they provide. He hopes that when his employees move on to other endeavors, they take with them what they learned at Bag & String, and they continue to give as much as they get. He is also proud of the support the store provides to local non-profits. "California wineries are big on philanthropy, so I grew up with that philosophy." Sam has found that wine gets others excited about participating in a charity event, so he routinely donates wine to charity auctions. He wants the store to be known for

the quality of the wines, not the quantity, and for their engagement with the community.

For more information, follow Bag & String Wine Merchants on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/BagandStringWine>, or visit their website at <https://www.bagandstringwine.com/>.



**Sam and the staff create their own tasting labels for each wine, rather than relying on critics' reviews. He curates wines that drink above their price point, and he doesn't look for bulk deals. He also curates his employees, in a manner of speaking, surrounding himself with people who understand what's trending. They include bartenders, mixologists and even some former customers. But his favorite "employee" is his dog, Buddy, who can be seen in the store most mornings.**

# RBG

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Brooklyn high school; being one of only nine young women studying law at Harvard while also raising a daughter and helping her husband battle cancer; fighting for women's rights in the nineteen-seventies before condescending all-male courts; and taking courageous stands for human rights as a voice of reason amid a splintering and increasingly politicized Supreme Court. An evening with a great and compassionate icon of straight-thinking American justice portrays an RBG who is not only "notorious" but victorious as she takes a stand for ordinary people facing the many challenges of a changing world." (Broadwayworld.com)

Aside from performances at the Bay Street Theater in Sag Harbor and the Lincoln Theater in Washington DC, All Things Equal, The Life and Times of RBG has toured across significant venues in the United States, with its finale here in Jamestown, NY. Why Jamestown? The Jackson Center is all about education, using a variety of methods including in-person and virtual programs and presentations, exhibits, available media, and scholarship." A live theater production is an excellent education tool.

Tickets for All Things Equal, The Life and Times of RBG are on sale through the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. <https://reglenna.com/events/all-things-equal>. A parking ramp is located directly across the street from the theater for those persons unwilling/unable to walk a few blocks to street parking.

Learn more about Robert H. Jackson: Robert H. Jackson, from Jamestown, New York served as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1941 until his death in 1954. The only person in the US to hold the office of U.S. Solicitor General and U.S. Attorney General, plus Supreme Court Justice, he also was appointed by President Truman to serve as the Chief U.S. Prosecutor of the Nuremberg Trials of Nazi war criminals after WWII. There Jackson created a trial format which worked for all four Allied nations. He coined phrases such as "crimes against humanity" and "acts of aggression."

Jackson was born in Spring Creek, PA, and raised in Frewsburg, NY. With only a modest education and no college degree, he spent approximately 20 years as a successful attorney in Jamestown before going to Washington, D.C. As Associate Supreme Court Justice he presided over a number of historic decisions including *Brown v. Board of Education*. The Robert H. Jackson Center is open for tours. Docent-led tours are available from 10am-2pm on weekdays and on Saturdays.





# Tell Us About It!!

Nominate your favorite small business owner. (One entry per person please) and if your recommendation is chosen, we will feature that small business owner in a special feature article on the cover of our publication. All nominations can be made via e-mail to [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com) or by calling into the office at 716-699-2058. Vote and support your favorite businesses today!!

# Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties



**Bemus Point - Stowe Ferry**  
**Heading towards Bemus Pt. NY - Circa 1960**

# Tradition

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known as the city of Puebla. Religion came with the Spaniards, so convents and monasteries popped up. Here's the interesting part: Spanish nuns invented much of Mexico's famed dishes, successfully integrating ingredients from this New World into their Old-World recipes.

FYI: Authentic Guacamole consists of only a few ingredients: Avocado, finely diced sweet or red onion, chopped jalapeno pepper, salt, lime, and in the

Phoenix Mexican restaurant I ate in last week (where the primary language was Spanish!), they made it at table, left the avocado in fork-squished chunks and sprinkled the top with pomegranate seeds. No cilantro. No tomatoes. No fuss. It was out of this world! Delicioso!

For those of you courageous enough to take on the daunting recipe for Mole poblano (the most consumed dish in Puebla for Cinco de Mayo), the laundry list of ingredients, the roasting and toasting is well worth the effort. (I am assured.) It is a sauce made from ground up ingredients and comes in all colors and consistencies, but the

thick, dark mole poblano has made its mark on the gastronomic world. Legend has it that mole poblano was first created in the kitchen of the Santa Rosa convent in Puebla by Sor Andrea de la Asunción in the late 17th century. *Recommended recipes:*

Mole Poblano, *Pati's Mexican Table*, Chicken in Mole, Puebla Style, *Epicurious*. Chalupas – another favorite, are more do-able for those with less time to devote in the kitchen. *Recommended recipes:* Chalupas Poblanas, *Saveur Magazine*, Chalupas Poblanas, *Mexconnect*. Feliz cinco de mayo! Happy Cinco de Mayo! ¡Buon appetito!

# Rocket

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the world's most powerful launch vehicle ever developed, capable of carrying up to 150 metric tons fully reusable and 250 metric tons expendable."

Such lofty goals will require lots more rocket testing for the many Starships in production. As Musk tweeted, the next flight could be in just a few months. As

soon as the next Starship is ready, they'll request regulatory clearance, and launch. Company officials say test flights are learning opportunities to improve no matter the outcome.

We can likely expect future tests to go according to Thursday's original plan: separation of the Super Heavy after just 8 minutes, then coming back to earth; the Starship reaching a maximum altitude of 145 miles, then splashing down in the Pacific Ocean after

about 90 minutes.

A new Era in Spaceflight is upon us, and if all goes well, people will travel aboard Starship in a few years. In fact, NASA selected Starship to ferry astronauts from lunar orbit to the moon's surface for its upcoming Artemis program. The first crewed mission is planned for some time in late 2025.

For more on the Starship program see: <https://www.spacex.com/vehicles/starship>

# EVL Life

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effortless. Together, their vocal harmonies are outstanding. I studied their performance carefully and, at times, it appeared as though they could read each other's mind to get to their desired result.

For the two of them growing up it was the influence of classic rock for Nick and for Lydia more of the music of Americana. They also write a great deal of their own material and I asked about that collaboration. They told me that, sometimes, they write separately then bring their ideas together. That

seemed to me to be quite a unique recipe as their partnership yields so many wonderful tunes.

When they're not making music together, they thrive on simple things like a sharing of outdoor adventures, the recent of which was kayaking on Cattaraugus Creek. They are also influenced by the love of animals. The canines and felines in their lives often inspire the writing of new music.

They truly enjoy performing their original melodies where, sometimes, an audience may not even realize it's their own. They expressed a mutual excitement about the upcoming release of an album entitled "Till the Sun Will Rise". You can look

for them on May 20<sup>th</sup> as they plan on performing all 15 songs of the album at the Arts Café at the Springville Center for the Arts. They will also feature the album for sale at that time.

I find when I watch them perform, I've attempted to describe to myself what it is I'm listening to and what I've come up with is a blend of country, soul, blues, rock, bluegrass and folk. I don't know how else to describe them except for the fact that I find them to be truly musically compelling.

Kody & Herren are quite charming and so easy to talk to. I'm so pleased that our evening stroll led to my interview with them creating a true highlight of my Ellicottville Village Life.

# Classified

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF FORMATION:** Alterity Regenerative Ranching, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/16/2023. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Alterity Regenerative Ranching, LLC, PO Box 295, Portville, NY 14770. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD - PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled Public Hearings Pursuant to the Mansfield Subdivision Regulations Article III, Section 2. E and Mansfield Zoning Law, Article XIV, Section 14.3 (D) (3). Chris and Brenda Perks request Planning Board approval for a Minor Subdivision and Special Use Permit to create a campground at 7079 California Hill Road. Said Public Hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. *Margaret Puszcz, Planning Board Chair*

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## FOR SALE

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Sealed bids will be received by the Town of Ellicottville located at 1 West Washington St, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 10:00 a.m. Wednesday May 17, 2023, and then at that time and place opened and read aloud.

The Town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid, which, in their opinion, meets the intent of the specifications and deemed most advantageous to the Town.

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Photos of Women in History



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Photos by Jon Elder



**Views From Bemus Pt. NY: Rain Day Easter Egg Hunt at Midway Park**



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