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## Area Events

**WINE & TAPAS WEEKENDS**  
May 12-14 & 19-21  
Lake Erie Wine Trail

**COME TO THE TABLE AUCTION**  
Thursday, May 11 • 5-8pm  
Chautauqua Suites, Mayville

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES**  
Saturday, May 13 • 9am-4pm  
Olean

**1/2 MARATHON/ 5K/ BEER MILE**  
Saturday, May 13 • 9am  
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville

**MOTHERS DAY WINE TRAIN**  
Saturday, May 13 • 5pm  
Gowanda Depot, Gowanda

**CLASSIC CAR CRUISE**  
Monday, May 15 • 4pm  
American Legion, Ellicottville

**BIRD BANDING**  
Saturday, May 13 • 7am  
Audubon Center, Jamestown

**YY DANCE COMPANY PREVIEW**  
Friday, May 12 • 4pm  
Chautauqua Institution

**MOTHERS DAY WINE TASTING**  
May 13 & 14  
Liberty Vineyards, Sheridan

**MOTHERS DAY WINE TASTING**  
Saturday, May 13 • 1-3pm  
Bag & String, Lakewood

**WEEKLY BIRD WALKS**  
May 17, 24, & 31 • 9am  
RTPI, Jamestown

**MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
Thursday, May 18 • 6pm  
Lincoln Park, Olean

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

**JERSEY BOYS MUSICAL**  
May 19, 20 & 21  
Lucille Ball Theatre, Jamestown

**NY DUATHLON #2**  
Saturday, May 20 • 9am  
Weeden Park, Randolph

**TRAVIS TRITT**  
Saturday, May 20 • 8pm  
Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca

**EARLY BIRD STREET FESTIVAL**  
Saturday, May 27 • 4-10pm  
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**SPRING THING CARNIVAL**  
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## GObike: Bike Month in Buffalo

May is National Bike Month: Over 50 Events Scheduled



BY KATE BARTLETT

May is National Bike Month, when cyclists share their enthusiasm and appreciation for biking as transportation,

recreation and essential to many in their everyday life. Cycling continues to gain popularity in our region, and the Buffalo

SEE "GOBIKE" PAGE 8

## Griffis Sculpture Park

Where Art is Made to be Touched: 2023 Season



BY DOUG SITLER

The magical and wonderful Griffis Sculpture Park, outside of Ellicottville is back open and ready to welcome visitors of all

ages. The United States largest sculpture park features over 250 sculptures spread out over 450-acres. Imagine an outdoor

SEE "GRIFFIS" PAGE 6

## Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy

Upcoming Events: Mother's Day Walk, May 14, 2023



The Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy strives to assist and maintain the best land, wildlife, and water sources of our area. The organization has been able and plans to educate the local area about what's outside and how we should take care of it.

BY VICTORIA PAVLOCK

Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy is an organization established to preserve Chautauqua County in numerous

ways. The nonprofit organization has the mission to assist our community in ways of land conservation, environmental

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## The See-Zuhr House Now Re-Open

A Bemus Point Icon Lives On



This three-story building, erected in the 1880s, was originally a boarding house. Don See and Zurh Faulkner purchased it in 1960 and converted it into a restaurant on the first floor, while keeping an apartment and offices upstairs. Zurh retired a few years later, but Don kept the business going, eventually selling it in 1984 to the Shaglas. They made the second floor into a bar with another kitchen and named that part "Shaggy's", now known as "14 Main". (See article, "See-Zurh", page 9.)

## Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

**Holiday Valley: Mudslide Event**  
Saturday, June 17, 2023, 10am – 3pm



It's a slip sliding muddy fun obstacle trail run. 3.5 mile route, mostly downhill or 5.4 mile route with added challenging uphill. 15 obstacles and lots and lots of mud! For mor information: [www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com)

## 3rd Thursday Concert Series

Downtown Winter Garden Plaza in Jamestown



BY DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

The Third Thursday Music Party in Winter Garden Plaza runs May 18th, June 15th, August 17th, September 21st 5pm-8pm.

First up to the 3rd Thursday microphone (May 18th) is a surprising and exciting young woman with the voice of an angel, Miranda Wilcox.

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## EVL Business Spotlight: Amy DeTine

Equestrian & Businesswoman Ready to Help

CAROL FISHER-LINN

To begin the story of Amy DeTine, one must first envision this low-key, highly accomplished local country woman of Ellicottville in the classic blue-and-white Buffalo Catholic school uniform of the 70's. One of six girls, it was the family tradition to attend Mount Saint Mary's high school and undergo the rigors of a religious education under the guidance of mostly stern-faced nuns. Uncertain what to do after high school graduation, Amy was invited to join some friends providing food service at



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# Publisher's Word

"A Few Fun Notes about May"



As you've read last week, May is Mental Awareness Month and it's gorgeous outside; go out and enjoy it. We have so many interesting adventures that we are sharing with you on these pages. Please use this as a guide and follow your heart. First, let's celebrate Mom this Sunday, May 14! We have so many great places to take her to explore. May 20th is Armed Forces Day and May 29 is Memorial Day, which is the beginning of a new season. There are many reasons to appreciate the freedoms that we have. Please enjoy the read and if you have a story to tell keep us in the know we love to share your thoughts with our readers. You can reach us anytime at our online format: [www.thevillager.com](http://www.thevillager.com), email me direct at [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com) or call (716) 699-2058.

Until next week, enjoy the read - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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  - Gloria Carlson... May 22nd Liz Boberg... May 25th
- Email us your birthday greetings: [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com)

## Ellicottville Summer Music Festival

"The Players" Headline Saturday, July 1

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce this years Summer Music Festival Saturday performance- "The Players" featuring Grammy awarded & top former members of Chicago and Earth, Wind, & Fire. Enjoy a live performance with legendary members: Bill Champlin (Two-timed grammy winner; member of Chicago for 28 years) Keith Howland (Former guitarist of Chicago), Jeff Coffey (Former lead vocalist of Chicago), 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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## Southern Tier Biennial Exhibition

Tri-County Arts Council Accepting Entries; Deadline June 17

Olean - Accepted works will be exhibited September 17 through November 4 in the stunning Peg Bothner Gallery at the Tri-County Arts Council in Olean.

"The Southern Tier Biennial was founded in 2003 with a bequest by Olean native, philanthropist, and art lover F. Donald Kenney, managed through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, to create an opportunity for regional artists to exhibit in a professional gallery and be seen by jurors that can help further an artist's career," said Sean Huntington, STB Exhibition coordinator. "Every two years, the Southern Tier Biennial gives us a glimpse into the wonderful creative talent that this region has to offer. It's truly an incredible show. I encourage every visual artist, including those working in craft media, to apply."

In addition to the opportunity to show their work, accepted artists at the Buffalo AKG Art Museum (formerly the

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one of five awards totaling \$5,250 - \$3,000 to the Best of Show winner (\$1,000 cash and \$2,000 stipend towards a solo show in Fall 2024 at the TCAC); a \$750 Juror's Choice Award; and \$500 for three Honorable Mention winners.

Each biennial is juried by new jurors, this year's jurors are Andrea Alvarez, PhD, assistant curator at the Buffalo AKG Art Museum (formerly the Albright-Knox Art Gallery) in Buffalo; Judy Barie, director of the Chautauqua Visual Arts Galleries in the Chautauqua Institution; and Tullis Johnson, curator and manager of exhibitions and collections at the Burchfield Penney Art Center in Buffalo.

The deadline for entering the Southern Tier Biennial is June 17. For full info and the online application, visit [southerntierbiennial.com/](http://southerntierbiennial.com/).

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# Up Close: Abigail Siebert

EVL Chamber Welcomes New Administrative Assistant



Ellicottville – The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the newest member of their team. Abigail Siebert (above, left) fulfills the position of Administrative Assistant and has settled in quite comfortably since beginning her duties May 1st. Not only will she oversee general office duties and communications within the Chamber, but she will also assist in the marketing of 18 Chamber events and festivals annually, including the creative development of the Chamber's social media campaigns.

“Abigail is no stranger to Ellicottville. As a current resident and real estate agent with ERA Team VP Real Estate, Abigail is familiar with Ellicottville’s tourism

industry and will surely be an asset to our operations here at the Chamber,” stated Brian McFadden. “Our village attracts over 1.7 million visitors annually and we’re excited to implement Abigail’s skillsets which will only help our area continue to grow in leaps and bounds.”

Ms. Siebert is a graduate of Daemen University of Amherst, NY with a degree in Business Administration and specializing in Marketing. She looks forward to promoting all of the wonderful activities and businesses in the area.

“I’m honored to join the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce team,” said Abigail. “I’m originally from Grand Island, NY but moved to Ellicottville my freshman year of high school, almost eight years ago. Even while attending college an hour away, I

came to Ellicottville every weekend to work in town because I love the area so much. I even graduated college a semester early just to get back down here full-time! Needless to say, I’m thrilled at the opportunity to work with the Chamber, incorporate all the skills I learned at Daemen and market a town that I’ve grown to love and call home!”

An avid shopper, you can expect to see Ms. Siebert popping in and out of our local retailers regularly. When you see her, be sure to give her a warm welcome on her new position.

To learn more about the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, upcoming festivals, membership benefits and more, head to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com), 800-349-9099 or follow Ellicottville, NY on FB and @visitellicottville on IG.

## Olean Community-Wide Garage Sale

146 Participating Homes, May 13, 2023

OLEAN—86 households added into the 21st annual Community-Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 13, from 9am-4pm. Maps and a complete listing of locations and items of the garages sales will be available FREE at the Chamber office, 301 North Union Street starting Friday, May 12. The event has no rain date. Households sales will go

forward rain or shine. Sarah Blovsky, GOACC Member Services Manager reported, “With last week’s number, our total households hit 146 which is just great. The normal one day garage sale averaged about 115 households.”

A listing of all the participating garage sales will appear in Friday’s Times Herald and online at [www.oleanny.com](http://www.oleanny.com).

Mrs. Blovsky added, “Exceeding our average one-day sale but spreading it between two dates—that is great! We have heard that the number is more manageable to shoppers which in turn (may) mean more sales at the households.” For more information on the garage sale, please contact the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433.

## CHQ Chamber Launches Podcast

Monthly Radio Show and Podcast about Local Businesses

By Daniel J. Heitzenrater, President and CEO of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce.

With a continuing focus on promoting small businesses in Chautauqua County, the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce has launched a new monthly radio show and podcast aimed at telling the stories behind local businesses.

CHQ Chamber Chats is an interview-based platform designed to focus on the back stories about local businesspeople and organizations: how they got started, what drives them, and how they focus on customers, merchandise, and service. Our objective is to provide listeners with some tidbits they may not have known about local businesses, and to immerse them in the narratives of local businesspeople.

The Chamber is partnering with WRFA-LP—a listener supported, non-commercial, low-power FM radio station which is provided as a public service by the Reg Lenna Center for the

Arts in Jamestown. WRFA broadcasts at 107.9 FM in Jamestown and streams live on their website. This public radio station is providing the Chamber with studio space, time, and equipment to record our podcasts, as well as airing them online and posting them to SoundCloud.

Our first episode will air this weekend and will feature John Felton of Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union—a countywide business with a unique background and a focus on serving the community in a variety of ways.

The show will air at 10:30am the first Sunday

of each month and will be available to stream as a podcast the following day. The SoundCloud link for the first episode is <https://soundcloud.com/wrfaradio/chq-chamber-chats-john-felton-may-2023>. WRFA has also created a playlist where all episodes will be housed as they are released.

We already have a short list of local businesses from all over Chautauqua County to participate in this new CHQ Chamber Chats podcast, and we welcome your input. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at [dheitzenrater@chautauquachamber.org](mailto:dheitzenrater@chautauquachamber.org).

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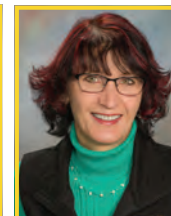
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See also: *superwoman*

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Wine and Tapas Weekends

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## CAP Step Up for Kids 5K

10th Annual Fundraiser Includes Cycling, Saturday May 13

CASSADAGA – The Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County is hosting its annual race on Saturday, May 13. This year, CAP is excited to announce that they are adding bicycling to the walking and running. Cyclists check-in 8:30 a.m. Race starts at 9am. Walkers/runners check-in at 9am. Race starts at 10am. \$30.00 Registration fee includes: Timing chip, bib, and long sleeve event shirt. Trackqua will time the event electronically with disposable chips. Participants who register by May 1st will receive a shirt. Registration closes May 10th. There will be NO registration at the event. For more



information, visit https:// www.capjustice.org/ events/. Location: Cassadaga Beach, Park Avenue, Cassadaga, NY 14718

## Farmers' and Artisans' Market

Begins May 25, 2023 in Mayville

Mayville – The Mayville-Chautauqua Community Chamber Committee hosts the Mayville Farmers and Artisans Market throughout the summer months at the Village Park, corner of Routes 394 and 430 in Mayville, each Thursday from noon-4pm. This year the market will begin May 25 and run through September 7. Vendor



spots are available. For more information or to register as a vendor, visit the Chamber's online calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

## In-person Star Award Ceremonies

Bradford and Olean Hospitals Recognize Outstanding Employees

BRADFORD, PA/ OLEAN, NY – Bradford Regional Medical Center (BRMC) and Olean General Hospital (OGH), members of Upper Allegheny Health System (UAHS), recently presented their April star awards with the first in-person ceremonies since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. Michael Erickson, mental health tech, who works in the behavioral health, dual diagnoses department at BRMC, and James Jones, host working in the food and nutrition department at OGH, were awarded the monthly BRMC & OGH star awards, respectively. Michael has been with BRMC for over fifteen years ¾ starting in 2007. "He is very insightful. Whenever he is addressed with any questions or concerns he provides lots of good information, but allows you to come to your own conclusion and

decision," according to his nomination. "Anytime anyone needs help Michael will not hesitate to jump in wherever there is a need. He is someone that you can rely on to not only be a great coworker, but mentor as well." "James brings a level of care through his compassion and kindness that makes him a model employee." according to his nomination. "James has been known to be there for patients who are in comfort measures, always making sure they are comfortable and taken care of, while also listening and being there for them. James is an exemplary employee and anyone working in the healthcare industry could follow his lead as an ideal employee." James started at OGH in November 2020. At BRMC and OGH, the star award is presented monthly to an employee who demonstrates outstanding performance

and inspires the same in others. Team members are nominated for exceptional customer satisfaction, continuous performance improvement, teamwork, communication, ownership/accountability and excellence. "This is a great kickoff to bringing back our in-person star award ceremonies! Being new to the organization, I didn't know what to expect with putting an event like this together," said Lesley Zurek, senior director, human resources, UAHS. "One goal I've had since taking this role was to improve employee engagement and showcase our diligent and committed team members. Our team is unwavering with all the current struggles that healthcare is facing. Anything we can do to make our team feel appreciated for what they provide to our community is important."

## Record-Breaking Comedians

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias and Taylor Tomlinson at 2023 LucyFest

Jamestown – The National Comedy Center, the nation's official museum and cultural institution dedicated to comedy, announced today that comedians Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias and Taylor Tomlinson will headline the 2023 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, August 2 through 6.

Tickets for these shows, along with many other festival comedy events including the festival's annual, popular-favorite, the Stand-Up Showcase, will go on pre-sale for National Comedy Center Members only – starting Friday, May 12 at noon ET through Wednesday, May 17 at www.ComedyCenter.org. Public on-sale date will begin Friday, May 19 at noon ET.





## Holiday Valley Mudslide

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## A Night in the Zone

Northwest Ice Arena in Jamestown Presents Gala May 20, 2023

Jamestown – Northwest Arena presents A Night in TheZone! This gala event will feature live music, dancing, live and silent auctions, pay-to-putt prizes, and lots of fun.

A Night in TheZone Gala is a benefit to raise money for the Northeast region's first-ever indoor kids play space, right

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The gala is set for May 20 at 6pm. If you and

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Program Director, John Kinder at [john.kinder@northwestarena.com](mailto:john.kinder@northwestarena.com).

Or you can purchase tickets online now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-in-thezone-tickets-587836283147>.

## REO Speedwagon at SAC

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.

REO Speedwagon helped define the Arena Rock age of the 1970s and '80s.

Formed as a college band at the University of Illinois in the late 1960s, REO Speedwagon sped to the heights of stardom in the '70s and '80s fueled by a long list of hit songs. The band earned steady radio play and a legion of fans with hits like "Ridin' the Storm Out," "Time for Me To Fly," "Roll With the Changes," "Take It on the Run," "Keep

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.

## Come to the Table for CASA

Table Auction and Basket Raffle May 11 in Mayville, NY

MAYVILLE – Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County announces its 15th Annual Come to the Table fundraiser to be held on Thursday, May 11 at The Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, NY. Doors open at 5 p.m. with the live table auction starting at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the event is \$20 and includes hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment by Jamestown High School Chamber Orchestra, raffles, live table auction, the chance to win a door prize and more. The public is invited.

Guests are invited to bid on themed tablescapes during the live table auction that have been designed

and donated by local CASA supporters. Table themes include "Magnolia Silos – Remembering Our Weekend Getaway," "Family Game Night," "Amish Craftmanship," "Tools for the Trade," "Gone Fishing," "Farmhouse Family Fun Time," "Hand Made with Love," "Happy Trails to You," "My Party My Rules," "Spa Day and Stay," "Cows in the Garden," "Dinner Under the Stars," "Let's Go to Camp," "Taco 'Bout a Fiesta," "Beach Bums Adventure," "Sit Down to Delicous," "An Artist in Me!," plus many more!

The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is to provide an independent

voice in court, advocating for the best interest of abused and neglected children in the pursuit of finding safe and permanent homes. CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc. relies on highly trained volunteers who are appointed by a Chautauqua County Family Court Judge to advocate for children in court. These volunteers work with relevant agencies and parties in order to advocate for the best interest of the child. With the information provided by the CASA volunteer, Family Court Judges are better able to make informed decisions as to what is best for the child. CASA of Chautauqua County is a United Way Community Partner.

## Bonnie Raitt Tickets Going Fast

Chautauqua Institution, Saturday, June 24, 2023



CHAUTAUQUA - Congratulations to Bonnie Raitt, winner of the Song of the Year award for "Just Like That" at last week's Grammys! The legendary musician and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee will return to the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater to open the 2023 season on Saturday, June 24. Only a few tickets remain, we will be sold out soon! Call our ticketing office directly to purchase yours today: 716-357-6250.

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## Helping Veterans and Their Immediate Families



By Rebecca Darlow



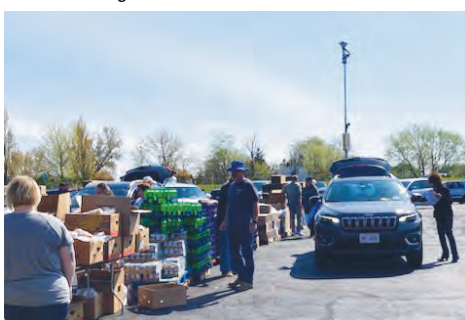
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Volunteers unload trucks of food donations



Arranged flats of food boxes



Veterans driving through to have their vehicles loaded with food donations



# Griffis

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art gallery, with works of art in the forest and fields of the park. Unlike traditional art galleries, at “Griffis” the pieces are made to be touched, explored and even, climbed on.

There are a few new and familiar things on-tap at Griffis Sculpture Park during the 2023 season. Construction will begin this summer on a permanent “washroom” facility for park guests and visiting artists. Construction will begin in late June and the facility should be open by Labor Day weekend. Plans have been in place for the washroom for over three years. However, the pandemic played a major role in the delay.

Also new to the park starting in June, a small music series will take place throughout the summer. Details are being assembled and will be announced shortly. The music series will feature local artists playing their music in various places located within the park. A new “arts & crafts” series is also expected to be announced soon, where attendees can participate in making various arts projects that they can take home.

Starting on May 27th, every second and fourth Saturday, a guided tour will take place at 3pm. Enjoy a one-hour walk at the Mill Valley Road site of the park. Hear stories about the park and the pieces of art. The tour is included in the admission fee that is paid at the gift shop.

Returning for three evenings in 2023 are drum circles on Saturday nights at the Rohr Hill Road section of the park. Join drum instructor Stephen Bell for a 90-minute session. Stephen brings numerous drums for those who don’t have one. This is a great



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opportunity for first timers, or experienced drummers. The drum circles will take place on Saturday’s June 17, July 15 and August 19th.

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NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park makes its 11th return to the park, starting on Friday, September 8th. During NIGHT LIGHTS, a portion of the sculpture park is transformed with color lights, vendors, performances and more. NIGHT LIGHTS has attracted over 30,000 people over the past decade and has become a good fundraiser for the non-profit park.

For more information, you can find the park on Facebook or visit the website <https://griffissculpturepark.org/>

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## Maple Springs Fire Dept. Fundraiser Company in Dire Need of New Equipment

By PATRICIA MEASER



A defibrillator costs approximately \$60K, while a new ambulance costs over \$240K. The latter must be custom ordered so that it is designed to fit the cabinets, life-saving equipment and radios they already have. The department's annual fundraiser covers operating costs such as fuel but does not cover these items. So, a one-time fundraiser was created to help meet the need.

The typical lifespan of an ambulance is between five and seven years. This is because, even if they have low mileage, they still have to be run hard and left running at the location of an emergency call. "The engine must be on in order for the electronic and communication equipment to function," explains Doug Conroe, Chief of the Maple Springs Fire Company. "We respond to anywhere from 80 to 100 calls each year. An average call lasts one and half hours. But an ambulance may sit running at the scene of a fire for over three hours". Then, there are another 40-45 minutes of electronic "paperwork" to be completed after that.

"We have only one ambulance," Doug adds, "so we need to replace it before it wears out. We respond to most emergency calls within five minutes and are proud of that record. If we want to continue to provide that level of service, we need to replace the ambulance every few years." Their current ambulance is a 2016 model.

They also need a new LifePak 16 defibrillator to put in the ambulance. "Depending on the reason for the call, some patients cannot wait until we get to the hospital," Doug notes. "We need to keep our equipment up to date, too." Doug has been with Maple Springs since 1981. Some of that time was spent as an EMT. The knowledge and intuition that he has gained from his experiences helps him determine when to replace equipment.

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Doug says that their ambulance covers not only Maple Springs, but a larger area ranging from Dewittville down to Sunset Bay and over to Mahanna Road. They answer calls from other departments when their ambulances are already in use, and vice versa. "Sharing is what makes the system work, and

a new ambulance benefits everyone," Doug clarifies. If they didn't have this mutual aid partnership, the only other option would be to have one centralized ambulance service, per Doug. Depending on where that service ended up being located, response times for calls could take much longer.

The Maple Springs Fire Company is an all-volunteer department. Donations to the annual fundraiser go directly to operations and maintenance. The department was able to save some money from previous years to help pay for the new ambulance, but they still need \$178K for it. Fundraising is part of their partnership with the community. Doug states, "The citizens are enabling us to provide this service through their generosity. We are able to bring life to the funding and come out with great product."

The one-time fundraiser will start in late May

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## DeTine

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Poverty Hill Ski area (later called Concord); she found she loved it and the area and simply never left. As she rather wryly states, "I never made it out. And it was a good thing."

After that short gig, Amy's first real job (albeit, short-lived) was at Fitzpatrick and Weller Lumber - in the plant - on the glue line. Quickly realizing that was not for her, she found her place working at local restaurants, using her skills at foodservice as well as tending bars. Ted LaCroix soon came into her life. They married in 1991 and worked together (with Ted serving as General Manager) managing all food service at Holiday Valley Resort. This included not only The Hearth Restaurant, but all conferences, weddings, and events. Says Amy, "We oversaw many local kids' wedding receptions

who now have kids of their own." Life was good and the years passed quickly until the day Ted wanted to retire. It was a turning point for Amy, who decided she also wanted a change.

Enter long-time friend, Patti Crist who, like Ted, literally grew up in Allegany State Park. Years ago, there were many private residences in the park area which provided employment (Ted's dad was a carpenter for ASP) and the most amazing environment to raise a family. Imagine! Patti and her mom, Paula France had established the successful Ye Olde Towne and Country Real Estate business which eventually became known as Century 21 Town and Country (T&C), and invited Amy to consider investing her energies into selling real estate.

Now in her 23rd year of successful selling with ERA (Patti Crist eventually sold T&C to Bill Soffel - it is now known as ERA Team VP). The name may have changed but the team

remains quite constant with Amy performing steadily in the top ten in the ERA offices and recognized as one of the top agents in this area.

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# GObike! May is National Bike Month: Over 50 Events Scheduled



GObike's team continues to grow! Meet our new Chief Development Officer: Sarah Omicioli (pictured top, left). "As someone who identifies as an 'Average Jane' biker, I want to create a culture where everyone feels welcome at GObike. Whether you are a bike fanatic like our founder or simply a safe-roads enthusiast like myself, GObike is for you. "We are incredibly grateful for every individual who supports our organization through their time, resources, membership, and/or advocacy. Your generosity matters to us, but more importantly, you matter to us. If you want to learn how to get involved with the GObike community, please reach out. Coffee's on me!"

## Gobike

STORY FROM COVER

area is hosting a variety of events throughout the month of May; over 30 participating organizations and over 50 events sponsored by Independent Health. Various events include rides, breakfasts, happy hours, discounts at local businesses, prizes and more. GObike is passionate about biking and encourages riders to "Make May the month you change your habits and incorporate riding more often. Bike Month is a collaboration of the efforts of dozens of different organizations, including our biggest sponsor Independent Health, as well as the smaller groups like East Side Bike Club, Hamburg Moves, Slow Roll and more."

Bike Month is to raise awareness of environmental sustainability while promoting a healthy lifestyle and saving money at the gas pump. GObike provides mobile repair events, bike rodeos, and group rides. Many area schools are hosting Bike to School events and Bike to Work week is May 15-19. Explore Buffalo is offering tours by bike of the Buffalo Harbor area.

Kevin Heffernan, Communications Director with GObike, invites everyone to reconsider riding again. "The weather is perfect. Not too hot, not too cold, and getting comfortable riding now will lead to a summer full of biking adventures. On a deeper level, this is an effort to get more people on bikes out on the road, trying something new. We don't want anyone to feel alone cycling for the first time, no matter their age." The

events also strive to raise driver awareness. "We hope drivers notice a difference and begin to slow down, put their phones down, and drive more carefully."

GObike reminds people that their neighbors on bikes have a right to the road. "Riding single-file or two-abreast in drive lanes is legal in our state. Cycling is good for your physical and mental health, but has a powerful environmental impact. The people who have gotten out of their cars and onto their bikes have decreased traffic, they've decreased demand for gas which contributes to lower gas prices, and they've decreased the amount of pollution they're producing in the air we all breathe.

With the success of "Bike Buses to school" out in the Pacific Northwest, Buffalo has also incorporated Bike to School Days encouraging parents to form groups and ride their kids to school.

"This week we have nearly 50 kids ready to ride! Those kids will start their day with something more invigorating than sitting in a car, in the drop-off lane. They'll be fired up and more ready to learn than the kids who did not ride that day. They're also developing confidence on the road, ability to navigate and get to know their city, and making stronger bonds with their friends. We help this week and then encourage parents to take it on consistently from here."

"We've also seen our Bike Breakfasts pick up steam downtown in Buffalo. We team up with Hostel Buffalo to put out coffee and oatmeal and baked goods and it's very low key to come through for 5 or 30 minutes and meet people before going into work in a great mood. That elevates this year on May 17, Bike to Work Day, when we will have 4 different parties

across the city of Buffalo with coffee, food, music, high fives, T-shirts. You just don't get that kind of fun while sitting alone in your car!"

After Bike Month, Go Bike Buffalo hopes to keep the momentum going. On Wednesday, June 14, Ride Reels will be held at Burchfield Penney Art Center. This event will feature a few short films about how to develop a city that's safer, more resilient to storms and economic downturn, and more connected by making it easier to walk, ride, and use public transit. It will be a party with a mixer beforehand, food and drinks included, with a panel discussion to follow. Tickets are only \$15 sponsored by Evans Bank. On Sunday July 16 (716!), the 9th Annual SkyRide will take to the skies over Buffalo's harbor with an all new addition this year -

Skyrace. For the first time, 150 competitive cyclists will race at 7AM, before the more casual ride at 8:30AM, and the biggest post-party yet will be held in celebration on the Outer Harbor, Lakeside Bike Bash in the Honda VIP tent.

"Bikes, due to their relative low cost, their simple mechanics, their beautiful design, and their ability to be used by almost anyone, are humanity's most noble invention. They deserve the month of May and beyond to be celebrated," says Heffernan. Whether you join in an organized event, or just grab your bike and take a ride, make May the month you give it a spin, pun intended!

Visit <https://gobikebuffalo.org/project/bike-month-bfbo/> for a full list of events and follow GO Bike Buffalo on social media for updates.

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# 14 Main Opened Last Weekend: A Bemus Point Icon Lives On

STORY FROM COVER

By PATRICIA MEASER

Bruce Scroxton dreamed about buying the See-Zurh House restaurant and bar in Bemus Point for over 30 years. He made three offers to the previous owners, Tom and Cheryl Shagla, during that time, but they weren't ready to sell. Then last Fall, Bruce made his fourth offer; it seems in this case, the fourth time is the charm! The Shagla's had decided by then to retire, so they accepted. Now the dream is coming true!

Bruce and his business partner, Andrew Haney, have been working hard since then to restore the building and get it ready to re-open. "We wanted to keep as much of the original feel as possible, while adding updates where needed," says Bruce. "We have both been coming to Bemus Point in the summers since we were children, and we went to the See-Zurh House with our families every week. It's an icon to us," he explains.

This three-story building, erected in the 1880s, was originally a boarding house. Don See and Zurh Faulkner purchased it in 1960 and converted it into a restaurant on the first floor, while keeping an apartment and offices upstairs. Zuh retired a few years later, but Don kept the business going, eventually selling it in 1984 to the Shaglas. They made the second floor into a bar with another kitchen and named that part "Shaggy's." It became the place to hang out. "You could find me and my friends there every Thursday," noted Bruce.

Andrew and Bruce are no strangers to hard work

or owning a business. Bruce was in the oil and gas business, and owned and managed several companies, including Tru Gas. Andrew, a chef from Pittsburgh, has opened several different restaurants with other partners. "This will be my eighth opening," says Andrew proudly. When asked why he decided to do it again, he explained that Bruce is his uncle, not just his partner. "I'm excited to open a restaurant in a place that means so much to us, and to do it with family."

The bar menu includes favorites like wings, quesadillas, and pretzels. Homemade chili and cheese sauce can be added to the nachos. But Andrew shows off his culinary style with his Nashville Chicken, which is hand-breaded and seasoned with a secret recipe. The seasoning (and it is seasoning, not sauce) can be kicked up a notch upon request. Choices are Original, Mild, Medium, Hot and **Damn Hot**.

The gentlemen opened the second floor of the See-Zurh House last Saturday as part of the Bemus in Bloom celebration. Renamed from "Shaggy's" to "14 Main" (which is the address), the upstairs has a refinished floor and bar, a fresh coat of paint, and all new coolers and kitchen appliances. They also added a prep room to provide improved service. A pool table, shuffleboard table and TouchTunes jukebox round out the additions. The enclosed porch upstairs got a makeover with tables from the old dining room and removal of carpet. It's a great place to sit and people-watch over Main Street.

The main floor will still be known as the See-Zurh House and will re-open once the renovations are complete. This includes an

all-new kitchen there, too. The wood floors here are refinished, the bar has been extended for more seating and high-top tables added inside and on the front porch. Distressed wood tables will be added to go with the theme. Bathrooms are being updated and will be made handicapped accessible. The side dining room will be turned into a game room with vintage games. The downstairs will also feature a slightly different menu. The large dining room will remain in the back.

The décor includes memorabilia from around the area. "When people heard what we were trying to do, keep a bit of local history in the See-Zurh House, they started calling and offering items to display," explains Bruce. They got old business signs for the Hare 'N Hounds and the Italian Fisherman. Johnny Marsh, owner of Marsh's Market, donated a Surf Club sign that he got from the club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. And they have even acquired an old shuffle bowling machine.

The shuffleboard table is vintage from the 1930s. Bruce had it in the Tru Gas office for years, then sold it when the business closed. He called the person he sold it to, explained that he wanted it in the restaurant and was able to buy it back. He then had it refinished by his son, Eddie, who owns a woodworking business.

The lamp over the pool table has a story, too. It was custom made for a friend who used to spend time at See-Zurh House with Bruce. The friend has since passed away, but his father thought that hanging it in the bar would be a great way to remember him and

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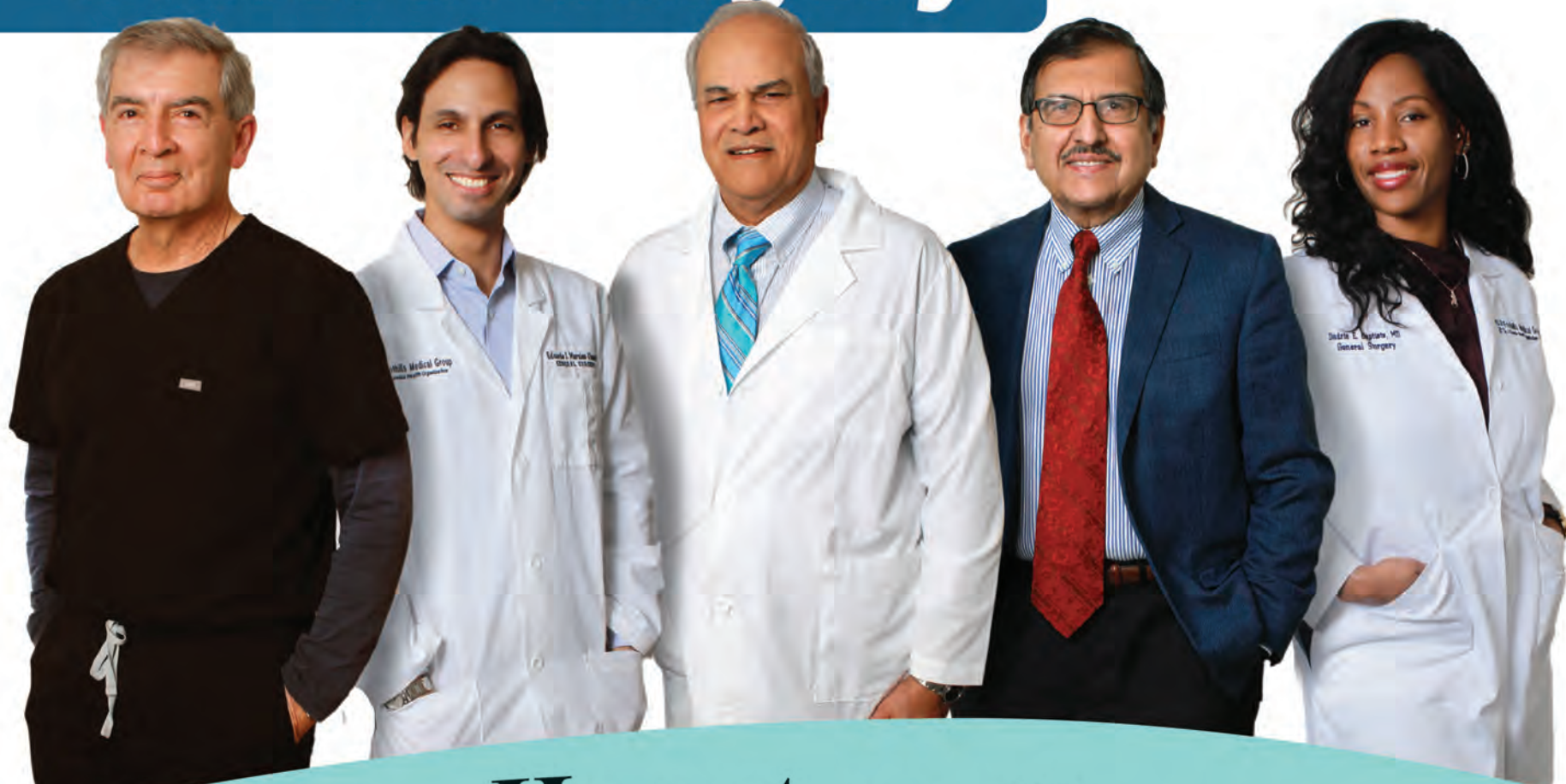
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**The Mothers' Day Wildflower Walk will be held May 14th, 2023 at the Bentley Nature Preserve. "Local naturalist Jack Gulvin will lead the walk and seek out flowers, ferns and other natural treasures commonly encountered in the region in springtime". This walk will take place through the Pamela A. Westin Wildflower trail. Inclusions of the trail are "picturesque" and will be a perfect start to a relaxing Mothers' Day. Although this event has no registration fee, there is required registration that is limited.**

hour and a half and include an educated tour guide that shares their knowledge on the gems of nature within Chautauqua County.

The Chautauqua Watershed pushes to expose the public to their natural surroundings in ways that go beyond nature walks on their preserves amongst the county. Some of the Conservancies upcoming events include a Native Plant event on May 13, 2023, from 10am-12pm. This same event will return on May 18th, 2023 as well. This event will be located at the Westfield Nursery and has the purpose to educate people on the many benefits native plants hold. This event will even give the community a chance to purchase plants that will not only upgrade your landscape, but benefit the ecosystem around you! Another event upcoming for the Watershed includes the annual *Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament* on June 26th, 2023. The purpose of this event is to support land conservation, pollution prevention, and watershed education that The Chautauqua Lake Watershed is trying to promote. "You can

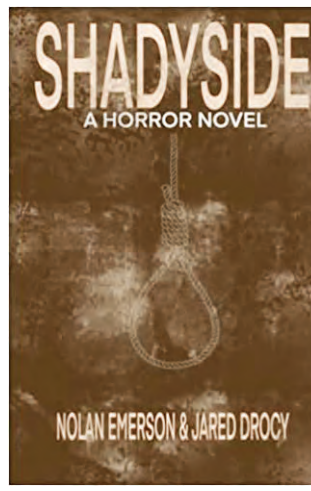
sponsor the event and advertise your business or name on the course, in the event program, in our newsletter, and more!" All proceeds for this event go to the Chautauqua Lake Watershed. By simply checking out the Chautauqua Watershed webpage, you can stay up to date on even more events and plan to even register for one!

The Chautauqua Lake Watershed Conservancy strives to assist and maintain the bestland, wildlife, and water sources of our area. The organization has been able and plans to educate the local area about what's outside and how we should take care of it. Thanks to our Watershed Conservancy, our community has been able to make a positive impact within nature through compelling, fun, invigorating experiences. Taking care of our beautiful area is so important for the wellbeing of our environment and even society. Volunteering or signing up for an event held by the Watershed is a great opportunity to start

SEE "LAND", RIGHT

# Shadyside: Lakewood Horror Story

## Bringing Suspense to Shadyside Neighborhood



**Most people would not necessarily see life in Lakewood as a horror story. Thankfully for local bookworms, a couple of hometown authors were able to tap into the scarier side of town for their recently published novel Shadyside.**

BY JESSICA MILLER

*"We all have our own DEMONS. Some shelter them away deep within their own psyche. Others allow themselves to be CONSUMED. The DEVIL within our own minds often presents itself when we are at our most vulnerable. But what if those very DEMONS weren't inside of your head? What if they were AROUND you? What if you believed them to be your BEST friend? Often, we are scared to be lonely. But in reality, we should be terrified that we're NOT alone."*

Most people would not necessarily see life in Lakewood as a horror story. Thankfully for local bookworms, a couple of hometown authors were able to tap into the scarier side of town for their recently published novel *Shadyside*.

Jared Drocy and Nolan Emerson are two friends who drew inspiration from extra free time during the pandemic, Stephen King works, *Fear Street* novels, and Drocy's childhood home. His domicile is a prominent setting in the book, as are other landmarks in the Jamestown area locals will easily recognize. Of course, names and addresses were changed in the story, but those familiar with Shadyside's real-life environment won't be able to help but nod, smile, and shudder in recognition.

The authors spent most of the time spent writing *Shadyside* at the actual Shadyside house as well as the backyard woods. Present day environmental influences and personalities translated smoothly to a 1980's setting. Main characters (use of the word "protagonists" is open to discussion at different moments in the story) John Willman and Donna Mayhart are people that one can easily imagine knowing in real life as a neighbor,

friend, coworker, or relative. Willman is a working-class regular Joe with secrets and malevolent influences that he struggles to keep at bay yet finds them compelling. Mayhart is a single mother who works as a nurse and tries to protect herself and her daughter from the evil that gradually consumes Willman. Both characters have endured similar experiences in life but have reacted differently to their circumstances.

It is no surprise that this story with occult themes, innocents in peril, and vivid gore is best enjoyed by adult readers; even mature genre fans will find themselves haunted by what they read. A five star review on Amazon praises and warns *Shadyside* readers of the entertaining and unnerving story: "There was a sufficient amount of violence and gore that scared me. The author's style of writing made me feel like I was reading a Stephen King book in many parts. Many occasions I was thinking, Oh my God, I can't believe he went there..." I went back to read it again...and he went there..."

Readers can look forward to at least two more *Shadyside* stories that will assuredly "go

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# Land

STORY. FROM LEFT

taking action on helping our physical environment. Taking the time to learn about the nature we live upon goes a long way in making a difference. Even just taking a walk on one of

the many nature preserves we have accessible to us and appreciating the place that we are privileged to call home is a great way to take care of Chautauqua County.



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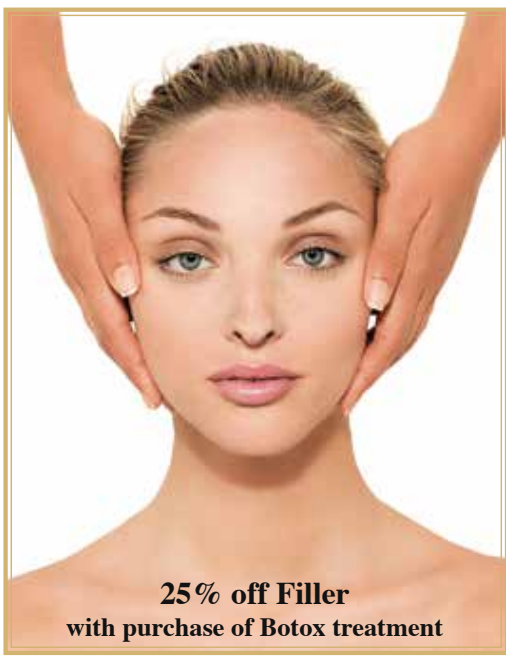
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**Historic Lakewood District: 8 Limbs Wellness Studio**  
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**“ 8 Limbs Wellness Studio”** : The name of the business refers to Ashtanga yoga. The Sanskrit word Ashtanga is derived from the yoga philosophy that is made up of eight branches or “limbs”, all combined into a holistic system of practice. “The yoga tradition is the science of how to live a meaningful existence in this human play,” Danielle clarifies.

At 8 Limbs Yoga, you can take classes in asana poses, focusing on the physical branch of study, as well as classes that focus more on breath play and stretching, such as Yin yoga. There is a special class for moms each month that adds a focus of being together on top of all that. “For example, one month the students made floral arrangements at Pea Pod & Juniper as part of the class,” Danielle adds.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

the same time.

The next stop on our tour of the Lakewood Historic District is 8 Limbs Wellness Studio. Opened in 2007, the studio offers yoga classes, massage therapy and much more. Ellicott native and owner Danielle Devine hadn't originally set out to open a yoga studio, but she found a need and thought it was a natural fit.

“I've always wanted to help people feel better,” explains Danielle. “I studied athletic training at West Virginia University, and moved to Arizona to work at a physical therapy clinic. That's where I learned about and studied yoga. When I moved back, I found that Lakewood didn't have anything like this at the time.” Opening a yoga studio allowed her to continue her goal of helping people feel better, while filling a void in the community at

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Danielle owns the Clover building, which houses

8 Limbs and Pea Pod, as well as therapists' offices. She feels they have built a nice community within the building, as well as with other businesses in the district, forming friendships with Bag & String Wine Merchants, the Apothecary, Ryders Cup Coffee, etc. “I feel like downtown Lakewood is at a turning point of something bigger, with the flow of energy on the street,” she says. She also points out the investment that the village has made in the area, with new crosswalks, new sewer system, sidewalks and beautification projects.

“It's the perfect place to have a yoga studio,” says Tara Graham, one of the teachers at 8 Limbs Yoga. “The first time I came here, I felt a sense of being home, and just knew that I wanted to be a part of it.”

Tara offers all levels of complexity in her yoga classes. The students decide how easy or difficult they want the practice to be. Starting this month, she is also offering private sessions on how to integrate a yogic lifestyle. It's a mix of holistic health

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BY GARY MALICKI

One of the joys of our family life, in general, has been living in such close proximity to the Southern Tier and the beautiful Allegany State Park. One of the premiere events of the year there will take place on June 2 through 4. The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual ASP Nature Pilgrimage will be presented at the Camp Allegany site on the Red House side of this great state park.

But what exactly is the Nature Pilgrimage? I had the pleasure of speaking to this year's chairman of the event, Lon Myers. He finds it difficult to contain his own enthusiasm as he explains how between 600 and 700 outdoor enthusiasts will converge on the Park to enjoy and choose from over 100 programs from lectures and hikes to two major evening presentations to several other activities for families and even a few for just adults. There's something for every fan of the outdoors and anyone who wants to learn more about the environment and the wonders of our forests.

Programs are presented by dozens of skilled and educated volunteers who have a passion for all things in nature. I have personal fond memories of attending



Where else can you start your day with a bird walk and end it with a lesson in astronomy or prowling for owls in the wild? Friday evening will feature two Big Tent programs: “Feathers & Scales” with Audubon Community Nature Center's animal ambassadors and “Fossils: Storybooks in Stone” with Dr. Phil Stokes, Executive Director of Penn Dixie Fossil Park and Nature Preserve. The biggest challenge you may experience is what to do next. With so much to choose from the opportunity to learn so much about the natural world around you is astounding.

this event as a Boy Scout leader during the years when our troop volunteered to provide a hot dog lunch on Saturday for hungry participants. That duty is now handled by a local Kiwanis Club. A chicken dinner is also available on Saturday provided by 3 C's catering of Jamestown so that participants don't have to leave the Park or its main area for meals.

Lon told me that the entire event runs from 1pm Friday until noon on Sunday with programs that run non-stop throughout its duration. This event is a joy to behold and would not be possible without the support of the Park, its volunteers and, most notably, the assistance provided by the Audubon Societies of Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester and Erie, PA. I have always been personally impressed by the organizational logistics that keeps all of this cohesive and running smoothly.

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The presenter in the big tent on Saturday evening is Dee Calvasin speaking on “The Mysterious and Majestic Seneca White Deer”. The programs vary in duration and they may

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By MOUTH SAY TONGUE

It looks like 60's and 70's for the next 10 days so go hike, go bike, go golf, go jog, go climb, go zip-line, go to ASP and when you're done go grab a bite and listen to some music. Let's see who's playing where.

The never-ending week-end begins on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10 pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This week's musical hosts are The Girls of Grosh from 6-9pm. They play a rock/pop/folk/alt/blues set of covers.

The Gin Mill is a player with The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife duo play a country/rock/ folk/pop/blues set of covers combining tasty guitar licks and sweet harmonies. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY

The Taqueria is first up with Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. They play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers to accompany a fine Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with Frank Bang from 6:30-10pm. This Chicago blues man was Buddy Guy's guitar player for many years and plays Chicago style blues originals and covers. Ask about merch. Dj Kage will follow in the sound booth layin' down a groove so you can bust

a move on the two dance floors.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron Play a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers that you'll know. Try the latest kitchen in town, open till 11pm Friday-Saturday and 10pm Sunday-Thursday.

Madigans joins the party with Dj SI from 9-1am burning up the sound booth with some jams so you can shake your gams in the second story window.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Have a late lunch or early dinner with some music. Appropriately, Second Act is the second act from 8-12am. They play an acoustic set featuring everything from Zeppelin to Train to Eagles. If you like craft cocktails check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

Balloons is back and so is Frank Bang on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. Dj Bad Weekend takes over the sound booth playin' some crunk so you can shake your junk till 2am.

12 Gates of Evl is a player with Paul Enderle from 7-10pm. Paul plays a rock/blues/country/folk set of covers and originals. If you're looking for a sandwich, they serve some of the best in town.

Madigans returns and so does Dj SI from 9-1am. Check out the foosball and

pool tables for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta made to order with your choice of toppings and succulent prime rib with fixings. This week's musical guest is Geno McManus from 5:30-8:30pm. Geno plays a classic rock set of covers from Petty to Bowie to The Beatles.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down. This week's music is provided by Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. These two singer/songwriters have traveled the country and beyond with various bands playing their music.

We're back at The Gin Mill again for The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This collection of players from various local bands play a bluegrass/country/roots set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We end the week like we have for 39 years at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company, Wing Wednesday from 7-11pm. Joe plays a folk/country rock/rock/blues/pop set of covers you can sing-a-long to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics is a local's favorite. We hope you had a fabulous time and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street

"What Do You Remember Most About Your Senior Year?"

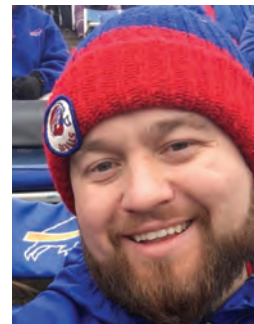
By CHAD NEAL



The apex of one's school career is the final year of having to attend. The big senior year; where one can hold dominion over all of the subordinates... or rather underclassmen. Feeling the might of a king. And thinking back, it seemed so care free. All of those years in an institution with peers, and the faculty who were like the correctional officers in a prison until that fateful and final year. It was like that concluding year of high school made you an equal to the staff, they allowed you more freedoms. A status of entitlement aired for the eldest students of the educational institute. And the parties for those who indulged were memorable to an extent, not really realizing you won't be reliving these days ever again - except thinking back on it. What do you remember most about your senior year in high school?



Nick P.- 84' Eagles football...CLEARLY the best team in ECS history!



James C.- My green 1993 Geo Tracker. It brought me to Ellicottville every



Tammy E.- Playing sports with my friends!!



Tracy C.- Going to my first period class, then dipping out the side door to go skiing and bar hopping!! I only got caught once!



Mark S.- Finally having to utilize the "emergency exit" of the bus, that we had to go through every first week of school, when the bus had a fuel leak on the way back from a class trip to Darien Lake.



Linda P.- Senior Trip...2002. Half had to be education and half was the fun part.. so we stopped in Washington DC. to learn about our nation's history before we made it to Myrtle Beach to go swim in the ocean. We bussed it. Memories made on the roadtrip.. was great!

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## ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**


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

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5	9			8	1			
9	3			5	7			2
	2	8	6	3		5		9
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## DeTine

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As if selling Real Estate is not full-time enough, Amy has a few other activities to keep her from being bored (or is it Board?). Amy is a Board Member of the EV-GV Ambulance Board, and serves on the Great Valley Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Assessment Review. Amy also serves as President of the Board of Directors for Community Action Enterprises - an arm of Connecting Communities in Action - which used to be Cattaraugus Community Action (CCA). They manage four different housing complexes in Little Valley, Randolph, Delevan, and Franklinville



for low income, elderly, and disabled persons. When her husband Ted died in 2015, Amy filled his spot on the EVGV (Ellicottville Great Valley) Trail Board, and now serves as Treasurer for an extensive, long-range venture which is very close to her heart, and which will have a significant impact on the region when it is finally launched. According to Amy, the project, first introduced and organized by Ken Hinman may appear to be daunting but is certainly doable in the long run. Why not educate yourself and get involved? For information, go to [evgtrail.org](http://evgtrail.org). Because, you see, that is what Ellicottville does!


## ASP

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include a walk or a seated lecture. You may explore a bog to finding secret bear caves to learning about iPhone nature photography to identifying wild mushrooms. The opportunities are vast indeed. There's even a driving tour available where you can learn a lot about the history of the Park itself. In a nutshell, whether you're a seasoned naturalist or a beginner with a yearning to learn more about the outdoors, the ASP Nature Pilgrimage is an absolute must.

Here's a rundown of the fees; a weekend pass is \$45 for adults, children under 12 are free and children 12-17 are \$6. You can also grab a Saturday-only adult pass for \$23. At this point, all cabins in the Park's Red House area are taken; however, the Pilgrimage has arranged for discounted hotel rooms at the Seneca Casino & the White Pine Lodge in Salamanca. Cabins in the Quaker section of the Park may still be available. Get the whole story at [www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com](http://www.alleganynaturepilgrimage.com).

Now that I reside in Ellicottville getting to the ASP Nature Pilgrimage is a mere 20 minutes, or so, away. If you can, take advantage of attending one of the year's best outdoor experiences at one of the most beautiful State Parks



Andy Malicki (above, left) has been on staff for the event for 21 years. He is pictured teaching participants about the history of the park.

anywhere. Just knowing it's right down the road enhances my village life greatly!

## Book

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there" continuing the horror as established in the authors' first novel. A preview of the second book's first chapter is at the end of the novel. This will pique anticipation of a prequel when a character finds a particular book in his grandparents' Shadyside home.

Based upon *Shadyside's* 4.7 star average Amazon review rating, readers will be ready to scare themselves with another look into a haunting origin story. Bookworms can prepare for the next tale by ordering the first installment from Amazon or by visiting James Prendergast Library (509 Cherry St, Jamestown) to borrow or buy a copy.

## See-Zurh

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commemorate good times together.

14 Main is open Wednesday and Thursday 3pm-8pm, Friday and Saturday 3pm-10pm, and Sunday 12pm- 8pm. When downstairs See-Zurh House opens, they will expand the menu and possibly expand their hours. More to come! Stay tuned here for updates.



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Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties



*Fredonia NY. Town Hall and Grand Opera House Circa 1900*



# Music

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Press to organize this free concert series.

Third Thursday is back; with you there, each event will be better than ever. Grab the family and all your friends to come: Rock Out and listen to the music each 3rd Thursday of the hot summer months. After all, who doesn't love a Free Concert?

First up to the 3rd Thursday microphone (May 18<sup>th</sup>) is a surprising and exciting young woman with the voice of an angel, Miranda Wilcox. Her masterful vocal control and interaction with her audiences belie her youth as she seamlessly performs our favorite and familiar cover songs. But what will grab you are her original stylings. I highly recommend you experience this local "songbird" as she writes Herstory on our Jamestown music scene and begins to Soar.

For those about to Rock, we salute; Sabrina & Sons! This Incredible 90s Cover Band will have you looking for your Boogie Shoes! So put them on and lace 'em up; we are going for a ride. Sabrina & Sons, brings the heat of music that makes us move our feet, and you won't even want a seat once they start that Funky Beat!

Sabrina Gustafson, originally a Jersey Girl, is a fierce female who leads this band of "Sons" with fire and electricity! She and Jed Thomson, lead



Wintergarden Plaza 313 North Main Street Jamestown, NY 14701. Check out the Facebook page: Ink Paint Paper & Press for more details.

guitar, are a much sought-after duo performing across the southern tier. They've played venues throughout the region, including Jamestown. Sabrina is quickly becoming a Jamestown favorite with her fearless and fiery vocals. Jed is a popular local musician from our hills. He has been performing for years and is a master of many genres. For this performance, the "Sons" will include two additional hometown musicians of note: Gavin Paterniti and Marc Scapelitte.

Gavin also leads the Elektra Kings, Backlog and performs with other notable local bands. He is a beloved teacher at Infinity and the Programming Director at WRFA. On stage with these "Sons", Gavin will be playing Bass Guitar. Marc Scapelitte is a local musician and hometown hero as a Southwestern Central High School Math Teacher. Not surprising really, as it takes some serious counting to hammer

out those Bumping Beats! Marc is performing as the Professor of Percussion with these masterful Marauders of Music for their anticipated appearance on our 2023 summer series bandstand.

June 15th fills the stage with Mike Brunacini as he works his magic on the ivories, opening for the earthy psychedelic early Americana and Celtic Fusion phenoms; Songs of Sixpence! This will be an evening of memorable and extraordinary melodious mixes.

The famous Whirlybird Arts & Music Festival will host on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

August 17th, Lenny Sales warms up the stage for the incomparable and ever-popular Elektra Kings.

September 21st, Tempus; sets the stage for the grand finale performance by Jamestown's own Feverhawk!

A Special Thanks to Josh Ahlmquist, who will run the sound & stage for each event!

# Fire

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and continue through the summer. Letters and brochures will be mailed to prospective donors, and various members of the fire department will

be following up in-person. A golf scramble will be held at Cable Hollow Golf Course on July 6<sup>th</sup>, with all proceeds going to this campaign. "We've already raised \$9K just by word of mouth," Jeff said.

Donations are accepted at any time. The department is a 501c3 entity, so donations

are tax-deductible. If you are interested in helping, make out your check to "Maple Springs Fire Company Inc." You can mail it to PO Box 100, Bemus Point, NY 13712. For more information, contact Jeff Stephens at 234-312-8896, or via email at jbswio@gmail.com.

# Yoga

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counseling, mind-body therapy and Ayurveda. "Yoga is traditionally 1-on-1, but few studios offer that anymore," adds Tara. "This is one more way we can help people create a mindfulness about their existence and feel better about their life. People walk out

of our sessions feeling lighter."

Other services offered at 8 Limbs Wellness include various modalities of massage therapy. They often have special events, too, such as the sound therapy session scheduled for May 20. Some previously featured events include gong baths, affirmation and intuition workshops, and reiki classes.

When asked what she is most proud of in the business, Danielle said

it was the community of staff she has gathered at the studio, the way they support the students, and the way the students are so supportive of each other. "When I see that energy, that flow that just works, it gives me tingles. That's how I know I'm where I'm supposed to be on this journey."

For more information, you can find them on Facebook or visit their website at <http://www.eightlimbslakewood.com/>.

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Photos of Women in History



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## ArtScape Jamestown

### Artists Announced: Banners Hung in June

Jamestown – We are thrilled to announce the artists whose work has been juried into the first ArtScape Jamestown Banner Gallery. Banners will be hung this June in downtown Jamestown and a show of the original work will be held at the Gallery-opening, June 16 and running through July 15.

2023 ArtScape Jamestown Artists: Kirstie Aikman, Thomas Annear, Wendy Bale, Nicholas Blackmar, Renate Bob, Elizabeth Booth, Jill Bormanad, Taylor Brennan, Jenny Brown, Sarah Brown-Millspaw, Angela Caley, Katelyn Davis, William Disbro, Darcy Farkas,



Aleida Foulk, Shane Cathy Panebianco, French, Joseph Grice, Charles Ruffino, Caitlin Susan Gutierrez, Robert Sengbusch, Mackenzie Harris, Lyn Harris, Miles Sheldon, Susan Simmons, Hilton, Katherine Kepner, Lucinda Spears, Pam Bill Larson, D'Archie Spremulli, Todd Strong, Mae, Sandra Maggio, Molly Strong, and Michael Darryl Mallanda, Janet Weishan. For more info visit [www.jamestownrenaissance.org/](http://www.jamestownrenaissance.org/) Mandel, Mary McCague, Marcia Merrins, Melissa Meyers, Peter Miraglia, artscape/.

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