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Area Events

- ART TRAIL HUB CRAWL**
May 26&27 • 10am-5pm
North Shore Arts Alliance Locations
- EARLY BIRD STREET FESTIVAL**
Saturday, May 27 • 4-10pm
Jamestown
- SPRING THING CARNIVAL**
Saturday, May 27, 2023
The Camp at Findley, Clymer
- GREEN RIVER TRIBUTE BAND**
Saturday, May 27 • 7pm
Hollywood Theater, Gowanda
- GOLD START MEMORIAL**
Saturday, May 27 • 10am
Veterans Mem. Park, Jamestown
- JERSEY BOYS**
May 26-28
Lucille Ball Theatre, Jamestown
- COMMUNITY YARD SALES**
May 26-28
Mayville
- VETERANS FREE DAY**
Monday, May 29, 2023
Sky High Adventures, Ellicottville
- RTPI WEEKLY BIRD WALKS**
Wednesday, May 31 • 9am
RTPI, Jamestown
- JUNE STROLEAN**
Friday, June 2 • 10am-10pm
North Union Street, Olean
- DRAG RACE & VENDOR SHOW**
June 2 & 3 • 3pm
Olean Airport, Olean
- TRIPLE D RODEO**
Friday, June 2 • 6:30pm
Triple D Ranch, Napoli
- ANNUAL NATURE PILGRIMAGE**
June 2-4, 2023
Allegany State Park, Salamanca
- BRADLEY'S CAR SHOW**
Saturday, June 3 • 1pm
Bradleys Auto Detailing, Cattaraugus
- GVFD MUSIC FESTIVAL**
June 9&10, 2023
Great Valley Fire Co., Great Valley
- HERITAGE DAY**
Saturday, June 10 • 10am
Onöhsagwë: De' Center, Salamanca
- BASILICAFEST 5K RUN/WALK**
Sunday, June 11 • 7am
SMA Basilica, Olean
- HOLIDAY VALLEY MUD SLIDE**
Saturday, June 17 • 10am
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville

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Honoring Memorial Day A Day of Honor and Gratitude



BY CAROL FISHER LINN

"We do not know one promise these men made, one pledge they gave, one word they spoke; but we do know they summed up and perfected, by one supreme act, the highest virtues of men and citizens. For love of country, they accepted death, and thus resolved all doubts, and made immortal their patriotism and their virtue." – James A. Garfield, May 30, 1868, Arlington National Cemetery

SEE "REMEMBER" PAGE 4

Holiday Valley Sky High Adventure Thrilling Park Escape Into the Treetops



Amongst the 13 courses there are 170 elements and 43 zip lines. The elements feature suspended bridges, balancing elements, nets, and various other obstacles that take participants on a journey through 5 acres of woodlands. The courses and obstacles have been updated for this 2023 season to bring new adventure for returning climbers.

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER for yet another season. The resort is a premier destination

The Holiday Valley Sky High Aerial Adventure Park is open SEE "SKY HIGH" PAGE 5

The Landing at BPT; Little Slice of Heaven Bemus Point on CHQ. Lake Opens Club Membership



The Landing at BPT is a hip and innovative members-only club that makes the most of the outdoor space next to The Fish and across the street from EBC. This spot was the former home of the floating stage and the Bemus Pops. The space will be kept open and will include picturesque seating and picnic areas, outdoor games, smokeless fire pits, and a place to dock your boat during the day if you want to visit by water. New landscaping will add to the unique yet relaxed feel of the space.

BY PATRICIA MEASER

Close your eyes and imagine relaxing in your perfect lakeside locale. In this idyl of nature, a soft green expanse provides

room to dine al fresco with a few close friends, play games or lie back and sip something enticing while enjoying the

SEE "LAND" PAGE 11

Lawson Boat & Motor Co., LLC New Life to Old Fluvanna Bowling Alley



Along with their new Sunchaser pontoon boat inventory, Lawson Boat and Motor has a variety used boats in stock. They recently purchased the former bowling alley on Fluvanna Avenue in Jamestown for additional storage.

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

The renowned Lawson Boat and Motor Company expanded their facilities once again. The company purchased the Fluvanna Avenue Bowling Alley (The Fountain Bowl) and transformed the iconic building into a state-of-the-art boat storage facility and showroom.

The company revitalized the building and simultaneously preserved local history. Their new spot now provides boating enthusiasts an unparalleled shopping experience and ensures high quality and secure boat storage.

The storage facility opened SEE "STORAGE" PAGE 6

REO SPEEDWAGON @ SENECA ALLEGANY CASINO: JUNE 24, 2023!!

Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Jamestown Summer Concert Series .. Pg. 7
First 3rd Thursday Event Downtown of the Season



CHQ. Co. Art Trail Returns

Memorial Day Event Draws Regional Crowd



This year, twenty-eight artists will be sharing their work at fifteen locations across the county - from Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown to Living Glass Gallery in Westfield. Other hubs will be in Fredonia, Sherman, and Kennedy, as well as at locations all around Lake Chautauqua. (Pictured: Lisa Eppolito www.wayfaringpotter.com)

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Artist Spotlight: Richard Crowe

The Accidental Artist & Master of a Lost Art

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN



You know how you sometimes fall into doing things you never thought about doing? Some people are totally intentional about what they do for an occupation, working toward it from the time they could dream about it. I want to be a lawyer. I want to be a nurse. I want to be an orthodontist. They dream it, and they do it.

Then, there are others who literally fall into what they now do as adults, something that is the total opposite of what they started out doing. When you talk to people you know, or

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Publisher's Word

"Happy Memorial Day!"



courage and efforts of those who serve our country. Thank you to the mothers who raised our men and women who serve. I need to take a step back to our recent Mother's Day; I was never a "birth mother", but I was just granted the gift of a new puppy and I need to give another shout out to all the mothers out there; babies are a ton of work! I was able to adopt my puppy through a war vet and I have never been blessed with such a well-trained newborn. On this Holiday weekend please take time to remember what we are celebrating and why we have the opportunity to

do so. We live in a great part of this country and our hardworking entrepreneurs have planned a lot of events for you to attend, just browse through these pages and keep a pen and paper handy; we have a lot lined up for you. As always, if you have something you would like to share with our readers, please contact me directly at info@thevillager.com or call our offices: 716-699-2058, we are always looking forward to interesting news and events to share.

Until next week, enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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• Jim Morton... June 20th
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CCR Tribute Band

Hollywood Theater, Gowanda, May 27, 2023

Gowanda- The #1 Nationally Touring Creedence Clearwater Revival/John Fogerty Tribute Show is the brain child of native New Yorker Rick Horvath. Noodles as he is affectionately known, was born to perform this music. He started singing CCR songs in his very first band when he was only 13 years old.

GREEN RIVER
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CCR was an American rock band active in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Their musical style encompassed the roots rock and swamp rock genres. Creedence Clearwater Revival's music is still a staple of American radio airplay and the band has sold 30 million albums in the United States alone.

The show is very faithful to a live CCR performance. Listeners enjoy a full 90 minute show of their favorite CCR classics (Bad Moon Rising, Proud Mary, Up Around the Bend to name a few) and songs that Creedence would turn into live jams such as

Born on the Bayou and Susie Q. The band also mixes in John Fogerty classics including The Old Man Down the Road and Centerfield capturing the energy of his current show. For ticket information, visit <https://greenrivertributeband.com/tour.php>

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Day in the Life: EVL's Nerissa Coppin

Local Primary Care Physician from S. Caribbean



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By KATE BARTLETT

Nerissa Coppin might not be very well known to many in the Ellicottville area, but she has quietly settled in the area with her family and is progressively making connections in the community. With an extensive international healthcare background in both her home country of Grenada and various cities around the United States, Nerissa has become recognized as a trusted Primary Care Physician practicing Family Medicine.

Born and raised in a small village in Grenada, a small country in the South Caribbean, Nerissa's upbringing was much different than our everyday lives. Her village consisted of around 200 people, many of which suffered economic hardships and poverty. "My mother always told me that each generation should be better than the last. She pushed me and encouraged me to do better every day. My grandmother worked hard as a laborer harvesting vegetables and as a seamstress. I looked up to my mother as a teacher, but she pushed me to strive for more."

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with her mother's encouragement. She graduated High School at age 16 with a Bachelor's in Biology degree at age 19 and was granted a scholarship to Med School at St. George University. She completed 2 years of basic sciences in her home country, and 2 years of clinical training in New York City at a NYU affiliate hospital. "I found New York City to be very overwhelming. It was a shock to me coming from my small village in Grenada." She gained valuable resources through her training at NYU and formed lasting friendships.

Searching for a different, smaller city experience, Nerissa moved to Philadelphia where she completed 3 years of residency at Drexel University. She met Carrigon, her now husband, and moved to his home city of Toronto. Nerissa began to realize that city living wasn't for her, and she craved a slower paced, simpler lifestyle. She heard of a program in Bradford, Pennsylvania, and started practicing as a Primary Care Physician in Family Medicine at Bradford Hospital in 2019. Finally, Nerissa and her husband settled in Ellicottville, where they finally found a place that they felt belonged. "Ellicottville was the perfect fit for us."

It offers a slower pace and many adventures in the great outdoors, and a lively main street full of restaurants and live entertainment like we enjoyed in the big cities. The community and neighbors have been so welcoming. We finally feel like we found our home."

Nerissa enjoys seeing generations of families in her practice. "I feel so fortunate to be able to treat entire families. It grants me the opportunity to help the entire family, and it offers the opportunity for a more personal approach." Her favorite thing about her job is listening to her patients. "In today's world, we move so fast, and so many people forget to listen. I really try to take the opportunity to listen to every patient, and hear what they are saying. In some cases, we might not be able to make someone better, but we can always make them feel better, by listening."

Nerissa is becoming active in the Ellicottville community in the Rotary club and attends the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church. Her husband, Carrigon, is the Human Resources Coordinator at Holiday Valley and recently became a volunteer firefighter in Ellicottville. "We have

SEE "NERISSA" Pg. 4

Bemus Point-Stow Ferry Opens

Iconic Ferry Opens for the Season This Weekend



Spread the word! Ferry Season Begins Friday, May 26th! The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry is a historic link to our past. This unique service between Stow and Bemus

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Drag Race and Vendor Show

Olean, June 2 & 3, 2023

- Friday, June 2nd: Fly in / drive up dinner & band- 6pm-9pm
Ischua Fire Department chicken BBQ dinner
Local Duo Band "The CHillbillys" will be performing
 - Saturday, June 3rd: Gates open at 10am for racers and 11am for spectators
Vendor show will be 11am-3pm, Races will be 12pm-7pm
No drugs or alcohol allowed. Vehicles will be checked at the gate.
- This event will be held at: Olean Airport 5420 Airport Rd. Hinsdale, NY 14743

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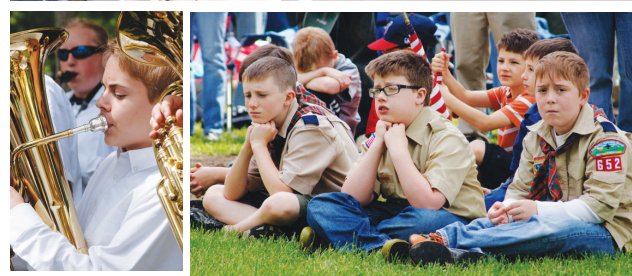
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On this Memorial Day, before the festivities begin, I invite you to read those words once again and stop to reflect upon the military in your family or in your community who measured up to those words. Go ahead ... I'll wait.

Memorial Day – the day we honor those who gave all. Was it a parent? A grandparent, uncle, aunt, best pal, cousin, neighbor, or the kid down the block? Stop for a moment and say thank you. Thank you for being scared and going in anyway. Thank you for thinking of us safe at home while you were hunched in a cold, wet, stinking trench. Thank you for dodging bullets when you'd wished to be dodging a fast ball. Thank you for sending hopeful letters home when you knew in your heart there was none. Thank you for your courage under fire, your bravery despite your terror, your faith in your comrades, your country, and your cause. And finally, thank you for shedding your blood on foreign soil with no beloved family to hold your hand and bid you a loving goodbye. We pray someone held your hand and heard your last words, even if it was a stranger. Imagine your own loved one or special someone a world away, lying in a muddy field, calling your name – alone, frightened, dying. Give that a moment to sink in.

That is why we take this day to honor those who never came home or came home damaged. From the soldiers of the Civil War to those who perished in all the wars we continue to fight to this day, their beloved names are on a grave marker or wall, and eternally engraved in their loved one's hearts. And please remember those who perished in training accidents and suicide. (Since the War on Terror in 2001, America has lost more service members to training accidents and suicide than combat with the enemy.) Whether a service member dies in combat, in training for it, from illness or by suicide (average 22 per day) due to invisible wounds while serving this country, the loss is the same. <https://veteranwarrioroutreach.org/crisis/veteran-suicide-statistics/how-many-veterans-commit-suicide-a-day/>

It is truly a solemn time – a day of heart-heavy remembrance. It is a time of acknowledging our debt. Our freedom came



Before the fun begins, attend your local commemoration – every town has one. Rest assured, if you go into any town by 10-10:30am on Memorial Day you will be there in time for the speeches, the school bands, the prayers, 21 gun-salutes and the memorials. (As pictured above in Ellicottville, NY 2013. Photos/John Thomas.)

at a cost – their lives. There is none greater.

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If you can't attend a local remembrance, there are things you can do to honor our fallen heroes.

- Watch the National Memorial Day Concert on PBS Sunday, May 28 at 8pm.
- Remember to pause for the National Moment of Remembrance that takes place at 3pm Memorial Day, local time.
- Wear a poppy. Find a U-Tube showing how to make your own. Poppies, a symbol of death in war, have been worn on Memorial Day since 1915 to remember the Fallen. This movement was inspired by the well-known poem by a Canadian military doctor, "In Flanders Fields."
- Watch the National Memorial Day parade in our nation's capital. It was created to remind us of the true importance of Memorial Day – honoring our fallen heroes. Aside from seeing the parade, you will hear personal stories of those whose loved ones lost their lives – reminding us of the dear price they paid for us. Watch the parade streaming LIVE at the American Veterans Center's YouTube and FB page.
- Remember Gold Star parents, siblings and others who grieve. A visit, note, or simple prayer means a lot. Donate to local cemeteries for flags or flowers or go plant your own.
- Fly your flag at half-mast until noon only, then raise it briskly to the top of the staff until sunset.
- Talk to your kids about Memorial Day. Several recommended books are "The Wall" by Eve Bunting (ages 4-8) or "Twenty-One Steps Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" by Jeff Gottesfeld. There are read aloud books on UTube - type in 'Memorial Day books.' Do a poppy craft activity.
- Finally, let the holiday fun begin. Here are some creative Memorial Day recipes: <https://www.pinterest.com/awhoinwhoville/patriotic-treats/>

May your Memorial Day be filled with gratitude as you enjoy the long holiday weekend with friends and family. "Greater love has no man than that he give his life for his friend." – Jesus

Nerissa

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slowly been laying down our roots here in Ellicottville, and are gradually becoming more active in the community. We are so happy to have found our home and to be raising our 22-month-old daughter, Carissa, here. Ellicottville is the perfect balance of a small town with a lively community. There's always something to do." Nerissa and her family enjoy a quiet, simple approach to life, and appreciate the opportunity to explore the great outdoors. "We love biking and hiking as a family. I love to read and

bake; I just have to make time!"

Nerissa frequently visits her mother in Grenada, and reflects on the small village she was raised in. She hopes to be able to give back to this community in the near future by offering health screenings and other medical services. "In Philadelphia, we had a great community service network. We were able to serve a Homeless Shelter and Salvation Army Rehab Unit on a weekly basis. I really hope to be able to bring this experience to our community here in Ellicottville and in my home country in Grenada in some manner." Nerissa lives by the motto "it doesn't matter



who you are, where you came from, or what your role is; people will only remember how you made them feel. We always have the opportunity to listen and to be kind, no matter if it's the President, the janitor, the bus driver or the cashier at the grocery store. We can always take a moment to be kind."

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DRAG RACE & VENDOR SHOW: JUNE 2 & 3, 2023: OLEAN AIRPORT



Holiday Valley Update

Sky High

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for summer fun and is sure to attract thrill-seekers and nature enthusiasts.

Ranked the 3rd largest park in the US, HV Sky High Aerial Adventure Park offers a truly unforgettable experience for visitors seven years old and up. The park features a series of ariel courses, breathtaking zip lines, and captivating views.

From the moment one steps foot into the park, an atmosphere of excitement and anticipation fills the air. Adventurers can choose from a variety of thrilling aerial courses, each designed to challenge both the body and mind.

Amongst the 13 courses there are 170 elements and 43 zip lines. The elements feature suspended bridges, balancing elements, nets, and various other obstacles that take participants on a journey through 5 acres of woodlands. The courses and obstacles have been updated for this 2023 season to bring new adventure for returning climbers.

It's a heart-pounding experience that tests one's agility, balance, and courage. With different difficulty levels, even beginners can find a course that suits their comfort level, while seasoned climbers can push their limits on the more advanced routes on black diamond courses.

For those seeking an adrenaline rush, the park's zip lines provide an exhilarating way to take in the stunning surroundings. The longest zip line is 350 feet across the ski slope with a view of the rolling hills and lush greenery. The zip lines range in length and speed, catering to both daredevils and those



Safety is of paramount importance at Holiday Valley, with trained guides and top-of-the-line equipment ensuring that visitors can enjoy their experience with peace of mind. Prior to embarking on any course or activity, participants receive comprehensive safety instructions and are equipped with harnesses and helmets. The park's staff is always on hand to provide assistance and support throughout the adventure.

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Beyond the aerial courses and zip lines, visitors can ride on the Mountain

Coaster, a gravity-driven ride down the mountainside or test out the climbing forest. The climbing forest is a 3-D version of a climbing wall that lets visitors literally climb up trees.

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last Fall, 2022 and had a successful first winter storing boats. This past Saturday, the facility celebrated the grand opening of their boat showroom featuring new and used boats.

The bowling alley used to be one of the largest and greatest alleys in Western New York and an iconic site in Jamestown. Its doors were closed a while back leaving the space empty for quite some time, but the impressive renovation has brought fresh life into the building and to the future of the company.

Andrew Finson, the president of Lawson Boat and Motor was approached with the opportunity which fell perfectly in line with his vision for the expansion of the company. Along with the building, they acquired a significant portion of land to expand further in future years. He hinted to possibly started a new project this summer 2023 or the following to keep on providing the best experience they can for their customers.

Lawson Boat and Motor Company has been serving the Jamestown community since 1950, providing locals and visitors exceptional boating experiences and customer service. The



Lawson Boat and Motor, LLC is located at 365 Fluvanna Avenue, Jamestown NY 14701. They can be reached at 716-488-3805 or visit www.lawson-boatandmotor.com and visit them on Facebook. They are open Monday - Friday.

acquisition of the bowling alley aligns with the company's commitment to growth and innovation and signifies a new chapter for the space and the company.

With the boat industry experiencing a surge in popularity, the new showroom and storage facility is a great addition. The spacious interior of the former bowling alley is meticulously redesigned to accommodate a range of different boats even those up to 40 or so feet.

"The boats are stored where the lanes used to be, which are no longer there of course," said Finson.

The new facility offers a cold storage option, a less expensive alternative to heated storage at their original location at the marina. The new facility has a dedicated service center. Each boat that comes in is properly analyzed and inspected for any restorative work and winterized for storage.

The Fluvanna Avenue site is open for its first summer season after its transformation. The iconic bowling alley is now part of Lawson Boat and Motor Company's next chapter.

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BY MILES HILTON

If you're looking for a great way to spend Memorial Day Weekend, look no further than the Chautauqua County Art Trail, Saturday and Sunday May 27-28, 2023. Formally known as the "Chautauqua-Lake Erie Art Trail Hub Crawl", the event, organized by the North Shore Arts Alliance, offers a network of artist's studios, galleries, and art hubs across the county where visitors can meet artists, learn about their work, and "bring home one-of-a-kind art."

Now in its fifteenth year, the Art Trail began as a studio tour organized by artists who wanted to share the work of marketing and publicizing an event. It's since grown to include galleries, as well as art hubs for artists without public studio space.

This year, twenty-eight artists will be sharing their work at fifteen locations across the county - from Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown to Living Glass Gallery in Westfield. Other hubs will be in Fredonia, Sherman, and Kennedy, as well as at locations all around Lake Chautauqua. Every location but the Janet Mandel Art Studio in Kennedy is physically

accessible. This is "more artists than we've ever had, and more hubs," says Marcia Merrins, President of the North Shore Arts Alliance.

"People on the art trail are looking for something that speaks to them," she continues, and there is something on the trail for every taste. Those looking for realistic pieces may seek out wildlife artist Janet Mandel, Melissa Meyer's paintings of local scenes, or Tim Siversten's monochromatic drawings. For a more impressionistic aesthetic, look for Thomas Annear's plein-air landscape paintings, the translucent work of Living Glass Gallery, or Susan Gutierrez's energetic animal portraits and city scenes. Pottery lovers have a wealth of options - Merrin's clay statues and playful bowls, pots and vases at Wayfaring Potter in Fredonia, or Kirsten Engstrom's joy-filled statues of people. For an eclectic, modern style, seek out Sarah Brown-Millspaw's prints, illustrations, and paintings, Seri Beeson's craft and art, the hand-painted clothing of Cynthia Norton Designs, or the abstract sculpture of LMNOP Gallery. Visitors will be issued a 'passport', which they can have stamped at each hub they visit for a chance to win gift cards valid with any artist on the trail. A full list of participating hubs and artists can be found at nsaachautauqua.org/art-trail.html.

"Art trail is run by all the artists" who participate,

says local artist and NSAA board member Melissa Meyers. Artists are responsible for securing funding and spreading the word about the trail. This year's marketing is "reaching more outside the area," she shares, "targeting Cleveland, Erie, and Pittsburgh."

Because of these far-reaching marketing efforts, this year's organizers secured a county Tourism Grant, intended to support events that draw overnight visitors to the county, as well as grants from Art Services Incorporated, New York State's decentralization program, and the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. Local sponsors, including several of the participating galleries and local businesses, contributed as well.

Through the growing event, artists hope to not only share the creative wealth of the county with residents, but to spread the area's reputation as an artistic center. Merrins believes the trail "benefits the artists, there's no doubt about it, but it benefits the community, too." She hopes that "people outside of this county recognize that there's something unique going on here, and they come" to experience it, supporting not only the artists from whom they buy their work, but other local businesses as well. It's a vision that Audrey Dowling,

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3rd Thursday Event Returns to Jamestown

Live Music Through Summer at Winter Garden



Author of the article and organizer of the 3rd Thursday events downtown Jamestown, Darlene Mae O'Connor.

DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

I went to a garden party to reminisce with my old friends, a chance to share old memories and play our songs again. Ricky Nelson sang a song about it, but Jamestown set the stage and our musicians rocked the sun to setting in style on our first 3rd Thursday Garden Party of the 2023 Summer Concert Series. I am immensely grateful to Joel Peterson of the Wine Cellar for his hospitality. A gentleman and a scholar, is he, and a true believer in the possibilities of what we are going to accomplish in this city of trees hidden in the hills. Joel's encouragement and support kept me on course through the weeks of planning and of course his staff members are the bee's knees. Jose will be the next rock star of tending bar, Danny Thomas down the street currently holds the title. He taught me everything I already knew back in the day when Jose Cuervo only came in gold and Pauly would Bemus up the Bands at the Surf Club.

On our most humbled band stand and at only seventeen, Miranda

Wilcox had quite a her fellow musicians following. She did not disappoint any of us as she performed her magic at the mic. She will be wowing crowds on countless stages hither and yon for years to come. Greg Lake was 12 when he wrote Lucky Man; I forgot to ask Miranda when she wrote her first song, but I will. While her mom and dad take no credit for her talent, you know they played the best music in their house as she was growing up. I have to give kudos here to my friend and yours, David Niles, Events Coordinator of The Roger Tory Peterson Institute Lodge, for finding her first. He is another believer in Tree Spirit. I am so grateful he came by to say hello and give me a nod and a poke. He and his lovely Julia are busy with their new song bird, Hudsyn. Lucky for her she looks like her mom and has a little fuzz on her cranium. Though without a doubt she will be as tenacious and kind as her dad. Thank you for supporting our local everything and leading the way to the potentiality of finding our best future.

I have to dive deep to find accurate descriptive words befitting of our local Queen of soul and song. The one and only Sabrina Gustafson. She and the boys of Son were off the Rails of that Crazy Train of Music Madness last Thursday. This woman rivals Ozzy singing his iconic classic. Her ability to seduce us with Tennessee Whiskey and then convince us that she is the Voodoo Child is nothing less than genius guile. I am smitten with her style, class and character. She is deeply dedicated to her craft,

and her fans, but she has two daughters that get first dibs on her heart. I am inclined to believe her girls didn't fall far from the tree and will be as powerful and poised as their mother. Her eldest is involved with Jamestown's outstanding Infinity program and I'm certain we will hear her voice from a microphone in the not-so-distant future. Speaking of Infinity... one of my first brushes with music greatness since my return from the Gulf coast of Florida, teaches at the esteemed and enlightened establishment of cultural learning and artistic expression. He is also the Program Director at our local radio station, WRFA. Gavin honors his craft and his fellow artisans. He handled that bass guitar with such skill and swag it would make Geddy Lee blush with pride. Though I must declare; I have never seen Geddy play while lying on his back, not even in his prime. I was trying to set my shot for a pic and I couldn't find Gavin, which is odd as it is usually the drummer I have to fight to fix my lens on. An extremely respectful and responsive person, Gavin values a person's time. I was so glad to meet his lovely mother Cindy Lafferty and personally thank her for her gift to the world. I want to thank Gavin for making corrections and cluing me in when my OG grandma syndrome started to show. I feel so grateful for his willingness to jam and

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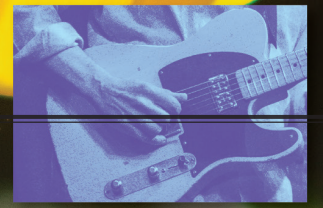
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Spotlight: Junior League of Buffalo Decorators Showcase



The Decorators' Show House serves as the Junior League of Buffalo's signature fundraiser. Beginning in 1981, with The Larkin House (above), the Decorators' Show Houses have yielded proceeds totaling over \$4 million, allowing 23 cultural and human service organizations to receive significant funding for high-impact programs benefiting Buffalo and Erie County.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This year marks the 22nd Junior League of Buffalo's Decorators' Show House. This year, The Junior League is featuring The Friary, located at 102 Seymour Street in the City of Buffalo (pictured above). Architect Cyrus Kinne Porter designed the 20,070 square foot Gothic Revival style friary in 1891. The friary remained home to Friars from the Franciscan order until it was sold in 2017. The St. Patrick Friary House will be open for public viewing June 3-24.

Cindi McEachon, chairwoman for the 2023 Decorators' Show House is thrilled to showcase this location. "Nearly everything about this house is new and different this year," remarks Cindi. "From location

to style, everything about this house is distinct. This is by far one of the most involved houses we as a League have taken on in quite a while. The transformation is remarkable, and we are excited to have many new designers, artists and boutique partners joining us this year. We are excited to showcase this project and invite everyone out to enjoy the space and location. We are wonderfully situated just walking distance from the Larkinville district."

Each Show House is brought to life by a team of dedicated Junior League volunteers. "This year we have certainly been pushed to our creative limits through problem solving and pushing ourselves towards unconventional and inventive solutions. I love a good challenge and

this year the challenge is undeniable. It is by far my favorite part of this project."

The Junior League of Buffalo is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The Decorators' Show House serves as the Junior League of Buffalo's signature fundraiser. Beginning in 1981, with The Larkin House, the Decorators' Show Houses have yielded proceeds totaling over \$4 million, allowing 23 cultural and human service organizations to receive significant funding for high-impact programs benefiting Buffalo and Erie County.

While the Junior League doesn't follow a particular theme or design for a chosen house, each Show House tends to reflect design industry trends. This year the house boasts three full floors encompassing 34 decorated spaces as well as several unique landscaped spaces. "Each room is meticulously designed and carefully thought out. The designers work together to create a style that reflects current trends and best suits the space."

The Junior League of Buffalo also hosts a variety of other projects throughout the year. "We run a community small

grants and high school scholarship program as well as a Little Leaguers program. League members also have an array of opportunities to volunteer in the community at community wide events and with numerous community-based organizations. "It's a great opportunity for women in our community to increase their civic engagement and increase their personal networks."

Anyone looking to get involved can contact jl@jlbuffalo.org. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://buffalo.jl.org/show-house/2023-decorators-show-house/>

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-Cindi McEachon

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This unprecedented, 14-week summer admission opportunity will enable more families to experience the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY on the heels of it being named one of U.S. News & World Report’s “Top 25 Family Weekend Getaways” in the country – joining Walt Disney World and

Disneyland on that list. Up to two kids and teens will be admitted free with an accompanying paying adult from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

“With free admission for kids all summer long, at a national attraction named one of the best family destinations in the country and going toe-to-toe with spots like Disneyland on that list, there has never been a better time to visit the National Comedy Center,” stated National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson. “We are thrilled that this unique opportunity makes the interactive museum experience more accessible for families made possible by the generous underwriting

of Shults Auto Group,” stated National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson.

“Shults Auto Group is pleased to join with the National Comedy Center to offer more kids the chance to experience this award-winning museum throughout the summer months, while making it more accessible than ever before for residents of our community and throughout Western New York,” stated Tim Shults, President of Shults Auto Group. “There is nothing like a day of laughter and fun at the National Comedy Center, so the Shults Auto Group team wanted to make it possible for more families and kids to enjoy this national attraction.”

Crowe

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read the biographies of well-known individuals, you discover that many started in totally different directions until an event took place that changed their trajectory; such was the case of Richard Crowe, whose beautiful work you see accompanying this article.

Richard is a federal employee who works as a Construction Analyst for the Small Business Bureau (he gets called in by the government when disasters hit, and property damage has to be evaluated and assessed all over the U.S.). He is also a fine woodworker who creates everything from gorgeous federal period furniture with turned cabriole legs (his absolute favorite legs to make) to gorgeous lathe-turned pieces from exotic woods and any tree burls he finds that he is allowed to remove.

Born in Western New York, schooled at Canisius and then off to college run by more Jesuits in Philadelphia, he settled into life in Pennsylvania after college, partnering in a circa 1720 pre-civil war hotel building which eventually got turned into a restaurant/bar (1976), The Derby Wheel Pump Inn in Erdenheim, PA. Obviously, due to its age and its status as an historical landmark, the building needed major renovation, including dropping steel beams down from the third floor to give the building much needed support. He and



He created a unique bed called a ZEN bed which gives the appearance of floating because the footboard does not touch the floor. The headboard tilts back (so much more comfortable for reading or having morning coffee).

his partners ran the bar successfully for years until they sold it in 1991, but he needed something to do with all the tools he acquired while doing the renovation of the building. He joined a few elite woodworker clubs in the area and got into the fine art of wood working and turning. Entering his work in multi-media art shows, he ended up getting odd commissions to do things like renovating antique two-inch mahogany doors with stained glass for a patron, doing a tribute piece to the goddess Isis for the Embassy of Cairo (yes, Egypt, i.e. the desert), and fashioning seven-inch turned wooden black locust balls for the Newell post tops on the Anheuser-Busch bridge where the magnificent Clydesdale horses get paraded every morning.

Being a Western New York native, he eventually decided to come back home. Having skied at Holiday Valley and, of course, loving the area, he lived in the village of Ellicottville for a while and then found the property he now lives on off Hencoop Road. As many say about Ellicottville, he declared, “I settled in and just never moved.”

A visit to his shop was exciting for a wanna-be wood-turner like me. He had on his lathe, a vase he was turning from a burl. Around the corner in the shop, I came across knee high burls the size of tables, waiting for his creative mastery. As for furniture, he works by eye, instinct and/or photos rather than from purchased patterns. From photos, he created a unique bed called a ZEN bed which gives the appearance of floating because the footboard does not touch the floor. The headboard tilts back (so much more comfortable for reading

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Tom Skerl, owner of The Landing at BPT (above, left), is a businessman from Cleveland who spends every summer in Bemus Point. He owns a house here and loves boating and other lake activities. But he noticed a void among those who can share in that experience. "Tom is passionate about Chautauqua Lake and Bemus Point. He saw a way for others to enjoy being lakeside in Bemus, too, and he wanted to share a seat to the best sunset on the lake", Debbie Lacks, general manager of The Landing at BPT (above, right).

cool breeze and the sounds of songbirds nearby. The susurrus of waves along the shore mingles with the scent of blooming flowers to ease you into a peaceful repose. Now imagine you can do it all right in Bemus Point – without having to buy waterfront property. That's the concept behind a new business in the village, named "The Landing at BPT."

The Landing at BPT is a hip and innovative members-only club that makes the most of the outdoor space next to The Fish and across the street from EBC. This spot was the former home of the floating stage and the Bemus Pops. The space will be kept open and will include picturesque seating and picnic areas, outdoor games, smokeless fire pits, and a place to dock your boat during the day if you want to visit by water. New landscaping will add to the unique yet relaxed feel of the space.

"It's a little slice of heaven that you can enjoy on your budget," says Debbie Lacks, general manager of The Landing at BPT. "It has that 'Let's pack a picnic and go' vibe." Debbie said the impetus for the business came from her neighbor, Tom Skerl, who is also the owner. Tom is a businessman from Cleveland who spends every summer in Bemus Point. He owns a house here and loves boating and other lake activities. But he noticed a void among those who can share in that experience. "Tom is passionate about Chautauqua Lake and Bemus Point. He saw a way for others to enjoy being lakeside in Bemus, too, and he wanted to share

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After Tom purchased the lot, he tapped Debbie to help manage the business. Debbie, a native of Randolph, has experience in running Air BNBs, including one in Bemus. She thought about what her clients were looking for in a lakeside retreat and incorporated a number of ideas.

The Landing will be divided into ten sections, each with different uses. This layout will also minimize noise across the area to make it more relaxing. The games section will include favorites such as lawn darts, ring toss, and corn hole. You can also hang out on floating chairs with cup holders. Seating will include premium Polywood furniture comprised of gliders, rockers, swings, and distressed wood tables and chairs. Several wooden patios will dot The Landing, with light covers for a cozier feel. Another amenity to be provided is purified drinking water, courtesy of Tom's Pure Water business. Members can also bring in their own food and drinks, or purchase from neighboring

businesses.

Debbie noted that one of their goals is to meet the potential needs of club members while still being respectful of the community around The Landing. For example, when designing the new landscaping, she wanted to provide a cozy space and at the same time ensure that nothing blocked the view from EBC or from the street. "We don't want to take away their view, we want to make it better," she said. "This venue will be first class."

Limited memberships are now available on www.TheLandingBPT.com. Each member has guest privileges. You can also rent the space for parties, with seating for up to 100 people. Charter members will have the first rights to renew next season. Five special memberships will be awarded to local lodging businesses so that they can offer access to The Landing as an amenity.

Debbie says they hope to open by May 30 or earlier. They also plan to have a special opening day set aside for the public to try out the space. Stay tuned here for more information.

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.

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, the top-selling comedian in the world in 2022, and one of the most-watched comedians on YouTube with over 1.1 billion views, will be performing on Thursday, August 3.

Iglesias continues to sell out venues around the world and has over 25 million fans on social media, his immense popularity uniquely spanning all age groups. He is one of an elite handful of comics to headline and sell out Madison Square Garden, The Staples Center and the Sydney Opera House and became the first comedian to perform at Dodger Stadium, selling 45,000 seats in 2022. Iglesias is the star and executive producer of the Netflix original comedy series Mr. Iglesias and numerous Netflix stand-up specials. He will be co-starring in the upcoming second season



of the Disney+ series The Santa Clauses.

Taylor Tomlinson, who is currently breaking ticket sale records set by the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, and selling out venues worldwide following her two highly acclaimed Netflix stand-up specials, will perform Friday, August 4, as part of her current "The Have It All" tour.

Tomlinson recently has had multi-show sellouts in Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Toronto, London, Dublin and more. In Boston, she eclipsed a mark previously set by Seinfeld with 14,000 tickets sold at the Bosh Center. Tomlinson was named the "Breakout Comedy Star of Year" in 2022 by Just for Laughs and Variety named her one of the "Top 10 Comics to Watch." TIME magazine selected her for its TIME100 Next list and Forbes named her to its "30 Under 30" Hollywood and Entertainment list.

Tomlinson's second Netflix special, Look at You, was recognized as the top comedy special of 2022 by The New York Times, Vulture and The Los Angeles Times. She has performed on The

Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, CBS Mornings, and The Kelly Clarkson Show.

"I'm so excited to be a part of this summer's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival in Jamestown, NY!" stated Taylor Tomlinson. "I can't wait to see you all at the National Comedy Center in August."

Both Iglesias' performance on August 3 and Tomlinson's performance August 4 will be held in Jamestown's Northwest Arena, adjacent to the National Comedy Center complex.

"The National Comedy Center is pleased to welcome these two comedy record-breakers: Gabriel Iglesias, who sold more tickets than any other stand-up artist last year – and Taylor Tomlinson, who's selling out multitudes of shows around the world," stated Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center Executive Director. "It's fitting that National Comedy Center's festival will be headlined by both a legend of, and the future of, comedy. We are thrilled to have them."

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

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While Decoration Day also marks the unofficial beginning of summer in the United States, it's also a holiday originally meant to honor the dead. Decoration Day, now known as Memorial Day was inspired by the practice of leaving flowers at graves which began thousands of years ago when the ancient Greeks would honor fallen soldiers. Memorial Day now honors veterans of all wars but began after the deadliest, the civil war. Decoration Day started in the United States in the south, this time of year, when folks of rural communities, and often freed slaves, gathered to clean and decorate their local cemeteries. Communal meals, or 'potlucks' began as a tradition going back to the civil war, where volunteers were fed after cleaning up and decorating soldiers' cemeteries. Flowers rooted into the ground that grew at a gravesite would have been a sign that the fallen

had now found peace. The flower that probably most symbolizes the day is the red-orange Poppy because it happens to bloom exactly at this time. Remembrance Poppies, small artificial lapel flowers are frequently handed out by various veterans' groups to commemorate soldiers killed in war and to raise funds for living veterans of war. Poppies are a vibrant wonderful surprise in the late spring garden and are definitely outstanding against the complimentary lush green grass and newly leafed out trees. Their papery brilliant, bouncy appearance says welcome summer. They just so happen to bloom in unison with the well-known memory flowers, Forget-me-nots, Lilies of the Valley and fragrant lavender-purple Lilac shrubs. Many other late spring beauties in the gardens now are Spanish

Bluebells, radiant deep blue Bachelor Buttons, purple Alliums, Trillium, Jack in the Pulpits, some early Iris, and fantastically coloured Japanese Primroses. Dogwood, Crabapple and Redbud trees are starting to fade as the new small green leaves appear. It's a lush, beautiful time of the year when welcoming in the summer months is as much a celebrated holiday. Hopefully Memorial/ Decoration Day is still honored for what it was intended as well as what it has become. Let's celebrate with respect and honor of those who gave their lives so that we could enjoy our freedoms. Blessings for a safe holiday with an abundance of flowers to decorate with and to enlighten our spirits. Welcome the 'almost' beginning of summer 2022! Welcome Poppies!

We All Need Something to Laugh About: Ntl Comedy Center



BY GARY MALICKI

For this week's village life journey, I decided to take a look well beyond the view from my porch and into Chautauqua County. Sometimes it's good for the soul to take a little trip outside of your comfort zone and I did just that with a short ride to Jamestown for a visit to the National Comedy Center. I know that quite a bit has been written about the place locally but I needed to add my personal spin.

At times I'm an incurable romantic so just like the knights of old, I set out on a quest. My mission was to see the 'Puffy Shirt' worn by Jerry Seinfeld in the famous "Low Talker" episode in person. (If you're a fan of the show... then you get it.) It wasn't hard to find but it didn't scratch the surface of what else this amazing place has to offer.

When you first enter the center, you're presented with a wrist band equipped with an electronic chip. As you weave your way through this comical labyrinth, the built-in sensor allows you to access several entertaining and informative, inter-active exhibits. You begin by creating a tailor-made



There's a heavy emphasis on the history of comedy profiling many stand-up pioneers like George Carlin, Richard Pryor and others. They showcase the many past performers who struggled to shape and influence the comics of today. One of my favorite things to do there was an exhibit that allowed you to create and place specific sound effects into a film clip. I chose a Three Stooges segment where I was able to electronically insert every slap, punch, and being spring sound into the scene. That was a laugh out loud experience for me.

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feel grateful such a wonderful institution was right down the road.

People of all ages can immerse themselves in this place. For an adults-only experience, a one floor down elevator ride will lead you to the 'Blue Room' where you'll find several more exhibits catering to mature audiences.

At the end of the tour, you're invited to tap your bracelet on an electronic box that delivers a personalized business card size slip of paper printed with a 'Joke To Go' before you depart... Brilliant!

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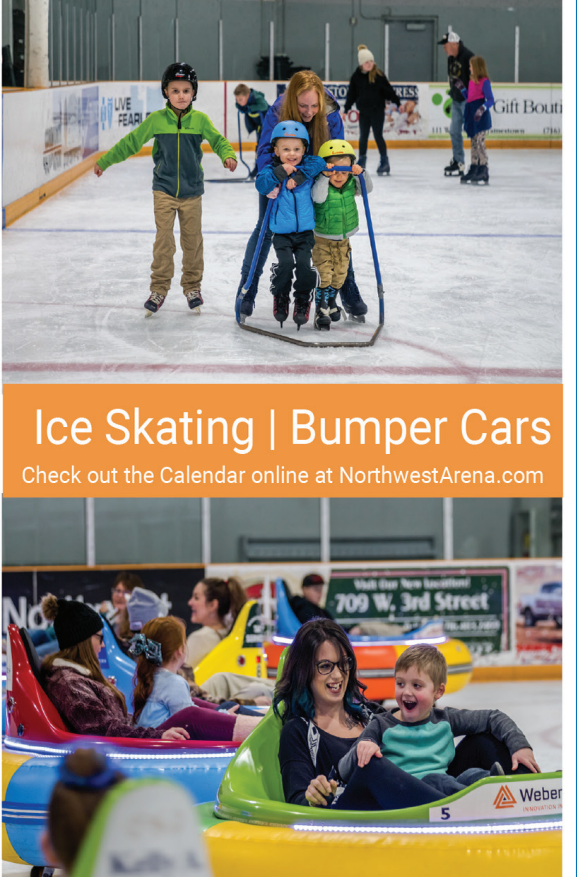
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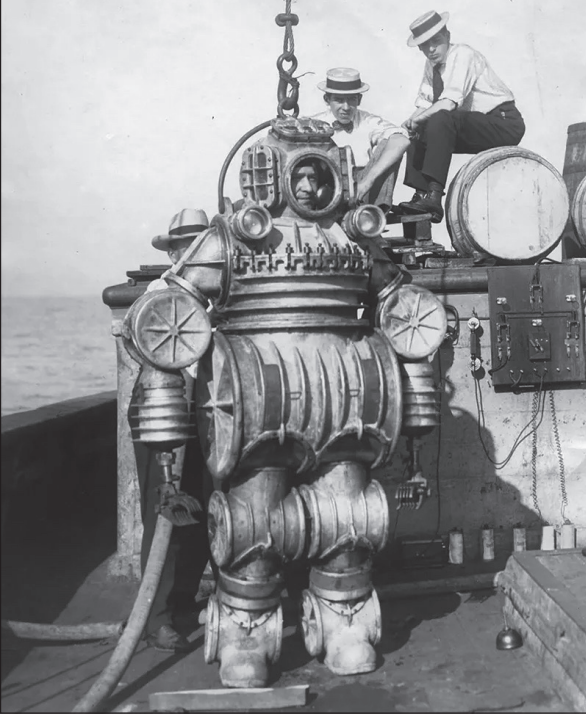


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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By MOUTHSAYTONGUE

It's Memorial Day weekend and that's the kick off for summer and we've got the music to back it up. Let's see who's playing where.

The seven-day weekend starts Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. Get any burger and any beer for \$15. This week's music is provided by Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers and are growing in popularity at out music venues.

The Gin Mill hosts another popular duo, The Chillbillys, Thursday from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers featuring some fancy guitar licks and sweet vocal harmonies. Try one or more of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY

Taqueria is first up with Jay McDonnell from 6-9pm. Jay play an acoustic rock set featuring groups such as The Eagles, Petty, CSNY, Jackson Browne. Enjoy Evl's only Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with The Danny Minogue Band from 6:30-10pm. Danny plays classic and modern country covers and originals. Dj Andre the Red-headed Giant. Will rock the sound booth from 10-2am with some thumpin' for the bumpin' on the two dance floors.

We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am.

Terry and Ron have been playing in Evl for close to 30 years. They play a rock/folk/pop/blues/country set of cover that you can dance to. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

Last but not least Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI from 9-1am. He'll put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the second-floor window.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill Is the early bird with Davey O from 2-5pm. Davey plays a roots/folk set of originals and covers while you sip Bloody Marys. The evening entertainment will be provided by The Barnstorm Band from 8-12am. This band plays old and new country. Try Evl's latest kitchen open till 11pm fri-sat and 10pm sun-thurs. They're open for breakfast from 10-11am sat-sun.

We're back at Balloons for SON (full band) from 5:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/blues/pop/alt/jazz set of covers and the occasional original. Dj Bad Weekend will follow in the sound booth keepin the party going till 2am.

12 Gates of Evl joins the party with Tina Williams from 7-10pm. Time plays. Rock/folk/pop/indie/ set of covers and originals. Try any of the delicious sandwiches they serve. My fave is the shrimp po'boy.

Madigans is back anal so is Dj SI from 9-1am, layin down the groove so you can bust a move. Try the

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SUNDAY

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Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with some cold beer and great music. This week's musical host is Jillian Eliza from 6-9pm. This Nashville native plays country originals and covers. This is one of the locals' favorites.

Tuesday The Gin Mill will host The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group is comprised of various local musicians who play with other bands. They play a roots/bluegrass/country set of covers and utilize a banjo and dobro for that authentic sound.

If you come to Evl often you know we end the week at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company from 8-12am. Joe's been hosting for nearly 40 years. He plays a folk/folk rock/pop/rock/country set of covers that you can sing-a-long or dance to.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and if you did, we hope you spread the word and return often, but wherever you ate PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

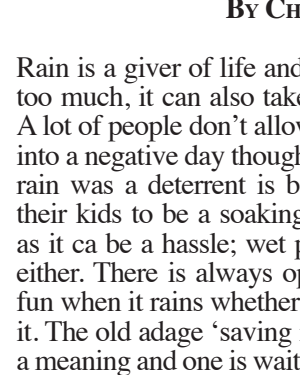
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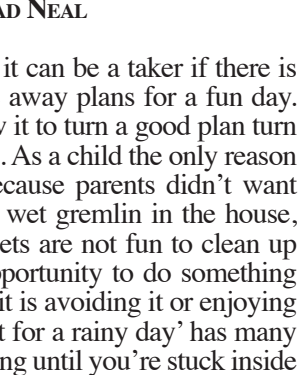
By CHAD NEAL



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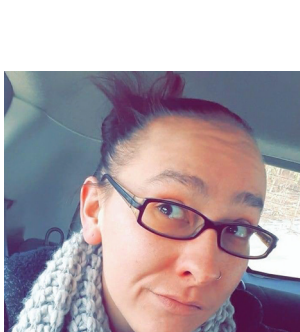
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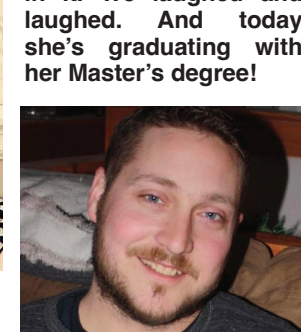
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Jonah H.- Mud Football with my bros when we were kids. became somewhat of a legend around the HV Ski School!



Jessie P.- Yahtzee with my dad and brothers, huddled around a kerosene lamp when the power out. It was our tradition and it kept us occupied.



Josh S.- That's when we were allowed to play video games.

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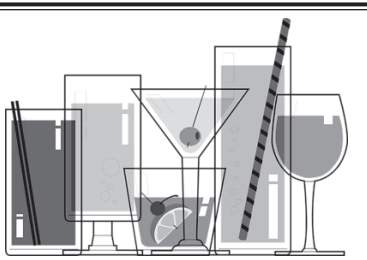
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 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!**

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Music

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help save this event. The minute I stepped out of my old self and into this endeavor, I found myself making my way up the stairs and into the studio of low power to the people. He not only answered the door, he was the answer to my question of whether I should or should not take this challenge on. He said he would help if he could, and he did, and I appreciate him for it.


Oh, but how does one find words to adequately explain Mr. Jed Thomson? I'm not sure there exists words to describe this man's talent. I don't even know what lane to put him in. Is it with Alex Lifeson, lead guitar for Rush? Maybe Carlos Santana or Marillion's Steve Rothery? Whether as the duet with Sabrina or with all the Sons, Jed is the undisputed Alfa on lead Guitar. I was very fortunate to have met some of his family during an Ellicottville excursion, and his mom could possibly rival me as the most "extra" mom as it pertains to experiencing the joy of seeing sons fly! Thank you for the excited reactions I would hear from your contemporaries and followers alike, as I was sharing with others that if we got the spot, you were willing to play. I have only one critique. Do a writer a solid and talk a little. It is easier for us that way and modesty is no excuse for making us work harder.

Got to have that precise percussion and the Sons had the Professor of Percussion Marc Scapelite on the sticks and skins for this gig. He's got that rhythm that makes you move your feet and keeps you shaking those tailfeathers. They used to call me Mean Darlene the Dancing Machine and I would know if he had missed a beat. After all, I broke heals dancing to the music this Band rocks with perfection. I wish my high school math teacher, Mr. Giuffrida, had been a drummer. I might have passed math for the blonde impaired. If only they would teach Pythagorean theorem before they hit us with pre-algebra. No matter, I may be OG slow and not remember math anymore, or where I left my keys, phone or my way whenever I visit my happy place at Roger Tory Peterson Institute, but I still got that rhythm and I thank you Marc Scapelite for reminding my feet.

Of course, there is no show without the, and Josh Ahlquist raised the bar again for our 2023 summer concert series. Thanks to him for bringing the whole family in on the job. Providing the equipment and operating the board is a tough: physically, technically and mentally and too often under-appreciated. It is even tougher acoustically out of doors and I promise you there was not one complaint made by anyone. Mega Sound is where you go to hire the pros of precision sound and professional staging. And as an added bonus, he invited his super fly father for a few kicks and to let there be Lights. Thanks, Marc, for trying to teach this old gal the new tricks in staging and AI, but what you know took too many years to get good at it. I will stick with wordsmithing. The town is safer that way. **Life is Short, People, Dance!**

My greatest Thanks, are of course to the wonderful people in our neighborhood. Even those who came from as far away as the dad and son duo from Manhattan. On their way back to the city that never sleeps for summer break from my alma mater, SUNY @ UB, they stumbled upon our Pearl City. Both were duly impressed and will be here for our August 3rd Thursday Extravaganza, as they are planning their return to the hallowed halls of learning. The young man is bound for greatness. I know, because he found the secret to the underground tunnels that sheltered those smart enough to find their way through, from the frozen tundra that is the Lockport, campus. I am thrilled to say, I made acquaintances from across the QEW. Canuks taking in the beauty found only in our hills and valleys, and a lovely couple from Pittsburgh. What made me smile the most, of course, were the familiar faces from right here at home. I was thrilled to see so many people had gotten the word in short order, but if I did not get to say hello to those homeys I harangued with flyers in the Foote Avenue Plaza parking lot, willing with my Jedi Forces to come, please forgive the old lady wearing a hat. I appreciate everyone who came to play in the Winter Garden Plaza in support of our incredible and incomparable musicians.

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On our most humbled band stand and at only seventeen, Miranda Wilcox had quite a following. She did not disappoint any of us as she performed her magic at the mic.


born of Tree Spirit. She was just awarded the Joan P. Shevorey Citizen Forester Award for her commitment to our Tree City and the planting of new saplings that one day will replace the lost canopy along both sides of the Third Street Corridor. Thank you, Leslie. She and Joe will be holding an Auction for the purchase of the pieces he will create during each of our events and the close of the Summer Series. Miranda's dad might want to tussle with you if you out bid him for his daughter's sketch. Well, that should square us up for now. You won't want to miss any of our upcoming concerts. We will have a few surprise guests presenting their works made available through our finest downtown merchants and as always, the music will be inspired.

The month of June will feature Mike Brunacini and his Piano Prowess taking center stage at 6pm and will be followed by an unforgettable journey through the unique repertoire of original compositions written for the Celtic Harp and Acoustic Guitar in addition to more familiar songs from the era of American influenced psychedelic rock, born of the early 60's and 70's. This duo is as unique and unparalleled as they come. Having shared their music with friends of different tastes, I know how they appeal to many who favor a variety of genres. Don't miss Songs of Sixpence, featuring Ellen Paquette on the Celtic Harp as she brings the heavens down to us as the Troubadour, William Russell, strums the Acoustic Guitar and makes the instrument sound like the voice of an Angel.

Keep your ears open to the sounds of summer music everywhere and remember it is the Spirit of the trees that will keep our hearts grounded in Hope.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From CATT and CHQ Counties



Chautauqua Lake-Fluvanna-Celoron Ferry, 1926
It went from Celoron Park to Bentley Avenue on the Fluvanna side.

Comedy

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and decided on 'Pearl City Hops' located in the Double Tree by Hilton just a few blocks away. Whenever I personally experience great customer service, I'm never too shy to share. Our server, CJ, whose photo I was given permission to take was extremely

congenial. Her wonderful style of recommending and describing menu items displayed stellar customer service and her personality screamed that she loves her job. The experience we had there with CJ provided a perfect ending to a truly fun day. Oh, and I almost forgot...my joke to go... so here goes..."Thank you student loans, for getting me through college...I don't think I could ever repay you!"



We received stellar customer service from our waitress CJ at 'Pearl City Hops' located down town Jamestown at the the Double Tree by Hilton.

Crowe

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or having morning coffee). His home is filled with his masterworks, along with a few oddities that found their way as decorations on his walls for lack of knowing what else to do with them.



His furniture is incredible, but his wooden turned bowls and tsatskes caught my eye. Imagine a wiffle ball turned from cherry wood, or a lovely intricate covered bowl perfect for a ladies' vanity to catch her earrings. One of his intricate bowl pieces was made of over 1100 tiny pieces glued together and then worked on the wood lathe. These

are called polychromatic wood turnings. Crowe also does utilitarian work. Think spindles, staircase repair work, bowls, vessels, and architectural wood turnings. He showed us a bag filled with stair railing pieces from a vintage home, which can no longer be replaced commercially. He recreated the fractured spindles and will

reconstruct the railings for the client when the pieces are completed. He does the same with pieces missing from antique wooden picture frames. He is simply a master of a lost art. Crowe can be reached through his email at richardcrowe72@gmail.com or phone 716-316-4423. He is located at 7379 Watson Road in Ellicottville.

Entering his work in multi-media art shows, he ended up getting odd commissions to do things like renovating antique two-inch mahogany doors with stained glass for a patron, doing a tribute piece to the goddess Isis for the Embassy of Cairo (yes, Egypt, i.e. the desert), and fashioning seven-inch turned wooden black locust balls for the Newell post tops on the Anheuser-Busch bridge where the magnificent Clydesdale horses get paraded every morning.

Trail

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founder member of both the Art Trail and NSAA, shares. "For years I have watched other regions

become labeled as art communities", she says, "and it's a great economic driver." Dowling sees the art trail as "growing", and encourages the community to "really jump on it and support the arts". "Every year

more and more people attend", Meyers adds, "there's so much art in this area". If you don't get to every artist on your list this weekend, don't worry! The trail returns Labor Day weekend.

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Photos of Women in History



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Mary Edwards Walker

First (and Only) Woman to Win the Medal of Honor

From Bryan's Brain



If you yelled for eight years, seven months, and six days, you would have produced enough sound energy to heat one cup of coffee. (Hardly seems worth it. Unless it's a Monday, of course!)

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