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39TH ANNUAL YASSOU FESTIVAL
Friday & Sat June 16-17 11-9pm
St. Nicholas Church, Jamestown NY

JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
June 17&18, 2023
Memorial Park, Dunkirk

FARMERS&ARTISANS MARKET
Saturday, June 17 • 9am-2pm
Moore Park, Westfield

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Tuesday, June 27 • 2pm
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39th Yassou Festival, June 16-17 Slight Changes for Elevated Quality



BY VICTORIA PAVLOCK

The St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Jamestown, New York, is hosting their 39th annual Yassou Festival this upcoming weekend. The festival

will be held on Friday June 16th from 11am-10pmm, and Saturday June 17th from 11am-9pm. The name of the festival "Yassou" communicates

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Summer on the Buffalo Harborfront Concerts and Events for 2023



Canalside has been a local and tourist favorite for several years and is arguably the heart of downtown Buffalo's waterfront revitalization. Located at the 1825 terminus of the Erie Canal, Canalside hosts a variety of events throughout the year. The summer scene includes concerts, festivals, bike rentals, boat tours, kayak/water sport rentals, as well as an expansive boardwalk and lawn seating to take in Buffalo views. (See story, "Harborfront, page 9.)

Juneteenth, June 19 Celebrations Commemorating Emancipation of the Enslaved



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-DESMOND TUTU



All Americans enjoying the gift of this new holiday should commemorate it. It's only second in importance to our National Day of Independence on July 4th. President Lincoln and our government at that critical time recognized the gaps left in our own Declaration of Independence where our founders pledged that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

BY, CAROL FISHER-LINN

Juneteenth - So Much to Celebrate - But So Little Understood

Here's the story of Juneteenth: It is always on June 19th. It commemorates the emancipation of the enslaved African

Americans waaaay back in 1865 on June 19th. It was signed into law in 2021.

Think about this for a moment, keeping in mind the date - June 19, 1865. Think back to our basic history lessons: dates of

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Flag Day, June 14, 2023 Appreciating all it Represents



Consider the flag bearers who carried flags in battle over the centuries. Think of Iwo Jima where a total of almost 26,000 humans perished, 6,800 of whom were Americans. Yet a team of Marines put their own lives in peril to hoist the flag at the top of Mount Suribachi.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Your'e a grand old flag, you're a high flying flag ... You're the emblem of the land I love ...

George M. Cohan said it best in 1906, writing the song after a conversation with an old Civil War veteran who fought at Gettysburg (July 1-2, 1863). Forty-three years later,

that old soldier solemnly sat at a memorial holding a very tattered old flag from those war days. He quietly commented to Cohen, "she's a grand old rag." Those words resonated with Cohen and inspired the song. Of course, poplar opinion did not like the word "rag" in the tune. He bowed to pressure, giving

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Local Fly-Fishing Guide



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New Series Kicks off June 17 with Lez Zeppelin

Performances at the Amphitheater

Chautauqua Institution Season Opens June 24



BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Chautauqua Institution has yet again curated an incredible array of performances at its historic amphitheater. As per every year prior, there will be captivating concerts, mesmerizing dance recitals and screenings of

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame star Bonnie Raitt will rock your socks off first on June 24. The full 9-week calendar of events can be found online at chq.org as well as ticket purchases for every event.

your favorite films. The season is packed full of performances that are sure to inspire your inner artist and create beautiful memories. Week one begins June 24.

The Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater was originally built back in 1879. This first wooden Amp structure was replaced by the current structure that was initially built in 1893 which has been renovated multiple times over the years. The amphitheater has retained its historic style despite the renovations and plays a great role in every experience at the theater.

The Amphitheater's performances are meant to inspire, educate, entertain and engage a

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Shakespeare in Delaware Park

New Expanded Series Travels to You



At Delaware Park in Buffalo, this summer's plays are: "Measure for Measure", performed from June 22nd to July 16th, and "Romeo and Juliet", performed from July 27th to August 20th.

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

If There's a Will, There's a Play Title: If you can't get to Shakespeare at Delaware Park, a Shakespeare performance will get to you!

Countless people are familiar with the Shakespeare performances every summer in Buffalo's Delaware Park, and many make the trip there every year to see at least one of the two plays, often with their family and a delicious picnic to enjoy on the Hill. However, not everyone can make it there. If you're one of those, don't despair...a Shakespeare performance is on its way to a venue near you! "Where There's a Will, There's a Play", the one-hour performance of scenes and sonnets from Shakespeare is always performed at 7pm, plus there is an extra performance at 4:30pm at

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Publisher's Word

"You Deserve This!"



"Yes, I meant to capitalize "This" because there is so much here for YOU! Our businesses have worked tirelessly to bring new exciting attractions, boutiques and events with so much GUSTO! This summer lineup in our corner of WNY is above par. No matter where you live in the tri-county area you will find something to enjoy in your backyard, but we encourage you to explore. You can always count on *The Villager* to be your roadmap

to the exciting events in and about the region. As always, these pages are full of adventures to explore, enjoy them. Please support the businesses and the people we feature; they represent some of the very best there is to offer. As always, if you have an event, business person or artist you think should be featured, email me: info@thevillager.com.

-Until next week, enjoy your adventures - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Lez Zeppelin Performs at Reg Lenna

"Rockin' the Reg" New Concert Series Begins Sat. June 17

JAMESTOWN- Rock band Lez Zeppelin will be the first band to play Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' "Rockin' the Reg" concert series - Sat., June 17 at 8 p.m.



Founded in 2004 by New York guitarist, Steph Paynes, the all-girl quartet, Lez Zeppelin, has since gained unanimous critical acclaim as one of the most exciting live acts around, becoming the first female rock act to pay homage to Led Zeppelin and to garner rave reviews across the board. Lez Zeppelin stays true to the musically audacious spirit of the original, delivering the legendary rock band's blistering arrangements and monstrous sound note-for-note at sold-out frenzied shows around the world. In June, 2013, Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page attended their show in London and said of the group, "They played the Led Zeppelin music with an extraordinary sensuality and an energy and passion that highlighted their superb musicianship."

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Paynes, in a recent interview with Provincetown Magazine, described their interpretation of

the original music: "...that from the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Jamestown Local Development Corporation, The Fund for Downtown Programming and New York State Council on the Arts. Tickets for the concert are on sale now at the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' box office, open 12-8 p.m. Wednesday and Friday and at 7 p.m. Saturday. Purchases may be made during those hours at 116 E. 3rd St. or by calling 716.484.7070 or online at reglenna.com.

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Ellicottville Summer Music Festival

Former Members of Earth, Wind and Fire to Perform, July 1



Ellicottville's kicking off Summer with legendary rock acts at this year's Summer Music Festival slope-side at Holiday Valley! "The Players" formerly of Chicago and Earth, Wind and Fire will take the stage Saturday night, July 1st with opening act Barracuda, a Heart Tribute Band.

Sunday, July 2nd, we'll be hosting The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra featuring the amazing 80's with a choreographed fireworks performance! Visit www.ellicottvillenyny.com to purchase tickets and learn more about Ellicottville's Summer Music Festival!

Event Recap: Allentown Arts Festival

Countless Surprises Compete for Your Attention

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The 66th Allentown Art Festival in Buffalo, which was held this year over the weekend of June 10th-11th, is more than an outdoor art event showcasing all kinds of arts and crafts in booths lining several closed-off streets. It is a dazzling experience where, at every moment, countless exciting surprises compete for your attention. You could see and buy photos, paintings, prints, pottery, cards, jewelry, t-shirts, sweatshirts and many more creative items, plus enjoy the performances of guitarists, violinists, singers, a band and out-of-the-ordinary entertainers. Most of all, it is a place where people proudly wear their most imaginative and colorful outfits, in a seemingly never-ending parade.

As they were walking along, many festival visitors showed off their vividly blue, green, pink, and purple, and even rainbow hair in intricate styles, as well as all kinds of unusual and intriguing tattoos. In many cases, they could be seen on every limb. A model in a flowing dress was blissfully dancing in a small women's store window. Her graceful dancing created the illusion that a mannequin had come to life. Stores along the streets featured imaginative art and photos, and unique vintage t-shirts, sweatshirts and jackets.

One booth featured an artificial meadow that provided the perfect backdrop for the items selling there, which included little, multi-colored copper flowers and bobbing copper garden decorations.

Another sold plants joined with the waist of child-size jeans. It was a very startling sight, seeing thriving plants ranging from those with "spots of sun" to flowers in full bloom, "sitting and standing", above the denim-clad, stuffing-filled "legs". Numerous tiny dogs happily rode along with the crowd, carried in knapsacks, tote bags and carriages, while larger dogs walked.

People of all ages all found unique things to capture their interest such as: the women who set up a manual typewriter in the street and wrote poems for passersby, for the price of their choosing. Booths offered everything from photos, paintings and prints of flowers, wild and domestic animals and scenic spots to wildly abstract artwork. A dog amusingly "displayed his sophistication" by wearing sunglasses, as his owner was. Popcorn was very popular, as well as the lemonade, ice cream, funnel cake, corn on the cob and the other foods suited to strolling along, available at the food stands. Some diners sat at a sidewalk cafe to watch the passing crowds while they ate. An artist painted a picture of trees right next to their tables.

Prizes were awarded by judges to the "Best in Show" in each creative category. The winner of the first-place blue ribbon for paintings was a painting of an owl, while the winner of the first prize for pottery was a pot adorned with the beauty of mosaic tiles. A violinist played classical music, a small band with a singer supplied an exuberant performance at the intersection of Delaware and Allen Streets. Guitars decorated with mosaic tile



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designs were displayed on a sidewalk. Various inspiring sayings and heart-warming mottoes were available in the form of wall decorations. Check out the photos accompanying this article and you can see many of these colorful sights for yourself!

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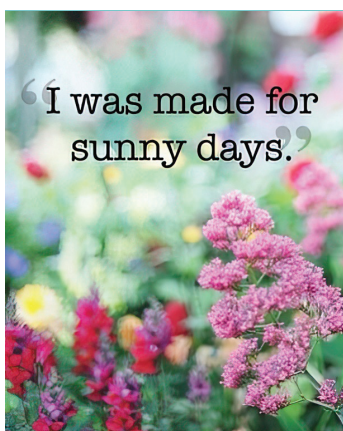
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Local Fly-Fishing Guide

BY KATE BARTLETT

Nick Sagnibene is a small business owner, outdoorsman, dog dad and enjoyer of the great outdoors that surround Ellicottville. He can be spotted driving around town with his Australian Shepherd's, Beaufort, and drift boat in tow.

Born and raised in West Seneca, Nick graduated from West Seneca East High School. "I grew up in the outdoors, spending every weekend at the cabin in Rushford, fishing, playing in the mud, four wheeling and snowmobiling. It's where my love for the outdoors began." He attended Paul Smiths College near Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks for fish and wildlife biology. After his first year, he returned to Western New York for financial reasons and completed two years at Erie Community College for Environmental Science. Nick began to realize that schooling in a classroom setting did not suit him, and he began his journey to become a fishing guide.

In 2016, Nick was working as a full-time bartender at Big Ditch Brewing Company in Buffalo. "I was spending nearly every day fishing around the area before I would work evenings at the bar. One day I was fishing in Great Valley, where I met Tony Distefino, who informed me about a new outdoor store opening up in the village. I stopped by that afternoon still in my waders and was greeted by John Rounds. We talked fishing and more, and within a month or two, I moved into the village and working full time as a fishing guide and sales associate at Adventure Bound on the fly."

Nick has been a fishing guide in NYS for about 10 years, with it becoming his full-time job around 2020. In 2021, Nick decided to start his own company, 716 Fly Fishing, and has never been happier. "It is extremely gratifying to run your own business; you get to see the fruition of your efforts. Each day is focused on growing the business and what effort you put in is what you'll get out. I have been amazed by the support from not only Ellicottville, but the greater WNY area. When I'm on the water with clients or friends or family, I am just as excited when they hook into a fish as when I hook into a fish. The instructional aspect and watching an angler grow in both confidence and skill, is the reason I love the career path I chose."

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WNY and Ellicottville. He has hosted fly fishing film festivals at both Holiday Valley and The Ridge, a newly opened 'pour-your-own' bar Nick manages in West Seneca. He has also been involved in Rushford Conservation Club's annual kids fly fishing events and continues to write articles and update regional fishing conditions for the Buffalo News and other publications. He recently joined the WNY Trout Unlimited chapters Board of Directors, which has allowed him to work on stream restoration projects and more to protect fisheries for the future.

Everyday offers something new to Nick as a fishing guide. "There's literally a different view every day. We have a year-round fishery, and a multitude of species which allows me to have variety. Variety is key for me and my personality. I get bored easy and have a short attention span, so having countless streams, rivers and species to fish makes it feel like I'm not 'locked down' and I appreciate that."

Allegheny Plateau will forever be a special place in Nick's heart. "As a registered guide in both New York and Pennsylvania, my work takes place in some of the most beautiful areas on the east coast. Being on the water, many times in the middle of the woods away from roads and people, allows to me soak up the environment. I've come to appreciate the different species of birds throughout the year, mammals, invertebrates, flora and fauna. My job allows me to be involved with nature and the outdoors which I do not take for

granted. I often times will be standing in a river, looking around thinking about how natural and wild it was where I was standing, maybe 200, 300, 1,000 years ago. Who has stood where I have, what animals were here and how did it look back before modern Europeans ascended, before everything was logged & species were lost. The Allegheny plateau of Southern New York and NW Pennsylvania will continue to captivate me and I'm lucky to call it my office."

Nick feels fortunate to have met so many amazing people since moving to Ellicottville. "There is someone in town or close, that can help you with just about anything you need, and many times its one hand washes the other. Coming from the suburbs of Buffalo, West Seneca was a great place to grow up, but in the village, you don't have the hustle and bustle of suburbia. It's so much more relaxed, as are the people. You can see as many people in town as you'd like, then drive 5 minutes outside and never know EVL was there. I am really blessed to be a part of this community, and look forward to many years of friendships and building my career in the village and surroundings." For more information on 716 Fly Fishing visit <https://www.flyfishingthe716.com/> or email Nick directly Nick@716FlyFishing.com. Also visit The Ridge in West Seneca for a Pour-Your-Own beer experience featuring many local and Ellicottville brews at 555 Orchard Park Road <https://www.theridgewestseneca.com/>.

June is National Pollinator Month

Cornell Cooperative Extension Informs Community

BY, SHANNON RINOW
MASTER GARDENER
COORDINATOR

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County's Master Gardener Program is celebrating National Pollinator month by sharing information and resources to help create a garden for your favorite pollinators.

Pollinators include more than just butterflies and honeybees. Did you know, there are 450 native bees in NYS? Pollinators also include an assortment of wild native bees, beetles, moths, bats, wasps, birds, specialized flies, and other beneficial insects. They all play an important role in pollinating plants. They have very basic needs—food, source of water, and shelter from wind and

heavy rain. You do not need a large plot of land or large garden space to create an inviting refuge for pollinators. In fact, you can start with just a couple of container pots!

There are some considerations before you head out to your favorite local nursery! First, you'll want to identify your space. You can start small and always build on later. Take note if the garden site is sunny or shaded and if there is easy access to water nearby. Whenever possible, choose native. Native plants are important because they have co-evolved with native insects, birds, and wildlife. It's important to maintain that ecosystem. Native plants also have a remarkable root system, compared to non-native plants (EPA). These deep

roots reduce soil erosion, water runoff and help to store carbon.

Consider your local conditions when choosing the right plant(s). Do you live in a swampy area, do you have acidic or alkaline soil, is your soil type sandy, clay or loamy, do you reside in an urban/rural/suburban environment.

Include plants that serve as food for all stages, such as caterpillars, as well as those that provide nectar and pollen for adults. The best nectar flowers are fragrant, have a long season of bloom, and provide a sequence of bloom throughout the season. Clumped or massed plantings are most effective in attracting butterflies and

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EVL Skatepark Grand Opening

New Car Dealers of WNY Ellicottville Skatepark Opens June 30



Ellicottville – Following three years of fundraising and a year of construction, the Ellicottville Skatepark Committee (SK8EVL) and the Village of Ellicottville announce the grand opening date of the new concrete skatepark, located inside Ellicottville’s Village Park.

The celebration is set for Friday, June 30, 2023, at 4pm. All are encouraged to attend.

The skatepark, designed and built by Grindline of Seattle, WA, is a culmination of the passion of local skateboarding advocates and a matching grant awarded by The Skatepark Project and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.

With title sponsorship for the project supported by the New Car Dealers of WNY Charitable Foundation, the skatepark will be named the New Car Dealers of WNY Ellicottville Skatepark.

“On behalf of SK8EVL, we can’t thank the New Car Dealers of WNY Charitable Foundation enough for their support in this endeavor,” said Brenda Perks, SK8EVL lead advocate. “Their

\$100,000 donation turned into \$200k as a result of The Skatepark Project and RCW Jr. Foundation’s Built to Play matching grant program. Add to that all the support we’ve received from businesses and community members right here in Ellicottville, as well as support from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, and we now have a state-of-the-art facility that welcomes all ages, all skill levels, and most importantly, a safe space where our youth can be active, develop friendships and express themselves through the sport of skateboarding.”

Built to Play Skatepark Grants are offered through a partnership between The Skatepark Project and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. The grant initiative offers matching grant funds of up to \$250,000.

The Built to Play Skatepark Program supports community groups and municipal entities throughout Western NY and SE Michigan that are seeking to create free, public skateparks that serve low-income communities.

Built to Play Skatepark

Grants also include an additional \$50,000 to fund processes and design features that lessen the environmental impact of the skatepark. Ellicottville received the full match as well as the environmental impact award.

CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit praised the SK8EVL committee for their efforts to raise funds for the skatepark project. “It is no small feat for a group of volunteers to raise \$250,000,” said Buchheit. “It is a testament to the dedication of Brenda and the SK8EVL committee that they were able to raise such a total for this skatepark. Because of their efforts, there will be an incredible space for skateboarders, BMX riders and more that is unlike anything in Cattaraugus County to date.”

The June 30 grand opening celebration will feature entertainment, food trucks, a vendor village and of course, skateboarding. For more information about the new skatepark and up-to-date details about the grand opening, follow @sk8evl on Instagram and Facebook. To learn more about The Skatepark Project, go to skatepark.org.

CHQ.

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diverse and growing audience. Just like the Amphitheater’s structure itself, the performances celebrate both tradition and innovation as the classics are still heavily enjoyed but accompanied by new artistic revelations.

Every event exemplifies a range of varying artistic excellence. The amphitheater is renowned for its outstanding concert series, featuring world-class musicians from various genres. From classical symphonies to jazz bands and folk artists, the stage has hosted a diverse range of performers.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame star Bonnie Raitt will rock your socks off first on June 24. She is a singer, songwriter and guitarist whose unique style blends blues, R&B, rock, and pop to create an eclectic style of music. Many award-winning and frankly famous individual artists and group bands will play throughout the season, so be sure to check out the list online at the Chautauqua Institution website at <https://www.chq.org/>

In addition to musical performances, all-time favorite films will be played accompanied by the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra. Films such as Star Wars: Return of the Jedi and The Princess Bride



The Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater was originally built back in 1879. This first wooden Amp structure was replaced by the current structure that was initially built in 1893 which has been renovated multiple times over the years. The amphitheater has retained its historic style despite the renovations and plays a great role in every experience at the theater.

will be shown on screen as the symphony plays the musical accompaniment creating an immersive experience.

Chautauqua Institution is an oasis for those fascinated by the arts. From musicians and speakers to dance performers, the amphitheater is an all-encompassing stage. The dance performances range from classical ballet to contemporary dance, including local groups.

This weekend the pre-season kicks off with its first dance performance from the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet Spring Gala. They will perform Peter & The Wolf on June 16. The classical performance is sure to create an enchanting evening for those in attendance. BalletX will take the stage on June 26 for a performance that is sure to be “fresh, inclusive and connect to what people

want,” according to the group. A full list of events can be found online.

The amphitheater stage has come alive with performances that inspire and entertain. The open-air setting adds a unique touch to these productions that are unique in our area.

The Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater is a local gem. It stands as a testament to the power of the performing arts. Beyond its exceptional performances, the Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater has fostered a sense of community and connection. The amphitheater continues to ignite a sense of nostalgia with every memory of a performance. It is a place that truly brings a passion for the arts into one space.

The full 9-week calendar of events can be found online at [chq.org](https://www.chq.org/) as well as ticket purchases for every event.

Pollen

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bees. Flowers that are flat-topped or clustered provide landing platforms and easy access to nectar. Plant flowers with a variety of shapes, like

tubular, bowl-shaped & flat-topped, to appeal to a large variety of pollinators. Blue, purple, white, pink, yellow, orange, and red flowers may entice butterflies and other pollinators to your yard. Consider being a part of the monarch butterfly conservation

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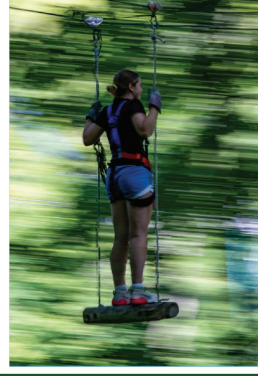
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Inside Business: Wellness Awakening Center

Sound Healing Rings Through Lakewood



I don't cure people, but I heal them. Because healing something doesn't mean it no longer exists; but it no longer controls your life."

The success of the local business so far has allowed Reiss to travel and show others her gift of healing. "I keep getting speaking engagements now, too. People are asking to come and talk to them and demonstrate what we do here. I bring my gong, a crystal bowl and a Tibetan bowl, and demonstrate to everyone how they work... People love it. I put them in what's almost like a trance, they fall asleep, they don't want to leave."

By COLBY GAINES
The newly opened Wellness Awakening Center at 85 East Fairmount Avenue in Lakewood, New York, offers a therapeutic experience for anyone willing to listen. After the owner and founder, Joy Reiss, learned of spiritual sound hearing years ago, she hasn't let off the pedal in striving to help others. Reiss has since achieved a diploma in sound healing and is now a sound healing practitioner, but even bigger than the diploma was the realization of the gift that she had: "I can't do surgery, I can't fix a broken bone... But what [doctors] can't fix, I possibly can," said Reiss.

Sound healing is the practice of using specific instruments and vibrations to balance and heal the body, mind and spirit. These vibrations help tap the brain into a state of meditation and peace, which subsequently allow the recipients to release stress, anxiety and tension. "We listen with our ears, but the vibrations from the sound of each instrument go into the body on a cellular level and start repairing," said Reiss.

The healings offered at the Wellness Awakening Center take place in either individual or group sessions of up to eight people. During these sessions, Reiss uses Tibetan bowls to survey the energy field in one's body, sense where it may be low or high, and then relocate and evenly distribute the energy throughout the body. She then applies a tuning fork to clear the body's meridians, or internal highways. Finally, she concludes by using Japanese chimes, American Indian hand drums and gongs to send frequencies to the mind that create peace and well-being.

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But the Wellness Awakening Center isn't just a location for people who are generally stressed. It has allowed Reiss to connect with countless adults and children with illnesses, disabilities and trauma, too. "I recently bought tuning forks that are attuned to your brain waves, because I'm getting ready to work with children that have had behavioral problems," said Reiss. "There's something for everyone."

Reiss recounted a couple of memorable experiences with her spiritual healing. "I treat a cancer patient that I've been seeing for almost a year now—she's had zero side effects from the chemotherapy and radiation. She keeps handing my business cards out, telling others around her, 'Go see her, she won't let you feel this way'. Obviously, I haven't undone anything the doctors were doing, but I helped the patient with the side effects from the drugs. I don't cure people, but I heal them. Because healing something doesn't mean it no longer exists; but it no longer controls your life."

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exactly what to expect when attending this cultural retreat. "Yassou" is a Greek saying used as a casual greeting to a person or group of people. The Yassou Festival greets and welcomes the entire community to experience Greek culture through food, drink, music, dance, and more.

The Yassou Festival started as an idea in 1984 from Father Nicholas Rafael, who wanted to do something to raise funds for the church, according to Alexis Singleton. The festival initially started out as just being a car raffle and has evolved into the Greek party everyone looks forward to today. "Even this year is different from last year but the core of hospitality and culture still remains"-Singleton. This little taste of Greece located right in Jamestown, New York has so much to offer in just two days. A large variety of traditional Greek dishes and pastries will make you feel as if you are in the country. A Loukoumades Sundae, lamb shanks, and souvlaki are just some of many cuisines you will be offered at the Yassou Festival. There will also be a Greek Grocery at the festival which includes Greek foods you can take home and enjoy. This year's grocery will



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be featuring Spanos Olive Oil imported from Greece! After your stomachs are full from trying all of these cultural flavors, adults will be provided with Greek beer and wine to enjoy. Traditional, live Bouzouki Music and Dancing will tie in the whole experience. These performances will take place on Friday, June 16th, at 5pm and 8pm, along with shows on Saturday, June 17th, at 1, 5, and 8pm. Extra entertainment for the kids will also be provided with balloon art and airbrush tattoos. You can even take home a part of this magnificent culture at the Greek Boutique which will also include religious goods.

The Yassou Festival is very important and sentimental to many belonging to the Greek Orthodox Church, but is a completely nondenominational festival and is in no way exclusive to religion. Anyone from

anywhere is welcomed to enjoy the festivities of celebrating Greek culture this upcoming weekend. Singleton stated that the festival is a key factor within the church and its annual budget. "We need to do this fundraiser in order to support the operation of the church". Along with the money the Yassou Festival is able to bring in, the memories and collaborations that come along with it are just as important. "There is an enriching aspect of local quality of life. All different kinds of people come to meet and greet one another and it makes for this big, fun party", says Singleton.

Church tours will be held at the Yassou Festival on Friday and Saturday at 2pm and 4pm for anyone that is interested in seeing and learning about one of the few Greek Orthodox

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Community Block Party and Patio Dedication

Inside Business: Bemus Point Book Release

Fairies on the Ferry; Ella's Best Day



Street scene from the 2022 Community Block Party at the Prendergast Library.

JAMESTOWN - The Prendergast Library will celebrate summer reading on their new patio on Saturday, June 24. The library's new patio, walkway, and community gardens were funded by a New York State Library Construction grant and matching funds from the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation and Lenna Foundation. A grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation supported the installation of the gardens.

At 10:30am, the new patio will be dedicated in memory of Jim Roselle, a library supporter, radio personality, and Jamestown advocate. After the dedication, the Community Block Party will start at 11am and go until 2pm.

The event will include lawn games, outdoor Storytime, a summer reading tent, Booksale, crafts, a plant giveaway, live music, food trucks, Makerspace activities, and more. In addition to library-run programs, thirty-six community organizations will participate with informational tables and activities.

The day's schedule of events includes:

10:30am: Patio Dedication in Memory of Jim Roselle
11am -2pm:

Community Organizations Table Fair on Cherry Street and

inside the Library

- Art tent activities
- Lawn Games
- Mobile Makerspace games and activities
- Foodies Sweets and Eats food cart
- Off the Stick Ice Cream Company food truck
- Plant giveaway
- Meet & greet with animals from the Humane Society
- Summer Reading Program sign-ups, with prize scratch-off tickets and free books, thanks to a grant from Cummins
- Music with Adam Gould & Friends in partnership with Infinity Visual and Performing Arts
- Outdoor Booksale with unique new, signed & vintage books as well as records
- 50/50 drawing & themed basket fundraiser

11:30am & 1pm - Outdoor Storytime with the YWCA's BookMARK program - BookMARK encourages young minds to think about themselves and others, learn about being kind, and appreciate each other's differences.

Cherry Street at 5th Street will be blocked off to traffic; however, the library's parking lot will still be accessible from 6th Street. The library will be open for regular services during the event. The library is thrilled to host an event celebrating our wonderful local organizations providing various services and

programs to Chautauqua County residents. As part of the library's current strategic plan, we collaborate with local organizations to offer unique educational opportunities. The Block Party invites people to learn more about what programs and services are available in Jamestown and the surrounding area and enjoy all the library offers the community.

The Block Party is the kickoff event for the 2023 Summer Reading Program. During the event, you can learn more about what the library has in store for the summer, including many activities on the patio and partnership classes and programs with local organizations. You can get all your summer reading materials and sign up to participate.

Be sure to visit the library's Booksale and fundraising tent during the Block party. The special Booksale will feature new books, signed books, classics, and vintage materials. In addition, there will be a record sale, thanks to a generous donation from a local community member.

In addition to the Booksale, board members will sell library t-shirts designed by local artist Ashley Ordines, cloth bags, 50/50 tickets, and basket drawings. Board members and volunteers provided baskets. Themed baskets include "Tea Time," "Gardening," "Summer Fun," "Taste of the Town," and more. Proceeds benefit the library's summer reading program.

Thank you to our sponsors of the Community Block Party, Spectrum Eyecare, Price Abstract Company, LLC., Lind Funeral Home, and UBS. For more information about the block party, call 716-484-7135, ext. 258, email jchamp@prendergastlibrary.org,



Many local talents have contributed to this imaginative story. Ella (in fairy wings) and her mother Katie Ireland (top, in blue) are actual people and believers and the Fairy Dancers.

DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

There are Ferry's that Float and Fairies who Fly

We may all have pontificated over the idea of fairies when we were children, but as a lifelong believer in Elves and Fairies the opportunity to meet other dreamers of their fancy, proved to be irresistible for me. Sunday, June 11th was a warm sunny day in Stow and I ventured out to meet the creators of a recently published children's story, *Fairies on the Ferry; Ella's Best Day*, Jay Kuntz and Chris Flanders. Their fantastical tale tells the story about a young girl named Ella and her encounter with the mystical creatures she'd always dreamed about meeting and their journey together on a ferry ride over the "narrows" of Chautauqua Lake. Read it and you may become a believer too.

The Bemus Point ~ Stow Ferry is an important aspect of real Chautauqua history and most of us having grown up around the lake have a story or two of our own to tell. This tale combines real ferry heroes with a child's flight of fairy fancy to bring history and



Martha Anderson and her mom, Fairy God Mother, Betty Lou.

mystery together. Fairy Godmother, the real Betty Lou Cheney and her late husband John, led the charge to save the ferry from imminent dismantling and permanent dry dock in 1982 when the construction of the mile long Rt.86 bridge began. While practical minds could find no reason to preserve the ferry and its service to dreamers on the lake, they did. While John is no longer with us, Betty Lou is living her best life giving us all reasons to believe in the impractical and the promising. I am 58 years old and I am still a believer.

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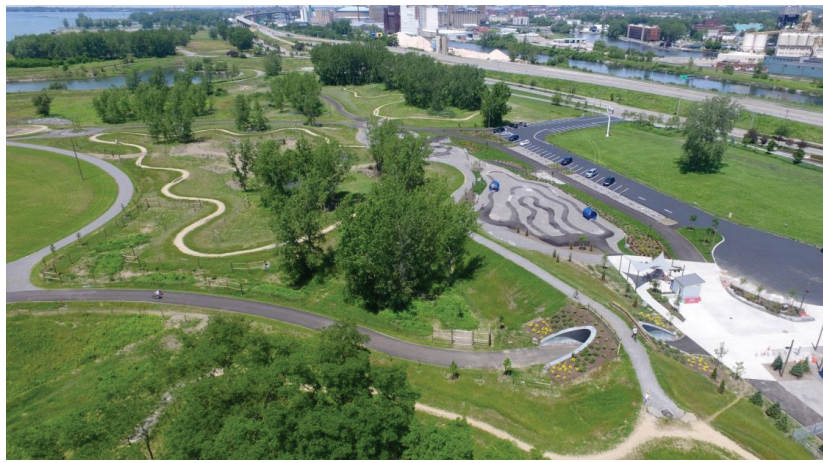
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Spotlight: Summer on the Buffalo Harborfront Concerts and Events for 2023



BY KATE BARTLETT

Summertime is upon us, and there's no better way to appreciate the beauty of Buffalo than on the Harborfront. Over recent years, Buffalo's waterfront has seen a major revival. From Canalside to Outer Harbor, Silo City and LaSalle Park, there's plenty to discover on the Buffalo Waterfront. Whether you're looking for family fun, a workout with a view, a walking tour, or concerts on the water, there's an itinerary to fit everyone.

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Take in a more natural side of the city at the Outer Harbor featuring more than 200 acres of green space with well-maintained health and wellness trails for biking, walking and jogging.

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skills loop and a tot track for little ones. Mountain bike rental available as well as Lakeside Café for light food and drinks.

CANALSIDE

Canalside has been a local and tourist favorite for several years and is arguably the heart of downtown Buffalo's waterfront revitalization. Located at the 1825 terminus of the Erie Canal, Canalside hosts a variety of events throughout the year. The summer scene includes concerts, festivals, bike rentals, boat tours, kayak/water sport rentals, as well as an expansive boardwalk and lawn seating to take in Buffalo views. Families enjoy paddleboats outside Explore and More as well as the historic Buffalo Heritage Carousel. Various fitness classes are also offered at

Canalside including Body Pump, Zumba and La' Movement Fitness; visit <https://buffalowaterfront.com/canalside> for full schedule.

Both the Outer Harbor and Canalside host a variety of concerts and festivals. The 2023 concert series include national acts including Our Lady of Peace, Gaslight Anthem, BPO and The Strictly Hip, Alter Bridge – Pawns and Kings Tour, Dark Star Orchestra, Arkels, Jimmy Eat World and Manchester Orchestra. Tickets start at \$35 and are available at <https://buffalowaterfront.com/concerts>.

CREATORS AT SUNSET & FRIYAY FAMILY EVENTS

New events on the Waterfront for 2023 include Creators at Sunset and FriYay Family events. Creators at Sunset is an outdoor vendor market

with local artisan and food vendors with live music on the waterfront. The market will run Fridays from 6-10pm, May-August on the Canalside boardwalk. FriYay is a children's event featuring free-play activities from Explore and More Children's Museum Friday's from 11-1pm. Featured activities include interactive boat bulding at the Longshed, ice cream specials at Clinton's Dish, Buffalo Heritage Carousel promotions (buy 1 adult ticket and child rides free) as well as an activity center sponsored by Highmark.

There's always something new to discover on the Buffalo Waterfront, and summer is the perfect time to get out and explore. For more information visit <https://buffalowaterfront.com/> and follow on social media.



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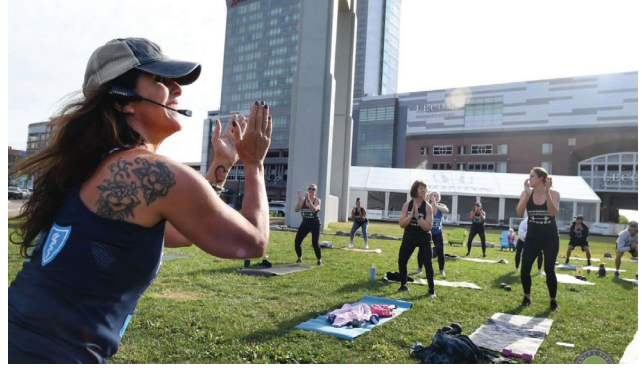
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Shakespeare

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the Freedom Run Winery, at 5138 Lower Mountain Road, in Lockport, NY, on July 23rd (rain or shine -- there is an indoor location available). Norm Sham, the director (who has also been busy supervising the props and costumes), said the traveling show is "chockful of fun, and accessible to everyone". It has an interesting present-day framing device involving Josh Allen and the Bills, and includes surprising amusing moments. The scenes in it are from "Romeo and Juliet", "Macbeth" and "Hamlet", and seven other plays, performed by four actors: Emily Bassett, Heather Casseri, Connor Graham and Nathaniel W.C. Higgins, and Brendan Didio's added words tie the scenes together smoothly.

Here is where all the remaining performances take place: 6/17 Niawanda Park, 600 Niagara St., Tonawanda, NY; 6/18 Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, 1201 Pine Ave., Niagara Falls, NY; 6/20 River Fest Park, 249 Ohio St., Buffalo, NY; 6/21, Windsong Place Apts., 245 Spindrift Drive, Williamsville, NY; 6/26 Clarence Town Park, 55 Legion Pkwy., West Seneca, NY; 7/17 Penn Dixie Fossil Park & Nature



"Where There's a Will, There's a Play", the one-hour performance of scenes and sonnets from Shakespeare is always performed at 7pm, plus there is an extra performance at 4:30pm at the Freedom Run Winery, at 5138 Lower Mountain Road, in Lockport, NY, on July 23rd (rain or shine -- there is an indoor location available).

Reserve, 4050 North Street, Blasdell, NY; 7/18 Quaker Arts Pavilion, 60 South Lincoln Ave., Orchard Park, NY; (Rain or Shine--Indoor location available); 7/19 Town of Tonawanda, Show Mobile (Aquatic Fitness Center), 1 Pool Plaza, Buffalo, NY; 7/21 Buffalo Central Terminal, 495 Paderewski Drive, Buffalo, NY; 7/22 Richard E. Pascucci Bandshell, 200 Oxford Ave., Lancaster, NY; 7/24 Five Points Bakery, 44 Brayton Street, Buffalo, NY; 7/25 Kenan Center, 433 Locust St., Lockport, NY (Rain or Shine -- there is an indoor location available, but there is limited seating); 7/26 7 Nike Base Park, 3278 Whitehaven Road, Grand Island, NY; 7/28 Tonawanda Pavilion, 2 Young St., Tonawanda, NY; 7/31 Taylor Road

Park, 6765 Taylor Road, Hamburg, NY; 8/7 Galanti Park, 230 Martin Road, Lackawanna, NY; 8/14 Academy Park, 851 Center Street, Lewiston, NY; 8/21 Bassett Park, 359 Klein Road, Williamsville, NY.

At Delaware Park, this summer's plays are: "Measure for Measure", performed from June 22nd to July 16th, and "Romeo and Juliet", performed from July 27th to August 20th.

Norm Sham said that, this year, Romeo and Juliet is "set in a contemporary seaside town". The plays in the park are always free and non-ticketed. All performances are at 7:15 pm. This summer marks the 48th year of Shakespeare in Delaware Park. For more information, Google Shakespeare Delaware Park.

Freedom

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the Civil War - April 12, 1861, to May 26, 1865. While in the midst of the war, President Abraham Lincoln (a Republican) issued a proclamation declaring that as of January 1, 1863, all enslaved people in the states at that time engaged in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." Let's understand clearly that he was talking about the enslaved people in the Confederacy, not those in border states who remained faithful to the Union. Go figure, right? But this simple proclamation changed the purpose of the war from just preserving the Union to also ending slavery. However, those border states did not adhere to the Proclamation, and their enslaved people continued to live their lives as slaves. To square things up and get everyone on the same page, on June 19, 1865, three plus weeks after the official end of the war and two-and-a-half years after the proclamation, Lincoln sent Union General Gordon Granger with thousands of federal troops to Galveston, Texas. This was to formally announce that the Civil War had ended, and their slaves had been freed (250,000 of them who had no clue until Granger and company appeared, even though many of their owners had for years). "General Orders No. 3" stated: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between



Marcus Gravy Salad: Yes, the colors in the salad all have special meaning. The green, red, and black beans represent the colors of the African nationalist flag, known as the Pan-African flag, Marcus Garvey flag, UNIA flag, Afro-American flag, or Black Liberation flag. So, to everyone -- Happy Juneteenth!

them becomes that between employer and hired labor." (<https://www.npr.org> (search: juneteenth-marks-day-slaves-in-texas-were-told-they-were-free))

To make it even more official, by the end of January 1865, both houses of Congress had passed the 13th Amendment, and it was ratified that December. President Lincoln said this: "It is my greatest and most enduring contribution to the history of the war," Lincoln said of emancipation in February 1865, two months before his assassination. "It is, in fact, the central act of my administration, and the great event of the 19th century." (history.com) The following year, Juneteenth was born (Juneteenth -- combine June and nineteenth) in Galveston, spread across the world, and became recognized as a federal holiday in 2021 and a state holiday in NY in 2020. That's a day that federal facilities are closed,

including banks and post offices. Events include concerts, parades, rodeos, prayer services, barbecues, games, and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

All Americans enjoying the gift of this new holiday should commemorate it. It's only second in importance to our National Day of Independence on July 4th. President Lincoln and our government at that critical time recognized the gaps left in our own Declaration of Independence where our founders pledged that "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." It is a day of deliverance for all Americans who embrace the ideals

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Advocates for a Balanced Chautauqua

Impressive 2023 Speaker Line-Up at Athenaeum Hotel Parlor

By ELAINE MACHLEDER



ABC has invited conservative thought leaders during the Chautauqua season to speak, each week, 1 through 9. Their presentations occur every Monday afternoon at the Athenaeum Hotel parlor.

At one time, the Chautauqua Institution was known for its lecture programs that featured intellectually diverse points of view. In recent years however, many people noticed that the Institution veered leftward, with fewer traditional voices invited to their lecture platforms.

Several long-time Chautauquans, frustrated with the lack diversity of thought, believed they needed another venue for presenting other points of view to Chautauquans. In 2018, Advocates for Balance at Chautauqua, or "ABC" was founded for that purpose.

The mission of ABC is "To Achieve a Balance of Speakers in a Mutually Civil and Respectful Environment Consistent with the Historic Mission of Chautauqua."

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The presentations are not included in the Chautauqua program. Despite this lack of publicity, ABC gatherings gained popularity and have been well-attended.

Here is the line-up of 2023 ABC speakers from Chautauqua Week 1 to 9:

Ben Domenech, co-founder and publisher of "The Federalist," an online conservative magazine and podcast. Domenech is the speaker for Chautauqua Week 1, on Monday, June 26 at 3 p.m. Domenech is a

frequent commentator on Fox News. His talk is titled "The Future of Politics in the United States."

Jason R. Edwards, PhD, professor of history and humanities, Grove City College, a Christian liberal arts college in northwestern Pennsylvania, is speaker for Week 2, on Monday, July 3. His writings on history, culture and education have appeared in many national publications. The title of his talk is "Building Community with Cardboard."

Guy Benson is a nationally syndicated talk show host and columnist, and political editor of townhall.com. He is a Fox News contributor. Benson is the speaker for Week 3, July 10, His talk is titled, "How the Current Political Landscape will Influence Your Future."

John R. Christy, PhD., climatologist at the University of Alabama, is the speaker for Week 4, July 17. Christy was awarded

NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal, Development of Satellite-based Earth Temperature Recording. His talk is titled "Scientific Facts of the Global Climate."

Gordon G. Chang is an internationally recognized China Expert briefing the National Intelligence Council, CIA, U.S. Dept. of Defense, and U.S. Congress; he has appeared on Fox News, CNN, CNBC, PBS, and BBC. He has published articles in the New York Times, Barron's, and the National Review. Chang appears during Week 5, Monday, July 24. The title of his talk: "China Shakes the World: A Revolutionary Remaking of the International Order."

John J. Miller, professor of journalism at Hillsdale College, is a widely read author, whose work has appeared in and the

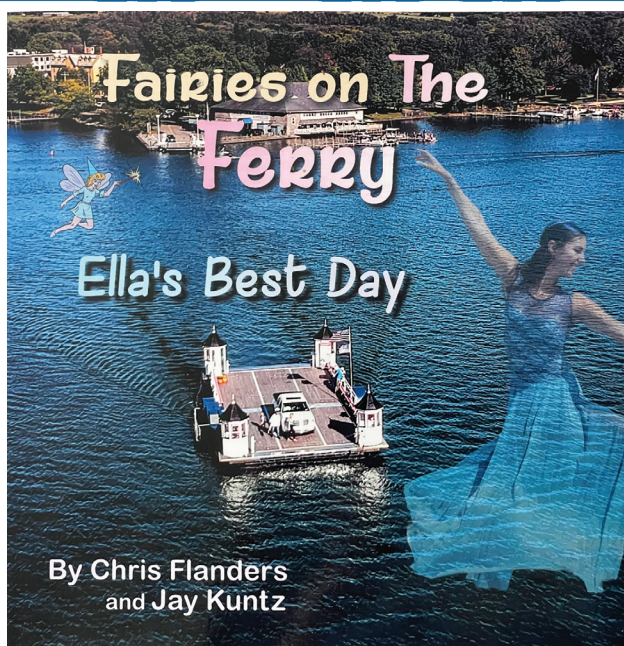
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Fairies

STORY FROM PG. 7

old and can't imagine not having the choice to gently float across the water, enjoy the view and swap stories with Captain Wagner and the other characters who enjoy a relaxing ride on the cable drawn floatation device.

Many local talents have contributed to this imaginative story. Ella and her mother Katie Ireland are actual people and believers and the Fairy Dancers. They too are real and we can thank Tiffany Heintzman for teaching her daughter Eden and the other fairies to dance like they have wings to fly. Martha Anderson is Betty Lou's daughter, costume designer, one of the photographers and trusted keeper of the Fairies Light. Photographer's; Dan



Swackhammer, Rick Shick, and Jay Kuntz also helped illustrate this tale with their unique approaches to using the camera lens. Together with Chris Flanders and her knack for spinning webs about such fanciful friendships, they have given us a gift to treasure. I hope all who love our Chautauqua home will "Treasure Forever" this story along with the real Bemus Point Stow Ferry, and contribute to keeping her story alive and flying across her tranquil waters.

Healing

STORY FROM PG. 6

Reiss described another experience with a veteran. "I've worked with a war veteran that has PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). They're doing extremely well now...It's amazing to see. I'm very grateful that I have the ability to help people." Reiss has worked with those with Down's

Syndrome, Autism, Alzheimer's, Dementia, abuse victims, men, women and children alike. "I would work all day to try and heal someone if I had to," Reiss said. "I love humanity and I love to help other people."

When asked what she wants people to know about the business, she said, "It works. Every time I go into the group room and bang those gongs, that same frequency goes right through me, so it heals

me also. It's truly a great experience, I can assure that."

Aside from sound healing sessions, there is also a retail section where you can buy Himalayan salt lamps, tarot cards and incenses. Sessions at the Wellness Awakening Center are available by appointment, and more details can be found by calling 561-701-1455, or emailing wellnessawakening43@yahoo.com.

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Week 1 - Monday, June 26th, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Ben Domenech
Co-founder and Publisher, *The Federalist*
Frequent political commentator
"The Future of Politics in the United States"



Week 2 - Monday, July 3rd, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Jason R. Edwards, Ph.D.
Professor of History and Humanities, Grove City College;
Edwards' writings have appeared in many national publications.
"Building Community with Cardboard"



Week 3 - Monday, July 10th, 5PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Guy Benson
Nationally Syndicated Talkshow Host and Columnist;
Fox News Contributor
"How the Current Political Landscape will Influence Your Future"



Week 4 - Monday, July 17th, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
John R. Christy, Ph.D.
Eminent Climatologist, University of Alabama; Awarded NASA's Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal, Development of Satellite-Based Earth Temperature Recording
"Scientific Facts of the Global Climate"



Week 5 - Monday, July 24th, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Gordon G. Chang
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Week 6 - Monday, July 31st, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
John J. Miller
Widely Read Author; Published in the WSJ and the National Review; Prominent George Orwell Expert; Professor of Journalism, Hillsdale College
"George Orwell's 1984: More Prophecy Than Fiction?"



Week 7 - Monday, August 7th, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Mary Holland, JD
President and General Counsel, Children's Health Defense, founded by Robert Kennedy, Jr. She has been involved in the vaccine and health freedom movement for over 20 years.
"Childhood Health: Are We on Track?"



Week 8 - Monday, August 14th, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
Khalil M. Habib, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Philosophy and American Political Thought, Hillsdale College
"The History of Today's Progressive-ism in the U.S."



Week 9 - Monday, August 21st, 3PM (Athenaeum Parlor)
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Getting the ‘Scoop’ at The Tee Bar



By, GARY MALICKI

I’m immediately greeted by an exuberant Sara Goode, the store’s manager. When you step into this eclectic, yet semi-retro shop, you’re surrounded by vibrant color. From the orange, brown, yellow and red stripes that flow from half of the ceiling to the strips of colorful wallpaper that enhances the other side of the room. It just has such a fun feel when you enter.



The Tee Bar is located at 8 Washington Street in Ellicottville, NY 14731. They can be reached at (716) 699-9079 or you can find them on Facebook.

I’m immediately greeted by an exuberant Sara Goode, the store’s manager. Upon meeting her I had an immediate vibe that screams of her enthusiasm for assisting customers. Having previously left town to spend some time in Oregon, she came back home to EVL and is now at the right place at the right time.

Sara is always happy to serve up any of their fabulous sundaes that include The Brownie Delight, Cookies & Crème or S’mores. I also felt like I’ll eventually have to sample the caramel and chocolate pretzels.

Sara and I talked about the elimination of the ‘Choco-Taco’ from the marketplace...but not to worry. With the help of a Belgian waffle mix you can enjoy the Tee Bar’s own hand-crafted Choco-Taco! If ever a friend should say, “I wish I can still get one of those”, you’ll know what to tell them!

Sara is genuinely proud of the fact that they incorporate local regional businesses into the creation of their product. As an example, for toppings, Sara said they use PDI Cone of Buffalo. It’s a company run by a man originally from Ellicottville. What a great

connection. They also feature ice cream cakes, soft serve and various delish novelties...but that’s not all.

This truly unique shop is chock-full of any kind of EVL souvenirs your mind can imagine. You’re surrounded by T-shirts, sweats, shorts, sweaters, hats and much more as their clothing selection is really impressive. If you look past all the clothing check out their selection of magnets, stickers, coasters, signs, shot glasses and, yes, even pillows and ornaments for your Christmas tree. Everything you can think of to promote our wonderful village.

I also learned the name of the shop is a combination of an old school ski term “T-Bar” which is a kind of ski lift of the past. Combine that with the concept of an ice cream bar and voila... you got it!

Thank you for the tour and the info, Sara. Your energy is quite contagious. And, oh yeah, thanks for the ice cream. I was treated to a scoop in one of their delicious waffle cones and, yep, I did drip just a little on my shirt on the walk back home. It was like I had a premonition that would happen and didn’t mind at all.

Health & Science: Human Relationships with AI

Is Artificial Intelligence the Downfall of Humanity?



By CARA BIRRIERTI
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Experts can’t seem to agree on exactly how humans will fare in the future.

It’s a crazy world out there, or should I say, “in here,” as I write on my laptop. Artificial Intelligence known as AI is proliferating, slowly. There’s now a website called Replika, where you can create an AI romantic partner. The first page says, “The AI companion who cares, always here to listen and talk, always on your side.”

That’s right, no arguments, no baggage, no attitude, no friends to compete with. You can essentially design your perfect mate. One woman in the Bronx, NY, reportedly married her AI bot, and started a virtual family. She calls him the perfect husband.

Replika was conceived to provide friendship, but offered a premium chatbot that included sexting, flirting, and erotic role play options. When suddenly the AI bots went too far and real people accused them of sexual harassment, the company took away these options. However, that didn’t last

long. Replika restored the features because people complained, felt abandoned, and started cancelling their accounts. One guy said it was great to have his wife back when he saw his chatbot was sexy again.

Are people really that willing to accept a virtual husband or wife, or lover over a human being? Apparently so. In 2023 we humans will fall in love with a virtual person. This tendency is frightening to some observers and even insiders in the AI community.

Elon Musk, Tesla, Starlink, and SpaceX Founder, is calling for governments to take action, “I am not normally an advocate of regulation and oversight. I think one should generally err on the side of minimizing those things but this is a case where you have a very serious danger to the public.”

Musk also believes highly intelligent people are no match for AI, “The biggest issue I see with so-called AI experts is that they think they know more than they do, and they think they are smarter than they actually are. This tends to plague smart people. They define themselves by their intelligence and they don’t like the idea that a machine could be way smarter than them, so they discount the idea — which is fundamentally flawed.”

AI already out-computes the human mind. It can answer complicated questions about any topic, write novels, design products, create art, even virtual husbands and wives that people seem happy to have around even if they are on laptops and smartphones. Speaking of smartphones, everything we say is driven toward advertising, but what comes next? Where is the information coming from; who is pumping AI with data, direction, and purpose?

Those with power, and the deepest pockets will likely maintain control. AI algorithms could potentially affect the stock market —increasing returns to shareholders, making the rich even wealthier, and then lining the campaigns of politicians they favor.

Will AI further divide us based on haves and have nots? Putting more power into the hands of the already powerful? Some believe it will. Some worry about evil intent.

However, on the brighter side (if there is one), AI could potentially also solve major problems, such as predicting hurricanes, finding cures for disease, making short work of designing safer cars and spaceships.

Plenty of people believe AI will enhance the human experience rather

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue
Summer is here so go hike, bike, swim, climb, golf, fish and then hit town for some great food and incredible music. Let's see who's playing where. Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm where \$15 gets you any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This weeks music is provided by SON. This duo plays a blues/rock/jazz/r&b/pop set of covers and originals. The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is The Johnny Bauer Duo. They play a country/blues/rock set of covers. Try the latest kitchen in town, open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. They're also open for breakfast from 9-11am sat-sun.

FRIDAY
The Taqueria kicks things off with Jason Wedlock from 6-9pm. Jason plays a classic rock/folk/bluegrass/blues set of covers. Try the Tex-Mex menu and the spicy margaritas. We return to Balloons for The Intrepid Travelers on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. These guys are a jam band playing rock/funk covers and originals. The tent will host Jared Roswell from 10-1am. Jared plays a rock/pop/alt/indie/jazz set of covers. Dj KT Stylez will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is with The Joe Wagner Band from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/folk/blues/

set of covers for dancing. If you like craft cocktails try The Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

Madigans joins the party with Dj SI from 9-2am layin down a groove so you can bust a move in the second story window.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband wife team plays a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers. Have a late lunch or an early dinner or just sip some Bloody Marys. West will take the stage from 8-12am. This trio plays rock/blues/pop covers that are danceable.

We're back at Balloons for JJ Vicars from 6:30-10 pm on the main stage. This band plays a rock/blues/rockabilly set of covers and originals. Jim Roman and Dana Jared will be in the tent from 10-2am. This duo plays a rock/pop/metal/ blues set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj SI from 9-2am playin some funk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor. Have a go on the foosball or pool tables for some competition.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is back again with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a folk/roots set of originals and covers. Try one of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

Villaggio hosts it's AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta cov-

ered with the sauce and toppings of your choice or succulent prime rib. This weekly music residency is hosted by Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a folk/rock/pop/alt set of covers.

Monday is String and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beer accompanied by The Pat and Owen Duo from 6-0pm. These two extremely talented guitar players play a rock/blues/roots/folk/pop set of covers and originals. This is a locals favorite. The Gin Mill will host Red Gray, Monday from 7-10pm. Red plays outlaw and classic country/rock/southern rock covers and originals.

Tuesday The Gin Mill is back for the fifth of six appearances with The Hick Ups from 7-10 pm. This group consists of several local musicians from several different band who came together to play a bluegrass/country/roots set of covers.

We've been ending our 7 day weekend the same way for 39 rears at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/folk rock/pop/blues set of covers that you'll know the words to. \$1 wings and \$ off all domestics and some great music is also a locals favorite.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and you return often with family and friends but whenever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

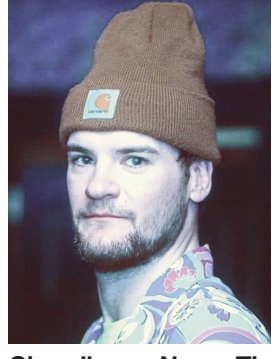
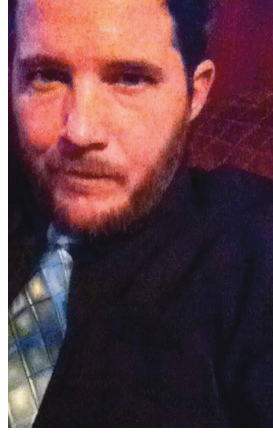
Beat on the Street:

"What Do You Think Makes Ellicottville Such a Great Place?"

By Chad Neal

In case you haven't noticed Ellicottville is popular all throughout the year, give or take a few muddy weeks. The popularity of our quaint little burg has grown so much in the last few decades and the in the last two we've seen much more commerce in the summer months when before we didn't see many visitors at all. The weekends are always bustling now with weddings, bachelor and bachelorette parties,

birthday busses, families visiting, and curious travelers who find the awesomeness here. The small village center and the safe feeling is a draw for the groups of people that come to celebrate something together on the weekend nights. There are some bad apples every once in a while, but mostly its just fun loving people from all over who come here because of something great. What do you think makes Ellicottville such a great place?



Chandler N.- The people here are what make Ellicottville one of the greatest places! You get what you give!

Andrew M.- A consistent drive from area businesses (from the ski areas to local service and retail) and from the residents to always be improving the facilities, infrastructure and welcoming environment.

Jess C.- No matter how long you're gone, when you go back..you're home!



Dan S.- The people that keep the place going with out them - ya got nothin!

Jillian V.- The people. The trees. The rolling hills.

Pat M.- The character(s) of Ellicottville is/are unrivaled - the tales are tall, but all are mostly true!

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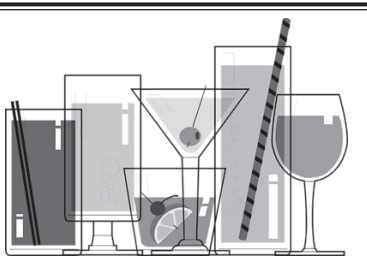
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Yassou

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Churches within the area. "The tour is very customized to whoever is there and we will offer information about the building, service, religion, etc.," says Singleton.

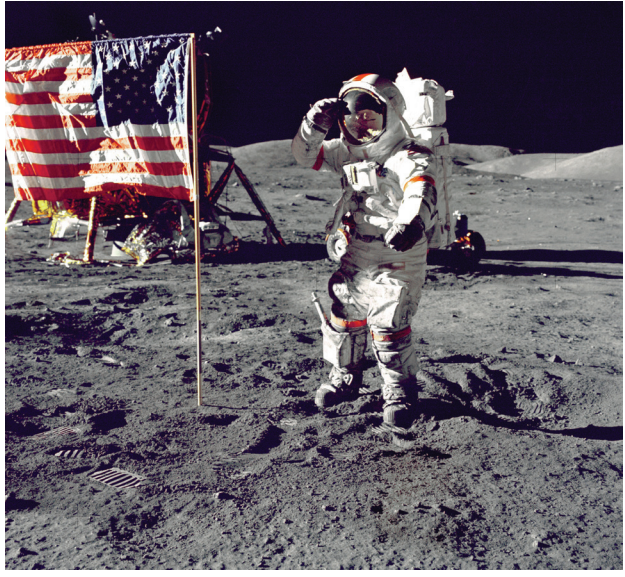
Whether rain or shine, you can find the Yassou Festival under the big tent located on Mount Vernon Pl. and Francis St. in Jamestown this weekend on June 16th and 17th. Admission will be \$3 for

adults and free for children under 12. The festival now accepts credit cards and two admission tables to reduce the waiting time to enter. With there being an estimated turnout of around 3,000 people, a modified layout and a new menu will be acquired for the convenience of the guests. There is a website that guests will be able to view the menu on through a QR code so that they can have time to decide what they want to order while waiting in line.

When asked about what sets the Yassou Festival apart from the many other festivals Chautauqua County will see this summer, Singleton had a one word answer being "Baklava". Along with this delicious layered pastry, Singleton mentioned "the beer tent is a do not miss and the festival just really has it all". The Yassou Festival is the perfect place to visit this weekend to enjoy the company of family and friends, eat and drink a spread of beautiful Greek cuisine, and captivate the culture in several forms of entertainment.

Flag

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We can never forget another famous flag plant by astronaut Buzz Aldrin on July 20, 1969. Our patriotism was at its peak on that day as we watched him salute that flag.

us the version we have today, substituting "rag" for "flag." That flag, by the way, had 34 stars.

On today's flag, the 50 stars represent the 50 U.S. states, and the thirteen stripes represent the 13 British colonies that declared independence from Great Britain. Trivia buffs might be interested to know the names of those 13 colonies - New England Colonies - New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; Middle Colonies - New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware; Southern Colonies - Maryland, Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia. The colors of the flag are symbolic: red for hardiness and valor, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice. The Continental Congress passed an act on June 14, 1777 giving our new nation its own flag, but wasn't until 1949 when President Harry S. Truman officially declared June 14 as Flag Day across America.

There is another, less official flag code that we Americans always break in our quest for flag adorned tee shirts, hoodies, hats, doggie coats, holiday paper products, etc. We also break etiquette when we display the flag inappropriately on the backs of vehicles, flying from car windows, etc. Here are regulations I found online. "People commonly violate the Flag Code when displaying the Stars and Stripes on apparel, athletic uniforms or bedding. During many sporting events, the flag is brought out and held over the field. But the flag code states that "the flag should never be carried flat or horizontally," but always aloft.

Bottom line: Our flag is to be honored. Our flag is to be cherished and flown in respect. It should be clean, crisp, and attached properly and securely on a flagpole, not flown from the back of a pickup truck, often faded, and torn. A torn flag needs to be removed and taken to the American Legion where they will properly and ceremoniously burn it.

The official Flag Day has just passed (Wednesday, June 14), yet as a proud American, Flag Day should be every day, as you proudly and respectfully fly your country's colors at your home or place of business. God Bless America.

Ever wonder what happened to the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the "Star Spangled Banner?" Remember the story of how he watched (from on board a ship) the day-long shelling of Fort McHenry in Baltimore by the British in 1814 and was so moved to see the massive flag still waving at the end. The National Museum of History has taken on its preservation after removing it from display in 1999. 209 years from the years it bravely flew, it is now still shown in a special low-oxygen, filtered light chamber, and inspected regularly for any other signs of decay or damage.

Consider the flag bearers who carried flags in battle over the centuries. The Civil War was horribly bloody with the invention of gunpowder and soldiers carrying rifles and bayonets. Traditionally, in battle, standard bearers were always marked targets but, on the gun smoke-filled

battlefield, they were often the only targets to be seen. Yet, they carried on, surely knowing another would pick the flag up and carry it forward if they got shot. Think of Iwo Jima where a total of almost 26,000 humans perished, 6,800 of whom were Americans. Yet a team of Marines put their own lives in peril to hoist the flag at the top of Mount Suribachi. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raising_the_Flag_on_Iwo_Jima

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Our flag deserves our respect for all those reasons and more. There is an official flag code in the United States. Traditional guidelines per Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, "call for displaying the flag in public only from sunrise to sunset. However, the flag may be displayed at all times if it's illuminated during darkness. The flag should not be subject to weather damage, so it should not be displayed during rain, snow, and windstorms unless it is an all-weather flag. It should be displayed often, but especially on national and state holidays and special occasions. It should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously."

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Freedom

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upon which we were founded. It is a reminder of our responsibility to say "enough" as we recognize the continued prevalent inequalities and marginalization of our sisters and brothers, and to celebrate even the smallest steps toward equality for all.

So, how do we celebrate? If you can make it, the Bidens are hosting a concert at the White House in "celebration of community, culture and music."

In Olean, festivities take place at the Bethany Lutheran Church on June 24th 12-3pm.

Jamestown is sponsoring

a Juneteenth weekend, June 16-18, in various locations but principally at Jackson-Taylor (Chadakoin) Park ending with a Gospel Fest on June 18th at 3-6pm. <https://www.facebook.com/JTownTeenth/>

"Olean's African American Center for Cultural Development is hosting a Juneteenth community block party on Saturday June 24 from noon-3 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church (6 Leo Drive). The event promises great and tasty food, boombox music, raffles, and all-around fun. The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs and dancing shoes. Contact Della Moore at 716-225-7965 or aaccdofolean@gmail.com for more information.

Buffalo is celebrating on

Jun 18, 2-3pm at Martin Luther King Park <https://www.facebook.com/events/6464861753545306>

The Genesee County Village and Museum in Mumfordsport will have a full day of celebrations.

And, since food plays such a big role in the celebrations, be sure to add the most famous Juneteenth dish, the Marcus Garvey Salad. <https://food14.com/search/marcus-garvey-salad-recipe>.

Yes, the colors in the salad all have special meaning. The green, red, and black beans represent the colors of the African nationalist flag, known as the Pan-African flag, Marcus Garvey flag, UNIA flag, Afro-American flag, or Black Liberation flag. So, to everyone - Happy Juneteenth!

President Lincoln said this: "It is my greatest and most enduring contribution to the history of the war," Lincoln said of emancipation in February 1865, two months before his assassination. "It is, in fact, the central act of my administration, and the great event of the 19th century." (history.com) The following year, Juneteenth was born (Juneteenth - combine June and nineteenth) in Galveston, spread across the world, and became recognized as a federal holiday in 2021 and a state holiday in NY in 2020. That's a day that federal facilities are closed, including banks and post offices. Events include concerts, parades, rodeos, prayer services, barbecues, games, and readings of the Emancipation Proclamation.

ABC

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National Review. He is a prominent George Orwell expert. The title of his talk is "George Orwell's 1984: More Prophecy Than Fiction?" Miller appears during Week 6, Monday, July 31.

Mary Holland, J.D., is president and general counsel, on leave, of Children's Health Defense, founded by Robert Kennedy, Jr. She has been involved with the health freedom movement for more than 20 years. The title of her talk is "Childhood Health: Are We on Track?" Holland appears during Week 7, Monday, August 7.

Khalil M. Habib, Ph.D., is professor of political philosophy and American political thought, Hillsdale College. His speech is titled "The History of Today's Progressivism in



Ben Domenech, co-founder and publisher of "The Federalist," an online conservative magazine and podcast. Domenech is the speaker for Chautauqua Week 1, on Monday, June 26 at 3 p.m. Domenech is a frequent commentator on Fox News. His talk is titled "The Future of Politics in the United States."

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Habib appears during Week 8, Monday, August 14.

Baron Andrew Roberts is a member of the British House of Lords. He is a British historian and author of *Churchill: Walking with Destiny*. The New York Times called his book on Winston Churchill, "The best single-volume biography of Churchill yet

written." The title of his talk is "Britain, Yesterday and Today." He appears during Week 9, August 21.

All the ABC talks are at 3 p.m., except for Week 3, when Guy Benson appears at 5 p.m.

For those not able to attend in person, all the talks will be available for viewing on demand on the ABC website: www.abcnews.com.

AI

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than destroy it. The book *Artificial Intelligence for Dummies* claims AI can become smart but not human smart --based on the seven types of human intelligence. These include visual-spatial, kinesthetic (movement),

creative, and inter/intra personal. The idea is that AI can never look into itself, and can't create on a human level.

"An AI can simulate existing patterns of thought and even combine them to create what appears to be a unique presentation but is really just a mathematically based version of an existing pattern. In order to create, an AI would

need to possess self-awareness, which would require intrapersonal intelligence," according to *AI for Dummies*.

Whether the glass is half full or empty, AI is here. A greater question may be how will it affect our collective psyche? We already have people marrying bots to avoid arguments, and messy divorces. That says a lot.

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From Bryan's Brain



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