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Buffalo AKG Art Museum Open Doors to Expansion Opened in June 2023



By KATE BARTLETT

The Buffalo AKG Art Museum, formerly the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, is a beacon ...

translucent building as well as renovations to the 1905 and 1962 buildings. This was the largest capital campaign for a cultural institution in the history of WNY, raising \$230 million dollars.

SEE "AKG" PAGE 9

HoliMont Saddle Pond Party 2nd Annual Summer Outdoor Festival



By KATE BARTLETT

HoliMont is excited to host the second annual Saddle Pond Party and Trade Show this Saturday and Sunday, July 22-23. The event takes place at the newly renovated area atop the slopes with a variety of family fun activities including paddle sports, live music, Kona

bike demos, tie-dyeing and bike rentals from Loud Performance. The event is open to everyone and all the activities are free. You just have to pay for a lift ticket if you plan to ride to the top.

Jennah Bradley is the marketing director at HoliMont,

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New Neighbors Collation Neighborly on Global and Local Fronts



The new neighbors that are making a new life in Chautauqua County are already having a positive impact on their neighborhoods as employees, employers, and friends. New Americans help to counter shrinking populations by filling jobs and seats in schools.

By JESSICA MILLER

"I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you. I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you. So let's make the most of this beautiful day. Since we're together, we might as well say, 'Would you be mine? Could you be mine?'"

Won't you be my neighbor?" Mister/Rev. Fred Rogers himself would be most pleased with the neighborly welcome and helping hand to newer residents of the Chautauqua area. Jamestown's New Neighbors Outreach is an

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History: Bemus Point Village Casino Still Making the Point in Bemus!



The Village Casino, located at 1 Lakeside Drive in Bemus Point, NY stands on land that has been celebrated by many even before it was built in 1929 and the tradition grows on.

By, DARLENE MAE NOWELL O'CONNOR

The tip of Bemus Bay has been a place for: collaboration, celebration and shaking legs, since as far back as when the indigenous peoples from across New York State came together there to strengthen ties and affirm relationships. Accessible by land and water it was the

perfect spot for the Tribes of the Southern tier to congregate and make important agreements. With formalities out of the way, it appears they would stay for a few days partaking of firewater and dancing wildly under the moon and starlit sky. Not unlike myself and my friends in the 1980's.

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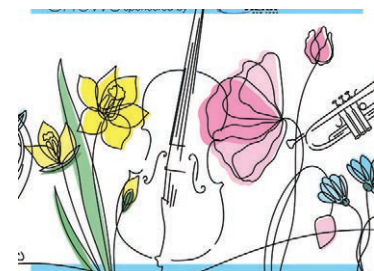
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Buffalo Philharmonic Summer Series Free Concert Series Continues Through Aug.

KATE BARTLETT



While only 2 concerts remain in July, The BPO has opened ticket sales for the 2023-2024 season. On July 21 at 7pm, The BPO will play at the Johnnie B. Wiley Sports Pavilion in a free Concert for Unity to promote music that uplifts, heals and unifies our community.

The final performance of this month is a ticketed event at beautiful Artpark Mainstage on Saturday, July 29 at 7:30. Carl Orff's Carmina Burana features the BPO alongside the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, and Spanish theatrical group La Fura dels Baus. This production enhances Carl Orff's famously dramatic score with striking imagery and special effects. Experience the BPO and explore Artpark, the Gem of Lewiston.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra has been treating audiences to a variety of free outdoor concerts this summer. This July and August, the concerts continue at various locations around Western New York. This past Sunday, The BPO played outside the highly acclaimed and much anticipated reopened Buffalo AKG Art Museum. Many more concerts are planned for the coming months, for

"BPO" PAGE 10

ArtPark in Lewiston, NY

Theatre, Concert, Dance & Art 2023 Events



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Artpark State Park in Lewiston, NY is a beautiful natural setting for theatre, concerts, dance and art, on 150 acres of land overlooking the Niagara River Gorge. The events scheduled for the remainder of the summer begin with the Thursday, July 20th matinee performance of "Sensing Resonance" at 12:30, which includes elements of music, dance and spoken word. At 7pm the same day, the Philip Glass String Quartet (New Music in the Park Series) will perform.

Saturday, July 22nd, will be a day for the park's Free Family Saturdays featuring "The Art of Surprise". Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th will mark the third week of the Art Camp, beginning at 9am each day. On Thursday, July 27th, at 6:30pm, Larkin Poe, with the Allman Betts band, will be performing. On Saturday, July 29th, the Free Family Saturday will feature "The Art of Comic Book Characters" at noon, while on the same day, at 8pm, there will be the North

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# Publisher's Word

"And the Month Rolls On! Another Fun Week to Enjoy!!"



*some Chinese Cuisine!*) think this one could have been better planned out for the weekend...  
 It's also World Jump Day so you can sweat off those extra calories.  
 • Tuesday, July 25: This day seems to be filled with the most fun! It is National Wine and Cheese Day (*but isn't every day?*). It is also National Hot Fudge Sundae Day and National Merry-go-round Day (*I don't suggest doing these all-in-one time frame; sounds like a bad combination!*)  
 • Saturday, July 22: National Hammock Day, this is one I am particularly fond of!  
 • Sunday, July 23: (This is a Double Decker!) National Gorgeous Grandma Day & National Parent's Day so, children of all ages be good to your parents and if you want to treat them with something sweet, it's also National Vanilla Ice Cream Day so you have a plan.  
 • Thursday, July 20: National Fortune Cookie Day (*good excuse to grab*  
 • Monday, July 24: (Amongst other things) is National Tequila Day—  
 Who comes up with this stuff? I don't know, but it's fun! *Until next week, enjoy the read!!*  
 - Yours in writing,  
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- Logan Patrick Grover... July 28th • Donna McFadden... July 29th
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## Master Gardeners to Host Sip & Paint Fundraiser Friday, August 18th at Nannen Arboretum in EVL



BY SHANNON RINOW,

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County's Master Gardener Program is hosting a Sip & Paint Fundraiser on Friday, August 18th 6:30pm-8:30pm at the Nannen Arboretum at 28 Parkside Drive in Ellicottville. Join us for a fun night with your friends painting pollinators and learn about their importance and how to create an inviting garden for them.

Tickets are \$25/each and includes all painting supplies and one drink. Wine is provided by Winery of Ellicottville. Additional beverages are available.

Preregistration is required by calling (716) 699-2377 or emailing [cattaraugusmg@cornell.edu](mailto:cattaraugusmg@cornell.edu).

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# Ellicottville Jazz & Blues Festival

July 28-30 throughout the Village of Ellicottville



Jazz and Blues Weekend in Ellicottville is a boutique experience. Wander through the village and choose from a variety of Jazz and Blues performance areas ranging from restaurants, bars & nightclubs and street-side.

Ellicottville has the shops and all the facilities you'd expect in an international class resort, the village is self-contained – all of the venues are within an easy walking distance of each other so after you arrive, leave the car and enjoy the fresh mountain air on foot. Outstanding accommodations for all budget levels are located in the Village or within walking distance. (See full music schedule, page 4.)



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## Memorial Butterfly Release

Date Set for August 11 at Olean General Hospital

**Memorial Butterfly Release**

**Release date**  
**August 11, 2023**  
**3:00pm**  
**OGH Front Lawn**



Olean, NY – Friday, August 11, Olean General Hospital (OGH) will be hosting a Memorial Butterfly Release at 3pm. The event will take place at the St. Francis Heritage Garden behind the hospital. OGH invites anyone looking to honor and celebrate the memory of their loved ones through a live butterfly release. The cost is \$15 per butterfly. Participants are asked to reserve their butterflies by July 21 as there are a limited number available. “With the success of last year’s event we had to bring this back again for our community,” said Steve Jackson, president, OGH Foundation. “This is such an intimate ceremony for those who attended. It’s something special, and emotional, to see the butterflies being released to memorialize those who we’ve lost.” For more information, or to reserve your memorial butterfly for the release, please contact Erica Dreher at (716) 375-7377 or email her at [edreher@ogh.org](mailto:edreher@ogh.org).

## Bemus Point Lake Days

Visit Bemus Point Association Presents August 5 & 6, 2023



Join your favorite, Bemus point businesses! The weekend we recommend turning your boat into a pirate ship! Share and dining, 1:00 PM. Decorate your boat and join in the fun. more details!

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and is thrilled to be a part of the planning process for the second year in a row. "Last year was a lot of fun, and we continue to make this event bigger and better for years to come. This year, we've added tying for a fun activity for all ages." HoliMont logo shirts will be available for \$10, and guests are welcome to bring their own shirt for free.

The festival will feature outdoor sports vendors as well as, swimming, paddle sports, and a kids fishing derby that will take place from 10:30-12:30 on the pond. Wanderer Hut food truck will be on site Saturday like usual and Off the Stick Ice Cream Truck will be serving up treats Saturday atop the hill from 12-3. Guests will enjoy live music by 10 Delaware on Saturday evening from 5-8 and Kona bike demos on Sunday.

The Saddle Pond Party was created to help support local businesses who share the common interest and passion for the great outdoors. "We realized that there are no trade shows in our area that are geared towards outdoor sports and recreation, so we hope that this event can bring more interest to the Ellicottville area," says Jennah. "The Saddle Pond event gives families a fun outdoor festival to look forward to every year, while also helping local businesses promote their products and services."

Stop down to HoliMont Bike Park 6000 Route 242 anytime either day July 22 or 23 to check out the action. Visit their events page on their website on the HoliMont.com website and follow on social media for updated information leading up to the event.



## Ellicottville Jazz & Blues Weekend

THURSDAY JULY 27

7:00 PM  
JESS AND THE MESS- THE VILLAGE GAZEBO

FRIDAY JULY 28

12:00 AM @ GIN MILL - SPEEDY PARKER BLUES BAND  
6:00 PM @ ELLICOTTVILLE TAP + BOTTLE & TAQUERIA - IRON EYE EXPERIENCE  
8:00 PM @ HOLIDAY VALLEY - CHRIS MALONEY (CABANA BAR)  
9:00 PM @ MADIGANS - DJ PERSIA

SATURDAY JULY 29

1:00 PM @ WINERY OF ELLICOTTVILLE - EPIC EAGLES (MAIN STAGE@ WINERY OF ELLICOTTVILLE)  
2:00 PM @ GIN MILL - DAVEY O  
4:00 PM @ MADIGANS - TONY DEROSA BAND  
6:30 PM @ ELLICOTTVILLE TAP + BOTTLE & TAQUERIA - JENUINE CELLO  
8:00 PM @ GIN MILL - MARIA AURIGEMA BAND  
9:00 PM @ MADIGANS - DJ SI

SUNDAY JULY 30

1:00 PM @ WINERY OF ELLICOTTVILLE - MARK MAZUR LITTLE BIG BAND (MAIN STAGE @ WINERY OF ELLICOTTVILLE)  
2:00 PM @ GIN MILL - THE CHILLBILLYS

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JULY 22 & 23, 2023

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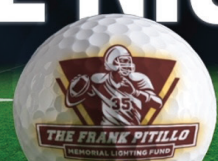
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# HillTAP Festival at Holiday Valley

A Full Day of Music & Adventure, July 22

Ellicottville – The 3rd annual 42 North HillTAP Festival @ Holiday Valley will be hosted atop Spruce Lake on Saturday, July 22nd. This day-long experience will allow guests to experience the natural beauty of Spruce Lake combined with live music, food, drink,

and outdoor recreation. A FULL DAY OF MUSIC AND ADVENTURE.

Tickets will be sold at \$40 (pre-sale), \$45 (day-of-event), and \$50 if transporting a bike on the lift. The ticket includes a chair lift ride to Spruce Lake, a full day of music, and vendor experiences at

the event--stay tuned as we announce our vendors!

Music Lineup: Kody & Herren (1 - 2:30pm); Ten Cent Howl (3:00 - 5:00pm); and The Probables (6 - 8:30 pm). This year, a stage will be added at the base of the mountain for the third band.

**THE LINEUP**  
**The Probables**  
**TEN CENT HOWL**  
**KODY & HERREN**

**SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023**

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 42N x Holiday Valley

## Distilled & Chilled Music Festival

Ellicottville Distillery Host 4th Annual Event, August 19

Distilled & Chilled Music Fest is coming up later this summer on Saturday August 19th! Get your admission presale through: eventbrite.com Ten Cent Howl, Kody & Herren, The Beard and the Bird, Porcelain Train, Jason Mirek

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## WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway Photo Contest

Bigger Cash Prizes, More Categories in 2nd Annual Contest



2022 Winners Left to Right: 1st Place: "Knox Bluebird" by Kyle Post, 2nd Place: "Concord" by James Blesy, 3rd Place: "Autumn Farmland" by Jim Bitten

Nostalgic Buffalo by William C. Even; the second place prize will be \$100 cash; and the third place prize will be \$50 cash. In addition, the finalists for the contest will get their pictures displayed on the silver screens at the Aurora Theatre in East Aurora and the Joylan Theatre in Springville. The deadline for entries will be November 30, 2023. The Byway Group is engaging newspaper photographers from publications in the Southtowns to be the judges. Only those photos that are taken in these communities will be accepted:

- Town of Ashford
- Town of Aurora
- Town of Boston
- Town of Colden
- Town of Concord
- Town of Ellicottville
- Village of Ellicottville
- Village of East Aurora
- Town of Orchard Park
- Village of Orchard Park
- Village of Springville

Both professional and amateur photographers are encouraged to submit their best works. The only other stipulations are that the photos be their own, non-copyrighted creations and that they are limited to five total submissions for this contest. Winners of the 2022 contest were: Kyle Post – "Knox Bluebird"

James Blesy – "Concord" Jim Bitten – "Autumn Farmland"

Their photos are at the end of this press release. Available for publication upon request: Contact Paul D. Maurer at (716) 553-4061.

The not-for-profit Western New York Southtowns Scenic Byway's mission is: "To promote economic development and community pride through the thoughtful stewardship of the natural, scenic, cultural, historic, and recreational resources of the byway region." Those who wish to support the group are encouraged to visit wnyssb.org.

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# White Exhibits in Westfield, NY

Multimedia Artist, Lauralynn, Blends Human and Nature



The artist divides her time between Chicago and the Chautauqua Institution, whose School of Art contributed to her education. She helped run an inn at the institution for 17 years, and two of her wood-panel works - 'Determination' and 'Trust' - were created in its basement

By MILES HILTON

Head on up to the Patterson Library's Octagon Gallery in Westfield, where Lauralynn White is exhibiting her paintings and sculpture from now until August 4th. Solo show "Tribute" offers visitors a rich array of paintings and sculpture, formed of unique processes and natural materials, along with important questions - How do we distill the world? What is important?

White's pieces use wood, slate, and beeswax as their primary elements. Extended from the patterns of wood grain and layers of stone, human figures dance in various states of completeness. "I started finding these figures in wood as a child, seeing patterns in clouds and in the grains of wood," she says, but it wasn't until decades into her artistic career that she started making what

she calls "conversations with wood", pieces where she traces human forms out of the grain in paint only slightly darker than the wood itself. "I wanted it to look like it just happened," she explains. One gallery-goer remarked that the pieces are "experiential, you have to put your own energy into them." The exhibition certainly rewards close attention, creating a playful hide-and-seek with the works as more and more detail is revealed.

White's three-dimensional work adds another perspective. In several pieces she pairs with artist Tim Youse, using his abstract wooden sculpture as the base for her paintings. Some of her slate works lie between painting and high-relief sculpture, using modeling clay to mold figures, and a new series of driftwood-based sculpture features communities of beeswax people dancing

over weathered-wood hills. White's art has a definite agenda, which follows naturally from the subjects, materials, and processes she uses. "I really want people to understand that the same matter that makes up the world makes up us" she asserts, adding that she hopes this sense of connection and love will lead people to act with greater environmental consciousness. Sure enough, it's hard not to feel more connected with the rest of life after spending time with "the human form integrated in the landscape", rising from it just as naturally as do the mountains and trees.

In keeping with this rhythm, White stresses the fluidity of her process. "I stare at these things for a long, long time", she laughs, "I'm spending

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# ArtPark

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American Premiere of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" by La Fura Dels Baus. Monday, July 31st, the Medicine Wheel Workshop happens at 10am. It's free to attend and open to the public.

On Wednesday, August 2nd, there will be "Sensing Resonance: Plein Air Poetry Writers' Sunset Workshop Series" at 6pm. It's also free and open to the public. On Saturday, August 5th, at 8pm the entertainment will be provided by Jason Isbell and the 400 Unit, and Sunday, August 6th, it will be from the John Bacon Quintet (part of the New Music in the Park Series.)

On Thursday, August 10th, at 7pm, you can hear the "Richard Marx with Yacht Rock Revue". Sunday, August 13th, you can hear another part of the New Music in the Park Series entitled "Lux: Vivaldi Redefined: the Four Seasons" at 4pm. Thursday, August 17th, at 7:30pm, what's on the schedule is "Parker McCollum: Summer Tour 2023", and on Sunday, August 20th, at 6pm it's Whiskey Myers. Wednesday, August 23rd, hear "Sublime With Rome" at 7pm.

On Sunday, August 27th, the special Artpark Cirque Celebration begins at 5 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater Terrace. There will be Cirque's unique brand of entertainment, live music, auctions, catered food, a two-and-a half-hour open bar and lots of fun! At 8 p.m. there will be a performance of "Exit by Cirque Inextremiste", featuring amazing acrobatics involving a tethered hot-air balloon and tight-rope walking. Individual tickets are \$300. if it rains, the show will move to the Mainstage Theater. For more information or to arrange payment by



"MURMURATION" By So-Il, Florian Idenburg, Ted Baab, Andrew Gibbs, Ray Rui Wu is located in Artpark's Lower Park (South 4th St. entrance). Open daily dawn until dusk.

Murmuration is a structure that creates a place for gathering in the landscape. Echoing a flock of birds midair, the installation appears to continually shift its shape as visitors catch glimpses across the rolling Artpark topography.

Guests immerse themselves under the 2,350-square-foot mesh cloud suspended from a steel framework, playing amongst the trees. A constellation of metal frames floating from poles of varying heights is wrapped in netting, giving the canopy its shape.

phone, contact Wendy Diina at wdiina@artpark.net or call (716) 754-9000 (extension 154). If you go, remember "Festive attire is encouraged, comfy shoes are required".

Monday, 8/28, the musical entertainment will be Pixies & Modest Mouse with the special guest Cat Power, while the music on Friday, September 1st will be played at 7pm by Alvveys Alex, and on Saturday, September 9th, it will be the turn of the Grace Potter: Mother Road Tour, at 7pm.

Among the art installations at the park is a re-installation of "Niagara 1979", an artwork of over 43,000 square feet which, in the summer of 1979, was the world's largest painting. It features 60

two-foot by 364-foot lines including nine different colors. "Murmuration", which describes a flock of birds (such as starlings) that moves in unison in mesmerizing patterns. The installation achieves a similar effect by continually changing its shape. "Emerald Grove" by Jesse Walp, is interactive art and includes bridges, windmills and other fun elements.

Viewing the art is free, from dawn to dusk, but parking fees may apply. The Artpark (officially known as the Earl W. Brydges Artpark State Park) is located at 450 South 4th Street. The box office number is (716) 754-4375. or email boxoffice@artpark.net.



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Tri-Co. Arts Council: Collage Exhibit in Olean, NY

Baker's "The Real Ethereal World" Welcomes Ambiguity

By MILES HILTON

Collage artist Sara Baker Michalak opened "The Real Ethereal World", an exhibit of works from 2020 to the present, at the Tri County Arts Council in Olean last Friday. The naturally-inspired collages range from abstract to recognizable, featuring plant imagery, text, and texture. Rather than rely on pre-made images, Baker Michalak makes her own materials. "I paint, I draw, and then those materials will be deconstructed and I do collages with those," she says. The textures of the paper she uses, along with "subtractive work, like scrubbing and scratching" and the use of images on transparent surfaces, gives her pieces their characteristic complexity and depth.

She describes her process "of seeing and observing" as "almost a straight meditation," whether sitting with pieces as they develop or taking a "deep ecology" approach, observing nature and gathering the photographs and inspiration for her work. All her pieces, even the most abstract, "arise from observational experience", a personal process of "dealing with change on a very deep level".

The titles of many pieces - Shadowlight, the 'Letters Looking for a Language' series, 'Brilliantly in the Dark' - seem paradoxical. The show's title, "The Real Ephemeral World," certainly is. Like the rest of her work, her titles "arise after a lot of observation". She seeks out "meaningful ambiguity", including references to "experiences that are somehow ambiguous", such as memory and time, and "all



'Brilliantly in the Dark' by Sara Baker Michalak. Many works themselves, through the conscious deconstruction of the recognized form, become a doorway.

experience, if we study it closely."

"What we observe with our five senses is incredibly wonderful and beautiful but it's a lead-in" to a direct understanding of the constant cycles of change that animate everything we can sense. "The real is what it is, what animates it is the energy", and the transitions between those states are, in a sense, the only permanent thing. The show as a whole is "a transitional from the real to the ethereal."

That transition implies a doorway. "Liminality is big for me" Baker Michalak affirms, and her work is liminal on many levels. Pieces occupy a space between figurative and gestural abstraction. Many works themselves, through the conscious deconstruction of the recognized form, become a doorway. Some are framed as doorways or portals, and their titles invite different and contradictory interpretations.

Some of those interpretations may be less comfortable to the modern American viewer. "De-evolution is absolutely essential to evolution," Baker Michalak stresses, "nothing new develops unless the old is unlocked and deconstructed". She makes decay, deconstruction, "the return" to the unformed energy and matter that gives rise to everything around us, one of the stars of her work on equal footing with the beautiful results of constructive evolution.

"It might be experienced as a disorganization or a lack of clarity," Baker Michalak admits, but "I would like people to [...] confront that and consider it an opportunity". On a more literal level, she continues, "I would like people to think about the problems we face", especially global climate

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## Casino

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It was in the late 1800's, early 1900's, as the men of industry began using the lake for transporting logs and other raw materials and the advent of the railroad, that brought the first Boom to the Bay. Steamships would bring passengers to the point, and to points beyond, to the Grand Hotels that lined the shores of Chautauqua Lake. The land where the Casino was built was purchased by a wealthy businessman from Pittsburgh. An entrepreneur, James Selden began construction of the Casino in 1929 and held its Grand Opening in 1930, just in time to usher in the era of the Big Bands and Swing. I can remember the stories

my parents would tell of dancing in the upstairs ballroom to the legendary sounds of Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra with old blue eye's himself, Frank Sinatra, swooning on. Lena Horn, Ozzie and Harriet and other famous Fab Five types would debut in the exquisite upstairs Ballroom. In later years Junie Schenk and the Solid Gold would grace the stage with impersonations of Elvis Presley and even my father, Larry Nowell, would play his Hammond B3 in the Ballroom for the dining and dancing pleasure of the guests. Throughout the years it would serve the crowds as a Beach house, a bowling alley and when the Fuscus family operated the business, it was full of pool tables, top of the line pinball machines and arcade games. Throughout the years The Village Casino has adapted

to trends featuring the contemporary greats such as, the 10,000 Maniacs and Rusted Root and has consistently provided the best in entertainment and affordable waterfront dining since the doors first opened to serve those who came by ferry, boat or automobiles. And so, it remains today under the helm of Andrew Carlson, whose family took over operations in 1999.

Andrew is quite the entrepreneur himself. As we spoke today, I grew a great respect for him and his mission to carry on the laid back, family friendly Village atmosphere of the Casino, that has welcomed the land lubbers and sea dogs alike for almost a century. These days, "carryout" does not just apply to customers in cars, now the Casino also offers "Boat side" delivery to the docks. Now that is service

with a smile! What I really appreciate about Andrew is his respect for "Casino History" and "Bemus Point" tales of legend. He keeps a generation of memories alive with preserved marquee posters and period pictures hanging throughout the venue. The upstairs Ballroom still offers elegant space for parties, wedding receptions and celebrations for up to 300 guests and the view from the windows looking over the lake are second to none. Andy is a firm believer and local leader in building Bemus, but he is committed to local ownership and responsible use of resources and the protection of our beautiful lake. Though he is young, the age of my grown sons, his attitude towards business and community is quite mature and very reassuring. He remembers growing up with his friends

in Bemus Point and hanging out at the Casino in flip flops and cut offs. Those youthful days of swimming, boating and water sports are times he treasures and never took for granted. He recalls when he was around 13 years old, his father telling him they were going to take over the lease and operate the Casino. He was thrilled and has been happy about that choice ever since. He understands the importance of treating everyone well and he shared a story to that point with me, and I would like to share it with you.

Forever, the ketchup on the Casino tables had been the brand featuring 57 varieties of tomatoes; HEINZ. There would have never been a switch made to an inferior ketchup, were it not for a tough year for tomatoes. The increase in price was not justifiable and reluctantly Andy ordered a cheaper brand.

One summer afternoon he was approached by a customer who ventured to ask about the change. He proclaimed that while the meal was pleasant enough, he preferred Heinz on his burgers and fries and could he persuade him to return to the choice condiment. He continued on, that with Andy's permission, he would gladly replace the existing bottles with Heinz at his own expense.

The customer always being right, what could he say other than, "Sure, that would be great?" and the rather unassuming and quite casual customer left with a grin and Andy scratching his head. Like clockwork the next morning, the Sysco Delivery Truck was there with the Casino's order of chicken wings, hamburger

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# Buffalo AKG Art Museum Reopening: Doors to Expansion Project Opened in June 2023



The enhancements included a new three-story translucent building (above left). The new Buffalo AKG features over 50,000 square feet of exhibition space, 5 state-of-the-art studio classrooms (middle), the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Town Square (above right), and more than half an acre of new public green space (below). Current exhibits include *Chorus of the Deep* by Firelei Baez (a monumental glass tile mosaic), *Common Sky* by Studio Other Spaces (both a work of art and a functional canopy), *Looking Back: Lucas Samaras's Mirrored Room* (below, right), *Through a Modernist Lens: Buffalo and the Photo Procession*, and more.

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reopening as well as the start of the summer season. This was the first opportunity for the community to view the expansion.

The new Buffalo AKG features over 50,000 square feet of exhibition space, 5 state-of-the-art studio classrooms, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Town Square, and more than half an acre of new public green space. Designers sought to accommodate better

parking by constructing an underground parking garage below the museum. The museum remains situated alongside Frederick Law Olmsted's Delaware park, offering beautiful views throughout the gallery both indoors and out. Three new points of entry aim to better accommodate crowds, as well as an iconic outdoor space.

According to board members of the AKG, "These enhancements were urgently needed to properly house the museum's growing collection, mount rotating special exhibitions, and present a dynamic range of complementary

educational programs." The museum serves the community in a variety of facets. In addition to housing such important artwork, it provides the background for many concerts and events. It serves as a popular spot for wedding photographs, with its timeless edifice beautifully situated overlooking the park.

"It has been an incredible experience designing a new building and campus fit for the great curatorial and programmatic ambitions of the Buffalo AKG Art Museum," says Shohei Shigematsu, Partner at OMA. "Creating a space for one of the greatest

collections of modern and contemporary art, in a historic park and campus, informed a design centered around dialogue amongst three generations of buildings: art, park, and city."

The museum has also expanded its programming to include a multigenerational learning and play space. Through a partnership with LEGO, the Creative Commons includes a hands-on playful learning experience to be creative, and form connections with art. Another expanded offering includes a new audio experience for guests to tour the museum at their

own pace. AKGo! features a variety of voices, and guides visitors through seven journeys to engage different audiences.

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Expressionism. The AKG is also currently offering clay classes as well as family and public tours.

Starting the first Friday in September, the AKG will resume M&T First Fridays allowing for 'pay what you wish' admission complete with free drop-in art activities.

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I concur with Andrew's recommendation; Keep your manners about you, because you just never know who might be wearing flip flops or sporting a cowboy hat and everyone is worthy of respect. It was very refreshing to hear him boast about his superb managers

and great employees too.

It was a pleasure to chat with Mr. Andrew Carlson today. When I spoke of the great job the Casino did, hosting The Observation and Celebration of the Life of Jackson Rohm on June 30th, he couldn't wait to brag on his friend and M.C. of the event, Campbell Dawson. Andy said the 30th of June was an anniversary date for Jackson and the Casino. Jackson passed just after they confirmed his appearance for this year on the Casino stage. Andy and Campbell helped us remember him well. Thank you to the both of you.

Cheers to you and all you do Andrew Carlson. May the Village Casino continue to BEMUS UP, well into the Future.



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# Advocates for a Balance at CHQ.

China Expert, Chang, Says China Pushes the US Too Far

“China has been pushing the U.S. with spy balloons, the threat of Covid, fentanyl, theft of intellectual property, you name it,” said China expert Gordon G. Chang. He said that China can hack into any network in the U.S. because we don’t have adequate defenses. We have a lot of Chinese-made devices like drones. China can manipulate our infrastructure and take it down.

“We have to ask ourselves ‘what is going to stop this?’ Right now not very much,” he said. “We don’t have the political will to stop it. We don’t have that type of president to do that.”

Chang has briefed the National Intelligence Council, the Central Intelligence Agency, the United States Department of Defense, the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Congress. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN, CNBC, PBS, and the BBC. He has written articles for The New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Barron’s and the National Review.

Chang is the Chautauqua Institution Week 5 speaker invited by Advocates for Balance at Chautauqua. He will speak in the Athenaeum Hotel parlor at 3pm, Monday, July 24. The title of his talk is “China Shakes the World, a Revolutionary Remaking of the International Order.”

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the Chautauqua audience. Advocates for Balance at Chautauqua programs are not listed in the official Chautauqua publications. But ABC has nearly 700 supporters and their lectures are well attended.

Chang was born in New Jersey to a Chinese father and a mother whose ancestors are from Scotland. He graduated from Columbia High School in Maplewood, New Jersey, where he served as class president. He graduated from Cornell University and then from the Cornell Law School in 1976. After graduation, he moved to mainland China and Hong Kong, where he practiced law as a partner with Baker and McKenzie and as counsel to Paul Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton and Garrison.

American companies should not be investing in China, he said, especially in artificial intelligence. China has jailed people in

the business community. In May they sentenced a 78-year-old American citizen living in Hong Kong to a life sentence on charges of spying.

He said there is a surge of Chinese people coming into the United States through the southern border. Those are not poor Chinese. They are middle class who can afford to give \$35,000 each to the cartels. They want to leave their country.

In addition, he said, the Russian war effort would have stalled if China had not backed it.

Chang has written several books: The Coming Collapse of China, The Great U.S.-China Tech War, Nuclear Showdown: North Korea Takes On the World, and Losing South Korea.

For those not able to attend ABC talks, they are available for viewing on demand on the ABC website: [abcatchq.com](http://abcatchq.com).



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### Gordon G. Chang

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**Opinion: Graduations Can Make Time Stand Still**

**An evening Southwestern Graduates Made**



By, DARLENE MAE NOWELL O'CONNOR  
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**"Freeze this moment a little bit longer. Make each sensation a little bit stronger. Summers going fast nights growing colder. Children growing up Old Friends growing older." – RUSH**

A great big "Thank You" goes out to the SWCS (Southwestern Central School) Keeper of the Classes; the Undeniable and Incredible Kathy Allen Sullivan, for making these moments possible. I wouldn't have missed it, and the Moose Club was perfect for this gathering of "Snobs under the Dome". It was a wish come true to tell Herr Pfaff, my 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade German teacher who recommended I take Spanish my Junior Year, that though I never got past, Ich Liebe dich, I had the honor of representing Chancellor Helmut Kohl in a mock EU summit. Our beloved p.e. teacher & coach, Mr. Tom Priester was on the scene, as was my favorite English teacher Mrs. Anne Tenney Smith. While she has a place in the Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame for excellence in Coaching HS tennis, she was kind enough to let me know in 9<sup>th</sup> grade I should consider cheerleading.

It was great to turn our backs to the wind to catch our breath, before starting off again, driven on,  
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**When You Have a Great Place to Meet; You Find Good Company**



By, GARY MALICKI



I think it's important for communities to have comfortable places where people can get together and connect. The people of Mayberry hung out at Floyd's Barber shop. 'Friends' gathered at the Central Perk and Boston had Cheers.

Having said that, I soon discovered that in EVL one of the best places to do just that is Katy's Café on Washington St.

I recently had the pleasure of sitting down with owner, Katy Arena, to find out what went into creating her successful business. Her background is all about years of working in the restaurant trade. From dishwashing and working at both Madigan's and The Silver Fox, serving the public in the food and beverage industry is in her blood and it has truly paid off.

"I'm always cooking up crazy ideas", she says. The result is employing a staff of twenty-five who make the café and her second restaurant, Katy's Fly In on the 219 in Great Valley, a great accomplishment. And she's not done yet. Katy clued me in on her newest venture as well. She purchased the building and site of the former Meadows restaurant and Masonic Temple also on Rt. 219 in Great Valley. She is planning on turning the venue into an event center

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accommodating groups of 50 to 250 in two separate rooms.

Her customer favorites at the café are the 'Angry Burrito' and the 'Wild Turkey Panini'. At The Fly In, the Friday Fish Fry is the most popular.

My visit there was twofold. I decided to utilize this great meeting place to get together with a hard-working single mom to three boys, Kathleen Isler (pictured, below), who owns and operates a local cleaning service. She contacted me via social media and sent me an email c/o The Villager.



Kathleen's Cleaning Services has been in business for 8 years. She also works at the Wingate cleaning and serving as a breakfast host. She told me that during the time of Covid and travel restrictions, she looked in on many of the properties owned by some of our Canadian friends when they couldn't get here.

She loves what she does and always looks forward to "the end result" which gives her a lot of satisfaction. Whether it's light or deep cleaning, she's ready to tackle the job. She even washes floors by hand, something her father taught her to get in to the nooks and crannies. She supplies all of the cleaning equipment and also offers a laundry service. Kathleen is fully insured and you can make an appointment with her by calling 716-512-9445.

Getting back to Katy's it turns out that it really is a great place to meet to enjoy

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**Purves-Dynasphere:** In 1932, these folks appear to be behind the wheel of something that looks to be from the future, even by today's standards.

# What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

This time of year there's music somewhere every night so let's see who's playing where.

If you come here often you know the weekend never ends in Evl and we start it on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. For \$15 you get your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This weeks musical guest is SON from 6-9pm. They play a r&b/rock/blues/pop/jazz set of covers and originals.

Over at the gazebo Party Squad will perform Thursday from 7-10pm. They play classic rock covers. Bring a chair or blanket and something to eat and drink and enjoy some music under the stars.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. Tiffany and Bob play a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers and originals utilizing smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

**FRIDAY**

Balloons is first up with Jeff Jensen from 6:30-10pm. This Memphis based band travels the world playing blues originals and covers. Ask about merch. Out in the tent Nico Zarcone wil play from 10-1am. He tells me he plays a folk/pop/blues set of covers utilizing a looping pedal to create a depth of sound.

The Cabana Bar joins the fun with The Jim Ronan Duo from 7-10pm. They play a rock/pop/blues/metal set of covers. Sit outside and sip cocktails near the pool

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some

craft cocktails made with high end liquor.

Madigans joins the party with Dj SI rockin the sound booth with some sauce so you can do the floss in the second story window. Play stump the bartender with some of those cocktails with the little umbrellas.

**SATURDAY**

The Gin Mill kicks things off with Old Dawgs, New Tricks from 2-5pm. They tell me they play traditional and contemporary bluegrass and old time string band music. The Joe Wagner Band takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers. Try one of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

Madigans is back with Brent Persia on the deck from 4-7pm. Brent plays a pop/alt/folk set of covers. Brent then switches to Dj Persia and he'll rock the sound booth from 8-11pm when Dj SI steps in and will rock the house with some jams so you can move your gams till 2am.

Jeff Jensen is back on Balloons main stage from 6:30-10pm. Don't miss this trio. These guys are the real deal. Dj Bad Weekend will provide the funk so you can shake your junk on the 2 dance floors from 10-2am. Greg Mach will perform in the tent from 10-1am. Greg plays a pop/folk/country set of covers.

**SUNDAY**

Balloons is back with David Froese in the tent from 1-4pm. David plays folk/blues covers. If you like spicy try the new jerk pork rice bowl.

The Gin Mill hosts The Brothers Blue from 2-5pm. They play roots/bluegrass originals and covers.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from

5-9pm. As always the musical host is Chris Maloney. He plays a rock/pop/alt/folk set of covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers is already a winner but add the music of Tina Williams from 6-9 and you've got a locals favorite. Tina plays a rock/folk/alt/indie set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Monday offering is Red Gray from 7-10 pm. Red plays outlaw and classic country and traditional and southern rock covers and originals.

Tuesday Balloons hosts Samantha Taylor from 6-9pm. Samantha plays pop/country covers. Try the mahi tacos. Da bomb.

Not to be outdone The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo Tuesday from 7-10 pm. Marty plays a folk/blues set of covers from the 60-90's. Try the pot roast if it's on the menu. Comfort food at its best.

Balloons final offering of the week is Molly Conrad , Wednesday, from 6-9pm. Molly plays a folk/pop set of originals and covers enjoy the ambience of the village while you dine in the tent.

All good things must come to an end and we've been ending our week the same for 40 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company, Wing, Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/rock/pop / folk rock/country set of all your favorites. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics makes for another locals favorite.

If you enjoyed our little village tell your family and friends and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!! All you have to do is listen

# Beat on the Street:

What's Your Favorite Thing About Your Mom?



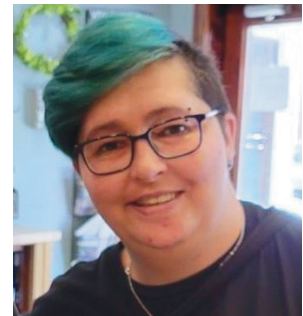
**Alan M.-** She never said NO to anyone. Always there whenever someone needed help. Missing my mom



**Jess B.-** The smile in her eyes when she is happy!



**Chey R.-** The fact that she was my mom and dad.



**Lily I.-** The way we used to dance in the kitchen while making dinner together. She always mixes in the fun with anything we do.

which these buns were cooked. Most of us can say the adoration we have for that lady is unending and unwavering. She taught us so much, and a lot of it was what not to do. Guiding us in the direction to successful traverse through life - mothers are our first teachers as well. What's your favorite thing about your mom?



**Kimberly R.-** She's a best friend, mentor and honest critic all rolled into one. Everything I've learned that's worth knowing, I learned from my mother.



**Amanda S.-** Her unwavering resilience & sense of humor despite hardships.

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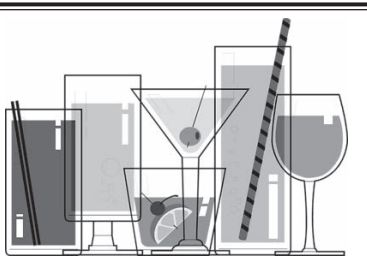
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

**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:**

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# Artist

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weeks looking, until they really speak to me". Once she has an idea of the figures she will draw out of the material, White "shuts out the rest of the world" for twelve hours at a time to paint, allowing her original vision to evolve. "You may put down a line, and it changes the whole vision I had," she says. Throughout the process, she finds inspiration in the calm of the unconscious, saying "a lot of things come to me in the shower, or in dreams". Still, the subject matter is entirely her own.

The artist divides her time between Chicago and the Chautauqua Institution, whose School of Art contributed to her education. She helped run an inn at the institution for 17 years, and two of her wood-panel works - 'Determination' and 'Trust' - were created in its basement. As she describes the struggles of being a working artist, single mother, and innkeeper during a global pandemic, White's voice thickens with tears. 'Determination', she says, was inspired by "setting an example and moving forward," by "getting my kids into college, getting my work into shows, paying the oil bill". The piece's lone figure has a regal presence that demands attention, an emotional weight that connects the viewer to a specific and immediate human experience. White attributes much of her work to "trauma", both personal and global, and shares that all her works "have something deeply personal to me in them". This, ultimately, fuels the works' disarming power. The personal opens a window to the universal, inviting viewers to see a different perspective on human existence - if they're willing to put in the work.

**White's pieces use wood, slate, and beeswax as their primary elements. Extended from the patterns of wood grain and layers of stone, human figures dance in various states of completeness.**

# Exhibit

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change, which may feel "overwhelming." She hopes her work invites people to take a stance of "what do we do now?" As individuals and through relationships, how can we "recreate ourselves" to change things that aren't right? How can we "face it with open eyes?"

The paradoxes of her work imply dualities - recognized and abstract, creation and destruction - and the doorways between them. But at its deepest level, her collages blur even those fundamental pairings. Many works contain circles, often representative of wholeness, but they are sometimes "partial", or faded, or "not quite closed". "The less distinct [the piece] is, the more important those circles are" Baker Michalak says, hinting at her ultimate thesis: there is "continuity", "completeness", "even in the liminality." What seems like a transitional state of pure fluidity is no less 'real' than a flower.

"The Real Ethereal World" is on view until August 26th, and all pieces in the exhibit can be viewed and purchased online at [www.tricountyartscouncil.org](http://www.tricountyartscouncil.org) as well as in-person.

**'Leavings' by Sara Baker Michalak. Decay, deconstruction, "the return" to the unformed energy and matter that gives rise to everything around us is one of the stars of her work.**

# EVL Life

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friend. She does feature an extensive selection of espresso drinks, many different coffee selections and an array of hot teas and cold drinks as well. People who know me well are aware of my affinity for the caramel macchiato and they absolutely know how to do it! Thank you, Katy for your inspiring story and for your hospitality. You really do provide our community with such a nice meeting place.

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**1912 Bear Hollow School in Great Valley**  
The two girls dressed alike in the bottom row on the right are Grace Fay and Anna Ballard.  
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## Refugee

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extension of the Journey's End refugee resettlement program in Buffalo, NY. New Neighbors Outreach began in 2021 after the faith and human rights communities of Chautauqua County became aware of the need to support Afghans who were coming to western New York after the standing military presence ended. These people's lives were in imminent danger of the Taliban if they stayed in Afghanistan, frequently because someone in the family assisted American military involvement. While Afghan asylum seekers were the primary population served by New Neighbors Organization, other people seeking safety and freedom in the USA for many other reasons are also served in their acclimation to their new home; Colombian refugees are now also one of the most represented nationalities involved with New Neighbors Outreach.

Rev. Luke Fodor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church (410 N Main St, Jamestown) acknowledges that refugees and asylum seekers share some everyday needs but have some differences in their situations. "There are differences in where somebody is in terms of their resettlement. An asylum seeker is eligible for employment but can't receive public assistance. A refugee is unable to obtain employment at this stage in their citizenship path, but they do have more access to assistance programs." Amnesty International defines the two groups as follows: "An asylum seeker is an individual who is seeking international protection. In countries with individualized procedures, an asylum seeker is someone whose claim has not yet been finally decided on by the country in which he or she has submitted it. Not every asylum seeker will ultimately be recognized as a refugee, but every refugee is initially an asylum seeker... A refugee is a person who has fled their country of origin and is unable or unwilling to return because of a well-founded fear of being persecuted because of their race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion." War, violence, and persecution are reasons why someone would become an asylum seeker; these people fleeing oppression are among the many who have sought refuge and good lives for their



**Cultural orientation, English as a Second Language and High School Equivalency classes take place daily in Journey's End's classrooms.**

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*- Rev. Luke Fodor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church (410 N Main St, Jamestown)*

The new neighbors that are making a new life in Chautauqua County are already having a positive impact on their neighborhoods as employees, employers, and friends. New Americans help to counter shrinking populations by filling jobs and seats in schools. Even those who are currently barred from W2 employment are determined to become self-sufficient members of their communities. Two of the Colombian families involved in New Neighbors Outreach proudly cook authentic Colombian meals on Sundays at St. Luke's between 11am-1pm. The meals are donation based and help to support the families' material needs while they wait to become eligible for employment and have the added bonuses of introducing diners to Colombian culture and people. Their arepas are especially popular and can be frozen to enjoy later in the week! As initial asylum seekers and refugees build their roots, they also step up to guide newer people through their new lives.

Like anyone in a neighborhood, sometimes they need a helping hand. Refugees and asylum seekers are following the legal path to permanent residency or citizenship but have limited resources and access to the amenities most assume to be basic. Landlords who are understanding of the challenges of brand-new asylum seekers and refugees face during a background check meet a most pressing need for New Neighbors participants:

shelter. Furniture, clothing, linens, and cooking items are important parts of a household that can be met through community item or financial donations. Transportation to anything from Wegmans to Buffalo for legalization proceedings in Buffalo are necessary concerns. Pro bono lawyers are needed to guide asylum seekers and refugees through a complex path to establishment as a citizen or resident. Friends are vital for companionship and strengthening English language command. Thankfully, people of Chautauqua County and Journey's End have risen to the occasion to provide what they can for their neighbors. UPMC Chautauqua is storing some furniture for New Neighbors Outreach; they, like everyone else sharing their time, talent, and assets are greatly appreciated by the families and the organization. Financial gifts are gratefully appreciated at the Chautauqua Regional Community Foundation ([bit.ly/NewNeighborsCo](http://bit.ly/NewNeighborsCo)). Neighborly readers can likewise assist with their time and assets as they are able by reaching out to the following contacts:

Landlords: Kasie Foulk ([foulk@jamestown.gov](mailto:foulk@jamestown.gov))  
Furniture Storage/Moving: Andy Dickson ([adickson3@stny.rr.com](mailto:adickson3@stny.rr.com))  
Employers: Andy Johnson ([andy14701@yahoo.com](mailto:andy14701@yahoo.com))  
Church and Community Groups: Rev. Luke Fodor ([luke.fodor@stlukesjamestown.org](mailto:luke.fodor@stlukesjamestown.org))  
English Language/Cultural Acquisition: Ruth Wahl ([rtw4748@gmail.com](mailto:rtw4748@gmail.com))

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**ORGANIZATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INDIGENOUS CONSULTING LLC:** The name of the Limited Liability Company is INDIGENOUS CONSULTING LLC; its Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on February 1, 2022; the county within New York in which its office is to be located is Cattaraugus; the Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served; the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 11660 Route 39, Perrysburg, NY 14129; the purpose of the limited liability company is to carry on any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION: dj a Construction and Supply, LLC** filed Articles of Organization with the NY Department of State on June 6. Its office is located in Cattaraugus County. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the Company upon whom process against it may be served, and a copy of any process shall be mailed to Ski Wing Road, Allegany, New York. The purpose of the Company is any lawful business.

**PUBLIC NOTICE of ORGANIZATION of LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY** The name of the Limited Liability Company is WIDOW'S SON LLC; its Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State on June 26, 2023; the county within New York in which its office is to be located is Cattaraugus; the Secretary of State has been designated as agent upon whom process may be served; the post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail process is 11660 Rt. 39, Perrysburg, NY 14129; the purpose of the limited liability company is to carry on any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized pursuant to the New York Limited Liability Company Law.

**PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A LICENSE, SERIAL# 3171133 FOR BEER, LIQUOR AND WINE HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR BY S&W COMPANY LLC DBA ELLICOTTVILLE BREWING COMPANY** to sell beer, liquor and wine at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Control Law at Second St. Little Valley, New York county of Cattaraugus for on-premise consumption.

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**FURNITURE REPAIR** - Cosmetic and structural repairs for wood, upholstery and mechanisms. On-site or in-shop. Pumpkin Hollow Furniture can be found on FB for before and after pictures. Call 716-604-6426.

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The Town is accepting cover letters and resumes. Send to the attention of Scot Brumagin, PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or by email [Scot.brumagin@evlengineering.com](mailto:Scot.brumagin@evlengineering.com). The full job description is available at: [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com).

**HELP WANTED- THE SILVER FOX STEAKHOUSE** is looking for experienced **BARTENDERS, SERVERS, DISHWASHER.** Mail resume to P.O. Box 146, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or email [silverfoxeville@aol.com](mailto:silverfoxeville@aol.com)

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**HELP WANTED: TOWN OF GREAT VALLEY YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Town of Great Valley is accepting resumes for the position of Youth Program Director for the six-week summer Youth Program. The successful candidate will work less than 25 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour. Please submit a resume and letter of intent to: Town Clerk's Office, PO Box 427, Great Valley, NY 14741 Or, submit by email to: [tevans168@gmail.com](mailto:tevans168@gmail.com)

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**GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS AKC CERTIFIED,** family raised, vet checked. Call 716-844-2347

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**DESIGN WAREHOUSE-** Design Warehouse 9 West Summit Avenue, Lakewood, NY. Summer Hours: Thursday-Saturday 11am-4pm. For an immediate shopping experience call or text: (716) 450-0396. Open for customers every day of the week! New arrivals every day! Get here first!!

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## Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History



**Margaret Sanger  
(1879-1966)**

**Margaret Sanger, a feminist and women's rights activist, coined the term "birth control." She wrote pamphlets and opened a women's health clinic decades before her biggest achievement—getting the Food and Drug Administration to approve the first oral contraceptive, Enovid, in 1960, six years before her death. In 1921, Sanger founded the American Birth Control League, which later became the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. In New York City, she organized the first birth control clinic to be staffed by all-female doctors, as well as a clinic in Harlem which had an all African-American advisory council. She died in 1966 and is widely regarded as a founder of the modern birth control movement.**

## From Bryan's Brain



**Switzerland Prohibits the Ownership of Only 1 Guinea Pig**

*Since guinea pigs are such social creatures, one guinea pig would get lonely so having just one is considered animal abuse in Switzerland.*

# Views From Salamanca NY: Veterans Memorial Pow Wow Held 7/15



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