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## Area Events

**LAKWOOD FARMERS' AND ARTISANS' MARKET**  
Thursday, August 17 • 10am  
Lakewood, NY

**MAYVILLE FARMERS' & ARTISANS' MARKET**  
Thursday, August 17 • 12pm  
Village Park Mayville, NY

**FREE CONCERT SERIES**  
Thursday, August 17 • 5pm  
Winter Garden Plaza, Jamestown

**TRIPLE D RODEO - BULLS & BARRELS**  
Friday, August 18 • 6:30pm  
Napoli, NY

**2023 A.S.P. BEACH PARTY**  
Friday August 18 • 3pm  
A.S.P. Redhouse, Salamanca NY

**JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Friday, August 18 • 11am  
Bemus Point, NY

**MOVIES AT THE REG**  
Friday August 18 • 7pm  
Reg Lena, Jamestown, NY

**GUS MACKER**  
Sat/Sun August 19-20 • 10am  
Downtown, Jamestown, NY

**DISTILLED & CHILLED MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
Saturday August 19 • 1pm  
Ellicottville Distillery, Ellicottville NY

**GLOW RUN AT GARGOYLE PARK**  
Saturday August 19 • 7:00pm  
Olean, NY

**CHAUTAUQUA GRAN FONDO**  
Saturday, August 19 • 6:30am  
Mayville, NY

**MAYVILLE BLUEGRASS FEST.**  
Saturday August 19 • 3pm  
Frewsburg, NY

**GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PK SUMMER FESTIVAL**  
Sunday, August 20 • 12pm  
East Otto, NY

**CHEAP SKATE**  
Mon/Tues, August 21-22 • 1pm  
Jamestown, NY

**LITTLE VALLEY'S MUSIC IN THE PARK**  
Saturday, August 24  
Little Valley, NY

**LAKWOOD FARMERS' AND ARTISANS' MARKET**  
Thursday, August 24 • 10am  
Lakewood, NY

**MUSIC AT THE TRIANGLE**  
Friday, August 25 • 6pm  
Randolph, NY

**CHILDREN'S WEEKEND TRAIN RIDE**  
Saturday, August 26 • 11am  
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## Chautauqua Institution Food Festival

Week-Long Event in Bestor Plaza, August 20-25



The Chautauqua Institution is presenting a week-long Food Festival at Bestor Plaza, starting on Sunday, August 20th between noon-6pm and continuing on August 21st through the 25th, between the hours of noon-2pm, and 4-8pm. (Some vendors might stay open from 2-4pm.) (Article "CHQ.", Page 6.)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buffalo Wing Fest

True Buffalo Experience, Labor Day Weekend



This Labor Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday September 2 and 3rd, come hang out on an NFL Field, the home of the Buffalo Bills, and indulge in some of Buffalo's Best Wings. 23 local, national and international eateries will showcase over 100 types of wings. (Article, "WING", Page 8.)

## Wonderland Sculpture Park

Anticipated Opening Spring 2024, Kennedy NY



A few of Deanna's favorite pieces include her signature mushroom sculptures along with her mom's impressive giraffe, which stands about 7 feet tall. The mushrooms are made of muffler pipes and canisters welded and painted, each one unique. Visitors will be able to find them throughout the park.

By KATE BARTLETT

Deanna Curry is the creative force behind the much-anticipated Wonderland Sculpture Park in Kennedy, NY. Inspired by her mother's artistic talent and driven by Deanna's determination, the park is currently under development with plans to open in the near

future.

The story begins with Deanna's mother. "My mom is a self-taught artist who began this journey. My mom would come up with ideas from a single piece of scrap metal and my dad started as her welder. My interest grew as she taught

SEE "SCULPTURE" PAGE 9

## EVL's New Inclusive Playground

Four Local Moms Initiate Playground Incentive



Four local women have started a Facebook page (Ellicottville Playground) to help spread awareness in the community of the need for an inclusive community playground. The women have met with Parkitects/Landscape Structures, an experienced company well versed in all-inclusive play spaces. The company has built numerous playgrounds in the Western New York area, including at Chestnut Ridge in Orchard Park, Salamanca (pictured, above) and Hamburg.

By KATE BARTLETT

Ellicottville has been in need of an all-inclusive playground for quite some time. The current main playground, located in the fields between the Library and Nannen Arboretum, is a great space, but lacking handicapped accessibility and generally needing updates. Four local

moms have recognized this issue and have banded together to initiate a playground for all in the village.

Molly Timkey, Tiffany Frenz, Patti Snyder and Kate Johnson-Clark are the four local moms taking on this project. "While we love the Ellicottville

SEE "PARK" PAGE 7

## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Exploring Letchworth State Park ... Pg. 6

Natural Wonders and Historical Surprises



Aside from all the year-round activities available to visitors at the park, history lovers can find much to enjoy at the Museum which tells the story of the land which is former Seneca territory. The natives were forced out following the Revolutionary War because they chose to be allies of the British, who were then defeated in 1783. Not far from the museum is a statue appearing to be a young Irish woman in native Indian garb which was commissioned and erected by Letchworth after learning the story of Mary Jemison, the "white woman of the Genesee."

Gooseneck Waterfowl Sanctuary ... Pg. 4

Delevan, NY's Unexpected Gem Caused by 2 Call Ducks

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Celtic Festival

Gathering of the Clans, Aug. 25-26 Mayville



Tuatha Dea from Gatlinburg, TN., will be the opening act Friday, August 25 in Mayville, NY.

By DARLENE MAE O'CONNOR

There are so many things to love about life here around Chautauqua Lake. We are blessed with million-dollar views of sunsets on the water and an abundance of beautiful trees with sprawling canopy's that provide us with cool shade on hot summer days. Surrounding us are rolling hills covered by lush green grass that hug ribbons of country roads as they wind through the valleys and along the water's edge. On a bright day in summer, standing engulfed by a cobalt blue sky and surrounded by trees full of soft green vegetation, one could easily convince themselves of having been transported to the Emerald Isles or to the Southern Uplands of Scotland.

It is easy to get lost in a Celtic Dream when you hear any one of eight Pipe Bands begin to play, or the people of 24 clans cheering on their

SEE STORY "CELTIC" PAGE 10

## Mayville Bluegrass Fest. Aug. 19

Celebrating the Convergence of Cultures



Big Inlet Brewing is located at 6169 Elm Flat Road in Mayville, NY 14757.

By, DARLENE MAE NOWELL O'CONNOR

Join Bill Ward and a lineup of famous friends at Big Inlet Brewing on Saturday, August 19 to Celebrate the Allegheny influence on the music of early americana from the foothills of Appalachia.

Old Time or Hillbilly music originated as stories set to song that expressed the hardships, hopes and the everyday experiences of those resilient people who endured to carve out lives within the forests and along the ridges of the Appalachian Mountain Range. Inhabited for more than 16,000 years only by indigenous tribal people, the arrival of impoverished Irish, Scottish settlers and enslaved Africans set into motion great changes to the environmental and cultural landscape. Many tumultuous years followed the breach of the Cumberland Gap, but as shared interests in survival led to more peaceful exchanges, relationships

SEE STORY "BLUEGRASS" PAGE 10



# Publisher's Word

August is "Romance Awareness Month"!



So many relationships are taken for granted. Trust me, all of you, it is necessary to recognize what you appreciate in your partner. You may have been together for decades or years; taking the time to acknowledge the reason why, is a gift in itself. Go explore the new sculpture park in Falconer, the exhibits at AKG in Buffalo, or take a hot-air balloon ride over Letchworth State Park. Enjoy these pages, we filled them with fresh ideas for you to explore. Enjoy our area and each other. I promise you, if they are the one, you will mark my words. If you have been on a recent journey that you think our readers would cherish, please email me directly: info@thevillager.com, or submit online: www.thevillager.com, we are always looking for good news to spread. Until next week, enjoy the read and the journeys. *Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Radio Control Flying Club Hosts Open House September, 26



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# Villager on The Street

Spotted: City Garage in Ellicottville and Downtown Bemus Pt.



## Taste of Ellicottville Winners Announced

Winners Announced from Last Weekend's Event



The results are in!! Finnerty's has won Best of Ellicottville, Watsons chocolates won Sweetest Thing, West Rose restaurant won Healthiest Choice and Madigan's won Kid's Choice! Congratulations to the winners! Keep an eye out for People's Choice Award, voting is still going on!!

## Chautauqua Gran Fondo

Mayville Lakeside Park, Saturday Aug. 19: Promoting Health



drinks!  
Three distances make this a perfect event for any level rider. Each route will direct riders through a number of notable historic destinations around Chautauqua Lake. In addition to safety services, refreshments will be available at various points along the tour.

Each cyclist is allowed to choose their own path: there is the 20-Mile Social Route, the 40-Mile Fitness Route, and the 60-Mile Challenge Route. Riders should take into account their skill level and determination before setting off from Mayville.

Fully supported ride with SAG services, well stocked aid stations and portable restrooms along the way.

The ninth annual Chautauqua Gran Fondo, Saturday, August 19, 2023, is a community event designed to promote health and well-being for cyclists of all skill levels while raising funds for local non-profit organizations.

Participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Chautauqua Lake and its surrounding historic destinations on one of 3 scenic routes. There will be plenty of rest stops, photo ops and full SAG support on the road. All participants are invited to join the after-party, with live music, good food, and

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- Budgeting
- October 18
- Making Budgets Work
- November 1
- Identity Theft
- November 15
- Mortgages
- November 29
- Retirement
- December 13

All sessions will be held from 10-11:30am on the date listed in person on the JCC Jamestown Campus. They are sponsored by M&T Bank. Learn more online at [www.sbdcc.org](http://www.sbdcc.org)

The Small Business Development Center at Jamestown Community College will hold a financial literacy series this fall featuring the following sessions:

- Banking Basics - September 20
- Credit Scores & Reports

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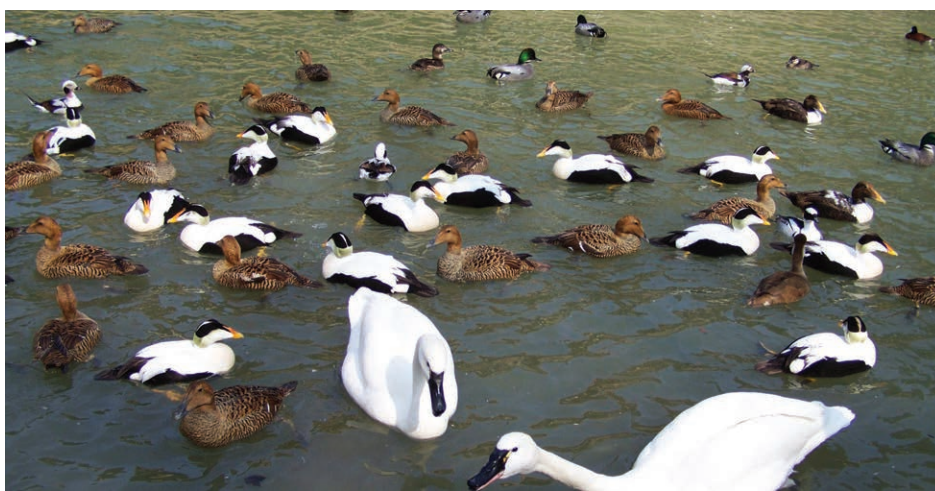
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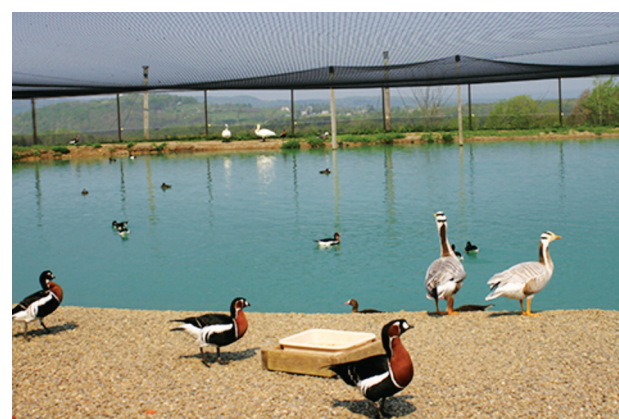
Gooseneck Waterfowl Sanctuary is located at 5067 Lindsley Rd, West Valley, NY 14171. They can be contacted at (716) 942-6835 or visit them online at [www.gooseneckwaterfowlfarm.com](http://www.gooseneckwaterfowlfarm.com) and on Facebook.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

*Delevan's Gooseneck Hill Wildfowl Sanctuary is one of a kind 700 mouths to feed and counting....*

So many things start with a story that ends up taking people where they never expected to go. Perhaps you have your own event that took you 180 degrees from where you thought you were heading. Surely, you've heard the quote, "people make plans, while God laughs."

Here's one of those stories. Milton and Rosemary Miner, the owners of the Gooseneck Hill Wildlife Sanctuary were schoolteachers, (Rosemary - African and Asian history, Milton - Math) minding their own business, leading their school-teacher lives when, one day, Bam! out of the blue, Rosemary was struck in her car by a drunk driver. Her car was totaled, and frankly, so was she. Her back was so seriously injured, she could not teach school anymore. Thinking nature is the best healer, they bought some acreage in Holland, NY where Rosemary could recuperate under Mother Nature's kindly gaze. They had a small pond. Time went by, Rosemary grew stronger. The weather began to change, and the magical time of winter was fast approaching. But ... their peaceful reverie was interrupted when two Call Ducks landed on their cozy little pond and saw no reason to leave with the cold WNY weather approaching. Concerned for the poor little lost ducks' wellbeing, Mitch built them a shelter. Before long they became family. The humans began to feel sorry for these two lonely bachelor guy ducks, so they decided to find them a few lady ducks to spice-up their boring lives. (Can you see where this is heading?) So, a duo of sassy females was introduced to the boys. Well, in no time, things went from melancholy and peaceful to 100 new baby Call Ducks and two proud sets of parents now living on the no longer cozy small pond. Things were getting pretty crowded and hardly peaceful. Fortunately,



Rosemary's uncle had some land in Delevan. Fifty-six acres to be exact ... with lots of water. It seemed a natural fit.

Next thing they knew, they were digging ponds and fencing off top-netted aviaries for their birds. With all the extra room, and Rosemary back up on her feet, the Miners launched into finding more waterbirds to fill the space. They decided to raise rare and endangered waterfowl. While Milt tended the birds and the home fires, Rosemary opted for four adventurous trips to Alaska's Prudhoe Bay where her plane would drop her off with a bear-gun larger than herself (she's tiny) for protection, to collect eggs for ten-hour stretches, alone. And then, there is the story of the night the grizzly bear got into her cabin while she slept. You can ask about it when she takes you on a tour.

There are now six acres of netting, and 78 species of birds. "We have two of the largest covered aviaries in the United States," Rosemary said, adding she and her husband, Milton, founded the rare bird sanctuary, which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

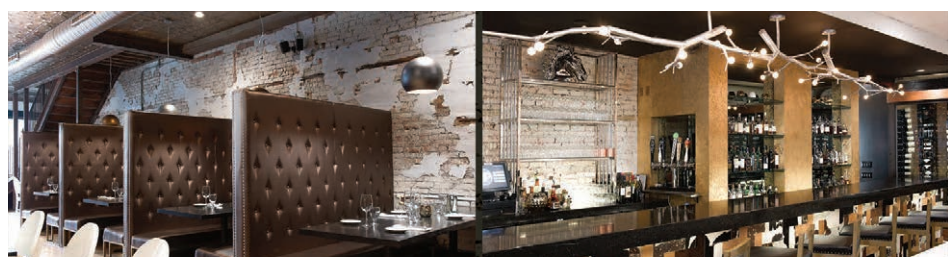
Their birds come from all over the globe: Alaska, Siberia, Norway, Australia, and India. Rosemary informs us that she has more new babies than she can count, many which she has hand raised. Oh, and you mustn't miss the newest addition - on orphaned Trumpeter Swan, found injured on the side of the road. Its life was saved and then it was offered to the Miners. They gave it a home and named it Gabby. Oh, yes, she has a very, very bent neck, perhaps a result of the accident or

perhaps she was rejected by her mom because she was born that way. Either way, that probably explains why she swims in circles. She has a wonderful support system in the form of Big Foot, one of the two Whistler Swans on the property. They can often be found kibitzing, swimming, flying, or eating together. As Rosemary says, "she's something to see."

As a non-profit, they need your support. Plan to attend their annual "Wild Wing Festival" fundraiser Sunday, August 27, at the sanctuary from noon-4pm. Get there in time to take one of their free guided tours and get your own photo of you and Big-Yellow-Duck. On tour, you will be allowed to go inside the aviary with the birds. You will be given lettuce to feed the geese and floating fish food to feed the 1,000 or more Koi Fish. A guide will take you around and explain all the 78 different species of birds. There will be music by The Rustic Ramblers and food from Lil's Deli in Machias (always wonderful and affordable). Entrance cost is \$10/adult - \$5/children under 12. Dining tents will be available in case of rain. Please bring your lawn chair and rain gear. They will be there, rain or shine.

A visit to the sanctuary is far more than just observing beautiful waterfowl (whom you can adopt, BTW - I wonder how many will want to adopt Gabby?). Hope to see you there!

For information about the Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary, you can view their website or find them on facebook.



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alike that have a passion for lacrosse," observes Powell. "Ellicottville fits the bill perfectly". The goal for our tournament is to focus on Fall Lacrosse FUN and showcasing our beautiful sport in the greatest light! This is a must-attend Lacrosse Festival for youth thru Grand-Masters lacrosse players and their families. On behalf of Mike Riorden, Ryan Powell (Rhino Lacrosse) and the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce we hope that you will join us Sep-



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By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

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Pies made with apples, cherries, and rhubarb, banana bread, and jams are among the items offered at an Amish bakery stand.

Each week, table after table features an eclectic assortment of collectible items possibly gathered from a family's attic, basement or garage, such as vintage tools, antique books and framed prints. There are always various flowering plants in small pots; many bins of bargain items, such as cleaning supplies and toys; and a table with tie-dyed hoodies.

Visitors always gather around when the auctioneer begins an auction, to bid or just to listen to his rapid-fire spiel. Before the outside auctions begin, crowds check out the items to be auctioned, on display in long lines. Friends meet at "The Hill" to browse, exchange gossip, and maybe have a hot dog, donut or other snack.

The market is owned and operated by the third generation of the Gentner family that opened it in 1939.

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## AKG Unveils Tallest Mural To Date

Buffalo's Albright Knox: First on Public Housing Development



Created by Artist Aaron Li-Hill, Mural Features Likenesses of Residents of LBJ Apartments and Members of the Community. After working with the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority and the residents of LBJ Apartments (167 W. Humboldt Parkway) for nearly two years, the #AKGPublicArt team is executing its tallest mural to date. Artist Aaron Li-Hill has created a massive artwork depicting residents of LBJ and the local community on the building's southeast facade. Photo/Jeff Mace #BuffaloAKG #PublicArt #BuffaloNY


**BUFFALO NY:** The Buffalo AKG Art Museum formally unveiled a new mural on the southeast façade of Lyndon B. Johnson Apartments (LBJ) at 167 Humboldt Parkway, a Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) public housing development that primarily houses elderly and disabled residents. The mural by Canadian artist Aaron Li-Hill is both the tallest to date by the Buffalo AKG's groundbreaking Public Art Initiative and the first project it has produced in collaboration with the BMHA and its residents. Every aspect of the project from its inception—including the selection of the artist and the development of the content of the artwork—was completed in cooperation with the residents of LBJ. Beginning in 2021, an interdepartmental team from the Buffalo AKG attended six Resident Council meetings and regularly visited the development in order to gauge interest, develop a holistic understanding of the residents' goals and aspirations, and finally create a shared vision for the mural. Li-Hill and local photographer Patrick Cray joined the staff team to coordinate artmaking activities and capture photographs of the residents and other members of the community. Li-Hill's design for the mural, which was informed by these conversations and photographs, was approved by the residents in April 2023.

and worked with us every step of the way," said Janne Sirén, Peggy Pierce Elfvin Director of the Buffalo AKG. "It has been an honor to facilitate the creation of Aaron Li-Hill's stunning artwork, which depicts the people in LBJ's remarkable and close-knit community. It is my sincere hope that this project marks the beginning of a long-term partnership between the Buffalo AKG, BMHA, and residents of public housing throughout Buffalo."


"We are so grateful to the AKG for initiating this first-of-its-kind partnership with the housing authority. The public art staff took the time to have multiple meetings with our residents, and took care to allow the process to be resident-driven," said BMHA Executive Director Gillian D. Brown. "We are honored to work with an artist like Mr. Li-Hill, and we look forward to continued collaboration with the AKG on projects to increase access and exposure to their resources by our residents."


"This mural represents the beauty that results from true engagement with the neighborhoods and communities that make up this incredible city," said Aaron Ott, Curator of Public Art at the Buffalo AKG. "From the beginning, everything was on the table. We empowered the residents of LBJ to lead this process, and they have been helpful, conscientious, committed partners throughout. I am deeply grateful to Aaron Li-Hill for his vision, his humility, and his commitment to the community."

"Since the project's inception nearly two years ago, the residents of LBJ Apartments have welcomed us into their home


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# Letchworth State Park

## Natural Wonders and Historical Surprises



Letchworth State Park is a 14,427-acre New York State Park located in Livingston County and Wyoming County in the western part of the State of New York. The park is roughly 17 miles long, following the course of the Genesee River as it flows north through a deep gorge and over several large waterfalls.

By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

### The perfect season for a day in the park...

A natural wonder literally in our own backyard that some may not be as familiar with is what is known by many as the 'Grand Canyon of the East' - Letchworth State Park. This 14,427-acre park, 47 miles northeast of Ellicottville (1 hour) is considered one of the most scenic areas in the U.S. In 2015, it won the USA TODAY Readers' Choice Award for the Best State Park in the United States (chosen from 6,000 parks across the nation). Per their website, "Here, the Genesee River thunders through two gorges and over three major waterfalls. Some cliffs are nearly 600 feet high. Letchworth provides 66 miles of hiking trails by foot, horse, bike, snowmobile, snowshoe, and cross-country ski, plus camping,

cabins, hot air ballooning, whitewater rafting, a pool, year-round education, community science, and the 1858 home of William Pryor Letchworth, the Glen Iris Inn" (home of the winter ice volcano directly in front of it - <https://www.comejoinmyjourney.com/ice-volcano-letchworth-state-park/>).

Aside from all the year-round activities available to visitors at the park, history lovers can find much to enjoy at the Museum which tells the story of the land which is former Seneca territory. The natives were forced out following the Revolutionary War because they chose to be allies of the British, who were then defeated in 1783. Not far from the museum is a statue appearing to be a young Irish woman in native Indian garb which was commissioned and erected by Letchworth after learning the story of Mary Jemison, the "white woman

of the Genesee."

Mary was born in 1743 on a ship en route to America to Irish parents who were coming here from Belfast to seek a better way of life. Within a year they settled into frontier life in Marsh Creek, Pa, near modern-day Gettysburg. All was peaceful until the outbreak of the French and Indian War in 1754. In 1758 her family's homestead was attacked by the French and the Shawnee Indians who allied with them. Mary and a young neighbor boy were kidnapped and survived the mass murder of her family, except for two brothers who managed to escape. Heading her mother's final words to her, Mary did not try to escape with the knowledge she would be caught and likely murdered. Her mother also implored her to retain use of her language and remember her familial culture. Her life

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Tickets can be purchased from one of the two Information & Ticket tents. A five-pack of tickets is \$10. The festival will be at One Ames Avenue in Chautauqua, NY. Further details can be found at [foodfestival.chq.org](http://foodfestival.chq.org)

## CHQ.

### STORY FROM COVER

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Gourmet Mac'n'Cheese! Juicy wings! Beautifully broiled burgers! Do I have your attention? There's more to feast on, much more: Dumplings! Noodles! Gelato! Hungry yet? The Chautauqua Institution is presenting a week-long Food Festival at Bestor Plaza, starting on Sunday, August 20th between noon-6pm and continuing on August 21st through the 25th, between the hours of noon-2pm, and 4-8pm. (Some vendors might stay open from 2-4pm.)

All the food vendors scheduled to be at the Food Festival include: the Athenaeum Hotel Bar & Lounge, the Merritt Estate Winery Slush Truck, Yakisoba's, The Best of Buffalo by Byron, Moneybags Dumplings, The Cheesy Chick Food truck, Sweet Melody's, Tabouli Street Eat, Dark Forest Chocolate, BioDome Project, Traveler's Kitchen,

HogWild BBQ, Om Nohm Gluten-Free Bakery & Cafe, and LUMI Cafe.

Moneybags Dumplings will be offering steamed, fried or frozen dumplings with a variety of fillings, including chicken, mushrooms and carrots. For more info about them, go to [moneybagsdumplings.com](http://moneybagsdumplings.com) or call (716) 275-4989.

The Cheesy Chick, the first grilled cheese & mac'n'cheese food truck in Buffalo, will be there. For more information about it, go to [thecheesychickbuffalo.com](http://thecheesychickbuffalo.com)

The drink vendors include the Athenaeum Bar & Lounge, and the Johnson Estate Winery. The Grape Discovery Center will be showcasing nine wineries from the region. Take a look at: Mazza Chautauqua Cellars, Five & Twenty Spirits & Brewing, 42 North Brewing Company, Victorianbourg Wine Estate, Southern Tier Brewing Company, Ellicottville Distillery, and the Afterwords Wine Bar. Buy an Ultimate Tasting Event ticket and you'll get a souvenir glass to taste the handcrafted wines, artisan beverages, and craft beers.

The more elaborate part of the Food Festival, the Chef Series, features Chef Darian Bryan (who will prepare Jamaican specialties), Chef Bruce Stanton and President's Cottage Chefs Ben Shropshire and Dan Wongprapan preparing fantastic five-course dinners on separate evenings. Each gourmet evening at the Athenaeum Hotel begins at 5:30pm with hors d'oeuvres, while dinner seating starts at 6pm. The cost is \$115 per person. Reserve seats through Open Table or call (716) 357-5005.

Non-retail food vendors will only accept Food Festival tickets for payment, while retail vendors may accept their own form of payment. The Athenaeum Hotel Beverag Tent & Lounge will accept tickets, cash or cards. Tickets can be purchased from one of the two Information & Ticket tents. A five-pack of tickets is \$10. The festival will be at One Ames Avenue in Chautauqua, NY. Further details can be found at [foodfestival.chq.org](http://foodfestival.chq.org)

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# Dunkirk Farmers' Market

Accessible Weekday Market Open through October 11, 2023

By JESSICA MILLER

Farmers' markets are a weekend highlight for many produce shoppers. However, the Dunkirk Farmers Market (45 Cliffstar Ct, Dunkirk) is there to help shoppers get their local farm bounty Wednesdays from 9am-2pm. The farmers' market shares space with the Dunkirk Senior Center, which means that local elders have additional resources beyond a local grocery run available when they visit the market.

Senior citizens can also obtain produce checks for their farmers market shopping as checks become available. Eligible check recipients are at least 60 years old and will meet income guidelines based upon household size. If someone would like to obtain senior checks, they should ask for Kate Finch upon arrival at the Dunkirk Senior Center or call 716-363-3848.

Active-duty military, veterans, and their families can be eligible for FreshConnect checks; these check users can obtain specific eligibility criteria and spending information from New York State Department of Veterans' Services at (716) 785-8577.

The farmers' market has also streamlined the Double Up Food Bucks process in 2023. Double Up Food Bucks is a program of the Field and Fork Network that serves both people in need of food and farmers in need of consumers. People who paid for their produce with a SNAP card no longer obtain tokens to enhance their benefits but have since moved to a DUFB loyalty card. The amount that shoppers



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wish to spend is added to the loyalty card and funds can be spent at any vendor on SNAP-eligible fruits and vegetables. DUFB loyalty card balances do not expire and can now be matched dollar to dollar. Remaining tokens are still valid, but new Double Up Food Bucks will proceed on loyalty cards.

Any shopper will surely get their money's worth when visiting the Dunkirk Farmers' Market vendors. Seasonal fruits and vegetables naturally have an ample selection of varieties from nearby farms. However, there are other fresh treats for sale at this market. Honey, flowers,

baked goods, seasonings, and even Italian ice can be obtained from the market. Gelati's Italian Ice, based out of Ripley, proves that uses no artificial colors but uses all natural ingredients to flavor their Italian ices. Flavor choices can vary, so be sure to follow Gelati's Italian Ice on Facebook.

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Kate Johnson-Clark, Molly Timkey, Tiffany Frenz, Patti Snyder and are the four local moms taking on this project (above, left to right). "While we love the Ellicottville playground, we recognize the need for it to be updated and modernized. We are very fortunate for this space, but we would love for it to be all-inclusive and handicapped accessible for locals and visitors alike," says Molly.

## Park

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All the women have local connections and have joined forces with this common goal. "We have nine children between the 4 of us, with 2 on the way. There's a great need for this in our community, and our families are proof of that!"

Tiffany knows first hand the need for handicap accessibility as her 6-year-old daughter, Lola, is wheelchair bound. "Lola has a rare genetic disorder called Lesch Nyhan Syndrome. Trying to find activities that we can all enjoy together is often difficult," says Tiffany. "Our current playground is a huge beautiful canvas that needs an overhaul. I envision a playground where Lola can join her peers in a way she's not typically able. Currently,

there are no structures that Lola can use. Our plan is to change that and have multiple different activities for Lola and other children with special needs, so they have a place play and just be kids together."

"The vision is for the playground to become a destination. The local families are the driving force of our motivation behind the project since they're the ones who will utilize the space the most. We are just four of the many families living here that would benefit from an improved playground and that's why we are so excited for this project," Molly says. "But, that wouldn't be the only benefit. Ellicottville has done an amazing job of consistently bringing visitors in from all over the country, and many of them have children and own homes here. The playground would serve as an outdoor play and meeting space for the community while also providing Ellicottville with another asset to draw people in. We think it's a win-win."

The updated playground would be in the same location as the current. "It's a great space,

located by the library, dog park, sports fields and Nannen Arboretum. It's conveniently tucked behind the village streets and a great sanctuary of sorts. We're hoping to capitalize on the momentum created by the new nearby Skatepark by enhancing the space even further."

The women are in the initial planning phases of the process. They've started a Facebook page to help spread awareness in the community. The women have met with Parkitects/Landscape Structures, an experienced company well versed in all-inclusive play spaces. The company has built numerous playgrounds in the Western New York area, including at Chestnut Ridge in Orchard Park, Salamanca and Hamburg. "We are listening to the needs of the community and will incorporate these ideas into the design," says Molly. "It's very involved; you'd never imagine all the decisions and considerations to be made for playground equipment!" "We value play for all ages and abilities, and we are inspired to bring modern and versatile equipment to

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**Acclaimed actor, Bill Murry, is an inspiration behind Buffalo's National Wing Festival, when he first brought the idea to spark in "The Wing King" in his movie "Osmosis Jones".**

## Wing

STORY FROM COVER

BY KATE BARTLETT

This Labor Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday September 2 and 3, come hang out on an NFL Field, the home of the Buffalo Bills, and indulge in some of Buffalo's Best Wing. 3 local, national and international eateries will showcase over 100 types

of wing, including spicy, savory and everything in between. With live entertainment and the much-anticipated wing eating championship, it's sure to be a fun, quintessential Buffalo weekend.

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The first WingFest was held at Sahlen Field, which at the time was

Dunn Tire Park. Drew Cerza ran the festival here for 9 years, until COVID, when WingFest found a new home at High Mark Stadium after a one-year hiatus. The festival has evolved to include restaurants and eateries from around the country, even internationally. "It's really become a community of people with a love for Chicken Wing and Buffalo Cuisine. It's a great opportunity to show our pride for the city; we're proud to welcome back returning guests and vendors and invite new visitors out to the festival."

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includes live music, a baby wing pageant, amateur and Hot Wing Eating contests, a sauce-off competition, bobbing for wings, and the much-anticipated Wing It On! U.S. Wing Eating Championship.

New this year, the festival will offer a VIP Craft Beer Tasting Fundraiser. On Saturday, local craft breweries will be featured in two tasting sessions in the air-conditioned Pepsi Club. Proceeds will benefit Hope Rises, Shine Gold supporting those affected by pediatric cancer, as well as Mafia Babes local charitable efforts. Tickets are \$ and include an all-day festival admission, 2 hours of tasting \$ wing tickets, along with a souvenir plate/cup and a bottle of Dan-O's Spicy Seasoning

This year, the

festival will include 3 eateries with over 100 different styles of wing and other local favorite foods, including award-winning restaurants that have gained national recognition. Special participant House of Wing Restaurant is traveling 2,640 miles from Reykjavik, Iceland to showcase their wing. Owner and Erie PA native Justin Shouse moved to Iceland to play professional basketball. After retiring he started frying wing as a fundraiser before eventually opening his own food truck and restaurant. The restaurant has won awards for Best Bite at the 2020 European Street Food Awards and has over 31 different sauces today.

Drew's favorite thing about the event is the people. "The wings are

eat, the entertainment is fun, but the people are what make this festival. People come back year after year from all over the country to celebrate the end of summer. It's the last hurrah of summer before the start of football season. It's like a reunion seeing everyone, and it's quintessential Buffalo: wing and football in the city of good neighbors."

Drew invites everyone to come out and experience the festival that celebrates the food indigenous to Buffalo on Labor Day weekend, Saturday 2 pm - 8 pm, Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm. \$20 per person/per day, children 8 and under free. Cash and credit cards accepted, no presale, all tickets sold at the gate. Free parking. For more information visit <https://buffalowing.com/> and follow on social media.

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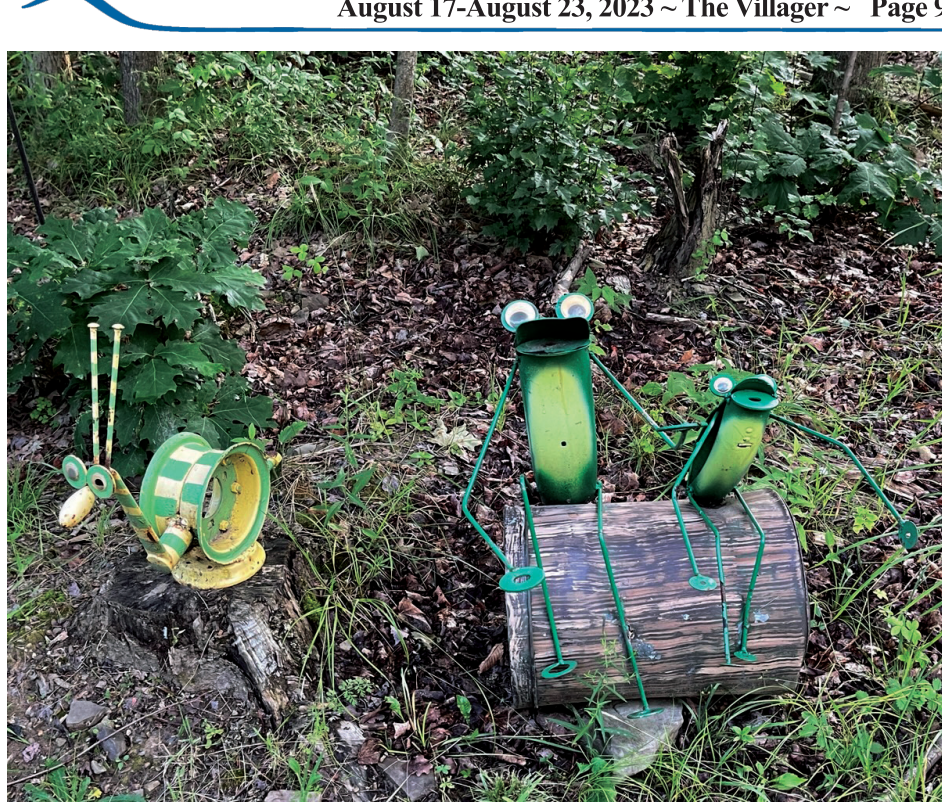
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Wonderland Sculpture Park is located at 4079 Wolcott Road in Kennedy, NY 14747. They are having sale by donation of some of her smaller works including metal mushrooms and other handcrafted items this weekend, August 19 & 20, 2023. You are invited to come check out the park, make a donation and bring a small piece home with you.

# Sculpture

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me to see the "vision" in a piece. Later my dad taught me to weld and my mom learned to weld as well, so she could independently create a piece." Deanna loved creating sculptures that inspired her. "I just loved it. It was, and still is, a great creative outlet. My mother is my constant inspiration. She's always trying new things and she's the most creative person I

know." Deanna has a collection with over hundreds of metallic artworks of all shapes and sizes. "It's interesting to watch each piece take shape. I start with an idea, but it takes its own form during the process." Some pieces take days, while others take weeks, smaller ones just a day or two. Deanna begins the process by welding selected pieces together, painting them, then letting 'nature' take over from there. "They are all unique in their own way. The patina takes over and we just watch it take form." A few of Deanna's

favorite pieces include her signature mushroom sculptures along with her mom's impressive giraffe, which stands about 7 feet tall. The mushrooms are made of muffler pipes and canisters welded and painted, each one unique. Visitors will be able to find them throughout the park. The sculpture park is on Deanna's property of just under 20 acres in Kennedy, NY and is currently under development. "I quickly realized that it was never my intention to sell these pieces. The pieces should be appreciated, and a sculpture park

became my aspiration." Wonderland Sculpture Park will showcase hundreds of pieces with ample parking. "I quit my job and bought this land out in the country to start this. This is the dream. The process has been very involved and labor intensive, but it's worth it." She hopes to attain non-for-profit funding and is going through the process to become a 501c3. She has taken inspiration from other parks, like Griffith Sculpture Park in Ashford Hollow by Ellicottville, but her mom, and mother nature, are her

biggest motivators. "It's a big difference." For my dream to bring people to nature, to inspire people to get outside and connect with the earth. Through this, I hope to inspire others to follow their dreams. It isn't an easy process, but if you keep determined, you'll get there." For more info, follow on YouTube at Creating Wonderland in Kennedy NY and social media "Wonderland Sculpture Park". "I thank everyone for their support and encourage everyone to follow me on social media and YouTube. Even one watch, liking and/or subscribing makes

anyone interested in donating Wonderland's GoFundMe can be found here <https://www.gofundme.com/50dd02bc>. Wonderland Sculpture Park is located at 4079 Wolcott Road in Kennedy, NY 14747. Deanna is having sale by donation of some of her smaller works including metal mushrooms and other handcrafted items this Saturday and Sunday, August 19 & 20, 2023. You are invited to come check out the park, make a donation and bring a small piece home with you.



## 16th Annual Jamestown Regional

# Celtic Festival and Gathering of the Clans

Opening Friday August 25, 6pm  
**Saturday, August 26, 2023** Gates Open at 9am

Mayville Lakeside Park, Mayville, New York

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# Bluegrass

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While there are a few tables for sitting, it is an outdoor event and it is recommended that you bring chairs.



The Celtic Festival is held at the Mayville Lakeside Park on Rt. 394 in Mayville, NY 14757

## Celtic

CONT. FROM COVER

favorite of the 32 Heavy Athletes competing in any one of the six Scottish Heavy Events, such as the Caber or the Sheath Toss presented by the Buffalo Heavies Kilted Throwers Club.

Providing festival goers with entertainment by Scottish and Irish Dancers, eight different Pipe Bands, Old Fashioned Fiddle Sessions, endless Celtic Music and Celtic Craft Vendors is how the Committee under the guidance of Doug Clark spend the year putting this classic cultural event together. This year feature performers from Gatlinburg Tennessee, *TUATHA DEA*, take the stage on Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10pm. On Saturday, the Celtic Band from Canada, *MUDMEN*, will be the Feature Act, while all day long the air will be filled with sensational sound as bands with names like *CELTIC CREEK*, *WATERHORSE*, *STEP IN TIME*, *EMERALD ISLE*, *BALLINLOCH*, play on for our dancing and listening delight. *TUATHA DEA* shares a second performance on Saturday too. With all this and 30 Gathering of the Clans, Great Food, a Beer and Wine Garden and a Kids area offering a Clan

Hunt, there is something for everyone of every age to enjoy.

The Celtic Festival was first held when Doug Clark was playing drums with the *Allegheny Highlanders* who later were sponsored by the AMVETS Post 1996, thus the *96<sup>th</sup> Highlander Pipes and Drums Inc. of Jamestown* came to be.

The Band performs at festivals and competitions throughout the year proudly representing Jamestown, New York and Chautauqua County. Members are from the Pennsylvanian communities of Erie, Youngsville and Warren, as well as, New York areas of Jamestown, Falconer, Frewsburg, Olean, Lakewood, Sherman, Bemus Point and Port Allegheny. Participating in concerts and parades throughout the tri-state area and having competed at the Highland games of Fort Erie, Canada, and in Edinboro and Ligonier, Pennsylvania. They have appeared by special invitation only to perform at the Amherst Scottish Festival in Amherst, New York and the Niagara Celtic Festival in Olcott, New York and in 2009 they were the Guest Band invited to play at the 75<sup>th</sup> Tartan Ball at the Rainbow Gardens in Erie Pennsylvania.

The Highlanders do what they do to help people at the Local and National Levels. They have raised money through their performances to help victims of

Hurricane Katrina and the families of Fallen First Responders and Military personnel. Each year the proceeds from the festival go for the festival of the upcoming year and anything they make above that, is put into a scholarship fund. These guys exemplify the sacrificial nature of music and how it encourages us to act on behalf of our better Angels.

So, weather you wear a Kilt of Clan colors or dawn denim, make sure you are dressed for a great day on the lake full of fun, great food and lovely libations, as you are entertained and inspired by the sounds of the White Cliffs of Dover.

Admission for this event is \$15 per adult, [ages 17-59], \$10 for Veterans & Seniors, [ages 60+] and youth [13-16] and children under 13 are free!

For more information and discounted tickets, check them out at [www.96thhighlanders.com](http://www.96thhighlanders.com) or on Facebook at [JamestownRegionalCelticFestival](https://www.facebook.com/JamestownRegionalCelticFestival) & Gathering of the Clans, allevents, or call the Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau at 1-800-323-7360

The 96<sup>th</sup> Highlanders are always grateful for the contributions made by their supporters to provide this great event. If you would like to volunteer there is a place for you to be of service and remember for next year that you too can be a sponsor!

developed and cultures began to meld. Overtime, regional nuance and family lore became woven into the fabric of commonly shared experiences and with new settlers came expansion and an even greater convergence of cultures. With this the music of the mountains was born. African people contributed the twang and drum like sound of the banjo and when played along-side the up-tempo fiddle of the Scots-Irish, who were well fit for storytelling, they created the new Americana sound. Taking on flare from different cultures, Appalachian music would give rise to Folk, Country, Americana and Bluegrass.

I'm inclined to believe we should consider music the force of nature meant for finding ways to understand, uplift and encourage other humans. One of the most encouraging and uplifting humans I know goes by the name of Bill. A consummate entertainer, Bill Ward is a musician's musician. He is adaptable to circumstance and seems to find deep pleasure in finding ways to make other musicians shine on his stage. While Mr. Ward is a teacher of music and a mentor to those who play an instrument or sing, he is also a life-long learner of music and that is just one of the attributes that makes him special, and beloved. I have known Bill since I was child, I believe it is his desire to share in the emotional experiences of other human beings and his ability to cause emotional responses in other people with his music, that fuels his passion. I have always said that the best entertainers never stop communicating with their audience. Bills time on stage is like a

conversation that leaves you encouraged and hopeful and the musicians he brings are as engaging and entertaining as he is. Since the first Bluegrass Festival in Mayville in 2003, Bill has consistently delivered the magic of Mountain Music. In 2019 the festival was revived at Big Inlet Brewing and it grows bigger and gets better with each event. The Bands he chooses excel in their ability to capture the genuine Bluegrass sound that is unique to the Allegheny region and you won't want to miss the knee slapping, toe tapping sounds of the masters he has lined up for the festival this year.

From our hometown Hillbillies of Deep Fried and Dipped in Honey, to the famed Creek Band. With over 30 years of performing excellence, they have played with big name acts like, The Country Gentlemen, Tony Trischka, and the Big Daddy of Bluegrass himself, Bill Monroe.

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Amiot and Jeff Wisor (David Bromberg Band) and Scott McElhane, Knarly Knuckles, Doug Yeomans, Mark Mincarelli, The Big Inlet Bluegrass All-Stars, Bill Ward, Tyler Westcott and Sally Schaefer, Water Horse, Old Dawgs New Tricks and Blue Mule Bluegrass will also take the stage and this year. Camp sites are available for those who want to stay overnight and attend Bill Ward's free weekly Sunday Sessions event which this week is billed as a "Post-MBF Bluegrass Party."

While there are a few tables for sitting, it is an outdoor event and it is recommended that you bring chairs.

Food Trucks will be available to satisfy your hunger and beverages are also available for purchase.

No Coolers or pets please. A limited number pre-sale tickets can be purchased online for \$25. Tickets may also be purchased at the Big Inlet Brewing.

For questions or details, email [billward@gmail.com](mailto:billward@gmail.com), or find the event page on Facebook phone or text Bill at 716 753-2800.

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# Advocates for a Balance at CHQ.

Features Award-Winning British Historian Andrew Roberts

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.

regime, and then warning about the threat posed by the Soviet Union and the coming Cold War in his 1946 iron curtain speech. As prime minister, he traveled 110,000 miles outside the United Kingdom during World War II. That was more than the other leaders combined. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was disabled, and Stalin left the Soviet Union only once during the war.

For the Churchill biography, Queen Elizabeth granted Roberts access to her father's diaries.

In his book about King George III: *The Last King of America: The Misunderstood Reign of George III*, Roberts wrote that George III had been unfairly stigmatized by ascribing his maladies to defects in his personality. Roberts who had access to 20,000 pages of recently published papers, discovered that the king probably suffered several bouts of a bipolar disorder. He said the king had been disrespected in the popular media and portrayed as a figure of ridicule.

"The founding fathers were an incredibly talented group of people," he said. "Poor George III was stuck with some very third-rate politicians and soldiers." The king never bought or sold slaves and he did not invest in companies that did. In 1807, he signed legislation abolishing the slave trade, yet 42 out of the 56 signatories of the Declaration of Independence owned slaves.

It suited Americans to dismiss George as a tyrant, he said. If the US and the UK had remained together, "it would have made it impossible for the kaiser to have gone to war against Britain in 1914, there wouldn't have been a Russian revolution, no Nazis, no Holocaust," he said.

Roberts chaired the Conservative Party's Advisory Panel on the Teaching of History in Schools in 2005. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and the Royal Historical Society. He has

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**Activities this Weekend: Wright Park, Sat. August 19**



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At the Wright Park Beach, DJ Joe Gould will spin the tunes in addition to a dunk tank for families and children from 11am-2pm.

Eric Jones, sand sculptor of Eric Jones Studios, will also be at the Wright Park street corner recreating the Dunkirk iconic King Neptune bronze statue out of sand that was located in the Washington Park fountain back in the day.

A family sand castle building contest starting at 12 noon and a water balloon toss challenge at 12:30pm will be held at Wright Park Beach near the lifeguard stand.

Live music on the main stage across from the Wright Park Beach is scheduled as follows: 2pm: Kokomo Time Band; 4pm: Pedro and the Smooth Cats; 6:15pm: KISS THIS!

Wright Park Beach will be accessible with lifeguards from noon-7pm. The splash pad, playground, basketball courts, skate park and Beach House Bar & Grille will also be open to the public.

At dusk, El Rigby Theater will present "The Mummy" movie for the community at the Promenschenkel Stadium.

For more info. or to be an event vendor, contact Ryan Hall at City of Dunkirk at (716) 366-9886.

The City of Dunkirk Festivals and Special Events Department will host their Annual Beach Bash on Saturday, August 19, throughout Wright Park starting at 9am through dusk. The event is sponsored by National Grid, DFT Communications, Chautauqua Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union.

A pickleball tournament, under the direction of Gary Mrowka, will take place at 9am at the pickleball courts behind the Beach House Bar & Grille. Beginner and advanced players are encouraged to participate. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each category. To register, please contact Mrowka at (716) 545-3001.

New this year will be a kickball tournament at the Promenschenkel Stadium and School #7 for ages 16 and older. The event will start at 10am with a cash prize for the winning team. The cost is

\$250 per team with 3 girls minimum on each team. For information, please contact Evon Hernandez at 716-410-5924.

The 2nd Annual Randall Cooper Mush Ball Tournament will be held at the Little League field at 9am. All proceeds will support the Dunkirk Little League Complex. Registration is already full.

Craft, gift, and food vendors along with the city beverage tent with free drink koozies will be set up from 11am-5pm near Promenschenkel Stadium. Complimentary bounce houses will be provided by Party With Us Event Rentals.

The Boys and Girls Club will have free kids' crafts while Lozada Art Studio will offer face painting for a nominal cost.

Marty's Bubblegum Machine, a children's dance deejay, will provide musical entertainment and sing-alongs from 11-3pm.

A kids' sidewalk chalk drawing contest is slated from 11am-3pm near the stadium with judging at 3:15pm. Prizes will be

**Exploring the Taste of Ellicottville**



**PHOTOS & COLUMN BY, GARY MALICKI**



**First, I had to stop at one of the many tents to find two wonderful ladies selling the tickets to purchase food for the event. They were all smiles.**



**I got a chance to say hello to Frank (above, right) at Monroe Brick & Brew. I think he's the hardest working, but supposed to be retired guy I know.**

**It's No Secret...We Love Food....**

It was imperative that I vacate my front porch and take a culinary journey through the legendary Taste of Ellicottville.

As I headed down Elizabeth St. to Monroe, the threat of rain and grey skies last Saturday didn't dampen the sunny dispositions on the faces of patrons swarming into the streets in search of the perfect edible or drinkable delight at The Taste of Ellicottville.

First, I had to stop at one of the many tents to find two wonderful ladies selling the tickets to purchase food for the event. They were all smiles. The tents were easy to spot and strategically located for convenience.

Where to begin? The Tee Bar for an Ice Cream Taco? Too soon but I'm going to need dessert eventually. 12 Gates offered a Chicken Wing Dip with Chips and a specialty lemonade to wash them down. I then moseyed over to EBC Tap & Bottle Tapheria and considered Chipotle Noodles. Finnerty's was on my list to consider their version of the all-around favorite, the Beef on Weck.

In the middle of it all,

I felt like I beamed off the starship and landed in the middle of a g g ntic buffet. Instead of walking in a straight line with a bunch of people it was much more enjoyable to travel from station to station to decide what to eat next. Who doesn't like to have someone cook for you every now and then?

I loved the way many of our eateries are showcased out in the open for all to see and enjoy. Good moods all around like, for example, the couple I randomly asked to take their picture for *The Villager* newspaper. They stopped and smiled for the shot without hesitation.

As far as the restaurants I experienced a sense that, although they are each other's competitors, there was a special collective sense of pride and even a camaraderie among the vendors displaying their food talents side by side.

Then I faced the choice of a meatball slider from the god folks at Village or a tenderloin skewer from the Silver Fox. The Winery, John Harvard's at Holiday Valley and the Gin Mill were represented as well as the Banq

As I meet more and more people in my Village travels, it was so wonderful to run into new friends along the way. I got a chance to say hello to Frank at Monroe Brick & Brew. I think he's the hardest working but supposed to be retired guy I know. I got to chat quickly with Annie from Cupcaked and was introduced to her husband. I felt pretty sure that many of the participants were making this joyful event a family affair.

I wanted to sample everything but, as in life, you have to pick your battles. I didn't want to overlook Watson's, The West Rose and Dina's. The event was an amazing display of EVL's finest.

A real treat was a stop at the new neighbor in town, The Hidalgo Mexican Grill. Their spirit and work was displayed in beautiful dazzling colors representing their culture.

You know, for so many years we passed through this wonderful village moving to and from our camping vacations

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# What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue

While the nights are getting cooler and fall is in the air the music scene remains hot. Let's see who's playing here.

We begin our our weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu plus house made chips. This weeks musical host is SON from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/r & b/jazz set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Thursday offering is The Chill-billys from 8-10pm. They play a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers and originals. Interesting y Bob, from Chill-billys, taught Jed from SON how to play guitar. Try some of the 3 beers on tap.

**FRIDAY**  
We return to Balloons for Grosh, on the main stage, from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo band plays a rock/pop/alt/metal set of originals and covers. In the tent Jillian Eliza will play from 10-1am. This Nashville native plays a country/pop set of originals and covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth with some thump, thump

for your bump, bump on the two dance floors.

12 Gates of Evl is up next with Jay McDonnell from 7-10pm. Jay plays acoustic based rock, Eagles, CSNY, Jackson Browne.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Wasted Whiskey from 8-11pm. This band plays classic and new country covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10 sun-thurs and midnight fri-sat. Open 9-11 sat-sun for breakfast.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Sil burning up the sound booth with some funk so you can shake your junk in the second story window. Try out the dart board or pool tables for you sports enthusiasts.

**SATURDAY**  
The Gin Mill is the early with Davey O from 2-5pm. He plays a folk/roots/pop set of originals and covers. High Noon takes the stage from 8-11pm. They play a country/bluegrass/pop set of covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

Taqueria joins the party with Jason Wedlock from 6-9pm. Jason plays a rock/folk/bluegrass/blues set of covers to accompany Evl's only Mex-Mex

menu.

Balloons is back with The Porcelain Busdrivers from 5:30-10pm. This Jamestown band plays a rock/pop/blues/hip-hop set of covers. In the tent Michael Nowak will perform from 10-1am. Mike plays multi genre covers. Dj Bad Weekend will blow up the sound booth from 10-2.

Madigans will have Dj SI burning up the sound booth with a groove so you can bust a move on the dance floor. They also have karaoke from 9-11pm.

**SUNDAY**  
Balloons kicks thing off with Anton Flint in the tent from 1-4pm. Anton plays sing r/song riter cover. Billy Joel, Elton John, James Taylor etc.... Enjoy a bite and music in the village atmosphere.

The Gin Mill hosts Meet the Bacons from 2-4pm. They play a rock/pop/country set of covers. Don't forget those 3 beers on tap.

Village o hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Made to order pasta with the topping of your choice or savory prime cooked to your liking The musi-

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# Beat on the Street:

"What is Your Favorite Artwork?"

By Chad Neal



Art is the way humans and some animals express themselves in a way that can be interpreted many different ways. Most artwork has definite meaning, alas one can never tell exactly what it may mean unless the artist themselves gives the reasoning behind the painting or sculpture or song or any other form of creative nuance. This weekly paragraph written to describe the question of the week is art from my head and creative abilities, along with tools. Paintings, sculpture, writing all use tools to aid in the demonstration of emotion and opinion. Everyone has art in them and a lot do not realize it. Some ridicule artists not understanding that they are expressing themselves artistically in doing so. Making a living through art is the dream of many and can be a wonderful way to enjoy life. What is your favorite artwork?



Twan - The locals mural upstairs at Madigan's. I'm lower right in green shirt beside The Gobbler. Shout-out to Shad.



Matt R. - The Beaune Altarpiece c. 1445-1450 by Rogier van der Weyden.



Glenn H.- Jules Bastien-LePage, Joan of Arc.



Jeff W. - Allie Cessna's - Bear in the entrance of EBC!



Mark P. - Anything my children did.



Dan K. - The Old Guitarist -1903 by Picasso

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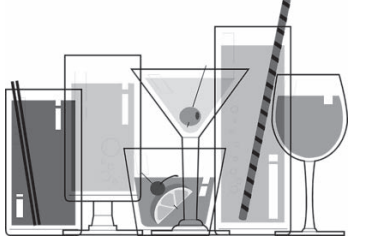
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

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:**

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

## Park

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the Ellicottville community to promote physical, social, and cognitive development.”

“It's a huge undertaking, but the goal is simple – we want everyone to be able to get out and play together.” Follow on social media for updates and watch for upcoming fundraisers. “We have a lot of great ideas for upcoming events, and we're very excited to be building community support. It's very encouraging the amount of support we've already received, and we're grateful for that. Please watch our social media posts for upcoming events and ways to get involved. We want the community to be as excited as we are about this project.”

## Letchworth

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was spared, likely because the natives were in awe of her fair skin and hair and diminutive stature. She was taken to an Ohio town and adopted by a Seneca woman and named Dehgewanus. Over time, she began learning the Seneca way of life becoming, as she said in a late life interview, “habituated to their mode of living and attached to my sisters”. By 1761, Mary was married to a Seneca and mother of one when she became widowed. By 1766, Mary is remarried with another son. By 1779, Mary has five children. Mary names all her children after her deceased Irish family members. They barely escaped the Sullivan and Clinton Expedition sent by General George Washington to destroy Seneca homelands and capture Ft. Niagara. The soldiers succeeded in the destruction but did not take the fort. Mary and her children escaped to Gardeau Flats. Once the war ended, the British gave their holdings east of the Mississippi River to the United States, but they did this without consulting with their Native American allies. As a result, the Seneca were forced to give up their lands. By 1797, the Seneca had to sell much of their land to Americans. Negotiations were taking place with the Holland Land Company in Genesee, and it was here that Mary Jemison proved herself an effective negotiator for the Seneca Tribe, winning more favorable terms for surrendering their rights to the land at the Treaty of Big Tree. No sooner had the treaty been negotiated and signed, the Council issued a grant of land to Mary Jemison who subsequently continued to live there with her family. She remained at Gardeau until 1831 when she sold her land and moved to Buffalo Creek Reservation where she died at age 90 in 1833. Gardeau Flats is in Castile in Wyoming County on Letchworth Park Road. A marker can be found at <https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=118846>

Historically, her story is important because she related a first-hand account into the suffering of Native American captives as well as an insight into the Indian culture, and especially their women. Her remains and her daughter's home were relocated at the request of her family to Letchworth Park on the grounds of an original Seneca Council House which was disassembled and moved there by Mr. Letchworth. Historical documents about her life with the natives are there as is her memorial statue.

To learn more about Mary Jemison, please go to <http://womenshistory.info/narrative-life-mrs-mary-jemison/>

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## ABC

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delegitimize the state of Israel and its right to live in peace within safe and defensible borders.

Roberts is presently the Roger and Martha Mertz Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, a Visiting Professor at the War Studies Department at King's College, London, and the Lehrman Institute Lecturer at the New York Historical Society.

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## EVL Life

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that I've mentioned in past articles. But living here has enhanced my perspective on how blessed I feel to be a part of it all.

I'd like to close by mentioning those charming kids from Balloons who expertly prepared my two Orange Creamsicle Floats to go.


I'm confident a lot of people have gone home to tell others of the spirit and god will of EVL and will go on to remember the charm and variety of foods we have to offer.

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## Shaking

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cal host is Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers.

Monday is Strings and Wing at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a nice selection of craft beers to wash them down. This weeks music is provided by Pat and Owen. These gys play a rock/blues/folk/pop/country set of covers and originals. Two of the best pickers in the country. Great weekend for guitar players.

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Gin Mill for Red Gray Monday from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country and rock and southern rock covers and originals.

Tuesday Balloons hosts Samantha Taylor from 6-9pm. She plays a pop/country set of covers. Try the blackened mahi tacos. My fave.

The Gin Mill's Tuesday offering is The Marty Peters Duo. Marty plays blues and folk covers from the 60-70's. Try the Gin Mill burger if you're hung y.

Balloons closes out their weekend Wednesday with Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared is a keyboard player and plays

a rock/pop/jazz/alt set of covers.

Well all god thing must come to an end and this gig ran for 40 years. This will be the last Joe Wage r and Company, Wing Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe will continue to play at The Gin Mill but will no long r host every Wednesday. Come out and help say thanks to Joe for 40 years of memories. Very sad I'm gi ng to miss this but I will be in France.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our villag and that you come of ten but where you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

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## ~Obituary~ Phyllis (Drew) Venezia 1926-2023



Ellicottville - Phyllis (Drew) Venezia, 96, of Ellicottville, New York, passed away peacefully on May 14th, 2023, at her home. She was born August 25, 1926, to the late William and Elizabeth (Freeman) Drew in Throop, Penn.

Phyllis graduated high school and secretarial school in Buffalo, New York. She then worked making World War II parachutes, and later worked as an executive secretary at Dunlop Tire. In August of 1959, she married her loving husband, Louis J. Venezia, who passed away in July of 2022.

For many years, Phyllis was a local restaurateur. She co-owned with her brothers Club Sheridan, and then along with her husband, Lou, owned and operated the Fieldstone and the Hunter's Horn

in Lockport. Phyllis and Lou made a complete team: Lou as chef in the kitchen and Phyllis managing the "front of the house".

Phyllis was an active auxiliary member of the Buffalo Chef's Association and member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Ellicottville. She enjoyed volunteer activities and was an active, cheerful participant. Phyllis loved antiquing and embraced being surrounded by those she loved. Until the very end, her sweet positivity and joy brightened those in her company.

Phyllis leaves behind her children: Drew (Joanne) Venezia of Ellicottville and daughters, Camille (Scott) Schaefer of Lockport, and Joyce Nelson of Atlanta, GA. Also, surviving are two grandchildren: Ryan Schaefer and Olivia Venezia; a great-grandchild: Raygan; and several nieces and nephews.

To honor Phyllis and Lou Venezia, a combined memorial service will be held for family and friends on Monday, August 21, 2023, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 NY-242, Ellicottville, NY at 11:30. There will be a spaghetti dinner afterward.

To honor Phyllis, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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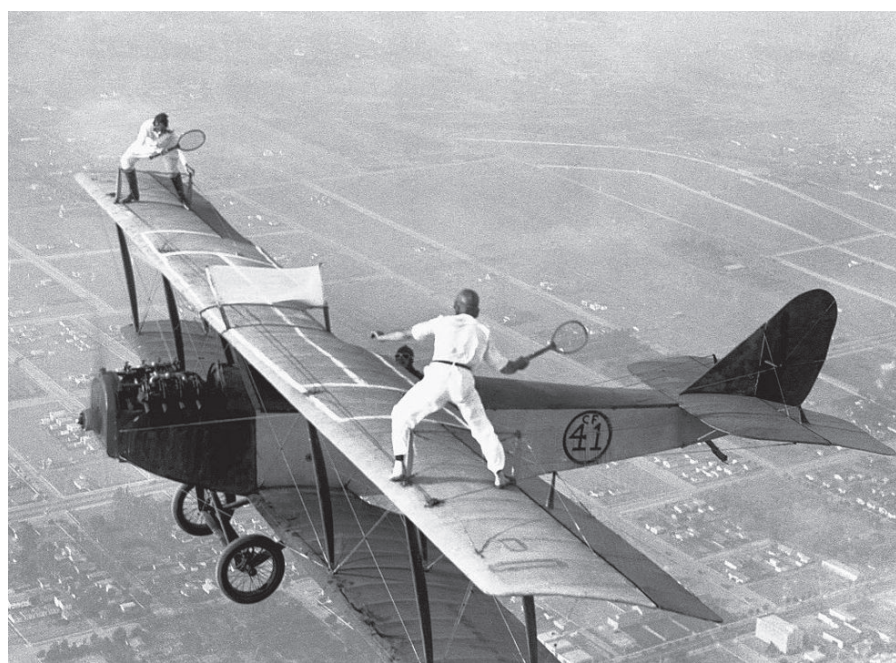
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