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Friday September 29 • 6pm
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Saturday, September 30 • 10am
Panama, NY
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Spruce Lake Lift, Ellicottville NY
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Fri-Sun, October 6-8 • 7:30pm
Ellicottville, NY
- FALL FOLIAGE TRAIN RIDE**
Fri/Sat, October 7 • 11am
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Friday, October 6 • 6pm
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Fall Festivals in CHQ. Co. 4 Events this Weekend, Many More in October



Panama Rocks Foliage Festival. This festival will be taking place at 11 Rock Hill Road in Panama NY on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, from 10am- 5pm. There will be an arts and crafts show with over 60 vendors. Chainsaw carving, black-smithing, and glassblowing will be demonstrated. A variety of live music will entertain the crowd. Other activities include face painting, horse drawn wagon rides, and Halloween costume contests for children and adults. There will also be trick or treating with the art vendors. If you would like more information about this event, look online at panamarocks.com or call 716-703-0021. (See full story, "CHQ. FALL" page 8.)

Ellicottville Fall Bucket-List Five Fun Things to Do this Season in 14731



Holiday Valley and offers a way to enjoy all the beautiful autumnal colors on a chairlift ride to Spruce Lake. This tranquil excursion will take you high above the fall leaves, offering picture-perfect views of Ellicottville in all her glory. Rides are available Saturdays and Sundays through October 29, 11am-5pm. Be sure to check out Sky High Aerial Adventure Park, the largest treetop obstacle course in New York State! After flying through the fiery fall colors, continue your active afternoon with the park's new fleet of Trek mountain and pedal assist electric bikes for rent. (This is just the beginning of our journey, see full story, "EVL FALL" page 9.)

Nightmare Hayrides in Ellicottville N.Y. Scaring Tradition for 32 Years is a Family Business



ARTICLE/PHOTOS
BY KATE BARTLETT

John Kent is the owner and founder of Nightmare Hayrides at 6319 Sommerville Street in Ellicottville. The Kent family has been running the Hayrides for 32 years, making each year a bit scarier than the last. The Kent family also runs the Ellicottville Championship Rodeo on their

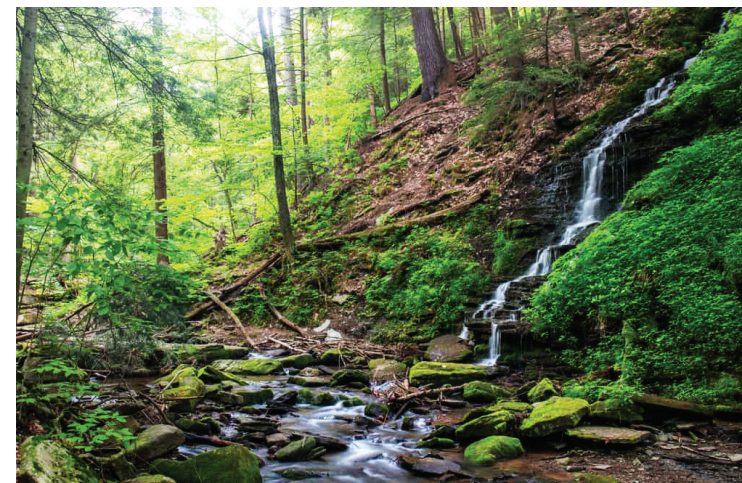
214-acre property in the valleys of the Enchanted Mountains.

John imagined the idea for Nightmare Hayrides on their property just 2 years after starting the Rodeo and opening riding stables. He remembers sharing his idea with his family at the dinner table, while his children were less than enthused about his new ideas. "Don't embarrass us Dad," they said. 32 years later, John is still successful scaring the people of Western New York, and has been voted Buffalo's Best Hayride.

His children knew that with their father's idea, more work would be thrown their way. "I grew up on the farm, and my kids grew up on the farm. We instill the value of hard work and the satisfaction of a job well done. The farm life isn't easy sometimes, but we all pitch in and do what needs to be done." John's wife, Karen Kent, has

SEE "NIGHTMARE" PAGE 6

Allegany State Park in the Autumn Opportunities Await @ NY State's Largest State Park



Bridal Falls is one of the many scenic water features accessible by Allegany State Park's many trails.

BY MILES HILTON

It's no secret that one of the draws of this area is the diverse ecosystems - woodlands, wetlands, and lakes - that coexist with cities and towns. Of the many ways to experience these ecosystems, Allegany State Park is one

of the largest, and offers the most diverse opportunities for recreation.

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Ellicottville Distillery Celebrates Seven Years Anniversary Festivities, October 7 ... Pg. 4



October marks the 7-year anniversary for the Ellicottville Distillery located at 5462 Robbins Road just a few miles outside the village. The Distillery offers a homegrown approach to the age-old practice of distilling, nestled in the heart of the Cattaraugus County mountains. Come out and say cheers to Bryan and the crew to celebrate 7 years of Distilling on Saturday October 7, at 12pm.

September is Hunger Action Month ... Pg. 3 Organizations Available to Help

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Ellicottville's Rev. Moses Ikuelogbon Roots of Faith from Nigeria to CATT. Co.

BY SARA GOODE



In a world filled with stories of migration and transformation, one man's journey stands out not for the miles he traveled, but for the profound spiritual path he has taken. Reverend Moses Ikuelogbon, a devoted priest who hails from the vibrant city of Lagos, Nigeria comes to United States, where he dedicated his life

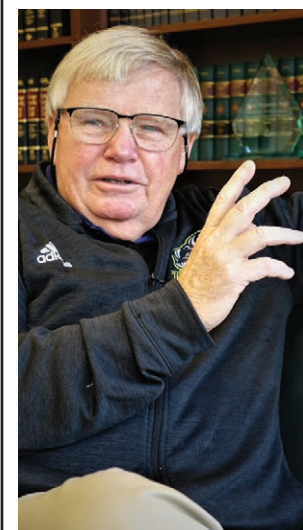
to spreading the message of God. Father Moses as he is affectionately known by his congregation, has become a be-loved figure in his new home here in Ellicottville, inspiring countless souls.

Father Moses was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria. He was one of seven children, growing up in a big family with religious traditions. Father Moses tells me, "I grew up in a household where we prayed every morning at 5am. My dad has a bell, he would ring the bell at 5am and every-one would come out in the morning to pray. That came to bring my spirituality from home." Father Moses also served at the altar and sang in the church choir in Nigeria where he became further inspired to be on the path he is today as he loved the way the

SEE "REVEREND" PAGE 11

CHQ. Co. Chamber Person of the Year Jamestown Native Greg Peterson

BY KATE BARTLETT



Gregory Peterson has been named Chautauqua County Chamber's Person of the Year and will be recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, October 5. As a Jamestown native, Greg has made a remarkable community impact in his career and with countless civic, charitable, and professional

organizations. He currently resides in Lakewood with his wife, Cindy, and has 3 children (Amy, Megan and Brent), and 5 grandchildren.

Greg grew up in Jamestown and graduated from Jamestown High School. With an interest in business, he attended Allegheny College studying Economics and decided to continue to Law School. Greg sought for a career to make a difference in the community and to serve and help others in this way. He graduated from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA with JD Degree. His first job after college was with Cadwell & Sharpe as a lawyer. This company merged with Phillips Lytle where Greg is still working as an attorney 42 years later.

He has held various leadership roles in

SEE STORY "PETERSON" PAGE 11



Publisher's Word

"Happy National Good Neighbor Day!"



September 28 is officially "Good Neighbor Day" and I have to say, I have been blessed in so many ways by my thoughtful neighbors. Be

it the people that have lived directly next door to me for a decade, or the neighbors in our neighboring counties, I have been friends with and worked with for decades, we truly live in a Tri-County of Good Neighbors. People in our area do good things and make amazing things happen. We live it, read about it and hear about it all the time. From fundraisers, scholarships, benefits, honors and awards - our area always puts appreciation in the forefront.

As we always ask, if you know someone who should be acknowledged for their outstanding service to the community, please drop us a line, we build these pages for people like you. You can reach us at any time: info@thevillager.com, submit direct on our website: www.thevillager.com or call our offices (716) 699-2058, we look forward to hearing your good stories! **Until next week, yours in writing - Jeanine Caprina Zimmer**

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- Julie Studd... October 23rd
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- Tom Williams... October 24th
- Jefferey Frank... October 25th

The Villager on the Street

Good Word Spreads with Good Vibes!



Enjoy the read and pass it on! Send in your photos to info@thevillager.com and be in next week's edition of The Villager. (Pictured: top: Villager Publisher, Jeanine Zimmer with Nicole Goodman and Joshua Zacher of Comparion Insurance Agency at Dina's Restaurant in Ellicottville, NY; bottom: Dave Elder of The Party Squad from Buffalo, NY with Tina Dillon of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in Ellicottville, New York at KeyBank Center in Buffalo at the Peter Gabriel Concert.

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- December 13

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Ellicottville's Famed Fall Festival

Mark Your Calenders for Next Weekend's Fantastic Event



Fall Festival is Ellicottville's largest most anticipated event and runs next weekend, October 7-8, 2023. The village transforms into an walkable 4-block arts and crafts show accompanied by our one-of-a-kind shops, flavorful culinary culture, chair lift rides, live music, and so much more.

*At this time the Chamber of Commerce is no longer accepting Fall Festival Vendor applications. For more information, see schedule page 5 or visit: www.ellicottvillenyc.com and www.thevillager.com.

September is Hunger Action Month

Organizations Available to Help

JOIN US FOR HUNGER ACTION MONTH

TAKE ACTION ▶

On feedingamerica.org there is a lot of information and resources for those who are food insecure, and for those that want to get involved to help.

By DARLENE BRACE

Many people in the United States eat plenty of food each day, often taking their food for granted and sometimes wasting it. Yet, in our country there are many people that are hungry and have food insecurity. Food insecurity has been defined by the USDA as "having the lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in the household to live an active and healthy life."

country's growing hunger problem, September has been designated as Hunger Action Month. Hunger Action Month was established by a hunger relief organization called Feeding America back in 2008. Feeding America decided it was time for nationwide awareness and involvement to help with the hunger crisis across the country. Feeding America has estimated that currently over 8 million people in the United States have food insecurity, and that in New York State alone,

one out of nine people face hunger. Therefore, this is a local problem as well as national one.

Also, food insecurity doesn't always happen to the homeless or poverty-stricken populations. Sometimes families have food insecurity occur suddenly because of a job loss or medical conditions. Many of these families who experience food insecurity suddenly do not qualify for federal nutrition programs like SNAP (supplemental

Because of our SEE "HUNGER" PAGE 14

British Farce Comes to Aurora Players

2023-2024 Season Opens Oct. 6 with "One Man, Two Guvnors"



The side-splitting farce, "One Man, Two Guvnors" by Richard Bean, bursts onto the Aurora Players stage on Friday, October 6 and runs for three weekends. Critics have called the comedy "uproarious, hilarious and heartwarming," and a 2012 review of the Broadway show by The Hollywood Reporter stated, "If you're not having a good time at this show, you may be on the wrong medication."

Set in 1963 in Brighton, England, a middle-class resort town, the play revolves around the misadventures of Francis Henshall, a hapless and hungry man who finds himself working for two different bosses at the same time. His motivations are simple: food and a girl. Hilarity ensues as Francis attempts to keep his two guvnors from discovering each other, all while doing whatever he can to satisfy both his appetites. The show is known for its witty dialogue, use of physical comedy and breaking the fourth wall (addressing

or involving the audience). It was a hit in London before transferring to Broadway in 2012, the same year in which James Corden won the Tony Award for his portrayal of Francis Henshall. The play is packed with sub plots involving crime, arranged marriages and mistaken identities. Show Director, Marc Ruffino, who is an English Teacher and Drama Club Advisor/Director with Hamburg High School, notes that the play is an adaptation of The Servant of Two Masters by 18th-century Italian playwright, Carlo Goldoni. "That play drew on commedia dell'arte, an improvisational form of Italian theater where actors would perform distinct character types, often improvising a given premise," he said, adding, "and there is improvisation in this show as well. Richard Bean's script is truly a triumph of visual and verbal comedy and this cast embraces that very well. They are extremely funny!"

For Aurora Players regu-

lars who expected a musical this fall, One Man, Two Guvnors bridges the gap. It is accompanied throughout by a lively skiffle band and singing. Skiffle is a type of folk music that originated in the first half of the 20th century, with influences from blues, country, bluegrass and jazz. It is often performed with both conventional and improvised instruments.

One Man, Two Guvnors opens Friday, October 6 and runs weekends through October 22. The show is rated PG-13 for some blue humor and language. With a shorter run than its usual fall show, Aurora Players is encouraging patrons to reserve seats early. They are available (\$18-20) at www.auroraplayers.org or through the box office at 716-687-6727. The show time for Friday and Saturday performances is 7:30pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30pm. The 200-seat, Historic Roycroft Pavilion Theater is located at 166 South Grove Street within Hamlin Park in East Aurora.

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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

"It's Not a Dog's Life Anymore...It's Much Better"



PHOTOS & COLUMN BY, GARY MALICKI

I grew up with dogs in the household as I covered in a past article. In order to prepare to write this story I was compelled to research the ex-pression "It's a dog's life" to see what it really means. I was surprised to find out that the saying was first recorded in a 16th century manuscript. It refers to a hard life, sleeping in a cold barn, chasing rats and living on scraps.

Flash forward to the 21st century in Ellicottville, NY where Kayleigh Coolidge, a young entrepreneur, has chosen to negate that reference. She is a professional dog walker who recently started her own business called "Sheer Dogness".

Kayleigh found her inspiration in Mick, her precious chocolate lab who was given a year to live with a cancer diagnosis. She immediately started feeding Mick healthier foods and exercised him more often in nature which resulted in 5 more years with her best friend.

She feels very social with dogs and started pet sitting as a hobby. She became completely in tune with the animals' wellness and started trail hiking the dogs.

Kayleigh told me she came up with the word "dogness", meaning the canine's true nature. She is mostly self-taught and says, "Dogs are my best teachers." She adds that she is fully insured and certified in pet first aid".

She currently services 10 clients on a regular basis and has the unique approach of taking the dogs in nature on hiking trails as opposed to walking them on concrete sidewalks. She frequently takes them to Holiday Valley, Spruce Lake, the McCarthy area in Great Valley and HoliMont. She picks them up and brings them back to their



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Kayleigh uses natural treats and believes in feeding them raw foods which, she says, results in a more youthful disposition and softer coats. She doesn't have a favorite breed but instead feels that she connects with them all. They are all her favorites. This young lady is planning on more education regarding dog behavior while working with the SPCA in Olean.

Her only handicap at the moment is that she drives a smaller vehicle and can only take a few at a time on her hiking adventures.

She's clearly passionate about catering to the dogs' needs and strives to relate to the animals by helping reactive dogs relax. She says they need consistency and naturally loves them.

The next step in the evolution of Sheer Dogness is her desire to start up a dog boarding and day

care center which will be located just 5 minutes from the village. This area is in real need of something like this and Kayleigh is dedicated to its success. Her boarding business will operate seven days a week and she'll be in need of hiring a few employees. Her plan is to make the boarding center a natural and comfortable environment to maximize the happiness of each and every dog, assuring they enjoy their stay. It will open very soon as we welcome fall.

I found out about Kayleigh by way of Facebook and you can do the same by searching Sheer Dogness. Feel free to private message her there. Info on the boarding & daycare center will appear there soon! You can also reach her by emailing: sheerdogness@gmail.com. Once the boarding center is up and running a website will soon be established to improve communication.

So, it may indeed be a dog's life but in the capable and loving care of Sheer Dogness life is definitely pretty dog-gone good.

Ellicottville Distillery Celebrates 7 Years

Anniversary Festivities at the Distillery

BY KATE BARTLETT

This October marks the 7-year anniversary for the Ellicottville Distillery located at 5462 Robbins Road just a few miles outside the village. The Distillery offers a homegrown approach to the age-old practice of distilling, nestled in the heart of the Cattaraugus County mountains.

Owner and distiller Bryan Scarf opened doors to the Distillery in 2016 with only 2 products, a vodka and a clear whisky. He had a passion for distilling and sought to open a Distillery to share this craft with the community. The Distillery has always offered a laid-back, casual and welcoming atmosphere with an on-site tasting room of uniquely hand-crafted cocktails.

Over the years, the space has evolved to include more spirits and accommodate a larger crowd. While still intimate and cozy, the tasting room now offers over 25 cocktails and 8-10 spirits including bourbon, whiskey, rye, honey spirit, appleshine, maple bourbon crème, blueberry vodka, regular vodka and gins.

The expansive outdoor



The expansive outdoor space offers incredible views of the sweeping hills and allows guests to unwind in the great outdoors. The Distillery frequently hosts live music in their outdoor space, along with artisan and vendor markets. "We aim to be a destination," says Bryan. "We hope our guests relax and unwind in the great outdoors in good company, with great spirits."

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good company, with great spirits." Throughout the seasons, The Distillery takes advantage of their outdoor spacing hosting a variety of events including their annual car and motorcycle shows, Pig Roast on the 4th of

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EA2EVL Fondo to Benefit Rail Trail

42-Mile Charity Ride to Roll Out Sept. 30; East Aurora to EVL

Join members of the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail for the EA2EVL Fondo, a 42-mile epic road ride from East Aurora to Ellicottville on Saturday, September 30. The 42-mile route will venture down Route 240 through the fall foliage and rolling hills of Western New York and end with a celebration at the beautiful Holiday Valley Resort. The best part: 100% of the proceeds benefit the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT)!



used to expand and improve the trail south into the town of Aurora and West Falls.

a great fall ride!

• VOLUNTEER:

They will need volunteers for the start line at 42 North in East Aurora, three water stops (Colden, Concord and West Valley), course pointers and traffic control on the route, and at the finish line party at Holiday Valley. Volunteers sign up online. They will be in touch with more specific instructions for your role.

• DONATE: If you can't join the group, you can still help by supporting one of the riders on their registration site,

• RIDE ON: If you are a biker, register today! In addition to the registration fee, we're asking all riders to fundraise for ECRT. A minimum of \$100 in donations will earn you an event shirt and tickets for food and drinks at the finish line party. If you raise \$500 or more, you also get an event jersey. The top fundraiser gets to wear the coveted yellow jersey. So sign up, raise some money for ECRT, and enjoy

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12pm – 6pm	Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale	Holiday Valley Lodge
4pm – 8pm	Ski Swap Sale / Check-in	Holiday Valley Lodge

Saturday, October 7

7:30am	Fall Scramble Race	Yodeler Lodge
9am – 6pm	Sky High Aerial Park	Tannenbaum Lodge
9am – 5pm	Mountain Shop & Golf Tent Sale	Holiday Valley Lodge
9am – 12pm	Ski Swap Check-in	Holiday Valley Lodge
9am – 5pm	Ski Swap Sale	Holiday Valley Lodge
10am – 5pm	Customer Service Building Open	Resort Services Building
11am – 4pm	Beer & Cider Tent	Base Area Plaza
11am – 5pm	Spruce Lake Scenic Lift Rides*	Spruce Lake Chairlift
11am – 6pm	Mountain Coaster	Tannenbaum Lodge
12pm – 4pm	Mardi Gras Scenic Lift Rides	Mardi Gras 6
12pm – 4pm	Mountain Top Cookout	Top of Mardi Gras
12pm – 4pm	Tommy Z Band	Top of Mardi Gras
4pm – 7pm	Music by Jay McDonnell	Cabana Bar

*Last ride up the Spruce Lift is at 4:30PM

Sunday, October 8

9am – 6pm	Sky High Aerial Park	Tannenbaum Lodge
9am – 3pm	Mountain Shop/Golf Tent Sale	Holiday Valley Lodge
10am – 3pm	Ski Swap Sale	Holiday Valley Lodge
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46th Annual Falling Leaves Festival

Cultural Family Fun in Salamanca, NY this Weekend



BY JESSICA MILLER

It's once again time for Salamanca's 46th annual Falling Leaves Festival! September 29, 11am - October 1, 8pm will be another celebration of autumn, Seneca heritage and culture, and the relationship between the Seneca Nation of Indians and the city of Salamanca. The weekend activities will take place around Jefferson Street Park (9 Broad St. Sycamore Park). Here are some of the highlights that the whole family can enjoy during the free admission weekend festival:

- Kids of all ages will enjoy the petting zoo, face painting, dunk tank, and balloon animals! These

activities are scheduled from 1-4 PM Saturday and Sunday

- Arts and crafts vendors will be present all weekend with unique and handmade goods to purchase
- Food vendors will have their goods for sale all weekend
- Eric Jones Caricatures will be offering free caricature portraits to attendees Saturday noon-4pm and Sunday 11am-3pm.
- Live music and a deejay will play throughout the weekend—DJ JD Gardener/Rez Road Sounds spins hits Friday from noon-6pm and Saturday 11am-6pm; Ozone Ranger plays Friday from 6-9pm; Saturday has the Happy

Days Duo from 3-5pm and Iron Eyes Maybee from 6-9pm; Sunday hosts Red Grey from 1-3pm

- A "Minute to Win It" game is in the tent Saturday from 1-2pm
- The Seneca Youth Dancers will perform Saturday from 2-3pm
- The Riverside Chapel (134 Broad St.) will host Sunday morning services for the community from 10:30-11:30am
- The Grand Parade will begin at 3pm

The most current information for the Falling Leaves Festival (as well as other upcoming Salamanca activities) can be found on their Facebook or email: salamancasenecafallfest@outlook.com.

Nightmare

CONT. FROM COVER

been the heartbeat of the business. Alongside the couple, are their children, Tammie and Johnny, who spent countless hours working the hayrides, rodeo and especially on the farm.

John built the main hayride attraction, the Haunted Wagon Ride, around their 25-acre field and borrowed tractors from neighbors until he built up a fleet of rustic Farmall M tractors. Their first year, he gathered about 30 people and taught them his ideas on 'how to scare' the riders the night before the hayrides first ran. He built platforms for the hauntings to come off of and also buildings to come out of while the wagon riders set out on a 25-minute journey through the dark hayride.

The hayrides became popular in the community, and as John saw this positive response he added on more attractions. Within 5 years he added a haunted maze, consisting of 4-foot-wide lumber hallways with "just enough light to take you through the next turn." In another 5 years, he converted the farm's old cattle barn into a haunted barn, with claustrophobic walls, vortex tunnel, and gloomy hallways. You never know what might be around the next turn.

John and his family have had fun adding more to their haunted collections over the years, but still find the simplest pranks to be the most fun. "Once I had a small person hiding in a garbage can who would pop out when people walked by. It was the simplest thing but people would scream and laugh hysterically every time."

And what's more, John has never watched a scary



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movie in his life. Instead, he enjoys coming up with original ideas on his own. "I've had many people call over the years asking for certain attractions, like our 'Outhouse Girl' who would lure visitors into an outhouse and the walls would collapse onto the ground."

Who knew the business of scaring could be so fun? John's favorite part of his job is watching people laugh, and seeing the smiles on their faces. "It's hilarious to watch people; they'll do the darndest things when they're scared. My stomach muscles hurt from laughing by the second week of the Hayrides. It really brings me joy watching people and their reactions to good 'ol fashioned pranks."

Retirement may be on the horizon for John, as he begins to recognize the need to slow down and take it a bit easier. "My hope is that someone will love these Hayrides as much as we have and decide to take them on with the property. We've put our lives into it, and it's been quite the

journey. We've loved every minute of it, and hopefully someone else will too."

Hayrides run weekend from September 29-October 29 with rides Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7:30-9:30. Tickets are \$30/person available onsite and include all attractions. All ages welcome, under 5 free, rain or shine, handicapped accessible. John loves a challenge and can accommodate large parties, busses and other types of events and gatherings. For more information visit <http://www.nightmarehayride.com/>.

Make sure to visit John and his family at 6139 Sommerville Street in Ellicottville for a night of spooks that you won't forget. Find out why they've earned the term "the scariest haunted attraction in WNY." "We named it Nightmare Hayrides because that's what we aim to do. Stop down for a good scare, and some laughs too."

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who helped them locate a vehicle – a retired Niagara Falls Tour Bus. “Once we had the vehicle, our plans began to take form.” Eric and Noah drew up designs for their vision, and decided they’d do all the work on their own, no shortcuts.

They began gutting the bus, taking out the old seats and luggage racks, stripping it down to the bare essentials. “It was much more time consuming than we originally planned. Everything revealed itself and the shop design began to take form as we worked. It was very therapeutic at the time. We worked hard and learned a lot along the way.”

The two worked diligently building bookshelves and bookcases with no prior experience with wood-working. “It was important to us that we didn’t contract out. We really wanted to create this on our own and not cut corners. We learned step-by-step how to create the space we envisioned. It took us longer than we originally planned, but after 2 years of hard work, we’re very proud of the end result. It’s crazy to visualize something and watch it take form.”

The interior is beautifully finished with ‘book-papered’ ceilings and a painting commissioned by Eric. The pair used old book pages from discards and affixed it to the bus with Modge Podge. “What better wallpaper than bookpaper,” says Noah. “The painting transpired from a joke between us. Eric is a very inspired guy. Our idea transformed it into a recreation of David with our likeness.” Each book in the shop is hand selected by Eric and Noah and artistically displayed on their

markets in the Elmwood Village of Buffalo, and had great success.

Just before the Pandemic, Eric and Noah were searching for a location for their first bookshop. Having success selling at markets in the Elmwood Village, they were encouraged by their customers to open a brick and mortar store. Bookselling was more of a hobby, a passion project they enjoyed during their ‘downtime’ on weekends, but they were inspired to take it to the next level.

Then Covid hit. Having a lot of time on their hands, and in need of a project, they considered a suggestion a customer once made for a book bus. Dismissed at the time, the suggestion became more appealing given recent events. Unsure of when they could open a physical location, and having time to commit to this project, they sought out in search of a vehicle. “With the renewed interest in parks and being outside during the pandemic, a traveling bookstore seemed like a great idea. We decided we’d bring the books to the people.”

Eric had a friend in the Food Truck industry

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By KATE BARTLETT

Meet Steward & Specter Booksellers, Buffalo’s newest and most unique traveling bookshop. Owners and Founders Eric Mowrey and Noah Wojcik describe their project to be the product of what happens when an artist and book collector join forces to start a business; a beautifully designed bus fully stocked with a variety of books for sale. The bookshop recently debuted at Borderland Music Festival.

Both originally from Pennsylvania, they met in college Mansfield University and have been friends ever since. As an art major, Eric’s artistic expression has taken many forms over the years. He is currently working in Advertising for a local collectible company, bringing his creative work to the media industry. Noah works in Human Services and became interested in books later in life. He began collecting books and building libraries as a hobby, a labor of love for books. The two teamed up to sell books at local



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Photos, left to right: 1) If you are looking for some adult fun in northern Chautauqua County this weekend, head on out to 21 Brix Winery on September 30th. This fall fest will be from 1pm-9pm. 21 Brix Winery is located at 6654 W. Main St in Portland, NY. They will still be offering wine tasting and serving food, but the winery's menu will be limited, as there will be a variety of food vendors at the event. There will also be local craft vendors and live music. 2) Pumpkingfest at the Southern Tier Brewery's Empty Pint will also be held Saturday, September 30 from 1pm-9pm at 2072 Stone-man Circle in Lakewood, New York. The Pumpkingfest is a fun way to welcome the fall season and enjoy the brewery's pumpkin flavored imperial beer and other beverages. At this festival, there will be some great music entertainment. 3) Rolling into October, experience the transformation of Chautauqua Institution as autumn paints the grounds in a kaleidoscope of colors! Exciting events are in store for you this fall, as you embrace the changing seasons and explore the grounds, you can indulge in delightful dining, and discover unique shopping experiences. The fun begins in October with a "Mud Day", more than a Mud Run on October 7, this 5k is packed with muddy madness.

CHQ. Fall

STORY FROM COVER

BY DARLENE BRACE

The summer of 2023 was a great summer. The weather was warm and sunny, and there was always a lot to do in the area. Summer has now officially ended, and it's the end of September. Early fall in Western New York is a beautiful, warm and colorful season, and there is still a lot to do outside. So, if you are still looking for some fun outdoor activities to participate in, read on and you might find just what you are looking for.

Experience the transformation of Chautauqua as autumn paints the grounds in a kaleidoscope of colors!

Exciting events are in store for you this fall, as you embrace the changing seasons and explore the grounds, you can indulge in delightful dining, and discover unique shopping experiences. The fun begins in October with a "Mud Day", more than a Mud Run on October 7, this 5k is packed with muddy madness. They are also offering a Forum on Democracy October 20-22 and to knock out the month with a bang, celebrate with the Oktoberfest held at the Athenaeum Hotel, October 27. For information on all of this log on to www.ciweb.org.

The Basil and Bones Fall Festival will be taking place this Saturday, September 30, at 2061 Foote Avenue Ext. in Jamestown from 12pm-6pm. This is a festival of a variety of activities for young and

old alike. One of the main attractions will be the live music entertainment. Mark Mincarelli will be performing from 12pm-2p. Music by Charity Nuse and Sara Rafalowski will follow starting at 3pm. Along with live music, there will be a variety of local vendors. There will be activities for children such as games, a petting zoo, and face painting. If you want more information about the Basil and Bones Fall Festival, you can call 716-488-7590.

Another family fun fall festival is the Panama Rocks Foliage Festival. This festival will be taking place at 11 Rock Hill Road in Panama NY on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, from 10am- 5pm. There will be an arts and crafts show with over 60 vendors. Chainsaw carving, blacksmithing, and glassblowing will be

demonstrated. A variety of live music will entertain the crowd. Other activities include face painting, horse drawn wagon rides, and Halloween costume contests for children and adults. There will be trick or treating with the art vendors. If you would like more information about this event, look online at panamarocks.com or call 716-703-0021.

Now if the family festival type outing isn't your thing, and you're looking for some adult entertainment this weekend, the Pumpking Festival at the Southern Tier Brewery's Empty Pint might be the festival for you. This festival will be held Saturday, September 30 from 1pm-9pm at 2072 Stoneman Circle in Lakewood, New York. The Pumpking Festival is a fun way to welcome the fall season and enjoy the brewery's pumpkin

flavored imperial beer and other beverages. At this festival, there will be some great music entertainment. The Riffriders will be playing their blues-rock to get the party started. Then the Tim Britt Band will entertain you with their modern alternative folk music. To rock the night away, get ready for Black Widow to start jamming at 6pm. Besides music, there will also be hatchet throwing and pumpkin bowling, as well as plenty of other beverages and food to please the crowd.

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serving food, but the winery's menu will be limited, as there will be a variety of food vendors at the event. There will also be local craft vendors and live music. Music will be performed by Miranda Wilcox and the Line starting at 2:30pm. Later in the day the Porcelain Busdrivers will be rocking it out from 6pm-9pm. If you want more information about this festival, you can look online at their Facebook page or go to 21brix.com.

Enjoying these fall festivals this weekend is a great way to celebrate the beginning of fall in Chautauqua County. In October, you can continue to enjoy outside activities in the nice fall weather, as there will be more fall festivals to come. Stay tuned for more information.

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Photos, left to right: 1) Take part in the fascinating, hands-on process of making fall's favorite beverage at a refurbished 1870's cider mill – a main feature inside the quaint attraction of Pumpkinville. Freshly picked apples are squeezed in the antique press with its original ram and table to produce a batch of old-fashioned pure cider (Photo/Greg Spako). 2) Holiday Valley's Sky High Aerial Adventure Park is the largest treetop obstacle course in New York State. It offers a range of "aerial trails" for all ages and abilities. 3-4) Fall not only has us thinking about pumpkin patches and the auburn glow of leaves, but also about our holiday shopping strategy. Whether you're seeking something sentimental for a loved one or a self-care gift for yourself, treasures abound downtown. Score a pair of festive socks from Purple Doorknob, or one of Gi Thread's pumpkin dulce candles that provides a rich autumn blend to help you embrace the many joys of the season.

EVL Fall

STORY FROM COVER

BY KELLY HANNON

The autumnal equinox arrived last Saturday, marking the official first day of fall. Autumn is one of the best times to visit and enjoy our vibrant village. From seasonal treats to next-level leaf peeping, there are endless options for raking in fall fun in Ellicottville.

One of the best ways to celebrate autumn's arrival is with a delicious mug of fresh-milled apple cider. Take part in the fascinating, hands-on process of making fall's favorite beverage at a refurbished 1870's cider mill – a main feature

inside the quaint attraction of Pumpkinville. Freshly picked apples are squeezed in the antique press with its original ram and table to produce a batch of old-fashioned pure cider. The apples are brought in each week from Niagara County, and at least three varieties are used to create a fantastic blend. Enjoy a hot or cold glass on site, or take a gallon home. It's a great place to visit with the whole family for some educational, flavorsome fun. Pumpkinville is open until October 31. Cider is squeezed regularly throughout the day on Saturdays, Sundays, and through early afternoon on Wednesdays.

After warming up with fall's favorite beverage, head over to Holiday Valley and enjoy all the beautiful

autumnal colors on a chairlift ride to Spruce Lake. This tranquil excursion will take you high above the fall leaves, offering picture-perfect views of Ellicottville in all her glory. Rides are available Saturdays and Sundays through October 29, 11am-5pm.

Want an even closer view of the foliage? Be sure to check out Sky High Aerial Adventure Park, the largest treetop obstacle course in New York State! It offers a range of "aerial trails" for all ages and abilities. Participants navigate from one tree platform to another, crossing bridges, zip lines, and obstacles. After flying through the fiery fall colors, continue your active afternoon with the park's new fleet of Trek mountain and pedal assist electric bikes for rent.

Autumn hours of operation are Friday – Sunday, 9am-6pm through October 13, and 11am – dusk the final two weekends in October.

Fall not only has us thinking about pumpkin patches and the auburn glow of leaves, but also about our holiday shopping strategy. Whether you're seeking something sentimental for a loved one or a self-care gift for yourself, treasures abound downtown. With over a dozen specialty boutiques and gear shops at a range of price points, shopping is always effortlessly smooth in Ellicottville. Score a pair of festive socks from Purple Doorknob, or one of Gi Thread's pumpkin dulce candles that provides a rich autumn blend to help you embrace the many joys of the season.



Top off your adventure with the perfect handheld treat for autumn: a pumpkin or apple pie cupcake from Cupcaked Bakery on Monroe Street. Swing into Ellicottville Brewery next door for a Fall Festival Lager or the Pumpkinville Pumpkin Ale, brewed with locally harvested pumpkin and seasonal spices – a must-try for fall!



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Hawk Creek Wildlife Center in East Aurora: Home to Hundreds of Animal Residents



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN
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The Hawk Creek Wildlife Center in East Aurora has over a hundred animal residents. You can visit all kinds of interesting, rescued birds and creatures, including Calypso the Clouded Leopard and Yeti the Snowy Owl. They have Eurasian Lynxes, a wild

cat that loves water called a River Fishing Cat, a Geoffrey's Cat, Sand Cats, an African Serval, and an African Caracal. There are beautiful macaws, majestic eagles, and lots of raptors. Some of them make visits to various educational settings to educate people about the importance of helping endangered animals. Each year visitors get many chances for "photo ops" with flying raptors and

animals such as Tracker the Eurasian Lynx.

Other animals there include the furry local celebrity, the groundhog who predicts the arrival of Spring, Buffalo Bert. A raven who resides there was taken to a rehabilitation center after he sensibly flew onto a random porch, hopped into someone's lap and squawked, "Hi! Who's momma's good boy?"

The Center has two great

Autumn events coming up soon: The Spooky Safari takes place on October 7th & 8th. It features a flying bird demonstration, the trick or treat trail, pumpkin painting, refreshments and activities for all ages. Kids can wear costumes. Parking is free, and tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors and veterans, and \$9 for children. You can also get a family pass for up to two adults and three children,

between the ages of five and twelve years old. You can buy any tickets online. This event will take place rain or shine.

Wild Wines of the World takes place on October 14th from 1-4pm. Buying a ticket entitles an adult 21 years of age or older to savor eight four-ounce wine samples, a Hawk Creek wine tumbler, to learn about the animal ambassadors, view a

demonstration of birds in flight, and the opportunity to feed a porcupine and pose for a photo holding a (non-native) raptor. This event will also be held rain or shine.

The Hawk Creek Wildlife Center is located at 1963 Mill Road in West Falls, NY. Visit <http://www.hawkcreek.org> for information and directions, or call (716) 652-8646.

Allegany

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Exits 18, 19, and 21 on Route 86 lead into the park, opening its over 300 campsites, miles of trails, and boating, hunting, and fishing opportunities to the region.

For hikers and backpackers like me, the trail system is a major draw. Not only does the park maintain its own extensive trail system, huge cross-country trails, including the 4,800 mile long North Country Trail (NCT), cross the park. The NCT is peppered with well-maintained lean-tos, marked springs, and other amenities, making it a prime location



The Quaker Area offers fishing, boating, swimming, tent camping, and fully accessible, year-round cabins. (For more information go to www.stateparks.com.)

for backpacking.

Two lake areas - Red House and Quaker Lake - offer boating and swimming opportunities. The park's many creeks and rivers are great spots for fishing, and the lakes are even stocked with trout each spring. ASP hunting permits are free of charge.

As it gets colder, you might be brushing off your cross-country skis and snowmobiles. Well, Allegany State Park has you covered there, as well. The park offers over 350 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, as well as a dedicated cross-country ski area, the Art

Roscoe Trail System in the north of the park, which includes a warming hut.

Tent camping season is winding down, but the park offers over 300 tent campsites and as many primitive cabins. More luxurious, year-round cabins are available in the Red House and Quaker

areas, and those in the Quaker area are fully physically accessible.

Allegany State Park also offers many learning opportunities, including Allegany Nature Pilgrimage, a gathering for ecological appreciation and education each summer. All of this for a

vehicle entrance fee of between 6 and 8 dollars, during business hours.

Allegany State Park is an invaluable neighbor, a beautiful section of well-stewarded public land in our backyards. However you choose to get outside, there's something for you at ASP.

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Reverend

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priests did their programs. As he grew older, Father Moses felt a powerful calling to the priesthood. In 2013, Father Moses made his way to The United States where he attend-ed seminary college to become a priest and also studied philosophy and theology. Father Moses explains, "To study to become a priest you must study philosophy and theology. Imagine if someone is telling you some-thing, you don't side, there are objectives in love with wisdom." After 5 years of studying, Father Moses joined Saint the Gregory Great Roman Catholic church parish in Willamsville, NY for 3 years before he came to Ellicottville to serve The Three Catholic Sisters of The Foothills-Holy name of Mary located in Ellicottville, Saint Philomena located in Franklinville NY, and Our Lady of Peace of Salamanca, NY, where he has been for just over 1 year.

Father Moses' face lights up as he tells me about his thoughts and feelings on the Ellicottville community and his transition here. He tells, "Ellicottville is a neat community and fine environment, the people are very welcoming... I cherish community; it's in the community we find our identity and find purpose and reason."

With all of the activities Ellicottville has to offer, from hitting the slopes at our local ski resorts, to biking the glorious paths; there is so much to soak up in the beautiful scenery surrounding Ellicottville. Father Moses plans to indulge in as much as he can. Father Moses really appreciates what Ellicottville has to offer. On his free time, he participates in the community by playing tennis, soccer, golfing, mountain biking and swimming. He recently joined Warrior Fitness & Wellness gym located in the village at 5 Park Avenue where he enjoys working out. He feels blessed to be in an area where he can take part in so many communal activities and is excited to be introducing himself to more people.



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Ellicottville is also known as a popular place where people come to wed being charmed by the views of the chairlifts and enchanted landscapes that hang like a painting in the visions of locals and visitors. Father Moses tells me about his love for performing wedding rituals and the love and joy that surrounds in doing so, "I love weddings, I love family, I come from a big family and it's enjoyable seeing the families come together in love. When 2

people get married, the 2 families also get married too. It's some-thing really big."

Father Moses has not only been a spiritual guide here but also a source of comfort for those in need. When people rejoice, it brings Father Moses great joy. His story serves as an inspiration to others who may be navigating their own paths of faith and transformation.

He continues to inspire and uplift through his unwavering commitment to his faith and community. He stands as a testament to the power of faith, the universality of love, and the extraordinary impact that one individual can have when they answer a divine calling. In a world often marked by division, Father Moses reminds us that faith and love can transcend continents and cultures, binding us together in a shared journey toward spiritual fulfillment.



Peterson is co-founder of The Robert H. Jackson Center, which was founded in 2001 to enhance the legacy of Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson. The organization has brought Chief Justices William Rehnquist and John Roberts to the area together with Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg. "Over the past 22 years, we're proud to have been able to bring various prosecutors and politically and constitutionally interesting individuals to the area. Recently, all the International Chief Prosecutors came to the Jamestown area through the efforts of this organization."

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baseball, Greg co-founded Jamestown Community Baseball, LLC 5 years ago which plays in the Perfect Game Collegiate League Team as the Jamestown Tarp Skunks. proud winners of 8 Championships. Baseball has deep roots in Jamestown, dating back to the late 1930's, and Greg has helped this legacy continue.

Additionally, Greg has acted as general counsel to the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development agency for 35 years. "My overriding philosophy is to give back to the community that supports you and your family. Find something that is your passion and do it well. This has been my guiding light." He plans to continue on his journey with these established organizations, making sure they maintain sustainability and stay strong.

Greg notes that his success is built on teamwork. "It takes a village sounds trite, but true," remarks Greg. He is grateful for family, old friends and new, who have supported The Jackson Center, Tarp Skunks and other county organizations with countless volunteer hours, encouragement and enthusiasm that has helped to make them so successful.

"Chautauqua County is one of the best kept secrets in New York State. We have so many assets available and many that continue to be discovered. The area is rich in history, and there's great potential for future growth here." For more information regarding the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and to register visit <https://chautauquanycoc.weblinkconnect.com/events/>.



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“Much Ado About Nothing”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

A man says all women are crazy about him except one. Guess which one gets all his attention? The two have one big thing in common: they love insulting each other. When they meet (again), after he's just returned from a battle, they resume battling with words, insulting each other's looks, brains and personalities. And that's just the first five minutes. Here in the 21st-century such verbal attacks are known as “negging”, derived from “negative”. “Negging” is defined as: attacking someone's self-esteem in the belief that they'll feel challenged to seek your approval to build it up again. But they may be flirting (in their own weird way) rather than negging!

Meanwhile, another newly returned soldier, who's praised for his bravery in battle, is too chicken to propose to the woman he's crazy about. So he asks another man to do it for him, while wearing a mask at a masquerade ball, and pretending he's the one doing the asking. (People wearing masks at a social event? This sounds strangely familiar.) She accepts the proposal.

The first couple is also at that masquerade ball. She's so sharp she realizes it's him immediately, despite his mask, but he never catches on that she knows. She amuses herself by

insulting him to his face (or rather, mask) and soon he's whining to his friends about how nastily she “criticized him to someone else”. They're not amused. At that point, all their friends are so tired of their picking on each other that they team up to trick them into getting together romantically.

In a short while, when three friends of his “on the team” know he's within earshot, they improvise dialogue about how much in love she is with him, but that she'll never admit it. Likewise, three women she knows make sure she can hear them as they create a conversation about how crazy he is about her, but is not about to admit it. Both the trios make remarks about how the two of them are both too proud to ever open up to love. They use their noggins and tap into negging!

The guy is thrilled to (seemingly) hear that she is deeply in love with him, and starts thinking about the best time to tell her he loves her back. Unfortunately, the night before the engaged couple's wedding (which the first couple will be attending because she's her cousin and the groom's his good friend) the cranky half-brother of the man who made the proposal tricks the future groom into believing his fiancé has been cheating on him. Furious, the engaged man dumps his almost-bride just before they're about to say their I-Do's. After she faints and he storms off, the friar who was about to marry them tells her father (who's also furious) that he believes her innocence and that they should spread it around that the bride has died, to try and make

the non-groom feel very guilty. He agrees.

When the reformed “arguing partner” finds his love alone, crying right after the wedding, he chooses that moment to tell her he loves her and she says she loves him, too! However, when he says he'll do anything for her, she's still so upset that she can only think of a single request: kill her ex-fiancé! He doesn't want to kill his friend, but he also doesn't want to break up with her right two minutes into their new relationship. He agrees to challenge him to a duel. Luckily, he doesn't have to fight, because the plot to mess up the marriage is revealed in the nick of time.

The almost-groom of course feels very guilty when he realizes he unjustly accused his almost-bride, and (supposedly) caused her death. He tells his ex-future-father-in-law he'll do anything to try for forgiveness, and he's told to mourn her, proclaim her innocence, and marry a woman of the other man's choosing! He agrees. On the new wedding day, the groom only finds out at the altar that his new bride is his former fiancé, which is obviously a big relief to him!

When the conspiracy that got them together is revealed at the second wedding, the two “sparring partners” start to backtrack to the time when they were the best of enemies, but her cousin and his buddy pull out notes each of them has secretly written, expressing their affection for each other. So they have to admit to it, and are ready to marry.

Up Close: The Creche Organization

Helping Families in Southern CHQ. County



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By CAROLYNN WESP,
CRECHE MEMBER,
FALL SALE CHAIR

The Creche, a local all-volunteer women's organization, has a long history of helping children in the area. As its members prepare for their annual Fall Sale, being held October 4, 5, & 6 in the undercroft of St Luke's Episcopal Church (410 N. Main Street, Jamestown, NY 14701), it seems timely to take a look at all that this organization does to help children and families in Southern Chautauqua County.

Crèche began in 1900, and its members have a long-standing history of helping local children and meeting needs in the pediatric departments of local hospitals. Their projects have changed and evolved over the last century, but the goal of helping families with children remains the same. They are also known for supporting the

work of other local organizations who have a similar mission.

The present-day Holiday Gifts Committee provides families with presents at Christmas time, while the Camperships Committee provides funds for children to attend area summer camps. The Child Assistance Committee investigates needs of area families and donates beds, linens, and other necessary items to keep children healthy and safe. Creche's Hospital Committee provides a Halo Sleep Sac to each child born at UPMC Chautauqua each year, and our School Support committee purchases needed items each year for children in 20 area schools. Funds are also dispersed to send six Chautauqua County children to Royal Family Kids Camp each year.

Special fund-raising projects have been a hallmark of Crèche's history. Modern day efforts raise the necessary funds to support their many programs.

The recent Golf Tournament, Fore the Children, and the Friends of Creche Campaign help to build up the \$80,000 yearly budget needed to implement their programs. Our assistance at the Gran Fondo each year and sales from our upcoming Fall Sale also bring in much needed funds. Please plan on visiting this year's sale, held during the first week of October, where quality items will be available at reasonable prices. The sale will be held on October 4, 5, and 6 and will run from 9am-5pm on Wednesday and Thursday, and 9am-12pm on Friday with a bag sale. We hope to see you there!

You can see that this all-volunteer organization is doing a lot for kids and has been for a very long time! Thank you to all in this great community who have supported our efforts! For more information or to join, please visit creche-forkids.org.

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SUNDAY

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Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and the musical host is Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm. This former American Idol contestant plays a country/pop set of originals and covers.

Red Gray hosts his Monday residency at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. Red plays old and new country and rock and southern rock covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Tuesday offering is The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. These musicians from several different local bands play a roots and string band set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Well you know the drill, we end the weekend at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday with Brian Rick from 5-10pm. Rick plays a folk/pop/alt/roots set of covers from 7-10pm while you chow down on wings.

If you enjoyed your time in our village tell your friends and family and bring them back often but whoever you may be PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!

The leaves are turning and they're test running the new Mardi Gras lift, the mountain coaster, Sky High and the golf course are open and there's music everywhere so let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend starts at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$5 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. The music this week be provided by Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers.

Gin Mill's Thursday offering is The a Chill-billys from 6-11pm. This husband and wife team plays a rock/pop/blues/roots set of covers and originals. Try one or more of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Christian Kramer and the Backwoods Revival from 6:30-10pm. This band plays modern country. The back bar will host Samantha Taylor from 10-1am. Samantha plays country/folk covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the groove so you can bust a move on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guy Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/ blues/ country set of covers you can sing along to. Check out the latest kitchen in town

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI rockin the sound booth from 9-2am putting down the sauce so you can do the floss in the window on Washington St.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill gets a head start with Old Dawgs, New Tricks from 2-5pm. These two guys play traditional and contemporary bluegrass and string music. Barnstorm will follow from 8-12am. This band plays classics and contemporary country. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Madigans is a player with Never Ben from 6-8:30pm. This band plays classic and current rock covers. Dj SI will follow in the sound booth from 9-2am.

Balloons keeps the party going with Grosh on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo Band is heading into the studio next month to record their latest album. They play a rock/metal/pop/alt/ blues set of originals and covers that are very danceable. The back bar will host. Dan Roche from 10-1am. He plays a country/90's rock/pop set of covers.

FTR joins the party with Henry's Summer Kitchen from 8-11pm. This band plays a rockabilly/ country set of covers and throw in some corny jokes for a fun night. This is your Bills

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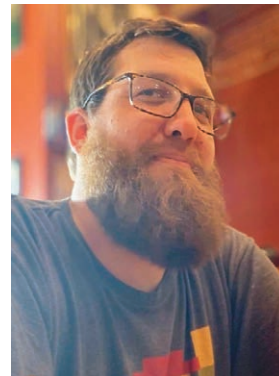
A decade that will live as the greatest to many a Gen Xer is the 1990s. It turned the eighties into a past we were ashamed of... for a while - until we thought about it. The 80s were a great precursor to the nineties for a lot of the Generation X who took it by storm. The older portion of the X generation gave the counter culture of the punk scene like the 70s a in the 90s a new disco to kill. The grunge scene was just that for the 80s culture: another punk type revolution, but that is the music scene. The technology that surpassed the infantile tech the 80s gave us and kept growing into a whole new matrix (in which many people question as real). The eighties kickstarted something and the fuel of the 90s gave it hell fire and here we are. Many things came from the last decade of the 20th century that were awesome. What is your favorite thing for the 90s?



Todd L.- My forties.



Jeff S.- They made some cool cars in the late 90's ... 300Zx turbo supra turbo, Viper, c5 Vette, rx7... cool cars, I guess thats my favorite thing from the 90s.



Corey N.- The movie Mallrats.



Connor C.- I didn't have bills or back pain back then.



Kathy T.- 4 Super Bowl appearances...didn't like end results but it was a fun ride!! Maybe soon again??

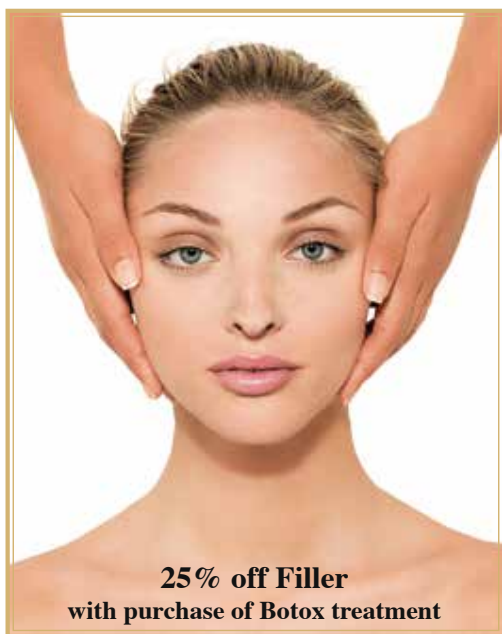


Tim H.- Nobody was looking down at a phone.

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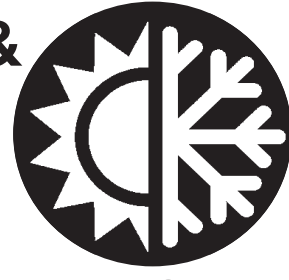
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9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

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Distillery

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July with fireworks, Duck Derby during the Kentucky Derby, Distilled and Chilled Music Fest, Liquor Mile (soon to be 5k) with New Year's Eve fireworks and their upcoming Punkin' Chunkin' every October. "The events just took shape as the Distillery became more established. We're always thinking of new ideas to bring people out for the day to have a good time."

The Distillery is also available for events and private parties. "It's the perfect location for any outdoor event or wedding. We have a creek that runs through the back of our 20-acre property and can accommodate up to 300 guests. There's plenty of space for event tents and we've recently added a handcrafted wooden trellis to complete the perfect outdoor backdrop."

Bryan invites everyone out to the Distillery located at 5462 Robbins Road



Everyone is invited to the Ellicottville Distillery located at 5462 Robbins Road for their 7th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday October 7th for a day of laid back festivities.

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The Distillery plans to continue their annual events, and has more plans for this upcoming year. They will be releasing a 6-year-old Bourbon for the holidays this upcoming December. Bryan's good friend Chad Neal (and trusty writer for *The Villager*) has been working on an 18-hole golf course on the property expected to be completed

this Spring. Bryan is grateful for the support from the community, and for his hard-working staff. "Everyone at the Distillery helps out where they can and we couldn't do it without them. Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported us in anyway." While the Distillery has certainly grown and evolved over the years, it still offers the same welcoming, laid-back atmosphere as it was founded. Come out and say cheers to Bryan and the crew to celebrate 7 years of Distilling on Saturday October 7, at 12pm.

Hunger

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nutrition assistance program). Either way, Feeding America is there to help. Going online to feedingamerica.org is a great way to find the help that is needed.

On feedingamerica.org there is a lot of information and resources for those who are food insecure, and for those that want to get involved to help. To assist those in need, most communities have local food pantries. The locations of the food pantries can be found on Feeding America's website on their food pantry locator. Many food pantries and soup kitchens are held at local churches or other community centers. At some food pantries, income and size of your family may affect your eligibility to receive help, but many pantries help anyone with no requirements.

Below there are several places in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County that can provide help to those in need, or if you want

to volunteer. Call the numbers listed for current days and times when they are open.

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Another way to help would be to volunteer your time at a local food bank pantry or soup kitchen. You may help by sorting and packaging food, or preparing and serving food, depending on the type of services the organization provides. Some communities have gardens that were established to help by growing vegetables. Here you may help by planting crops as well as picking them when they are ready.

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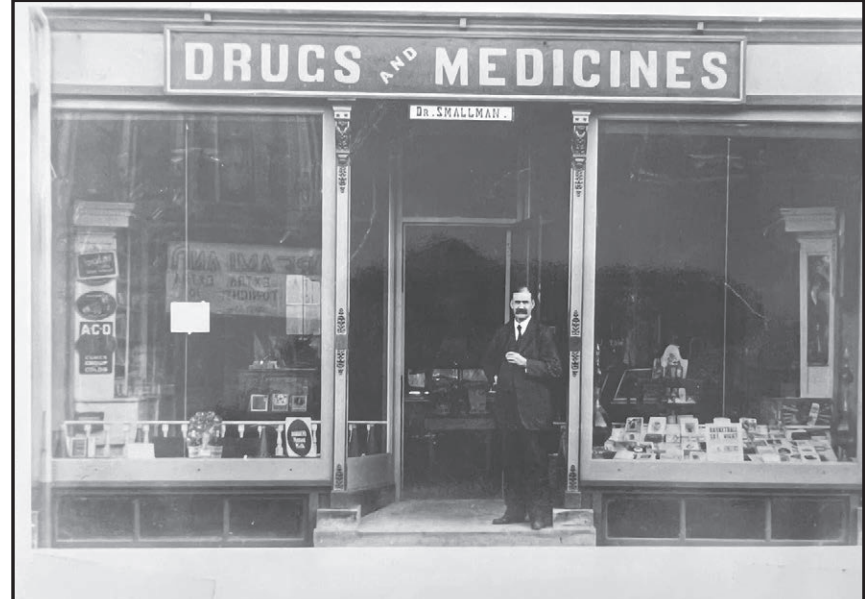
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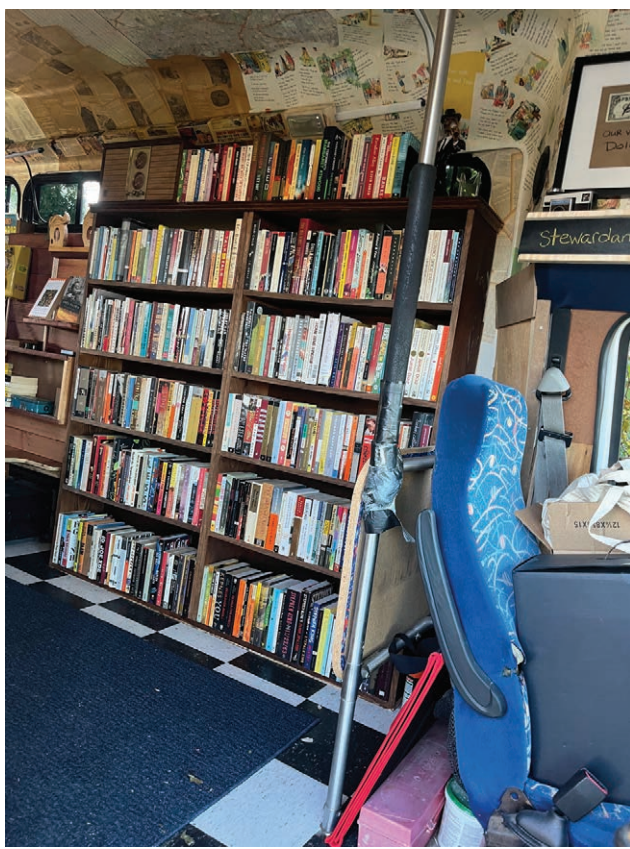
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Great Valley, NY Circa 1940

Books

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handmade shelves. While the majority is fiction based, their collection has a little bit of everyone. "There's some-thing for everyone of a ages including history, sports, kids and young adult, and more. Our curated story-telling selections are eclectic and include many interesting finds." It's their interest in history and the legacy books provide that lends insight to the business name. Steward and Specter are the two mascots on the side of the bus and depicted throughout Mowery's artwork. They are, first, fictional characters whose origin story is still being written, but more importantly they represent the relationship between the reader and the writer, the artist and the audience. "Our paper bags are stamped with the tagline "The readers and the read; the living and the dead" which I think nicely captures the sentiment. It's a celebration of the written word and it's timelessness. You can open a book and instantly be in the mind of a person who lived centuries ago, or someone living on the other side of the world. We think it's magical

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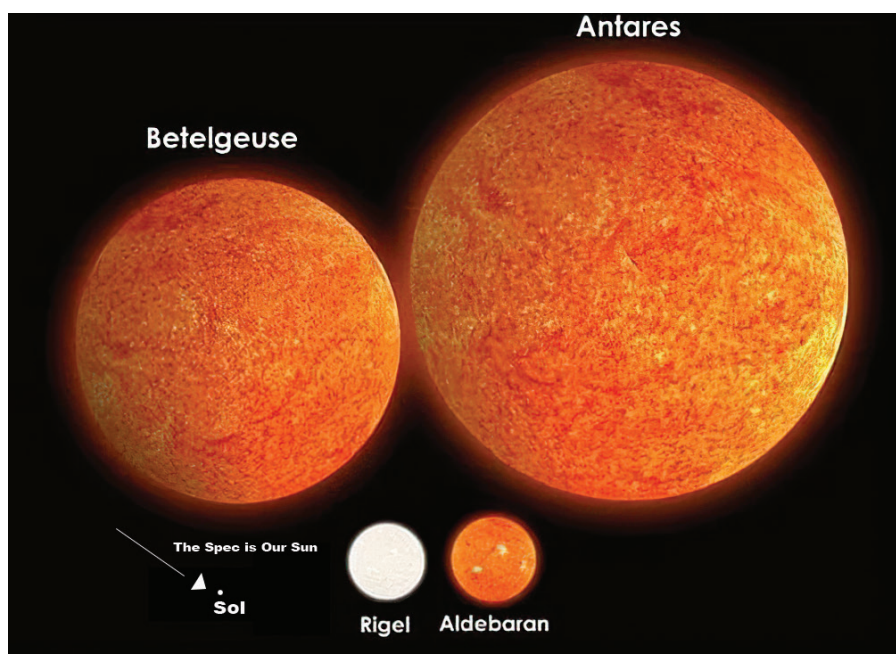
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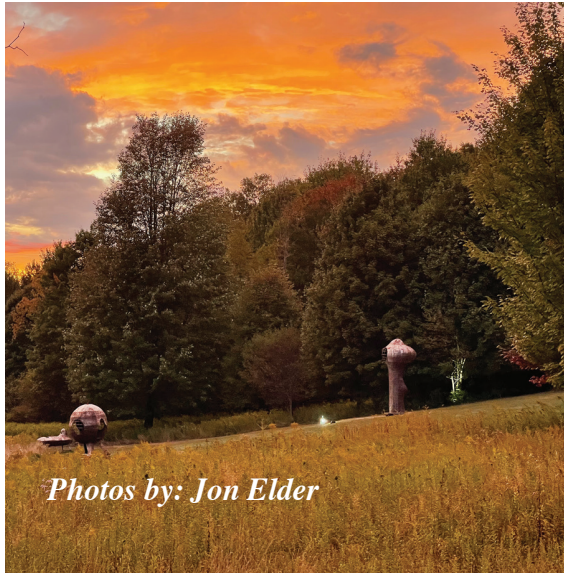
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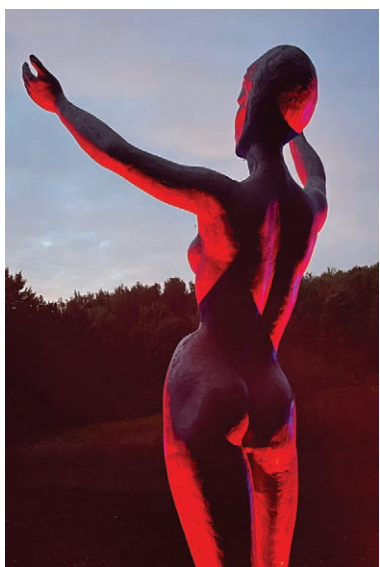


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