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Saturday October 28 • 8am
Jamestown, NY

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The Hunt for the Truth about Bigfoot

Bigfoot Sightings Well Above Average in New York State



Despite the elusive nature of Bigfoot, New York ranks fifth in the nation in reported Bigfoot sightings; of note on the map is the broad yet circular range of activity. (See map page 10.)

BY JESSICA MILLER

Outdoor sports are some of the most popular activities in the western New York region. Hunters and fishers spend as much of their free time as possible enjoying all that the area has to offer in nature. But what if humans and the animals

that can easily be seen aren't all that can be found in the forests?

There is an open segment of Chautauqua County residents that openly acknowledge their own personal Bigfoot sightings in the area, and these witnesses

SEE "BIGFOOT" PAGE 10

Spooktacular Happenings

Halloween Events in the Tri-County Region



Six Flags Darien Lake's Fright Fest will host haunted houses, Scare Zones and rides in the dark. The entire theme park is transformed into a spooktacular haunted experience, including themed drinks and snacks. Family friendly daytime fun is available too. (More information: www.sixflags.com).

BY KATE BARTLETT

'Tis the season to be scary, and get spooked. There's never a shortage of Halloween happenings across the 3 counties. From paranormal walks and cemetery tours to

haunted hayrides and America's Screampark, these events will be sure to conjure some spooky fun and maybe a few nightmares.

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Prepare for November 7 Election

What You Need to Know to Exercise Your Right to Vote



BY MILES HILTON

The seasons are definitely changing. Fall announces itself in the smell and color of changing leaves, the slower pace of life around us, and the chill in the air anticipating winter. But in addition to all of that, fall is also democracy season, hosting the general elections that determine who

will hold office for the coming years.

This November 7th, voters across America will be able to cast their votes in the general election, weighing in not just on council members, mayors, and other elected officials, but also on ballot proposals, opportunities for voters to decide on changes to the laws and policies in their area.

Here's everything you need to know to be prepared for the 2023 General Election.

When: November 7th, 2023. Polls will be open from 6am-9pm. If you are in line at 9pm, you have the right to cast your vote.

Where: Polling places across the county, depending on your town and Election District. See <https://chqgov.com/board-elections/poll-site-locations>

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Thriller Dancers Return to Ellicottville

Annual Flash Mob Performance at Villaggio, Oct. 28



BY KATE BARTLETT

Saturday, October 28th will mark the 8th annual Thriller Dancers flash mob performance on Monroe Street outside Villaggio. Performers of all ages from Fusion Dance Studio hit the streets decked out

as their best Zombie to recreate Michael Jackson's 1983 smash hit music video Thriller. As always, the shows are free and open to the public and will take place at 8:30 and 9:30pm.

Every year, the dancers make

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

Enhancing Chautauqua County's Trails ... Pg. 7
700+ Miles for Recreational Use Preserved



The Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways (FCCG) group recently met at Panama Rocks to share details about the various trail and waterway projects and conservation efforts they've been working on in 2023. In addition, FCCG unveiled its new logo to help raise awareness about the group within the greater Chautauqua County community.

FCCG consists of a variety of local organizations and municipalities with a goal of enhancing and conserving Chautauqua County's 700+ miles of trails that are used for snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, mountain biking, kayaking, and more.

EVL Village Life: Horn Hill Pottery ... Pg. 4

Helping Your Family Set the Table

Artisan and owner of Horn Hill Pottery, Ed Doherty, lives and works at 6806 Horn Hill Road in Ellicottville with his wife and two sons after traveling the world together and found the best spot was right here off the beaten path.

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Theatre Announces Upcoming Live Events



iLuminate dancers will perform Friday, November 3. This troupe has taken their glow-in-the-dark suits, performing routines and illusions to several national television stations. The Wizards of Winter is comprised of some previous members of Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Blue Oyster Cult and more, they will take the stage with a Christmas spirited show Friday, December 8. Cirque Mechanics will perform their entertaining and informational show January 26. Lastly, catch Animaniacs in Concert March 2, where you can join the leading voice-cast of Animaniacs - the iconic animated Warner Bros series created and produced by Steven Spielberg - for a "zany, animany and totally insaney" evening. All shows begin at 7:30pm, tickets can be purchased online at reglenna.com/events.

SEE STORY "THEATRE" PAGE 12

Ellicottville Business: **Ratchet Hatchet**

Axe Throwing Bar & Restaurant New Digs



BY SARA GOODE

In the charming village of Ellicottville, nestled within the rolling hills of western New York, a unique and thrilling establishment has been making waves in the local culinary and entertainment scene. Ratchet Hatchet, the axe-throwing restaurant and bar, has quickly become a must-visit destination for locals and visitors alike.

Ratchet Hatchet, located at 5 East Washington Street Suite 6, in Ellicottville, re-opened its doors carving its own niche here in the village. This innovative venue marries the thrill of axe-throwing with a delectable menu, offering patrons a one-of-a-kind experience that's a cut above the rest. Ratchet Hatchet offers patrons the chance to tap into their inner lumberjack with their axe-throwing experience. The venue provides a safe and supervised environment for participants to

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Publisher's Word

"Holy October, Where does the Time Go?!"



As our areas close one season and prepare for the new, there is never a dull moment for things to do. Events abound appreciating all things October: costume styled parties and races, pumpkin farms, haunted houses, open houses, guided tours...all give you plenty of reasons to neglect the ever-growing pile of fallen leaves on your lawn. There are tasks to be done and fun to be had. Enjoy all the events our region has in store for you but always take a day or two to tend to the changes in nature; stay on top of it, so it doesn't get on top of you!

As always we have filled these pages with events and businesses for you to explore. We love sharing ideas with you and love sharing your ideas too! Please help us keep everyone informed. Send your story ideas and events to info@thevillager.com and we will be sure to keep our readers informed. Enjoy the weekend and the week ahead. *Until next week.*

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"I Love Lucy" Celebrates 72 Anniversary of Debut Edition

72 years ago, "I Love Lucy" premiered on CBS. Within six months of its debut, it was the country's #1 TV show. Celebrate #ILoveLucyDay by planning a visit to The National Comedy Center, which was inspired by Lucille Ball's vision for her hometown to become a destination for the celebration of comedy.

EVL's St. Paul's Christ Child Market

ChristKindlMarket Celebrating 9 Years in the Community



got all bases covered is at their famous Nutcracker Café. Here you can take a rest, gather your thoughts, and appease your hunger from all that shopping with their delicious homemade artisan soups, fresh homemade rolls and sweet rolls, and home-made seasonal baked goods. Toast yourself for your smart shopping decisions with a cup of their famous German Christmas Wassail and their Crème Brulé (which sells out fast!).

St. Paul's first occupied a church building on Beaver Hollow Road and Route 219 from 1923. The congregation then moved to a building at the corner of Elizabeth and Mechanic Street (now a residence, complete with cupola) celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary in 1948 at that location. The original 1923 church building fell into disrepair and accidentally burned to the ground in the early 60's while privately owned. In 1964, St. Paul's moved to its present location at 6360 Route 242 in Ellicottville. This year, they have been celebrating their 100th anniversary crowning the event with the erection of a large, covered, outdoor shelter and a special service in September with their bishop from the Upstate New York Synod of the ELCA, The Rev. Dr. Lee Mathers Miller present. St. Paul's is committed to being involved in community affairs. As such, their Pastor (for 8 years) Dan Buringrud, is a member of Ellicottville Rotary. Their latest community outreach involves their annual Trick and Trunk in the church parking lot, which they will

have displayed a diverse display of wares for sale. I have personally purchased as gifts, quilted table runners and napkins, kitchen towels with crocheted tops to hang on cupboard doors, hand-poured beeswax candles, and soaps. This year, you will find handmade items appealing to everyone, along with crocheted items, afghans, quilts, wall hangings, ornaments, country primitives, wood carvings, goat milk soaps, hand sewn and felted wool items, quilted fabric purses, refinished antique boxes and plenty more. If you are feeling lucky, you will want to buy some chances for the basket raffles. Be smart and take cash or checks in case some of the vendors don't take credit cards. In speaking with Chris Sinn who, together with her sister, Karen Schiefer (aka, the Ploetz twins) began this artisan sale, they always welcome items for their basket sale. If you have any items you would like to donate, please call the church any day from 9-noon and speak with Karen Stokes, the church secretary, at 716-699-2265.

A great place to check your list to be sure you've

SEE "MARKET" PAGE 12

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

Christmas will be here in a twinkle of Santa's eye....

Get a head start toward your Christmas gifting 9am on Saturday, November 4th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ellicottville now located at the entrance to the village across from Ellicottville Garage. You are all invited to spend a leisurely day wandering through the displays at this warm and comfortable Christ Child Market from which it derives its German name.

Speaking from experience, I can guarantee that you will find many beautiful, enchanting, one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted items for family members and friends on your list. You will discover items for your own home that you didn't know you needed but discovered you can't live without. I have a very large antique wooden baby cradle/bed that fits that description exactly which I found at the Market several years ago and have enjoyed ever since.

In the nine years that St. Paul's has sponsored this event, local crafts persons

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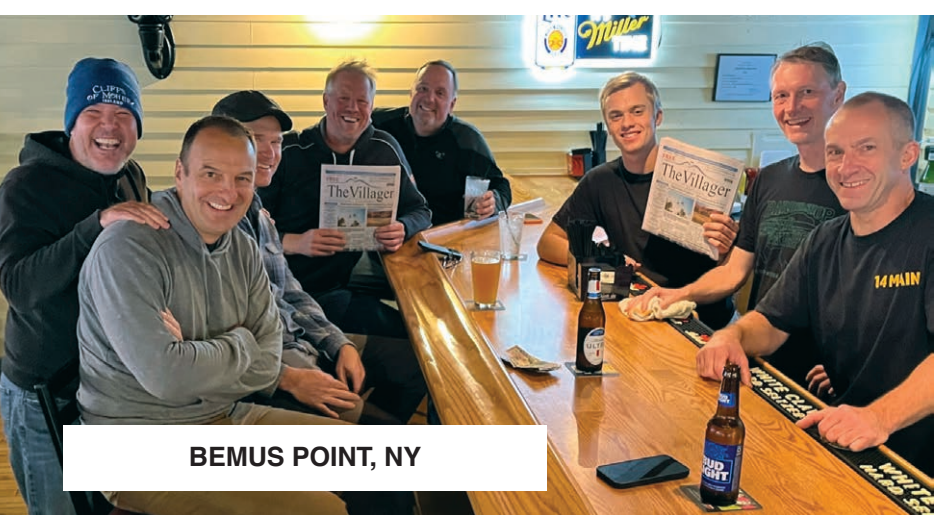
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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

"Horn Hill Pottery" Great Family Moments Happen When the Table is Set



PHOTOS & COLUMN BY, GARY MALICKI

Artisan and owner of Horn Hill Pottery, Ed Doherty, lives and works at 6806 Horn Hill Road in Ellicottville with his wife and two sons after traveling the world together and found the best spot was right here of the beaten path.

I asked someone that I recently wrote about if they could suggest anyone they know who would make a good story and they suggested Horn Hill Pottery. I'm glad they did. Every now and again I leave the cozy confines of my porch and venture out short distances from the village. Sometimes when I do, I occasionally run into a little magic. Not the hocus pocus kind but the unexpected joy of meeting someone equipped with such a unique outlook that you just feel really glad you met them. I had just that kind of experience when I pulled into the driveway at 6806 Horn Hill Rd.

As I exited my car I was immediately approached by Penelope & Prim, two super friendly goats, and Perry the Pug, a seriously lovable canine. Artisan and owner of Horn Hill Pottery, Ed Doherty, came out of his studio to greet me.

Ed, his wife and two sons have a beautiful mountain home adjacent to the garage-like workshop/studio where we sat down for a while and chatted about our lives and families. It turns out that his passion for his family fuels the mission of his beautiful work.

I was surrounded by a large amount of bowls, cups, saucers and many other distinctive works in numerous sizes, shapes and colors.

Ed and his wife met

when they were students at Buffalo State College. They both chose a path of education as they both became Buffalo teachers. Having a desire for adventure and interest in learning about other cultures they moved, initially, to Korea where he wanted to open a pottery studio. After returning to the states a short while later and living in Las Vegas for two years, they moved to India where they worked for the American School and fell in love with the people and its culture. It was there where the couple had their two boys, now 16 & 18. He wanted a different experience for them and made Ellicottville their home a few years ago.

The pottery maker talked about the opportunity to make dinnerware for Buffalo celebrity chef Darian Bryan who previously served as chef to the Buffalo Bills. Darian recently opened Bratt's Hill restaurant in the Larkin area of Buffalo. Ed produced a 700-piece dinnerware set for the restaurant and has done a lot of similar work. He's re-designing his website currently but favors the advertising response he receives from Instagram.

Ed's lifestyle of being off the beaten path is more important to him than wholesaling his product to retail space in other stores. He feels that would

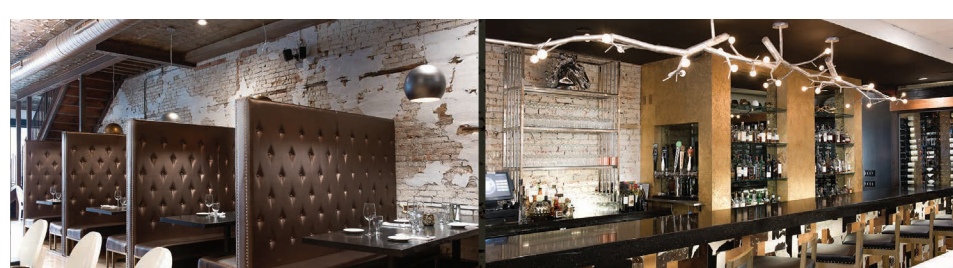
adversely affect his pricing.

He's thinking about offering pottery classes, so stay tuned for more details. He said he'd like to work with groups no larger than eight in order to give every student his full attention.

He's extremely proud of his work and firmly believes that the family communicating at mealtime is what's most important. He believes he's creating heirloom pieces because of what his creations represent. The items bring families together and memories are made. What a beautiful philosophy. He especially mentioned how communicating with their boys is more intimate, honest and open when they get together to eat.

His greatest challenge is taking time for breaks as he is always surrounded by his work.

Horn Hill Pottery is open Monday through Friday 12-5, Saturday 9-5 and closed Sunday. You can call Ed for information at 716-801-5625. Do yourself a favor if you can and take the short drive to see his awesome work. He only closes for very short periods of time if he's taking his sons to soccer or football practice because, after all, family is everything.



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EVL Halloween Half, 5k, & Relay

10th Annual Even October 21, Sign up Now Before it's too Late



The EVL Half registrations are WAY up over prior years. Medals are ordered and there is a strong possibility they will sell out early this year. The relay is SOLD OUT! The Half and 5k are filling quickly, both are 85% to capacity. Don't miss out on the running event of the Fall in WNY and sign up while you still can. With great medals, cool finisher's shirts, and a scenic course, the EVL Half has something for everyone. October 21st will be here before you know it! Sign up today online at: evlhalf.com

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EVL's Nannen Arboretum Presents

“What You Need to Know About Trees”, Oct. 25

In autumn we enjoy our beautiful surroundings, colorful trees, and even consider adding a few new trees to our landscape. On Wednesday October 25, 2023 at 7pm at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Mr. Bruce Robinson will present “What You Need to Know about Trees”.



cate which trees have good fall color and point out the benefits of native trees. Robinson will also teach attendees how to recognize winter damage and when to take care of it.

The Nannen Arboretum Society is excited and honored to sponsor Mr. Robinson. Come, join us for an evening of practical information and some interesting stories about local trees. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

Robinson has had a distinguished career as a forestry consultant and is one of the founding members of the Nannen

Arboretum. Included in his presentation will be a selection of trees for our zone 4b area. He will indi-

“Ellicottville Ghost Walks Return”

Hosted by Historical Society Fridays through October



have happened in and around Ellicottville. You will walk to the Jefferson Street Cemetery and visit a few more graves than in past

Ellicottville Historical Society Facebook page for more information.

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Join the Ellicottville Historical Society for their meeting, Wednesday, October 4- Amanda Woomer will be presenting “Legends, Lore and Ghosts of Ellicottville.”

Amanda R. Woomer is well-versed in the local folklore and dark history of Western New York, as well as 19th Century Spiritualism and women in the paranormal.

The meeting is at 7pm at the Ellicottville Memorial Library at 6499 Maples Road. The meetings are open to everyone and they are free.

This year the Ellicottville Historical Society will host walks on Friday nights in October: Friday October 20, and Friday October 27.

The groups meet at the Ellicottville Gazabo meeting at 7pm and the walk begins at 7:30pm.

The weekly ghost walk will tell you new stories of people and things that

years. This is a walk at your own risk and you may want to bring a flashlight or use your phone when walking through the cemetery. The cost is \$10/person cash or check. If you would like to learn more or sign up your party ahead of time, please contact Ellen Frank Vice-President of the Ellicottville Historical Society at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528,

Lady Eagles Give

Donation made to Go Pink Pumpkin Project



The Ellicottville, Junior Varsity and Varsity Girls Volleyball teams along with their coaches, put together a bake sale before their recent games. They raised a little over \$300 and donated it all to the pink pumpkin project.

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Olean Local Dev. Corp. Fund Recipient

“Community Ties” Mural Promotes Helping those in Need

OLEAN — The Olean Local Development Corporation (OLDC) has chosen the Tri-County Arts Council as its second recipient of the OLDC Community Driven Project Fund.

David Carucci, OLDC president explained, “The OLDC’s mission is to promote economic development and area’s quality of life through community-based projects.”

“Community Ties,” a mural designed by Olean native Alex Derwick was led by the Tri-County Arts Council. The six-color mural shows a person helping a child tie their shoes, which is a metaphor for the community’s track record of helping those in need.

“Through the OLDC adopted budget, there are monies allocated under special events that the OLDC can donate to

special projects following guidelines,” added Colleen Taggerty, OLDC vice president.

One of the conditions of receiving a grant is the Organization, entity, etc. must have previously submitted and been awarded grant funds from another source in an amount matching the funding request or exceeding the request to the OLDC.

Paula Bernstein, Executive Director at TCAC reported, “We are so happy that the second mural was 100% fundraised and completed within the goal of a year. TCAC has plans for additional murals that may appear throughout our service area of Chautauqua and Allegany Counties, in



addition to Cattaraugus.” To visit the mural, please visit the William O. Smith Recreation Center at 551 East State Street, Olean. Please contact TCAC’s executive director Paula Bernstein at 716-372-7455 to donate. For more information on the OLDC, please contact the City’s community development office at 716-376-5647.

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Family Trail Ride Escape Minutes from Letchworth State Park

By KATE BARTLETT



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The Trail Rides provide a fun way to get outdoors, daylight or moonlight, with no prior horse-riding experience required. Their 8 acres of land offer a network of terrain ranging from easy to intense. Guides are available through reservation. We set out on a guided trail ride, on 7-year-old drafters' dream, that was tailored to our needs. We first got accustomed on how to ride and steer the horses, Chester, Fred and Poco, then became comfortable riding on the trails. We opted for a shorter ride along the lake, rides are typically one hour. It was a great way to spend a fall Family Funday, even minus the sunny skies.

Rides run year-round (weather permitting) and offer spectacular views of fall foliage. Don't forget Letchworth State Park is just down the road for a hike, stroll or a drive through this natural wonder.

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Angola, Fredonia, Lakewood & Jamestown "Oh My!"



This weekend, in Erie County, the fourth Western New York Fall Festival will be taking place. This festival will be October 21st and 28th from 12-4pm, and October 30 from 7pm-9pm. This fall fest is located at 144 Lake St. in Angola, near the Everhaunt Haunted House.

By DARLENE BRACE

If you're still looking for some more outdoor fall fun before the cold weather sets in, there are a few more fall festivals taking place in Western New York. This weekend, in Erie County, the fourth Western New York Fall Festival will be taking place. This festival will be October 21st and 28th from 12-4pm, and October 30 from 7pm-9pm. This fall fest is located at 144 Lake St. in Angola, near the Everhaunt Haunted House. Families can enjoy the kid friendly events during the day. They cover up the frightening things in the haunted house and have the lights on, so younger children aren't too frightened. Other activities for younger children include face painting, a pumpkin patch, costume contests, and a hunt for hidden treasure.

For older children through adults, there are some more spooky attractions. Entering the haunted house at night, you will see scary displays and "monsters" that will

give you a Halloween thrill. There will be the Escape from Frankenstein VR ride as well as other spooky activities. Most attractions are for all ages, but the nighttime scary version of the haunted house is not recommended for children under the age of 12. If you want more information about prices and attractions, you can check out wnyfallfest.com or call 716-899-3327.

A safe and fun alternative to door-to-door trick or treating is the annual Halloween Fun Fair at the Chautauqua County Safety Village in Ashville, New York. This will take place on Wednesday, October 25, from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. It is 5\$ per person and children under two are free. Proceeds will go to their life saving safety trainings. This includes trick-or-treating at 28 of the village buildings, crafts, train rides, and a bounce house (weather permitting).

Also happening at the Safety Village, is a Halloween Camp on Friday

October 27, from 4pm-7 pm. Parents of children ages 4-8 can drop their little ones off at this supervised and fun Halloween Camp. While there, they will solve a mystery, walk through fun houses, play Halloween games, do creepy crafts, and take a haunted train ride. Children are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Pizza and spooky snacks will be provided. You can find more information on both of these Safety Village events on their Facebook page or call 716-388-0170.

In Jamestown, the National Comedy Center will have a Halloween Boo HaHa event on October 28th-31st from 10am-5pm. They will have Halloween themed museum experiences and personalized comedy. Children and teens up to 17yrs old will be admitted free with a paying adult. Kids are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes. A Halloween

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Among the highlights of the Oct. 11 public meeting was an update on the county-wide interactive trail map, scheduled for release in early 2024. Currently, each group maintains their own trail maps, which come

future data, which can then be uploaded to the interactive map to ensure it is being updated on a regular basis."

Other projects being highlighted included the effort by CWC to clear log jams and other debris from the Marion Cobb Waterway trail, consisting of the Cassadaga and Conewango Creeks, along with a portion of the Chadakoin River; the ongoing process by the county and Rails to Trails to address and remediate various issues of concern within their respective trail systems; the upgrades made to the mountain bike and fat bike trails located in both the Harmony and Harris Hill State Land areas, as well as at Long Point State Park; the addition of culverts to the Boutwell Hill Cross Country Skiing trail to make it easier for the trail groomer to pass over creek beds; and the work down in the various equestrian trails around the county that helps to make Chautauqua County a destination for horseback riders and clubs from across the region.

The meeting also included a preview of some work that will be taking place in 2024, including the effort by the City of Jamestown to develop a pump bike track in Jackson-Taylor Park, adjacent to its Riverwalk. The equestrian trails are also hoping to widen at least a portion of their trail system to allow for coach travel. And ongoing work is also planned for all other trail systems as well.

Finally, FCCG unveiled its new logo, designed by Kellogg Design in Lakewood, NY and intended to help brand and raise awareness about the group and its mission of working together to

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in a variety of formats, creating inconsistency and confusion for trail users, while also leading to trail underutilization in some instances. These gaps make it difficult for trail users, residents, and visitors to explore and use the county's vast trail systems. But CCPEG, along with the FCCG, CCDPD, and Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau are currently in the process of working with the consulting firm of Barton and Loguidice to build an interactive, countywide outdoor recreation map and mobile app. Once completed, the map will include any and all trails in the system, regardless of intended purpose.

"We're working to develop a single user-friendly map and a mobile app to have all trail data - greenways and waterways - compiled and housed in an easy to locate and easy to edit online location across multiple webpages," explained Rebecca Wurster, Special CCDPD Projects Coordinator and CCPEG Planning Manager. "We've already reviewed and evaluated the existing mapped trails in the County, and have just about wrapped up collect inventory/GIS data of mapped and unmapped trail systems. We are also developing a streamlined process for submitting

PANAMA, NY - The Friends of Chautauqua County Greenways (FCCG) group recently met at Panama Rocks to share details about the various trail and waterway projects and conservation efforts they've been working on in 2023. In addition, FCCG unveiled its new logo to help raise awareness about the group within the greater Chautauqua County community.

FCCG consists of a variety of local organizations and municipalities with a goal of enhancing and conserving Chautauqua County's 700+ miles of trails that are used for snowmobiling, hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, mountain biking, kayaking, and more. Members include various snowmobiling clubs, Chautauqua Rails to Trails, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy (CWC), Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association (WNYMBA), Friends of Panama Horse and Nature Trails, Boutwell Hill Ski Club, the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development (CCDPD) and City of Jamestown. The group is supported, in part, by the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG).



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Arguably the grandest of the Newport’s summer “cottages,” The Breakers offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of the Vanderbilt family during the Gilded Age.

We braved the 40-steps down from the cliff walk to the rocky shore before heading into town for shopping on the highly acclaimed Thames Street.

By KATE BARTLETT

all sides, it’s a sight to see in all seasons. Conveniently located within a day’s drive from many top cities, including Boston and New York, it was once a summer destination for some of the country’s wealthiest residents and the famous

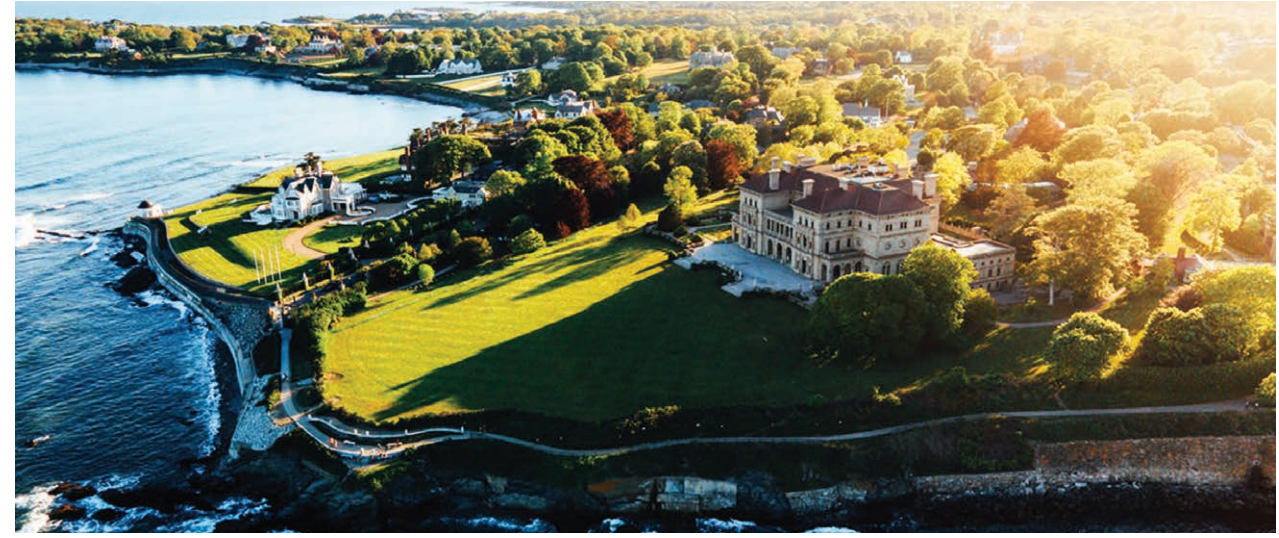
Newport Mansions. Now a destination to all, Newport offers beautiful architecture, history, galleries, shopping, outdoor adventures, restaurants and more.

Our trip started in Providence, where we toured the many universities,

riverwalks and marveled the impressive architecture of the State House Capital Building. Providence offers a fresh vibe with its many prestigious universities and is easy to manage due to its smaller size. Our second day, we set out for Newport,

where we were met with sweeping views of the shore and impressive architecture of the many mansions. We toured 2 of the 11 properties, The Elms and The Breakers, and were equally impressed with both. The Preservation Society of Newport County has done a phenomenal job at preserving over 250 years of American history, architecture, art and landscape design. We enjoyed self-guided tours of each, utilizing the free App for a descriptive audio tour of each room and the grounds, learning things we might’ve otherwise missed. Arguably the grandest of the Newport’s summer “cottages,” The Breakers offers a glimpse into the lifestyle of the Vanderbilt family during the Gilded Age. Visit www.newportmansions.org for a sneak peek inside the mansions, and more information on tickets/tours.

Following the tours, we took in the unbelievable views along the famous cliff walk along Newport’s Atlantic Coast. This beautiful 3.5 mile (mostly paved) walkway is a ‘must-do’ when visiting Newport, offering views of the mansions along the shoreline. We braved the 40 steps down to the rocky shore before heading into town for shopping on the highly acclaimed Thames Street. Newport is also home to the International Tennis Hall of Fame and several notorious seafood eateries. If you’re lucky, you might even see a cruise ship or two, as it’s become a port of call for many major cruise lines. In brief, Newport is a must add to your day trip bucket list. Make it a long weekend and take in the history, shops, and sweeping ocean views.



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Pictured: 1) Cascade Lake Scenery; 2) Throughout the many interesting little towns, there are various kinds of colorful stores and buildings. One example is Hoss's, a fifty-year-old general store in Long Lake, NY, with big signs up front advertising live bait, firewood and beer, and little signs saying things such as "Peace Please" and "Be Nice or Leave". There are planters with little red flowers hanging above them, and mums and pumpkins below them. There's a heron carved on the front porch and one above the door, and on the back porch, there are heron, raccoon, mallard and eagle images. 3) The Sagamore Great Camp once belonged to the Vanderbilt family. Alfred Vanderbilt bought the camp in 1901 and added guest cabins, a tennis court, and other luxurious additions. Fifty-three years later his second wife gifted it to Syracuse University, and since 1975, hundreds of thousands of people have been able to enjoy it. For information about visiting the Adirondacks, go to iloveny.com/places-to-go/adirondacks.

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By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

as I could.

As the leaves change, they turn the mountains into a patchwork quilt of gold, yellow, and red, set off by the green of the trees that stay the same. Clouds are beautifully reflected in the ponds adorned by cattails, most majestically at sunrise and sunset. The black water of the Black River, darkened naturally by local trees, dramatically contrasts with its splashing white foam.

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general store in Long Lake, NY, with big signs up front advertising live bait, firewood and beer, and little signs saying things such as "Peace Please" and "Be Nice or Leave". There are planters with little red flowers hanging above them, and mums and pumpkins below them. There's a heron carved on the front porch and one above the door, and on the back porch, there are heron, raccoon, mallard and eagle images.

Across the way from it, there's an ice cream stand called "The Park" with tables, chairs and a small assortment of rocking

chairs. The signs by the counter there include "Think happy thoughts", "Enjoy the little things" and "Smile everyday". The other food place in that spot is "Custard's Last Stand". The post office in Wanakena, New York has a life-sized figure on its porch, with jeans, a plaid shirt, suspenders and a stuffed (toy) moose head with antlers. The store next to it is "Otto's Arcade", which offers snacks, supplies, books, locally-made handbags and more.

In very popular Lake Placid, where the Winter Olympics were held in 1932 and 1980, the main

street is full of various types of restaurants, craft stores, etc. Mirror Lake is a few steps down from the busy area, and a wonderful little spot to sit in an Adirondack seat and relax. A nearby church tolls the hours and then plays organ music. When I was there, the song it played was "Morning Has Broken", at sunset.

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it to Syracuse University, and since 1975, hundreds of thousands of people have been able to enjoy it.

At Fort Henry, by a bridge to Vermont, you can stroll around the ruins of the barracks. After exploring them, I went over the futuristic bridge into the farmland just on the other side, and briefly stopped at the single store in sight. Its offerings include apple turnovers, knitted mittens, and pickled eggs, and it has a framed sign in the window that reads "Your husband called and said you can buy anything you want".



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test their skills at hurling axes toward wooden targets. With various lanes available, beginners and seasoned axe-throwers alike can enjoy this exhilarating activity. Nate Woodruff, originally from Machias, New York is the proud owner of The Ratchet Hatchet. Nate had attended an axe throwing event out of state for a birthday, which inspired him to bring this business to Ellicottville. Previously, The Ratchet Hatchet closed its doors to relocate to expand their space and what they have to offer. Additional lanes for axe throwing, a wrap-around patio for outdoor seating and a much bigger area that separates the axe throwing experience for those who wish to just sit down and enjoy a cocktail and food for a more private experience.

The décor inside Ratchet Hatchet exudes a rustic charm, complementing the axe-throwing theme with a woody ambiance. Patrons can enjoy their meals in cozy surroundings making this venue equally suitable for date nights, family outings, or friendly gatherings. Ellicottville is a place where people come to enjoy unforgettable experiences and what better place to go than Ratchet Hatchet, with the combination of axe-throwing, specialty cocktails, cold beer and a killer menu. They offer reservations for special events such as company parties to create a team building experience, bachelor/bachelorette parties, wedding receptions, whatever you desire!

Nate wanted to bring a business to the village to create a unique experience to share with others, it

brings him satisfaction to see the joy people have when they are partaking in axe-throwing. He says, "I love giving people the opportunity to have an experience they never thought of doing." Nate is very appreciative of his customers and the Ellicottville community. He continues, "We wouldn't be a business without the support from our customers and both locals and visitors." Nate returns the favor to his customers by offering incredible service, great food, drinks and entertainment.

Beyond the thrill of axe-throwing, Ratchet Hatchet doesn't skimp on the culinary front. The restaurant offers a diverse menu that caters to a wide range of tastes. From a variety of specialty flatbreads to savory appetizers and specialty cocktails, their kitchen ensures that guests leave with not only a sense of accomplishment but also a satisfied palate. Their food and cocktail menu rotate seasonally to meet the theme of your tastebuds. What better way to take in this Fall season than to cozy up with one their specialty Campfire Old Fashioneds? You absolutely need to try their famous Blueberry

Bourbon Smash Cocktail and their signature Raxberry Lemonade that is available year around and I also highly recommend the Honey Barbeque Meatballs, and Pretzel Bites! Now let's talk brunch... Ratchet Hatchet serves brunch every Sunday from 10am-2pm serving Mimosas, Breakfast margaritas, Bloody Marys, delicious handcrafted breakfast sandwiches and a specialty breakfast flatbread that has it all! This breakfast flatbread is to die for- it is made up of eggs, bacon, sausage, ham tucked in mozzarella and cheddar cheese. Their fresh pressed coffee, sourced from 49 coffee located in Springville, New York and iced lattes are sure to please as well. A mind-blowing creation Ratchet Hatchet also offers are their cereal infused iced lattes. These breakfast potions are concocted with different kinds of rotating cereals such as Trix, Fruity Pebbles, Cocoa Puffs, and Reese Puffs. Their method for this clever drink is soaking the cereal in oat milk or 2% milk overnight, they then sift the cereal leaving the milk

Bigfoot sightings are well above average in New York as a whole, and the forest terrain combined with the water bodies would be a hospitable habitat for members of this family. While hard confirmation of Bigfoot presence—let alone existence—has yet to be presented and accepted, it is wise to keep in mind that new species of life are still being found in the land, seas, and air. After all, gorillas were also considered (mainly by Europeans and P.T. Barnum) to simply be folklore creatures until the 1850-60's.

Bigfoot

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believe that they are not alone in both the sense of cryptid presence and fellow experiencers. The self-reported Bigfoot witnesses are equally certain that there are many more people who have also had encounters but do not discuss them. While it is relatively easy to find people who are certain of who or what they've seen, conclusive proof of the presence of Bigfoot has yet to be presented and accepted.

Peter Weimer, sponsor of the Chautauqua Lake Bigfoot Expo, is sure that there are fellow Chautauqua County residents with their own stories beyond those who chose to confide in him. "There's 45 eyewitnesses that have reached out to me, there's a hundred or more in Chautauqua County that aren't talking to me." While the expo is currently on hiatus, his website

<https://ihaveseenbigfoot.com/bigfootexpo-com/> continues to catalog area encounters and photos as they are available. Weimer's documentary *I Have Seen Bigfoot* is available for streaming online on the same website. The 2022 expo stream can also be found here, and the expo's guest speakers and experts present a strong case for Bigfoot's presence.

Ryan Reading is a fellow Chautauqua County based Bigfoot researcher who tracks area sightings. His website <https://westernnewyorkbigfoot.com/> documents activity and serves as a resource for aspiring seekers. Reading's map of New York state sightings can be found https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1jQ1zW7Gnc5w417gQMIvunP7sWT06wzM&hl=en_US with local sightings pinned ranging in time from the 1820-30's to 2022. Despite the elusive nature of Bigfoot, New York ranks fifth in the nation in reported

Bigfoot sightings; of note on the map is the broad yet circular range of activity.

Michael Bastine, an Algonquin storyteller and healer from South Wales, has an explanation of why Bigfoot can become scarce after an encounter. He suggests that this creature can travel between realms. A creation story Bastine provides some structure to this theory. According to the story, there were stone giants who enjoyed powers of moving mountains, winds, and trees. These stone giants were humbled by the creator after becoming boastful of their gifts, and the stone giants later pledged to protect nature and sacred spaces. Bastine sees many parallels between Bigfoot and the stone giants; he cowrote a book with fellow paranormal researcher Manson Winfield [Iroquois Supernatural: Talking Animals and Medicine People](#) also includes other unexplained encounters

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Thriller

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their performance better than the year before. “The main choreography stays true to the well-known Michael Jackson moves,” says Kelli Wagner, owner and director of Fusion Dance Studio in Buffalo, NY. “We spice it up a bit from the year before to keep things fresh.”

Kelli Wagner, former Buffalo Jill and owner/director of Fusion Dance Studio, has been organizing the choreography for the performance since its inception 8 years ago. Performers range from 7-18 years old and will comprise approximately 65 dancers, their most ever. The competitive dancers put in an average of 6 hours per week rehearsing for the month leading up to the Thriller shows.

Last year, Fusion Dance Studios invited spectators to join in the fun as they offered a tutorial of the Thriller chorus in between shows with prizes for participation. “We had a lot of fun and a lot of talented participants! The energy here in Ellicottville is awesome and it’s such a great vibe. We love performing here and getting the crowd involved,” says Kelli. The studio will again offer dance tutorials between shows this year with prizes, and bragging rights.



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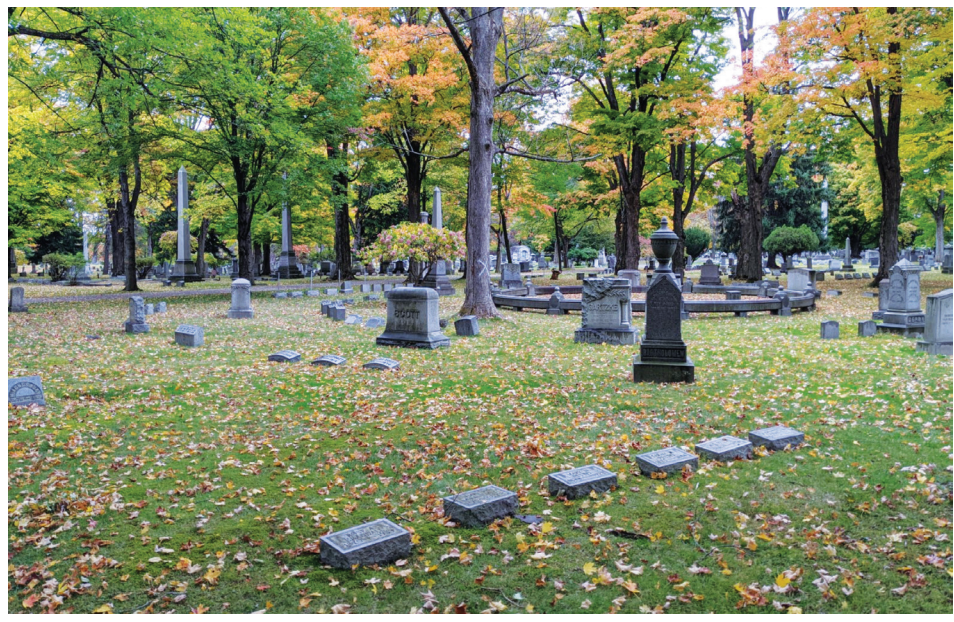
The Thriller performances have gained attention across the country, and even internationally with people traveling from far and wide to see the show. “Last year, a couple traveled from North Carolina to see our show. They saw us on YouTube and made the trek to Ellicottville just for the performance; we’re so flattered.” It has gained the attention of international news broadcasts as well as the Radio City Rockettes social media.

A show like this is very rare with unique choreography and crowd interaction. The costumes, the dancers, and the energy are captivating. The show has evolved over the years, and costumes get more elaborate. Kelli encourages the performers to find their ‘zombie style’ creating for diverse characters and a more interesting show.

“You really need to see it to feel the excitement”, says Kelli.

Kelli’s favorite part of the event is watching the excitement of the performers. “This is the first opportunity for many of our young dancers to perform outside of a studio in front of a live audience. Watching them feel the energy and see the crowd’s reaction is awesome. It’s such a rewarding and exciting experience.”

Villaggio owners Nick and Kendra Pitillo invite everyone to keep the party going after the performance at Villaggio. They also invite families to stop down to Villaggio Saturday at 11am-1pm for their annual pumpkin painting event sponsored by Pumpkinville and Aldrich Painting. Cider and donuts will be provided. Both events are free and open to the public.



Fredonia Harvest Moon Festivals and Tours will run this weekend, Friday and Saturday October 20-21st offering cemetery tours from 7:30-9:30 and horse-drawn wagon tours from 7-10pm. Enjoy a narrated guided tour through the town and cemetery on the 60-minute carriage ride departing from the Gazebo in Barker Commons.

Events

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Hayrides has offered the scariest haunted hayride and haunted house in the area. John Kent and his family make each year scarier than the last on their 25-acre property. The hayrides take riders out on a 25-minute ride in the dark with scares and shadows around every corner. The haunted maze consists of 4-foot-wide lumber hallways with just enough light to take you through the next turn. The old cattle barn has been converted into a haunted barn, with claustrophobic walls, vortex tunnel, and gloomy hallways. Open 7:30-9:30 Fridays-Sundays through October. For more information visit <http://www.nightmarehayride.com/>.

For family friendly fun visit the Ellicottville Memorial Library for a Halloween Escape Room on October 27-28 from 6:30-8:30. The Escape Room puzzles are geared towards a middle school age range,

but everyone is welcome. Costumes encouraged, teams are recommended, no more than 5 members per team. Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required call 716-699-2842 to reserve a spot.

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A variety of spooks await near the Queen City of Buffalo, including Fright World America’s Screampark, the country’s #1 rated Haunted Attraction on Google with over 1,500 reviews. Frightworld features 5 award winning indoor haunted attractions.

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Visit Becker Farms for family harvest fun and apple picking during the day, and come back in the evening for a haunted Halloween Hayride, nighttime corn maze and more. The Country Market and Becker Brewing Company will be open until 10pm, offering hot cider,

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Streamlined Shakespeare

"Twelfth Night"



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

A young woman is shipwrecked and thinks her twin brother has died. She disguises herself as a male to get the job available, a man's assistant.

The man's got a crush on a neighbor, who supposedly has no interest in romance because her brother just died. However, when her new boss has her take a love note to this neighbor, she suddenly gets the hots for the "man" bringing it, who has developed her own crush on her boss.

It's a love triangle with four people! (If you include

her disguise). Two other guys are interested in the neighbor, and they both live with her. One of them is her butler and the other is a friend of her uncle's. She also lives with the uncle, a maid and a clown. (Seriously.) The butler becomes the butt of an elaborate prank pulled by the others in the household except his boss because it involves her too. They make him think she secretly loves him and will only tell him if he wears certain socks and acts in certain weird ways.

He follows all the ridiculous directions but all it gets him is bewildered looks from her and torment from the jokers.

Meanwhile, the neighbor has gotten so enamored of the "man", that the next time she sees "him", she proposes!

Amazingly, her proposal IS made to a man -- because

the "man"'s long-lost brother, who looks exactly like this sister (in disguise), has JUST arrived in town, and somehow meets her JUST when she decides to propose!

It's an incredibly far-fetched plot twist, but logic is next: of course he turns her down because she's a total stranger.

No, you'd think so, but yup, he accepts!

He sees she's beautiful and wealthy (but nuts?) and thinks, "I could do worse!"

They're married immediately. (During the ceremony, why doesn't she notice she's marrying someone with a different name than the person she's been interested in for a while? Dunno.)

In the end, her uncle marries her maid, and the "male assistant", undisguised, marries her boss.

Theatre

STORY FROM COVER

By DELAINEY MUSCATO – ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV.

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts is open year-round. However, they have some events coming up within the next few months that Director of Marketing and Communications, Len Barry, is very excited about.

The first event Barry spoke about was the iLuminate dancers' performance. Dancers clad in glow-in-the-dark suits will be performing routines and illusions on a completely darkened stage. This is such a unique event for the center and something audiences will never forget experiencing. The dancers have been featured on many popular shows like America's Got Talent, Dancing with the Stars, Good Morning America, and more! The center is so excited to welcome them in for a night of dance and creativity. Barry said, "It's sort of like a time capsule of different musical genres on the stage". The dancers

will be performing different routines from hip hop, pop, to blues, and more. There will be something for everyone to enjoy. Tickets are on sale now on the Reg Lenna website for Friday, November 3rd from 7:30-8:45pm.

After the iLuminate performance, the center will be hosting the Wizards of Winter. Yet another very exciting show that will also raise some Christmas spirit. This event will be held on Friday, December 8th from 7:30-9:20pm. The Wizards of Winter will be performing an intense classic rock show, similar to that of Trans-Siberian Orchestra. They even have previous members of rock groups like Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Blue Oyster Cult, Rainbow, and more. At the center, they will be performing their original holiday rock opera entitled "A Christmas Dream". Tickets are on sale now at the Reg Lenna website.

Barry spoke of how excited the center is for all their holiday events, including the Wizards. He said the center started off hosting more local shows for the holidays and, in the past few years, they have branched out into touring

acts for the holiday season. They hope to continue this new tradition of hosting original acts from outside the community. Barry also shared that the majority of the acts they host bring their own lights and special effects equipment controlled by experts to create the best performance possible.

Next up for touring acts at the center is Cirque Mechanics. On January 26th, from 7:30-9pm, a returning talent will be performing a new show at the center. Barry shared that Cirque Mechanics has performed at the center a handful of times in the past and each time, they present a new show centered around a different piece of technology. "They're a circus but they also tell a story, and it is different every time" Barry said. This year, Cirque Mechanics will be sharing Zephyr, the story of a man and a windmill. The main character, Nigel, has a complicated relationship with the wind and the circus will demonstrate that relationship through acrobatics, dance, balancing acts, and more.

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Market

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co-host with the Rotary for the first time this year.

St. Paul's also has available the use of its Emmaus House next to the church which can accommodate 15 to 20 people. It has a kitchen; groups provide their own food. There is an indoor wood stove, and outdoor campfire circle with plenty of outdoor recreational greenspace to complement the house. For larger meetings and dining needs, groups are welcome to use church facilities next door. This older home is vintage charming and comfortable, providing large gathering rooms, 7 bedrooms, two baths, laundry room with washer and dryer, dining room and large porches



St. Paul's first occupied a church building on Beaver Hollow Road and Route 219 from 1923 and was known as St. Peter's Lutheran Church. The congregation then moved to a building at the corner of Elizabeth and Mechanic Street and was renamed St. Paul's (now a residence, complete with cupola) celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary in 1948 at that location. The original 1923 church building fell into disrepair and accidentally burned to the ground in the early 60's while privately owned. In 1964, St. Paul's moved to its present location at 6360 Route 242 in Ellicottville. This year, they have been celebrating their 100th anniversary.

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What's Shaking in EVL

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By: MouthSayTongue

It's been a wet fall but it's warm and dry in the venues so let's see who's playing where.

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

The Gin Mill hosts The Johnny Bauer Duo, Thursday, from 8-11pm. They play a country/blues/rock (Americana) set of covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thur and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11m sat-sun.

FRIDAY

We're back at Balloons for West of the Mark from 6:30-10pm. This band plays old and new country. In the back bar the country theme continues with Brianna Blankenship from 10-1am. She plays country/pop originals and covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth with some sauce so you cans do the floss on the two dance floors from from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is back with The Kody and Herren Band from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/country/ roots set of originals

and covers. The Beard and The Bird will open. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end craft cocktails.

We close out the evening at Madigans with Dj One-Ten from 9-2am. He'll provide the groove so you can bust a move in the second story window.

SATURDAY

We return to The Gin Mill for an early show the The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act play a rock/pop/country/blues set of covers and originals utilizing smooth guitar licks and sweet vocal harmonies. West takes the stage from 8-12am. This trio plays a rock/pop/blues set of covers you'll know the words to.

Balloons is back with part two of a country weekend with 90 West from 6:30-10am. This band plays danceable country music so wear your Texas two-step boots. Tina Williams will entertain in the back bar from 10-1am. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am with some thumpin for the bumpin on the dance floor.

FTR joins the party with Iron Eyes Experience from 8-12am. They play a blues/rock set with some slick Hendrix and SRV covers.

Madigans is rockin the sound booth with Dj Persia playin the funk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor from 9-2am.

SUNDAY

Villaggio will be open from 1-9pm for the Bills Game and AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Night. Special game day menu and game time drink specials. Chris Maloney will be the musical host from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt/ blues set of covers. Go Bills.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers to wash them down. This weeks guest is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/pop/ folk/alt set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country and rock and southern rock covers and originals and sometimes is joined by guests. Don't forget the 37 beers that are always on tap.

We're back at The Gin Mill for their next to last night of music with The Marty Peters Duo, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. Marty and assorted guests play blues and folk from the 60-70's.

We always close out the seven day weekend at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday hosted by Brian Rick from 7-11pm. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/roots set of covers.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"How Do You Think Halloween Became a Holiday?"

By Chad Neal

The end of October is a spooky time of year. We've known artificial light all of our lives, but for centuries they only had fire to light the evening and keep the bogeyman away. As the earth revolves around the sun and the tilt causes less of the suns radiation to shine upon our hemisphere it gets colder and darker. This in the past, caused people to look for answers. They often were told by the shamans and religious leaders different mythological stories referring to the god/s they worshipped. And with the mixtures of culture and religions, holidays were created to observe the annual effects the earth had on humanity, well those seeking assurance. Holy days were created for many reasons and Halloween has a compelling history. How do you think Halloween became a holiday?



Jen V.-
Technically the Samhain group (originated from a Celtic tribe). A festival created by them to ward off evil spirits... it is a NON-religious holiday..



Brooks L.-
Parents needed a way to teach their kids how to go door to door begging. Just didn't want them to know they didn't have much confidence in them.



Josh H.-
Halloween is a pagan harvest fest that lasted from the end of summer to when the snow fell. Gathering and hunting for the long winter and preserving the bounty for everyone until late spring. Christianity peaked its head in and said let's take your party and extended as a church holiday, all Hallows eve, the night before a celebration of saints became shortened to Halloween, which lasted through the unknown Christmas. Christians helped that out. Then 19th century and commercialism paved the way to what we do now.



Beth W.-
Because humans like ceremony whether magic or religion or science.



Brett M.-
Pretty confident it had something to do with All Saints Day and Reese's Pieces.

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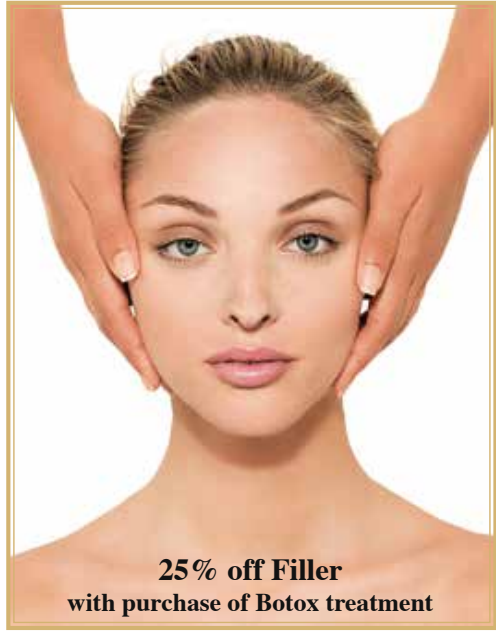
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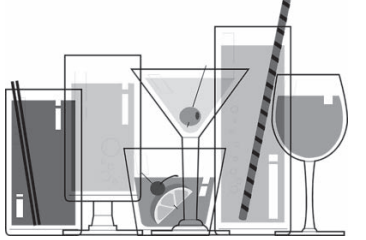
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
★★★★☆

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:

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

Trails

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promote all trail systems within the county.

"This will be the official logo for the Friends' Group. We also hope to make it into a patch that you can pin on your jacket," explained Jacob Bodway, CCPEG Trail Coordinator.

Both Wuester and Bodway said that the next public meeting of FCCG will take place next spring. At that time, the interactive trail map should be completed and ready to be presented to the public.

For more information on the FCCG and to keep up with the latest news involving the county's vast trail system, follow their group page on Facebook.

About CCPEG – The Chautauque Partnership for Economic Growth serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key projects that achieve economic prosperity in Chautauque County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of the resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life. For more information, please visit chqpartnership.org.

About FCCG – The Friends of Chautauque County Greenways is housed under CCPEG and is an organization whose aim is to collaborate and build on private/public partnerships to position themselves to raise the necessary capital and programmatic resources to realize the primary objectives outlined in the 2012 Greenway Plan.

Festivities

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scavenger hunt and other fun activities will be included. If you want more information, go to comedycenter.org call 716-484-2222.

As a reminder, there's still time to head out to Clymer, NY, for the second weekend of the fall fest at Peek'n Peak. There are over 100 vendors, with live music and activities for all ages. Look at pknpk.com for additional information.

With so many fall festivals, it's hard to choose which ones to go to. Before you know it, the snow will be falling and most of our activities will be indoors. Hopefully you'll have had an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors at some of the fall family fun festivals during this fall season.



The National Comedy Center in Jamestown is hosting their "Halloween Boo Ha! Ha!" event featuring a Halloween-themed museum experience for parents looking for a fun and safe alternative to trick or treating this year. Kids and teens up to age 17 will be admitted for FREE with a paying adult. The National Comedy Center welcomes families and kids of all ages to don their Halloween costumes and visit for fun and candy any time over these four days while enjoying the Center's immersive exhibits, personalized comedy, and a Halloween scavenger hunt. We also invite you to stop by the Comedy Shop for 10% off all purchases.

Vote

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pdf, must be received no later than October 28.

Early Voting: Both counties will provide early voting from October 28 to November 5. In Chautauque County, there will be four early voting sites, one each in Jamestown, Dunkirk, Mayville, and Lakewood. See <https://chqgov.com/board-of-elections/Early-Voting-Information> for more information. In Cattaraugus County, early voting will take place at two polling sites, one in Little Valley and one in Olean. See <https://www.cattco.org/news/cattaraugus-county-early-voting-communication-plan-2023-14596> for more information.

Absentee Voting: If you will be away from home on election day, you may apply to vote by Absentee Ballot. To apply, print the NYS Absentee Ballot Application and deliver it by hand or mail to your county board of elections. A ballot will then be mailed to you at the address you specify. Absentee ballot applications must be received by October 23, and ballots must be postmarked no later than November 7.

Important Deadlines:
October 28: Last day for voter registration applications to be received by your county Board of Elections, in order to vote in the general election.
October 28-November 5: Early voting days
November 7: Election day, and last day to postmark ballots for absentee voting.

All New Yorkers can look up their voter registration status, find their polling place, and track their absentee ballot (if applicable) at <https://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov/>

Bigfoot

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between humans and other creatures.

Bigfoot sightings are well above average in New York as a whole, and the forest terrain combined with the water bodies would be a hospitable habitat for members of this family. While hard confirmation of Bigfoot presence—let alone existence—has yet to be presented and accepted, it is wise to keep in mind that new species of life are still being found in the land, seas, and air. After all, gorillas were also considered (mainly by Europeans and P.T. Barnum) to simply be folklore creatures until the 1850-60's.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By

Before Lady Liberty was standing tall, she had to be assembled piece by piece. As work continued on the statue, various pieces appeared on display throughout Paris, including the icon's now-famous face! The beaming gift, designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, was dedicated on Oct. 28, 1886.



Events

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donuts, baked goods, and seasonal drinks. Grape Maze, Petting Zoo, and Playground will remain open until 9pm for visitors to enjoy. There will also be fires lit and smores available for purchase. The Haunted Hayride and attractions cost \$18 per person and includes the Haunted Hayride, Phylotech: Bioengineering lab gone wrong, Haunted Corn Maze and Mega Slide in the dark. Available at 7pm until the last ticketed time.

Paranormal Walking Tours in the village of Hamburg are offered weekends in October offering an interactive ghost tour of the paranormal history of the area. The village's former burial ground has yielded some strange anomalies for almost a decade. The walk features tales of love and murder, little girl ghosts, and successful communication with the spirits. Hamburg's history of bizarre and tragic murders will be revealed as well. Visit www.paranormalwalks.com for more information.

Explore Buffalo is also offering a daytime walking tour exploring the Scandalous Side of Buffalo History. On this

downtown walking tour, you'll learn some of the darker stories of the Queen City's past. Stops include the site of a triple hanging in 1825 and the former location of a Ku Klux Klan office. You'll also find out what happened to the assassin who shot President William McKinley at Buffalo's 1901 Pan-American Exposition. Tickets are \$10 and tours run through October. For more information visit <https://explorebuffalo.org/>.

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

Fredonia Harvest Moon Festivals and Tours will run this weekend, Friday and Saturday October 20-21st offering cemetery tours from 7:30-9:30 and horse-drawn wagon tours from 7-10pm. Enjoy a narrated guided tour through the town and cemetery on the 60-minute carriage ride departing from the Gazebo in Barker Commons. Psychic Medium Ivy Rivera will lead walking tours of the cemetery on both nights, also departing from the Gazebo. Kids activities will run all day Saturday including trick or treating downtown, pumpkin painting and carving contests, live music and entertainment, food and craft vendors, and more. The Fredonia Jazz Fest will also be happening both days, and is within walking distance. Visit <https://festivalsfredoniany.org/>

org/harvest-moon-festival-tours/ for more information.

The Fenton History Center is offering their annual Saints and Sinners Walking Tours of Lakeview Cemetery located at 907 Lakeview Ave in Jamestown on October 14 at 6:00. Learn the historical significance and get into the spirit of All Hallows Eve as your guide uncovers some of the 43,000 personal stories hidden in the cemetery. Tours change yearly, so no two tours are ever the same. Visit www.fentonhistorycenter.org. call the Fenton History Center at (716) 664-6256 to reserve tickets.

Not for the faint of heart, The Spire Theatre is putting on a Nightmare Castle event which is described as more than just a haunted attraction, but rather an immersive nightmare that will push the boundaries of your fear. Event organizers have worked tirelessly to create an unparalleled horror experience that is a must-see for anyone seeking the ultimate Halloween thrill. Doors open October 19th and run Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays though October 7:30-9:30. Tickets available for purchase online <http://inspirejamestown.com/> and at the door.

It should be noted, this is not a comprehensive list, yet rather a sampling of spooktacular events across the Tri-County area.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - ELLICOTTVILLE JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING NOTICE Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 5:30pm Ellicottville Volunteer Fire Department; Fire station 300 Fillmore Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget Hearing Meeting of the Ellicottville Joint Fire District will take place on the following date: October 17, 2023 at the Ellicottville Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting at the Ellicottville Fire Station located at 311 Fillmore Drive for the purpose of planning the 2024 District Budget in accordance with the New York State Town Law.

This notice is being posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York: By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ellicottville Joint Fire District. Mary Schuster, District Treasurer Board of Fire Commissioners Ellicottville Joint Fire District PO BOX 1724 Ellicottville NY 14731

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Hatchet

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with flavorful notes of the cereal that is then used to create these delectable iced lattes. With so much variety and a rotating menu options Ratchet Hatchet is an adventure for your appetite.

Ratchet Hatchet takes pride in its strong ties to the local Ellicottville community. They frequently host special events and weekly live music on the weekends and with its incredible atmosphere, it draws in people from all around the region. Cody Link, a musician who performs at Ratchet Hatchet mentions

his experience performing at Ratchet Hatchet, "overall that was the best atmosphere feel as a musician. "Since its opening, Ratchet Hatchet has garnered rave reviews from both locals and visitors. The combination of thrilling activities and delectable food has struck a chord with those seeking a unique dining and entertainment experience. One satisfied customer, Jay Karassik, said, "Ratchet Hatchet is a gem in Ellicottville! The axe-throwing is so much fun, and the food is outstanding. It's the perfect spot for a fun night out with friends."

Whether you're a resident of Ellicottville or planning a trip to the area, The Ratchet Hatchet is a

must-visit destination that offers something truly distinctive. The Ratchet Hatchet is open Thursday 5pm-10pm, Friday 11am-11pm, Saturday 11am-4pm and Sunday 10am-7pm.

To reserve a lane for axe-throwing or to explore their menu, you can visit their website or contact them at (716)699-1306. Follow them on Instagram and Facebook as well for information about upcoming special events. In Ellicottville, Ratchet Hatchet has not only added a new dimension to dining and entertainment, but has solidified its place as a beloved and unique establishment that has turned a simple night out into an unforgettable adventure.

Theater

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"It's really nice to have a family-oriented show especially in January. That's when the weather gets bad around here. It's something to break the cabin fever" Barry said of Circa Mechanics and its placement as the first big event for the center in 2023. Tickets for Circa Mechanics: Zephyr are available online now.

The final event Barry spoke about was the

Animaniacs in Concert on March 2d. Barry said, "It's sort of a hybrid of a clip show and a concert which is unique for us". The center has never put on a show quite like this one before and they are excited to see how it plays out. Barry shared tickets have been selling well so far and they have heard great feedback. "It's kind of like pulling back the curtain because you don't get to see the voice talents too much. We're kind of going for the nostalgia of the millennials and Gen X-er's for this show"

he said. Barry showed his gratitude for the community that attends shows at the center and how they contribute to the success of the center. Barry said, "Our audience in Jamestown and those who come from the outlying suburbs and villages embrace those artists who break through the wall and engage with the audience as one of their own". This contributes to the performers' enjoyment of performing at the center and makes them more likely to come back because they love the place and people.

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Photos of Women in History

Melinda Gates

Former wife of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Melinda Gates is an American philanthropist who is known for her work helping those in need and fighting for women's empowerment and equality. In addition to maintaining her position as co-chair of The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Gates founded Pivotal Ventures in 2015, which works toward efforts like paid leave for all, access to mental healthcare for LGBTQ+ youth and kids of color, and increasing the number of women in politics. Gates was notably awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama in 2016.



Melinda Gates (1964-)

From Bryan's Brain



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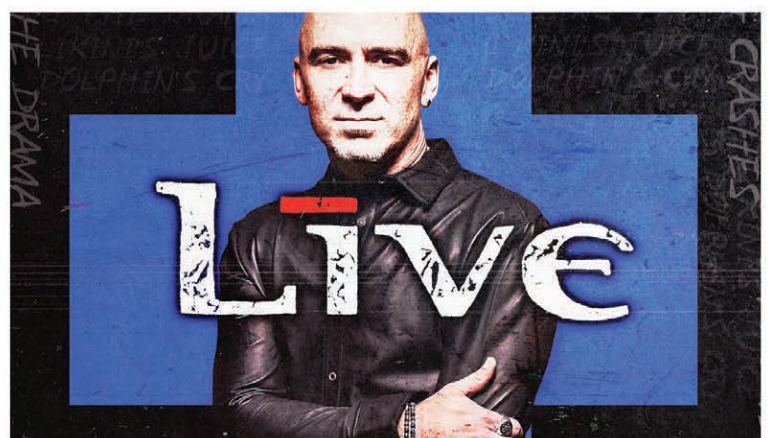


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