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Halloween Bits & Pieces

Facts and Lore to Wet Your Palette: Historic Traditions



Our Mexican neighbors joyfully celebrate the Day of the Dead (el Dia de los Muertos) with skeletons, marigolds, bright colors, and festivities. It's a time for remembering the humorous stories about the dead. Bright, colorful altars are created, and traditional foods are taken to the graves of the dearly departed as an offering. Just as in Halloween, candies are offered to the little ones, generally in the form of sugar skulls, keeping the focus on the deceased family and community members. If you need your own brightly colored ceramic skulls or gayly attired skeleton to celebrate the day, pop into Kazoo II and claim one of your own. They are quite lovely. (Story, "Halloween", pg. 10.)

Azalea Park Décor and Tea Room

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Azalea Park Décor and Alice's Tea Room is the brainchild of mother/son team, Michelle and Jesse Fisher, long-time residents of Cattaraugus. They are located at 55 S. Main St in the Village of Cattaraugus.

By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

Ever wish you could just get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life for just a few hours? Not far away, not for a long time, but just a break – a sweet respite – a self-indulgent sliver of time to walk into another

world and feel the tension drop from your shoulders and just say, "Ahhhh!" I have found you such a place. No, not a spa or an infusion, although both can be experienced in Ellicottville, and would do said job perfectly.

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Dining in the Dark with EBC

Lions Club Pairs with Visually Impaired Advancement



Little Valley Lions Club has paired with the Visually Impaired Advancement agency to host a fundraiser and awareness event at the EBC Little Valley location (202 2nd St, Little Valley, NY 14755).

By KATE BARTLETT

Dining in the Dark has become a trending experience over the past several years, gaining popularity in the culinary

scene of larger cities. However, the Little Valley Lions Club has paired with the Visually Impaired Advancement agency

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Haunted Mysteries in Ellicottville

Author, Mason Winfield and the Local Beyond



Author Mason Winfield is also starting a research organization called Spirit Way Project with Michael Bastine. Spirit Way Project will include a podcast and YouTube channel.

By JESSICA MILLER

Mason Winfield, like most boys and girls tend to be, was fascinated with the mysterious and unknown as a child. He simply maintained this interest in the supernatural well into adulthood. "I always tell people that all American kids love spooks and monsters. The real question is why I never grew out of it," he joked.

Winfield's matured perspective includes an appreciation for the

broadness and significance of the subject of the supernatural. He recognizes that depictions of experiences in popular media can be embellished or fabricated for the sake of entertainment. He also feels even these examples have value as a cultural snapshot of a certain time and place. "Paranormal and psychic experiences are illustrative of the human imagination if nothing else. Heck, with documenting the

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The Andrusz Giants farm in Williamsville, won the Great Pumpkin Farm's World Pumpkin Weigh Off on Sept. 30, 2023, in Clarence, N.Y. with this giant squash – which weighed a fitting 2,023 pounds. Photo/andruszgiants.com

By KATE BARTLETT

Halloween has become one of America's biggest and most commercialized holidays. Right behind Christmas, Halloween is the second most marketed holiday in the US with the average American spending about \$6.9 billion on this Holiday, mostly for candy, costumes, parties and even pets. Here's some fun Halloween facts and trivia to help celebrate the holiday.

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EVL Business: Ellicottville Distillery

Tradition Craftsmanship in the Heart of NY



"Punkin' Chunkin'" at Ellicottville Distillery is a celebration of the season and craftsmanship. Join the excitement Saturday, November 4, where tradition meets innovation, and where a taste of Ellicottville's best awaits.

By SARA GOODE

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Publisher's Word

"Bounty Overflows!"



In preparing each week's edition of The Villager and the annual Ellicottville Phone Directory, it's obvious how resilient the people in our community are. There are so many new businesses opening up and residents moving to our area. It's bold proof that we live in an area of hard workers, team builders, believers and friends. Take a look through these pages of the number of developments, events, and interesting people doing great things. Rest assured you are indeed in a wonderful part of this world. As always, if you

have something to share with our readers, please let us know; we'd love to bring it to our community. Write to info@thevillager.com
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Chautauqua Rails to Trails
 Annual Meeting set for November 6 at the Suites, Mayville, NY

The board of directors of Chautauqua Rails to Trails will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, November 6 at 6pm at the Olive's Restaurant space at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville. The new tradition of holding the meeting the first Monday in November, rather than September is in effect. In general, the organization meets the first Monday of each month at 6pm at various locations. General members, as well as other interested citizens, are welcome at every meeting. Bellini Lounge will not be open that evening. President Ward will lead a presentation of overview and circumspection. Planning for a holiday fundraising event as well as other important matters will be discussed. A slate of officers will be voted upon. This year the slate features four incumbents: President—Bill Ward, Vice President—Dr. T. John McCune, Treasurer—Virginia King, and Secretary—Wendy Lewellen.

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Celebrating Veteran's Day
 Free Movie Screening in East Aurora

BUFFALO, N.Y.- The Veterans One-stop Center is hosting its first Veterans Day event ever on Nov. 11, 2023 with the movie screening of "Dear Sirs." This documentary has proven to be a catalyst to bring Veterans together with their families, friends and communities to connect and feel seen- and our goal is to be that bridge for them on Veterans Day. Our sole purpose is to put Veterans first.

Please come be a part of this special and impactful event!
 This event is made possible thanks to the generous sponsorships of West Herr, Russaw LLC, East Aurora American Legion Post 362 and Pizza Del Aureo's. Special thanks also to East Aurora Theatre for hosting Dear Sirs!

About "Dear Sirs:"
 The story of a soldier from the Greatest Generation told through the eyes of his grandson 75 years later. Despite working with him for years, filmmaker Mark Pedri never learned the details of his grandfather's experiences as a Prisoner of War in WWII. Ten years after Sgt Pedri's death, Mark found an incredible archive of photos and letters that inspired him to bike over 500 miles across Europe following the original Prisoner of War transportation routes, in an effort to tell his grandfather's story and better understand the man who helped raise him.

WNY Land Conservancy Expands

Opens Newest Preserve in Cattaraugus County



The Land Conservancy's stewardship team of Erik Danielson (left), Josh Balisteri (center), and Teresa Tokasz (right) designed and built the 2.1 miles of trails at the Janet Gallogly Allegheny Wildlands.

the land, which had been in the same family since the early 1800s. The Sluga family chose to sell the property to the Land Conservancy to ensure that it would be permanently protected and available for the public to enjoy.

Marisa Riggi, the Executive Director of the Land Conservancy, said: "One of the best aspects of our land protection efforts is that we get to work with landowners, like the Slugas, who voluntarily choose to conserve their land for the betterment of every living thing in our region. Thanks to their love of nature, the Janet Gallogly Allegheny Wildlands is now part of a broader network of forests that includes thousands of acres of protected state land. The protection of this property is a huge step forward for the Western New York Wildway."

and restore our region's largest forests," said the foundation's Executive Director, Kasey DeLuke. "We are strong proponents of the Western New York Wildway and the ecological benefits it will provide our region. Given the critical need for plants and animals to roam in a changing climate, it is the ambitious and innovative approach to land conservation that we need now."

Getting there: The Janet Gallogly Allegheny Wildlands is located on W. Perimeter Road in the town of South Valley. Visit WNYLC.ORG/alleghenywildlands for directions to the preserve.

The Western New York Land Conservancy is a regional, non-profit land trust that has protected more than 7,000 acres of land with significant conservation value in Western New York for the benefit of future generations. We envision a future in which forests, farms, meadows, and waterways are connected, cherished, and protected in Western New York. Our clean air, clean water, and fertile soils will equitably support the health and wellbeing of every living thing. The Land Conservancy is accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. For more info on upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or the mission of the WNY Land Conservancy, call (716) 687-1225 or visit wnylc.org.

The Western New York Land Conservancy is thrilled to announce that it has opened its newest preserve, a spectacular 185-acre forest in Cattaraugus County: the Janet Gallogly Allegheny Wildlands. Named after the co-founder of the Gallogly Family Foundation, the preserve is located near Allegany State Park, and it is home to a rich diversity of plants and animals. It also includes 2.1 miles of publicly accessible hiking trails designed and built entirely by the Land Conservancy's stewardship team of Josh Balisteri, Erik Danielson, and Teresa Tokasz.

In 2022, the Land Conservancy community and the Friends of the Allegheny Wildlands successfully raised funds to purchase and steward



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Native American Heritage Month

Seneca Niagara and Seneca Allegheny Celebrate November



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**NATIVE AMERICAN
HERITAGE MONTH**

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

On Wednesday, November 1st, the Seneca Niagara Event Center will once again help celebrate Native American Heritage Month by hosting their Annual Community Dinner and Social. It will include the traditional Native American dishes Fry Bread and Corn Soup and more, and it will be held from 5-8pm. It is free, and open to people in the surrounding communities. Five to six hundred people typically attend. Native American Heritage Month is also American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

The entertainment includes performances of Haudenosaunee songs and dances. Wonderfully talented Native American artisans and craft vendors will have their arts and crafts on display. Haudenosaunee translates to "People of the Long House", who are known to most people as the Iroquois Confederacy or League of Six Nations.

The nations are: the Cayuga, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora nations. Their homelands are in Western New York and in Canada.

If you enter the annual "Rock Your Mocs" sweepstakes, you can win an overnight stay for two at the casino plus a hundred-dollar voucher you can use for dining. To enter, you have to post a picture of yourself wearing a pair of moccasins on social media (Facebook, Twitter/x, or Instagram), using #Seneca Mocs23, between November 13th and November 18th, 2023. One winner will be chosen.

The Seneca Allegheny Resort and Casino will once again host their Seneca Market and feature Traditional Dancers, celebrating Indigenous History, traditions and culture in November on Saturday, November 4th, between 9am-5pm, and on Saturday, November 11th, between 9am-5pm. The markets offer great opportunities to browse through and buy Native

crafts and artisans' items. Remember: the holiday gift-giving season is almost here! The crafts and collectibles include beadwork, paintings and woodworking. The traditional Indigenous dances are very enjoyable. You can also visit the wonderful Seneca Market in the Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino Hotel Lobby on November 3rd and 10th Fridays), from 9am-5pm., and November 4th and November 11th (Saturdays), from 9am-5pm, and November 5th and 12th (Sundays) from 9am-5pm.

The Seneca Allegheny Resort and Casino Event Center is located at 777 SenecaAlleghenyBoulevard in Salamanca, NY. Another way to celebrate Native American Heritage Month is by visiting the Seneca-Iroquois Museum in Salamanca, NY. You can browse through beadwork, basketry, pottery and cornhusk items in their online store. The museum is open Monday through Friday, from 10am-4:30pm.

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EVL Hauntings...Just in Time for Halloween



PHOTOS & COLUMN BY, GARY MALICKI

Sometimes I ponder many things while spending time on the porch. Recently I wondered, how did Halloween begin? As it turns out, one idea is, in the late 1800's when there was a move in America to turn Halloween into a holiday about neighbors getting together. The idea was an alternative to focusing on ghosts, pranks and witchcraft. Fast forward to 2023...the place...the EVL library where I attended a lecture on the "Legends, Lore and Ghosts of Ellicottville".

It was an interesting evening that began with a brief business meeting of the Ellicottville Historical Society who sponsored the event.

Enter the compelling Amanda Woomer who facilitated the lecture. Amanda is a writer, anthropologist and former international English teacher. She lives local and has co-written 15 books including *A Haunted Atlas of WNY*. Amanda also runs a fascinating website called *spook-eats.com*, a travel site that believes the paranormal belongs to everyone. Her interest in ghosts and hauntings began with her first spiritual encounter at age 7 and she never looked back.

Amanda focused on 5 locations about possible hauntings in the EVL area. First, she talked about The Ashford Hollow Witch on Rohr Hill Road in Ashford. The witch in question was Sophia Disch born in 1833 who never married. To help explain how



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someone could be accused of witchcraft she talked about women who may not have lived a traditional family life and because they were different, they were therefore, labeled as such.

She moved on to Hencoop Hollow Road aka The Haunted Road. There once stood a cemetery and schoolhouse and the road is rumored to be haunted by children.

Next was Hinsdale House at 3830 McMahon Rd. in Hinsdale. There have been many stories of the supernatural but no historical record of paranormal activity. Amanda stated that spooky stories began there in the 1970's. The house is now a paranormal research center and available to rent.

Then there's Wildwood Sanitarium at 71 Prospect Street in Salamanca. It was a holistic hospital in 1923 and then became a tuberculosis ward. It can also be rented by groups.

Finally, Amanda said one of the most haunted places in our area is Allegany State Park. She noted a few specific areas where the unexplained occurs. She singled out cabin #2 on Stoney Trail. Also, the very popular and heavily visited Thunder Rocks where

people have reported seeing The Flannel Man. It's also a spot referred to as the Home of the Woman in White. In the Quaker Run area of the park across from the Quaker rental office, people are said to have seen the specter of a little girl walking in the road.

At the end of the lecture when she opened the floor to questions I decided to raise my hand. I didn't have a question but pointed out to the group that I was feeling a bit freaked out as I was wearing an Allegany State Park ball cap (my signature look) which I held up and displayed to the audience. If the opportunity presents itself, I will always shamelessly break the tension in a room for a laugh if I can.

Amanda was very enthusiastic and entertaining in her presentation. Feel free to visit the locations discussed in this Halloween article and check out Amanda Woomer on Facebook.

I'm glad I was there for her presentation and also for having the chance to see a small sample of the workings of our Historical Society.



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"Artour O'Quick" by artist Ruta Marino at Lincoln Park on Union Street in Olean, NY. Sponsored by Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University.

OLEAN - What is a SQUIRREL SELFIE? The definition of selfie is a photograph that one

has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and shared via social media. Instead of sharing via social media, please share with Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. GOACC folks stress - these selfies with the squirrels - the squirrels are the four foot painted squirrels that are around the Olean area - not actual live squirrels.

The deadline to turn in your selfies to be included in the 2024 Squirrel Calendar is November 1st. Area residents and visitors are invited once again to send in their photos of the Woodland in the City Squirrels to be chosen and placed in the 2024 squirrel calendar. The Woodland in the City (Woodland) committee and the Greater

Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) are sponsoring the Photo Contest.

GOACC does ask that those in the photo DO NOT sit on the squirrel for the photos. Photos can be dropped off at the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce office, Monday-Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm PM, mail it to: Squirrel Photo Contest, c/o GOACC, 301 North Union, Olean, NY 14760, or email tourism@oleanny.com. Please make sure you include your name, address, and home phone number. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by 4:30pm Wednesday, November 1st. For more information on the photo contest, contact GOACC at (716) 372-4433.

Villager Photo Contest

The Villager is looking for your great photos. Snap a few pics of your family, friends or yourself enjoying reading The Villager wherever you are and send it in. If your photo is chosen, we will place it in our next edition and be sure to credit you for jessica@thevillagerny.com or call 716-699-2058. Can't wait to see what you send in!!

Thriller Dancers Return to Ellicottville

Annual Flash Mob Performance at Villaggio, this Sat. Oct. 28



Ellicottville, NY - Saturday, October 28, will mark the eighth 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 the best zombie to create Michael Jackson's 1983 smash hit music video thriller. As always, the show is free and open to the public and will take place at 8:30 pm and 9:30pm

Trunk & Treat and Halloween Youth Party

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Rotary Club of Ellicottville



Ellicottville NY: Trunk or Treat - St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ellicottville NY 6360 Rt. 242 E. Ellicottville October 31, 6-8pm

Ellicottville, NY- On Halloween evening, Tuesday, October 31st, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Rotary Club of Ellicottville will partner to host the annual Trunk & Treat and Halloween Youth Party. The Trunk & Treat will be in the parking lot of St.

Paul's Lutheran Church at 6360 Route 242 E. and the Youth Party will be in the basement of the Church. Both events will run from 6-8 pm. Candy and treats will be available at the Trunk & Treat, while the Youth Party will feature games, spooky creatures, an arts & crafts table and

donuts and juice boxes. While both have been annual events, this is the first time since 2019 that the Youth Party has occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We'd like to thank the many church members, volunteers and friends of Rotary that make this event possible.

Explore Water's Journey, October 28

Audubon Natural Investigators



You and your 8 to 12-year-old(s) can be Audubon Community Nature Center Natural Investigators Saturday morning, October 28. Audubon's Natural Investigators will play games and simulate a watershed to learn about the water cycle.

Jamestown, N.Y. - There's water everywhere at Audubon Community Nature Center. How did it get there and where does it go?

You and your 8 to 12-year-old(s) can learn about "Water's Journey" with Audubon's Natural Investigators, Saturday, October 28, 10-11:30am. You can explore watersheds and the paths a drop of water may take on its never-ending journey.

Become a drop of water as you travel through the water cycle, then model a watershed to discover the impact humans have on these areas. Discuss what it means for a watershed to be healthy and ways to help keep your local watersheds clean.

After an indoor portion where you simulate the water cycle and a watershed, head outdoors to learn the importance of wetlands in these systems.

The program happens rain or shine, so dress for

the weather.

The fee is \$12 for adults, \$9 for Nature Center members and children ages 8 - 12.

Enrollment is limited to 12 children, 24 participants total.

Make your paid reservations - required by Thursday, October 26, 2023 - by calling (716) 569-2345 during business hours or by going to AudubonCNC.org and clicking through "Programs and Events."

Natural Investigators is presented the fourth Saturday of every month, 10-11:30am.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, enjoy the native tree arboretum, gardens, picnic area, and natural play space, and hike over five miles of trails down until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10-4:30pm and Sundays, 1 - 4:40pm. Nature Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org.

Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways

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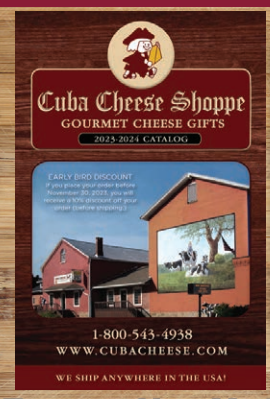


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EVL Business: Aranar Luxury Adult Retreat

Landscape Villas in Ellicottville

By KATE BARTLETT



Ellicottville is soon to be home to the first Aranar (“Ar-an-Ar” like R&R) Luxury Adult Retreat. The company was founded, developed and envisioned by father and son Cory and Jake Creeley of Creeley Construction. Set to open this month, Aranar redefines a couple’s getaway of luxury seclusion with sweeping panoramic views of the HoliMont slopes.

Jake was inspired to create a modern couples retreat as he and his wife sought to steal away for a relaxing weekend together. “I remember being away with my wife at a beautiful resort, but surrounded by people. I started envisioning the ultimate getaway for couples, close enough to shops and restaurants, but in a more intimate setting.” Jake shared his vision with his father, Cory, who agreed this was a concept worth developing.

Both with a background in construction, they started creating a unique and modern floorplan for these landscape villas centered around the view. “We didn’t want anything to take away from the view. We designed floor to ceiling 9-foot windows around the bed and

living space so our guests are immersed in their surroundings.” The décor is modern and fresh, with no amenity spared. The Climate 360 Smart Bed offers the ultimate comfort in all seasons along with 3 varieties of pillows to meet your personal needs. The television is discrete and hidden to adapt to meet your relaxation needs to unwind with complementary streaming Netflix or YouTube, or embrace the panoramic views.

The indoor and outdoor fireplaces are just the beginning of climate control. The outdoor covered patio is heated with large sectional seating to comfortably enjoy the views year-round. Not only is there an outdoor Hot Tub, but also an outdoor dry sauna with large windows. The Spa Room features a HydroMassage Chair, heated towel rack, heated floors, robes and luxury shower with Halo Lighting,

rain shower and steam shower. All private, and all included.

Luxury kitchenette amenities include Keurig Elite with complimentary Starbucks pods along with the finest kitchenware, beverage glasses and wine chiller. The dining area allows for comfortable seating alongside the indoor fireplace, complete with WiFi and Bluetooth Speakers.

Jake and Cory strive to take relaxation to a new level with their high-level amenities. “We spared no expense with our premium features, as we truly want all our guests to achieve tranquility. We are reinventing rest and relaxation with our brand Aranar.”

Upon booking, guests receive their Boarding Pass which allows for self-check in to their ultimate retreat. All amenities (Keurig,

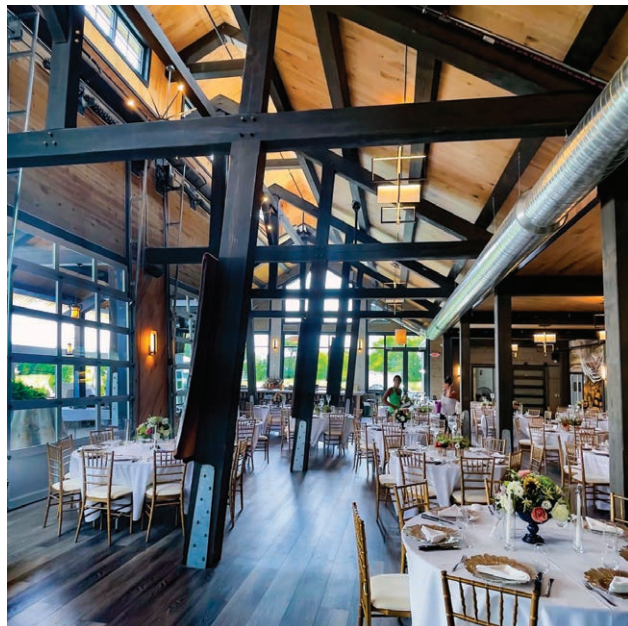
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to host a fundraiser and awareness event at the EBC Little Valley location. The event will be Wednesday, November 1 from 6-9pm. Experience what dinner and life would be like without sight.

Jodi Hernandez, Secretary of the Lyons Club and event committee team member, has been involved with VIA (Visually Impaired Advancement) for many years as her sister is visually impaired. Seeing the opportunity for the Lions Club to get involved, Jordan reached out to VIA and helped coordinate their first Dining in the Dark event held at Elkdale Country Club in 2019. “It is such a great way to raise awareness for the Visually Impaired Advancement agency and make the community aware of the services they offer. So many people’s lives have been touched by visual impairments, and many may be unaware of the services available.”

VIA is dedicated to advancing the lives of the visually impaired. Their mission is to assist people who are visually impaired to achieve their highest level of independence. They provide tools, education, rehabilitation, job training, job placement, and support for people of all ages. Not only to those legally blind, but to anyone with visual impairments. From braille and devices for the



blind, to books on tape for the elderly with Macular Degeneration, VIA offers a variety of programs and services to anyone affected by visual impairments. The VIA typically holds a much larger annual Dining in the Dark event of 500+ in the Buffalo area.

Their second Dining in the Dark event will be held at the Little Valley location of Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC). In addition to the full menu catered by EBC, the event will feature interactive learning, live music, raffles and 50/50 drawing. Guests are expected to dine completely blindfolded for the entirety of the meal, and will be provided bibs. Ray Zylinski, a legally blind VIA employee, will give the Keynote speech. Guests will be granted the opportunity to experience what it’s like doing activities of daily living

while blindfolded, such as plugging in an outlet pouring water, reading Braille, and more.

“It’s a great event to promote the services available to the visually impaired, and to give a glimpse into the lives of those with visual impairments. It’s a lighthearted way to raise awareness. We had a lot of fun at the first event; people really have a fun time and learn some empathy along the way. We take our sight for granted, and it’s an opportunity to reflect on that. It sparks curiosity of what the visually impaired go through, and helps us connect with one another.”

The Lions Club hopes to sell 100 tickets to the event, which are available for purchase on their FB site, or call (716) 938-9034 and asking for Jordan or Jodie. For more infoon VIA visit <https://viawny.org/>



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Not just another gift or antique shop, it is that and more. Walk up the steps of the generous porch and enter the first room (one of many) which invites you to slow down, take some deep breaths and simply absorb the ambiance. The instinct is to stop, to look around, to settle into the charming, welcoming environment and step away from the outside world. You have arrived. Welcome!

Azalea Park Décor and Alice's Tea Room is the brainchild of mother/son team, Michelle and Jesse Fisher, long-time residents of Cattaraugus. Michelle, a stay-at-home, home-schooling mom, and her son Jesse (one of four siblings) were inspired to take their talents and the things they love and turn them into a business venture.

Michelle has spent many years declining opportunities to go into friends' homes and decorate them. She was simply too busy raising a family. Jesse, who loves to cook and is an antique buff, was between jobs, having decided that working for his dad's Tree Service business was not his cup of tea. He and his mom stumbled across a few buildings in the village where they could both give flight to their mutual and compatible interests.



Every room has its distinct personality and use with many of the furnishings for sale. The charming receiving room hosts a large wooden table and chairs, which also doubles for lunch or tea services. The living room, with its comfy sofa invites visitors to rest for a few moments and simply enjoy the view or review the purchases already made. One can, of course, purchase the sofa or table if they wish. Shelves throughout hold interesting pieces, art works, handmade crafted items, pottery, signs, plants, just as any home would have displayed. It's difficult to remember one is in a retail establishment and not in someone's home.

At first, the idea was to open a Décor store, using both antique and new furnishings and provide a venue for 20 or so of their artisan friends. They settled on the old house knowing it had the cozy, homey atmosphere they were seeking. As they explored the building, they discovered a lovely upstairs room with so much personality it literally shouted, "Tea Room" to them. So now, the plan was expanded to include a tearoom, naming it after Michelle's beloved grandmother and utilizing her antique tea table in the "Tearoom." Encouraged that they could pull it off, the duo became proprietors of an establishment named after a beloved flower,

Azaleas.

Well, it is an old house. What was/is one of the busiest, coziest rooms in your grandmother's house? The kitchen, of course. Knowing how much Jesse liked cooking and baking, having grown up learning from his own grandmom in a kitchen much like this one, the idea of serving light meals was born. Jesse had been cooking and baking complete dinners since he was 10, even choosing to make his very own birthday cakes, so it was a no-brainer. Meals were added to the agenda.

So, here's how Azalea Park Décor stacks up. It is set up just like grandmom's home. Every room has its distinct

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Jamestown Receives Broadband Allocation

New York State Includes City in \$664M Proposal



Empire State Development included the City of Jamestown's plan for creating a municipally-owned broadband infrastructure in its five-year action plan. The plan, which lays out a framework for implementing \$664 million of state-funding from the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program, describes how to most effectively invest New York's allocation in ways that will attract private investment and reach unserved and underserved locations with a mix of fiber optic and wireless internet technologies.

"I am excited that the Empire State Development and Governor Hochul both recognize the unique opportunity that the City of Jamestown presents in establishing access to affordable internet for all," said Jamestown Mayor Eddie Sundquist. "Our inclusion in their action plan further proves that Jamestown is not only one step closer towards making affordable, high-speed internet for our residents a reality – but is seen throughout the state as the model for closing the digital divide."

Mayor Sundquist estimates that a municipally-owned broadband network would cost \$25 million to build and operate, but the monthly cost for users would remain fixed while providing a faster service. For residents who are par-

ticipants in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program, the cost of 1-gigabit internet service could be provided with no charge to the user.

"The average cost of internet in the city is about \$75 a month. And for the average family that has kids in the school district, they can't afford it," Sundquist said. "Our city has the unique advantage of already owning the infrastructure required for hanging fiber-optic lines and once funded, we will be able to immediately share savings with our residents resulting in a 10x stronger service at a fraction of the cost – potentially even free."

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to a \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for qualifying households on qualifying Tribal lands. The benefit also provides up to a \$100 per household discount toward a one-time purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet if the household contributes more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase through a participating broadband provider.

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or

is participating in select governmental assistance programs. Jamestown residents interested in the program can learn more by visiting jamestownny.gov/free-internet.

The plan presents initial results from the Connecticut Office's digital equity survey of New York residents, which surveyed more than 5,700 people across every region of the state, was conducted from May to July 2023 and was the first ever comprehensive assessment of the digital divide in New York, encompassing both infrastructure and non-infrastructure barriers to broadband adoption. Findings from the survey reveal that New Yorkers in urban and rural areas face many of the same challenges in getting online:

- Both rural and urban respondents of the survey have difficulty paying for the internet each month in addition to their monthly expenses; 44% of urban respondents indicated difficulty paying, and 41% of rural respondents indicated difficulty paying.

- The survey demonstrated that accessibility of internet-enabled devices is close to equal among respondents from urban and rural geographies; 9.5% of urban respondents and 10.4% of rural respondents said that they did not have access to internet-enabled devices they needed at home.

- Regardless of their background, New Yorkers are concerned about their safety and security online. On average, nearly 90% of respondents reported feeling either somewhat concerned or very concerned about their online safety.

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Local Young Woman Inspired to Help Others



On August 4, 2023, “The Glass Half Full” celebrated their one-year anniversary of starting their organization with a formal attire fundraising gala. This gala was held in Celoron, NY at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel from 7pm-10pm. The next fundraising volleyball tournament will be held this Friday, October 27th at Stallions in Cheektowaga and will start at 6pm. There’s a \$25 entry fee to participate in the tournament, and spectators are free to attend.

BY DARLENE BRACE

Kalee Halladay (in photo) is the founder and president of a nonprofit organization called “The Glass Half Full”. “The Glass Half Full” organizes fundraisers for local people who are in need. It all started last year when Kalee’s best friend Alyssa’s fiancé was diagnosed with acute Leukemia. After seeing what they went through with doctor visits to Buffalo, chemotherapy, and everything involved, Kalee had an idea of how she could help her friends. Since she is involved in playing volleyball, her idea was to have a volleyball tournament that would raise funds to help her friends. The basic premise was that people would join the tournament, and registration fees would be donated toward her friend’s expenses. This tournament took place in August 2022, and

it was a successful event. After seeing how much it helped her friends, Kalee decided she wanted to help others. Kalee said, “I really became aware that my friends weren’t the only ones that need support. I wanted to help others that are going through difficult times. There are many people in our community that are in need, that are suffering through cancer treatments or other illnesses, or job loss. This can help pay expenses or toward the of costs that the insurance doesn’t cover.” It was then that Kalee decided to take this fundraising event idea and turn it into an organization. Of course, she knew she couldn’t do this alone. She asked some of her friends if they would be interested in helping to create this organization. Gladly her friend Melissa Wilson agreed to become the organization’s secretary and Kelsey Thomas agreed to become the treasurer. They decided on the name “The Glass Half Full”.

When Kalee was asked how they came up with the name for the organization, Kalee said, “The Glass Half Full’s” name for the organization was based on an optimistic view of life, and that even in the driest of times, we can always refill the glass.” Now they were all set to get it started. At this point they had no established funding to start up this organization. Kalee started by donating some of her own money to plan and organize the next event. They also found some local companies that agreed to sponsor this worthwhile organization and raised funds at the events by having 50/50 drawings, raffles, and by selling merchandise with their logo on it. On August 4, 2023, “The Glass Half Full” celebrated their one-year anniversary of starting their organization with a formal attire fundraising gala. This gala was held in Celoron, NY at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel

from 7pm-10pm. After paying admission, you were treated with music by local DJ Steve Trapani, and received free hors d’oeuvres and desserts. There was a silent auction and a door prize of Buffalo Bill’s preseason tickets. During the event, there was acknowledgment of the beneficiaries, some of which gave testimonials of how “The Glass Half Full” has helped them. They also recognized all the sponsors that have made contributions. It was a great fundraising event that celebrated the anniversary of this outstanding new organization. Since the first fundraiser

for Alyssa’s fiancé, they have organized 5 other fundraising volleyball tournaments to help others in various need. The next fundraising volleyball tournament will be held this Friday, October 27th at Stallions in Cheektowaga and will start at 6pm. There’s a \$25 entry fee to participate in the tournament, and spectators are free to attend. Kalee also said she is hoping to get more people to participate by possibly having cornhole or basketball tournaments in the future. If you have been inspired to get involved and you own a business, you can become a sponsor. In return

they offer free advertising on their T-shirts and on their social media pages and give acknowledgment at the fundraising events. You can also help by participating in the fundraising events or by donations of your time and/or money. If you want information about sponsorship or participating in future events, you can email glasshalffull716@gmail.com. You can also look on their Facebook page or call Kalee at 716-426-3082. No matter what life brings you, try to remember to always look at life as a glass half full.

“The Glass Half Full’s name for the organization was based on an optimistic view of life, and that even in the driest of times, we can always refill the glass.”

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STORY FROM COVER
By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

The Irish are purported by some to be a particularly superstitious group of people. Are they more connected to the earth and the spirit world because of the traumas they encountered collectively as a nation during the hard times, the wars, the potato famine? Or is it their connection to the world of the spirit through their strong faith that deepens their awareness of what is beyond the veil?

We have Halloween because the Irish celebrated the festival of Samhain for centuries, dating back over 2000 years. The festival marked the end of the bright half of the year and the beginning of the dark, foreboding half. It was during Samhain that the dead and gods were honored, using pagan rituals to do so.

No doubt our Halloween today originated from the somber ancient celebrations of Samhain. When Christianity came along (remember St. Patrick converting all those Irish folk?) the ancient traditions were replaced and those clever Irish (never wanting to miss a good time) incorporated their own Halloween festivities into All Saints Day which falls on November 1st and All Souls Day on November 2nd.

Now, as we acknowledge that the Irish gave us Halloween, let's not forget that our Mexican neighbors joyfully celebrate those same dates known to them as the Day of the Dead (el Dia de los Muertos) with skeletons, marigolds, bright colors,

and festivities. It's a time for remembering the humorous stories about the dead. Bright, colorful altars are created, and traditional foods are taken to the graves of the dearly departed as an offering. Just as in Halloween, candies are offered to the little ones, generally in the form of sugar skulls, keeping the focus on the deceased family and community members. If you need your own brightly colored ceramic skulls or gayly attired skeleton to celebrate the day, pop into Kazoo II and claim one of your own. They are quite lovely.

Back to celebrating Halloween in America. We all must have a pumpkin to carve our Jack O'Lantern, but did you know that originally, the Irish used turnips or even large potatoes to carve? It was when they came to America they discovered pumpkins, which, you must admit, make much better, larger lanterns.

Once upon a time, in Irish lore, there was a guy named "Stingy Jack." You know the kind - 'how to get something for nothing' is their mantra. So, Jack invited The Devil to have a drink with him, but Jack being Stingy Jack did not want to pay for it. He cleverly talked The Devil into turning himself into a coin that could be used to pay for the drinks. Some



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part of that deal backfired. It didn't go in Jack's favor and furthermore, after Jack died, he discovered both doors to heaven and hell were closed to him. Poor Jack was doomed. He had to roam the earth forever and was left with only a red-hot lump of coal which he carried around in a carved-out turnip. He became known as Jack of the Lantern, which eventually morphed into Jack O'Lantern. And now, you know the rest of the story. (Who remembers who said that?)

Most depictions of Halloween on cards, "HALLOWEEN", Pg. 14

Mysteries

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objective validity of events, you'll never prove almost any of the reports. Reports are human experiences and perceptions. What we're looking at is cultural, emotional, psychological, and even spiritual. If those subjects don't count, I don't know what does. Paranormal and particularly psychic experiences and stories preserve our human social history, too."

Ellicottville's contribution to UFO and ghost lore can show that there are nearby interactions beyond the earthly and understood. He brings up the Allegany-Ellicottville UFO flaps (a flap is a common term for a cycle of perceived experiences and gossip) that circulated in the area during the late 1990's—early 2000's that he has written about in one of his books. Winfield says the volume of spirit encounters noted in Ellicottville is different from what could reasonably be anticipated.

"So many of the haunted villages and cities I research have a correlation to the First Nations cultures of New York. Ellicottville does not seem to have been a site of ancient significance or even inhabited before the whites moved in in the middle 1800's; at least I can't find any evidence that it was," he explained. "Neither does Ellicottville seem to be situated on any major ancient trails. That

doesn't stop a good number of ghost stories developing in the village."

"I seldom think of ghostly reports as related to "spirits" since there's no proof that much of the psychic phenomena people experience is any more intentional than a leaf falling off a tree. (It's a manifestation.) Ellicottville is the one place I've ever studied that seemed to have a lot of ghost stories and yet fall far out of the patterns of the other haunted villages in the upstate. It actually made me begin to fancy that the "spirits" or whatever causes the manifestations simply loved the place so much that they never wanted to leave."

Buffalo tourists and locals on either side of the ether can find Winfield in action during a ghost walk in East Aurora at The Roycroft Inn (40 South Grove St, East Aurora) on October 28 at 7pm. Admission is \$20 for adults; \$10 for children ages 7-11; free for children under 7. (hauntedhistorytrail.com)



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Also on October 28 for Winfield is The Psychic Lounge at The Witches Ball (107 Delaware Ave Buffalo) from 7pm-1am. Tickets are \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door; \$185 for VIP (https://witchesballbuffalo.com/). He also has written 15 fiction and nonfiction books with another in progress, and is starting a research organization called Spirit Way Project with Michael Bastine. Spirit Way Project will include a podcast and YouTube channel.



Check out Manson Winfield's upcoming explorations at hauntedhistorytrail.com.

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CLARENCE, NY HOLDS WORLD RECORD FOR LARGEST PUMPKIN

Clarence, NY recorded the world's largest pumpkin this year, weighing 2,554 pounds on September 30, 2023. Scott Andrus of Williamsville grew the pumpkin breaking both New York and national records. The Great Pumpkin Farm hosts the World Pumpkin Weigh Off, and recorded the first 1,000 pound pumpkin in 1996, making the Guinness Book of World Records. 27 years later, the farm has recorded many more 1,000+ pound pumpkins, many the size of compact cars. It's definitely a sight to be seen!

HALLOWEEN ROOTED IN ANCIENT CELTIC FESTIVAL

Halloween has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which was celebrated on November 1. This marked the end of summer, the harvest, and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time that was associated with human death. They believed that on the night before the new year (October 31), the boundary between the living and the dead blurred. To ward off spirits, they lit bonfires and wore costumes. Over time it has evolved to the Halloween we know today, with trick-or-treating, jack o'lanterns and festive gatherings.

WILDWOOD SANITARIUM, SALAMANCA, NY

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After the doctors passed on, the building underwent multiple phases and was eventually purchased by Laurie Wagatha in 2017 with a goal of restoring the property. In order to raise funds for the restoration, Laurie and her family opened the location to paranormal investigators from around the country. This last year her daughter, Brooke Przystal and her husband, Zachary, took ownership of the property and continued with the paranormal. The location has been featured on many very popular YouTube channels like Exploring with Josh and OmarGoshTV. The location has also been featured on many TV shows like Paranormal Lockdown, America's Most Terrifying Places, with more coming out this fall. Upcoming events include Trick-or-treating at The Sanitarium (5pm to 8pm) followed by a public investigation (8pm to midnight, \$40pp). There will also be public paranormal investigations on November 10th and

11th, \$40pp.

THE LUCK OF THE SPIDER

Finding a spider on Halloween is considered good luck in various backgrounds. It is believed that if you encounter a spider on all Hallow's Eve, it signifies that a deceased loved one is watching over you. And that black cat myth? Some cultures believe that black cats bring good luck. The black cat resembles an Egyptian cat-goddess, and in other countries they represent prosperity.

HISTORY OF TRICK-OR-TREATING

And how did trick-or-treating become a tradition? The history traces back to Scotland and Ireland where children went house to house 'guising' putting on small performances to be rewarded with food or treats. This dates back to the 16th century, as does the tradition of wearing costumes.

No matter how you celebrate, know that Halloween traditions have deep roots, but have evolved over the years. We hope you have fun making some of your own!

Four New Art Exhibits in CHQ. Co.

Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Patterson Library Octagon Gallery

BY MILES HILTON

Four new art exhibits are now on view in Jamestown and Westfield.

Let's begin at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute (RTPI) in Jamestown, "Chautauqua County en Plein Air", "Ergo Sum: A Crow a Day", and "Small Worlds: Betsy Abbott and Spencer Frazer" opened on Friday. In the Octagon Gallery at Patterson Library in Westfield, "The Spirit of the Animals" by Barbara Yerace is now on view.

Beaded bears, crows, and other mythologized animals take center-stage in Yerace's solo exhibition. The artist works primarily in glass, a medium that spoke to her immediately when she first encountered it. "I am inspired by pure color," Yerace shares, "and glass is the perfect vehicle." The exhibit features intricate beaded works that blend recognizable animal shapes with abstract patterns of color and form. A bear's head swirls with red, yellow, and blue beaded spirals, a mesmerizing display that evokes patterns of energy or life-force. Other beaded works are on display, as well as blown-glass sculptures.

In "Chautauqua County En Plein Air", local artists celebrate the beauty of Chautauqua County through art created over the course of RTPI's 2023 Plein Air Festival. The Festival, now in its second year, challenges artists to create a piece of work entirely outdoors over the course of two days. The resulting exhibit features acrylic paintings, collage, drawing, and watercolor, all inspired by and created in Chautauqua County's



Plein Air collage by Sara Baker Michalak. The Roger Tory Peterson Institutes Plein Air Festival, now in its second year, challenges artists to create a piece of work entirely outdoors over the course of two days.

ecosystem.

"Ergo Sum: A Crow a Day" began as the grieving process of the artist, Karen Bondarchuk, a way to honor her "mother who was in the later stages of Alzheimer's disease". Bondarchuk committed to making an image of a crow, a motif which features regularly in her work, each day for a year. The subsequent 365 works of art, each created on a 7.75 inch by 5.75 inch hand-prepared panel, are thematically varied yet united, both stylistically and by their uniform substrate. Some pieces are decidedly whimsical and humorous, while others are surreal or dark. What began as a personal homage to a loved one evolved into "an attempt to signal visually the preciousness and individuality of each day", says the artist. The body of work has been on display in galleries across the country since 2018.

"Small Worlds", the third new exhibit at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, features quilt artist Betsy Abbott and painter Spencer Frazer. Abbott and Frazer are both self-taught artists

who, through intricate blends of realistic imagery and abstract, almost psychedelic patterned details, ask questions about the relationship between humans and the rest of the natural world. Abbott uses fabric to piece together scenes, often landscapes and intimate energetic images of birds, before using a long-arm quilting machine to 'paint' fine details onto the piece with thread.

"I am especially drawn to creating landscapes and realistic images which invite the viewer to participate in their moods or stories and to apprehend the wonder and beauty they convey", says Abbott, who understands her work not only as an exercise in aesthetic beauty, but as a form of "spiritual resistance" to the political and social injustices of our world. While she focuses on the ecology and species of the American North East, Abbott's landscapes and vignettes also feature many other environments.

Frazer uses his work to

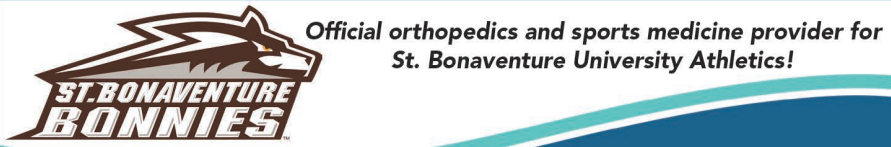
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Streamlined Shakespeare

"The Taming of the Shrew"



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This play could be an episode of any of the popular 21st century prank shows. Like those shows, it involves a very elaborately staged prank involving a number of people. It begins when a rich, bored lord decides to pull a prank on a man he happens to see in a tavern, who's passed out from drinking. He has him brought to his luxurious home, put to bed in a fancy bedroom and then he instructs several of his servants to pretend when he wakes up, that he's the lord who lives there. He's also at the man's bedside when he awakens, dressed as a servant, and everyone asks the man what expensive things he would like to eat and wear and so on.

He doesn't seem to be accepting all their lies, but when they tell him he has a beautiful wife, he's apparently so eager to be alone with her that he then says he believes them. The "wife" is really a disguised male servant, who keeps him at arms' length by telling him his doctor said he shouldn't do anything strenuous with "her" so soon after his recovery. "She" then tells him that some actors (whom the lord hired back at the tavern) are

about to perform a comedy pretty girl" when he sees for them. (In those days, rich folks often had private performances in their courtyards or large halls).

The play that's performed is "The Taming of the Shrew", as most Shakespeare fans know it (the ones who've seen it performed "without characters watching it with them"). I think the introductory scenes are usually left out because directors think they'll bog down the play but I think that's a big mistake! My theory is that, like the play scene in "Hamlet", the seldom-performed opening of "Shrew" has a crucial connection to the later scenes. In those scenes, character after character PRETENDS he's someone other than who he is, and I think all that PRETENDING gradually tells the victim of the prank, as he's watching this, that there's a whole lot of PRETENDING going on. Consider the evidence:

The story in "Shrew" begins with the problems of two sisters. The younger one can't marry until her older sister does, and the older one can't attract guys because she's the "shrew" (complainer) of the title. Their father's idea of an appropriate "first date" for his daughters is that a guy should show up and just propose (times were way different then). Since Dad's got big bucks, a guy soon does show up to propose to the older sister. They're married soon after, and he starts PRETENDING ALL THE TIME, saying things like "The sun is the moon", and "Look at that

pretty girl" when he sees an old man. The character is supposedly doing this to keep his new wife so off-balance that she'll humor him, no matter what he says (that's what Shakespeare scholars say), but does that make much sense to you? Nahhh, me neither. It makes perfect sense that the plot is like a big chocolate-chip cookie, with lotsa embedded references to PRETENDING metaphorically forming the "chocolate chips". Here's more proof:

Before the older sister weds, one of her younger sister's suitors figures out a way to be allowed into her house to talk with her. When he hears their father is seeking some tutors, he PRETENDS he's a Latin tutor. Another of her suitors also tries the tutor route, PRETENDING to be a music teacher (and gets in, but winds up getting whacked on the head with a lute by the older sister.)

The first guy does better, ultimately persuading the younger sister to elope with him. I could go on and on, but I've made my case!

What IS confusing is that when the first two scenes are performed, audiences watching them have to switch to viewing the characters in those scenes as "real people" when the characters start watching the play THEY'RE watching "with them". Why did Shakespeare make things so complicated? It's simple: he was quite a character.



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Distillery

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Ellicottville Distillery's dedication to a "homegrown" approach has quickly earned them a stellar reputation among spirit enthusiasts and locals alike. From grains to botanicals, every ingredient is thoughtfully chosen, resulting in a truly authentic and unique flavor profile. Bryan Scharf, owner and mastermind of Ellicottville Distillery, opened October 1, 2015, and has since been bringing locals and visitors great joy and pleasure with his establishment.

One of the highlights of Ellicottville Distillery is its onsite tasting room, where visitors can immerse themselves in the world of hand-crafted cocktails. Whether you're a connoisseur or just exploring, the array of flavors and combinations available is sure to captivate your palate. As you sip these

artisanal creations, you can also browse the bottled selections, taking home a piece of this craft distillery's magic. 'Tis the season for a bottle of maple bourbon crême or my personal favorite, the Apple Shine - "Fall in a glass, great over ice": local cider based (from Mayer Bros. or seasonally from Pumpkinville) with a caramel & cinnamon backend; their take on Apple Pie Moonshine."

But there's more to Ellicottville Distillery than just fine spirits. This November 4th, they are set to host an event that embodies the spirit of autumn - "Punkin' Chunkin'." This event is a true spectacle, featuring the launch of pumpkins from a full-size trebuchet every hour. It's a sight to behold, promising to delight visitors of all ages.

Adding to the festivities, the live music of The Villager's local favorite the Hick Ups from 3-6pm. They will set the mood for a memorable day. Their lively tunes will have your toes tapping as you watch the pumpkins soar through

the air. No event is complete without delicious food, and a food truck will be on-site to keep everyone well-fed and energized throughout the day.

If you're interested in this unique event or want to learn more about Ellicottville Distillery, visit their website at ellicottvilledistillery.com or give them a call at 716-597-6121. Follow them on Facebook and Instagram to get details on upcoming events as well. They are open Thursday 3-8pm, Friday 1-8pm, Saturday 12-8pm, and Sunday 12-8pm.

"Punkin' Chunkin'" at Ellicottville Distillery is more than just a pumpkin-flinging spectacle; it's a celebration of the season and craftsmanship. So, mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4 and join in the excitement at Ellicottville Distillery, where tradition meets innovation, and where a taste of Ellicottville's best awaits.

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SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with Davey O from 2-5pm. This singer/songwriter plays Americana/folk

/rock originals and covers. Hazzard County takes the stage from 8-12am. They play classic and modern country covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Tommy Z from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo band plays blues and rock covers and originals that are very danceable. The back bar will host the Groove Bros from 10-1am. They tell me they play a blues/soul/jazz set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the funk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors. Balloons will host their Halloween party, call for times and prizes.

FTR is back with Interstate Daydream Review from 8-11pm. This band plays a rock/pop/blues/folk

/country set of covers. We return to Madigans for their Halloween party with Dj SI from 9-2am with a costume contest at midnight. Put on your best costume and win some money.

SUNDAY

We're back at The Gin Mill for The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. They play a rock/pop/country/blues set of covers and originals.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib special from 5-9pm. Made to order pasta with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime cooked the way you like it hosted by Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers for your listening pleasure.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine list of craft beers hosted, this week, by David Froese from 6-9pm. He plays a country/pop set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Monday night residency is Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays a classic and outlaw country/rock and southern rock set of covers and originals and sometimes he is joined by guest musicians.

The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. These various musicians from several local bands have been getting together for the last 11 years to perform a unique and eclectic set of covers in a very polished manner.

We've ended the 7 day weekend the same for forty years and while the names of the players have changed The Gin Mill continues to host Wing, Wednesday, now hosted by Brian Rick, from 7-10pm. Brian plays a folk/pop/country/roots set of covers while you enjoy \$1 wings and 37 beers on tap.

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Beat on the Street:

"What is Your Superstitious Ritual for Your Sports Team?"

By Chad Neal



Jesse M-E- Get sturdy wit' it!

We are a population that is entertained by sports. Many love to gamble on matches, but most of the love for a team comes from being in the general vicinity the squad plays out of. The home team as it were. The professional sports teams to high school and little league are rooted for by the fans and family and of the players. We love to be victorious over our foes and coming out on top really gives the boost of elation we so thoroughly enjoy. There are quite a bit of people out there who have found that their team won after they practiced a certain ritual to tradition before or during the game. Also there is the superstitions of not doing or saying certain things as well to keep the jinx away. What is your superstitious ritual for your sports team?



TJ R.- Don't talk smack until it's over, then don't brag too much after. Every time I open my mouth about my team doing good, they don't do good the next game.



Corey N.- Horrible, stinky hockey socks when I played.



Brendan O.- Drink as much as possible.



Rebekah Z.- I didn't wear my Jersey today. It's my fault they lost!



Wes M.- I have to watch the first game of the season with a my friends!

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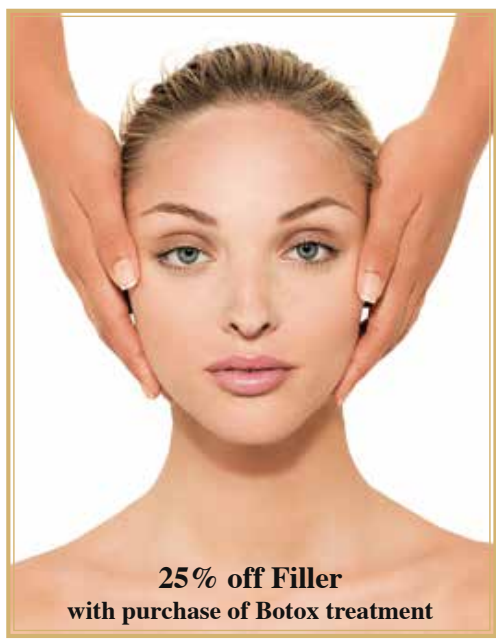
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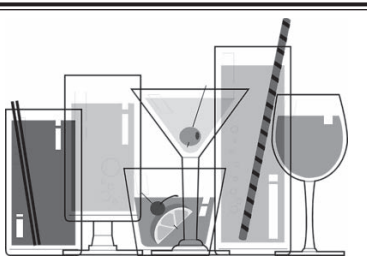
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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Azelea

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personality and use with many of the furnishings for sale. The charming receiving room hosts a large wooden table and chairs, which also doubles for lunch or tea services. The living room, with its comfy sofa invites visitors to rest for a few moments and simply enjoy the view or review the purchases already made. One can, of course, purchase the sofa or table if they wish. Shelves throughout hold interesting pieces, art works, handmade crafted items, pottery, signs,

plants, just as any home would have displayed. It's difficult to remember one is in a retail establishment and not in someone's home.

The dining area holds another table service for four for meals or teas. In the working kitchen, a small table is set for two and in the private room upstairs, everything is ready for tea for up to six persons. Meals are walk-in or pick up (go online to Azalea Park Décor to discover the kinds of wonderful sandwiches, salads, and desserts on their weekly changing menu). I can't wait to get there on a day they are serving. Oh, and ask them about their very interesting assortment of sodas to drink.

Azalea Park is open Wednesday- Friday 10am-7pm, Saturdays 10am-2pm. They are located at 55 S. Main St in the Village of Cattaraugus call or text to place orders to go - 716 637-8838 or dine in if there's a table available! Their weekly menu can be found on their Facebook page. They also provide three different tea services, by reservation only. They will be closing this Friday at 5pm and will be closed from November 1-8 to prepare the interior for Christmas events. You can call any time to make reservations for tea. Plan to spend an afternoon.

Arnar

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Wifi, streaming, Smart) are thoroughly explained in the villa feature guidebook, along with a hospitality guide with local restaurant, shopping and experience recommendations. "We really want our guests to feel welcome and comfortable through the duration of their stay. Our vision is to serve as the concierge, helping them achieve maximum relaxation, even though we're off property."



The décor is modern and fresh, with no amenity spared. The Climate 360 Smart Bed offers the ultimate comfort in all seasons along with 3 varieties of pillows to meet your personal needs. The television is discrete and hidden to adapt to meet your relaxation needs to unwind with complementary streaming Netflix or YouTube, or embrace the panoramic views.

Jake and Cory have of course taken it one step further, to include the ability for ordering and delivery of local florists, chocolate shops, and wine/liquor stores to welcome guests upon arrival. "Guests will have the ability to order from select local merchants to be delivered at cost (no surcharge) and customize their order delivery location (table, patio, bed, kitchen, etc.) They've partnered with Swan Florist in Salamanca for fresh flowers and chocolate shops and E-Ville Spirits, Liquors and Wine for their first location.

As an Ellicottville native, Jake felt this location was the perfect fit for their first villa. "The views here are absolutely stunning and are meant to be embraced. It's the perfect town to getaway, with boutique shops and various dining and entertainment in the heart of the village just down

the street." The concept has been well received with bookings already filling up through November. The duo already has plans to open their next villa near Henscoop, near the slopes of HoliMont on a beautiful secluded hill sided by a mature forest. Eventually, they hope to expand their brand nationwide to landscapes across the East Coast to areas like Lake Placid, Finger Lakes and Nashville.

Jake's passion for this concept is evident. "We're thrilled to be days away from launching our first location and welcoming our first guests. We couldn't be happier with our first location being in Ellicottville, and how this concept has evolved. It's been awesome to watch this vision become a reality, and we're excited to see where it takes us."

For the ultimate couple's retreat, think Aranar for the ultimate in rest and relaxation. November books are nearly full with ski season filling up fast. Villas are intended for couples, or 1-2 guests who must be 21+. For more information, virtual tour and booking, visit <https://www.arnar.com/> and follow on Facebook stayarnar and Instagram @stayarnar or updates.

Halloween

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posters, etc., show a cat or witch in front of a full moon. Well, the full moon does add some perfect ambiance for the spookiness of the night, but here's the scoop. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, a full moon on Halloween happens only once every 18 or 19 years. That translates to about three or four times per 100 years. Most of us would have seen the one in 2020 (after

all, with Covid, what else did we have to do but stare at the moon?) – so unless you live in a blue zone (the places in the world with the healthiest, longest-living populations, including Okinawa, Japan; Sardinia, Italy; Nicoya, Costa Rica; Ikaria, Greece; and Loma Linda, California), your chances of seeing too many Halloween full moons are pretty slim. (Next one is 2039).

We Americans sure do love to spend our money on Halloween. The second largest retail event of the year, a goodly portion of it is spent on candy. During Halloween week alone – we consume around 600 million pounds of it (like 2 pounds per person!!) Vox claims that if you put all the Halloween candy into one pile, it would fill six Titanics! And, if each of us eats that calculated two pounds, we would also sink like the Titanic! BTW, it is reported that 50% of kids prefer chocolate, as do the parents who steal it from their buckets!

Happy Halloweening, everyone!

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By

Shooting of the Original MGM Logo 1928

Exhibits

take center stage. Of this blend, Frazer says, "my work bridges the physical world and an imaginative dreamscape, creating a visual tapestry that speaks to the combined consciousness of the natural world".

"The Spirit of the Animals" will close on November 24th. "Ergo Sum", "Small Worlds", and "Chautauqua County En Plein Air" will close on January 14, April 14, and February 4th, respectively.



"In Celebration of the Bear, by Barbara Yerace, is one of the beaded sculptures on display at Patterson Library's Octagon Gallery.

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~Obituary~ Andrew "Andy" S. Gerwitz West Valley, NY 1970-2023



Andrew "Andy" S. Gerwitz of West Valley, passed away Sunday, October 22, 2023 at Bertrand Chaffee Hospital at the age of 53.

He was born July 3, 1970 a son of Peggy (Kuhn) Gerwitz of Ellicottville, and the late James Gerwitz. He was an operator at AK Construction in Buffalo, and in his free time he enjoyed spending time in the woods doing various activities; hunting, camping, driving his Jeep, hiking with his dogs, and fishing with his grandson.

In addition to his mom, he is survived by his loving partner, Becky Schmitt of West Valley; daughters: Ashley (Kevin Hanson) Gerwitz of Salamanca, and Hannah (Jeremy Green) Gerwitz of Ellicottville; siblings: Rita (Rick) Browning of Critz, VA, Larry Gerwitz of Ellicottville, Jim (Chris) Gerwitz of Sanborn, NY, and Joe (Anna Linderman) Gerwitz of Ellicottville; grandson, Leo Gerwitz; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his father.

Friends may call on Friday, October 27, 2023 from 4-6pm at the Smith-Weismantel Funeral Home, 271 E. Main St. Springville. A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 12PM at Andy and Becky's home, with final interment taking place in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in West Valley.

Online condolences may be offered at smithweismantelfuneralhome.com

~Obituary~ Donald Frederick Mosher

Brooklyn Native, Ellicottville Resident (1937-2023)



they started their family. They were blessed with three boys. Then the family moved to Ellicottville, NY in 1980. Donald was a wonderful husband and father, providing love and guidance throughout his life with his family.

Donald was known to many as a skilled entrepreneur and he dedicated multiple decades to a variety of small businesses in numerous industries. Donald's commitment to community service was also evident as he served on the town board in Mansfield, NY, for several years which made a positive impact on the local governance.

Donald enjoyed life's adventures playing golf or navigating the snowy slopes. He was a member and former President of the Ellicottville Ski Club, a testament to his love of skiing and his camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts.

Donald will be fondly remembered by his loving wife, Carol Mosher; children, Jeffrey (Amy

June) Mosher, Daniel (Jovanka) Mosher, and Peter (Catherine) Mosher; grandchildren, Janeva, Reza, Tavey, Alexander, Devon, and Emma; and his brother, Jack.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Jeannette (Tynan), his siblings, Robert and Richard and his daughter, Vicki Lynn.

A visitation will be held at Gramer Funeral Home, 705 North Main Street in Clawson, Michigan from 10am-12:30pm on Friday, October 27, 2023, with a family led Sharing of Memories at 12:30pm. Donald will be buried the same day at 2pm at Guardian Angel Cemetery in Rochester, Michigan.

For ease of entry and handicapped access at the funeral home, please use the North entrance, under the portico.

To plant Memorial Trees in memory of Donald Frederick Mosher visit <https://www.gramerfuneralhome.com/obituary/donald-mosher>

Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History

Sappho was an Archaic Greek poet from Eresos or Mytilene on the island of Lesbos. Sappho is known for her lyric poetry, written to be sung while accompanied by music. In ancient times, Sappho was widely regarded as one of the greatest lyric poets and was given names such as the "Tenth Muse" and "The Poetess". Most of Sappho's poetry is now lost, and what is extant has mostly survived in fragmentary form; only the Ode to Aphrodite is certainly complete. As well as lyric poetry, ancient commentators claimed that Sappho wrote elegiac and iambic poetry. Three epigrams formerly attributed to Sappho are extant, but these are actually Hellenistic imitations of Sappho's style.



Sappho 630 - (~570 BC)

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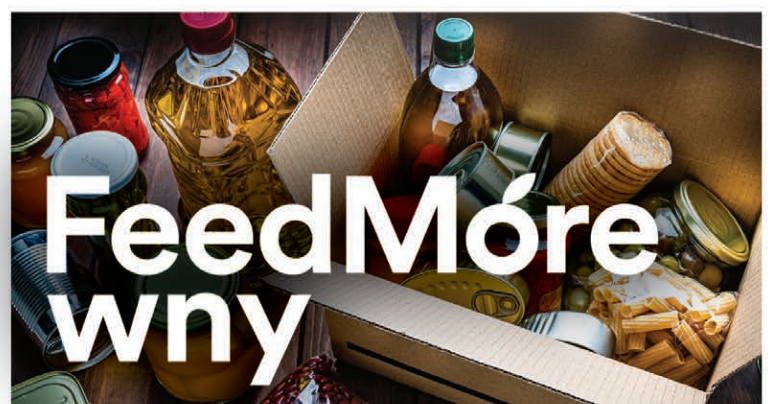
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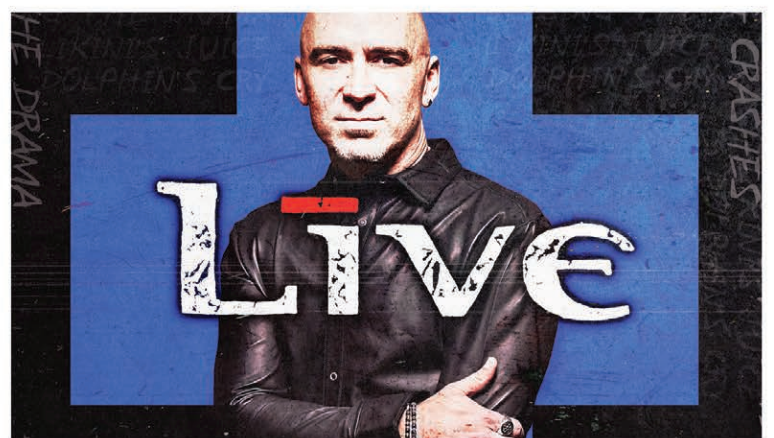


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