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DON MCCLEAN AT STRUTHERS LIBRARY THEATRE
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Warren, PA

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History of Libations

Did Man Once Live on Beer Alone?



Lets take a few minutes to enlarge your trivia know-how about how this love for spirits came to be. It is surmised that our ancient ancestors found that leaving fruit in the bottom of their carved-out rock "containers" or jugs for a period quite naturally led to fermented juices full of alcohol. Scholars and scientists even have a name for it: "The Drunken Monkey Hypothesis." (See "HISTORY", Page 6.)

Welcome to HV Beer & Wine Fest

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Native American Heritage Month

November Celebrates Culture, Traditions & Achievements



Located next to the Cattaraugus Reservation and a short drive from the Allegany Reservation we have a close relationship with our native brothers and sisters. Our history is intertwined with native history from our founding in the early 1800's. The natives came to Ellicottville to trade and to avail themselves of our court system. Ellicottville is in the center of the county and was our county seat for a time, until the railroads bypassed us and the seat moved to Little Valley.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

The celebrated month was initiated by Cattaraugus Reservation Seneca Indian, Dr. Arthur C. Parker, close relative of Red Jacket and Ely Parker, the Seneca who helped draft the surrender documents of the Civil War.

Native American Heritage

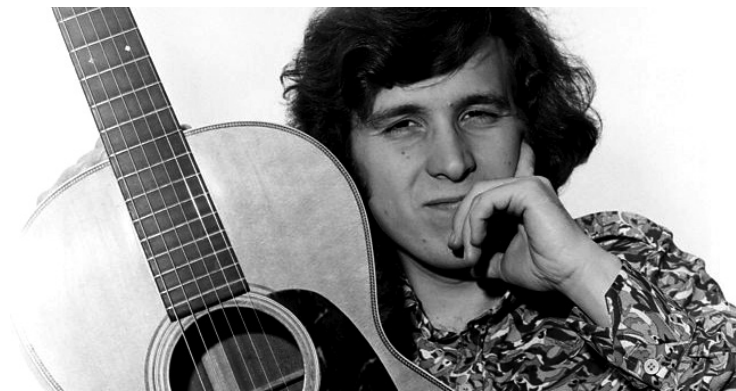
Month is a month-long celebration of the culture, traditions, and achievements of the American Indian and Alaska Native people. It is celebrated annually in November and was first established in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush.

The US Army blog mentioned:

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Don McClean to Perform in Warren, PA

"The American Troubadour" Live this Sat., Nov. 11



Don McClean is arguably best known for his song "American Pie," which has been named one of the top 5 songs of the 20th century, but his musical talent and abilities go far beyond the notes of that one song.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This Saturday, November 11, legendary singer/songwriter and guitarist Don McClean will be performing at the Struthers Library Theatre in Warren, PA at 8pm. Known as "The American Troubadour" and "King of the Trail", Don will be performing many of his famous

hits including "American Pie," "Vincent," and "Castles in the Air" in what is sure to be a concert to remember.

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

Punkin Chunkin at EVL Distillery ... Pg. 8

Trebuchet Builders Show Off Medieval Missile Hurler



This past Saturday at the Ellicottville Distillery on Robbins Road, a group of likeminded young men brought a trebuchet, a 14,000-pound machine they fabricated to launch pumpkins, and launch they did. This group of fellows call themselves "Team Urban Siege" and have been engineering and building trebuchets since 2005. Bryan Scharf from Ellicottville Distillery invites Team Urban Siege this time of year to have an expedition pumpkin launching show knowing these guys have won competitions with their pumpkin hurls. In case you don't know what a trebuchet is, it's a machine used in medieval siege warfare for hurling large stones or other missiles.

Femmes of Rock Live in Jamestown ... Pg. 11

Italian American Inaugural Concert Benefit, 4/27

Golf rocks for a great cause April 27, 2024, when the Femmes of Rock play a benefit concert at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts hosted by Jamestown's Italian American Charity Association Golf Association.

Harvest Weekend Celebrations

Enjoy Autumn in Lake Erie Wine Country



BY KATE BARTLETT

Nestled along the shoreline of Lake Erie, lies 53 miles of unique wineries and gorgeous vineyards waiting to be experienced. This upcoming weekend, November 10-12th marks the second of Lake Erie Wine County's Harvest Weekends, and the perfect opportunity to explore the region. Enjoy authentic, handcrafted wines paired with unique food samplings at each of the 20 member wineries.

The Lake Erie Wine Region is unique in that it covers 2 states with a diverse environment, and thus growing season for wine. "Our location near Lake Erie grants us a longer fall and a later spring," says Bill Merritt of Merritt Estate Winery. "The grapes here are exclusive to the region due to our unique climate." In fact, the region is the

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CHQ. Business : PersNikkity Pies

Woman Opens Unique Bakery in Falconer



Owner Nikki Pierce stated, "We have created a unique Paris type café that's a little sophisticated, but cozy and comfortable for anyone that walks in. It's unique to the Falconer area. I am grateful to have a space for people to come in, relax, and enjoy the bakery."

BY DARLENE BRACE

Have you heard of PersNikkity Pies Bakery? It's a unique bakery in the Village of Falconer that you really should try. Once you try it, you will be going back for more. Read on to find out what it's all about.

Falconer native Nikki Pierce started making pies years ago for Thanksgiving for her family, but she really wasn't happy with how the pies turned out. For years she added and deleted ingredients, until she finally came up with a recipe that she was happy

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 Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive

Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive Is Back: Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and The Villager have joined together in collecting new and/or gently used coats, hats, gloves & mittens. Donations will be accepted all winter during business hours (seven days a week!) at the Howard Hanna office located at 34 Washington St. Ellicottville, NY.

Local Food Pantries in Need
 Organizations & Individuals Give Extra Effort Over Holidays



West Valley Demonstration Project employees donate turkey & other foods to the Ellicottville food pantry and 8 others in WNY.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN Cattaraugus, Master's Plan in Dayton, Ellicottville's United Church of Christ, the Concord Food Pantry, the Little Valley Baptist Church and the West Valley Food Pantry.

Every year around the holidays, community food pantries collect food and holiday items to help provide happy holidays for many people in their communities. Since 1989 the West Valley Demonstration Project Food Drive collected enough to provide turkeys, holiday items and staples for nine food pantries. On November 3rd, more than thirty volunteers delivered 180 turkeys and hundreds of cases of food to the food pantries run by Springville's Fellowship and Hill Ministries, the Delevan Methodist Church, Franklinville's Catholic Outreach, Saving Grace Outreach in

Cattaraugus, Master's Plan at the Trading Post Community Care Center in Springville, located at 38 Franklin Street, that is a vital community resource. Their telephone number is (716) 592-4455. If you have clothes, religious books or children's books, or toys in good condition, they would very much appreciate your donating them. The clothing selection at their thrift store always includes many fashionable and practical items. On Thanksgiving Day, they have a popular annual tradition, the Gobble Run. Participants bring donations of canned goods and participate in basket

These items were supplied thanks to donations from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Lodge 2401, American DND, Butler Construction, the MJW Corporation, the Container Products Corporation, Encorus Group Engineering, Sander's Supermarket, Energy Solutions and employees of the CHBWV, Department of Energy, and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority.

Christmas in Ellicottville ~ Nov. 24-26

Celebration of Holiday Cheer in a Picturesque Winter Wonderland



ELLICOTTVILLE - The most wonderful time of year is quickly approaching, and the village of Ellicottville will soon transform into a snow globe of winter bliss! Families are planning their Thanksgiving travels and counting down the days until the ski lifts start spinning. Restaurants are ready to launch their new seasonal menus and our local retailers are anxious to welcome visitors searching for all the perfect presents for everyone on their gift-giving lists. Book your accommodations, pack your bags and make your way to Ellicottville November 24th to kick off the holiday season in style as the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce presents "Christmas in Ellicott-

ville" - an iconic celebration filled with Santa, his elves, and plenty of holiday cheer! The downtown business district offers a unique shopping experience within a walkable 4-block footprint, filled with festive attractions and fun entertainment. "Christmas in Ellicottville will kick off Friday, November 24th with a special lighting ceremony of Ellicottville's Village lights and our beloved Ski Tree located in front of the Post Office," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "The moment those lights turn on is magical!" A tradition for many, Christmas in Ellicottville will run all weekend long, Nov. 24-26th and will feature a full schedule of hol-

iday-themed activities for kids and the kid at heart. Thanks to event sponsors, weekenders can anticipate holiday music throughout the village streets, real live reindeer, visits with Santa (including fire truck rides and breakfast with the big guy), horse and wagon rides, as well as kid's crafts, cookie decorating, and more - ALL FREE! Can't make it to Ellicottville Thanksgiving weekend? Celebrate "Christmas in Ellicottville" all through the month of December. "There's always something going on here in Ellicottville, especially this time of year with the holidays right around the corner," said McFadden. Visit www.ellicottvilleny.com for additional information and this year's schedule.



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Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas

18th Annual Fundraising Event at EBC, Friday, December 1

As the trees turn bare and the days grow shorter, the town of Ellicottville shifts into winter mode. Boots are broken out, summer tires are replaced, and calendars begin to fill with a plethora of holiday traditions unique to the area. Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, a seasonal highlight, is a hallmark of Ellicottville generosity and compassion. Hosted by the Bob McCarthy Foundation, the event serves to raise funds for Santa's Workshop and the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Santa Program as well as year-round family support. McCarthy, a master craftsman, the voice of Ellicottville and a friend to all was a passionate philanthropist, is honored each year by the community togetherness embodied by Irish Christmas. The auctioning of baked goods, hand-crafted items, and neat finds from local businesses allow both Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program to provide holiday presents and meals to local families in need. In our 18th year Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas will be held at EBC's Brew Hall on Friday December 1st at 6:00 PM. This venue offers plenty of room for the expected crowd but get there early so you don't miss a single moment of the fun. Admission is of course free! The Irish Christmas live auction features 15 unique live auction pieces along with a budget friendly basket raffle of more than 40 locally donated gift baskets offering great gifts for those lucky winners. Among the treasures are, believe it or not, some Bob McCarthy wood-working originals and special creations from Ed Frederickson, Hughey Dunn & others. You will be able to get a glimpse of auction items on our website and there will be a descriptive program at the event. All auction



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items are accompanied by a home-made baked item by the legion of local home chefs who bake away to help this unique auction every year. The auction itself will take place on at around 7 PM in the new beer hall at EBC, hosted by Brooks Lefeber with commentary from his many helpers. We guarantee there will be a bidding frenzy this year on a very special and unique Bob creation that was discovered and donated to the auction. Enjoy great live entertainment by Buffalo's Crikwater before and after the auction - the band starts at 6:00 PM so come early. This community friendly event also has special \$5 pricing on all beer & wine thanks to the generosity of EBC. The Taste of Ireland food specials are priced at \$5 as EVL's finest restaurants show their support of the event. So, food and drink at this outstanding event will not make a dent

in your holiday budget. If you have never attended this great party you are missing what most describe as the best party in Ellicottville. This is a great way to kick off the Christmas season, enjoying a cocktail with your friends. The Foundation hopes that Ellicottville will open its heart again so if you cannot attend you can donate at www.bobmccarthypoundation.com/donate or via the mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 301, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way! If you would like to bake an item for the auction, contact Katy Arena of Katy's Cafe at 716-801-2740 by Thursday, November 23rd. If you would like to donate a basket for the basket raffle contact Brooke Szpaicher at 716-244-7752. Follow the news in this publication for more details in the coming weeks.

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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

An Adventure to Sprague's Maple Farms Offers Wonderful Trip



PHOTOS & COLUMN
BY, GARY MALICKI



Sprague's is a sprawling year-round enterprise with something special to offer in every season. Fall is a great time and we opted to get there via country roads so we could enjoy what's left of the forest's beautiful colors.



Sprague's is located at 1048 Portville-Obi Rd, Portville, NY 14770. They are open 7 days a week (save Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). They can be reached at (716) 933-6637 or online: spraguesmaplefarms.com.

Something my EVL village life allows me to do is the occasional road trip. A simple 49-minute trip out of Ellicottville takes you to a gem located in the Enchanted Mountains of Cattaraugus County. I'm sure most locals are familiar with it, but in case you're not, head on down to Portville, NY and discover Sprague's Maple Farms.

This began when friends of ours from Buffalo wanted to take us along on a day trip there as we both felt it has been too long since our last visit.

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As you drive into the main road, you're greeted by a gorgeous pond inhabited by 2 white swans that seemed to say hello. On the way in, my buddy's wife tried to get a picture of them but, as if right on cue, they buried their heads in the water. Hilarious! She did get the shot on the way out.

The interior of the restaurant is captivating. When you look up at the ceiling, you'll notice 3 life-size mechanical geese whose wings slowly flap from time to time. It certainly adds to the ambience of that great room.

Our delightful server, Sandy, has been with Sprague's for 10 years. When asked what she likes best about working there she said it's "mostly the atmosphere" she enjoys.

The manager on duty,

Steve, introduced me to Laura who provided me with a great deal of information about the business. They were very busy so we communicated by email to find out more.

The owners, Randy & Toni Sprague pictured on the back of a brochure you can take with you, opened the restaurant in 2001 and is now in its 22nd year of operation. They are very hands-on owners and you can see a sense of pride invested in how everything clicks like clockwork.

The dream of this unique place began as Randy was making maple syrup as a hobby when he was a young boy. Later, they were incorporated in 1983 and its expansion continued with the addition of the restaurant. Right now it's turkey time, a very busy time indeed.

Another neat feature of the operation are the free

wagon rides to the sugar house on the property twice a year. They take place during maple weekends in March and in the fall during their "Autumn Blaze", weather permitting.

Sprague's is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. However, kids can enjoy breakfast with Santa on Christmas Eve. At Eastertime they offer breakfast with the Easter Bunny and a free egg hunt for children up to age 10. They employ 90 people, a great boost to the Portville economy.

After our meal we visited the Gift & Nature Center featuring maple syrup products you can take home with you and much more. You can check out their online store at spraguesmaplefarms.com.

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Warrior Fitness Hosts Turkey Trot

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REBECCA MAGNUSON LIVE: NOVEMBER 10 : MAYVILLE, NY

Festival

STORY FROM COVER



Welcome to this weekend's annual event with Saturday filled with an afternoon/evening of sampling some of WNY's finest craft brewers, wineries and cideries, all while listening to some great music. The Main Lodge at Holiday Valley is a great venue for this event and all three floors of the lodge will have live music and lots of opportunities to try out different drinks. The Mountainside Grill will also be open for food. The format is the same as last year with two different sessions on Saturday, November 11, 1-4pm and 5-8pm. (Separate tickets are required for each session.) This year will

feature live entertainment with music by XOXO, the Porcelain Busdrivers and Todd Mertens. New this year is the Crawl Out of Fall weekend packages that begin on Friday night and include shuttle services to town. For more information on the entire weekend check out: <https://www.holidayvalley.com/activities-events/beer-and-wine-festival/>. See photos from past Beer & Wine Festivals on Photo page, page 16. Enjoy the weekend!

Ski Movie Night at The Depot City Garage Sponsored Event Premier 9/4/23



Photos by Jon Elder



Pantry

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Center in Springville. The Erie County Stay Fit Dining Program Menu meals for November are as follows: on the 13th, the entree is Ham Steak with Pineapple Topping and Sweet Potatoes, on the 14th, it's Beef Stew with Mashed Potatoes, and on the 16th there's an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Lunch. On the 20th, it's Polynesian Chicken over White Rice,

and on the 22nd, there will be Cheese Ravioli with Tomato Meat Sauce and Mozzarella. On the 27th, there will be Swedish Rotini Pasta, on the 28th, Breaded Chicken Breasts, and on the 30th, Chili Con Carne with Cheddar Cheese. For more information, contact Eleanor Eschborn at (716) 592-2764. To get more information about other resources, call 211.

Letter: West Valley Demonstration Project

Generosity of Employees, Partners & Subcontractors Successful

WEST VALLEY, NEW YORK— The workforce at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) completed its Annual Food Drive on November 2, as part of their continued commitment to the community.

“This annual tradition began in 1989, and has been held every year since then,” said Joseph Pillittere, CH2M HILL

kindness can have on a community.” This year the food drive collected more than 10,800 meals – enough to provide turkeys, holiday items and staples for nine food pantries.

“It comes down to one thing that makes this food drive successful... the generosity of our employees, partners, and subcontractors,” said Pillittere. “It demonstrates the positive impact that

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CHQ County Business: **Hideaway Bay Resort**



By KATE BARTLETT

Hideaway Bay is a hidden gem along the shores of Lake Erie, and is soon to be home to a luxury eco-resort. Hideaway Bay consists of 10 spacious, 2-bedroom accommodations, each with roof-top patios offering sweeping lake views, is set to open in May 2024.

Founders and creators, husband and wife team, Kevin Cullen and Christian Edie found the property when paddle boarding on the Lake. Inspired by this beautiful landscape, they saw the opportunity for a luxury resort catering to relaxation on the beach. "The property is absolutely pristine and encapsulates the beauty of the shores of Lake Erie. Our resort caters to the natural beauty of this space as we strive to capture and enhance the views."

Kevin and Christian both grew up near Buffalo, and settled in Silver Creek after living out West for 5 years. "We saw the opportunity here in Silver Creek for sustainable eco-

conscious development," says Kevin. "This area is such a hidden gem with the potential to draw tourism and deepen appreciation for the natural beauty here. We're thrilled to be making our vision a reality."

Gene and Matt Tundo of Tundo Construction have been a part of the team since its inception in 2020. Having worked with the Tundo's in previous projects, Kevin and Christian were confident it was a good fit. "We can't imagine building this property with anyone else. The Tundo's have been phenomenal to work with and are an integral part of the team."

Nestled in a sheltered bay bordered by sea cliffs set amidst 4 acres of pristine land, Hideaway Bay Resort offers a unique blend of relaxation with outdoor activities. Each of the 10, two-story accommodations offer 2 bedrooms, kitchenette and a private rooftop patio. Settled along 400 feet of beachfront, guests can enjoy strolling the sandy shores and unwinding to the sound of the waves.



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The on-site restaurant and bar will offer accessible high-end cuisine with everything from steaks to seafood and vegan options. "We're

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History

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By CAROL FISHER-LINN



While you're enjoying your preferred beverage during the beer and wine festival, here are some facts from liquorlaboratory.com that could broaden your knowledge of spirits: You can drink more beer without feeling the effects because of its lower alcohol content. That's why it's so perfect for Bill's games and casual get togethers. Wine, on the other hand, gets you inebriated much quicker with its 15% Alcohol by volume (ABV) per a standard 5-ounce glass, unlike beer's ABV of 7 in a standard can. Recommended: chug the beer but sip that wine. The Wine Market Council / NielsenIQ's 2022 Wine & Spirits Daily Summit revealed that while most consumers drank alcoholic beverages from more than one category, the percent of consumers who drank beverages from only one category are: Beer, 22%, Wine, 17%, Spirits, 14%, and Other (cider, hard seltzers, etc.), 11%.

Now, why not take a few minutes to enlarge your trivia know-how about how this love for spirits came to be. It is surmised that our ancient ancestors (wild guess - 100,000 years ago) found that leaving fruit in the bottom of their carved-out rock "containers" or jugs for a period quite naturally led to fermented juices full of alcohol. Scholars and scientists even have a name for it: "The Drunken Monkey Hypothesis." No, we did not evolve from monkeys.

As our society developed, perhaps to 30,000 years BCE, leaders emerged, some in the form of shamans who, according to cave paintings from that period worked in mind altered states, perhaps induced by

alcohol. Eventually humans evolved further. First, we were hunter-gatherers, then we moved into more stable agrarian societies and began producing alcohol (beer), on purpose. It turns out that our farming ancestors raised grain not so much for bread as for beer, aka, "Beer Before Bread" hypothesis which holds that civilization began with beer. Makes sense since beer was safer to drink than pathogen-filled water. Also, the beer was more nutritious than early bread. The ancient Babylonians had beer, Egyptians were buried with kegs of it, and the Sumerians had a beer goddess. In modern times, the American anthropological Association sponsored a symposium called, "Did Man Once Live by Beer Alone?" The supposition was that early tools and grains were like those used in beer, not bread production. With all that beer production, they wondered what it tasted like. A research team created a recipe for ancient Chinese beer by scraping traces of beer from 5000-year-old fermenting jars.

The 5,000-year-old beer in China contained millet, barley, yam, lily root, and a grass known as Job's Tears. Mashed, malted, and sealed for a week, the brew molded on top but when the researchers got through to the brew beneath, they found it sweet and fruity. So now

they knew how Chinese beer tasted. Research showed that women were the first brewers. Think it had anything to do with math skills?

As for wine – that too has been around for centuries. So, once our ancestors figured out how to domesticate wild grasses, they then figured out how to grow grapes for fermentation of wines. These wines were very important because they became vehicles to deliver medication for the Egyptians. Or so they said. The ancient Etruscans who settled in and around Italy 3000 years ago also loved their alcohol. It is said that the Etruscan women were the most beautiful. Of course, those observers who said that were reputed to be the most consistently drunk, as were the women, so who knew? And yes, there was a hierarchy in the drinking world. Wine was the preferred potion of the wealthy, while beer was the staple drink of the poor. King Tutankhamen was buried with casks and casks of red wine - Tut's favorite. Guess things were far different in those days. At 18, HRH would not have been able to drink given today's drinking laws (age 21) in Egypt! Think he fudged on his official ID?

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Ellicottville Distillery Hosted Punkin Chunkin Event Last Saturday

Western New York Trebuchet Builders Show Off Medieval Missile Hurler



By CHAD NEAL

for hurling large stones or other missiles.

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basket. The slide arm on the top of the trebuchet is brought to the front of it on special vinyl wheels that can hold all that weight as it rolled on the tracks as the trigger is easily pulled to start the reaction and launch.

we counted down from five as Wendel’s 7-year-old daughter pulled the trigger starting the device in action. Watching the weights come down and the arms start to move is fascinating, but the end result as the arm comes around and whips the gourd toward the hill behind the distillery was awesome. It smashed into a tree on the hill halfway up and disintegrated. The second throw sent the pumpkin a little higher cresting the hill and the third flew well over fifty feet above the trees on top of the hill. It was amazing to say the least.

They spent a few more hours launching the orange missiles into and over the hill for the

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This past Saturday at the Ellicottville Distillery on Robbins Road, a group of likeminded young men brought a trebuchet, a 14,000-pound machine they fabricated to launch pumpkins, and launch they did. This group of fellows call themselves “Team Urban Siege” and have been engineering and building trebuchets since 2005. Bryan Scharf from Ellicottville Distillery invites Team Urban Siege this time of year to have an expedition pumpkin launching show knowing these guys have won competitions with their pumpkin hurls. In case you don’t know what a trebuchet is, it’s a machine used in medieval siege warfare

The group of inspired young freshmen at Rochester Institute of Technology (R.I.T.) started Team Urban Siege as Students of Mechanical Engineering and Environmental Management. The original members, DiFrancesco, Jason Nichols, and Chris Nastasi started their endeavor in the trebuchet world in the early 2000s. DiFrancesco built a small trebuchet when he was younger and was inspired when a watermelon launching competition came along and he and his long-time friends decided to build a bigger one, and they built the “Melon Felon”. They went on a year later building Jekyll and Hyde as their first

When they heard about the World Championships of Punkin Chunkin in Delaware they made a decision to build a full scale “punkin chunkin trebuchet” and compete in 2008. They became part of the medieval machine community soon thereafter and in 2011 Nick Wendel joined the team as he learned of the phenomenon and found Team Urban Siege and asked to join them. He has a welding expertise. He had built a “human-powered centrifugal catapult named the Buffalo Wing Slinger” and then in 2017..., they built the hurling machine they brought to Ellicottville Distillery on November 4th called NASAW (North

With NASAW they topped the world record of 2034’ in its first competition shooting an orange gourd 2316’ to garner second place and won the World Champions of Punkin Chunkin in 2012. The team is competitive in their undertaking, but loves to demonstrate the awesome launching power and sheer magnitude of their apparatus. While at the demonstration at the Ellicottville Distillery, Nick Wendel who is also owner of Wendel Poultry Farms and Wendel’s Maple and More in East Concord, New York gave a spiel about the machine and how it works. There’s a large weight that is lifted after the pumpkin is placed in the launching





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Wine

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wines that people travel quite a distance for."

The Harvest Weekends started many years ago as a way to attract visitors to the area in celebration of fall and the harvest season. The event has grown over the years and evolved to include the 20 member wineries en route this

upcoming weekend. "It has been a great event since the start, and it's an excellent opportunity to experience the regions wineries," says Bill. "It attracts visitors from several states including Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, New York and Pennsylvania and it's a great occasion for our

region to shine."

Tickets include a food and wine sample pairing at each winery, additional wine tastings, online access to all recipes at the tastings, and 2 \$5 vouchers to use at participating wineries or restaurants. Two-day and three-day options are available, and

designated drivers may participate free of charge (includes food samples and non-alcoholic drinks). The event runs Friday 12-5, Saturday 10-5 and Sunday 10-4.

Upon purchase, guests select a host winery to pick up tickets and begin their tour. From there,

guests provide their own transportation and create their own itinerary, visiting any participating winery in any order.

For more information and to visit tickets visit <https://www.lakeeriewinecountry.org/> and follow on social media for upcoming events throughout the year.



Pies

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with. Around this time, her husband commented on how delicious her pies were and suggested she could sell them.

Then Nikki started making pies out of her home to sell. She told people about her pies on Facebook posts. She would sell them at "pop-ups" which were small stands set up at local shops and boutiques. She would make twenty to thirty pies and they'd sell out super fast. She continued this way for about two years.

Then in the spring

of 2022, she bought the building at 9 East Main St. in Falconer, NY that was Peterson's Meat Market many years before. She and her husband renovated the inside completely. Now it has a nice combination of vintage furniture and decoration, along with some modern décor. She opened for business in May of 2023. Nikki stated, "We have created a unique Paris type café that's a little sophisticated, but cozy and comfortable for anyone that walks in. It's unique to the Falconer area. I am grateful to have a space for people to come in, relax, and enjoy the bakery."

PersNikkity Pies Bakery specializes in delicious and

decorative home-made pies. Nikki uses her own home-made crust. All the fruits are fresh; not canned. She uses locally grown fruits when possible. There is a wide variation of flavors such as apple, cherry, blackberry, pumpkin, peach, strawberry, strawberry rhubarb and many more. Nikki rotates the flavors at times to please her customer's palates. Her best-seller is the super berry pie, which is a mix of five different berries. They come in 9-inch pies, 5-inch mini pies, and 3-inch sweetie pies. Sometimes they offer a "flight" of four different mini pie flavors to try.

In addition to her pies, there are homemade cookies, brownies, biscotti,

scones, cinnamon rolls, coffeecakes, and muffins. It's also like a little coffee shop. She has a variety of coffee drinks, including her own unique blend of fresh cold brewed coffee as well as Dalahast Roaster coffee from Peterson's Farms. She also has gourmet hot cocoa and teas. Towards the back of the bakery, there is a small section of items to buy, such as candles, mugs, and greeting cards.

Nikki's bakery is a great success. She said it is in part because of her amazing staff, that she is very thankful for. She also prides herself in working with local agencies in helping to rehabilitate and revitalize the Village of Falconer.

Nikki is excited about the bakery and the positive feedback she has gotten from customers. One customer, Amanda Trout, was quoted as saying, "I never really liked pie before I tried Nikki's pies. Now I love them, and I am a loyal customer. Her pies are so much different than other pies I've tasted."

When asked how she got the name of her bakery, Nikki said, "My great Uncle Bob Olson had called me persnickety when I was a young because I was fussy about what food I ate." Now PersNikkity means being fussy with putting time and energy into decorating and making her pies like works of art, and the spelling she

uses includes her name as well.

PersNikkity Pies Bakery is open Tuesday-Friday from 6am-5pm, Saturday 8am-4pm, and Sunday 8am-12 noon. You can find more information on persnikkitypies.com and on Facebook and Instagram pages. You cannot order online at this time. To place an order, you must call 716-338-2123 at least 2 days before you want your order to be ready.

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Decorated Veteran Greg Carlson Supports Other Veterans



Gregg retired from the Air Force as a Major in 2016. Even though he has retired from active service, in a way he still continues to serve our country. Shortly after retiring, he started his current position as Director of Veteran Services for Chautauqua County. At the Veteran Services, he is happy to still be affiliated with the military. He helps county veterans by providing them a gateway to get the benefits that they have earned and qualify for.

BY DARLENE BRACE

Many years ago, November 11th was designated as Veterans Day. Veterans Day was established as a day to recognize, honor, and thank the men and women who have served our country in the military.

One of these veterans is a man in Chautauqua County named Greg Carlson. Greg Carlson not only served in the military, but he continues help other veterans. Greg is a local man who grew up

in Celoron, and he enlisted in 1996. He served our country in the Air Force for twenty years from 1996 to 2016. During his military career, he was deployed overseas five times to Iraq and Afghanistan, and once to South America. He was given numerous awards and decorations to include but not limited to the Bronze Star Medal, the Air Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Iraq Campaign Medal. These highly prestigious medals are awarded to men and women who displayed meritorious service in combat zones.

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If you are a veteran and need support or help in finding the benefits and services you qualify for, you can call the Chautauqua County Veterans Service Agency at 716-661-8256. If you are in Cattaraugus County you can contact the Cattaraugus County Veterans Service Agency at 716-701-3298.

When asked what the most positive experience of

his time in the military and his current position is, Greg said, "It's not the awards and decorations that are the most important thing. To me, the most important thing is the camaraderie with my fellow airman when I was in the service and the camaraderie I have with the vets that I help now."

Greg went on to explain about another source of support for area veterans. It's called the Dwyer Peer Support Group, and it was started in Jamestown about ten years ago. The Dwyer Program was named after Joseph P. Dwyer, who was an Iraq combat medic. He came home from serving our country with PTSD and a brain injury. Unfortunately, he passed away, but after his passing, his family lobbied New York State to get involved and support vets. The Dwyer Program was started and is funded by a state grant. It's a non-clinical peer to peer organization for vets which provides a non-threatening and trusted space. It has a variety of activities and events, where veterans can get together to talk and spend time with other veterans. There are many veterans that live with injuries as well as PTSD, and this peer-to-peer support has become very successful in enhancing and saving lives of our country's heroes.

An example of activities available through the Dwyer Program, is a weekly coffee hour, which takes place on Monday mornings at 10am at Christ First Church on Lakeview Avenue in Jamestown. They

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Heritage

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"The observance originated in the early 20th century when Native American advocate Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, urged the Boy Scouts of America to recognize a day for the "First Americans." Later, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush declared November as National American Indian Heritage Month."

Located next to the Cattaraugus Reservation and a short drive from the Allegany Reservation we have a close relationship with our native brothers and sisters. Our history is intertwined with native history from our founding in the early 1800's. The natives came to Ellicottville to trade and to avail themselves of our court system. Ellicottville is in the center of the county and was our county seat for a time, until the railroads bypassed us and the seat moved to Little Valley.

Native Americans have

suffered much at the hands of their home country, perhaps the biggest was having their lands taken from them and being forced to assimilate into white culture. Still, we have learned so much from our Indian friends and neighbors.

Take, for example, the practice of planting "Three Sisters" together. Corn, beans and squash have been planted for centuries by the native Americans, long before the descent of white people upon this country. The manner of planting is so logical and successful that the indigenous Americans helped shape everything we know about agriculture. Along with corn, 14 different beans, maple syrup, wild rice, pumpkin, potatoes, and avocado all started with Native American farmers. In fact, according to the USDA, 60% of the present world's food supply comes from the American Indians' agriculture, primarily consisting of corn and the so-called "Irish" potatoes.

Many of our Founders were very familiar with

the confederacies of tribal nations, including the Iroquois. In drafting the U.S. Constitution, they adopted many policies from the governing models of the native tribes and confederacies, including separate military and civil leadership, democratic policies for referendums, vetoes and recalls, guarding personal freedoms, including freedom of religion. The fact is that many concepts in the United States Constitution can be traced back to the Iroquois Confederacy of 1142, the oldest living participatory democracy on earth. However, we fell short in modeling after them in one very significant way ... most gave women a large role in government. We are still trying to catch up.

Native Americans were the very first explorers. In fact, Western New York is home to nearly 1000 years of Seneca Indian history. Reading the histories of the formation of our communities,

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talent and abilities go far beyond the notes of that one song.

I had a chance to speak with him about his life and career.

Born and raised in New Rochelle, NY, Don had developed an interest in all forms of music by the age of 5. Don struggled with childhood asthma and missed long periods of school, which found him spending a lot of time at home. "I remember this record pile we had at home with just stacks and stacks of records. I would spend hours almost every day going through these records and listening to different music. I started to gain an appreciation for different genres, and this is where my love for music really began."

As sort of a recluse, Don found comfort in these stacks of records, and the music itself. "I was terrible at school, and I didn't have any friends. I'd watch the kids playing outside, but I couldn't join them because of my asthma. The music and the records were how I'd spend my time."

Don purchased his guitar as a teenager, took voice lessons, and learned to control his asthma through breath control learned by singing. "The guitar was the ultimate babe magnet," Don jokes. "I suddenly gained a lot of attention and found something I was actually good at. I began to think I could really make a living at this."

At the age of 16, Don was already making contacts in the music business. Determined to make a living as a professional musician



Don McClean will be performing at Struthers Library Theatre (302 W 3rd Ave, Warren, PA 16365) this Saturday.

and singer, he forged connections and recorded his first studio sessions in 1960's. Invited to join various groups over the years, Don turned them down, viewing himself as a troubadour, a traveling solo artist.

Following the death of his father and the assignation of President Kennedy, Don found himself turning to his music more than ever. He found solace in his lyrics, and began writing various songs, including "American Pie." "The world around me seemed to be falling apart," Don recalls. "Music was my therapy."

He recorded his first album "Tapestry," in 1969 and quickly became a headline in nightclubs and colleges across the country. Don became even more internationally known with the release of "American Pie" in 1971. Thirty years later, the song was voted in the top 5 in a poll of the 365 "Songs of the Century"

and hit #1 the Billboard Top 100 in 1972 where it stayed for 4 weeks.

"American Pie was definitely a milestone in my career," recalls Don. "A song like that doesn't just happen overnight, and it's journey through the years (of creation and on the charts) is truly remarkable." The lyrics were inspired by the death of Buddy Holly, and depict Don's view of the world during this time.

A major career highlight for Don was performing "American Pie" at Garth Brooks' Central Park concert (attended by over 500,000 people) alongside Billy Joel in an acoustic rendition by the trio. The song has been covered by many noteworthy artists, including Madonna, who brought the song to #1 on the Billboard Charts again.

Don encourages aspiring artists to stay determined

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Femmes of Rock Live in Jamestown

Italian American Inaugural Concert Benefit, April 27, 2024



Femmes of Rock combines classic rock songs with string instruments. The four women fronting the band bring new life to songs by legends like The Beatles, David Bowie, Metallica, and Prince from the perspective of violins. They have performed on America's Got Talent and shared stages with performers including Beyonce, Andrea Bocelli, Cheap Trick, and Pitbull. A Femmes of Rock show is known for its energy, precision, and one-of-a-kind audience experience.

BY JESSICA MILLER

The Italian American Charity Association Golf Association (IACAGA) is well known for both pride in their Italian heritage, their enthusiasm for golf and to the community. All attributes combine for the benefit of local cancer care during area golf tournaments. While golf is the most familiar activity associated with the IACAGA and has been for 52 years, the organization is ready to rock—in multiple senses of the term—on April 27, 2024 at Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for the Arts (116 East 3rd St, Jamestown).

Joe Paterniti, IACAGA chair, said that while the golf tournaments were popular ways to raise funds, the association was seeking additional event opportunities to serve the community. He was particularly

impressed by a Femmes of Rock performance during their stop in North Tonawanda. From there, it was determined that the act would be part of the inaugural IACAGA concert benefit.

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This will be the first time Femmes of Rock graces the stage of Reg Lenna. The venue has hosted local, national,

and international acts continuously since 1981. The theater was previously known as the Palace Civic Center and became the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts as of 1990. Historic performances have taken place over the decades, and the upcoming Femmes of Rock appearance promises yet another highlight of Jamestown arts.

Such a strong talent and performance space promise to be a great kickoff to a first of its kind experience for the IACAGA. Tickets can be purchased on the Reg Lenna website beginning November 20 at reglenna.com. Information about the IACAG and the local cancer care benefit efforts can be found at iacharity.golf.com. New and existing fans of Femmes of Rock can tide their appetites at femmesofrock.com.



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WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This play fits perfectly into the 21st Century. It could easily be turned into a series, “The Real Housewives of Windsor”. When it begins, the main character, a silly man, decides to try seducing two wealthy wives, hoping for both money and sex. He sends them identical letters, and since they’re great friends, they literally compare notes and then team up to trick and torment him for having the nerve to send them. Two guys he told about his plan, who also want to get even with him, rush to reveal it to the women’s husbands. One of them trusts his wife but the other is insanely jealous. So he disguises himself, arranges a meeting with the man, and tells him he’ll pay him to try seducing his wife to see if she’ll be unfaithful. He explains that he’s a single man, doing this because he’s hoping to seduce her, too, and thinks that if someone else gets her to be unfaithful first he’ll have a better chance of succeeding. He’s shocked when the man tells him she’s already told him to go to their house at a time when her husband is usually not home.

He arrives home at that time and the man is between their sheets, surrounded by various pieces of clothing. But it’s not the situation you’re picturing. A few minutes earlier, right after he arrived, her friend came to warn her that her husband was on his way back. She then told the man the only way he could get out of the house without her husband catching him was to get into their big laundry basket, which is about to be carried out, and let her cover him up with filthy laundry. When the husband arrives in a jealous rage, he completely ignores the basket going out the door, and furiously searches the rest of the house. Meanwhile, the man’s uncomfortably crammed in the basket, between their sheets (but not in the way he’d been hoping), pressed up against smelly smocks, dirty shirts, and shocking stockings. He came in with cheer, but is fit to be tied. Despite his stinky experience, he responds eagerly when the wife invites him to her house again. Before his next visit, when her disguised husband asks him about the progress of his supposed seduction, he tells him about his laundry basket escape. So, when the husband again arrives at his home right after he does, he starts tossing clothes from their basket into the air, expecting to uncover him. However, he only looks foolish, because the man’s just been disguised as a woman by the wife and is expecting to walk out unnoticed by the husband. The trick only works half as well as he expects,

because she disguised him as a woman the husband hates, so he berates “her” and drives “her” out of his house. After that, the wives team up with their husbands and other family members and friends, to trick him again. He’s told to disguise himself and go to a forest for a rendezvous, and when he does, he encounters the whole group, disguised as spirits, who scare him and pinch him. Earlier in the play, we learn that the daughter of “the non-jealous husband’s wife” has three suitors. Her mother prefers one, her father another and her choice, unsurprisingly, is the one who loves her. When their family’s planning to “haunt” the woods, the mother tells the suitor she prefers to elope with her daughter when they’re there, expecting that the chaotic scene will distract her husband until it’s too late. Her husband does the same thing! When the night arrives, both suitors think they’re eloping with her, but one shortly returns, angrily saying he found his “bride” to be a disguised boy. The wife gloats that their daughter must have just married her choice. For maybe a minute, until “her choice” appears, also protesting he found himself with a boy. He also says that before the boy removed his disguise, they actually went through with the wedding ceremony. (Like a 21st Century gay marriage!) Of course, the daughter seized the opportunity to elope with the third suitor, and her parents reconcile themselves to the match.

Suicide Prevention and Addiction Recovery Across the Region



On a national level, 988, the national Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, is available 24/7 for those in crisis.

By MILES HILTON
Kim Carlson is one of many area residents whose lives have been touched by suicide and addiction. She lost her partner to suicide in her youth and later struggled with alcoholism, but now, she says, “I’m in recovery, I believe in recovery”. Her message for those struggling is, “if you want to live a better life, there’s hope.” Hope comes in many different forms. In Chautauqua County, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene coordinates a number of resources and educational opportunities through the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Chautauqua County, and the Chautauqua Substance Abuse Response Partnership. Carri Raynor, the coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Alliance, oversees its many programs. “We have to take our mental health as seriously as we take our physical health,” she stresses, comparing seeking help for mental health concerns to going to the doctor as a diabetic. The Suicide Prevention Alliance’s website, www.preventsuicidechq.

com, serves as a hub for local resources, as well as some national ones. Some are geared towards specific groups, such as veterans, and youth, while most are available to all. The Chautauqua County Crisis Hotline, 800-724-0461, is also available. On a national level, 988, the national Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, is available 24/7 for those in crisis. 741741 provides the same services over text and WhatsApp. Both resources are also available in Spanish. Other national resources are available for specific at-risk groups. The Trevor Project supports LGBTQ+ youth and offers its own 24/7 crisis hotlines: 678 678 for text, and 866 488 7316 for voice. The Steve Fund serves young people of color and staffs a text-based crisis hotline at 741741. While certain groups are at elevated risk for suicide and emotional distress, Raynor is quick to point out that “suicide doesn’t discriminate”. Much of her work involves training community-members to be “connectors to help” in times of crisis. Her department offers youth and adult mental health first aid training, and other programs that schools, businesses, community organizations, and faith-

based groups can access upon request. Steve Kilburn, also at the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, comes at suicide prevention from a very different angle. He oversees the county’s public health response to substance abuse, which includes “prevention services” as well as “multiple treatment clinics” and “organizations that provide recovery support”. Killburn adds that “it would be difficult” to enumerate all the resources available. Given this abundance, the very continuation of the problem points to the complex roots of the epidemic. Killburn observes that “the data is quite clear, nationally and locally” that the “vast majority of [people with a substance addiction] are not seeking treatment”. Indeed, according to the 2021 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, “In 2021, 94% of people aged 12 or older with a substance use disorder did not receive any treatment”. Very often, Killburn proposes, this is because substance abuse is often “undertaken as an attempt at a solution to a problem”, whether that be physical pain, or untreated mental health. Killburn sees an “overlap, to a degree that we don’t necessarily understand, between overdoses and suicidal acts”. Killburn points to Combataddictionchq.org, a searchable database of all services in Chautauqua County and surrounding areas, as the best starting point for those seeking help. Visitors to the site

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By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Live-n-Kickin hits the stage from 8-12am. They play a multi genre set of covers that are very danceable. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

12 Gates of Evl makes an appearance with Tom Dietrick from 4-6:30pm. Tom is a singer, songwriter who plays folk originals. Alexander James will follow from 7-10pm. He plays a rock/pop/hip-hop/country set of covers.

The Taqueria joins the party with Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared plays a rock/pop /alt/jazz set of covers. Try the towns only Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons returns with Uncle Ben's Remedy on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. They tell me they play American roots rock. Jared Roswell Hill will pack up across the street and set up in the back bar to play from 10-1am. Dj Kage will provide the groove so you can bust a move on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

FTR is a player with Fritz the Kat from 8-11pm. Fritz plays an eclectic set from folk to swing. This is the spot for watching the Bills games.

Last bet not least Madigans will have Dj SI in the sound booth providing the sauce so you can do

the floss on the dance floor from 9-2am.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is back with Kody and Herren from 2-5pm. This couple plays a rock/folk/roots /bluegrass set of covers and originals. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta made the way you like it with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime rib, hosted by Chris Maloney from 5:40-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/folk/pop/alt/country set of covers. Peruse the ample wine list.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers and this weeks musical host is The Chillbillys from 6-9pm. The popularity of this duo is a testament to their talent.

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with The Marty Peters Duo Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF'er plays a blues/ folk set of covers from the 60-70's.

We've been ending the seven day weekend at The Gin Mill for the last 40 years and while Wing Wednesday has a new host, Brian Rick, the tradition goes on. Brian plays a rock/folk/pop/ country set of covers that are very listenable.

We hope you had a wonderful time in our village and that you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC !!!!!

Beat on the Street:

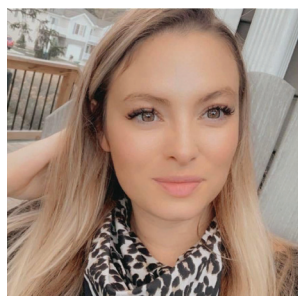
"What Did You Get Sent to the Principal's Office For?"

By CHAD NEAL

Learning is what going to school is all about, even learning how to act in society. When you don't act right you get in trouble and when it's done on school grounds or time you have to answer to the warden...er um principal of the school. Often deemed the bad guy looking to get you in any and all acts of adolescent tomfoolery and hijinks, the principal was actually there looking out for the student's best interests. If you got in trouble the principal was there to guide you in the right direction to help further your educational needs without distraction. Basically a fun killer that was always keeping an eye on you, unless of course you were a goody two shoes and/or informant, also known in certain vernacular as a "suck up". But in the end we all realize that the principal was not out to get students, he wasn't a tyrant, but if you did bad he was the one you'd answer to. What did you do to get sent to the principal's office?



Eric G.- In 3rd grade "Flipping the bird" at the bus. The bus driver told the principal I did this. He did not understand the phrase. I figured this out while in the office. Then proceeded to lie that I threw a dead bird at the bus.. flipping the bird. The principal believed me and told me not to throw anymore dead birds.



Alana I.- Senior year, jumping out of a window during a fire drill.



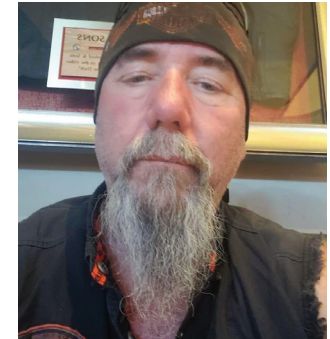
Kristin H.- Well there's a few times, but my favorite was the time I got in a fight in high school. The principal said we had to spend the rest of the day together. If one had to go to the bathroom we both had to go, ate together, spent breaks together, went to our lockers together, etc. We've been friends ever since.



Jody M.- Smoking in the bathroom and dumping a tray full of food over a girl's head!



Jackson F.- To pick up my gold star!



Dan L.- Smoking in the bathroom!

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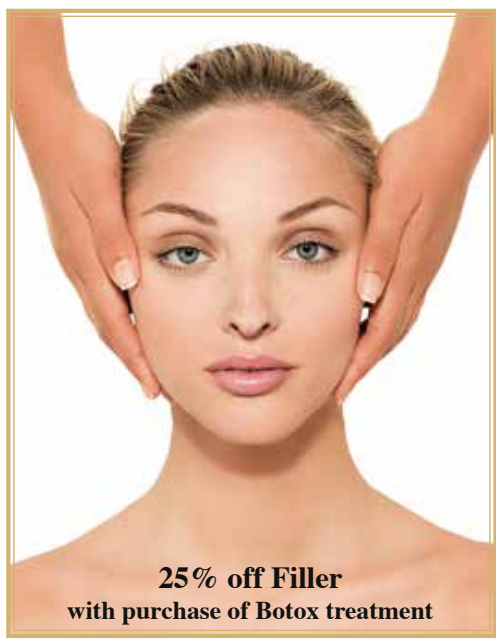
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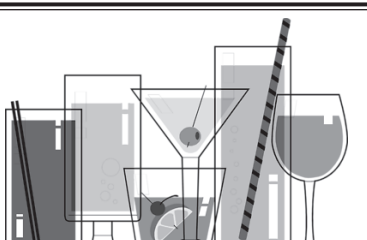
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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:

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Sprague

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For our meal my wife chose the free-range roast turkey dinner, a best seller, and I opted for breakfast of a western omelet with pancakes. I thought I'd be crazy not to order something I can't drown their amazing maple syrup in.

Our trip there wasn't too far a distance from my porch and was a pleasant addition to my Ellicottville experience of good food & great service nestled in a most beautiful spot.

On our way out we saw a bus with a group pull up which didn't surprise me at all.

Thank you Sprague's for allowing me to share your story!




As you drive into the main road, you're greeted by a gorgeous pond inhabited by 2 white swans that seemed to say hello. On the way in, my buddy's wife tried to get a picture of them but, as if right on cue, they buried their heads in the water. Hilarious! She did get the shot on the way out. Photo/ Sue Panek.

Owners, Randy & Toni Sprague opened the restaurant in 2001 and is now in its 22nd year of operation. The dream of this unique place began as Randy was making maple syrup as a young boy. Later, they were incorporated in 1983 and its expansion continued with the addition of the restaurant.

WVDP

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Department of Energy, and New York State Energy Research & Development Authority employees

pantries: Fellowship Hill Ministries (Springville), Delevan Methodist Church, Catholic Charities Outreach (Franklinville), Saving Grace Outreach (Cattaraugus), Master's Plan (Dayton), United Church of Christ (Ellicottville), Concord Food Pantry, Little Valley Baptist Church, and West Valley Food Pantry.

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Every year during the holiday season, resources get spread thin and the needs of our community increase. Community support from the WVDP Food Drive helps to meet those needs that may have gone unmet during the holiday season.

The West Valley Demonstration Project is an environmental cleanup and waste management project located about 35 miles south of Buffalo, New York. The project is conducted by the U.S. Department of Energy in cooperation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley, LLC manages and operates the project under contract with DOE. The CHBWV team is comprised of Jacobs, BWX Technologies Services Group and Environmental Chemical Corporation.

Resort

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kayak excursions, SUP yoga, paddle Pilates, kiteboarding, wing foiling, fat tire mountain biking tours, and more. Their passion for the outdoors is contagious, and they're eager to share with others.

"I've been fortunate to paddleboard and kayak all over the world, but here on Lake Erie is my absolute favorite place. The mouth of Walnut Creek offers amazing waters with historic landmarks, like the arched bridges and cliffs. We almost always see at least one Bald Eagle on our excursions, and the fishing here is second to none. You can enjoy year-round world-class fishing here on the Lake, renowned for its diverse fish species including walleye and trout."

Hideaway Bay strives to be eco-friendly in their sustainability efforts. The team has applied for an infrastructure grant that would allow them to install rainwater collection, permeable parking surfaces, as well as seeking to follow guidelines such as those set by Surfrider's Environmentally friendly restaurant and resort practices.

"We're stiving to be a world-class resort offering a wide variety of outdoor adventure sports & activities, while at the same time being a luxury retreat. We're focusing on the natural surroundings, and not overdeveloping the property, offering activities that help our guests deepen their appreciation for these surroundings." Spa services, sauna and hot tub will be on site and exclusive to resort guests during their stay. With only 10 properties on site, the property offers a quiet more private retreat from the busy nearby beaches.

For more information visit <https://www.hideawaybayresortny.com/> and follow on Facebook & Instagram for updates.

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Main Street in Otto NY
Circa 1900 before the fire of 1904

Punkin

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entertainment of the onlookers. They will be invited again next year along with the food truck/s and their bar serving craft cocktails made with spirits made on site. Team Urban Siege is willing to do more demonstrations and charity events as well. Their website teamurbansiege.com has information on how to contact them.



The Ellicottville Distillery is located at 5462 Robbins Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731 and can be reached at (716) 597-6121 or online: www.ellicottvilledistillery.com and on facebook.

Heritage

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one frequently reads that the only means of getting through the wilderness were through paths established by the Native Americans. These paths led to our first roads and railways. In fact, many of our roads and communities, particularly in our area, area given Indian names – Cheektowaga, Ohio, Buffalo, Tonawanda, Scajaquada, etc.

Natives taught us the art of fishing and hunting, canoeing and lacrosse. They gave us the blueprint for log homes, along with chewing gum, BBQ's, kayaks, moccasins, tobacco and

pipes; they taught us about growing a rich resource, cotton (which turned out as a negative because Europeans saw the value and created a slave trade to produce it), and they were the first known to create and use rubber.

Many of their teachings laid the groundwork for groups like the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America. Natives created a form of sign language and hand signals which helped to facilitate commerce and communications with other tribes. We learned about the healing properties of plants and tinctures made from them for medicinal and spiritual purposes.

Native Americans have influenced American art, with artists teaching us about ceramics and pottery, woodworking, beading and quillwork, glasswork,

basketmaking, painting, metalwork, music, and fashion.

We in Western New York are very aware of the accomplishments and power of the Seneca Nation so it is easy for us to be unaware of the struggles many native American tribes across America are enduring. Like all Americans, Indians (even successful tribes) struggle with poverty, alcohol and drug addictions, mental illness, missing women, and unemployment. Unlike most Americans, they also deal with discrimination and racism. November is the month for all of us to consider how we can reconcile with our native brothers and sisters in a positive way and work towards a more positive and equitable future for everyone.

Veterans

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sometimes have bowling nights, card nights, family nights, women's groups, and other activities. Once a year there's a military ball. There's just a variety of events to support local vets, that gives them a

common place to meet, talk, and spend time with other vets. There's also a small group that meets in the Brockton area called Veterans for Christ, that has some similar services. If you're interested in the Dwyer Program, you can find information on dwyerchautauqua.com, or you can call Cindy at 716-661-8447.

Serving our country is a very honorable and selfless position. Each year we celebrate Veterans Day to honor these men and women. To Greg Carlson and all the other men and women who have served our county in the military, may you have a very Happy Veterans Day, and a big heart felt thank you for serving our country.

McClean

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and focused on their goal. "Musicians need to be disciplined. I performed with a lot of musicians who were just in 'the biz' for the party aspect, and they didn't make it. Stay

true to your music, be goal-oriented, work hard and you'll get there."

On November 11 in Warren, Don will play many of his classic hits, along with some holiday music. "No two shows are the same. I always play the crowd favorites, and I love to do this. The fact that people have embraced these songs and love the

lyrics almost as much as I do is incredible, and I love it. But other than that, I just play whatever I'm inspired to play in the moment. It's always a good time. Rock and Roll baby!"

For more information on Don visit <https://donmcclean.com/> and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.strutherslibrarytheatre.org/>.

Health

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can even find assistance identifying which service or program would best suit their needs, helping them choose between a dizzying array of options.

Carlson, herself in recovery from both the effects of suicide loss and substance abuse, tried to serve her community by opening a transitional home for those in

recovery from substance abuse, in Jamestown. Unfortunately, it only operated for a few years before being forced to close. "There needs to be appropriate transitional housing", Carlson stresses.

Kilburn echoes the need for supportive housing, going so far as to say it's the first thing he'd change about the region's resources if he had a "magic wand". Both Kilburn and Carlson are not aware of any long-

term transitional housing in Chautauqua County, and both point to it as the most important resource for those seeking a healthier life.

Despite massive challenges, there are some happy endings. After the closure of the Oxford houses, Carlson has gone on to "open a flower shop" where she takes my call between helping customers. "I'm in my own little happy spot," she says, "and it's time for me to heal".

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Photos of Women in History



Boudicca - was a British Celtic warrior queen who led a revolt against Roman occupation. Her date and place of birth are unknown and it's believed she died in 60 or 61 CE. A statue of Boudicca with her daughters in her war chariot stands next to Westminster Bridge and the Houses of Parliament in England

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Thanks, Margaret Puszcz, Secretary- Mansfield Historical Society

~ Lisa Blanchard, 1964-2023 ~



AUBURN INDIANA - Lisa A. Blanchard, 59, of Auburn, Indiana, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2023, at her home.

Lisa was born April 15, 1964, in Goshen, Indiana. Lisa had worked at and retired from Alcoa as a lead parts room clerk.

Lisa was also a member of Auburn Elks Lodge #1978. She is survived by a brother, David (Colleen) Blanchard, of Ellicottville, New York; sister, Lorie Blanchard, of Nevada; nephew, Ryan Blanchard, of Canada; niece, Ashley Blanchard, of Canada; her bonus family, Susan and Maury Winkler, Jan and Jim Rocco, Greg and Jan Hewitt and Maury and Megan Winkler; and her beloved dog, Bo.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Shirley Blanchard; father, Philip Blanchard; bonus family, Roger and JoAnne Wertenberger.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, 2023, from 1-2pm, followed by an Elks service beginning at 2pm, with a memorial service to follow at Pinnington Funeral & Cremation Services 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorial donations may be made to DeKalb Humane Society.

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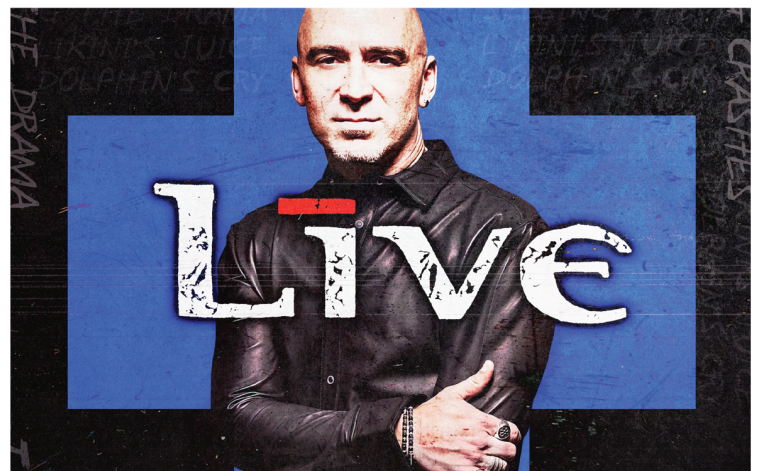


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