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Friday, December 12 • 12pm  
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AT PEEK'N PEAK**  
Saturday January 13 • 9am  
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Jamestown, NY

**WEDDING SHOW AT  
NORTHWEST ARENA**  
Sunday January 14 • 10am  
Jamestown, NY

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Sunday, January 14 • 1:30pm  
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**SNOWSHOE HIKES AT ASP**  
Tuesday January 16 • 4:30pm  
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**SNOWSHOE HIKES AT ASP**  
Tuesday, January 16 • 1:30pm  
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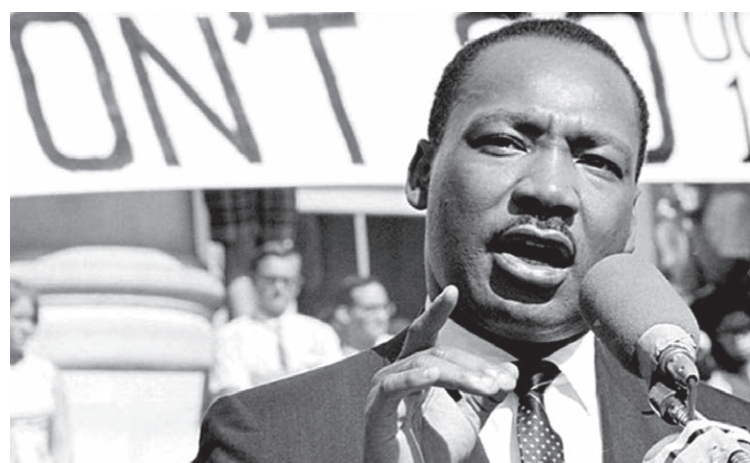
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## Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Some Lesser-Known Facts about a Great Leader



Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded a posthumous spoken word Grammy: He won a Grammy posthumously (Best Spoken Word) for his recording of a 1967 address, "Why I oppose the War in Viet Nam, and in 2012 his "I Have a Dream" speech was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame. Ironically when he received his Ph.D. in Theology from Boston University in 1955, King received C and C+ in two terms of public speaking. (See "KING", pg. 7.)

## Winter Blues Weekend

Ellicottville Hosts Great Blues Bands Jan. 19-21



EL LICOTTVILLE - Nothing hot spots, visitors can expect complements a great day on the ski slopes than an evening of live music, and that's just what Ellicottville's Winter Blues Weekend is guaranteed to deliver. With over 20 bands scheduled in all the downtown

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SEE "BLUES" Pg. 3

## West Valley Demonstration Project What's Happening and Future Opportunities



The West Valley Demonstration Project, formerly the nation's sole commercial reprocessing plant for spent nuclear fuel from 1966 to 1972, has undergone significant changes since being abandoned by Nuclear Fuel Services.

By JEFF MARTIN  
THE VILLAGER

For many WNY'ers, the West Valley Demonstration Project in Ashford has long been shrouded in mystery for locals, passersby, and nearby business owners; despite the perceived mystic, there's been a lot happening there, and a lot more to happen in the future. At least

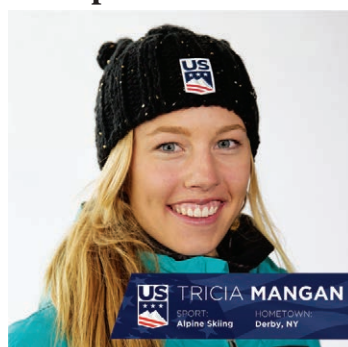
one local company believes that local WNY businesses might be overlooking valuable opportunities to bid and engage in work at the site.

American Demolition and Nuclear Decommissioning Inc., (dba: American DND) aims to alter this perception with a progressive "Community

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## Peak Heat Luxury Sauna Rentals

US Alpine Ski Team Member Brings Wellness to EVL



Tricia Mangan founded Peak Heat with two of her brothers and began rentals just a few weeks ago. As a life-long skier and member of the US Alpine Ski team, competing twice in the Olympics, Tricia has a passion for fitness and connecting with the great outdoors. Peak Heat Saunas offers an 8-person capacity wood burning sauna delivered to your residence or business for the ultimate in private relaxation. All amenities are provided including essential oils, robes, towels, hats, flip flops, as well as a cold plunge tub and informational guides about the health benefits of the experience.

By KATE BARTLETT

Peak Heat Saunas is offering luxury sauna rentals delivered to local residences in and around Ellicottville this winter season. Presenting a grand relaxation treat, Peak Heat specializes in sauna rentals that comfortably accommodate

up to 8 people. Their mobile sauna is wood burning, offering a reconnection with nature to provide comfort, tranquility and rejuvenation.

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

**Breadmaking at Lucky Day Homestead  
A Winter Experience in Machais ... Page 7**



Emily has been baking homemade bread for almost 10 years. "The recipes have changed a bit, but the principle remains the same," says Emily. To produce a wholesome product with simple ingredients; a labor of love if you will. You can really taste the difference between homemade bread and any other. There's no comparison. It's so gratifying and provides so much confidence for homemakers."

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**GOACC COO, Meme Yanetsko, Retires & Rebegins**

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## 2 Scoops w/EVL Connections

Popular Ice Cream Shop in Hamburg



By KATE BARTLETT

2 Scoops Ice Cream Shop in Hamburg, NY just announced new management from John and Susan Szczypierowski to Mike and Brooke (Spaizcher) Rogers (pictured). Both couples have connections to 14731, John and Mike go way back to when John was a regional manager for Sysco. He guided Mike through different aspects in the food industry, only developing further skills that Mike has utilized at Ellicottville Brewing Company.

New owners Mike and Brooke reside in the village of Ellicottville where they plan to raise their upcoming family.

John and Susan founded 2 Scoops Ice Cream 17 years ago and it has grown to become the #1 Ice Cream Shop in WNY as voted for in the 2023 Buffalo News Best of 716 Awards. 2 Scoops has become a staple in the community, offering both hard and soft serve ice cream, along with their famous ice cream tacos and

SEE "2 SCOOPS" PAGE 10

## SOLD: CHQ. Point Golf Course

Oldest in County, Many Developers Involved



The first sale brought to an end a century-long run for the local recreational treasure. With origins dating to 1907, or 1914, depending on which source you reference, the course was the oldest in the county, predating it's younger, more famous and broader brother from across the lake, The Chautauqua Golf Club by at least ten years. The 1200 Group LLC, a subsidiary of The Ellicott Development Company, the current owner of the 31-acre property, has plans for further development.

By BILL BURK

"I tell ya, country clubs and cemeteries are the biggest waste of prime real estate." - Al Czervic

It was inevitable, like the waves that lap against the back of seventh green. The land is just too beautiful, just too perfect, just too valuable.

The Chautauqua Point Golf Course, at 5678 East Lake Road in Dewittville sold recently, the second time in just over two years. In February

SEE "GOLF" PAGE 8



GALLERY OPENING "WOOD WIDE WEB": JANUARY 12, 2024 : JAMESTOWN, NY



# Publisher's Word

*"Fun in Store for Long Weekend Ahead"*



Enjoy this long weekend with your friends and family and appreciate having them, in this time and being where you are right now. You sure did pick a great place to be! We have highlighted some fun things for you to do and learn about along with some history on the holiday.

If you have an idea you would like to share with our readers, please send it our way; we are always looking for creative ways for people to spend their days: [info@thevillagerny.com](mailto:info@thevillagerny.com).

*Until next week, yours in writing*  
- Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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• Jimmy Curtis... February 7th • Sue O'Neil... February 8th  
• Katie Jane Clark... February 8th • Christine Wasely... February 10th  
• Cassandra Marie Hawkins... February 16th  
• Mary Vahl... February 17th • Laurie Dux... February 17th

## Share the Warmth

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.

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## St. Bonaventure Offers New Course

### Students Explore Pop Culture and Media's Impacts



book chapter in which he showed that protest songs during the Vietnam War era provided the public with information that the mainstream media was not reporting.

As a professor, he includes units on entertainment in his Media and Democracy and Campaigns, Candidates and Current Elections seminar classes. He also has spoken about the relationship between music and public policy at numerous academic conferences, including seminars devoted to the work of Bob Dylan, the Beatles and Bruce Springsteen.

ST. BONAVENTURE, - Students in a at St. Bonaventure University will explore pop culture's role in the media landscape and its impact on public policy. "From the protest music of the 1960s to the phenomena of Taylor Swift, pop culture has been a part of daily life in America," said Dr. Richard Lee, a professor in the university's Jandoli School of Communication.

to avoid the scrutiny of mainstream media by appearing on entertainment television programs; • The impact of protest music during the Vietnam era; • The phenomenon of Taylor Swift, who was named Time magazine's 2023 Person of the Year; • Volodymyr Zelensky, who played the president of Ukraine on a sitcom before he actually became the country's president.

During his professional career, Lee covered rock'n'roll, as well as government and politics. He later served in several government communication positions, including deputy director of communication for two New Jersey governors. He was a founding member of the Hall Institute for Public Policy — New Jersey, and he is executive director of the Jandoli Institute, a public policy center he established at St. Bonaventure in 2019.

Lee designed the course and will teach it during the spring 2024 semester. He views the class as an opportunity to integrate the elements from his career in journalism, government and academia.

"The lines between entertainment and politics have always been blurry, but the distinction is even less clear today," Lee said. "The class will help us understand how we arrived at where we are today, as well as where we are headed tomorrow."

"I am thankful Dr. Lee will bring his diverse and extensive experiences to this timely course," Jandoli School Dean Aaron Chimbel said. "I have no doubt students will get a lot out of this class."

Among the topics that will be covered in the course are:  
• How celebrities influence public policy;  
• The ability of politicians

The genesis of the course lies in research Lee conducted while earning his doctorate. He wrote a

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# Serving the Community

## GOACC COO, Meme Yanetsko, Retires & Rebegins



**Yanetsko has been the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) COO for a long time and worked at the chamber in general for even longer.**

**BY DELAINEY MUSCATO**  
- ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

If you live in or around the Olean area, you may recognize the name Meme Yanetsko. Yanetsko has been the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) COO for a long time and worked at the chamber in general for even longer. Just after she graduated from SUNY Brockport, Yanetsko joined the chamber as "on-the-job training coordinator" in January of 1991 after seeing an ad for the job in the paper. She became the COO in December of 2009.

While Yanetsko is leaving the chamber, she is not retiring completely. She will be taking a position at a hospice company in the area. "I figured that I would actually retire from the chamber. But again, this opportunity came up and I went for it," she said. Yanetsko is excited to apply all she has learned at the chamber to her new job with Homecare & Hospice. When the opportunity for Yanetsko to take this job opened, she thought "the duties described an awesome job," and she was excited to be a part of another great team of coworkers.

The team she was a part of at the chamber is something Yanetsko will greatly miss. She shared that through her position at the chamber, she met a huge number of amazing

people. She was able to work with many business owners and community members. She is also very grateful for the staff and volunteers she was able to work with. In addition to the people she worked with at the chamber, Yanetsko commented how appreciative she has been for the city of Olean staff. "From the mayor to the fire and police chiefs, to the guys on the streets/parks crew", everyone was so helpful, Yanetsko said. Many of those city personnel helped events run smoothly.

Yanetsko became the obvious choice for COO after 18 years with the chamber. She learned a lot about other positions as well as event planning and putting business plans together. When the position opened, she applied and got it. Since becoming COO, she has loved helping members of the chamber and serving her community in any way she can. She loved the Santa Claus Lane Parade the most out of all the chamber hosted events. Though she hates being cold, seeing the children's faces light up when all the lights come on and Santa comes makes it totally worth it.

While managing more than 500 chamber members, Yanetsko has learned a few valuable life lessons. She's learned that it is okay to cry. Prioritizing your mental health is essential for being successful at work. Especially at busy times of year, Yanetsko has learned it is important to put your health first, so you are not unfocused when it

comes to your work. And lastly, Yanetsko says the importance of delegating is huge, "It might be easy to do something on your own, but it is nicer to be part of a team and share the successes". Yanetsko says she grew as the chamber did. She helped establish a great list of events and set up a website for the chamber. Yanetsko brought the chamber to Twitter and Facebook to help increase its outreach. "It opened many doors to me in terms of personal growth, leadership, businesses connections and more," she said.

In order to be a good COO for the GOACC, Yanetsko says a leader must be organized, able to multi-task and able to communicate well with both large and small groups of people. She also said past experience in marketing and/or event planning would be beneficial to the position. For her new position, Yanetsko wants to bring these qualities to Homecare & Hospice. "I am excited to bring my talents to HC&H and help them succeed with their fundraiser events, grant writing and philanthropic ventures."

Yanetsko is incredibly excited for her future and shared how she thought she impacted the community she worked for, "You are never going to please everyone, but I believe my positive attitude and commitment to the community showed the Olean area that we can be successful in all that goes on in the area. Always a bright side in everything".



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## Blues

**CONT. FROM COVER**

Chamber of Commerce, the music kicks off next Friday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon, making it a weekend you won't want to miss. The best part: All performances are free to enjoy! NO COVERS!

"Winter Blues Weekend is a great way to spend time with friends and family and discover some of the most talented Blues performers in our region," said Barb Pump, executive assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber. "We're looking forward to a full weekend of fun and we encourage visitors to book overnight accommodations so they can enjoy all that Ellicottville has to offer."

Along with live music, Ellicottville boasts seven breweries, distilleries and wineries, more than a dozen restaurants, and just as many retail shops. Browse an eclectic variety of one-of-a-kind gifts and keepsakes, fashionable clothing for men, women and kids, and even unique finds for your furry, four-legged friends. When it's time for dessert, head to any of our coffee bars, candy



**Girls of Grosh will play Friday, January 19 beginning at 6pm at the Ellicottville Tap + Bottle & Taqueria. See full schedule, page 5.**

stores, ice cream parlors or bakeries. It's the icing on the cake... literally!

"Our downtown business district offers the whole package, and it's all in a 4-block walkable footprint," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber. "Park your car, shop, dine and bar hop on foot. You can easily take in all the sights and sounds of Winter Blues Weekend every which way you turn!"

Book your lodging now so you can look forward to enjoying a weekend of

great music, fun dining, eclectic shopping and of course, freshly groomed ski conditions. A complete list of accommodations, restaurants and retailers, along with a schedule of live music for Winter Blues Weekend 2024 can be found at [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com). Stay updated on other Chamber related news and events by following @visitellicottville on IG/FB. For questions or additional information, contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or [info@ellicottvilleny.com](mailto:info@ellicottvilleny.com).

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## Report on the Resort

“Skiing in Ellicottville on the 4th of July?”



Essentially, as the picture shows, these new guns create a super-chilled environment within a securely enclosed space that looks like a trailer. They have wide hoses that protrude from these micro-climate structures which pour out snow onto the hill. In other words, traditional snow guns rely on colder temps (usually below 28 degrees) to shoot out water which forms artificial snow crystals as it hits the colder air. These new machines, on the other hand, create the cold climate within the structure and then shoot out artificial snow. The pictured machine can make snow at 70-80 degrees Fahrenheit it is located at Spring Mountain Resort in Spring Mount PA, near Philadelphia.

By DAN BALKIN

If all the stars align – it could be you! It’s possible if one lives on a hill in Ellicottville and wins the Powerball Jackpot. It would cost \$500,000 – probably a bit more to put everything in place. But with your new Powerball riches, that would be a minor concern. Fantasy? Maybe the Powerball part for most mortals, but not snowmaking in summer. Huh? There are now several companies manufacturing snowmaking systems that can make snow at 70, even 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Yes, it sounds ludicrous, but it is true. In fact, some of these guns are already being used at one ski area in neighboring Pennsylvania (near Philadelphia) and another in distant California – and other places in the world.

Although they can do it, are these ski areas making snow in summertime at temps of 70 or 80? No. Too expensive to justify the ensuing melt off. But they use these guns during the traditional ski season at temperatures well above freezing. People of goodwill have wildly divergent views on climate change, but one could assume that a ski area that has seen warming temps and less natural snow for a number of ski seasons (a common problem in lower elevation East Coast ski areas to the south of NYS), would not shell out \$500, 000 for one single snowmaking machine if they believed that the colder winters of the past were going to consistently

return. Who knows? The future will provide us with an answer if the investment was wise or wasteful.

Any avid skier has heard a friend back in Buffalo, Toronto, Cleveland, or wherever, asking with a faint strain of incredulity in their voice - because its green in their backyards - if you are “still skiing.” We should be quite fond of this question because it gives us an annual opportunity to explain to the greenhorns back home how snowmaking has transformed skiing. HoliMont’s snowmaking is world-class. Exaggeration? Not when you consider that HoliMont had a patent (it has expired) on some of the inner components of our snow guns – and that HoliMont’s snow guns are used by ski areas throughout the world. Any skier knows that artificial snow is slower to melt than natural snow. HoliMont’s snow guns, because they make larger crystals than most other snow guns, make snow that is remarkably resistant to melting. We weathered days (and nights!) of rain in and around Christmas week with barely a brown spot emerging on the white carpet of the slopes. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to our mountain leadership team, snowmaking, and grooming crews for this remarkable feat of snowy resilience.

This brings us back to this new generation of snowmaking machines. Because artificial snow creates a more durable slope snowpack than natural snow, some ski areas that had been struggling to

even put artificial snow on the hill with traditional snow guns (because of higher temps), view these new guns as a matter of seasonal survival. Essentially, as the picture shows, these new guns create a super-chilled environment within a securely enclosed space that looks like a trailer. They have wide hoses that protrude from these micro-climate structures which pour out snow onto the hill. In other words, traditional snow guns rely on colder temps (usually below 28 degrees) to shoot out water which forms artificial snow crystals as it hits the colder air. These new machines, on the other hand, create the cold climate within the structure and then shoot out artificial snow.

There are, however, some serious downsides. These machines currently consume roughly four times the energy of a traditional snow gun. And, as noted before, they are also very expensive – currently about \$500,000 – which far exceeds even a fanatic skier’s lifetime beer and chicken wing tab in Eville. It is heartbreaking to imagine kids who can’t enjoy the beauty of skiing, snowboarding, sledding or any other snow dependent activity because the natural snow or traditional snowmaking temps are now inconsistent where they live. Sure, these machines come at a steep price, but they are helping to keep snowsports alive – a tribute to human resilience and ingenuity.



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## Ski 4 A Cure at HoliMont

### Ski Club of Lockport Fundraiser for Roswell Cancer Center

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Ski Club of Lockport and HoliMont Ski Resort, Ellicottville, NY are presenting the Second Annual Ski 4 A Cure, an all-inclusive outdoor winter event at the HoliMont Ski Resort, a popular skiing, snowboarding and all-season spot in Ellicottville, NY. It will take place on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 9:30am-4:20pm (with sign-in between 8:30- 9:30am), to benefit cancer research and programs at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.



A ticket costs \$115 (\$135 on the day of the event) and it entitles you to participate

in the scavenger hunt, the parade for cancer survivors, their families and friends, the bombardier game (which involves dropping numbered tennis balls on a target to win prizes),

and a self-timed race. The catered lunch, from Dina’s on the ‘Mont will include Beef on Weck, chicken wings, potato

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## Holiday Valley Update

College Daze Last Weekend/ Photos, Holiday Valley



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- 8pm 2 Guys Drinkin' Blues @ Gin Mill
- 9pm DJ Persia @ Madagans
- 10pm Kyle Gustafson @ Balloons
- 10pm DJ Kage @ Balloons

#### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

- 2pm Porcelain Train @ Gin Mill
- 3pm Jay McDonnell Duo @ Holiday Valley T-Bar
- 5pm The Probables @ Madagans
- 5pm Steven Padin @ Ratchet Hatchet
- 6:30pm Tommy Z Band @ Balloons
- 7pm Speedy Parker Blues Band @ Villaggio
- 8pm Maria Aurigema Band @ Gin Mill
- 8pm Tim Britt @ Ellicottville Brewing Co
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# Project

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and Business Outreach” plan. American DND is sponsoring an introductory meet and greet and business networking event at the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall, 9085 Route 240, West Valley, on Wednesday afternoon January 24, from 2-6 pm. Any Local WNY Businesses, Suppliers, and Contractors who are interested in learning more about the project and meeting with American DND Reps are invited to attend. American DND is an Ellicottville based Company which has been working at the WVDP site since 2011. ([www.AmericanDND.com](http://www.AmericanDND.com)).

The West Valley Demonstration Project, formerly the nation’s sole commercial reprocessing plant for spent nuclear fuel from 1966 to 1972, has undergone significant changes since being abandoned by Nuclear Fuel Services.

The West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980, approved by Congress and signed into law by President Jimmy Carter, set the stage for crucial developments on the 150-acre site. These include solidifying 600,000 gallons of radioactive liquid waste and initiating the deconstruction of the main plant process building—a 30-month process currently underway. The US-DOE and NYSEKDA are responsible for the cleanup, oversight, and management of the Facility.

The US-DOE is close to completing the first Phase 1A of the decommissioning work by cleaning up and demolishing most of the buildings down to grade.



**American DND urges local businesses to attend the meet and greet at the West Valley Volunteer Fire Department Banquet Hall, 9085 Route 240, West Valley, on January 24, from 2-6pm, where they can meet ADND Reps and receive additional information about the West Valley Demonstration Project, its current progress, and future plans. He emphasizes the need for local companies to educate themselves on bidding procedures, government requirements, and the application process..**

Despite these strides, more work lies ahead. The United States Department of Energy plans to bid the next Phase 1B within the next year, involving the removal of below-ground parts of the main plant process building. This ambitious endeavor, expected to commence in 2025 or 2026, comes with a substantial budget, currently projected in the \$1Billion to \$3 billion range over the next 10 years. More information can be found about the WVDP project and about the next phase of bidding here: [www.wv.doe.gov](http://www.wv.doe.gov) or [www.emcbc.doe.gov/seb/wvdpphase1b](http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/seb/wvdpphase1b).

The types of work and business opportunities available in the next Phase 1B include, but are not limited to: Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, General & Civil Construction, Sheet Piling, Shoring, Excavations, Welding and fabrication, equipment rentals, providing Safety Supplies and Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE), Office

supplies, copiers, and general business supplies, Specialty Engineering Consulting and other ‘professional’ Services, just to name a few.

American DND invites all, local businesses and contractors to attend the meet and greet, where they can network, meet ADND Reps, and will receive additional information about the West Valley Demonstration Project, its current progress, and future plans. American DND emphasizes the need for local companies to educate themselves on bidding procedures, government requirements, and the application process.

“So many people have no idea what’s going on out there; yet it will likely become one of the largest environmental cleanup projects in WNY” says Bill Schaab, Sr. Vice President of American DND. “What’s more unfortunate is that there are many, many businesses in Western New York that could benefit

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# Sauna

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weeks ago. As a life-long skier and member of the US Alpine Ski team, competing twice in the Olympics, Tricia has a passion for fitness and connecting with the great outdoors. Throughout her travels skiing in Europe, Tricia embraced the European appreciation for saunas and recognizes their many health benefits. “Saunas are a staple in European culture, especially in Scandinavia, where they’re found in many homes and hotels,” explains Tricia. “They offer numerous health benefits, which I hope to bring to the Ellicottville area.”

Saunas are not just about warmth (although that is definitely a perk during these long winter months), they are also a sanctuary for health and well-being. “Regular sauna use offers multiple health benefits: it lowers the risk of cardiovascular diseases, improves heart and lung function, aids in weight loss, detoxifies the body, and enhances overall physical and mental well-being”, says Tricia. “Many recent studies report the benefits of this wellness trend and show individuals can achieve optimal benefits with only 2, 30-minute sessions per week.”

As a Buffalo native, Tricia grew up skiing on the slopes in Ellicottville. Her family has been members of HoliMont for many years, and she

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skied with her brothers on the HoliMont racing team. “After all these years, Ellicottville is still one of my favorite places to ski,” says Tricia. “I look forward to skiing at HoliMont whenever I return home.”

Tricia recognized the opportunity for a mobile sauna business in the Ellicottville area. “People here love the outdoors and value an active lifestyle. I hope they’ll appreciate both the convenience and health benefits our new mobile sauna concept brings to the community.”

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are provided including essential oils, robes, towels, hats, flip flops, as well as a cold plunge tub and informational guides about the health benefits of the experience. “It offers the opportunity for friends and family to gather, unwind, and enjoy the soothing embrace of heat in the comfort of their surroundings. It’s an experience that leaves you refreshed, revitalized and ready to embrace beauty of the winter season.”

Tricia is looking forward to serving the community in this manner, and sharing the many health benefits of saunas. For more information visit <https://www.peakheatsaunas.com/> and follow on social media @PeakHeatSaunas.

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A Winter Experience in Machais

By KATE BARTLETT



**Bread classes are currently offered various weekends throughout the winter months. Emily currently is focusing on an overnight Sourdough, but welcomes input on interests for oather breads as she is familiar with many types including focaccia, toasted oat honey wheat and sliced Italian sandwich bread.**

ingredients. My favorites are still the simplest, but I love creating new flavor combinations."

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She was inspired to start classes at the homestead in order to teach the community an easy, healthy recipe that's cost efficient. "It's great to watch guests in the class gain confidence in their skills. I genuinely hope they walk away with more self-assurance in their abilities, and I'm honored to be able to offer that."

Other winter classes at the Homestead include 'What to Stock in your Home Apothecary,' which focuses on medicinal herbs for health, 'Drying and Preserving Edible Flowers and Herbs, along with tea making. Her 'Raised Bed Gardens and Planting by the Moon Phases' class helps folks get their home gardens planned and plotted for good yields. "Spring, Summer and Fall we dig into foraging and hike the area to discuss what is found on the trails and in our backyards."

Emily invites readers to come experience the Homestead, and the satisfaction of a slower, simpler life. For more information follow on Facebook and Instagram @ LuckyDayHomestead for event and class information.

King

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By CAROL FISHER-LINN

MLK was not always known as Martin Luther King. When King, Jr. was five, his father became inspired by the writings of 16th century theologian, Martin Luther. King was so moved by the courage and tenacity Luther had as one of the major participants of the Protestant Reformation that he wanted to emulate him. He did so by beginning to call himself and his son, Michael, Martin Luther King.

In 1944, prior to his acceptance (at age 15) and then again in 1947 while at Morehouse College, King Jr. spent two summers with other Morehouse college students earning tuition by working at Cullman Brothers, a northern tobacco farm in Simsbury, Connecticut. It is believed that some of his experiences in that period of his life essentially shaped his world view and pathway as a civil rights leader. He was pleased (and perhaps surprised) to report in his letters back home that work was easy, and food was plentiful. In those letters, King expressed dismay as he realized that all of America was not like the world he knew in the South. Connecticut, while not free of racism, was a far cry from what King knew of the segregated South. He was amazed to find a different kind of world than the one he was raised in. In one letter to home in 1944 he wrote, "I never thought that a person of my race could eat anywhere but we ate in one of the finest restaurants in Hartford. And we went to the largest shows there."

"He could not believe



**For trivia fans, a relatively unknown fact about MLK and his new wife, Coretta Scott, was that they were married in her father's backyard in Marion, Alabama, and spent their honeymoon night in a guest room at a funeral parlor owned by a friend since no local hotel would open their doors to a black couple.**

how African Americans had the freedom to come and go," William Flippin, pastor of Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, said. "He was amazed that Blacks didn't have to go to the balcony to go to a theater, they could eat in restaurants, they didn't have to sit in the back of the bus. And so those were experiences that informed his later life."

King also worshipped in a de-segregated church in Connecticut. He couldn't believe he was writing to his mother that "Negroes and whites go to the same church." In that summer of 1944, he led religious discussions in his dorm, later indicating on his application for seminary school that this was a turning point in his life.

Years later, King poignantly described the train ride home to Georgia. "After that summer in Connecticut, it was a bitter feeling going back to segregation," he said. "It was hard to understand why I could ride wherever I pleased on the train from New York to Washington, and then had to change to a Jim Crow car at the nation's capital in order to continue the trip to Atlanta." It is easy to understand why

these experiences led King to respond to the call for equality of the races. He could have stayed comfortable in the north, but he chose to go back to the South to try to bring about change. King was inspired and driven at a young age.

Leaving Morehouse with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Divinity from Crozer Theological Seminary (where he was elected president of the student body - which was composed almost entirely of white students). He then received a Ph.D. in Theology from Boston University in 1955. Here's something ironic - King received C and C+ in two terms of public speaking, yet MLK is primarily renowned for his public speaking skills. He won a Grammy posthumously (Best Spoken Word) for his recording of a 1967 address, "Why I oppose the War in Viet Nam, and in 2012 his "I Have a Dream" speech was inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame.

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# Golf

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of 2022, the Chautauqua Lake Development LLC of Springville purchased the property for just over a million dollars. They re-listed the property and this past July 2023. The 1200 Group of Buffalo bought the three parcels that made up the golf course for \$2.2 million (along with other East Lake Road real estate belonging to the James K. Webb Living Trust, and Webb's Harbor Restaurant and Bowling Lanes, Inc.). The 1200 Group is led by Bill Paladino, son of Carl Paladino the ubiquitous Buffalo developer and politician.

The first sale brought to an end a century-long run for the local recreational treasure. With origins dating to 1907, or 1914, depending on which source you reference, the course was the oldest in

the county, predating it's younger, more famous and broader brother from across the lake, The Chautauqua Golf Club by at least ten years. The history of the golf course is a little muddy, but it's generally agreed that the land was obtained by Henry Clay Fownes, designer of Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburgh, ostensibly to cater to Pittsburgh and Cleveland golfers looking to work on their game while summering on the lake. Oakmont, established in 1903, is regarded as the oldest top-ranked golf course in the United States, and has hosted 20 national golf championships; the U.S. Open is scheduled there in 2025; Chautauqua Point, overlooking the northern basin of the lake had some impressive pedigree. There is a rumor that the famed golf architect Donald Ross had a hand in designing the course, but there's no indication from The Ross Society that this

was the case (he did help design The Chautauqua Golf Club, so it's possible he took a swing by the point to take a look). The course evolved over the years into a 9-hole gem, the only golf course that touches the lake, though condominium development over the years squeezed that lakefront border down to a few precious feet directly behind the seventh green.

The weather-dependence and uncertainty of making a golf course profitable, especially in this climate, finally gave way to the economics of developing prime real estate into a more profitable venture; East Lake Road on the lake side land is simply too valuable to leave unused under snow for five months a year. The course has been closed since the sale in 2022, the repurposing of the land unavoidable.

The 1200 Group LLC, a subsidiary of The Ellicott Development Company,

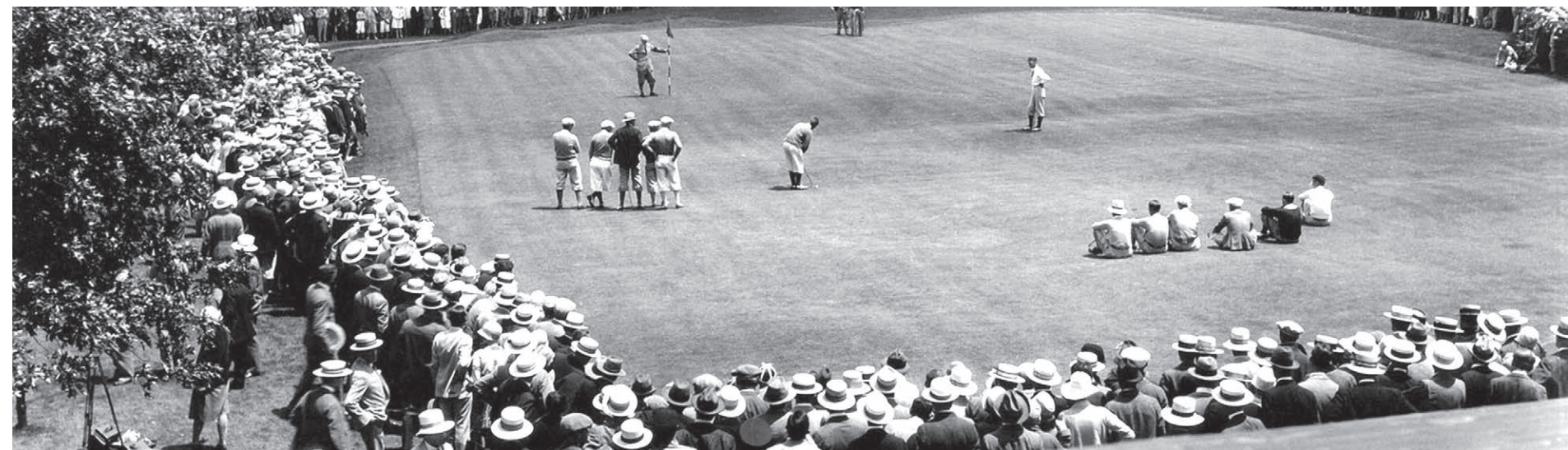
the current owner of the 31-acre property, has plans for further development which will almost assuredly mean building on the site, sacrificing the idea of golf for lake-side living. Local officials had no comments on the sale or the potential development, except to say that any development of that property will benefit the county. To be sure, though there will continue to be a constituency that will miss the rolling fairways, pristine green space, and quaint clubhouse that was the legendary Chautauqua Point Golf Course.

That leaves a potentially long road before the golf course transforms into anything substantial, but the wheels started moving with the 2023 sale. Tom Fox, Director of Development for Paladino's Ellicott Development Company says that the property is a preliminary concept development at this juncture and "no plans are ready for prime time". He



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says the project, "will be pretty transformational in time, and primarily residential in nature. Nice property. Great views." He promises to keep *The Villager* informed as the project further develops. Chautauqua county residents and guests will have to wait to see what that change will look like.



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# Celebrating what the New Year Brings: Looking Ahead to 2024



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

January is symbolized by a figure of two heads facing in opposite directions, after the god Janus. It is said that Janus is looking to the past and to the future.

So, here we are, already a third of the way through January. Many of you might still be celebrating the year-end holidays; decorations still deck the halls, and your Christmas music station and Hallmark Christmas movies are reluctantly relinquishing airtime to other radio or TV shows. On New Year's Eve at the stroke of midnight, many of you made new year's resolutions which, face it, may have already gone into the trash heap of good intentions.

Like Janus, we are

still looking back at 2023 wondering how we will make 2024 any better, more productive, happier, more fulfilling, less chaotic, etc. For most of us, that's a pretty tall order. For starters, it's an election year and you can't avoid the topic, no matter where you turn.

In my travels down rabbit holes on the 'net I found 9 retirement principles which posed these questions:

- Did we spend enough quality time with friends and family?
- Did we make any new friends?
- Did we improve our health?
- Did we learn anything new?
- Did we experience anything new?
- Did we help a lot of people?
- Did we make a lot of people smile?

• Did we find ways to stretch ourselves and get out of our comfort zones?

Goodness, that's a lot to unpack but perhaps you can look at these questions and do a bit of 2023 review for yourself. Sometimes in the chaos on social media and all that surrounds us, we forget ourselves!

As for the year coming up, it's best if we put on our big-girl and big-boy pants and face it head on. One of the best ways to keep in touch with things immediately surrounding you is to read your local and national news, as many as you can. Every one of them has a different mission and viewpoint and it behooves each one of us to sift through and gather as much perspective as we can. Here's an idea that might scare you witless - have conversations about

controversial topics, especially with those who think differently than you do. You might be surprised to learn that you are all not so different and that you share many of the same core values, even though your approach on the surface may seem diametrically opposed. After all, we all want the best life for ourselves and our loved ones, no matter which path we choose to take to find it. That doesn't make us enemies.

Too deep? OK, then just experience life every day. Do that in your local community by visiting old, favorite haunts, or find some new ones and new things to do. Locally, we can't wait for The Ellicottville Bake Shop to open, but meanwhile, step into some of the new shops that have opened

recently - Wild Roamer and Ratchet Hatchet come to mind in Ellicottville. Warrior Fitness has just opened a second location in Little Valley, joining EBC which also brought a little bit of Evl to Little Valley earlier on. Cattaraugus saw some new businesses open this year: Perky's Market, Raise of Hope, Azalea Park and Tea Room, 48 Kids, and a new coffee shop next to the bank. Speaking of Ellicottville don't forget about the Skate Park, Daily City Train and in Olean, a new skating rink by the YMCA. In a conversation with Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Brian McFadden, he informed us that every retail spot in Ellicottville is occupied for the first time in decades. I'd call that a ray of hope for what to expect in 2024. Guess the

economy is not as bad as some naysayers like to paint it to be.

In Chautauqua County, Forte Restaurant is re-opening under new management and a new establishment, She Sings Cafe opened in Mayville. Stay tuned to see what's happening at Fredonia's beautiful, historic White Inn, which is under renovation. Finally, Jamestown's Doors Open Event is February 3, Chautauqua Harbor Hotel's popular Fire and Ice Celebration is February 8-10, and Mayville's Winter Festival is February 16-18 with free admission to many events which normally charge admission. Please go to [chautauquacounty.org](http://chautauquacounty.org) for details.

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## 2 Scoops

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ice cream cakes. Their 'name of the day' contest on social media has attracted many new and returning customers, and their pop-up events continue to be successful.

Recently, John and Susan decided it was time to turn the business over to a new couple, as they begin to look towards retirement. "We'd talked about taking ownership of 2 Scoops casually a few years ago," says Mike, "but it became more serious over the past year. The timing was right, and we're looking forward to this new venture."

Having worked in the restaurant industry since he was 15 years old, Mike is very experienced in many facets of the trade. He is currently the General Manager at Ellicottville Brewing Company, but is looking forward to ownership and a different pace. "Ice cream brings happiness. We're looking forward to everything this venture has to offer."

John and Susan plan to help with the changeover for a year or two and phase out when the timing is right. "We're so happy they are willing and able to help make this a fluent transition. They've built such a great business and we're thrilled we can carry it on for them. It's been great working together thus far, and we're looking forward to brainstorming more ideas in the coming months."



John and Susan founded 2 Scoops Ice Cream 17 years ago and it has grown to become the #1 Ice Cream Shop in WNY as voted for in the 2023 Buffalo News Best of 716 Awards. 2 Scoops has become a staple in the community, offering both hard and soft serve ice cream, along with their famous ice cream tacos and ice cream cakes.



This season, 2 Scoops will be featuring more pop-up events, and is working with food vendors to bring food trucks to the shop. Mike and Brooke will continue to offer a variety of delicious ice cream treats including vegan and allergen friendly options. They're looking to get more involved in weddings and other events,

and maybe even an ice cream truck in the near future.

For more info visit [2scoopsicecream.com](http://2scoopsicecream.com) and follow on social media. Watch for their first pop up event around Valentine's Day in February. Stop down to the shop during the season at 4626 Camp Road in Hamburg, NY.

## Art Show at Pearl City Clay House

### Jamestown Artists Debut Wood Wide Web Art Exhibition

Jamestown NY: Jamestown artists debut Wood Wide Web art show at Pearl City Clay House Pearl City Clay House at 220 East 2nd St in Jamestown announces a new duo exhibition, 'Wood Wide Web' featuring Miles Hilton's fiber installation and Wendy Bale's ceramic and paper artworks. A public reception and artists' talk will be held Jan.12, from 5-7pm.



Photos L-R: Miles Hilton with an element from their 'Through the Roots' installation. Wendy Bale preparing her ceramic Mushroom Menagerie.

The underground network that connects trees—the wood wide web—is the motivating force behind these gallery installations. The artists weave together their different mediums to bring viewers into the subterranean realm and beyond.

Miles Hilton, a Jamestown-based fiber artist, is contributing 'Through the Roots', an immersive fiber-sculptural installation that invites viewers into the underground world of soil networks—the interconnected roots, mycelia, animal tunnels, and mineral veins that support plant and animal life. "I'm interested in triggering a somatic experience" Hilton says, "in inviting people to share a perspective that humans, as above-ground animals, don't always prioritize".

They do this by suspending roots and root crowns from a large wooden frame,

creating a sort of room, inset into the gallery space, that viewers can enter. Colorful handspun yarn and multicolored glass and plastic beads decorate and connect the roots, intertwining the grown and the human-made. "The color and sparkle is my way of evoking the sense of underground life," Hilton explains, "if you think 'underground' your first thought might be of wet, suffocating, darkness. But to the creatures that live there, that's not how it appears. It's just as alive as Times Square might be for us".

Through the Roots, like much of Hilton's work, is a conversation with plants and an attempt to convey something of their personhood, and their relationship with humans, to the viewer. Artist Wendy Bale works primarily in clay and paper sculpture. Her ceramic 'Mushroom Menagerie'

features over 100 realistically detailed fungi. "I've continued to add more and more mushrooms to this collection over the past year," noted Bale "mostly native species I've found in our local forests." Recent additions include a colorful fairy ring of wood blewits and a larger-than-life bio-luminescent mushroom paper sculpture.

A highlight of Bale's interpretation of the theme includes a series of framed mushroom spore prints. "Prints made from actual mushroom spores are used to help scientifically identify species, but when I made my first one I looked at it immediately as art," she explains. "I'm delighted to be able to present this exhibition with Miles...we both find this subject fascinating...and look forward to sharing it with the community."

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# New Fredonia Mayor- Mike Ferguson

Goal to Improve Quality of Life for all Surrounding Communities



On January 1, 2024, Mike Ferguson was inaugurated as the new Mayor of Fredonia, NY, pictured, center surrounded by family. Mike said, "I am not here to rule over or micromanage the community. I am here to be a leader for the community and help bring positive changes to Fredonia and its neighboring communities. I am here at the will of the people. They voted me in, hoping that good things were going to come. I believe that together, we have the ability to make that happen."

BY DARLENE BRACE

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He also said that Fredonia has a historic Victorian type of infrastructure and has always been an agricultural community. He said that he feels it's important to maintain and preserve the history of the community, but also modernize it at the same time. Finding a balance between the two can be a challenge. He said, "We have a great board of trustees that loves our community. Together we will work hard to see the community prosper and grow and find that balance."

Fredonia area residents and businesses. Recently there was discussion on different solutions to this problem. It was discussed whether the current water system should be restored, or if they would look for new avenues as a solution. After much discussion, the current projected solution is to purchase water from Dunkirk and the use of Lake Erie. Other solutions may still be considered.

Mike Ferguson has lived in the Fredonia community for over thirty years. He has worked in various capacities across the county. He recently retired from his full-time job as the Regional Sales and Marketing Director of Fredonia Place and Fredonia Place of Williamsville, after working there for over 13 years. In the fall, Mike was voted as the new mayor of Fredonia. As the new mayor, he said, "It's an honor to be elected to do public service, and my mission is to improve the quality of life for the whole community, as well

The new mayor, along with this devoted team, will be tackling some other challenges for the Fredonia community. Mike said that Fredonia has three major existing issues that will be addressed in the upcoming term. The first issue is the Fredonia water problem. For years there has been inconsistent

The second issue has to do with the hospital. As of right now, the plan is to have a new hospital built in Fredonia that will replace Brooks Hospital in Dunkirk. This new hospital would benefit the community in many ways and would continue to employ area residents. New hospital plans have yet to be determined.

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# Inside Business: Lighthouse Pt. Grocery Inc.

A Staple in Mayville and Must-See for Tourists



BY ABBY PHILLIPS

The Lighthouse is a delightful small town grocery store. When in Chautauqua it is a must-see place to visit. Owned and operated by Norm Smith (above, second from left) since 2008, he himself has worked there since he was 15 years old. Norm's staff is his other family, greeting everyone who enters with a friendly smile. He is devoted to those that reside in the area year-round and to continuing to work as a

local business. By now he knows the names of almost all customers that visit weekly if not daily and enjoys meeting new faces with the seasonal crowd that visits Chautauqua.

From high quality meat to fresh baked goods to lunch time favorites, they have created an incredible atmosphere. Locals who are stepping out for lunch during the work day appreciate how quickly they can make a delicious handmade sandwich to order and visitors who have the time to explore enjoy

seeing local goodies and produce.

I personally most enjoy their rotisserie chickens which makes for the best chicken noodle soups during these cold months in Western New York and the Philly Cheesesteak offered on Fridays. You can even reserve them ahead because they are so scrumptious that they sell out early!

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WEEKLY SYNOPSIS  
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

give his funeral oration. What follows is the most emotionally charged scene in the play, in which his words unexpectedly turn the huge crowd into a rioting mob furious at the conspirators. Throughout his remarks, he pretends he's only saying what he should and not encouraging them to do anything drastic, while in fact he's manipulating them into committing acts of vandalism and violence. Two examples are: when he says, «Let me not stir you up to such a sudden flood of mutiny!» when clearly he means "Let me stir you up to such a sudden flood of mutiny!", and when he implies he is "disposed to stir your hearts and minds to mutiny and rage". One citizen fired up by his words, incites many more to riot by telling them to pull down statues and break windows and anything else they wish. As the mob he manipulated is rioting (causing the death of an innocent person in the course of their wild acts) the people he mentioned to them are frantically fleeing the city.

To best see the very dramatic action in this scene, I highly recommend watching the excellent all-star movie version of «Julius Caesar» starring John Gielgud as the title character and Charlton Heston as Marc Antony. It was the first version of the play ever filmed in color, and it was produced by Commonwealth United Entertainment in 1970. (For the record, it was first performed in 1599 and it takes place in 44 B.C.) To easily find the scene in which Marc Antony makes the speech, go to Youtube, find it and click to 1:06:21.

After the conspirators have fled the country, Marc Antony; Caesar's adopted son, Octavius; and Lepidus, a banker join forces to gain control of the Roman Empire. They assemble an army go after the conspirators, and it relentlessly pursues the forces of the opposing side. Months later, after a leader of the conspirators orders an attack, it seems as though his side is about to win. But, no, it loses due to a single action by the servant of the man who ordered it. When he asks his servant about the progress of the attack, he mistakenly reports that their side is losing because he thinks the soldiers he sees at a distance are surrounding soldiers on their side to attack them. In fact, ironically, they're cheering them on. When his hears the report, he believes he's about to be captured and he's so afraid of being tortured to death that he kills himself. As a result, his side does lose, and the Roman Empire is preserved.

It's very unusual for the title character in a play to die halfway through it and it's even more unusual for him to be murdered. When the play begins, Julius Caesar, a Roman general and a statesman, is celebrating a victory in battle. The common people are happy about this, but the aristocrats are very unhappy because Caesar is okay with letting the common people have more rights. They want to preserve their privileges, no matter how ruthless they have to be, and a group of them begins conspiring to assassinate him. Soon after, they fatally stab him in the Capitol building, in front of the Senators and others. Right after that, when everyone is shocked, one of them makes a speech to a huge crowd of citizens to try to persuade them that their horrible act was the right thing to do. His listeners accept what he says.

After he speaks, Marc Antony, a politician and a general, who was a good friend of Caesar's, asks to

be entertained on Saturday, as there will be live music by Tyler McClain. Tyler will be playing rock, county, and pop tunes in the Sports Bar from 6-10 pm. Later that night, adults can enjoy the performance by Tiny Music. They will be performing party rock covers from the 70's to present in the Bistro 210 starting at 9:30pm. On Sunday, Brown Dog Acoustics will be performing starting at 6pm in the Sports Bar.

**Sunday January 14** -The Northwest Arena will be hosting the Love is in the Air Wedding Show from 11am-2pm. This boutique wedding show will include a bridal fashion show, with exclusive deals and discounts only available at this event. You will be able to meet some of the top vendors of Western New York. There will be florists, photographers, caterers, bakers, and more. You can enjoy all this while sipping on a mimosa from the mimosa bar. If you want more information, call Tanya Ronaldo at 716-484-2624.

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There is a variety of entertainment to tempt you to get out of the house this winter weekend. Look for next week's issue to see what's else is happening in Chautauqua County.

The Porcelain Busdrivers. You will enjoy their mix of rock and pop music, and you should be ready to dance the night away.

Big Inlet Brewing will be hosting The Living Room Jam Band. They put on a great show including a creative mix of Americana, county and folk blues, while playing originals and covers. Enjoy the great music at this relaxing venue starting at 5:30pm.

Movies at The Reg continues Saturday night in downtown Jamestown with a showing of Napoleon. This movie chronicles the rise and fall of Napoleon. It showcases his political and military tactics as well as his love life with Josephine. The show starts at 8pm, and you can purchase tickets at reglenna.com up until two hours before the show starts.

In western Chautauqua County off of Route 86, head out to the Cooler Cafe Bar and Grill in Sherman, NY. You will be entertained by Erie PA's Tito and Vince from 7-10pm. Bring your friends and hang out while listening to their acoustic versions of country, rock, and pop favorites.

Peek n' Peak in Clymer NY is having a full schedule of events this weekend. If your kids want to learn how to ski or improve their skills, this weekend Peek n' Peak will be having their Freestyle Camp. The camp will be for kids 10yrs-18yrs and will be 9am-3:30pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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Happenings in Chautauqua County this Week

By DARLENE BRACE

Now we are in the middle of winter in Western New York. You may be tempted to stay home and snuggle by the fireplace, but if you are still looking to go out to do something fun, here's what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

**Friday January 12th**- Big Inlet Brewing in Mayville will be hosting live music by Michael Gerholdt starting at 6pm. Come listen to Michael play some classic rock and folk music while sipping on your favorite beverage.

Popular local band Ion Sky will be playing at Buddy Brewster's Ale House in Lakewood starting at 7pm. They will be playing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list. Enjoy some food and drink from Buddy Brewster's diverse menu while enjoying some great live music.

If you are into trivia, check out the Pop Culture Trivia Night at the Southern Tier Distillery from 6pm-8pm. It is free to play, and it is open to all ages. Show off your knowledge and who knows, maybe you and your team will win a prize.

**Saturday January 13**- There will be a Winter Dance Party at the DoubleTree Hotel ballroom in downtown Jamestown. The dance party starts at 8pm and there is a \$5 cover charge. The entertainment will be provided by the popular multi-talented local band

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By: MouthSayTongue

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The Gin Mill's Thursday musical guest is The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY

Taqueria is first up with Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared plays a pop/rock/jazz set of covers to accompany the areas only Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with County Lines from 6:30-10pm. This WNY band plays a modern country rock/red dirt country/southern rock set of covers and originals. The back bar will host Conner Brien and Noah Evers from 10-1am. They play acoustic rock from the 80's-2000's. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Live-n-Kickin from 8-12am. This band plays a multi genre set of covers that will have you dancing. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast sat-sun 9-11am.

FTR hosts Interstate

Daydream from 8-11pm. This couple plays a rock/pop/blues/folk set of covers with some soulful vocals provided by Marge Tucker. Try your hand at the pool table, dart board, Birdie King video game.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia from 9-2am providing the thump, thump for the bump, bump in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This duo plays a country/ folk/ rock set of covers. The Joe Wagner Band take the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/country rock/blues/folk set of covers you'll know the words to. If you like craft cocktails made with high end spirits try the Carriage House Sissebar.

Balloons returns with Christian Kramer and the Backwoods Revival from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a country set of covers. In the back bar Michael Nowak will perform from 10-1am. He plays a rock/pop/country set of covers. Dj Lyfe will provide the sauce so you can shake it like a boss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia from 9-2am playin the groove so you can bust-a-move on the dance floor. Let the A-Team behind the pine shake up one of those crazy shots you clubbers drink.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill brings back The Chillbillys immediately following the Bills victory till 7pm. Two Guys Drinking Beer will follow them from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play all your favorite oldies that

you can dance and sing along to.

Villaggio will be open for the game and then host their weekly AYCE Pasta and prime rib special from 5-9pm. This weeks musical host is Garden Party from 5:30-8:30pm. They tell me it's an acoustic, percussive group who plays yacht rock in a good way.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beer to wash em down. The musical hosts are my good friends Pat Harrington and Owen Eichensehr from 6-9pm. These two singer/songwriter/ guitar virtuosos play a vast song list of all styles of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Monday music offering is Red Gray from 7-11pm. Red plays an outlaw and classic country/classic and southern rock set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group of seasoned local musicians from various different bands who have been playing together for over a decade plays an eclectic set of Americana/roots style music.

We end our weekend like we have for the last 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing Wednesday from 7-11pm. Brian Rick is the musical host playing a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers while you work your way through the 37 beers on tap.

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

Beat on the Street:

"What Did You Do When You Had Covid?"

BY CHAD NEAL

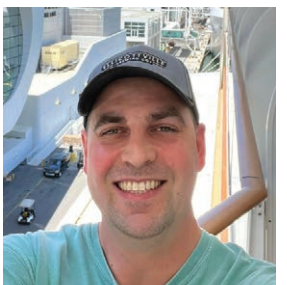
It was a big scare a few years ago. We were ordered to quarantine and not leave our houses and such. It was a weird time indeed. Since then they've made the vaccine they were working on and found treatments for it, but a lot of people died from the Covid 19. It seems to be a thing now, like getting the regular flu. It acts like the regular flu and can be tame especially if you've had the vaccine. But there is a chance of spreading it, like any old viral infection, but it seems this is deadlier for some people especially those with underlying issues. It's been going around and a lot of people in the area have reported testing positive, which is another new thing for people, testing for it right at your home without a doctor or lab work being involved. You're supposed to quarantine yourself for five days upon feeling the symptoms, some don't and share it with the world. What did you do when you had Covid?



Jen H.- Smelled a jar of minced garlic and said "s\*\*t"... I couldn't smell garlic!



David Q.- I did everything I wanted to do ... just didn't have to go to work!! Got a lot of hiking and camera work done... it was nice!



Matt G.- I watched all the Marvel movies in timeline order.



Brady P.- Lil man and I had it together with no symptoms, so we played in the yard and upgraded his tree fort!



Jeanine Z.- Found really creative ways to keep the paper running!



Sara I.- Sat in my room for 7 very long days. However when everyone was asleep I would sneak outside at night and just star gaze for hours. Enjoying the night air. Caught up on my sleep, binge watched Yellowstone, Queen Sugar, and relaxed lol.

Be a part of the art! Submit your ideas to info@thevillagerny.com

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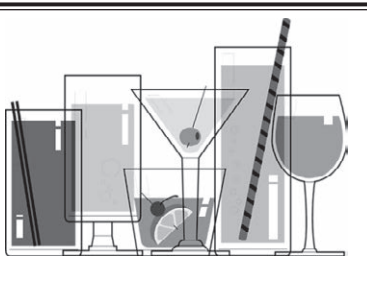
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

## King

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wife, Coretta Scott, was that they were married in her father's backyard in Marion, Alabama, and spent their honeymoon night in a guest room at a funeral parlor owned by a friend since no local hotel would open their doors to a black couple.

When you read about MLK's civil disobedience, perhaps these backstories might leave you better informed as to how and why he fought those battles which eventually cost him his life.

One more bit of trivia – When a movement to pass legislation to create a day honoring MLK was presented, it was held back and objected to by President Ronald Reagan and Senator Jesse Helms and only got passed through the intervention of then Senator John F. Kennedy.

This year, Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be recognized on Monday, Jan. 15, 2024. While the holiday is always celebrated on the third Monday of January, this year it will fall on King's birthday.

## Project

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help keep the money being spent by the Government in the local region, with more work performed by local businesses and contractors.

Looking ahead, the West Valley Demonstration Project has plans to address an underground strontium-90 plume emanating from the building. The site's location has always sparked speculation and controversy, particularly concerning its proximity to the waterway. With underground radioactive hazards in steel tanks, the challenge lies in determining the appropriate course of action, given its location on a plateau above Cattaraugus Creek, which ultimately flows into Lake Erie.

Federal officials have acknowledged that leaving the steel tanks in place and excavating only parts of the trenches is a potential option, considering studies indicating that some remaining radioactive materials have a maximum half-life of 30 years.

For more information, visit the website above.

## Mayor

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He said that this is evident in the participation of the community in the festivals and events that happen in Fredonia throughout the year. When discussing upcoming events, Mike said, "Festivals Fredonia is planning seven or eight big events this year, as they did last year. We are also working closely with a new foundation called Embrace Fredonia. Embrace Fredonia is a nonprofit organization that does fundraising and gives support in various ways to the Fredonia community. This year they held a big trivia event, and they helped raise money for new Christmas decorations that were displayed around the village." Mike also stated that together, they are hoping to plan a big event for the eclipse in April, as well as continuing with the farm festival and other events that have been successful in the past.

Mike said, "I am not here to rule over or micromanaged the community. I am here to be a leader for the community and help bring positive changes to Fredonia and its neighboring communities. I am here at the will of the people. They voted me in, hoping that good things were going to come. I believe that together, we have the ability to make that happen."

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## HomeCare & Hospice Foundation

### 30th Annual Spring Bouquet Sale: Place Order by Feb. 9

OLEAN- HomeCare & Hospice Foundation is preparing for its 30th Annual Spring Bouquet Sale, a fundraiser held every March to benefit members of our community facing life-limiting illness. All proceeds from the bouquet sales will benefit terminally ill hospice patients and their families throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee and Wyoming counties.

An 18-stem bouquet will be available for \$25 each. Orders can be placed online at <https://BouquetSale.givesmart.com> or by contacting their new administrative headquarters, located at 115 E. Main Street, Allegany, NY 14706 at (716) 372-2106. Chocolate bars from Oliver's Candies in Batavia will be available for \$2 each at on-site locations in Olean, Arcade, Wellsville, Warsaw and Batavia.


"We're excited to be kicking off our 30th year bringing beautiful bouquets to the communities we serve," said Melissa Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer at HomeCare & Hospice.



Orders should be placed no later than February 9th at 4:30pm. The bouquets will be delivered and available for pickup the week of March 10th. Contact HomeCare & Hospice, (716) 372-2106.

## Retro Images

### Photo Picks From Days Gone By



**The GM Futurliner**  
The GM Futurliners were a group of custom vehicles, styled in the 1940s by Harley Earl for General Motors, and integral to the company's Parade of Progress—a North American traveling exhibition promoting future cars and technologies.



# Cure

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salad, chips, lemonade and fruit. There will be music, basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, and more. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go to benefit the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

It promises to be a very exciting day for skiing and winter sports enthusiasts of all abilities! More than just providing a day of great fun, it will recognize cancer survivors and their families while helping cancer research and programs at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Care. The programs and research that will be helped include: the Essential Quality of Life programs, which support patients and caregivers, the Phase II testing of the SurVaxM brain cancer vaccine developed at Roswell Park, the advancement of research initiatives to find new therapies for hard-to-treat cancers, and the next generation of new clinical trials.

This event was inspired



by the world's biggest ski day in Colorado, the Pink Vail Event, which has raised money for more than ten years for a Colorado-based cancer center. This is your chance to help Ski 4 A Cure make a similar impact here in Western New York.

"It's encouraging to know that for every dollar donated to cancer research, Roswell Park is now able to leverage an additional \$23 from external grants towards research", said Tom Doran, one of the organizers of the event. "We're looking forward to expanding our parade on

skis and snowboards for cancer survivors, family and friends."

"The bombardier game, the timed racing and the scavenger hunt will award more prizes this year, and there will be bigger and better baskets", he added.

To buy tickets for the event, go to: holimont.com, click on "Events" and scroll down to the listing for "Ski 4 a Cure".

Any questions? E-mail them to Tom Doran at tdoranwriter@gmail.com. You can get your ticket on HoliMont's event page today!

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF REPUBLICAN PARTY CAUCUS VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE** Notice is hereby given that a Republican Party Caucus for making Nomination of candidates for Village officers in the Village of Ellicottville will be held on January 23d, 2024 at 6pm at the Village and Town Hall, One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York.

Candidates are to be nominated by said caucus for the offices of: Mayor - 4 year term; Trustee- 4 year term; Trustee- 4 year term  
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## ~ Sami Manirath, 1972-2024 ~

### Dunkirk/Fredonia Area Woman Passed Away Unexpectedly

Sami Manirath, age 52 of Dunkirk/Fredonia, NY, passed away unexpectedly on January 3, 2024, following injuries sustained in a tragic car accident.

Sami, the daughter of Bounny Manirath and the late Scott Manirath, was born on January 1, 1972 in Laos, and set forth on a journey to the United States in 1980, bringing with her a vibrant spirit and a heart full of dreams.

Sami proudly graduated from Dunkirk High School and pursued her passion for law, earning her license from the University at Buffalo, excelling across various fields of law. Beyond her professional pursuits, Sami found immense joy in her culinary talents, crafting dishes that included the warmth of her love and rich heritage. Recently establishing 'Sami's Cuisine' in Fort

Kent, ME, she poured her heart into this endeavor, while residing with her beloved fiancé, Jeffrey Zewe.

Sami was passionate about a healthy life style, making exercise a regular part of her routine. She found joy in the outdoors, especially in cherished moments spent boating. But above all, she loved nothing more than spending time with her children, who were her utmost pride and joy, Kaitlin A. Wallace (Spencer Koepfel) and Brandon D. Wallace, who were the center of her world.

Sami is survived by her cherished children, and devoted sisters- Vanhdy Fix (Jamie) and Savyvanh Richards (Ryan), along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a vast circle of dear friends, all of whom were touched by her kindness and generosity.



A viewing to honor and celebrate Sami's remarkable life will be held on Saturday, January 13th between 1-4pm, followed by a brief ceremony at 4pm, located at McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home, 736 Central Ave, Dunkirk, NY 14048.

Flowers are gratefully appreciated and Donations can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua. County in remembrance of Sami's spirit of giving and the love for children.

## Development Projects Across CHQ County

CCPEG Awards 14 Grants Totaling \$242K



**JAMESOTWN, NY:** -- The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) has announced the recipients of its 2024 round of grant funding, used to support economic development projects that focus on revitalization and long-term strategic investment throughout Chautauqua County, consistent with the county's economic development strategic plan. This year, 14 different projects across the county will receive a total \$242,000 in grant support from CCPEG. The total value of all 14 projects is estimated to be \$1.88 million. Projects receiving funding come from across Chautauqua County, including Bemus Point, Dunkirk, Findley Lake, Jamestown, and Lakewood. The applicant receiving the largest amount of CCPEG grant funding was the Village

of Lakewood, which was awarded \$30,000 for the Hartley Park Waterfront Revitalization & Improvement Project. Four other projects each received \$25,000, including: Arrowhead Redevelopment Project (Chautauqua Opportunities), Chautauqua County Fair Conceptual Planning and Enhancement Project (Chautauqua County Ag & Fair Association), Dream It Do It Advance Manufacturing Program (Dream It Do It WNY), and Reg Lenna Center for the Arts' Theater Seats & Auditorium Improvement project.

"We were very happy to see a large number of applicants apply for funding," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development. "Over the past two years, we've supported numerous high priority projects designed to spur economic development, and that trend will con-

tinue this year." Funding from the projects comes from a variety of sources, including Chautauqua County ARPA funding and funding from a multi-year grant from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. The next round of CCPEG Support for Economic Development Projects will open in the fall of 2024.

A total of 19 applications seeking \$506,000 in total grant support from CCPEG were submitted by the deadline at the end of October. Grant awards typically range between \$10,000 and \$20,000, but requests of up to \$50,000 were considered. Projects were selected based on a number of criteria including, readiness, economic impact, leverage potential, geographic distribution, alignment with the economic development strategic plan, and based on input from CCPEG's public-private Advisory Board.

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## From Bryan's Brain



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## Born in January



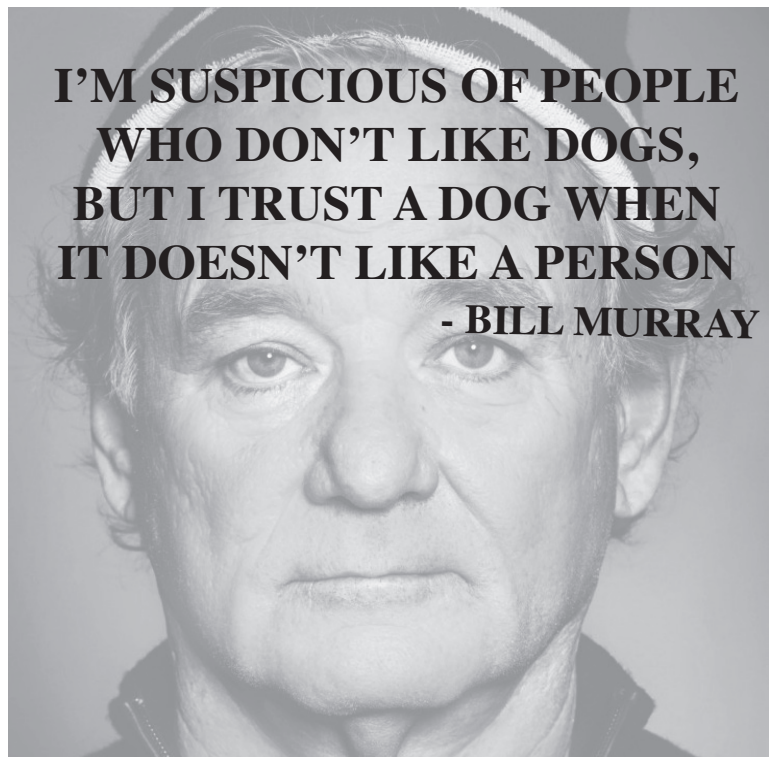
### Dave Grohl

The Foo Fighters Founding Member and Former Drummer for Nirvana was born January 14, 1969 in Warren Ohio

## Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"

I'M SUSPICIOUS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE DOGS, BUT I TRUST A DOG WHEN IT DOESN'T LIKE A PERSON  
- BILL MURRAY





# Views From Ellicottville NY: The New Year Brought Fresh Snow



Photos by Jon Elder

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American DND Invites you to take advantage of a casual, informational session to learn about the Project and meet with American DND Representatives. We are reaching out to local, WNY based businesses to help everyone learn about the project and discuss opportunities for being part of the future work onsite.



**Business Opportunity:** This next prime contract being bid by the US-DOE Environmental Cleanup Program for Phase 1B at the WVDP is estimated to be used for up to 10 years with an estimated budget between \$1B-\$3B depending on final scope and funding allocations.

The next contract affords the opportunity to generate local business opportunities and jobs to sustain economic development in our communities.



The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking a contractor for the continuation of Phase 1B Deactivation and Demolition (D&D) and Soil Remediation activities to be performed at the DOE West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Site in western New York state. The major elements of scope include, but are not limited to: Removal of the below-grade portion of the Main Plant Process Building (MPPB), Vitrification Facility (VF), Ancillary Support Building, and the remediation of soils within Waste Management Area (WMA)-1; Removal of the Radioactive Waste Water Treatment System, including the lagoons, and remediation of the soils within WMA-2; maintenance of the Remote Handled Waste Facility (RHWF); operation and maintenance (O&M) of the of Reservoir, Spillway & Rail Line; management of the Permeable Treatment Wall (PTW); management of the High Level Waste Canister Interim Storage Facility; management of the Waste Tank Farm; management of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licensed Disposal Area; Waste Management and handling of nuclear materials; Safeguards and Security (S&S); Environmental, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance (ESH&QA) requirements and business administration; and day-to-day operations, maintenance, and repair of designated facilities, systems, and equipment. For more information visit: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/WVDP/PHASE1B>.

The West Valley Demonstration Project is a unique operation within the Department of Energy. It came into being through the West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980. The Act requires that the Department is responsible for solidifying the high-level waste, disposing of waste created by the solidification, and decommissioning the facilities used in the process. The land and facilities are not owned by the Department. Rather, the project premises are the property of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and represents only 200 acres of the larger Western New York Service Center, which is approximately 3,300 acres, also owned by NYSERDA. After DOE's responsibilities under the Act are complete, the Act requires that the premises be returned to New York State. Until that time, the Act requires New York State to pay 10 percent of the Project costs, and the Department pays the remaining 90 percent.

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