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MOVIES AT THE REG - DREAM SCENARIO
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Jamestown, NY

RTPI ART AFTER FIVE FEAT. THE ASSEMBLY
Friday, January 26 • 5:30pm
Jamestown, NY

MICHAEL KENT AT RAY EVANS THEATER
Saturday, January 27 • 6pm
Salamanca, NY

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Saturday January 27, • 10am
Celoron, NY

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Saturday, February 10 • 7pm
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WNY Mountain Biking Association

Fat Tire Biking in the Winter Months



Loud Performance is hosting their annual Fat Tire Frenzy event on February 3rd in Bemus Point. This event was started to gather the mountain biking community for a fun, competitive day of racing in the winter. Events include cross country race, dual slalom race.

By KATE BARTLETT

As the winter months continue to unfold, many are looking for a way to embrace this snow

laden time of year. Members of the WNY Mountain Biking Association lean into the winter

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Doors Open Jamestown

Inviting You to Be a Tourist in Your Own Town



By DARLENE BRACE

On Saturday February 3rd, Jamestown will be having its annual Doors Open event from 10am-4pm. This an annual event has been taking place in Jamestown for many years and was first coordinated by The Jamestown Renaissance

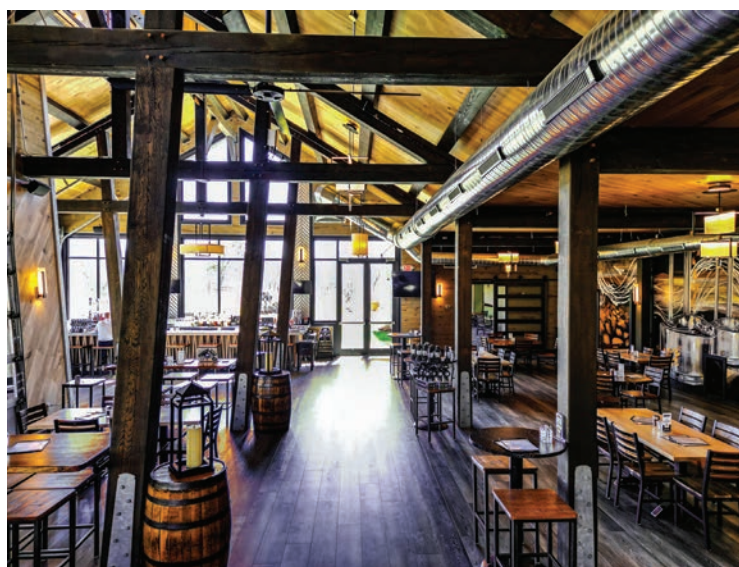
Corporation. The last few years it has been coordinated by the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce.

Doors Open was launched years ago to encourage the community to go to local attractions, businesses,

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Galentine's Day Brunch at EBC

First Annual Celebration at Little Valley Location



The Little Valley location of Ellicottville Brewing Company (202 Second Street in Little Valley, NY, 14755) offers stunning winter views hills and country landscapes with cozy vibes just a few miles outside the village of Ellicottville.

By KATE BARTLETT

With Valentine's Day on the Horizon, many of us gals (and fellas!) are looking for a way to celebrate with our friend. Join Ellicottville Brewing Company at the first annual

Galentine's Day Brunch at the Little Valley location (202 2nd Street, Little Valley, NY 14755) on Sunday, February 4th from 11-1pm with an all-you-can-eat buffet and

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Chautauqua Winter 5k Series

Chautauqua Striders (More than an Athletic Club)



By BILL BURK

The start of the inaugural Chautauqua Striders Winter 5K Series was staggered, sending the slower runners out first, the faster at the back. If all went according to plan, the hundred or so runners would converge on the finish line at the same time, a competitive sprint for the tape. It was an exciting,

novel idea, giving everyone in the race a chance to cross the finish line first.

The Running in the USA web site shows 24 road races scheduled for Chautauqua County this coming year, all in the Spring and summer. Full-fledged road races in the winter around here are rare, getting

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Sneak Peek

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Buffalo's Wild Winter Weather Week ... pg. 8

Another Storm for the Books



The much-anticipated Bills Playoff Game was pushed to Monday afternoon, as Mother Nature had other plans. Bills Mafia showed their true colors and fans showed up to shovel out the stadium, a task not to be taken lightly in the midst of a driving ban. The lights stayed on through the night, construction equipment and fans working tirelessly to dig out the stadium. The show must go on.

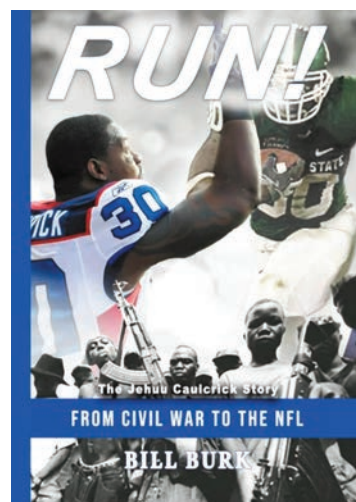
Come Monday, Orchard Park majestically had about 24 hours of blue skies, just long enough to finish digging out the stadium and allow fans to tailgate and cheer on their hometown team to a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Snowballs of celebration hit the field as fans and players rejoiced in true Buffalo fashion.

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Local Spotlight: Author Bill Burk

Insider Prospective on Finding the Muse



By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

"How do I begin?": Artists and writers worst dilemma.....

In last week's Villager, you may have read a well-crafted, and very informative story about the proposed updating of the famed,

circa 1881, Athenaeum Hotel at Chautauqua Institution. It was written by a new writer for *The Villager*, Bill Burk, who presently lives in Bemus Point and is also a published author of the book, *RUN! From Civil War to the NFL: The Jehuu Caulcrick Story: The Bullet Doesn't Pick and Choose*, available on Amazon. Spoiler: in 2010 Caulcrick briefly played for the Buffalo Bills.

This writer had an opportunity to trade thoughts with Burk and we both wryly laughed when he said one of the hardest parts of writing is getting inspired ... perhaps hoping, somehow, a Muse will inspire us. Historically, a Muse is generally a person who is a source of artistic inspiration. In mythology, The Muses were nine

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Art After 5 at RTPI

Evening of Music, Nature, and Art



This Friday, from 5:30-7:30pm, at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, Art After 5 will feature versatile band The Assembly, covering genres from pop to swing.

By MILES HILTON

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute's (RTPI) Art After 5 program draws a varied crowd to appreciate RTPI's exhibits, enjoy local music, and socialize over snacks and drinks. Events, which take place about once a month, feature two hours of live music by a local musician or group and access to the Institute's exhibitions.

This Friday, January 23, Art After 5 will feature versatile band The Assembly, covering genres from pop to swing. Exhibitions on view include Chautauqua County En Plein Air, featuring plein-air art by local artists inspired by the West New York landscape; An Abundance of Riches, an exhibit of woodcuts by Andrea Rich; and Small Worlds: Betsy Abbott and Spencer Frazer.

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Publisher's Word

"Winter Wonderland"



We are now in the height of winter and surrounded by activities and festivals that embrace it. Take advantage of the natural beauty that surrounds us. What are your favorite wintertime spots, sports and events? From the slopes and trails of our resorts to the candlelight at your favorite restaurant; what are your winter top picks – we would like to share them with our readers. Each week we bring you stories of people and businesses in our community and have a call out to each of you to participate with ideas and submissions. Our communities are great to go out and explore. Let us know what you find next time you go out the door. Send in your ideas and submissions to info@thevillager.com or simply go to our website, www.thevillager.com and click "Submit Materials", we look forward to hearing from you!

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Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive

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Sleigh Rides at Chautauqua
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Soak in that wintertime glow as Chautauqua lies in a blanket of snow! Join the Stateline Draft Horse Club on a seasonal sleigh ride around the historic grounds, every Sat./Sun. through Feb. 25 from 1-3 p.m. Tickets available at the Chautauqua Bookstore: \$5/adult, \$3/child and children under 2 free.

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The "Flock" fundraiser is being conducted by the Tri County Arts Council, in Olean to raise funds to support our kids arts programming for 2024.

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Pioneer Life, Tuesday, January 30th

Presented by the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in tandem with Arts for Learning WNY this program leads us in discovering what life was like in the 1800s. We will examine diaries from the 1800s and we will get the opportunity to try out some of the daily chores that they would have had to do. The program will conclude with a fun activity from the 1800s. The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maples Road and can be reached by calling (716) 699-2842.

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Be a Part of the Art!

Continued Growth in Ellicottville, NY

Preserving Ellicottville while Expanding the Future

By JEFF MARTIN
THE VILLAGER

prevalence of short-term rentals, commonly associated with platforms like Airbnb.

Village officials said this week that specific areas within the village permit short-term rentals, allowing nightly or weekend stays with the possession of a valid license. Parenti said he was pleased that the village's regulations, passed in 2023, was a step forward but that it was critical that small municipalities and the state reach a shared consensus about the issue moving forward.

Parenti, concerned over the potential impact of these rentals on the community, advocated for the implementation of regulations to safeguard the well-being of the village.

Parenti drew attention to issues such as noise

disturbances, safety hazards, and potential impacts on property values as compelling reasons for regulatory intervention, especially in the context of licensed short-term rentals.

Parenti encouraged the village to establish uniformity with its regulations, which the village agreed to do. The village's attorney was not present on Tuesday to offer any opinion about the matter, though Mayor John Burrell said he was aware of it.

Like Parenti, Burrell expressed some confusion about a recent New York City law that requires property owners renting the properties to be on site while it's being rented.

"We have done something," Burrell told Parenti.

GROWTH ON ROUTE 219

Brief mention was made this week about a new Crosbys Gas Station and convenience store on State Route 219.

The village board heard that an ongoing traffic impact study may include other potential projects near the store, which will be located across from Steelbound.

The store will feature regular favorites but will also have a drive-thru, according to officials.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

In other news, Parenti, a local resident, encouraged the village to do what's necessary to align itself with state recommendations regarding the increasing

Ellicottville Historical Society Shortage

Facing Storage Challenges, Seeks Town's Support

By JEFF MARTIN
THE VILLAGER

Dawn Westfall of the Ellicottville Historical Society said this week, the organization is grappling with a pressing need for storage and office space. Currently, overflow records are dispersed across various members' homes, posing logistical challenges for the society's operations.

Westfall shared that the historical society had explored the option of expanding their existing space but faced a setback last year when their grant application was not successful. They plan to reapply for a grant this year in the hopes of securing funds to expand their facilities.

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Wicked Warren's Brewing Headed to Jmst.

CHQ. IDA Approves Loan for New Business on W 3rd St



Wicked Warren's is making plans to expand into the Jamestown market by purchasing the property at 115-121 W. 3rd St., formerly known as Jamestown Brewing Company. On Jan. 23, 2024, the CCIDA Board of Directors approved a \$950,000 loan for the project, contingent on the business's ability to secure additional funding to complete the purchase of the property.

JAMESTOWN, NY: — At its January 23, 2024 meeting, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved a \$950,000 low-interest loan to Wicked Jimmy's LLC, to support the purchase of property at 115-121 West 3rd Street in Jamestown, the site of the former Jamestown Brewing Company building. If the project comes to fruition, Wicked Jimmy's will be the LLC operating the business as Wicked Warren's. It will be operated by Robert Roth, who is also majority owner of the initial Wicked Warren's, already in operation in Warren, Pa. Roth will serve as president of the Jamestown operation and has 27 years of experience running his own business. In addition, the proposed Jamestown business will include a vice president and head brewer with over 15 years of brewing experience, along with a front of house and banquet manager with 12 years of experience, both of whom currently work at the Wicked Warren's location in Pennsylvania.

"We've done considerable planning and are looking forward to getting this business up and running as soon as possible," Roth said. "Once open and operational, Wicked Jimmy's will brew craft beer, serve food, and host corporate meetings and ball room events. It will also provide live music, feature a 'Speak Easy Room,' and in the future open a roof top bar. Our goal is to make 119 West 3rd St, Jamestown's premier entertainment destination." "The property is at a prime location for this type of operation, in close proximity to the Comedy Center, Northwest Arena, and other downtown Jamestown attractions. The former Jamestown Brewing Company, which was located in the facility, steadily grew its customer base until the onset of the COVID pandemic. We are confident that Wicked Warren's will do the same, based on what they're doing in Warren, and bring new life to Downtown Jamestown," said Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA. "We're excited to see new life come

into this property after being vacant for nearly four years," said Jamestown Mayor Kimberly Ecklund. "Having a craft brewery, restaurant, and banquet facility located in the core of downtown Jamestown will help to boost both visitor and local foot traffic, while also providing additional job opportunities for our local residents." "It's great to see the further expansion our beverage and service industry in Chautauqua County, especially by a team with a proven track record. Once open, the Wicked Warren's Jamestown location will help to encourage both area residents and out of town visitors to come to the downtown," said Chautauqua County Executive Paul "PJ" Wendel. The total estimated cost of the project would be \$2.35 million and would result in the creation of 40 jobs. Terms of the CCIDA loan are \$950,000 at 4.00% for 20 years, and is contingent on the company's ability to secure additional funding for the project. The opening date is planned for March 2024.

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Report on the Resort

A Ski Tip Courtesy of "Captain Kirk"

BY DAN BALKIN

James T. Kirk – Commander of the legendary Starship Enterprise? Uh, no. This is not a “Beam me up, Scotty” moment - but a HoliMont moment. Bob Kirk, affectionately known among us as “Captain Kirk” was a Canadian ski fanatic who skied for many years at HoliMont (Bob is now well into his 80s and skis closer to home in Ontario). Our Captain Kirk constantly raved about a Canadian skiing ace named JF Beaulieu, whose name, if you struggled with the NYS French Regents Exam, is much easier to pronounce while sipping a Molson Canadian. To be honest, there are so many skiing gurus who now populate the internet and YouTube that I was a tad skeptical. I was wrong.

I watched, among other JF Beaulieu videos, an 11:13 long video on YouTube called “Technical presentation 1 Core strength to generate power.” 11:13 goes by quickly in this world and if you want to improve your skiing, this video is well worth 11 minutes of your time. In short, JF explains that one of the keys to feel balanced while skiing is to keep tension in your core and to feel loose at your other extremities (especially your feet and legs) to absorb the pressures and forces that build up while doing turns on a slippery incline – aka “skiing.”

One of the analogies JF uses is to think of our bodies as being like a “Marionette” puppet. We don’t encounter the term Marionette in everyday life, but it is simply a puppet like Pinocchio that we have seen on TV being guided by strings. JF says, while skiing, imagine yourself being like a Marionette that someone has grabbed around the middle. In JF’s words, “The core is now solid, but the extremities are loose.” Brilliant. Why? It is just like in our car: the body of the car is “solid”, and the shock absorbers below are “loose.” Imagine how miserable driving would be if the shock absorbers were “solid” and the body of our car was “soft” – we would be endlessly shaken and jostled. To extend the analogy to skiing, JF is saying one key to skiing well is to maintain a solid core while allowing our legs to feel loose and act like shock absorbers to glide smoothly over the terrain. A weak core, on



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In this photo, we see HoliMont instructors Dave Terney and Michael Wright obliging us to demonstrate an incorrect and correct skiing stance. Photo/ Captain Kirk.

the other hand, causes our ankles, knees, and legs to tense up and be jostled and thrown by variable conditions such as firmer snow, steeper pitches, or fresh snow that gets pushed into piles from skier traffic.

In the photo, we see HoliMont instructors Dave Terney and Michael Wright obliging us to demonstrate an incorrect and correct skiing stance. Please try it yourself – it will bring the point home. Stand up, and like Michael wearing the cap, push your spine toward your belly button. This will arch your back. From this arched back position try to lift one of your legs while keeping your rising foot under your hips – you will notice you have a very limited range of motion; you will feel a bit tense and “locked up.” For that reason, we don’t want to arch our backs while skiing. Dave on the left, in contrast, is pulling

his belly button toward his spine – not arching but rounding his lower back. Please try that and notice how much freer and looser your joints now feel if you try to raise one leg up with your rising foot under your hips. When skiing, would you rather have your legs feel loose to absorb the terrain or stiff and be jostled by the terrain? No brainer – loose. When our core is strong and our legs are loose, we can ski smoothly.

Bottom Line: JF’s great ski tip, in a nutshell, is to ski with some tension in your core by PULLING YOUR BELLY BUTTON TOWARD YOUR SPINE. It’s simple, and it works! We often hear about the importance of “Core Strength” in other sports, but it is often a neglected topic in skiing. Thanks Captain Kirk – Turning us on to JF Beaulieu has “... boldy sent us where no skier has gone before”!



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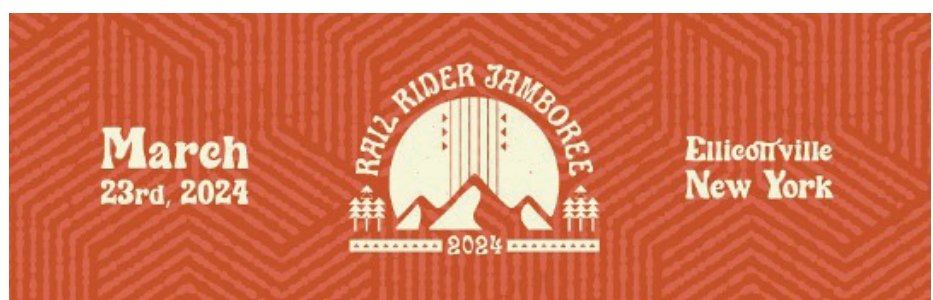
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H.V. Resort & Borderland Music Team Up

3rd Annual Rail Rider Jamboree, March 23, 2024



Ellicottville NY- The promoters of Borderland Music + Arts Festival have teamed up with Holiday Valley Resort to bring you the Rail Rider Jamboree for the 3rd year. The event will take place March 23rd, 2024 at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, New York. Grammy award winning artist, The Infamous String-dusters will be headlining the day, supported by up and coming female rocker Karina Rykman and Buffalo natives Wild Knights. The Wild Knights features members of the band Organ Fairchild and will be performing Grateful Dead and All-man Bros. music. Also performing will be the regional band from Syracuse, Dirty Blanket from Buffalo and the New Orleans style marching band, Brass Machine will also perform at the Jamboree. The day will kick off at Holiday Valley Resort

with bluegrass and bloody mary's at the base of Holiday Valley. The Rail Rider Jamboree weekend will coincide with Holiday Valley's pond skating event, a celebration of the end of ski season. The weekend will be filled with music, skiing, snowboarding, brews, craft vendors and so much more; The definition of a Jamboree is "a large celebration or party, typically a lavish and boisterous one" and that is what the Rail Rider Jamboree is planning for all attendees. The Jamboree is outdoors with music starting around 1pm on Saturday with doors opening at 12pm and will take place at Holiday Valley Resort Bear Lot right next to the Holiday Valley Lodge. Rail Rider Jamboree will kick off the weekend on Friday, March 22nd at Holiday Valley with rail jam contests and live music, slopeside at the base of the mountain at the Rail Park. Free music at the Holiday Valley Cabana

Bar, 8pm-10pm. "Rail Rider Jamboree has quickly become a staple for the end of season at Holiday Valley. Its the perfect way to celebrate outdoors with amazing music at the base of the ski slope." says Ginger Root Productions and Borderland Festival owner, Jennifer Brazill. "The elements create the best vibe and the venue is perfect. We are so lucky to be able to curate such a cool event, stacking the day with some of the best musicians around. We can't wait for another great year." Lodging with options to add on lift tickets and other resort activities are available to book with the resort today, with package Jamboree tickets to be announced. The event is for all ages. Full line up announcement and ticket sales coming soon. Details will be available at <http://www.railriderjam.com>. Tickets are on sale now. <http://www.railriderjam.com>

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weather and head out on the trails no matter what mother nature has in store. Mountain bikes turn to Fat Tires bikes, and they keep pushing their pedals on the trails.

Dee Dippel, Vice President of WNY Mountain Biking Association and owner of both Loud Performance in Bemus Point and Loud Underground in Ellicottville, looks forward to biking in the winter months. "Our members put on their fat tires and embrace riding throughout the winter," says Dee. "Western New York has some of the best winter riding in the country."

Fat tire bikes offer a smoother ride over the winter terrain with a wider tire size and slightly different gearing. "The fat tires allow the rider a better experience riding on the snow, rather than sinking through the snow."

With groomed trails in Chautauqua County (Long Point State Park, Whalen State Forest, Harris Hill State Forest, ant the Trails at Loud) and Cattaraugus County (Allegheny State Park, McCarty Hill State Forest, Golden Hill State Forest, and HoliMont) locals don't need to travel far to find a good ride. "We are fortunate to have a solid group of volunteers who groom the WNY trails. We share a passion for riding in the winter, and understand that a well-groomed trail makes all the difference."

Winter biking offers a different pace than other seasons. "The trails have something different to offer in the winter. Snow and ice make the ride a bit slower at times. The bike glides over the snow differently than grass or mud; I love the crunch of



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the snow the tires make." Every trail in WNY has something different to offer, and weather conditions add to the variations. "It's always different, every season, every year; the trails and the sport is constantly changing."

The WNY Mountain Biking Association holds various events through the winter months to keep the momentum going through the season. The group aims for monthly group rides at Allegheny State Park on Friday evenings, with the next being February 16. "It's a great way to get everyone together and meet other fat bike enthusiasts. Rides are typically about 1.5 hours and riders tend to stay after to hang out, snack and chat." A Fatbike Party will also be held at Genesee County Park from 9-noon on February 11th.

Loud Performance is hosting their annual Fat Tire Frenzy event on February 3rd in Bemus Point. This event was started to gather the mountain biking community for a fun, competitive day of

racing in the winter. Events include cross country race, dual slalom race. Final details to be released closer to the event as they can be weather dependent.

"We're fortunate to have a solid membership base in WNY. It's a great community of likeminded individuals with a passion for the great outdoors," says Dee..

Groomed trails provide a consistent surface for all trail users. The work put in by the WNYMBA community is appreciated by trail-goers of other varieties as well, including snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. "Winter is such a beautiful time of year. I encourage everyone to find 3 things they do outside in the winter months. From biking to skiing, snowshoeing to ice fishing, there's so many ways to embrace the season and enjoy it rather than endure it."

For more information visit wnymba.org and follow Loud Performance on Social Media for updates on seasonal events.

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make your own Bouquet with Swan Street Florist included with ticket price. Ava Grace Fashions will be on site with a pop-up but iqe shopping experience at d scouted prices. Guests will also receive a souvenir EBC glass to take home. Mimosa and Espresso Martini bar will be available for an ex ra cost.

The Little Valley location of Ellicottville Brewing Company offers stunning winter views hills and country landscapes with cozy vibes just a few miles outside the village of Ellicottville. "We're looking forward to bringing people out to enjoy the space," says Hannah Riter, Events Manager at the Little Valley location. "It's a great way to bring the community together and celebrate Valentine's Day. We have such a great location with sweeping views. It's great for any event year-round, but the snowscapes in the winter are especially stunning and create such a great, cozy vibe."

Swan Street Florist will be on site with a floral cart for guests to design their own bouquet to bring home. "Amy from Swan Street is such a sweetheart to work with. She's helping us bring the outdoors indoors for this event with her floral cart. We love the idea of having guests design and create their own bouquet to bring home brightening their days to come." Swan Street will also have the perfect backdrop set up to capture your self-love on camera.

Chef Josh McDowell created a special menu for the event featuring fruity donut kabobs, pink Belgian waffles, cheese & fruit and crudé,



EBCLV invites all readers out to enjoy the space. "We'll have the space decorated special for the day with simple, chic décor to accent it's natural beauty. The large glass garage doors bring in such warm, natural light, no matter the weather. It's a great way to beat the winter blues. Come out and discover EBC Little Valley, and enjoy an afternoon celebrating with friends. We want you to celebrate you, and there's no better way to do that than with brunch, bevs, and bouquets."

petite assorted muffins, scrambled egg station and berry parfaits. Mimosas and espresso martinis are also available for purchase for a more spirited brunch.

Ava Grace fashions will also be on site with a pop-up boutique shopping experience for guests at a discounted rate of 10% off retail price. "Jessica will bring a selection of some of her most popular items from the shop for our guests to shop at the event," says Hannah. "It'll be a fun way for our guests to mingle and have fun shopping at the same time." Ava Grace will also be running a promotion for guests to enter a shopping spree contest

with purchase.

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View & Learn About All Kinds of Crafts in Springville, NY

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN



Looking for a new and interesting exhibit you can visit, or a craft class you can enjoy while winter continues? How about viewing some colorful fiber art featuring scenes from nature, or taking a class to learn how to make your own arty fiber objects? Early this January, the exhibit "Community Threads: Traditional and Contemporary Fiber Arts" began in the Harold L. Olmsted Gallery at 37 Buffalo Street. The reception for it will be held on January 26th from 6:30-8pm.

The items on display at the gallery include a creative depiction of an owl, trees casting shadows and a cloudy landscape. The exhibit is offering several classes to introduce interested participants to the world of fiber art between February 3rd and March 27th.

The first class, which will be given on Saturday February 3rd, 2024, from 9am-1pm, will introduce students to the basics of weaving. Each participant will learn about the elements of weaving, by using pre-selected materials and a pre-warp frame loom. The lesson will include special tips and tricks for finishing and hanging their work. At the conclusion of the class, everyone in it will have acquired weaving knowledge and have completed a fiber art piece. It, and all the other craft classes, will be held in the Vacanti Classroom in the Springville Center for the Arts in Springville. The weaving class will be taught by Tami Fuller, and the cost for it is \$68 for members and \$75 for non-members.

On Thursday, March 14th, 2024, the third class, Introduction to Fabric Multimedia will take place, from 1-4:30pm. Participants get to experiment with a variety of mediums to create their own art cloths, and leave with pieces of art that can

be used for future projects. the instructor is Mary Ann Fritz. The cost for members will be \$40, and for non-members, \$45.

On Wednesday, March 27th, the subject of the crafts class will be: Basket Weaving. The class will be held from 12noon-4pm, and will cost \$68 for members, and \$75 for non-members. Participants will make a rope bowl using basic warp and weft and twining techniques. When finished, the soft bowl will still be firm enough to hold its shape. The craft, suitable for beginners, will feature neutral tones and reflected light. The weaving and basketry techniques will be taught by Tami Fuller, who also teaches the basic weaving class.

The Harold L. Olmsted Gallery, at the Springville Center for the Arts is located at 37 North Buffalo Street, in Springville, NY. It is open Wednesdays between 10am-5pm, Thursdays from 10am-7pm, Fridays from 10am-5pm, and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. For more information, go to <http://www.SpringvilleArts.org> or call (716) 592-9038

A Day in the Life: Disney on Ice Performer

Skater Kamille Caron Explains the Experience & the Job

By KATE BARTLETT

Disney on Ice is bringing their hit show "Find Your Hero" to Buffalo for 7 shows the last weekend in January, 25-28th. Many have enjoyed performances making timeless family memories in the audience, but we take a look behind the scenes with performer and professional ice skater Kamille Caron.

Kamille began skating at 2 years old before she could even walk. "My mother took me to see my father play hockey and I often asked to go on the ice with him," recalls Kamille. She first stepped foot on the ice at 18 months old, and began skating shortly after. "I quickly had the sting and I wanted to become better. I've always been a very determined skater, even at a young age."

As a French Canadian growing up in Quebec, Canada, Kamille was granted the opportunity to compete in two Finals of Les Jeux du Quebec, a regional competition. She then joined Royal Caribbean as a professional skater on their cruise line. "It was a great opportunity, a very immersive experience, and I loved performing for different guests every week. It was a great way to start out my career."

Her biggest accomplishment thus far is joining Disney on Ice this past August as a professional skater. She is currently in the ensemble for the internationally touring show Find Your Hero. "I love being a part of almost every story from the show every musical number. I get to perform all my favorites including Under the Sea from The Little Mermaid, In Summer from Frozen,



and many more. Its action packed with quick costume changes, and I love it."

Her favorite part of performing is watching the reaction from the audience. "I love looking out into the crowd and seeing the sparkles in their eyes as we bring their favorite songs to life. Every crowd is different, but the energy is always amazing. They always cheer us on, and there's nothing like the adrenaline of performing live for an audience. I got to sit in the crowd for one of our shows, and I could feel how excited all the children were. It made me want to perform better for them, and light up their faces even more."

Kamille loves being a part of the Disney on Ice family. "We have about 50 performers and 110 total people that travel together on the road. 120 crew members on the road for this show. We've become like family; it's such a unique experience to perform together in addition to traveling and exploring new places together. Being so close, helps us bring more magic on the ice."

Her biggest inspiration is her mother. "She taught me to work hard to achieve what I wanted in life, to overcome failure and not let it bring me down. I think it's where a lot of my grit and determination came from. She's my role model and gives me hope for success and self-fulfillment." Kamille encourages readers to experience Disney On Ice in Buffalo, or a neighboring city, during the Find Your Hero tour. "Come experience the magic, watch your favorite songs come to life, sing along and be a kid again!" For more information and tickets visit [https://www.disneyonice.com/find-](https://www.disneyonice.com/find-your-hero/)

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Buffalo's Wild Winter Weather Week

Another Storm for the Books: Buffalo Bills Game Postponed on January 14, 2024

By KATE BARTLETT

Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. Winds continued to blow over the next few days, reminding us that something was still brewing. Saturday brought more wind and snow, and the accumulation began. The much-anticipated Bills Playoff Game was pushed to Monday afternoon, as Mother Nature had other plans.

By Sunday, the gusting winds made for Blizzard like conditions in Buffalo, West Seneca and many surrounding suburbs. Snow totals reached between 2-4 feet in Orchard Park, burying Highmark

Stadium in thick layers of snow. Bills Mafia showed their true colors and fans showed up to shovel out the stadium, a task not to be taken lightly in the midst of a driving ban. The lights stayed on through the night, construction equipment and fans working tirelessly to dig out the stadium. The show must go on.

Come Monday, Orchard Park majestically had about 24 hours of blue skies, just long enough to finish digging out the stadium and allow fans to tailgate and cheer on their hometown team to a victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers. Snowballs of celebration

hit the field as fans and players rejoiced in true Buffalo fashion.

Wednesday and Thursday brought between 18-36 inches of snow to downtown Buffalo and the surrounding suburbs. Some of the hardest hit suburbs totaled 5-6 feet of snow. Since last year's Christmas Blizzard, the city of Buffalo has been taking measures to be more prepared for winter weather. Travel bans were put in place and Buffalonians received multiple emergency alerts throughout the days with reminders of the severity of the winter weather. Dump trucks and heavy-duty

vehicles working to keep furnace vents clear, generators running, removing snow from driveways and taking heavy snow accumulations off roofs. Over 500 volunteers turned out to shovel snow from Highmark stadium for the second Buffalo Bills home game since the storm. The team is grateful and overwhelmed with the response from the community. Buffalo turned up, yet again.

In true Buffalo fashion, the City of Good Neighbors showed up and helped out. From neighbors checking in on each other to helping shovel out parked cars on the city streets, Buffalonians roll up their sleeves, strap on their boots and lend a helping hand. Agencies like Eight Days of Hope have been responding to assist those in need clearing snow. Teams of volunteers have been

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and restaurants. The Jamestown area has a lot of unique and interesting attractions that area residents often take for granted or that they don't know much about. It encourages you to go out to different locations in the area that you may have never been to, and enjoy going to some of your local favorites. There are a wide variety of attractions participating that include history, science, music, art, comedy, and more. Participating attractions like museums and centers invite the public in with free admission for the day and some have special activities planned.

Carrie Swanson of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce said "There's always something to do in Jamestown. Doors Open invites the community to go out and be like a tourist in your own hometown. It's a great way to get out to see what the local attractions and businesses have to offer our community."

This year there are nineteen attractions and some other local businesses and restaurants participating. Here are the attractions that are participating this year: Audubon Community Nature Center; Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center; Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame; *Fenton History Center; Infinity Visual and Performing Arts; James Prendergast

Library; Lucille M. Wright Air Museum; *Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum; Lucille Ball Little Theatre; Martz-Kohl Observatory; Marvin Community House; *National Comedy Center; *Northwest Arena; Pearl City Clay House; Partridge-Sheldon House; Reg Lenna Center for the Arts; Robert H. Jackson Center; Roger Tory Peterson Institute; Winifred Crawford Dibert Boys & Girls Club. Those marked with * may require pre-registration or have restrictions. Please check their websites for details.

All the above-mentioned locations will be offering something for Doors Open participants. Below is a description of what some attractions are doing that day:

Jamestown Audubon will have free admission to

its facilities. They will also have a food truck from the Best of Buffalo, to provide some refreshments for participants to purchase.

Jamestown Prendergast Library will have open play activities from 10:30am to 3pm upstairs in the library. There will be STEM play for children and teens and sensory activities for babies and toddlers.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute will have free admission. The curator will be giving tours and there will be raffles, kids activities, and three art and nature exhibits to enjoy.

If you want to venture outside of Jamestown near Frewsburg, there is free admission to the Martz-Kohl Observatory. They will have tours of the observatory, and they will be showing a video about

its history.

The National Comedy Center is offering free admission, but you must be a Chautauqua County resident to participate. Please register by January 25th at comedycenter.org/doorsopen.

Fenton Museum is offering free admission for self-guided tours. Their staff will be available to answer questions. You must sign up on their website to attend, as space is limited.

Pearl City Clay House will be having a \$5 paint your own mug activity. There will be tours of the building, including information on their program, and two art exhibits to explore.

As part of Doors Open, there will be a fun scavenger hunt. At participating locations,

you will answer a question that is unique to that venue. At your first location, you will scan a QR code on your cell phone. This will enable you to submit your answers via text. Three gift baskets with items from the participating locations will be awarded. More specific directions and a map of all the attractions will be included.

If you want more information about Doors Open, you can look online or contact the Chamber of Commerce at (716) 484-1101. There is a wide variety of participating attractions to choose from. Make sure you visit the locations that you will really like, so that you will really enjoy participating in Doors Open Jamestown.



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Chautauqua Striders came about in 1979, its mission to train young track athletes and help them earn college scholarships. They hosted local meets and sent runners and fielders to national events. Strider track athletes have gone on to compete at national age-group championships all over the country. Striders evolved from a track-only venture into a "multifaceted community organization, proudly offering diversified programs that incorporate its mission to mentor and guide youth through education, advocacy and athletics", per its mission statement. It's a place where a kid can go to find a friend, mentor, tutor, or teacher to prepare them for college and/or career experience, serving over 1,200 youth annually in Chautauqua County.

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The organizers of that first race some ten years ago, took precautions for their ambitious leap into winter races; roads were plowed and secure, plenty of volunteers along the course, emergency personnel on site, plenty of places to get warm. "That first race", Mike Engdahl remembers, "we wanted to do something special, so we staggered the runners, loosely based on age and gender, we started the older participants first, the younger, faster runners last. The idea was that would give everyone a

chance to be first across the finish line." Great idea!

Races use radio chips for timing. All runners pass a transponder, and their time starts. At the finish, they have to pass, almost single file, another transponder that stops their clock and registers their time. Roads in Chautauqua County in January are notoriously, stubbornly, icy, and surfaces get even more slick when hundreds of shoes and boots trample them, snow gets compressed into ice, ice turns to...well, more ice.

Mike Engdahl remembers that first race, "So here we had about a hundred runners scheduled to finish at the same time, funneled into a single file, coned, tapered slippery chute in the road."

Bad idea! "Luckily, Dave and I didn't handicap the race very well at all, and the finish was staggered. We

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Author

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goddesses who symbolized the arts and science. Today, a Muse is something that inspires inspiration for an artist. It could be poetry; it could be nature, or a person, or a pet, or a movie or book. But truly, often one needs inspiration to put pen to paper or fingers to keyboard.

Although he was not much of a writer as a kid, Burk was a voracious reader. Later, he became an obsessive essayist. Burk has always been the guy whom friends turn to when needing help with the written word. That's the easy part. Someone gives you an idea and the words come out. He found an outlet for his essays through a local radio show. He can be heard bi-weekly, Wednesdays, 8:45am, on WJTN at The Dennis Webster Morning show.

Retired from running the JCC Physical Education Complex and working as an assistant coach for baseball and basketball, and head coach for golf at JCC where they won the national golf championship in 2000, Burk had a chance encounter with Jehuu Caulcrick. It turns out Caulcrick is a graduate of Clymer high school where he played football for the smallest school in New York State. Before ending up in Clymer at age 9, when he was 7, living with his grandparents, Caulcrick was caught up in a savage, bloody civil war in his home



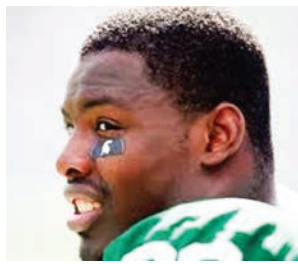
Author Bill Burk (right) next to the person featured in the book **RUN**, Jehuu Caulcrick.

country of Liberia, trying desperately to get out alive. You'll have to read Burk's book to learn about this remarkable young man and his struggles to survive and get to America and Western New York.

Always with three or four projects in the hopper at one time, Burk revealed that it took over four years to get the Run! story on the page and into final editing and production. It took countless phone calls with Caulcrick's mom who initially moved to Clymer to find a way to get her family to the safety of America. Burk finally finished the book and, after trying every angle to get an agent and someone to represent him to publishers, printers, etc., he bit the bullet himself and self-published the book. And, my friends, that is also not as simple as it sounds. Burk's words, "self-publishing is painful." The lesson for readers here is to

appreciate the blood, sweat and tears put into developing a story into a book, and the pure belief and determination needed to get it out to the reading public. It is not for the faint of heart. It took over eight months before he finally had a finished copy in his hands. The good thing is that now that he's gone through the fires and knows the how-to's, he would be ready to do it again. And, that is a good thing, because Burk informs me that he has another book in the works that will take time developing, but he is optimistic about being able to self-publish it when the time comes.

Meanwhile, pick up **RUN! Civil War to the NFL** on Amazon and watch for Burk's weekly contributions to *The Villager*.



Another chapter: "When the Elephants Fight, The Grass Suffers"; from **The Jehuu Caulcrick Story**

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RTPI

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Admission includes a drink ticket, charcuterie, and access to a bar. The event runs from 5:30-7:30pm at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, located at 311 Curtis Street Ext. in Jamestown NY.

"It's the best happy hour in Western New York", says David Niles, Program and Events Manager at RTPI.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute, home of the collections of Jamestown-born naturalist, ornithologist, and nature artist Roger Tory Peterson, has shifted its focus to art exhibitions in recent years and has invested heavily in creating a market for what is essentially the only independent, dedicated art museum in Chautauqua County.

Much of that work involves attracting visitors who are unused to paying for an art museum experience, which is where Art After 5 fits in. Niles sees the events as "another way to share [...] what we do with our community", including with "people that may not come to RTPI on their own". "Music is a great avenue for that", he continues, as well as "a way for us to nurture and support more artists". By



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transforming RTPI into a music venue the museum attracts music-lovers, perhaps a larger and more diverse market than that the Institute would normally draw.

Niles hopes the ticket price, usually \$6 to \$8 will also attract those who just want a nice evening out on the town. For that price, "you get a glass of wine, you get something to snack on", "two hours of live music and you can lose yourself in the art", says Niles, who adds that he's always on the lookout for new musical talent for the events.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute sits at the promising intersection of the outdoors and fine arts. However, it also faces the challenge of convincing the populace

of a county with a median household income of just under fifty-five thousand dollars to spring for \$6-\$12 tickets. The museum offers pay-what-you-can Sunday admission and free admission for SNAP/EBT users through the Museums for All initiative, but Art After 5 with its additional attractions of live music and drinks, is poised to help build a dedicated visitor-base for the museum, and to cement RTPI's new role as one of the premier cultural centers in the region.

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Striders

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dodged one there." Mike laughs about it now.

That was the end of

the Winter Run 5K Race staggered start.

But the race series still goes on, as popular as ever.

For more information, go to: runsignup.com and search Chautauqua Striders Winter 5k Race

All races start at 10am, with registration from 9-9:45am. The cost is \$80 for the entire series (plus registration fees), or \$20 per race until 12pm the day before the race. Day of registration is \$25.

\$842 Million in New Investments

574 New Jobs & 2,314 Retained Jobs from CCIDA Assistance



JAMESTOWN, N.Y.: --- The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency's (CCIDA) meeting on January 23, 2024, presented Mark Geise, Deputy County Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA, who discussed the economic development team's top 10 accomplishments in 2023, as well as their top 10 goals for 2024. Geise proclaimed that 2023's numbers were unprecedented in the history of the CCIDA's 50+ year existence, even topping 2022's \$500+ million in activities. Geise's comments were made during the presentation of the CCIDA's just-published 2023 Annual Report.

Geise explained that during 2023, the CCIDA Board approved and/or assisted 34 projects, which will result in a total investment in Chautauqua County of \$842 million, create 574 permanent jobs, retain 2,314 jobs, and has and/or will create hundreds of construction jobs. These activities included, but are not limited to, the approval of loans for businesses, incentives for development projects, and the procurement of grants. Some of the key accomplishments of 2023 include: \$452 million Cummins Engine Internal Expansion; \$250 million Wells Ice Cream Plant Expansion; Weber Knapp Purchase by Local Ownership (\$21.4 million); Purchase and Development of lithium-ion Battery Manufacturer Electrovaya (\$42.5 million); acquisi-



One key accomplishment of 2023 was \$452 million Cummins Engine Internal Expansion.

tion of the Conagra/CCIDA Facility in Dunkirk by Refresco to create a Northeastern US Distribution Center (\$13 million); creation of a Brownfield Remediation Revolving Loan Fund (\$720,000); Broadband Expansion to unserved and underserved communities (approximately a \$60 million project); adoption of recommendations brought forward by the New York State Authorities Budget Office (ABO); creating a \$16 million Shovel-Ready Industrial Site in Ripley; continuing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Small Business Marketing Assistance Program (\$650,000+); and development of a Talent Attraction/Retention Marketing Campaign. Geise explained that the CCIDA Annual Report focuses on what he considers to be the top 10 accomplishments resulting from activities undertaken by the CCIDA/County Economic Development Team in 2023, as well as the top 10 aspirations for 2024. In addition to the previously-mentioned projects approved by the CCIDA, Geise also discussed ongoing activities of the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, which helped catalyze almost \$30 million in resources being secured

for high-priority economic development initiatives throughout the County provided assistance in the form of marketing grants to 80 businesses throughout Chautauqua County from the County's ARPA allocation and Ralph Wilson Foundation funding (more than \$600,000); and continued collaboration with the Cities of Jamestown and Dunkirk, including assistance with the City of Dunkirk's \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) application (to name a few). In terms of aspirations for 2024, Geise discussed his desire to continue to concentrate on reactivating key properties located throughout the County, i.e., Furniture Mart, Silver Creek School, Lakeshore Hospital, Truck-Lite; continue to acquire large parcels of land for the expansion of shovel-ready site offerings; continue to work with the City of Dunkirk, New York State, and NRG in getting the mothballed NRG facility back into productive use; continue to work with ImmunityBio in getting the Dunkirk facility fully operational; roll out the nearly-completed County Marketing and Branding Strategy (including new

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Dr. Woloszyn grew up in Poland where he graduated from the Medical University of Gdansk in 2002. He completed his internal medicine residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. He has been proudly practicing since 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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Pericles, Prince of Tyre



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The plot of "Pericles, Prince of Tyre" blends perfectly with the game "Dungeons & Dragons". Every game begins with a SetUp. In this play, the SetUp is that Pericles, who is the ruler of Tyre, is sailing to Antioch to try and solve a riddle to win the hand of a beautiful princess. Every "D & D" hero has skills, and Pericles' skills include: riddle-solving and super fighting. When he arrives, he finds out that the previous contestants were punished for losing by being killed. Here, let's say the Dungeon Master (the person conducting a game of "D & D") throws the dice. Should Pericles play or leave? The dice say: he stays. He plays, and he solves the riddle. He can marry the princess.

But uh-oh! The solution to the riddle reveals a shocking family secret involving her and her father. If he says he didn't solve it, he'll be killed. But if he says he did solve it, he'll likely be killed because her father will want to keep the secret from getting around. (Why was the secret in the riddle in the first place? Shakespeare never says.) Pericles He jumps back in his ship and escapes, but he's worried about being pursued by a hitman sent by King

Antiochus of Antioch. So he doesn't sail home to Tyre, but instead goes to Tarsus, where he provides grain to relieve the famine there. The Governor there, and his wife, are grateful for his help.

Okay, time for another throw of the dice: does he safely sail somewhere else or is he shipwrecked? Whoops, the dice say he's shipwrecked.. However, he's rescued by fishermen, and hears there's going to be a tournament for the hand of a beautiful princess the very next day. But he'll need armor to enter the tournament and he lost his in the shipwreck. Luckily, the fishermen find it in their nets. At the tournament, he defeats five other guys, easy-peasy, and he's soon married.

For a while after that, his life is nothing but great. He and the princess are crazy about each other, and soon she's pregnant. He doesn't take her to his country because he's still worried that the hitman will show up there. Does something bad happen to Antiochus? Throw the dice! The dice say: something does. A lightning bolt kills both him and his daughter! So Pericles doesn't have to worry about his assassin anymore, and he sets sail with his soon-to-deliver wife. There's a big storm, during which she gives birth to a daughter, but then dies, and her body is put overboard in a casket. It is soon found by a doctor, who finds that she's alive! Thinking she's the only survivor from the ship after the storm, she becomes a priestess at a temple to Diana. Back on the ship, Pericles names his daughter Marina.

Soon after that, Pericles leaves Marina with that Governor and his wife because he doesn't think she'll survive the voyage back. They're fine with raising her until she's fourteen, at which point the wife becomes jealous that she's more attractive than her daughter and orders someone to murder her. Uh-oh! Throw the dice! Does Marina die or is she instead kidnapped by pirates? Kidnapped by pirates, it is! Shortly afterwards, when her father arrives to visit her, they just tell him she died, and he (of course) becomes very depressed.

The pirates sell her to two people who run a brothel, but every time they send a potential customer to her, she talks them into behaving more virtuously, and they leave! Soon a different Governor arrives, and she reforms him, too. He gives her gold so she can buy her freedom and she is hired by a school to teach sewing, weaving, singing and dancing.

Three months later, it happens that that Governor meets Pericles, who's so depressed that he hasn't spoken in three months. To try and cheer him up, he has Marina sing to him. Pericles perks up when he notices Marina resembles his deceased wife and asks her what her name is and where she's from. Soon he realizes she's his daughter and there's lots of crying and hugging. Then the goddess Diana appears to him in a dream and directs him to his wife. The family finally gets back together again, and Marina eventually marries the other Governor!

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Week

By DARLENE BRACE

It's hard to believe it is almost the end of January already. Check out the variety of entertainment happening in Chautauqua County during this last weekend of the month.

Thursday January 25- You can Travel the World at Music for Your Mouth. Once a month, this Mayville restaurant, dedicates its menu to a designated country. This month they are celebrating Brazil. Along with a special menu and pairings, they also have music to entertain you during the dinner hours. Reservations are required, so call (716) 224-1035.

Jamestown Community College will be hosting their 35th annual interactive mystery. This year's the mystery is called At the Old Time Radio Show, and it starts at 7pm. Maybe you can figure out who did it by piecing together all the clues.

Friday January 26- Roger Tory Peterson Institute hosts the first Art After 5 event of 2024. Performance by The Assembly will be playing a diverse blend of funk, blues, swing, bossa, and pop. Your ticket will include full access to the museum, one drink from the bar, charcuterie, and two hours of live music. This event starts at 5:30pm (see cover story).

Big Inlet brewing will have music by Daniel Cecil starting at 6pm. Come on out and have a tasty beverage while

listening to this singer/songwriter who plays mostly original music.

The Reg Lenna presents Cirque Mechanics: Zephyr. This is a unique energetic show that is sure to entertain you with its theatrical circus acts including acrobatics, aerial acts, comedy, and more. The show starts at 7:30pm. Seats are likely to fill up fast, so get your tickets ahead of time on reglenna.com.

Instead of a live band, there will be karaoke at 64 on the Rocks in Fredonia. You can take the mic and sing to your favorite tune, or just watch others put on the show. The karaoke starts at 8pm.

Enjoy a weekend of live music at Peek n' Peak in Clymer NY. On Friday the 26th, there will be a performance by singer/songwriter and guitarist Jesse Smith. He plays a variety of tunes and will start at 9:30pm in Bistro 210 in the main lodge. On Saturday, a DJ will play music on the main lodge deck from 12pm-4pm. At 6pm, there will be acoustic classic rock music performed by the Doug Phillips Duo in the Sports Bar. Later that night, Tyler McClain will be playing country, rock, and pop in the Bistro 210 starting at 9:30.

Saturday January 27 - Black Widow will be rocking it out at Big Inlet Brewing starting at 5:30pm. Come on out and listen to their rock and pop sets while visiting with friends and having a tasty drink. Join your friends at 21 Brix Winery in Portland (between

Westfield and Brocton) for music performed by the Untouchables. The Untouchables will start at 7pm and they play a variety of tunes from the 50's through 80's. Come have a glass of wine or beer and enjoy the talented performance of the Untouchables.

Southern Tier Distillery will host Kallie Williams & Company starting at 5 pm. Kallie is a singer and a self-taught, visually impaired uke player and this is the talented trio's debut at the distillery. Come check out the music and enjoy great cocktails with friends and family.

Popular band Iron Sky will be rocking it out in Dunkirk at the Cuevas Pub and Grill. They play a mixture of rock and pop music covers and will start at 7pm. This is a Buffalo Bills backer bar, that has great wings, burgers, and other pub food to enjoy while listening to the music.

The Seneca Allegany Casino in nearby Cattaraugus County has some great entertainment this weekend in their River Bar. On Friday the 26th, popular band Black Widow will be rocking the casino starting at 7pm. On Saturday night, Invisible Touch will take the stage playing their energetic covers of 80's music. You don't want to miss this great weekend of music at the casino.

This last week of January was sure to please you with its wide variety of entertainment. In next week's issue, let's see what entertainment the first week of February brings.

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Give this couple a listen and you'll realize why they play in town every weekend. Try the famous Bloody Mary's while you have a late lunch or early dinner.

FTR joins the fun with Kurt's Back from 8-11pm. This band plays rock/alt covers from the 60's-2000's. Try the new late night menu served till midnight thurs-sun.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta with your choice of toppings or succulent prime cooked how you like it. Geno McManus will provide the music from 5:30-8:30pm. Geno plays classic rock covers Petty, Bowie, Stones...

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI from 9-2am in the sound booth layin down the sauce so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington. Check out the pool tables and dart board for you bar room athletes.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 Cent wings, a fine selection of craft beers and live music makes for a locals favorite. This weeks music is provided by Nico Zarcone from 6-9pm. Nico plays rock/pop/soul/alt/country acoustic covers.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a rock/folk/Americana/country set of originals and covers. West takes the stage from 8-12am. They play a rock/blues/ pop/country set of covers that are danceable. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency hosts Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country and classic and southern rock covers and originals.

12 Gates of Evl is a player with Alexander James from 5-8pm. He plays a rock/pop/alt/hip hop set of covers.

Tuesday we're back at The Gin Mill for The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group consists of members from several local bands who have been playing together for over a decade. They play an eclectic set of Americana and roots covers.

We return to Balloons for Grosh from 6:30-10pm. This very popular Buffalo band plays a rock/metal/pop/alt/mod set of originals and covers. The back bar will host The Chillbillys from 10-1am. Dj Kage will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

It's Wing, Wednesday at The Gin Mill from 7-11pm. This is a 40 year tradition now hosted by Brian Rick. Brian plays a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Madigans is back and so is Dj SI puttin the funk in the trunk so you can dance like a punk from 9-2am.

We hope you enjoyed the time you spent in our village and that you return often but no matter where you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

SUNDAY
We're back T The Gin Mill and the ever popular Chillbillys make another appearance from 2-5pm.

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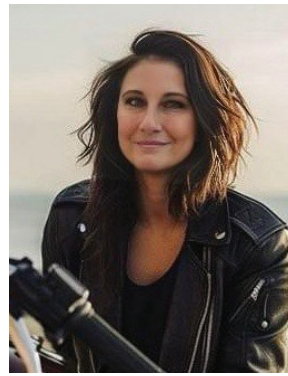
"How Do You Describe Yourself?"

By CHAD NEAL

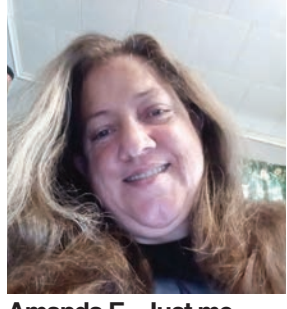
Looking into the mirror we gaze upon our own reflection and see what we like and what we want to change. The way we think about ourselves is how we show the world who we are. Some hide it and others flaunt it, but there are ways to figure out what people think about themselves. We have many facets in our lives and the way we handle ourselves in situations brings out those nuances which is another way to describe others, but looking inward... who is the person thinking those thoughts and knowing whether to act on the good or bad those thoughts or not. What made us this way and how has the life we lived piled up to make those thoughts and actions come to be? Others helped shape us and we have helped shape others. Parents, friends, teachers, bosses, customers and many others have added to building the person we are. How do you describe yourself?



Denise D.- Compassionate ...loyal...alot of fun...and dependable!



Alison E.- Miss Ali Daycare provider... to everyone, not just kids. Friends and family too!



Amanda E.- Just me nothing more nothing less just me what you see is what you get you don't like it your loss.



Carrie H.- Eccentric with a dash of spicy!



Jack A.- Often imitated never duplicated.



Todd Q.- Mean, rotten, and miserable.

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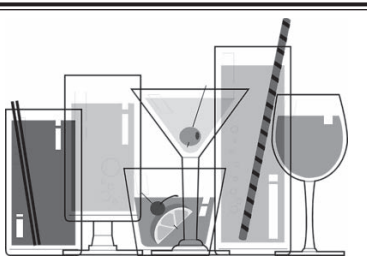
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9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

2			3	4		9	7	
	1		2			5		8
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		3		6	2	1	5	
6		1	5	8	3			
5	4	2						
	3		7	2	9		8	
	6	8	1	5		3	9	
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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

History

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In an effort to address their storage constraints, the historical society has approached town officials, specifically inquiring about the possibility of utilizing the Mansfield Municipal Building. This building, once the home of the now disbanded Mansfield Historical Society, could provide a solution to the issue.


Another potential option under consideration is the expansion of the area at the Highway Barn, currently used by the Historical Society. This alternative is being explored as part of their comprehensive strategy to secure additional space for their records and activities.

To fund these expansion initiatives, the historical society is exploring various fundraising events. They hope that with the support of the community, they can gather the necessary resources to realize their goals.

Any suggestions or assistance from the town are welcomed and would be instrumental in overcoming their current challenges.

In addition to the need for physical space, the discussion also touched upon the importance of creating an inventory of assets for insurance purposes. Westfall assured that the historical society has detailed records of their assets. Furthermore, there is consideration of drafting a "hold harmless" agreement to protect the town from potential insurance claims related to property stored on town premises.

As the historical society navigates these challenges, they remain optimistic about finding collaborative



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solutions with the town and the community at large. The shared goal is to preserve and celebrate the rich history of the area, Westfall said.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS
In other news before the board, Chuck Parenti, a local resident, took the opportunity to address the board on a matter that hits close to home for many town residents — the proliferation of short-term rentals, commonly associated with platforms like Airbnb.

Parenti, concerned about the impact of these rentals on the community, expressed the need for regulations to ensure the well-being of the town. During his address, he brought forward several suggestions aimed at addressing the challenges posed by the growing trend of short-term rentals.

The resident emphasized the importance of creating a framework that strikes a balance between the economic opportunities presented by short-term rentals and the preservation of the community's character.

Parenti highlighted issues such as noise disturbances, safety concerns, and potential impacts on

property values as reasons why regulation is imperative. The town board said it has taken proactive steps to address the issue. It was revealed that the town has enlisted a consultant who will be responsible for drafting a local law specifically addressing short-term rentals within the village. This move is seen as a proactive measure to ensure that the concerns and perspectives of the community members are taken into account during the regulatory process.


The town board said that once the draft of the local law is completed, there will be a public hearing to allow community members to provide feedback and voice their opinions on the proposed regulations.

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Chautauqua County Exec Gives Kudos

County Recognizes Dr. Lillian V. Ney for Her Service



MAYVILLE, NY — Chautauqua County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. will recognize Lillian Vitanza Ney at the County Legislature meeting on January 24th with a commendation for her years of service to the County in the professional medical field and volunteer sector including her nearly ten (10) years of service to the Chautauqua County Board of Health.

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Jamestown NY: Comfort Today Adult Day Services and Spa would love to welcome the area's seniors and their families to an open house this January 25th from 6-8pm at 17 Gifford Street in Jamestown, NY. During this time, guests can ask questions, get a tour and see the facility, sign up for services, get entered to win prizes, socialize and enjoy refreshments and more!

Guests from the community, such as the Alzheimer's Association of WNY and Chautauqua Blind Association will also be in attendance to answer questions of how to coordinate care for seniors in our area.

"We are thrilled to bring in such amazing partners in the community to showcase what we can do together as the power as one unit to help seniors" says Zac Hnatyszyn, Regional Director of Community Outreach. "The Senior Health Matters campaign of 2023 was something incredible. It seems to have only picked up speed going into this year. And to see the community come together for its seniors is an amazing thing."

Comfort Today offers adult care for those interested in socializing and experiencing the Tanglewood community without the commitment of a long-term move. At Tanglewood, we believe the key to longevity is staying young at heart, and seniors who participate in our Comfort Today program are embraced by this philosophy in the compassionate care we provide, the amenities we offer, and the events and activities we plan.

We provide a fun and youthful family environment where our guests

always have something to look forward to and someone to enjoy it with. From group exercise classes to lunchtime or coffee with friends, our social activities promote health and happiness for the mind and body. Comfort Today community members enjoy many of the same great services as our Tanglewood residents and get a taste of the many benefits of assisted living.

Comfort Today is a great taste of what our progressive approach to assisted living with the Tanglewood Group is all about. Our guests have access to a range of services and to a level of care typically absent from the home care option. They also reap the mental and physical benefits of regularly scheduled activities that stimulate the mind and body for holistic health and happiness. Our safe and interactive venue offers opportunities for exercise, arts and crafts, games, and other fun activities.

During their time with us, guests receive care from certified health care professionals. Our com-

passionate staff is trained to provide memory care and medication assistance if needed. Guests also enjoy a healthy, well-rounded, chef-prepared breakfast and lunch every day.

The benefits of enrolling in a program like Comfort Today are invaluable compared to home care. Our approach has demonstrated that an emphasis on activity and inclusion results in monumental physical improvements just weeks after joining. Guests make friends and build a community they look forward to returning to every day.

"This is an amazing opportunity for us to open our doors in the New Year and showcase all that we have to offer. Now that the rush of the holidays are over, many seniors and their families can be having a hard time adjusting back to the swing of things. We are always here to help keep the golden years golden for our area's amazing residents!" says Assistant Executive Director Anneke Komula. For more information call: 716-338-0500.

Galentines

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in visiting EBC Little Valley but can't make it to the event, visit their website for regular restaurant hours. Menu typically features upscale comfort foods

specializing in pizzas, burgers and salads. Full bar includes Ellicottville Brewing Company beer fresh from the tanks, along with specialty craft cocktails that rotate seasonally.

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websites) to help address population decline and supply businesses with much-needed labor; and continue to be proactive in terms of business attraction and expansion (to name a few).

"2023 was unprecedented in terms of the breadth and size of projects assisted by the CCIDA, as well as job retention and creation," explained Geise. "It is my opinion that our economic development team, which includes the County Department of Planning & Development, the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, and community partners, is unparalleled across the state. Once again, the collective team was able to knock it out of the park, which is due to the unwavering dedication of an extremely capable staff, volunteer board members, community stakeholders, and volunteers. I vow that we will continue to be aggressive and intentional as we advance the ball as it

relates to economic development, thereby creating and retaining good jobs for families throughout the County."

Gary Henry, Chairman of the CCIDA Board of Directors, echoed Geise's sentiments when he said, "Congratulations to the entire economic development team for all of your dedication and hard work. We have a great relationship with the business community, the municipalities, and the County, and this has proven to be true in the substantial impact that we continue to make throughout the County year after year. A special thanks to the volunteer CCIDA Board and Loan Committee, as well as the staff and every entity involved with economic development in Chautauqua County for making 2023 a great year."

Chautauqua County Executive Paul "PJ" Wendel said, "I am thrilled with the work being undertaken by the CCIDA and the extended economic development team, which includes the Partnership for Economic Growth and the County Department of Planning & Development.

I commend Mark Geise and the County/CCIDA team for their laser focus on Chautauqua County's upward trajectory. As I've said many times since the pandemic hit us, our comeback will be greater than our setback, and the CCIDA's 2023 tally of accomplishments has proven this sentiment to be true."

The CCIDA/CREDC 2023 Year-end Report & 2024 Work Plan can be found on the CCIDA website: CCIDA.com.

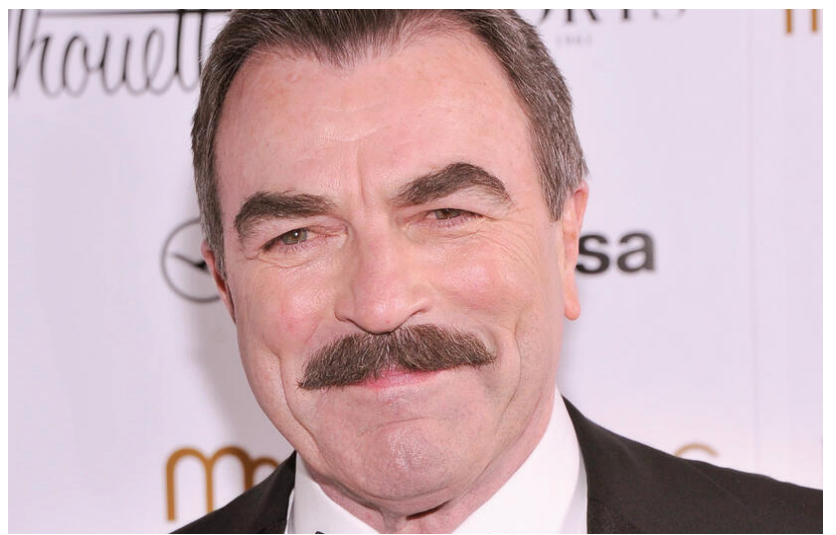
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