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History of Groundhog Day Tortoise Day, Badger Day.... February 2, 2024



Photo/Nadine Saviano

Groundhogs typically live three to six years in the wild, (PBS.org) unlike the famous Punxsutawney Phil, who is reputed to be 138 years young thanks to a magic elixir he is fed throughout the year by his steadfast caretakers. Look for Phil as he and his handler AJ Dereume (pictured) and caretakers will once again serve as Grand Marshal for the Ellicottville Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, March 9, 6pm.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

Now, even with only two choices, I am not foolish enough to try to guess what Punxsutawney Phil will predict on February 2nd. However, this past Sunday Buffalo Bert has already predicted six more weeks of winter, and that's great news for WNY winter sports enthusiasts. But whoa! Buffalo Bert? Let's back up -- I'm way ahead of myself.

Yes, it seems that famed weather prognosticator Punxsutawney Phil has a lot of competition across this land of ours. In fact, there are 75 weather-forecasting soothsayers in Canada or the USA who made predictions

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Rail Rider Jamboree Annual Music Festival at Holiday Valley, March 23



Bluegrass and Bloody Mary's opened the party for the Rail Rider Jamboree at the Cabana Bar at Holiday Valley last year and will be opening again this year.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival is back for its third year March 23 at Holiday Valley. This year's lineup features a talented variety of locally and nationally known bands that capture the festival jam

vibes including The Infamous Stringdusters, Karina Rykman, Wild Knights, and more.

Jennifer Brazill started Rail Rider Jamboree 3 years ago as she saw the opportunity for a successful music festival on

SEE "RAIL RIDER" Pg. 5

Local Singer Songwriter Cami Clune Contestant on NBC's The Voice Season 19



BY KATE BARTLETT

Cami Clune is a local singer and songwriter from Amherst, NY, who gained national attention as a semi-finalist on Season 19 of NBC's The Voice. Cami is best known for her powerful, angelic voice and undeniable stage presence. Cami draws inspiration from a variety of genres and her sound

is timeless yet contemporary. She infuses each song she sings and writes with meaningful storytelling powered by her passion for performance. Cami has performed as a featured vocalist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, sung the national anthem for various organizations (including the NFL and NHL) and performs at various venues across Western NY as a solo artist or with her band The Fringe.

Cami began performing at the age of 4 in dance class and began singing at the age of 11. Her family instilled a love for music at a young age. Her garage was never a garage for cars. Instead it was a music room/karaoke club with records lining the walls, where friends and family gathered for fun. They had almost every instrument, with

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Fire and Ice Festival 2024

Icy Winter Wonderland at CHQ. Harbor Hotel



Along the backside of the hotel, outside and overlooking Chautauqua Lake, is where the magic of the Fire and Ice Festival takes place. Ice sculpted martini luges will have cocktails poured through them and into the guest's martini glass.

BY DARLENE BRACE

This year, the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY will be hosting their 6th annual Fire and Ice Festival. It will take place on Thursday, February

8- Saturday, February 10 from 5-9pm nightly. This is a 21 and older event. In the five-year in person events, (there was one virtual event during the

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

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Appreciating & Celebrating Difficulties & Triumphs



Gladys Mae West (née Brown; born October 27, 1930) is an American mathematician. She is known for her contributions to mathematical modeling of the shape of the Earth, and her work on the development of satellite geodesy models, that were later incorporated into the Global Positioning System (GPS). West was inducted into the United States Air Force Hall of Fame in 2018. West was awarded the Webby Lifetime Achievement Award for the development of satellite geodesy models. (Wikipedia)

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Lesser Known WNY: Gurnsey Hollow Frewsburg Ranked Top 2 Haunted Places in NYS



BY BILL BURK

Just outside of Frewsburg, New York, deeper in the woods than might be comfortable, past a small V-shaped ravine, there's a low wooded area tucked into a valley. You access it by pathways that grow increasingly remote, highway to lane, pavement to dirt, road to path, then by foot into a dense copse. There are no landmarks to orient you, the walking track is your only guide. As you hike into the forest, there's a Blair-Witch sense of displacement, you can't help but feel it, either because of the surroundings, or invented by your subconscious, knowing where you're headed, a disconcerting detachment, passing through the looking glass.

As you ascend a small rise, a rusted metal fence looms, uneven and twisted, the teeth of a predator, as if you were standing still and the fence was thrust out of the ground.

Behind the sepulchral fence is, naturally, a cemetery.

In 2017 *New York Makers* Magazine made

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Annex 25 in Westfield, NY Building Preserved; Something Magical Created



BY ABBEY FLAHERTY

Julie Kleven, owner of Annex 25 in Westfield, New York, was with her daughter at a painting event where the task was to paint your story on the blank canvases they had been given. It had been years since Julie had painted and tapped into her creative side. Previously she was highly recognized and awarded for the beautiful backdrops she created as an interior designer. That day she sat with extreme reservation, uncertain what to create, until she dipped her paintbrush in the ink and started telling her life story.

In 1998, she had been involved in a car accident that put her previous creative life on hold. She was now 60 years old and legally blind; she had thought her creative days were over and she would remain retired. However, painting sent her chills, a fire inside herself and a reminder of how much she enjoyed the arts and how this was her true passion. She was awakened in a way that she hadn't felt in years.

Three years later, a new opportunity that she couldn't have imagined before came to life. While walking down Main Street in Westfield, she came

SEE "ANNEX 25" PAGE 10

Publisher's Word

"Whether the Weather!"



The good thing about us Western New Yorkers is that we are hardy. Whether

the rodent casts more winter upon us, or (even) less of a winter, we can all still be happy. We have four seasons and events are planned accordingly around them. By the time you read this, you will know what our furry friend has predicted but I say his forecast is as reliable as, well, the weather. I hear we have some good snow coming next week, but we hear a lot of things are coming next week. One way or another, there is no excuse to not enjoy the here and now especially when you live in our amazing area and you have such

great reading material right at your fingertips, www.thevillager.com. We have a full list of events for you to enjoy scheduled out on the cover and some ideas of new businesses you may want to explore, detailed throughout the paper. As always, if you have a story idea for us or are interested in being a part of our team, please contact me, info@thevillager.com, I look forward to hearing from you. *Until next week, enjoy the read – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Young Skier Takes to the Slopes for 1st Time

Jamestown Family Travels to Holiday Valley for Fun on the Slopes

Holiday Valley Family Ski Day- Four year old Penelope Carlson, begins to learn to ski with her aunt Michelle Carlson. It was her first time on the slopes. Penelope loved riding on the Magic Carpet/Boardwalk Lift. She is the daughter of Jason and Tori Carlson.

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Winterfest this Saturday, Feb. 3

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Ellicottville Announces Headliner

One Vision of Queen Featuring Marc Martel at Summer Music Fest.



vehicle to propel One Vision of Queen onto the road.

One Vision of Queen is an explosive, attention-commanding tribute where some of the most iconic rock anthems of all time collide with a theatrical performance style and eye-popping production. At its core, the riveting show focuses on the extremely diverse body of the band's greatest hits, from the grandiose "Bohemian Rhapsody" to the adrenaline-pumping "We Will Rock You," the euphoric "We Are the Champions," the funky "Another One Bites the Dust," the stadium-shaking David Bowie collaboration "Under Pressure," the soulful "Somebody to Love" and the swinging "Crazy Little Thing Called Love" (to name but a few from the steroid-stacked set list).

"This show will definitely be one for all ages to enjoy," said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber. "My 10-year-old son, Grayde, watched a video of Marc Martel back in 2019 and said, 'Mom, the chamber should bring him to Summer Music Festival!' So, after meetings and discussions, it was voted upon that Marc Martel was a great choice for this event.

We always strive to give the best experience to concert goers for this event and this year will be no different. We look forward to having another exciting Summer Music Festival!"

Tickets to One Vision of Queen feat. Marc Martel on July 6, 2024, at Holiday Valley Resort are on sale now and can be purchased through ellicottvilleny.com or by calling 800-349-9099. For additional details about this year's Summer Music Festival or to learn about other events and festivals planned in Ellicottville, follow Ellicottville, NY on Facebook and @visitellicottville on Instagram. Check out the show at www.ellicottvilleny.com.

ELLICOTTVILLE - The grandest celebration of the summer is bringing an extraordinary performance that generations from the 1970s to the present will undoubtedly recognize. The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the annual Summer Music Festival, is excited to announce this year's headliner for the Independence Day weekend bill. One Vision of Queen featuring Marc Martel will take the stage on Saturday evening, July 6, 2024, slopedside at Holiday Valley Resort. Tickets are on sale now!

"Marc Martel is an amazing performer who constantly tours the world with his show, One Vision of Queen. Mark was chosen to be the lead singer of One vision of Queen by Brian May and Roger Taylor of Queen. I cannot wait to hear their many anthems played at Holiday Valley while sitting on a manicured fairway with the mountains as a backdrop," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Google Marc Martel and see for

yourself!"

ABOUT THE BAND

Long before his YouTube videos went viral, spawning an appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and a performance with the surviving members of Queen on "American Idol," Marc Martel spent 13 years recording and touring the globe with Canadian rockers Downhere. Not only did the rock band visit 49 American States, but also toured throughout Europe and even Northern Africa, collecting worldwide acclaim and four Juno Awards in their native land.

All the while, the group was extoed for its sonic diversity while the Nashville transplant was regularly heralded as a world-class vocalist, often earning comparisons to the late great Freddie Mercury in tandem with building his own fervent fan base. While the idea of paying tribute to one of the world's most renowned and influential rock institutions never actually occurred to him when pounding the pavement with his own internationally signed act, in hindsight, it only made sense that Martel would someday be the perfect

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THE JOURNEY

Embark on an exhilarating journey that takes you through the awesome landscape of Holiday Valley. You'll begin at Yodeler Lodge and venture up the scenic Sugar Plum, Tannenbaum and Spruce Line trails, leading to the picturesque Spruce Lake. From there, make your way across to HoliMont and race down Sunset. Once at the bottom you'll turn around and ascend Sunset once more. Crossing Spruce Lake again, you'll trace your steps back along Spruce Line, ultimately returning to Yodeler Lodge. The adventure covers approximately 3 miles of breathtaking terrain!

MODE OF EXPLORATION

Whether you're an avid snow sports enthusiast or simply looking for a fun winter outing, this event is designed for everyone. All snow equipment is welcome, whether it's skis, cross country skis, splitboards or snowshoes. Pick your preferred method of transportation and let's hit the trails together!

COMPETITION AND FUN

We've got something for everyone. Choose between two divisions:



You'll begin at Yodeler Lodge and venture up the scenic Sugar Plum, Tannenbaum and Spruce Line trails, leading to the picturesque Spruce Lake. From there, make your way across to HoliMont and race down Sunset. Once at the bottom you'll turn around and ascend Sunset once more.

the "Competitive Division" for those who want to race against the clock, or the "Just for Fun Division" for those who prefer a leisurely pace. It's all about enjoying the winter landscape at your own speed.

PARTY AT YODELER LODGE

After conquering the snowy terrain, it's time to unwind and celebrate at Yodeler Lodge where you'll find a post-event party filled with entertainment and excitement. We'll have a live band to keep the energy high, fantastic prizes up for grabs, a costume contest for those feeling festive and a spread of hot dogs and drinks to satisfy your appetite. Plus, don't miss

out on our raffles and silent auction, where you can win some great prizes. A Cause Worth Supporting

This event isn't just about having a blast in the snow; it's also about giving back. By participating, you're helping to contribute to Holiday Valley's Empire State Ride Team, which benefits Roswell Park Cancer Center. Join us as we make a positive impact on our community and beyond.

Stay tuned for more exciting details about this winter adventure. Save the date, invite your friends and get ready for a day of outdoor thrills and post-event festivities at Yodeler Lodge. See you there!

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Report on the Resort

French Fog Thickens Olympic Mystery

BY DAN BALKIN

Before 1988, there were only three alpine skiing events in the Olympics: Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Downhill. If you are unfamiliar with ski racing, it would be simple but accurate to describe them as, Fast, Faster, and Fastest. From 1988 – 2010, the Olympics added three more alpine ski racing events to bring the total from three to six. Although there are exceptions – most National Team or Olympic level skiers are specialists in one or two of these disciplines. For instance, HoliMont's Tricia Mangan is a Dartmouth graduate and current U.S. Ski Team member who specializes in speed events on the World Cup (the Major Leagues of Skiing). In 2022, Tricia placed 11th in the Olympics in the Alpine Combined event – impressive!

The 1968 Winter Olympics were held in Grenoble, France. It was the native land and familiar terrain for one of the world's most famous skiers – Jean-Claude Killy. He was shooting for the Olympic Trifecta of winning all three disciplines at that time – Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Downhill. One skier, the Austrian Toni Sailer, entered skiing immortality by accomplishing this remarkable feat at the 1956 Winter games. Killy had already won the gold medal in the Giant Slalom and Downhill. He had, however, some formidable competitors standing between him and the Slalom gold. Most notable among them was the Austrian and St. Anton native Karl Schranz. St. Anton am Arlberg is the cradle of modern alpine skiing. The scale and scope of the present-day St. Anton ski complex is mind boggling: a 4,900 foot vertical drop with 94 state-of-the-art lifts that connect nine villages that approximately encompass the distance from



Time heals all wounds: Jean Claude Killy and Karl Schranz reconciling at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia (46 years after their famous disputed Slalom race in France).

Ellicottville to Springville – Yes – it's that big. Remarkably, Killy's skiing home turf at Val-d'Isere is even bigger.

The 1968 Olympic Slalom was essentially a battle between these two Titans of these titanic resorts. In the Slalom, where the racing gates are set very close together, the racers must turn nimbly and quickly. Killy, the son of a French innkeeper, was noted not only for his skiing athleticism, but freewheeling lifestyle. He roared down the course and took the lead after the first run. To use a football analogy, however, this was only halftime – for Slalom racers must complete two runs, and whoever has the fastest combined time after the two runs is declared the Olympic Gold medalist. After the first run Austria's Karl Schranz was in third place – still within striking distance of overtaking Killy. What ensued next is considered one of the greatest controversies and unsolved mysteries in the history of the Olympics. A fog, which had been patchy and sporadic during the first run, now settled thickly over the racecourse. Karl Schranz, despite the fog, was laying down what appeared to be a flawless second run, when suddenly, at the midpoint of the race, a mysterious man clad in black (assuredly not the great Johnny Cash), skied toward him and caused him

to veer out of the course. Fuming, the Austrians lodged a protest, which was accepted, and Karl Schranz was granted a second shot at his second run. Perfection again, except this time no mysterious man in black interferes with him. Karl Schranz's combined time over the two runs bests Killy and the Austrian Schranz is declared the Olympic Slalom winner – temporarily.

The French race officials, however, now get involved. Let's not forget the race is taking place in France – and some people, to use the football analogy again, swear the refs go easier on the home team. It is suddenly claimed that Karl Schranz, due to the fog, missed several gates on his initial second run before the mysterious man in black caused him to jet out of the course. Using hometown logic, they declare that allegedly missing the gates - despite the man in blacks' later interference - entirely disqualified him and therefore his second winning run was also invalid. The Frenchman Killy, hearing the news at a restaurant, uncorked a bottle of champagne to celebrate his Olympic Alpine Gold Medal Trifecta. *Fair? A lesson drilled into Navy Seals is that life is not fair – but it is exhilarating.*

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This two-day event includes a fun and informative evening at Mud, Sweat n' Gears with Leslie Baker

Brown, founder of the Women 2 Women Project. On day two, you will gather on the slopes of HoliMont Ski Club in Ellicottville, NY.


Participants will have an opportunity to ski with Leslie and demo the latest Blizzard skis...including the famed Black Pearl collection and the new award-winning Sheeva collection. Whether you're a seasoned skier or just getting started, this

event is for all levels. Women 2 Women is an event to celebrate women, gain knowledge, confidence, inspiration, passion, and friendship... on and off the slopes.

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Last year Dark Star Orchestra closed out the night with a packed show.

Rail Rider

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the slopes in Ellicottville. As an event planner and nationally renowned festival producer, Jennifer had experience coordinating festivals in the ski towns of Colorado and saw the potential here in Ellicottville. "The vibe here is perfect for these music festivals," says Jennifer. "Everyone here embraces that outdoor adventure vibe and knows how to have a good time. You're surrounded by the mountains, good music, and good people. Last year it was magical when the snow fell while the headliner played into the night. It was beautiful and so special."



This year, features a new headliner, two-time Grammy Award Winner for best Bluegrass Album, The Infamous Stringdusters.

Also on the line-up is the Wild Knights, performing the Grateful Dead and Allman Bros. music and more. "This band is comprised of some of the best musicians out of the city of Buffalo." The show will open with Dirty Blanket, an incredibly talented band from Central New York, with Bluegrass and Bloody Mary's to follow at the Cabana Bar. As always, Buffalo Brass Machine will be traveling throughout the crowd between bands playing New Orleans Style party music to keep the Mardi Gras vibe alive. "We just love this! They are such a fun band and they really keep the energy going. The music is great, and the interaction with the crowd is awesome."

Attendees can peruse and shop local vendors on site including Board Room, City Garage and Mud Sweat n' Gears. Food vendors will be a 'plenty and Southern Tier Brewing is returning for another consecutive year as the beer and distilling sponsor. All of Jennifer's events focus on sustainability, striving for minimal environmental impact

from the festival. 90% of beverages will be sold in cans and zero plastic will be sold. "These little things make a big difference," says Jennifer. "We all have the opportunity to make an impact with small changes every day. We try to make as little of an imprint as possible from the festival; create experiences not impact." Money collected from can recycling at the festival will be donated to a local non-profit.

Jennifer invites readers to experience Rail Rider Jamboree on March 23. "I love creating 'a vibe'. My favorite thing to do is to take a space and build it out so when people walk through the gates they feel like they are in a whole different place, ready to just let go of the day and enjoy the music." Tickets include entry for all music events, essentially 11-12 hours of non-stop music from 1 until about 11PM and are expected to sell out quickly. Visit front gate tickets online to purchase tickets, and to find out more information about the event, and listen to each band to get a feel for the music.

The first 2 years were a huge success, with over 2,000 attendees each year. The event takes place at Holiday Valleys Base Camp Parking lot, allowing easy access to the lodge, accommodations, and the slopes. This year, the music festival will be the same day as Pond Skimming, which makes for a huge day at Holiday Valley. "The resort is so amazing to work with and I feel like the 2 brands just really work well together. We moved to the new space at the Bear Lot for the 2nd year and it's the perfect place, right next to the mountain. You really feel like you are all just one big synergistic party, the mountains and the music."

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The festival features up-and-coming female rocker, Karina Rykman and her band. "Karina is from New York City and completely shreds on the guitar; you don't want to miss her show," says Jennifer.



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Second Annual Ski 4 A Cure

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- The advancement of research initiatives to find new therapies for hard-to-treat cancers
- The next generation of new clinical trials

The second annual event is inspired by the world's biggest ski day in Colorado, the Pink Vail Event, which has raised money for more than ten years to for a Colorado-based cancer center. Ski 4 A Cure aspires to have that same impact right here in Western New York.

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LOCKPORT, NY — Ski 4 A Cure will take place on Thursday, February 16, from 9:30am – 4:20pm with sign-in from 8:30-9:30am. Tickets cost \$115 (\$135 Day of the Event) and include: complimentary demo day, scavenger hunt, parade for cancer survivors, families and friends, down Expo Run, bombardier game, complimentary self-time timed

race, catered lunch, live music, prizes, basket raffle, 50/50 and more. All proceeds benefit Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

This event aims to create a fun, all-inclusive winter event for skiing and winter sports enthusiasts of all abilities. Most importantly, it will recognize cancer survivors and their families while benefiting cancer re-

Spring

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in 2023 — including 43 ‘alternative’ groundhogs. To name a few, Buffalo has Bert the groundhog who, for the past 11 years has been 100% accurate, Dunkirk has Dave, Ontario has Fenwick Flossie and Chilly Charlie, while the south is represented by Georgia’s General Beauregard Lee, who is considered the principal prognosticator for the southern USA. One of the 45 interesting alternative groundhogs is Maxine, California’s weather-predicting tortoise.

Here, let me give you a glimpse of how looking to animals to predict our coming weather first came to be. The Germans who came to America in the late 1800’s, brought with them their culture, customs, and foods. One holiday they shared was Candlemas Day, which arrived between the winter solstice and spring equinox, celebrated on February 2nd.

The Old Farmer’s Almanac tells us that the tradition of relying on rodents as forecasters may date back to the early days of Christianity in Europe, when clear skies on Candlemas Day (Feb. 2) were said to herald cold weather ahead. So back in old Germany the idea came about that if the sun came out on Candlemas and a badger cast its shadow, they could expect snow all the way into May.

Looking for a badger in North America was not so simple since many had been killed off by angry farmers. A substitute had to be found and henceforth, they began to observe the groundhog. Close enough. After all, it lived in a burrow as did the badger. Looking



The local community in California waits in anticipation for when Mojave Maxine will emerge from “brumation” to predict the arrival of spring.

at them, one would think they are related, but they are not. However, they are similar in size, coloring and housing preferences, and are both “true hibernators.” In hibernation, a groundhog’s temperature drops from 99 to 37, heartbeat is five per minute (normally 80), and breathing slows from 16 breaths per minute to 2. So, come February when the urge sets upon the males, they rally. Awake, they pop out ... but here’s the thing, they wake up only to come out to look for a mate! Mating season is in March, but these furry upstarts want first dibs, so they come to the surface, roam around, check out potential mates, introduce themselves, and go back into their dens to wait until mating time. So, yes, in a way, when they come out of hibernation, it means that winter is waning, but, according to many experts, they are not necessarily predicting the weather.

Some interesting facts about groundhogs come to us from Livescience.com: Found only in North America, they are large rodents, relatives of squirrels, up to 24 inches long, weighing 13 pounds with 7-9.5” tails. These round creatures look like

little bears when they stand up on their hind legs. They have long sharp claws and incisors that keep growing. If they aren’t worn down enough by chewing, it can be fatal to these overgrown squirrels, according to the National Wildlife Federation. What is amazing is that their burrows can be 6 feet deep and 20 feet wide, with several entrances. They have a burrow in the woods for the winter and a burrow in the grassy areas during the warmer seasons. They are tidy housekeepers. Solitary homebodies, they never wander far, and enviably, they spend their summers and falls gorging themselves and napping in the sun. They typically live three to six years in the wild, (PBS.org) unlike Phil, who is reputed to be 138 years young thanks to a magic elixir he is fed throughout the year. Look for Phil as he and his handler AJ Dereume who will once again serve as Grand Marshal for the Ellicottville Mardi Gras Parade on Saturday, March 9, 6pm. **Answer to question: *About 700 pounds (317 kg), according to Cornell University**

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://Bouquet-Sale.givesmart.com> or by

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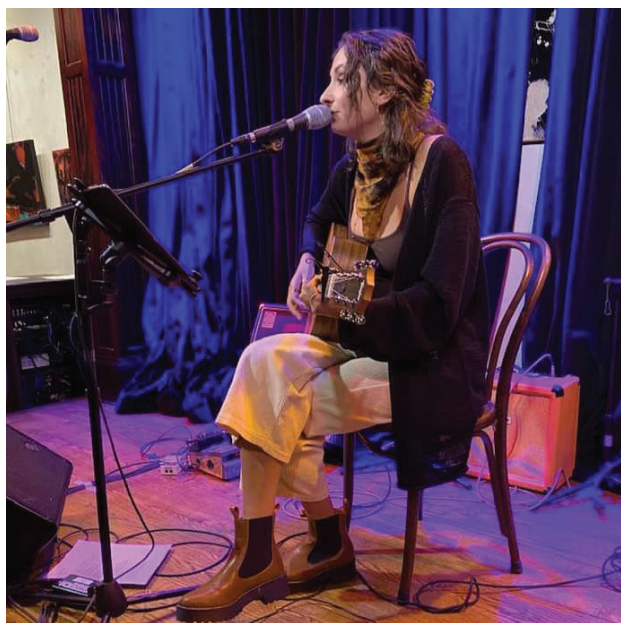
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February Exhibits: Artwork, Yoga, Music, Lessons, Writing & More

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The first Thursday Folk Night will take place on February 1st from 6:30-8pm. The free evening will focus on folk and traditional music and it will be hosted by many players. However, the names of the hosts have not yet been announced. The second, also free, Thursday Folk Night, will take place on February 8th. "Jazz Night with Cat Jones", will feature jazz standards from the 40's to the present, selections from the great American Songbook and also some Latin music. There will be different musicians each time.

At "Blank Canvases": names of the hosts Gathering Community have not yet been announced. The second, on February 10th, from 10am-3pm, community members are invited to learn about, and participate in, the process of designing public art. It will be held at the Lab (the nickname for the art's Laboratory of Social Aesthetics. It is an art studio and gallery in the former Carpet World at 67 East Main Street in Springville, and it is the home base for SCA staff artists Max Collins and Alisia Glaser.

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There are many exciting exhibits and events to enjoy this winter and Spring, thanks to the Springville Center for the Arts. The exhibit "Community Threads: Traditional & Contemporary Fiber Arts", which will continue until Saturday, March 16, 2024, showcases many types of fiber arts, the work of local and regional artists. At the weaving class connected with it, which will be given on Saturday, February 3rd, from 9am-1pm, participants will learn the basics of weaving and about modern fiber art.

Yoga in the Gallery will happen Sunday, February 4th, from 11am-noon. Instructor Danielle Cambio of Blue Sky Wellness will conduct a series of yoga classes in the Olmsted Gallery. Registration is required. Regular Yoga classes will be on February 4th, March 3rd, April 7th and April 27th. Yoga with Sound Bath will be on March 17th.

The oil paintings now on display in the Art's Cafe gallery are the work of Dave Jeffers, who began painting as a teenager. The art, which will be on display until Saturday, February 17th, features bright colors, and curling lines.

Speaking of teens, on Friday, February 16th and Friday, April 19th, from 6-8pm, kids of high-school age can go to a free event at Art's Cafe, to make friends and make art. There will be music, snacks, activities and prizes to keep them entertained.

Clune

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her father primarily playing guitar. She had always loved music, but it was not until her dance teacher, Sam Smith, from "Sam Smith School of Dance" in Tonawanda, told her mom to enroll her in a theatre camp, that she discovered her voice. Sam said that Cami was very expressive and theatrical with her dancing and thought that she would thrive in acting. She was right.

Ever since that first theatre camp, Cami fell completely in love with acting and singing. She practically lived at the "Academy of Theatre Arts" in Williamsville through her teen years. Attending Christian Central Academy in Williamsville, she also sang daily in their praise ensemble and won the local Christian "Joyful Noise" competition at the age of 13. "I've loved all different genres of music for as long as I can remember," says Cami. "When I was growing up, my dream was to be on Broadway. While my focus has primarily shifted to pursuing a solo music career, Broadway will always be my foundation and hold a special place in my heart."

Gaining inspiration from various types of music, Cami began songwriting at the age of 17. "I love pop, rock, country - really all types of music," says Cami. "I love how songs have the ability to tell stories and touch the heart in such a meaningful way."

Cami was cast on Season 19 of The Voice at age 20 after trying out for the show for 4 consecutive seasons. The show actually first approached her in 2017 after finding her singing videos on YouTube, but it turned out that the timing

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was not quite right at that moment. This is a true testament to never give up on your goals and keep trying for what you want. "I was always a big fan of The Voice and visualized myself being on that stage someday. I had this drive, something that I couldn't ignore. I knew it was such a unique opportunity and could be critical in jump-starting my career as an artist." While she was in LA for the show, she felt energized and inspired by everyone she met during the process. "The energy was just contagious. We all had similar goals and a shared passion for performing. Everyone had their own style and came from all walks of life from all over the world with so much talent; it was so inspirational."

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my career," says Cami. "The judges were so down to earth and had a lot of amazing advice to share." After her journey on The Voice, Cami took a break from singing and songwriting for about a year while she struggled with health issues. Cami was diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome when she was 18, and struggled with related health issues after her time on The Voice. This connective tissue disease affects her whole body, but most prominently her joints and digestive system. The syndrome affects each patient differently. Cami is dedicated to raising awareness and supports ongoing research for this condition. She serves as a role model for others facing hardship.

Cami encourages anyone struggling to not give up, in the face of adversity. "Trust me, I know how difficult it can be to live with a chronic condition. Try your best to focus on the positives in your life and practice gratitude. Keep working towards your goals and don't let your situation define you. Living with a chronic condition can

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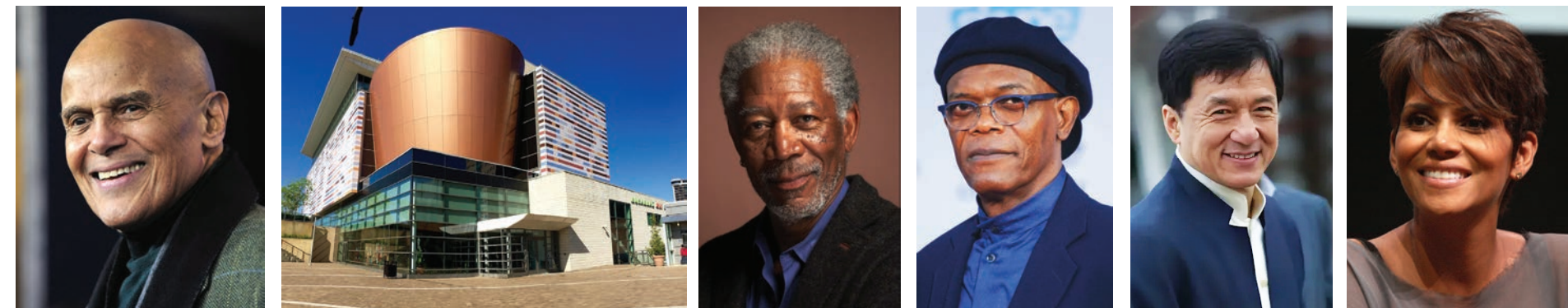
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Appreciating and Celebrating Differences, Difficulties & Triumphs



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

I'm white. I celebrate Black History month. I also like to celebrate Cinco de Mayo, St. Patty's Day, Hanukkah and many holidays and events from other cultures different from my Polish American roots because it broadens my perspective and gives space to the "others" outside of my bubble. As Desi used to say to Lucy, "let me 'splain."

Despite the prejudice against non-whites that I grew up knowing about during the '50's, Americans eagerly invited Cuban-born Desiderio Alberto Arnaz y de Albeniz II into their living rooms weekly. Over time, "Desi" was more than accepted. He and Lucy together were adored, and their impact on the world of entertainment endures,

witnessed by Jamestown's Lucy Desi Museum and the throngs who visit there annually.

Years ago, I was able to snag a ticket to see Harry Belafonte and was delighted I was not one of the SRO (standing room only) tickets they had to sell because he was so popular. Day-O! An outstanding entertainer he was even more known for his philanthropy and involvement in civic issues. Remember Live Aid? That was the concert that helped fight hunger in Africa. Belafonte saw a BBC report in late 1984 about the devastating famine in Ethiopia. Long story short, he started Live Aid with Bob Geldof. Black artists, Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson wrote "We are the World." Bet you know the song, sang with it, and felt a tug at your heart, and maybe even your purse strings. I

simply so appreciate those men. Bet you do too.

I start some mornings with the Today Show when I'm not under deadline for an article or two. I remember when much of America held their breaths until our beloved Al Roker once again appeared all hale and hearty after some big health issues. Who doesn't love Al?

Speaking of "Al" sounding names, there was Ali who floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee. He dazzled us with his footwork and his speed in the ring, but he did even more for humanity supporting the Special Olympics, Make-a-Wish Foundation and more. We all loved and supported Ali. There wasn't a dry eye when he lit the Olympic Cauldron in the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. Before his death,

Ali was chosen to be a United Nations Messenger of Peace because of his work in developing nations. His fans wanted to build something to memorialize him. Instead, he built the Muhammad Ali Center, a multicultural center with a museum in his hometown of Louisville in 2005. His quote here says it all about this amazing human being: "I am an ordinary man who worked hard to develop the talent I was given," he said. "Many fans wanted to build a museum to acknowledge my achievements. I wanted more than a building to house my memorabilia. I wanted a place that would inspire people to be the best that they could be at whatever they chose to do, and to encourage them to be respectful of one another." The man set a stunning example for all of us.

Think about those other-

than-white people you can name that you've grown to admire: Morgan Freeman, Samuel L. Jackson, Jackie Chan, Hallie Barry, Viola Davis, Lupita Nyong'o, Zendaya, Whitney Houston. Here are some that might not be at the tip of your tongue: Gladys West, the mathematician whose extremely detailed model of the Earth became the foundation of GPS (think movie - Hidden Figures), Henrietta Lacks whose 1951 cancer cells (taken without her permission) are the source for the HeLa cell line which, to this day, scientists use for the development of vaccines. Finally, meet Elijah McCoy, a son of slaves and Inventor who revolutionized the railroad ... the list is endless. So much, so many to celebrate. And we haven't even mentioned Desmond

Tutu and Martin Luther King!

Step out of your bubble. Travel. Engage. Get to know other nationalities, races, and cultures. Every one of them is so rich in history and ideas, offering each of us so much to broaden our knowledge and our understanding of each other. Every person we meet, whether white, black, Jamaican, Asian, Cuban, Puerto Rican, Polish, French, Indian, Greek, Haitian, Russian, German, Irish are all our brothers and sisters in the larger picture. I love watching the Ancestry program, Finding your Roots with Louis Gates. Through his work, he finds that we are indeed all related by a common African ancestor. Think about that and let's celebrate everyone during Black History month.



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Imagine taking a walk among ice sculptures as they glisten in the night. There are bars made of ice and many other ice sculptures. There will be games such as cornhole, hockey, and others made from ice.

pandemic), it is estimated that over 15,000 people have participated in this festival.

Along the backside of the hotel, outside and overlooking Chautauqua Lake, is where the magic of the Fire and Ice Festival takes place. Imagine taking a walk among ice sculptures as they glisten in the night. There are bars made of ice and many other ice sculptures. There will be games such as cornhole, hockey, and others made from ice. Ice sculpted martini luges will have cocktails poured through them and into the guest's martini glass. It is quite an amazing sight to see the variety of ways the ice sculptures are used, that turn this into a magnificent icy winter wonderland.

A lot of the festival's activities are outdoors, so it's important to stay warm. There is no dress code but be sure to bundle up to be warm and comfortable. While outside, enjoy the breathtaking view of Chautauqua Lake, while cozying up around one of the outdoor firepits or heaters, while sipping on your favorite beverage. There will be a DJ playing music each night, that can be heard inside or out. The DJ will play a variety of music, so make sure you have your dancing shoes on, in case you want to dance the night away.

After enjoying the outside scenery and activities, you may want to wander inside this glamorous venue. Inside the ballroom, there will be delicious food and drinks. Maybe you will partake in some tasty hors d'ourves, chili, or chowder and of course there will be plenty of wine to be shared

and a full bar is available. At 9pm each night, bundle up again and head outside, or watch from the window, the exciting fireworks display that illuminates the night sky, sparkling over the lake.

To assist in making all this happen each year, the festival currently has over forty sponsors from the Jamestown area and throughout Western NY. These sponsors are honored and promoted in the ice sculpture bars, that are made with the sponsor's name and/or logo carved into them.

Lisa Desantis, the hotel's Director of Sales said, "The Fire and Ice Festival Celebration is one of our biggest events of the year. It's important to know that this fun festival is a worthwhile fundraising event. Proceeds from this event go to CAP - Child Advocacy Program of

Chautauqua County. CAP's mission is to prevent and stop child abuse, and it gives support to those that have been abused. To date the Fire and Ice Festival at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel has raised \$75,000, and it is hoping to reach over \$100,000 after this year's event. We are proud to partner with CAP and proud of what they do for the community. By attending this event, you are helping support a great cause, that helps children and families in our community, while having a fun night doing so."

Two local women shared their Fire and Ice experience. Mary Watson said, "I have attended it since they started having it at the Harbor Hotel, and I look forward to it every year. The food and drinks are delicious, and the ice

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Annex 25

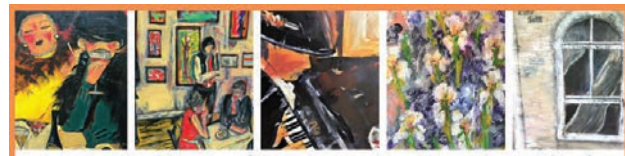
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across a vacant space with a number to call for interested buyers and she knew immediately she was the right buyer for the opportunity. Renovating this space, while carefully preserving its history, the once dirty, abandoned store was transforming into something magical and Annex 25 became alive. Creating a space for new and already recognized artists. Annex 25 has been going for six years now and is an incredible place to visit for celebrations and relaxation. It is a unique environment to enjoy music, view the artwork, sip on a craft cocktail and enjoy some delicious

tapas. Aiming to re-open up Memorial Day weekend, Julie is most delighted to welcome back familiar faces and to meet new friends. The art that is showcased will evolve and change throughout the summer. Some pieces



Painting of the exterior of Annex 25 at 25 East Main Street in Westfield, NY by owner Julie Kleven.



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will be for sale and others theatre program for all are for viewing and children. enjoyment. In addition, Annex 25 is located at this summer Julie is 25 East Main Street in excited to offer an art and Westfield, New York.

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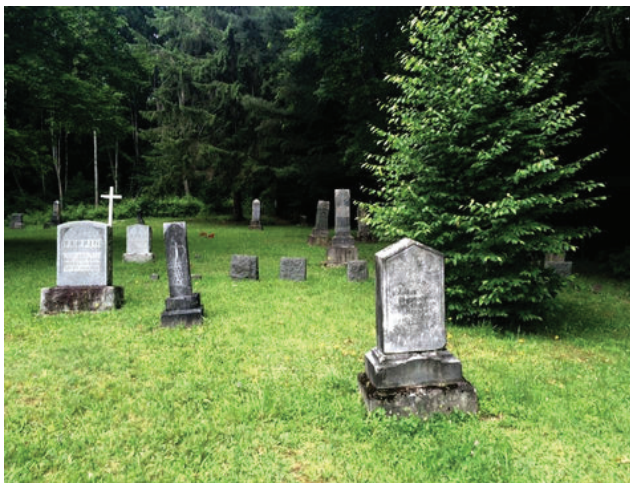
a list of the most haunted places in New York State. The Amityville Horror House on Long Island was, deservedly, first. Letchworth Village, the abandoned mental hospital was named third.

Gurnsey Hollow in Chautauqua County was named second.

Gurnsey Hollow is an infamous destination for ghost-seekers and the morbidly curious. It gets its reputation from a substantial catalogue of independent anecdotes. You can find some great postings on personal experiences all over the internet, on YouTube, and a particularly riveting account on the podcast Educate Me Papa (on Spotify and Apple Podcasts), a weekly look into the strange and occult by Sam Wassman and Haley Betts.

The place is, by every account, haunted.

The reporting from the hollow describes everything from strange noises to floating orbs, apparitions and things that bump in the night. The haunting is based on the legend of a mentally disabled seven-year-old girl who was either stoned to death or hanged by our ancestors (pre-Frewsburg Frewsburgers) in the late 1800s. There's a large stone cross at the top of a small hill where she reportedly appears (possibly the place where she was hanged), a favored spot for the campfires of visitors who brave the night air in the Hollow. She was then buried in right there, where she was murdered. Bone yards are notoriously spooky without tragic



(Pictured top to bottom: Amityville Horror House, Gurnsey Hollow Cemetery, Letchworth Village)

histories, and Gurnsey Hollow hosts several more graves of children, contributing to the uneasy atmosphere. Which might explain other unnatural phenomenon visitors have consistently experienced; a little boy wandering

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Purchase of Restaurant Fulfills a Lifelong Dream

Demetri's on the Lake in Dunkirk, NY has New Ownership

BY DELAINEY MUSCATO – ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV.

It has always been a dream of Shirlene Miller's to own her own restaurant, and now she does! On January 1st of this year, Miller took ownership of the restaurant Demetri's on the Lake in Dunkirk. She's very excited about everything this new venture has to offer and can't wait for the grand reopening this Friday, February 2. Demetri's originally opened in 1990 under Demetrius Tsirtsakis's ownership.

Miller's story with Demetri's began when she was 16. She began as a server and then in the 90's became the general manager of the restaurant. Once Miller was married and started thinking about having children, she decided it would be best for her and her family if she left Demetri's. "I was working 6 days a week, 12 hours a day," she said. The time she spent at the restaurant just wasn't feasible for her growing family.

However, Miller still wanted to work. So, 10 years ago Miller purchased an apparel store from its previous owner. Miller's Apparel and Custom Printing is located just four minutes away from Demetri's on the Lake. The apparel shop allowed her the flexibility she needed to raise her kids. "I never missed a game. I never missed cheerleading. I never missed a sick day where I had to pick them up. I got to raise them 110%," Miller said.

After so long away from Demetri's, 23 years to be exact, Miller is super excited to get back to it. While her apparel shop did



Because Dunkirk is right on the shores of Lake Erie, the summers are a very busy time. A lot of people return for the summer or come to visit to enjoy the lake in the warmer weather and events held in the town. Though some people might be bothered by the busier streets, Miller loves this time of year. "The summers on the lake are just amazing. We get the boaters and the tourists, too. It's just so much fun to meet new people," she said. This summer, Miller shared, they are hoping to try out some new seafood dishes.

allow her to be an involved mother, she said, "it's a bit like factory work". Miller is excited for the people she will get to see every day at the restaurant. "I miss people. When my kids went off to college, I went back to looking for a restaurant," Miller shared.

Miller is not looking to change much about the restaurant. The building itself will receive some updates from the actual building owner. As for the menu, not a lot is changing there either. Miller says she'd like to keep as many of the original Greek entrees on the menu. "Demetrius has shown me how he made all of them, so I can keep them as close as possible [to the original]," Miller said. That being said, she does plan to add her own touches to the restaurant. "I do different specials every day, different soups every day," she said. Miller also plans to create a

website for the restaurant. The web address will be demetrisrestaurant.net.

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Miller has always wanted to own a restaurant or small café because she loves to cook. But she shared how difficult it would have been with

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“Henry the Fourth, Part One”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

A major part of the plot in “Henry the Fourth, Part One” revolves around a young prince, known as Hal (his real name is Harry), who spends his days hanging out in a bar with thieves, and his main drinking companion, Falstaff. Falstaff is a thief who has a drinking problem and an eating problem, he’s always lying and he’s old enough to be his father. But he’s always jolly and they have a lot of fun exchanging witty remarks. The prince has even more fun playing pranks on him. Unsurprisingly, his real father, the king, Henry the Fourth (of course), strongly disapproves of his behavior. The prince’s excuse for it is that he’s really getting to know some of the types of people who will someday be his subjects, after he becomes the king. His dad wishes that another guy, who’s also named Harry, but is always called by his nickname, Hotspur, and is always talking about his love of fighting, was his son instead. That’s gotta hurt!

Falstaff asks the prince to join in with a robbery he and others are planning, but he refuses. However, another man gets the prince to participate in robbery by turning the activity into a prank the two of them

pull on him. The first part of his plan involves telling the prince’s pal when people carrying lots of money will be traveling on a certain road, and saying he will help him rob them. During the robbery, the man instead slips away and disguises himself, and together with the prince, also in disguise, they steal from him the money he’s just stolen (which they later return to the victims).

The man with the plan tells the prince that he expects the most amusing part of the prank will happen when they’re all back at the bar, and Falstaff starts lying and exaggerating (as he always does) about what he experienced. Sure enough, when they’re all together again, he begins lying about his bravery when he was trying to fight off the robbers and exaggerates about how many there were, concluding with the lie that he killed two of them. When the prince reveals there were only two men (and that he was one of them) and that Falstaff ran away when they approached, everyone there laughs at him. However, he quickly defends himself by saying (words to the effect of), “I knew it was you all along, and I would never attack a prince!” This reply pleases his pal, so when a sheriff arrives at the bar a while later looking for Falstaff, in connection with the highway robbery, he tells him to hide and then tells the sheriff he’s not there. When he finds that Falstaff’s fallen asleep, he plays another prank on him by going through the contents of his pockets (nothing’s in them but bar bills), making him think later that his pocket was picked (by someone

he didn’t know). Meanwhile, a battle is brewing in the kingdom because the king is refusing to help people who helped him become king. When the battle begins, his son joins the fighting, and drafts his bar buddies. He gives Falstaff a position of authority because they’re old pals and he promptly begins exploiting his position by accepting bribes from men who want to avoid becoming soldiers.

During the battle, Hal’s father forgives him for his years of wasting time hanging out with lowlifes when he saves his life. The prince winds up fighting one-on-one, in a swordfight, with Hotspur, the man his father wished he was, and kills him. (What a drastic way to resolve father-son estrangement!) After he does so, he walks away and leaves his body on the ground, and Falstaff dreams up a way to try to exploit the corpse. Ironically, he knows who killed Hotspur because he was nearby when he died, feigning death to avoid having to fight. After saying out loud (so the audience knows) that he’s going to try and take credit for his death, he stabs the corpse with his sword so he can say he stabbed him. Soon after that, the prince finds out about his scheme, but surprisingly, says he’ll let him claim he killed him, so he can say he’s a war hero. Apparently he does so to try and atone for committing murder. The play ends with another battle looming on the horizon. The action continues exactly where it leaves off, in “Henry the First, Part Two”.

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

By DARLENE BRACE

It’s already the first weekend in February. Let’s see what exciting entertainment is happening this weekend in Chautauqua County.

Friday February 2 - Bill Ward will be playing at Inlet Brewing starting at 6pm. Come on out and enjoy the timeless music that Bill Ward performs while sipping on a tasty beverage.

Ion Sky will be playing at Music for Your Mouth, which is a restaurant in Mayville. They will perform from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Enjoy a delicious meal while listening to the acoustic versions of their rock and pop sets. For reservations, call 716-224-1035.

Miranda Wilcox will be performing at Buddy Brewster’s in Lakewood starting at 7pm. She plays original tunes as well as cover songs from the 50’s to present. She plays a variety of music ranging from rock, pop, jazz, and country. Enjoy a nice meal while listening to her eclectic music set.

Comedy night is coming to Dunkirk at the Spot on the Lake. The doors open at 6pm, and the show starts at 7pm. The comedy night will be hosted by Mike Shanks and will feature Laura Evans, Jake Morrison, Eric Basile, and Katarina Valentine. This is an 18+ event. Admission tickets are \$12 presale or \$15 at the door, and it includes your first drink.

The Lucille Ball Theater in Jamestown presents the production of The

Outsiders. The Outsiders is an exciting story told through the eyes of Pony Boy. The plot includes territorial battles between groups of teenagers. The performances this weekend will be Friday and Saturday at 7pm and a matinee on Sunday at 2pm. For tickets, go to lbtj.com.

Saturday February 3 - Doors Open Jamestown will take place in the Jamestown area from 10am-4pm. It’s a special day when local attractions and museums have free admission and special activities, to encourage residents to explore what the community has to offer. There are a wide variety of attractions and businesses involved this year. See information at chautauquachamber.org or you can call (716) 484-1101.

Big Inlet Brewing is hosting Raedwald Howland-Bolton, who is a singer and a finger style guitarist. He plays several resonator guitars. Come and relax while he performs his unique blues and roots music, starting at 5:30pm.

The Great Chili Cookoff will be taking place at Peek n’ Peak in Clymer, New York from 12pm-5pm. You can taste chili samples and vote for your favorite chili. Prizes will be awarded at 5pm, including a \$500 prize for the best chili. DJ Mark will be playing music and there will be a variety of vendors there. Check out pknk.com for more information.

The Reg Lenna in Jamestown will be showing the movie Wonka. Based on a Robert Dahl novel, Wonka is a funny, heartwarming fantasy/musical about the

beloved Willy Wonka. The show starts at 4pm and you can buy tickets online at reglenna.com up to two hours before the show.

Popular local band Ion Sky will be performing acoustic music at the Southern Tier Distillery starting at 5pm. Come enjoy their covers of pop and rock music while enjoying their delicious cocktails.

Midnight Recovery will be jamming at The Tavern at the Mall in Forestville, NY starting at 8pm. Try some delicious food from their menu while listening to this great rock’n’roll band.

Cassadaga will be holding its annual Winter Festival February 3-4. It will have a variety of activities starting with a 50K walk / run around the lake at 8am Saturday. The Saturday activities continue throughout the day and include a Snow Sculpture Contest and a Polar Dip. There will be Fun on the Beach activities that include fire pits, s’mores, tetherball, street hockey, drawings, ice sculptures, and refreshments.

At 7pm, Party McFly will be performing at the Cassadaga Legion. The events will continue Sunday with sledding, country skiing, and snowshoeing. For event information, and times and locations of all the activities, you should check out their Facebook page called Citizens for a Better Cassadaga.

This weekend there was a wide variety of entertainment, including a movie, a winter festival, and plenty of live music. Check out our next issue to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County next weekend.

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue
Well Mother Nature is not cooperating but there's always lots of music in Evl so let's see who's playing where.

We kick off the week-end Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This weeks musical host is Spencer Easton from 6-9pm. Spencer tell me he plays country covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday band is The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers and originals highlighting sweet vocal harmonies and smooth guitar licks. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY
Balloons is back with The Funk Knights from 6:30-10pm. This band is comprised of members of some of Buffalo's most popular groups who got together to funk around. The back bar will host Tina Williams from 10-1am. She plays a rock/pop/folk/alt/blues set of covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Wasted Whiskey from 8-12am. This band plays modern country stretching the boundaries of rock and country. Check out the kitchen open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11am sat-

sun. Madigans joins the party with Dj Persia from 9-2 am, layin down a groove so you can bust a move in the second story window.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill gets the worm with the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Have a late lunch or early dinner and enjoy some music. The Joe Wagner Band takes the stage from 8-12am. Joe plays a rock/folk/blues/country rock set of covers that you'll know the words to. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

We head back over to Balloons for Diyen'e (pronounced DNA) from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo band plays a soul/funk/r&b/blues/pop set of covers and originals. The back bar will feature Interstate Daydream from 10-1am. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/folk covers with the hard driving vocals of Marge Tucker. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

We close it out at Madigans with Dj SI rockiin the sound booth puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am. Try the pool tables or dart board for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill hosts Marty Peteres and Company from 2-5pm Marty and guest musicians play blues and folk cover from the 70's-90's. Try the famous Bloody Mary's.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night

and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta with your favorite toppings or succulent prime cooked the way you like it. The music will be provided by Girls of Grosh from 5:30-8:30pm. These singer/songwriters play a rock/pop/folk/alt/blues set of originals and covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beer with music provided by The Groove Bros from 6-9pm. This duo plays a blues/soul/rock/pop/jazz set of covers.

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

The Gin Mills next to last band is The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This band features seasoned musicians from various local groups who play an eclectic set of roots/americana covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We end the weekend as we have for the last 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. The music will be provided by Brian Rick from 7-10pm. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers to accompany those delicious wings and 37 beers on tap. No wonder it's a 40 year tradition. If you enjoyed your time in our village please tell your family and friend and return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What was the Hardest Lesson You've Learned?"

By CHAD NEAL

Making mistakes is very much a part of life. Owing up to them is a major part of growing as well. Finding a scapegoat is easy and ignoring the truth to satisfy your self is not the best way to go about it either. Solving the problem for oneself and not all parties involved is a selfish way to shine up the garbage, but a lesson will be learned in the long run, even if the ego ignores it and moving on seems to be the answer, someone will not forget and their lesson that was learned. Revenge will teach lessons as well, to all parties involved. Life is a series of experiences which we either use for future reference or we don't. Many times the lesson has to be taught a few times, if death isn't involved. Sometimes too we do not know how to use the lesson as the "problem" doesn't have an easy solution or they just don't want to see your side. Supposed hierarchies have had this solution in many instances, to ignore others needs to satisfy themselves. What was the hardest lesson you've learned?



Jessie P.- Most times, the only way to grow is to go through something that makes you change. Lessons learned the hard way are the ones we learn the most from.



Tara L.- Some folks aren't worth fighting for.



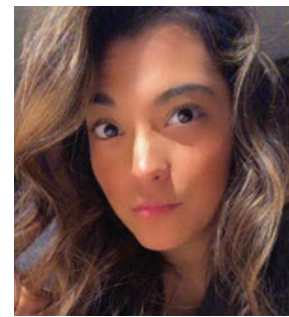
Twan - You shouldn't drink beer out of The Gobbler's ski boot.



Danni J.- People won't change until THEY decide they want to change!



Jennifer T.- Not everyone has good intentions!



Amanda S.- That if you give up when things go wrong, you will fall twice as hard.

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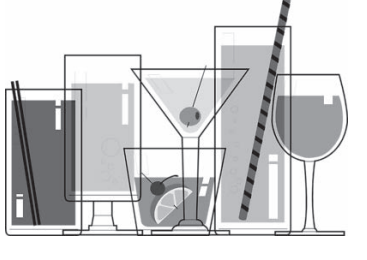
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Clune

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be debilitating, but please never let it consume you. You are more than your illness. Don't give up on your goals, and keep fighting. It is so important to have a good support system, prioritize your health, and take it one day at a time."

In 2023, Cami formed Cami and The Fringe, a 5-piece band she performs with and brings her artistic vision to life. She is currently playing with The Fringe, as well as performing solo shows, at various venues across Western NY. Cami and The Fringe recently launched a project called the "Taylor Swift Experience." This show takes the crowd along on a journey through Taylor Swift's "Eras," modeled directly off of Taylor's, The Eras Tour. "Taylor Swift has always been a huge inspiration to me; I highly respect her as an artist and performer," says Cami. "She is an extremely talented performer and songwriter. She is first and foremost a storyteller, and that is what I strive to be. She isn't afraid to be authentic. The show we put on is super fun and high energy with costume changes and fun transitions; It's a great time."

Recently, Cami has been collaborating with artist Grabbitz to produce an original EP to be released in Spring 2024. A few years ago, she released two studio covers of songs that she performed on The Voice - "Skinny Love" and "I Put a Spell on You." She also released two original singles "Old at 20" and "PARASITE" which are available to stream on all platforms. She is so excited to share what she has been working on.

Cami encourages aspiring artists to follow their passions and stay true to themselves. "Don't compare your journey to others'; it's your story. Be authentic to yourself and enjoy the process. Believe in yourself."

For more info visit camiclune.com and follow on social media.



Festival

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sculptures are amazing. So many people attend it. It's wonderful to enjoy a winter get together with your friends. The music and the fireworks top it all off. I love this event! It never disappoints."

Anne Sischo of Jamestown added, "I have really enjoyed the Fire and Ice event at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. It's something to look forward to during the winter months. The displays are beautiful! It's great to see what local vendors have to offer. It's a chance to see friends, enjoy a fun night out, and support a great cause."


To attend this event, nightly event tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased on events.com. There will be a cash bar and your admission ticket includes food and the activities. If you want more information or are interested in overnight accommodations, you can call the hotel at 489-2800. You can also find information on chautauquaharborhotel.com and their Facebook page. It's a great night out to be part of the community and to raise funds for a very worthy cause. See you there.



At 9pm each night, bundle up again and head outside, or watch from the window, the exciting fireworks display that illuminates the night sky, sparkling over the lake.

Recognizing Black History Month

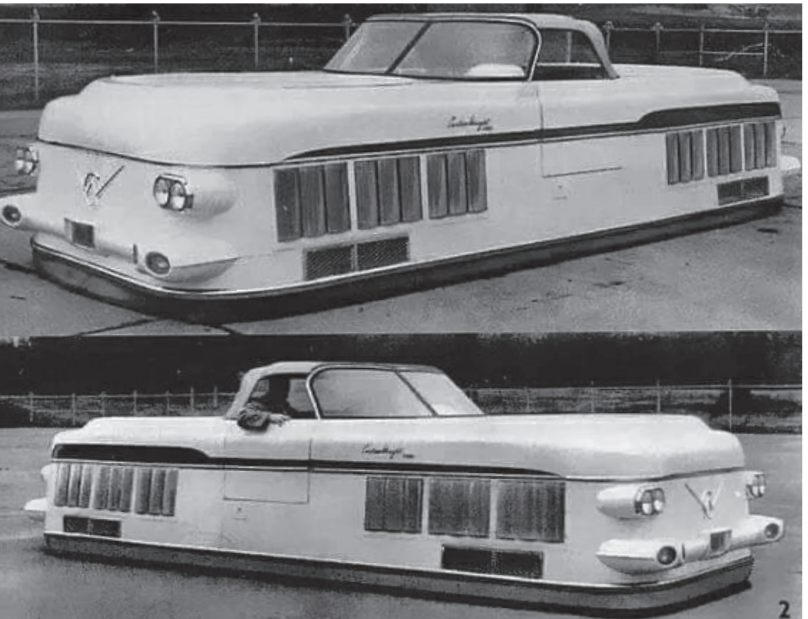
Broadway Market Celebrates throughout February



The Broadway Market located at 999 Broadway in the heart of Buffalo, NY will recognize Black History Month throughout the month of February with live music, food and craft vendors highlighting Black-owned businesses each Saturday from 8am-5pm starting February 3.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



1959 Curtiss-Wright Model 2500 Air Car
Developed to be the cushy family car. Lift was provided by two vertically mounted 180hp aircraft engines. Air ducts on the sides of the front and rear made it possible to maneuver.

Demetri's



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young children. In order to maintain her apparel shop while owning Demetri's, Miller would like to hire a manager for the apparel shop. She is also thinking about selling or leasing it.

Miller is extremely excited for the grand opening and everything that comes after. Though she will retire after her five-year lease ends, she plans to make the most of her time as owner of Demetri's for her customers, staff, and herself.

Miller is not looking to change much about the restaurant. The building itself will receive some updates from the actual building owner. As for the menu, not a lot is changing there either. Miller says she'd like to keep as many of the original Greek entrées on the menu. "Demetri's has shown me how he made all of them, so I can keep them as close as possible [to the original]," Miller said.

Springville

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7th, from 6:30-8pm. Zack Boehler joined the Buffalo Art Museum in 2017 as the Public Art Project Coordinator. The free event at Art's Cafe will feature talks hosted by staff artist Max Collins. It will spotlight an assortment of artists from all disciplines. Attending the evening is a great way to network, learn about events, opportunities and art-making in Western New York.

The Springville Center for the Arts is located at 37 North Buffalo Street in Springville, NY. For more information about these and other upcoming events and exhibits, go to springvillearts.org or call (716) 582-9038.

The exhibit "Community Threads: Traditional & Contemporary Fiber Arts", which will continue until Saturday, March 16, 2024, showcases many types of fiber arts, the work of local and regional artists. At the weaving class connected with it, which will be given on Saturday, February 3rd, from 9am-1pm, participants will learn the basics of weaving and about modern fiber art.

Haunted

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glares in judgement. Electric equipment that refuses to operate within the cemetery fence for no apparent reason; flashlights, cameras, phones, even vehicles that stall out on the way to the Hollow. And a consistent, overarching moaning that can't be traced.

Chris Gethard, writing on the web site Weird U.S. says, "I am fascinated by every site I have visited in the

course of researching and writing Weird NY. But none have intimidated me as much as the Gurnsey Hollow Cemetery. My trip there was easily one of the more chilling experiences I have had in my entire life—including my five years in the employ of the Weird NJ/Weird US family of magazines and books, which have led me to visit hundreds of purportedly haunted sites personally. I don't think words or even pictures can do justice to the atmosphere of this very unique and disturbing place."

And there's that little

girl. The basis of that legend, a young girl murdered because of some sort of mental affliction, has a puritan, purging, evil-mistaken-for-paranoia feel, Carrie and Salem witch burnings rolled into a narrative, supernatural phenomenon that has elements of legitimacy, if visitors are to be believed. The spectral girl puts up bright orbs, laughs at gravesite gawkers, follows people around the grounds, and even scratches them in her haunting. It's a rare visitor who enters and leaves Gurnsey Hollow unaffected.

NY Musky Expo this Weekend

February 3 & 4 at the Chautauqua Suites in Mayville

The New York Musky Expo will be held February 3rd (9am-5pm) and February 4th 2024 (9am-2pm). It will be held at the Chautauqua Suites and Expo center located at 215 West Lake Road in Mayville, New York. Builders and vendors from all across the US and Canada will be there. Sat Feb 3rd from 7pm to 9pm there will be a Lure swap meet. There will also be seminars scheduled throughout both days.

There will be lots of door prizes and raffles. Entry fee will be \$15 for single day or \$20 for two-day pass and swap meet.

New York Muskies Inc. Chapter 69 will be conducting kid's activities. Tickets can be purchased in advance but will not get you in the doors first.



From Bryan's Brain



Cesar Romero as The Joker

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Dine Out for Audubon at Shawbucks in Jamestown, Feb. 6



Tank the Turtle is just one of the attractions for kids at Audubon Community Nature Center. You can help Audubon continue providing nature learning opportunities for children by Dining Out for Audubon at Shawbucks restaurant in downtown Jamestown on Tuesday, February 6.

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If you are planning to have supper on Tuesday, February 6, you can support nature education by joining the Audubon team for dinner and drinks between 4 and 8 p.m. at Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown.

Located at 212 West 2nd Street, Shawbucks will donate a portion of the proceeds from that evening to Audubon.

No reservations are necessary. Bring some cash to take a chance at winning some great items at the basket raffle.

Learn more about Shawbucks at Shawbucks.com. Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross country ski over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10am-4:30pm, and Sundays, 1-4:30pm. Na-

ture Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

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

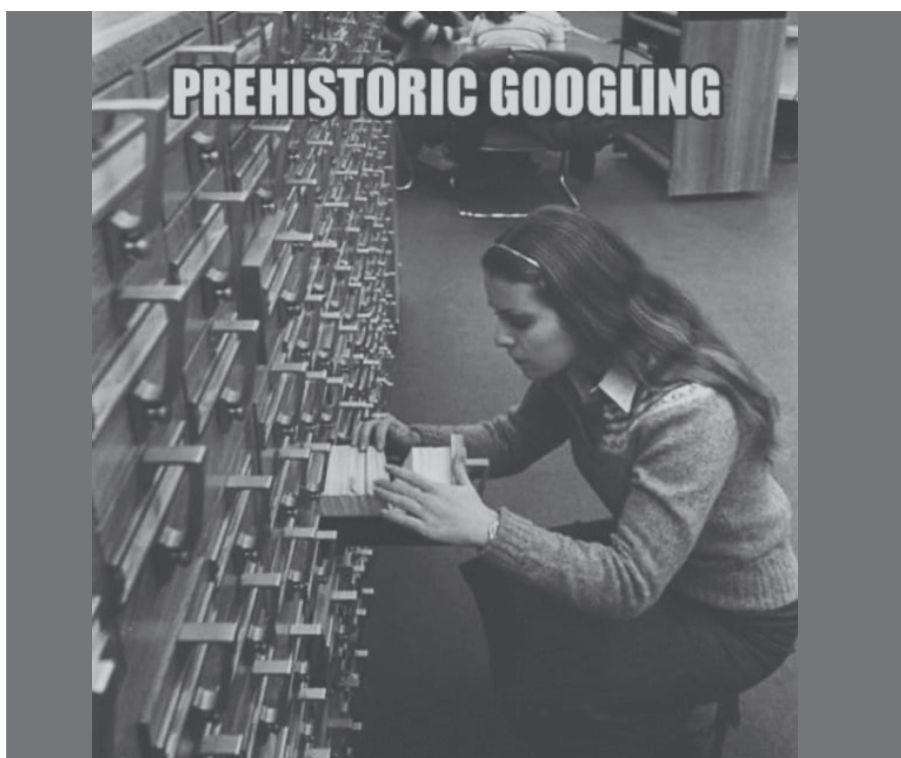
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Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



Views From Ellicottville NY: Contractor's Day at HoliMont Last Friday



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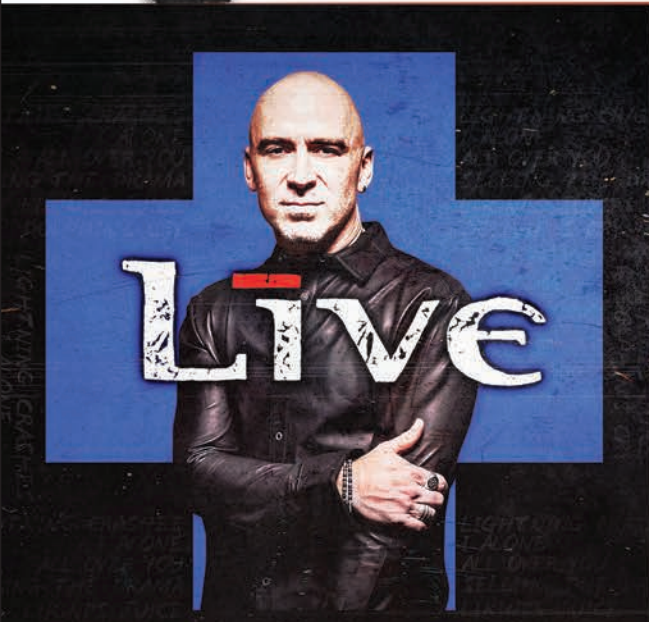
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