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Saturday, February 24 • 10am  
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## Celebrating Valentine's Day Understanding Cupid's Starring Role



In 1861 Cadbury candy first had the idea for chocolates served up in heart shaped boxes.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Remember as a preschooler when you gave little cutout cards to your classmates for Valentine's Day? In that package of cards there were always some Cupids with their bows, ready to make someone fall in love. I

saved those for the boy I was sweet on during my Valentine giving years as a child.

The story of Cupid is, of course, a myth. He is also known as Amor or Cupido in Roman mythology, and Eros in Greek

SEE "VALENTINE" PG. 6

## 3rd Annual Powder to Prosecco Inspirational Women's Weekend, February 22-23



You are invited to join in and find out what the Woman 2 Woman (W2W) team is doing to create better gear for women. It'll be a great weekend sharing experiences, passions, and skiing in the great outdoors. For more information visit their Facebook Page, purchase tickets on Event Brite or call the store at (716) 699-8300. Event limited to 50 women.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This February 22-23rd marks the 3rd annual Powder to Prosecco Women's weekend at Holimont. This empowering weekend gathers likeminded females to connect in the camaraderie of skiing. Join

representatives from Blizzard/ Tecnica Women 2 Women Project including Marketing Director and ski enthusiast Leslie Baker Brown.

Kimberly Reading, co-owner of Mud, Sweat n' Gears, SEE "WOMEN" PG. 6

## Farm-to-Consumer Cannabis Experience Budding on Martha Street, in Ellicottville

BY DAVE PARKER



Stew and Deb Ritchie bring over 27 years of farming expertise to Ellicottville. Their business, Native Offerings Farm, is a certified organic CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) project in Little Valley (East Otto), New York.

A new business is being planned in the heart of Ellicottville, as the Ellicottville Cannabis Company targets a dispensary at 11 Martha Street. Owners Stew and Deb Ritchie, both hailing from Cattaraugus, are preparing to open their doors on April 20, ushering in a farm-to-consumer cannabis experience like no other. As the countdown begins, let's explore the roots of this endeavor and what the community can expect from this exciting addition to the Village.

FROM FARM TO CONSUMER: A RICH AGRICULTURAL LEGACY  
Stew and Deb Ritchie bring over 27 years of farming expertise to Ellicottville.

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## Mayville Winter Festival 2024

Fun Family Activities All Weekend, February 16-18



Since there isn't any snow or ice to build a castle with, they have a wooden castle that has been constructed for the festival. This wooden castle was built by Tim Hull of Mayville. They will have the lighting of the castle at the opening ceremony on Friday night at 6pm, and it will be great for photo opportunities for visitors during the festival. After the lighting of the castle, they will also be crowning the festival's queen and king, that local community members will have voted for. (Pictured, Mayville's Ice Castle in earlier years.)

BY DARLENE BRACE

The annual Mayville Winter Festival will take place at the Lakeside Park on February 16th-18th. It's a great community event that

promotes local businesses and vendors, and there are a wide variety of activities planned.

The Mayville Winter Festival started many years ago, back in SEE "FESTIVAL" PG. 10

## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

It's Valentine's Day, Lets Talk about Love ... pg. 9  
Examining the Spectrum of Love throughout History

### agape

[a-ga-pe]  
(n.) the highest form of love. selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional love; persists no matter the circumstance  
Finally, I present Agape, the highest form of love. It is a universal love, the love for nature, God, and strangers. I share a favorite story of unconditional agape love exhibited on a stormy winter day to my son whose truck broke down on I 86 ....  
I wonder if he realized that he had a visiting angel delivering Agape love to him along with the coffee.

Boost Your Skiing in Ellicottville ... pg. 4

What village? Our favorite village – The Village of Ellicottville. "Village," a word that has a friendly vibe and connotes a strong sense of belonging and community. We are all incredibly blessed to have this world class ski town to enjoy. Sure, there are bigger and more renowned ski towns, but none are quainter and friendlier than Ellicottville. In the Northeast, it is a rarity to have an actual historic town, filled with beautiful buildings and amazing amenities, so close to the slopes. Lake Placid and Stowe, for instance, are great towns but are located miles away from the ski slopes on busy access roads.

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## Local History: Chautauqua

Exploring How Chautauqua Got It's Name



In a world where information is ubiquitous, it's amazing that the word Chautauqua doesn't have an authentic, agreed-upon translation. An etymological search will tell you it has Haudenosaunee origins. -Haudenosaunee being another name for the Iroquois nation-describing something "tied in the middle," like a bag. That is the general shape of Lake Chautauqua with its northern and southern basins separated by the narrows at Bemus Point and Stow.

BY BILL BURK

She knelt by the water, where the tip of Long Point State Park reaches out into Chautauqua Lake. In the small hills behind the peninsula, up where what is now Ellery Center, fires burned, screams and whoops echoed up and down the bluff. This was the end, the dying gasp of a people, of an identity, of her tribe. Anyone who survived the slaughter would be taken into slavery by the marauders.  
She was trapped on this narrow spit of land.

SEE "CHAUTAUQUA" PAGE 11

## Ellicottville Yoga Retreat

"Deeply Rooted" Pop-Up @ Winery of EVL

KATE BARTLETT



Take some time for self-care this Valentine's weekend for a day of yoga and relaxation at the Winery of Ellicottville next Saturday, February 17th.

Deeply Rooted Yoga is hosting a pop-up retreat from 8:30-11:30am with a rejuvenating experience combining the serenity of yoga with the healing power of sound and reiki.

Founders Cora Utegg and Jen Seibert opened Deeply Rooted Wellness in Fredonia in 2021 with a vision to create an environment centered around healing, yoga, and inner wellness. They offer massage, Reiki, Vinyasa and Hatha yoga classes in their studio at 7 E. Main Street (Fredonia). "I've always sought to ground my clients and hope to help them connect with their inner peace," says Cora. "We focus on wood and earth elements in our studio, providing an atmosphere of simplicity in nature."

Cora Utegg, founder of Deeply Rooted Wellness, opened in 2021 with the vision to create a space that offers multiple healing modalities, yoga classes, and wellness events. A space with earthy vibes and wooden accents that invite you to ground down into the roots of the soul. "I wouldn't have found this space if it hadn't been for my aunt, Jen Seibert

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# Publisher's Word

*"Celebration Is in Order!"*



Valentine's Day falls on this coming Wednesday this year; I believe that gives us reason to celebrate through the weekend and onto the 14<sup>th</sup>; what do you think? Our writers have been bitten with the bug as you can tell by the splashing of love on the pages this week. You are invited to explore the history of the holiday and the musings of their minds. Our local establishments have lined up some special treats for you as well as you will find. Do you have a special Valentine tradition? If so, please share with us, we would love to let our readers know. As always, we look forward to your suggestions so please drop us a line anytime at 716-699-2058 or email [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com); you can also simply check out our website: [www.thevillager.com](http://www.thevillager.com) and hit the "Submit Materials" tab and it will come directly to us. Until next week, enjoy the read, your time, your friends and those you love!

*Yours in writing –*  
**Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

## Happy Birthday

- Rita Wolf... February 15th • Cassandra Marie Hawkins... February 16th  
Mary Vahl... February 17th • Laurie Dux... February 17th  
Craig Hall... February 17th • Anna Solar... February 18th  
Stacy McCarragher... February 18th  
Luan Bobinchuck... February 18th  
Scott Campbell... February 19th • Laura Kohler... February 20th  
Kathy Ahlstrom... February 20th • Bill Reading... February 22nd  
June Gatewood Zipp... February 22nd  
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Tracy Lee Hamlett... February 25  
Tim Frank... February 27 • Campbell Dawson... March 6th  
Mike Bobinchuck... March 7th • Barry Asten... March 10th  
Peter Sullivan... March 13th • Cynthia K Moore... March 15th

## Share the Warmth

### Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive

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

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## Annual Fire and Ice Celebration

Celoron's Chautauqua Harbor Hotel Hosts February 8-10



Fire & Ice is back at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel! From February 8th-10th, get your tickets today! Fire & Ice is an outdoor winter wonderland of breathtaking ice sculptures, martini luges, and even bars! Warm up indoors with light hors d'oeuvres, chili and chowder. Great music and lots of fun. Fireworks to end the evening.

## National Collegiate Rugby Chooses Players

### Six Bonnies Named to College All-American Rugby Team



The honors keep coming for the national champion St. Bonaventure women's rugby team. The Bonnies, who defeated Wisconsin-Platteville for the 2023 National Collegiate Rugby small-college national title in December, had six players named Thursday to the NCR small-college All-American team. Abbey Beres, Kaylee Middaugh, Makenna Ramsey, Ashlee Reid, Natalie Lamar and Jaylei Wagstaff were selected; the Bonnies had the most All-Americans of any college in the nation. Ramsey, a graduate student, is an All-American for the second straight year. Ramsey, Reid, Middaugh, Lamar and Kyla Nentarz were selected for the Upstate New York Collegiate Rugby Conference All-Star team that finished third in the Division I Pyke Women's 7 National Cup Jan. 9-12 at Austin, Texas. Lamar played for the small-college UNYCRC All-Star team that finished fourth. Ramsey (four tries) and Lamar (five tries) were named to their respective all-tournament teams. The UNYCRC all-star teams, called the Snow Leopards, were coached by St. Bonaventure's Meredith Pyke.

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## Be a Part of the Art!

# Prime Destination for 2024 Solar Eclipse

## Chautauqua County Gears Up for a Celestial Spectacle



**MAYVILLE, NY** – Chautauqua County is set to be a prime destination for stargazers and astronomy enthusiasts during this April's Solar Eclipse. To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for both residents and visitors, the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services, and partners, have launched a comprehensive public awareness campaign.

On April 8, 2024, Chautauqua County will play host to the awe-inspiring 2024 Solar Eclipse, a rare celestial event that promises a breathtaking display in our skies. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes directly between the sun and the Earth, casting a shadow on our planet.

This celestial alignment results in a temporary dimming of the sunlight, transforming day into an ethereal twilight. During the peak of the eclipse, the moon perfectly covers the sun, revealing the sun's outer atmosphere in a breathtaking display known as the solar corona.

In simple terms, it's nature's own captivating light show, a dance between celestial bodies that promises a truly awe-inspiring experience. The 2024 Solar Eclipse is a rare opportunity for residents and visitors of Chautauqua County to witness this cosmic ballet, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

As anticipation builds for this remarkable occurrence, the county expects a significant influx of tourists eager to witness the eclipse from our unique vantage points.

"The eclipse itself poses no danger; however, the anticipated influx of enthusiasts brings the potential for congestion,"

explained Noel Guttman, Chautauqua County's Director of Emergency Services. "Our proactive public awareness campaign focuses on safety, preparedness, and collaboration to ensure a seamless and enjoyable experience for all, turning this celestial event into a source of unity and wonder for Chautauqua County."

Recognizing the potential impact of this celestial event on our community, the Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services has proactively initiated a public awareness campaign. This campaign aims to educate residents and visitors about the eclipse, emphasizing safety measures, preparedness, and highlighting key aspects to enhance their eclipse experience.

Traffic and Arrival Precautions: We are advising visitors to "come early and stay late," plan their trips to avoid traffic congestion. For locals, the best viewing spot is in your own back yard.

Eclipse Viewing Safety: We are encouraging the use of approved solar viewing glasses to protect your eyes. Chautauqua County Government has ordered solar viewing glasses and will soon announce where residents and visitors alike can pick up a pair, for free. Community Engagement: Officials have been collaborating with local businesses and groups to educate them about eclipse safety. The Chautauqua County Visitors Bureau has organized a list of eclipse themed events countywide at: [tourchautauqua.com/explore/2024-eclipse](http://tourchautauqua.com/explore/2024-eclipse). The success of this public awareness campaign relies on the collaborative efforts of local businesses, residents, and visitors. Chautauqua

County welcomes everyone to join us in embracing this celestial marvel while prioritizing safety and preparedness.

"I sincerely appreciate our Emergency Services team, and the many other stakeholders involved, for their exceptional planning and unwavering dedication in preparing Chautauqua County for the 2024 Solar Eclipse. Their commitment to safety and meticulous preparation reflects our community's resilience," said County Executive Paul M. Wendel Jr. "With a sense of pride in our thorough readiness, I look forward to extending a warm welcome to visitors. As we approach this celestial event, our collective efforts ensure a serious commitment to the well-being of all, making the 2024 Solar Eclipse a secure and memorable experience for everyone involved."

Leading up to the 2024 Solar Eclipse in Chautauqua County, we will provide updates and educational materials online at [CHQGov.com/eclipse](http://CHQGov.com/eclipse). The Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services remains committed to ensuring a memorable and safe experience for all. About Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services: The Chautauqua County Office of Emergency Services is dedicated to safeguarding the community by providing comprehensive emergency management, response, recovery, and mitigation services. The office plays a crucial role in ensuring the well-being and safety of Chautauqua County residents and visitors during both routine and extraordinary events. For more info: [chautcofire.org](http://chautcofire.org).

## Springville Trading Post Fundraiser

### Annual Gift Card Calendars to Support those in Need

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

It's time for the annual Trading Post gift card calendar! It's a very worthy cause, because the Trading Post assists with the basic food, clothing and infant needs for 800 people each month. Its outreach includes many Southern Tier communities in Erie County, Cattaraugus, Wyoming counties and rural areas near Springville. The calendars are ten dollars each and there are raffle drawings every day of the month! For thirty-one chances to win in March, buy them online at [Revivewesleyan.com/Trading-Post](http://Revivewesleyan.com/Trading-Post) or in the lobbies of any of the campuses of Revive Wesleyan.

The locations to buy the calendars are: the Joylan, at 11 West Main Street in Springville, NY; 364 Main Street in East Aurora, NY; 4999 McKinley Parkway in Hamburg, NY; the Bayview Chapel, at the corner of Bayview Road

and McKinley Parkway in Hamburg, NY; and 2063 South Creek Road in Eden, NY. For more information, call (716) 649-6335.

Here are all thirty-one of the stores, restaurants and amounts connected to the gift cards you can win:

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2. \$25 Tim Horton's,
3. \$50 Cracker Barrel,
4. \$25 Olive Garden,
5. \$25 Longhorn Steakhouse
6. \$25 Wegman's,
7. \$20 Ultra-Macy's Red Lobster
8. \$25 Aldi,
9. \$25 Cookie Jarz,
10. \$50 Citgo,
11. \$25 Wegman's
12. \$25 Tim Horton's
13. \$25 Red Robin,
14. \$25 Bath & Body Works,
15. \$25 Cabela's,
16. \$16.25 Synergy Exxon Mobil,
17. \$50 Longhorn Steakhouse,
18. \$25 Red Lobster,
19. \$25 Home Depot,
20. \$25, Macy's,
20. \$21.25 Wegman's,
22. \$25 Amazon,
23. \$25 Walmart,
24. \$50 Cracker Barrel,
25. \$25 Hobby Lobby,
26. \$25 Subway,
27. \$25 Lowe's,
28. \$25 Starbuck's,
29. \$25 Tops,
30. \$25 Target, and the

31st, last but not best, is a hundred-dollar gift card for Wegman's!

The Trading Post is located at 38 Franklin Street in Springville, NY. The Thrift Store is open Tuesdays from noon to 4pm, and Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, between 10am-2pm/ It accepts as donations good quality clothing, shoes, jewelry, accessories, small household items and toys. Every Wednesday, items are half-price. The Feeding America Food Pantry is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10am-2pm. A Takeout Lunch is available on Fridays between 10am-12noon. The Mobile Food Truck is at the First Presbyterian Church, at 38 North Buffalo Street in Springville on the 3rd Friday of each month at 1pm, from April to October. For more information, email [paustin@revivewesleyan.com](mailto:paustin@revivewesleyan.com) or call (716) 592-4455. Peggy Austin is its hard-working amazing director.

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## Report on the Resort

“Boost Your Skiing in Ellicottville”

BY DAN BALKIN

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We are also blessed with two fantastic full-service ski shops: The City Garage (founded in 1999) and Mud, Sweat, n’ Gears (founded in 2000). It would be well beyond the scope of this short article to describe what is great about both shops. That said, one need not have a massive vertical drop outside the ski shops’ doors to have a premier ski shop. Ski shops exist at ground level – and expertise in all things related to ski gear is based on the shop owners and employees’ unbounded love of skiing and a sincere appreciation for their customers. Both shops, as they should, strive for a slightly different market niche. There is one product, however, that they both sell. It is simply called “The Booster Strap.” It is an after-market flexible strap that replaces the Velcro strap that comes standard above the top buckle on most ski boots. If you purchase the Booster Strap, the shops will install it within minutes free of charge on your boots.

According to the Booster Strap website – and this is a powerful testimonial – 80% of World Cup racers use the Booster Strap. Hmmm... Only a handful of people on this earth are elite World Cup racers. So why should you get a Booster



The white ski boot in this photo is equipped with a Booster Strap, the other with a Velcro Strap. The Booster Strap is available at both local, full-service ski shops in Ellicottville.

Strap? Simple – it’s a ski product of uncomplicated yet ingenious design. The Booster Strap is made of a firm yet flexible material that helps one, while skiing, flex one’s ski boots in a progressive, sure, and smooth manner. Velcro, on the other hand, the traditional means to close / tighten the strap above the top buckle on your ski boots, especially if it is pulled taught, is firm and unyielding.

Another great feature of the Booster Strap is that it comes in four variations: A World Cup (for serious racers); an Expert model (perfect for more aggressive skiers); an Intermediate model (for less aggressive skiers); and a Kids model. Essentially, you can flex them all, but they are on a sliding scale from firmest to softest. Another testimonial: Mike Hughes, now in the presence of God, and a friend to all on the slopes of HoliMont and streets of Ellicottville, once approached me in the chalet saying his new ski boots felt a bit awkward as they were stiffer to flex. I skied the same boots he just bought, so I was quite familiar with how they skied. I pulled Mike aside, rolled up my

ski pants, and showed Mike my Booster Straps. I suggested he go to one of our ski shops and get the Booster Straps. The next week, with a beaming smile, he approached me again in the main chalet. He said that the difference he felt was remarkable. I understood, for when I started using the Booster straps over a decade ago, I immediately loved how they helped my ski boots talk to my skis. Avid skiers, if they fly somewhere on a distant ski trip, often rent high performance skis but always bring their own ski boots. Why? They know that both skis and boots are important, but boots are the most important part of our ski equipment. The Booster Straps, used widely by both racers and avid recreational skiers, make great ski boots even better.

It’s a win-win. We get a great product that improves our skiing, and we support the full-service ski shops that provide us with an array of services, including Ski Demo Days at HoliMont and Holiday Valley. Next year, let’s go for another great win-win - over the Chiefs!



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## Compass Cycle at HoliMont Ski Resort

Bringing Boutique Fitness Slopeside for the Third Year

BY KATE BARTLETT

Compass Cycle has been offering their cycle and yoga classes at HoliMont for the past 2 years, bringing boutique fitness to the slopes. Classes are offered Saturdays and Sundays during ski season with both cycle and yoga to compliment everyone’s busy winter schedule. Compass offers the perfect opportunity for personal care and fitness during the winter months.

It was my pleasure to join my first class with Compass this past Saturday. The studio is located directly next to the main lodge, nestled in the slopes. I was greeted by founder Ashley Biryala who gave me a brief tour and overview of the bike. Our day was unsarcastically warm, so a fresh breeze blew through the windows, but the studio typically is darkened and candlelit so riders can shut out the outside world and focus on 45-minutes of pure



cycling bliss. Each class can accommodate up to 20 riders, but our class was a smaller size of 8, with the option to ride front row, side or back row depending on each rider’s comfort level (or mood that morning!). Our instructor, Natalie, began with some stretches and an easy climb, followed by 30 minutes (45 total) of rhythmic riding easily adaptable to each riders ability level. It was the perfect kick off to a Saturday morning; thanking our bodies for

showing up and doing the work. You never regret the workout.

Yoga is offered at 3pm on Saturdays a wonderful way to unwind and center yourself après (or before) ski. Each class is set in a dark room with candles and music to help you stay rooted in the moment and present in your body. Each class is a combination of vinyasa (linking breath to movement) and

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## Freestyle Extravaganza

HV Played Host to Athletes & their Families Last Weekend



By JANE ESHBAUGH

Last weekend, February 3rd and 4th, 90 athletes and their families from 6 Freestyle Teams from mountains across the east visited Holiday Valley for 3 days of training and competition. It was an outstanding weekend at Holiday Valley. The two full mogul competitions took place on Firecracker. It was a tough course, but the coaches, athletes and many volunteers proved up to the challenge.

In the end HV came out on top—on the podium and with many new friends from other mountains. The team from Blue Mountain – after driving more than 5

hours to get to Ellicottville – was so thankful for the weekend experience, their head coach said they will “definitely be back” when HV hosts another mogul comp. And it was topped it off with two sun-splashed afternoons that made those big moguls just a little bit softer.

Firecracker is a challenging black diamond trail, and when it’s covered with moguls and jumps it’s gnarly! Holiday Valley Freestyle Team (HVFT) had 26 Podium finishes, including First- Place Combined Overall Female winner, Samantha Neil, and Runner-up Combined Overall Male, Owen Przepiora. Six HVFT skiers

received first place awards. Sixteen of the youngest boys and girls (7 and under and 9 and under) took on those Firecracker moguls and conquered them.

The event would not have been possible without the 40+ event volunteers, including HVFT parents, family friends, former HVFT parents and friends of Holiday Valley. They helped with more than 20 different jobs like course-chopping, starting, timing, scoring and score-running, announcing, judge-assisting, bib-packing, and lunch delivery. The Team would also like to thank their coaches, Training Center staff and Holiday Valley for making this event possible.

## Yoga

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and RYT-200 (Registered Yoga Training), who was looking for a yoga space to teach, and saw a perfect opportunity for me to open my very own massage practice. I’m proud to say, it has now grown into a well-rounded wellness studio offering various yoga classes, inspiring workshops & events, and massage therapy. Our goal is for you to always leave feeling better than when you walked in, whether that be from receiving a massage, taking a yoga class, or attending our weekend events that range from Hip Hop & Hops or AcuYoga.”

Cora loves her job as a massage therapist and the wellness studio has grown to exceed her expectations. “I’m grateful and honored to have been so warmly welcomed by the community. We love what we do and we look forward to each and every session.”

“They say, ‘if you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life’, and I believe it entirely. I love providing a relaxing and rejuvenating service in a space that nurtures each and every soul that walks through the door. I am very blessed to work with a wonderful group of women, that all contribute greatly to creating high vibes and inspiring classes at Deeply Rooted Wellness. Being able to provide a space to teach what we love, makes it all the more wonderful.”

Jen’s family is connected to Ellicottville by family, and she saw the



**Deeply Rooted Yoga is hosting a pop-up retreat from 8:30-11:30am next Saturday, February 17 at the Winery of Ellicottville with a rejuvenating experience combining the serenity of yoga with the healing power of sound and reiki. The Winery of Ellicottville is located at 14 Monroe Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731.**

opportunity for a boutique yoga retreat in the area. “It is such a quaint town with very few yoga options. We would love to serve the Ellicottville community and are looking forward to this, and hopefully future retreats.”

During this revitalizing retreat, guests indulge in two one-hour yoga classes to center the body and mind accompanied by the soothing sounds of crystal bowls and other enchanting instruments creating the perfect harmonious atmosphere. Cora, a skilled Reiki Master, will also incorporate the gentle touch of reiki throughout the classes enhancing relaxation and promoting a deeper connection with inner healing.

Guests indulge in two one-hour yoga classes, one being a vinyasa flow, and the other a restorative focused class with an extended savasana, accompanied by a sound bath and the gentle touch of reiki distributed by Cora, a certified Reiki Master.

The retreat will also feature another form of meditation, journaling. Guests will receive journals

and given writing prompts to reflect on during a tea break. “Having the opportunity to become closer with your higher self, lovingly recognizing who you are, and accepting where you are, through journaling is just as powerful as going into a deep meditation. Both forms keep you ingrained in the present moment.”

Cora and Jen invite everyone to join in this opportunity for self-care, mindfulness and inner peace. “It’s a wonderful time of year to reflect. February we focus on love, for each other and ourselves. Winter is a time to slow down and center ourselves. Embrace the season with us, whether at the retreat or in our studio in Fredonia, we look forward to meeting you.”

For more information and to purchase tickets their website “Deeply Rooted Wellness Studio” .com, under the Events tab. Follow on social media for updates and future events. Guests are invited to stay at the Winery of Ellicottville following the event for featured wine tastings and flights.

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# Women

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started the event 3 years ago with the intention of gathering women together to share their passion for skiing and the great outdoors. The event has grown steadily since its inception, accommodating more women every year. "We're honored to bring back Leslie Baker Brown for her third consecutive year at this event. She's an inspiration with great stories to share."

As a passionate skier and driven individual, Leslie has carved out her role as a female leader with Blizzard/Tecnica. She championed the most progressive women's program in the industry and launched the Women 2 Women project. "W2W is a global initiative to design authentic women's products that will take passionate skiers, regardless of ability, to new levels of confidence, excitement and freedom. Leslie is an icon in the field, and an incredibly interesting woman," says Kim.

Leslie has worked with Blizzard/Tecnica for over 30 years, gaining experiences throughout the years in order to eventually break the glass ceiling for women in the industry. "She truly has paved the way for women in this industry, as well as across the market. She has incredible stories to share and we are honored to host her again this year. She's an inspiration and her energy is captivating."

Additionally, Leslie developed nationwide scholarship programs through W2W in order to further women in the

industry. Ellicottville native Hannah Lee was recipient of one of only 30 scholarships to be awarded nationwide; quite an accomplishment. Hannah was granted the opportunity to meet Leslie at last year's event and is looking forward to connecting again this year. (Read more about Hannah and her experience in next week's *The Villager*.)

The event kicks off Thursday February 22nd with an evening with Leslie Baker Brown at Mud, Sweat n' Gears with complimentary bubbles, brews and snacks. Leslie will hold an educational discussion about women's ski gear, the Women 2 Women Project, and all things skiing. "It'll be a good mix of 'tech talk' and discussion; a great opportunity to learn from one of the best while discussing the elements of skiing." This private gathering takes place from 6-8pm open to all event registrants with raffle prizes from Blizzard/Tecnica, Skida and more.

Friday, February 23, will be a full day of skiing and product demonstrations with Blizzard Demo Day at HoliMont. This provides registrants the unique opportunity to try the award-winning collection of women's skis from Blizzard/Tecnica and ski with Leslie Baker Brown and local Blizzard women



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ambassadors. "The demo truck parks out front with a wide variety of some of the newest and best products on the market. Women are invited to trial as many skis and products as they'd like as they ski throughout the day. It's a great opportunity to try the brand, find a good fit and learn more about the equipment," says Kim. Light lunch will be provided and women are welcome to BYOB for après ski mingling at the lodge. Discounted lift tickets are available and can be purchased at HoliMont (no charge for HoliMont members/season pass holders).

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# Valentine's

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mythology. Cupid's mom was Venus (aka Aphrodite in Greek mythology), who was the goddess of love and beauty. Venus is also a planet. Venus, called the "evening star," is the very first planet we see in the west every night just after the sun goes down, or the "morning star" when she is seen in the east immediately before sunrise. Cupid's dad, Mars (aka Mercury), was the Roman god of war. Mars also has a planet named after him. You can see Mars in the sky easily. Just look south to the Moon and Mars is near it appearing as a little orange-red dot. According to greekgodsandgoddesses.net, Cupid took turns living with both his parents in the heavens.

In ancient Greece, Cupid was an adult man and quite menacing. When the Romans came along, they adopted the myth of Cupid, but they presented him as a cherubic little boy who followed his mother's wishes to make people fall in love. Greeks considered him callous, but the Romans viewed Cupid as beneficent who brought happiness to couples everywhere. He generally did his mother's bidding, but her plan backfired when he sent him to destroy her competition in beauty and grace, Psyche. He fell in love with her and despite Venus's power, he was able to make Psyche his immortal wife. We must assume that Cupid and Psyche found their own lodging in the heavens after their marriage since mom would have been very upset with her son and no longer opened her home to him.

So, how is it that little naked Cupid became a mascot of the holy Saint Valentine's Day?



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Interestingly, there was more than one Saint Valentine. St. Valentine's Day is likely a celebration of the life and deaths of two martyred men named Valentine. The day chosen was February 14, which is when they were both martyred in separate years. It was also the beginning of the spring season in the Middle Ages. Although this day coincided with the pagan festival of Lupercalia (parts of which were really kind of gross - hardly romantic unless promised fertility by being hit with blood-soaked animal skins or being involved with a stranger for a year because he won you in a lottery falls under the definition of romance).

Cherubic Cupid was historically associated with love, and the Saints' Valentine helped facilitate forbidden loving unions. This spilled over into commemorating the idea of love on their feast day. The Saints and Cupid merged when exchanging cards was popularized in the

18th-19th centuries. Cupid started appearing on expressions of affection. Then, in 1913, along came Hallmark which started mass-producing Valentine's Day cards. Cute flying toddler Cupid was an irresistible draw and a figure people were familiar with. He appeared everywhere. Cards came in all sizes and forms, from small to the large boxed, padded, scented ones that lasted through the 1950's. Today over 145 million adult Valentine's cards are exchanged.

The red rose has mythological provenance which again involves Aphrodite (aka Venus). The Readers' Digest claims that she was scratched by the thorn of a white rose and her bleeding caused the rose to turn red. Practically speaking, flowers for St. Valentine's Day came out of 19th-century England's idea of assigning meaning to different kinds of

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**OLEAN:** The schedule of workshops from the Cattaraugus One Stop Career Center for February has now been released. The schedule includes a wide range of set workshops as well as explanations of other programs that the center provides each month. The One Stop Center's goal is to provide constructive, convenient information to employers, businesses, workers, and job seekers in Cattaraugus County. Larry Knight, the center's manager stated, "We are part of a nationwide workforce development system designed to help capable employees find and train for better jobs and to help employers find and train qualified employees." One of the highlights of the center is the resource room. Job seekers can use the room to research local jobs, careers, scholarships, and labor market information at their own pace, on their own. One Stop staff are on site to answer questions you may have. Some of the resources available include computers, internet access for job searching on-line, job announcements posted and a vast resource library. The Computer Workshops for Beginners are scheduled for February 7th and February 21st, both from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. This workshop provides an introduction to basic computer skills. You will learn the different parts of the computer, how to sign on, how to search the internet, and learn about various resources that are available and much more. Pre-Registration is required, please call to confirm your spot (716-375-2890). Most services are offered at no cost to the job seeker. The One Stop Career Center is located at 175 North Union Street in downtown Olean with hours 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, to register for the workshop, or questions, please call 716-375-2890 or visit online at [Cattco.Org/one-stop](http://Cattco.Org/one-stop).



A new business is being planned in the heart of Ellicottville, as the Ellicottville Cannabis Company targets a dispensary at 11 Martha Street. Owners Stew and Deb Ritchie, both hailing from Cattaraugus, are preparing to open their doors on April 20, 2024, ushering in a farm-to-consumer cannabis experience like no other.

## Cannabis

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Known for their Native Offerings farm cooperative, which supplies fresh produce to co-op members and the Elmwood Village Farmer's Market, the couple has added a new leaf to their agricultural journey. Native Offerings Farm is a certified organic CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) project in Little Valley (East Otto), New York. Having ventured into hemp cultivation three years ago, their knowledge and commitment to sustainable farming practices lay the foundation for the Ellicottville Cannabis Company. A large percentage of the cannabis products used in their products will be grown right here in Cattaraugus County.

in the gummies, available in 2-milligram strength. Designed for new users to have a positive experience, the color-coded packaging adds a personal touch. Red labeling signifies a mellow and chill vibe, Green boosts energy for Village adventures or the slopes, while Yellow combines the best of Red and Green for celebratory occasions.

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Attention to detail is a hallmark of the Ellicottville Cannabis Company. The locally grown buds are meticulously formulated to optimize their terpene expression, resulting in many distinctive flavors, aromas, and experiences. This focus on the sensory experience ensures each product is a unique and enjoyable journey for consumers, reflecting the Ritchies' dedication to quality.

### SAFETY AND TRANSPARENCY

The owners prioritize safety and transparency, as seen in their commitment to providing pesticide, herbicide, and fungicide-free products. Every package will feature a QR code, allowing consumers to trace the origins of their chosen product. This dedication to transparency ensures that customers can

make informed choices about the products they purchase.

### COMMUNITY IMPACT: LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND FUTURE PLANS

The Ellicottville Cannabis Company isn't just about products; it's about community. The dispensary plans to employ over five staff members, contributing to local job opportunities. Currently holding a NY State Conditional Cultivator license and applying for an Adult-use Microbusiness License, the Ritchies are working closely with the Village Planning and Zoning Boards to secure the necessary approvals. Looking ahead, the couple envisions online and phone orders with discrete local home delivery, a service targeted for 2025, contingent on evolving state regulations.

As the Village prepares for the grand opening of the Ellicottville Cannabis Company on April 20, anticipation and curiosity waft in the air. Stew and Deb Ritchie's journey from traditional farming to cannabis cultivation, processing, and sales is one to closely follow in this up-and-coming industry.

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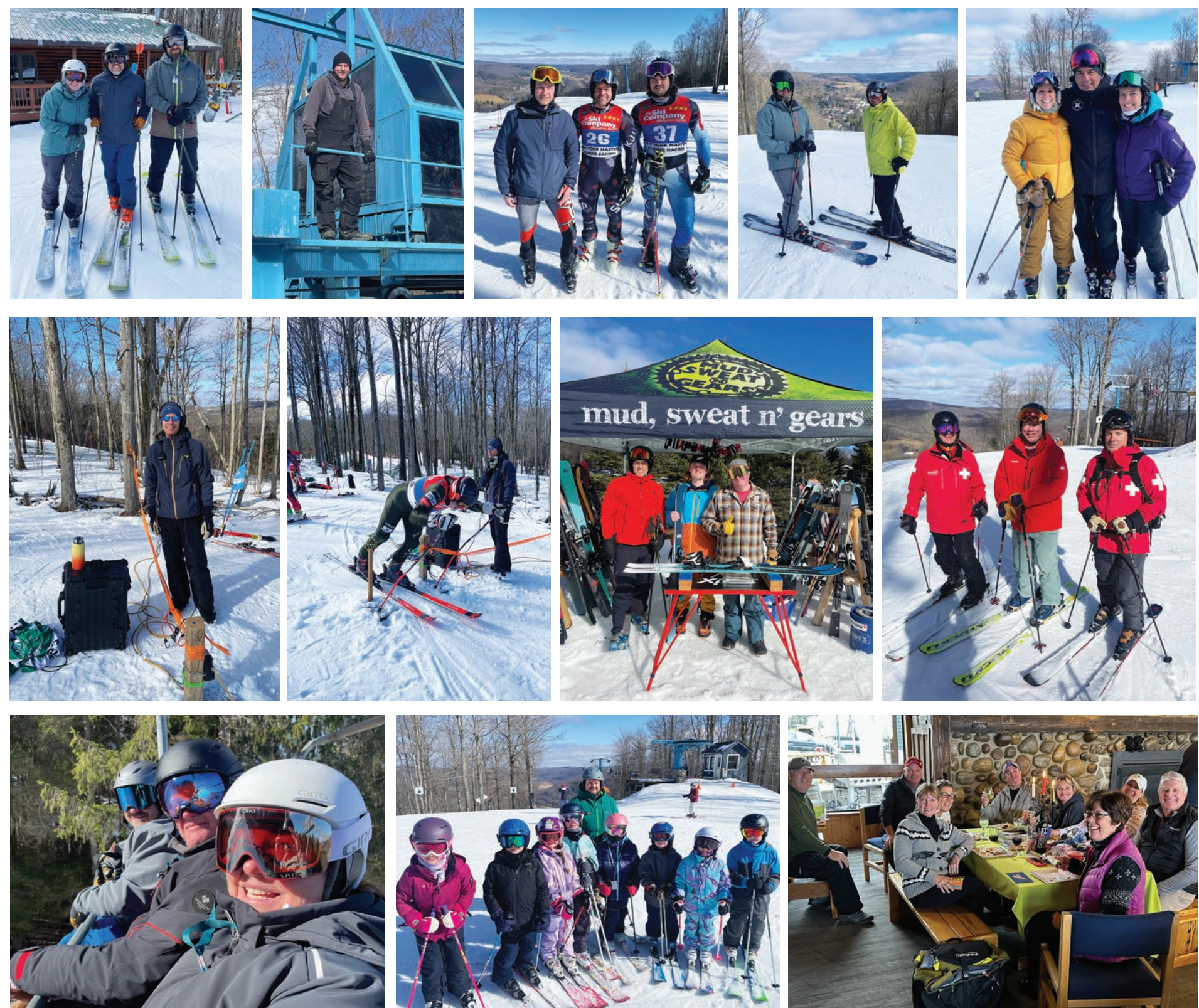
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# Views from HoliMont Ski Resort this Week



**Photos/Dan Balkin** - Photos, Line 1: Top, left to right - HoliMont Skiers in Front of Summit Warming Hut; One of HoliMont's Unsung Heroes - Chad Jacoby / Lift Maintenance at the Greer Hill Chair; HoliMont Coaches before GS Masters Race; Two Skiers Before Schuss Downhill; Holi-Friends at Summit of Greer Hill • Photos, Line 2: HoliMont hosted a "Masters" Race last Weekend. These are Post College Age Racers who Wish to Keep Competing (Competitors from their 20s - 60s). Jeff Konsella, Head Coach of HoliMont's Master's Program is Pictured at Starting Gate; Master Racer Jets Out of Starting Gate; Demo Ski Day at HoliMont; Guardian Angels of the Slopes - HoliMont Ski Patrol • Line 3: HoliMont Skiers on the Cascade Chair; Joe Mueller - HoliMont Instructor (and Snowmaker!) with His Ski Class; There is always Fun to be had Inside the Lodge of HoliMont (Photo/Michelle Turner) •

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# Musings from Lorac: It's Valentine's Day - Let's Talk about Love



**BY CAROL FISHER-LINN**

Love is a powerful, magical emotion. We've learned of lovers throughout history who have delighted our imagination. Their relationships caused wars (Helen of Troy), family schisms (Harry and Megan, preceded by Edward VIII (8th) and Wallis Simpson), and were the inspiration for masterpieces in art, music, and poetry.

Let's meet a few lovers this Valentine's Day. Paris and Helen of Troy: "the face that launched a thousand ships." Cleopatra and Mark Anthony (or Liz and Richard who played them), Hadrian and Antonius (probably not the first same-sex lovers, but more dramatic than most), Anne Boleyn and Henry VIII (8th) - funny

thing about their love - he was head over heels for her, yet he had her beheaded. The fickleness of love. Gertrude Stein and Alice Toklas bucked societal norms and were an ardent couple for over 40 years. Pennsylvania 2x divorcee Wallis Simpson captured the heart of King Edward VIII (8th). Would you give up your royal throne for Love???? He did and Prince Harry followed in his great-uncle's footsteps, relinquishing his royal spare status and his home for the American girl, Meghan Markle. Speaking of thrones, who didn't love the fantasy of Philadelphia girl and actress, Grace Kelly marrying her Prince Rainier of Monaco - short lived, but every young girl's dream - in my era anyway. Who are today's iconic lovers? Amal and George Clooney get my vote and, of course, for the

younger folk, there's Taylor Swift and Travis Kelsey. Historically, the pleasures of love are recorded as far back as 2000 B.C. in a recently transcribed Mesopotamian poem - The Love Song for Shu Sin, filled with much bedroom talk. It surpassed the biblical sexually explicit Song of Songs (990-931 B.V.C). That style of love is called Eros.

Aside from Eros, the love that helps populate the planet, there are several other kinds of love. Philia is about friendship and goodwill. Water Winchell said it simply enough, "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." We all need one friend who answers that description. Freddie Mercury had it pegged when he sang, You're my Best Friend. Bill Withers nailed it with Lean on Me. Which best friends can you

lean on?

A German study revealed that many men say any form of the word 'Mother' as their dying words. Familial or parental love is powerful and an amazing gift. When I say powerful, think of the times you have read of a parent who found supernatural strength to lift a car off a child that had slipped under the wheels. Indeed, the Power of Love, sung so well by Celine Dion.

There's a practical love driven by duty (Pragma). My nephew recently brought his dad home to live with him after my sister (his mom) died unexpectedly this late fall. Adult children who adjust their lives, their job attendance, their personal activities to care for parents or spouses who have dementia, or for their own children with special needs are heroes in my book and

a stunning clear example of love led by duty. Are you a caregiver? You clearly know the personal cost of living this Pragma love and are the model for the words Bette Midler sang in Wind Beneath My Wings.

Alas, next is the love that my dear departed mother would have "tsk, tsk'ed," over - Ludus, the playful, uncommitted love of "friends with benefits." More and more common (or perhaps simply more open?), it's less love but more a love-play-fun with "no strings, no demands." Like Adam and Emma in No Strings Attached - (spoiler - it didn't go as planned. Love conquers all!)

Nearing the end of the love categories, Philautia, is self-love and self-understanding. Not in a selfish way, but in a way that the person believes in themselves, is confident

and self-assured in their understanding of their place in society and the role they play, unimpeded by those who might try to undermine them. Listen to Helen Reddy singing I Am Woman, or just do what Taylor Swift suggests and Shake it Off.

Finally, I present Agape, the highest form of love. It is a universal love, the love for nature, God, and strangers. James Taylor expresses it well in You've Got A friend. I share a favorite story of unconditional agape love exhibited on a stormy winter day to my son whose truck broke down on I 86, causing him to chase a tire and retrieve lug nuts along the road. A vehicle heading in the other direction stopped and pulled off to the side

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# Buffalo Auto Show

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By KATE BARTLETT

including Ford, Mercedes, Audi, Acura, Toyota, Kia, Chrysler, VW, Subaru and more.

The Buffalo Auto Show, presented by the NFADA (Niagara Frontier Auto Dealers Association Inc), is the largest showcase of domestic and foreign cars in the area. It returned for its 120th (!!) year this past weekend, February 1-4 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Car show models included brand new and unreleased in gas, electric and hybrid models from virtually almost every brand

With almost 200 cars on display, there was something for everyone from the car enthusiast to the casually inclined. Young and old delighted in the newest offerings and some classic designs. The Energy Zone features the opportunity to learn more about electric cars in New York State and the available rebates and incentives.

Special vehicles on

display included the Alpha Romeo Tonnele, Buffalo Car Care Showcase Chevrolet Corvette, Lamborghini as well as vehicles from the Army National Guard and Erie County Sheriff's department. Individual dealers also had featured vehicles, including the release of the Volkswagen I.D. Buzz electric van complete with third row seating and tech amenities like 8 USB ports.

Local driving sensations of the PDRA circuit and Lancaster Dragway McKenna Halas and her brother Ashton (10 and 15) were on site for meet and greets and autograph sessions. These two prodigies from Western New York are not only competitors but creators, showcasing their unique drag style race cars at the show.

Be sure to mark your calendars for next February, as the Buffalo Auto Show returns annually with an impressive showcase of cars. For more information visit <https://buffaloautoshow.com/> or email directly [mark@nfada.com](mailto:mark@nfada.com).

# Festival

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the 1970's by a man named Don Hogan. Don thought it would be great to have a community fun festival during the winter. Today Don's grandson, Brian Pender, is the president of the Mayville Chamber of Commerce. Brian is continuing his grandfather's legacy by helping to organize and promote this wonderful winter event.

Brian stated that they were hoping that there would be enough ice or snow to make a castle, as in years past. Since that is unlikely to happen this year, they will be highlighting a wooden replica castle instead. Also this year, they will have over twenty-five vendors, including food, crafts, and specialty items. There will be heated vendor tents for the comfort of the vendor owners and visitors.

The festival starts on Friday night at 6pm. There will be the opening ceremony and the lighting of the castle. They will also be crowning the festival's queen and king, that local community members will have voted for.

The festival really gets going on Saturday at 10am. Some activities like the snowman/sculpture contest, carriage rides, the KidsZone, and wood carving by Vince the Tree Guy, will take place throughout the rest of the festival. The food trucks and other vendors will be open at 10am to 8pm on Saturday. There will be the Polar Ice Plunge on Saturday at noon, followed by a Snowball Throwing Contest at 1pm, weather permitting.

The Pet Parade will be at 3pm. Owners can show off their pets in this fun parade. There will be prizes for various categories like most energetic, best costume, and more. Participants



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should meet under the pavilion of the Carlson Center Building.

Live music will be performed by the Midnight Growlers from 5pm to 8pm in the beer and wine tent. They play a variety of music covers from the 1960's to present, and it will sure to be a fun night of music and dancing.

Following the band's performance, at 8pm there will be fireworks that are sponsored by the Town of Chautauqua. It will be a magnificent sight to see the fireworks lighting up the night sky on the shores of Chautauqua Lake.

The festival fun continues Sunday morning. At 9:30am, the Winter Spike Fest Volleyball Tournament will be taking place. The Mayville Winter Festival is in coordination with "The Glass Half Full" in hosting this event. The Glass Half Full is a fundraising organization that hosts volleyball tournaments and other events throughout the year. The proceeds go to

local families that are in need of support. If you are interested in participating or volunteering for this event, you can call Kalee at (716) 426-3082 or look on The Glass Half Full's Facebook page. This tournament will be a fun event and raises money for a good cause. (See full story, page 11.)

Also on Sunday, there will be the Winter Fest 5K and it begins at 10am. Some awards will be given for the overall male and female winners, as well as a five-year-old age group. All the vendors and ongoing activities previously mentioned will be open from 11am-4pm.

When asked about his overall feeling about this festival, Brian said, "This is a fantastic community event that has fun family activities all weekend. It brings in thousands of visitors each year, and it's great for the local economy. The festival helps local

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# Chautauqua

Erie

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She could swim across the narrows to the other side of the lake, but there was really no escape, they'd be waiting by the time she reached shore. She couldn't go back the way she came, there was only one path that led to the opening of the point. She waded into the shallows.

In a world where information is ubiquitous, it's amazing that the word Chautauqua doesn't have an authentic, agreed-upon translation. An etymological search will tell you it has Haudenosaunee origins. -Haudenosaunee being another name for the Iroquois nation-describing something "tied in the middle," like a bag. That is the general shape of Lake Chautauqua with its northern and southern basins separated by the narrows at Bemus Point and Stow. That crossing is measured in yards, while the widest places, both north and south are around two miles from shore to shore (the lake itself is about seventeen miles end to end). Chautauqua can also refer to everything from indigenous lands in Colorado, to a cultural and educational movement from the late 1800s. That's a wide swath of interpretation for a single word.

What's known is that the Erie Indians who occupied our current borders, the original Chautauqua Lakers, were wiped out of existence (along with no fewer than eight other native tribes), by the French and the Iroquois Nation in the Beaver Wars, massacred or taken hostage by the martial factions. Before



**Nation du Chat region**

**Total population**

*extinct as a tribe after mid-17th century (possibly Whittlesey tradition<sup>[1]</sup>) possibly Whittlesey tradition<sup>[1]</sup> (including those of ancestral descent)*

**Regions with significant populations**

New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio

**Languages**

Erie language

**Religion**

Indigenous

*Photo/Wikipedia.com*

the people of Europe settled here, the bucolic landscape we know as Chautauqua County saw a fair share of carnage and bloodshed. The speed with which the Iroquois engulfed regional Indian communities meant that no one had time to do an extensive study of the Erie language, and their native tongue died with them. What's left are loose translations adopted from leftover Iroquois dialect, hence the word Chautauqua has renditions sweeping from the above mentioned "bag tied in the middle" to the vastly different "place where fish are taken."

Then there's the romantic, tragic myth of the Erie Indian Princess.

Legend has it her name was Chautauqua. Chat was a French supplied nickname for the Erie people, meaning "cat,"

and Taquan which means "spiritually aware and prone to self-sacrifice." When her people chose to fight the Iroquois rather than surrender, fool's errand for the agrarian, mostly peaceful Erie tribe, they were destroyed by the fierce and combative nation, eradicated as a show of force to discourage other tribes from resisting.

The Iroquois League was known for adopting captives and refugees into their tribes. Any surviving Erie were absorbed by other Iroquoian tribes, particularly families of the Seneca, the westernmost of the Five Nations. Susquehannock families may also have adopted some Erie, as the tribes had shared the hunting grounds of the Allegheny Plateau and Amerindian paths that passed through

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## "The Glass Half Full"

### Local Young Woman Inspired to Help Others

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

This tournament took place in August 2022, and it was a successful event. After seeing how much it helped her friends, Kalee decided she wanted to help others. Kalee said, "I really became aware that my friends weren't the only ones that need support. I wanted to help others that are going through difficult times. There are many people in our community that are in need, that are suffering through cancer treatments or other illnesses, or job loss. This can help pay expenses or toward the of costs that the insurance doesn't cover."

It was then that Kalee decided to take this fundraising event idea and turn it into an organization. Of course, she knew she couldn't do this alone. She asked some of her friends if they would be interested in helping to create this organization. Gladly her friend Melissa Wilson agreed to become the organiza-

tion's secretary and Kelsey Thomas agreed to become the treasurer. They decided on the name The Glass Half Full. When Kalee was asked how they came up with the name for the organization, Kalee said, "The Glass Half Full's name for the organization was based on an optimistic view of life, and that even in the driest of times, we can always refill the glass."

Now they were all set to get it started. At this point they had no established funding to start up this organization. Kalee started by donating some of her own money to plan and organize the next event. They also found some local companies that agreed to sponsor this worthwhile organization. They have also raised funds at the events by having 50/50 drawings, raffles, and by selling merchandise with their logo on it.

On August 4, 2023, The Glass Half Full celebrated their one-year anniversary of starting their organization with a formal attire fundraising gala. This gala was held in Celeron, NY at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel from 7pm to 10pm. After paying admission, you were treated with music by local DJ Steve Trapani, and received free hors d'oeuvres and desserts. There was a silent auction and a door prize of Buffalo Bill's preseason tickets. During the event, there was acknowledgment of the beneficiaries, some of which gave testimonials of how The Glass Half Full has helped them. They also recognized all the sponsors that have made contributions. It was a great fundraising event that celebrated the anniversary of this outstanding new organization. Since the first fundraiser



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for Alyssa's fiancé, they have organized 5 other fundraising volleyball tournaments to help others in various need. The next fundraising volleyball tournament will be held on October 27th at Stallions in Cheektowaga and will start at 6pm. There's a \$25 entry fee to participate in the tournament, and spectators are free to attend. Kalee also said she is hoping to get more people to participate by possibly having cornhole or basketball tournaments in the future.

If you have been inspired to get involved and you own a business, you can become a sponsor. In return for your sponsorship, they offer free advertising on their T-shirts and on their social media pages and give acknowledgment at the fundraising events. You can also help by participating in the fundraising events or by donations of your time and/or money. If you want information about sponsorship or participating in future events, you can email glasshalfull716@gmail.com. half full.



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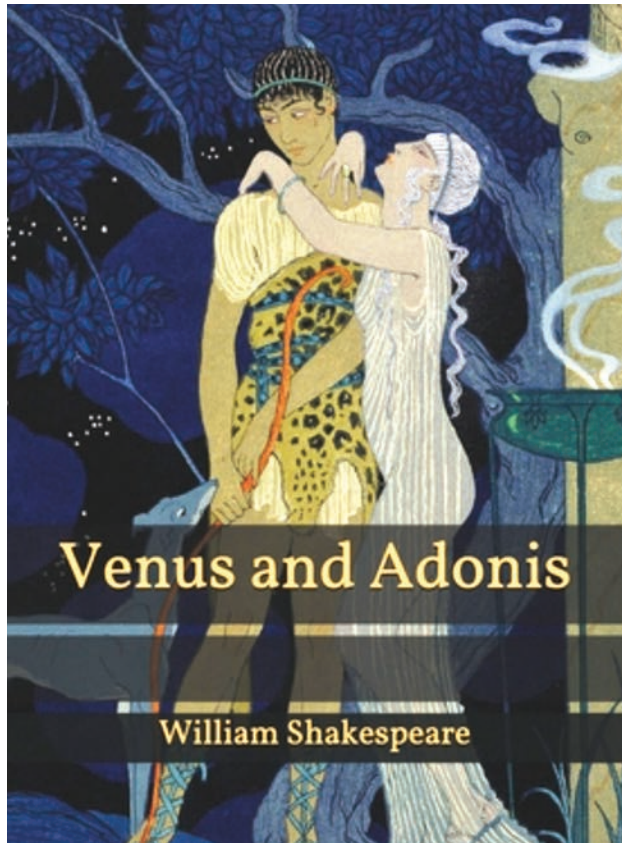
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# Streamlined Shakespeare

“Valentine’s Day Shakespeare Summary: “Venus and Adonis”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS  
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN



## Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

By DARLENE BRACE

and its free to participate. Gather up your team and show what you know, and maybe you and your team will be the big winners of the first prize.

In Sherman NY, The Cooler Bar and Grill will be having a DJ and Karaoke starting at 8pm on Friday night. Come show off your singing talents by singing your favorite song, or just be a part of the audience and enjoy the show. On Saturday the 10th, the entertainment will continue at The Cooler, with a performance by Derek Davis starting at 7pm. Derek plays originals and covers that are a mixture of genres ranging from rock, country, pop, hip-hop and more. Come enjoy some great food and drinks while listening to his eclectic music sets.

**Saturday February 10-** There will be a Mardi Gras Party at The Spot on the Lake Bar and Grill in Dunkirk. The celebration starts at 9pm, and there will be food, music, and drink specials.

Peek n’ Peak in Clymer, NY will be having the Dual Identity Trio perform in the Bistro 210 in the main lodge building. This band plays mostly original music, and the performance starts at 9:30pm.

Ion Sky, a popular local band, will be performing at Grace and Abe’s in Westfield. Come enjoy a delicious meal while listening to Ion Sky. They will be performing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list starting at 6pm.

The Southern Tier Distillery will be hosting Tyler McClain starting at 5pm. Hang out with your friends and enjoy your favorite beverage while listening to him perform



rock, pop, and country music.

Matt Gronquist and Steve Johnson of The Probables will be playing at Southern Tier Brewery starting at 5pm. These talented musicians have a unique Americana style of music that is sure to get you moving.

**Brantley Gilbert (pictured), famous country rock singer-songwriter, will be having a concert. He will be rocking it out at the Seneca Allegheny Casino Event Center in Salamanca starting at 7pm. Be sure to have your dancing shoes on, so you can dance the night away.**

Enjoy live music by Paul Hunter at Peek n’ Peak’s Sports Bar in Clymer, NY. Paul Hunter performs acoustic versions of rock and pop covers, mostly from 90’s- early 2000’s. His performance starts at 6pm.

The War Vets of Jamestown will be jamming with popular local band Black Widow. Come and enjoy the acoustic versions of their rock and pop music. They play a wide variety of music, and the performance starts at 8pm.

There was plenty of music entertainment to get out of the house to enjoy this week. Check out next week’s issue to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

On Valentine’s Day, many people get to enjoy love, romance and exchanging cards with Cupid on them. (Last year, on Valentine’s Day, I actually saw Cupid flying around here. It was so cold he was wearing a scarf and a parka.) Some people are lucky enough to spoon with affectionate partners on that day, while others spoon ice cream. Shakespeare wrote a lot about love, in many of his plays and 18 sonnets. His longest work focusing on love (actually a crush) is the long narrative poem “Venus and Adonis”, which is probably his first published work.

It’s all about two characters from Greek mythology: Adonis, who’s an incredibly handsome young man and Venus, the goddess of love, who basically takes one look at him and goes gaga. She comes down to Earth because she’s so attracted to him, and tries really hard to get him interested in her. However, all he wants to do is go out hunting, and he’s only annoyed that she’s delaying him. The opening stanzas can be summarized like this:

“Venus wants him in her arms, but to this

he’s not agreed./He very much would rather canter off, upon his steed./She’s hoping for a kiss/while picturing her bliss./But this guy’s got a hobby and he isn’t into this.”

In stanza after stanza, she tries various tactics to get his attention. She tells him the god of war was so attracted to her that he put away his weapons of war and learned how to flirt and dance. When she gazes lovingly at Adonis, he doesn’t look back but only stares down at the ground. About this, Shakespeare wrote: “What seest thou in the ground? Hold up thy head./Look in mine eyeballs; there thy beauty lies./Then why not lips on lips, since eyes on eyes?” In other words, she’s hoping that since he won’t look adoringly at her, maybe he’ll ogle his own reflection in her eyes! Unsurprisingly, it

doesn’t work. She seems to be confusing him with Narcissus, another character from Greek mythology, who fell in love with his reflection.

Throughout the poem, it’s very clear what’s happening. To put it in modern words: he’s just not into her! But she doesn’t give up. Ironically, his plans to go hunting are further delayed when his stallion meets a mare and they take off to make foals of themselves. Finally, he recaptures his horse and rides off into the woods, where he’s promptly devoured by a wild boar. Yes, really, that’s where this love poem goes. I can’t believe it, either. Is there some great hidden moral to this story? Here’s my best guess: “You don’t have to be Venus to get a man. You can be a terrible bore”.

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## Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

**By: MouthSayTongue**

Well it's been a tough year for the snow makes and kudos to Holiday Valley and Holimont for making the most out of very little natural snow.

One thing that's always bountiful in Evl is music so let's see who's playing where.

We start the weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. The musical guest this week is Grace Lougan from 6-9pm. Grace is a guitarist/songwriter who plays a rock/folk/blues/pop/alt set of originals and covers.

The Gin Mill hosts The Chillbillys, Thursday, from 8-11pm. This husband and wife duo play a rock/pop/blues/folk/country set of covers and originals with some smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

### FRIDAY

The Taqueria kicks things off with Jason Wedlock from 6-9pm. Jason plays a rock/folk/blues/bluegrass set of covers while you dine on street tacos and Tex-Mex fare.

Balloons is back with Watch Your Step from 6:30-10pm. This band plays an alt/rock/blues/jam set of covers. The back bar will host Conner Brien and Noah Evers from 10-1 am. They play an acoustic/percussive set of rock covers from the 80's-2000's. Dj KT Stylez will provide the groove so you can bust a move on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We return to The Gin

Mill for Two Guys Deinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/folk/pop/blues set of covers to sing and dance along to. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

FTR joins the party with Jay McDonnell from 8-11pm. Jay plays an acoustic based rock set, Eagles, Petty, CSNY... Try the new late night menu serving till midnight fri-sat.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI from 9-2am blowing up the sound booth, layin down the sauce so you can do the floss in the window on Washington.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a folk/rock/roots/americana set of covers and originals. Barnstorm takes the stage from 8-12am. This WNY band plays old and new country with a Little Rock thrown in. If you like high end spirits try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails.

Back at Balloons, Violet Mary plays from 6:30-10pm. This Rochester band plays a pop/rock/alt/dance set of covers to get you on the dance floor. The back bar hosts Michael Nowak from 10-1am. Mike plays a rock/pop/alt/country set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

We're back at FTR for Pat and Owen from 8-11pm. These extremely talented fellows play a rock/folk/blues/country set of covers and originals. Try the award winning wings. Last but not least Madigans brings back Dj

SI who will play some funk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

### SUNDAY

The Gin Mill gets the worm again with the return of the ever popular Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Get your pregame on with a Bloody Mary and some fine tunes.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night and Super Bowl Party with Dj Milk from 5-end of game. Drink and food specials all night.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine craft beer selection with yet another performance by the Chillbillys from 6-9pm. One listen and you'll know why they play in town almost every week.

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

Back for the next to last appearance of the week iThe Gin Mill features Michael David, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. He plays a multi genre acoustic set of covers.

We end the seven day weekend like we have for the last 40 years with Wing, Wednesday at The Gun Mill from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is your musical host from 7-11pm. Brian plays a rock /folk/pop /country set of covers while you enjoy \$1 wings washed down with those 37 beers on tap.

We hope you enjoyed your time here in the enchanted mountains and that you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!! THINK SNOW!!!!!!

## Beat on the Street:

"What's the Worst Thing You've Done to Your Sibling?"

By CHAD NEAL

If you grew up with brothers or sisters odds are you've had conflict with them at some point. Especially when the parents are not around and one feels like they have superiority over another. Experiments with younger siblings happen and defense from the older can be deadly. (Like if the knife made contact that was thrown.) Somehow most of the altercations are kept secret from parents due to threats or manipulating the younger brother. And the older won't tell because the object that could have killed them was thrown because of the devious thing they have done. Parents find out a lot though, sometimes sooner than others and other times at the holiday table when memories are brought up, that's when they are laughed about the most. Childhood is dangerous time to have siblings, there is usually a rivalry. What's the worst thing you've done to your sibling?



**Immy D.- Got my sister to eat a ghost pepper by telling her it was a sweet one and had a glass of vodka ready for her instead of water. She spit and puked spicy vodka out her nose.**



**Kyle R.- Dropped a rock on his head.... sorry Elliott Wilber!**



**Elizabeth S.- If you ask Joe Skeels, I broke the antenna of his new boom box and beat him with it.**



**John K.- I was backing up my uncle's car a tad bit too fast and hit Joshua Kinder pretty good and sent him to the hospital for 4 days. Oops!**



**Kaysie G.- Threw a kitten at Kayla Maynard, she still has scars on her face from its claws!**



**Christina S.- I put my infant sister in a laundry basket with a blanket, put the basket on the neighbor's doorstep, rang the doorbell and ran!**

Do You Have a Suggested Question for Beat on the Street? Submit your ideas to [info@thevillagerny.com](mailto:info@thevillagerny.com)



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**★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★**

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

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

**Women**  
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After a full day of skiing, attendees are invited to meet at Villaggio for dinner, drinks, appetizers (food/drink not included) and good company. "Nick has graciously welcomed us to gather at the restaurant after the event to continue the conversations and camaraderie. It's sure to be a good evening after a great day on the slopes."

Kim invites women of all ages and skill level to join in this weekend to have connect and have fun and learn about the possibilities for their skiing. "It's such a great opportunity to connect with other like-minded women and learn from an icon in the field.

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**Valentine's**  
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**Festival**  
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ELLICOTTVILLE --- Sheila Lowry Burrell, 75, lifelong Ellicottville resident, died peacefully on February 5, 2024 surrounded by family at her home, where she had lived all but four years of her life.

Born August 11, 1948 in the former Salamanca District Hospital, she was the daughter of the late Patricia Sander Lowry Pierce and William T. Lowry. She was married on December 30, 1967 at Holy Name of Mary Church to John A. Burrell, who survives.

Sheila was a lifelong member of Holy Name of Mary Church, where she taught Confirmation class, was a member of the choir, the Altar and Rosary Society, the Parish Council, and member of the 100th anniversary Building Restoration Committee. Sheila received two Papal Blessings, and Bishop Fisher presented her with the Saint Joseph the Worker Award.

She worked in the office at Signore Inc., was Corporate Secretary and Office Manager at Burrell Cutlery Company, an Amway Ruby District Distributor, and a Usana Distributor. Sheila also had her own business, Faith

Designs, and worked part-time at Kazoo II for over twenty-five years.

An active Ellicottville community member, Sheila served on the Board of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, designed the Village Walking Tour, and developed the Village Historic District. She was a member of the Village Planning Board for over forty years and was on the NY Planning Federation Board. She served on the Board of the Ellicottville Memorial Library and the Board of Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. In 2004, Sheila was honored as a New York State Senate "Woman of Distinction."

Sheila loved gardening, button collecting, baking, watching deer in the backyard, Christmas decorations, reading, singing in the Village Cantata, and watching Buffalo Bills and Notre Dame football.

In addition to her husband of 56 years, she is survived by: son, John (Stefany) Burrell; granddaughter, Samantha Ellis Burrell; two sisters, Melissa Lowry Thatch, Marya (Robert Walsh) Lowry; three brothers, Will (Lois) Lowry, George (Tracy)

Lowry, Joe (Connie) Lowry; two exchange student sons, Frank Leyk (Germany) and Marc Breviere (France); six godchildren; fifteen nieces and nephews; seventeen grand-nieces and -nephews; and a great-grand-niece and -nephew.

Friends may call at the O'Rourke & O'Rourke Inc Funeral Home, 25 River Street, Salamanca, NY on Monday, February 12, 2024 from 3 - 7pm.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in Holy Name of Mary RC Church, 22 Jefferson St, Ellicottville, NY on Tuesday at 10:30am with Rev. Moses Ikuelogbon as celebrant.

Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or Ride For Roswell, Elm & Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY 14263.

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Photos of Women in History



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## Chautauqua

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the gaps of the Allegheny. The members of remnant tribes living among the Iroquois gradually assimilated to the majority cultures, losing their independent tribal identities.

The Erie Indian people simply went away, and

with them any coherent, stipulatory meaning of the word Chautauqua.

The Erie Princess Chautauqua waded deeper into cool waters off Long Point. She looked back at the land she knew, her birthplace and home. She pictured the faces of her family, her father, mother, brave brothers, and sisters. All gone now. She knew they wouldn't survive the slaughter. There was

nothing left for her but to commit the ultimate act of Indian royalty, the last great measure.

As the Iroquois warriors (along with French and Haitian mercenaries) approached from land, she repeatedly turned and walked into the depths of the lake. In an act of defiance and sacrifice she drowned herself. And thereby christened the body of water Chautauqua.

## Compass

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## Love

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of the road. A young woman ran toward him across the median carrying something. When they connected, she selflessly handed him a cup of coffee saying that he needed hot coffee more than she did. I wonder if he realized that he had a visiting angel delivering Agape love to him along with the coffee. Hebrews 13 2 (Bible Hub) "... for by showing hospitality



some have had angels as their guests without being aware of it." Valentine's Day presents us with an opportunity to practice

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Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



Family Photo 1909

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



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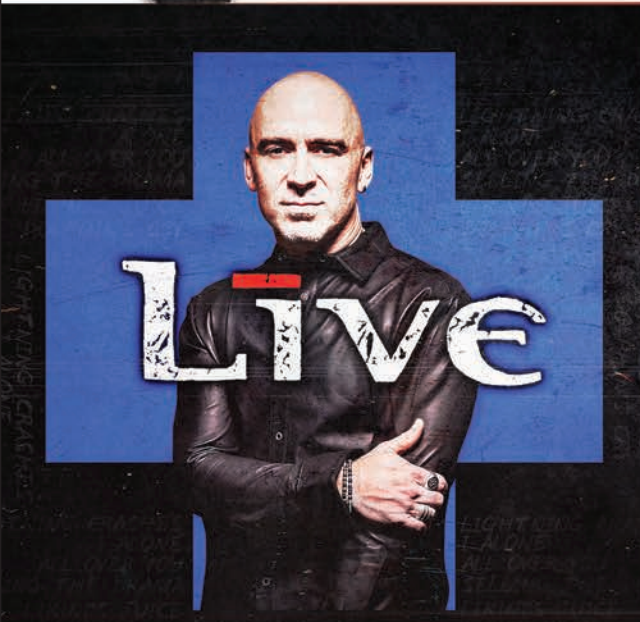
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