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Sat/Sun, February 24-25 • 9am
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WINTER CARNIVAL AT HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
Sat/Sun, March 9-10 • 10am
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Penguin Paddle, Feb, 24 at HV Annual Fundraiser for Adaptive Ski Program



Saturday, February 24 you can help by showing up at Holiday Valley ready for some headfirst, belly tickling fun on the lower slopes of Yodeler Mountain. Yep, just like a penguin.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Sometimes you need to paddle so others may ski. Huh? Let me explain.

Imagine yourself being a healthy, energetic sports enthusiast and suddenly finding yourself physically sidelined. Well, that's what happened to a

National Ski Patrol member and ski enthusiast at Holiday Valley in 1982 when Bill Lounsbury lost his leg to cancer. Being the tenacious sportsman he was, and with the help and encouragement of his Ski Patrol family, he fought back. He taught

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EVL Winter Music Jam, Feb. 23-25 Jennifer Westwood Hits Stage at Balloon's, Feb. 24



Jennifer Westwood and her husband Dylan Dunbar are at the heart of this band of 4 talented artists.

By KATE BARTLETT

Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils take the stage at Balloons on Thursday, February 24th to kick off the Ellicottville Winter Music Jam (February 23-25, 2024) performing soulful Americana Music.

her husband Dylan Dunbar are at the heart of this band of 4 talented artists. They share an affection for gospel, soul, country, blues and their music is an amalgamation of these with roots to true Americana music styles. This show will be Dylan's first public performance.

Jennifer Westwood and SEE "MUSIC JAM" PG. 6

Up Close and Personal: Hanna Lee Local Women 2 Women Scholarship Winner

By KATE BARTLETT



Throughout her 8 years at Mud Sweat N' Gears, Hanna has done a little bit of everything. She naturally progressed to 'hard goods' including skis, bindings and boot fittings. Hanna enjoyed the challenge of finding the perfect boot and took her first boot fitting class 3 years ago in Mt. Snow, Vermont. "I enjoy learning about different products and boot fitting in order to best serve the customers.

The Blizzard Tecnica Women 2 Women 3rd annual event in Ellicottville will be held next week (February 22 & 23, 2024.) The foundation selected 30 women in 2023 internationally to receive scholarships in order to further their education in snowsports. Ellicottville native Hanna Lee was one of these fortunate women to be recognized. W2W sees education as a way to empower and advance women in the snowsports industry and is one of the key pillars of the program.

Hanna has always been passionate about snowsports as she began skiing at the young age of 3. Born and raised in the Syracuse area, she frequented Ellicottville to ski throughout the winter months. "My whole family loved

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National Comedy Center of Jamestown Destination for the Celebration of Comedy



By DARLENE BRACE

The National Comedy Center, located at 203 West Second in Jamestown, New York, is a one-of-a-kind museum. It is in the hometown of Lucille Ball, and it was her wish that Jamestown would become a destination for the celebration of comedy. Ball's vision was realized

when the National Comedy Center opened in August of 2018. With more than fifty interactive and immersive exhibits using today's state-of-the-art technology, the Comedy Center is the perfect place to spend the day laughing and having fun.

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Olean Business Spotlight: ZET's Italian Ice ... Pg. 11

Zayd. Enzo. Thea. ZET. Angelica Porcuri's three children are the inspiration behind her decision to become her own boss and create her own business. She opened her food truck, ZET's Italian Ice, in June of 2023 and it has been a great success ever since.

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Local History: Muskellunge Chautauqua Lake's Famous Pike



Muskie are intentionally established on Chautauqua Lake (one subspecies is named The Chautauqua Muskellunge). Muskie management became a thing in the late 1800s, when the first hatcheries in the country were built along the shores near Bemus Point. The local hatchery effort, overseen by the state DEC, is now located at Prendergast Point. (Pictured: Giant 36lb. Muskellunge caught on Chautauqua Lake.)

By BILL BURKE

It's the teeth. And that jutting jaw, the epitome of arrogance and brutish malice. Long muscular torso, thick in the middle, piercing, uncaring eyes. Bigger, stronger, faster than everyone else.

But the teeth. You notice immediately, five hundred at least, more in some of the larger beasts. The fangs are tightly positioned, small and needle-like, angled inward to keep prey from escape, razor sharp to shred live food that struggles.

Then there's the behavior, predatory, vicious, lurking, springing from the weeds, leaping to

SEE "MUSKIE" PAGE 11

Local Woman on Wheel of Fortune Allegheny Limestone Teacher Wins Big!



By KATE BARTLETT

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a contestant on one of America's favorite game shows? Local Allegheny resident and teacher Jill Prince's curiosity paid off and she won big last week on Wheel of Fortune totaling \$136,386 total cash prizes, a 16 day all-expenses paid vacation to Portugal and Spain, tour of Alaska, a trip to the Super Bowl and priceless memories to last a lifetime.

Jill Prince is a resident of Allegheny and third grade teacher at Allegheny Limestone Central Schools. She grew up watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, and continued the tradition with her boyfriend, Gregory Eaton. One night, she got curious and said, "I wonder what it'd be like to be on the show." Gregory encouraged her, she applied, and received a call back in just a few short

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Publisher's Word

"Beautiful Weather for the Long Weekend!"

you on your journeys! We have highlighted some fun things for you to do and to learn about. This weekend Mayville hosts the Winter Festival filled with family activities and Holimont has the Annual Ski for a Cure. Next weekend Ellicottville boasts its Winter Music Jam, the Annual Penguin Paddle for the Lounsbery Adaptive Ski Program at Holiday Valley, and the Powder to Prosecco Woman's Weekend will be taking place at HoliMont. It is President's Day Weekend and there are many reasons to celebrate the great opportunities we have where we live. We have dug up some interesting facts on the history of the celebration itself, check out Carol Fisher-Linn's article on page 3. If you have an idea you would like to share with our readers, please send it our way; we are always looking for creative ways for people to spend their days: info@thevillager.com. **Until next week yours in writing - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

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ELLICOTTVILLE - The Bob McCarthy Foundation is excited to announce a partnership with Interfaith Caregivers Inc., an Olean based 501c3 Foundation. For the past year the Bob McCarthy Foundation has been working on establishing a Seniors help program in Ellicottville. According to Kathleen Moriarty of the McCarthy Foundation we have met with many organizations and individuals to understand the current services provided and real needs in our community. Transportation services, medical equipment needs, Internet access and support for hearing & sight impaired were the critical needs identified. This investigation along with a review of available services led to discussions with Interfaith Caregivers Inc who provide these services in Allegany, Cattaraugus, & Chautauqua Counties. Julie Hall, their Executive Director, commented that servicing this wide area through a single location in Olean was not optimal. In fact, Interfaith has been looking to expand their service via a satellite location in Cattaraugus County. Interfaith Caregivers has been providing these services for over 40 years and have all of the systems and logistics in place to provide an easy program roll out in Ellicottville. All services offered through Interfaith Caregivers are free of charge thanks to the generous contributions from their donors as they do not rely on any government funding. Julie felt Ellicottville would be the perfect location so after an in-depth discussion a mutual agreement has been put in place.

In December the McCarthy Foundation approached Mayor John Burrell about using a vacant office in the DPW building. John recognizing the benefit, presented the idea to the Village Board who unanimously endorsed it.

The 17 Mill Street location will require storage systems and some renovations to be funded by the McCarthy Foundation. Mark Chudy and his crew have already cleaned up the building as the partners are targeting March for a soft opening of the facility. The McCarthy Foundation will start recruiting and organizing the volunteers under the Interfaith Caregivers methodology so this local service should be up and running quickly. Interfaith Caregivers will handle all incoming calls, client evaluation, equipment recommendations and set up appointments for pick up. They have an established protocol and procedure with medical personnel who identify the need and suggest the proper supplies and/or equipment needed by our clients. The partnership will handle distribution to the Ellicottville Loan center taking care of equipment maintenance, sanitation and transportation to the local loan center. We will initially start with the Medical Loan Center but intend to add their RSVP transportation services in short order as we put a volunteer network in place. The vision & hearing loss services dovetail well into what the McCarthy Foundation already provide locally. We will be soliciting local volunteers to help us provide the best possible services in our community. To donate or volunteer to help please contact the Bob McCarthy's Foundation lead Jon Falk or any Bob McCarthy board member. www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com. Following is a short summary of the services that Interfaith provides. Contact: Interfaith Caregivers, Inc. Julie Hall, Executive Director - interfaithcaregiversinc.org Olean Medical Loan Center 315 West State St., Olean, NY 14760 - Phone 585-376-4488 Hours of Operation Monday & Thursday 9am- Noon & Friday 1-3pm. Main office - P.O. Box 319 Olean, NY 14760 phone 716 372 6283. **OUR MISSION** Interfaith Caregivers is a caring community of volunteers from any faith and age whose responsibility it is to work with, serve and assist people in order that they may maintain their independence and dignity to the highest possible degree. We provide services for the Olean Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, and primarily serve local older adults, health-impaired individuals and those who might benefit from acts of giving. SEE "SERVICES" PG. 15

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Winter Music Jam

Next Weekend, Ellicottville Offers Almost 20 Live Acts

ELLICOTTVILLE - Come in from the cold and warm up to the high-energy sounds of lively music in all the downtown hot spots during Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam, February 23-25. Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, many of the restaurants and bars have hopped onboard to offer a solid line-up in a variety of genres all in one weekend!

"We're always looking for a reason to celebrate the season," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "There's nothing better than a day of outdoor adventure on our local ski hills, then heading downtown to listen to some of the greatest party bands in our region. Plus, with all the shopping and dining options available in a four-block footprint, you and your friends can

experience the full package when visiting!"

This year's Winter Music Jam will welcome close to 20 live performances, and there are NO cover charges for any of them, making a trip to Ellicottville an easy decision. Book your lodging, pack your bags and dig out your dancing shoes! From indie-pop to country hits to classic rock 'n roll - covers and originals - you'll find a complete schedule of bands and locations on the chamber's website, so you can strategically plan your musical adventure around town.

"We guarantee just one day isn't going to be enough, so why not make a full weekend out of it?" said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant for the Chamber. "Many of our local accommodations still have availability for Winter Music Jam weekend, but don't wait until the last minute, as many of them fill up fast!"

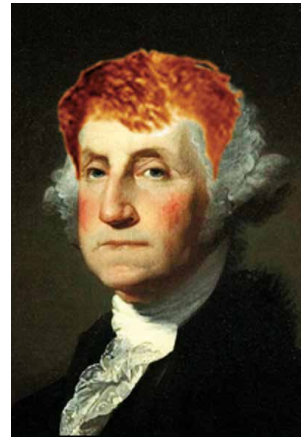


Greg Zeis will be closing out the weekend Sunday, February 25, 5:30pm at Villaggio. See full music line up page 9 and on www.thevillagernyc.com and www.ellicottvillenyc.com.

For a full line-up of this year's Winter Music Jam performers, or to view lodging and dining options and other activities, head over to ellicottvillenyc.com. And be sure to follow @visitellicottville on IG to stay connected.

Celebrating President's Day

Holiday Originally Honored Two Presidents, Lets Learn More



George Washington was reputed to be 6'2" or 6'3", broad shouldered. He was grim faced from painful false teeth made from ivory and purchased slave teeth - not wood, and he was a redhead. Most portraits depict Washington with the white powdered hair that was so popular in his time, but he was a natural redhead as noted in portraits of Washington as a young man. There is also a locket at Washington's Mount Vernon Estate containing a lock of his red hair. He powdered his locks to look like a white wig.

mother (Augustine's second wife) to run the plantation, he was likely tutored by private tutors and his elder half-brother, Lawrence, whom he idolized. He finished his schooling at about age 15, but his aptitude for math helped him become a successful surveyor. At age 19 he left America for Barbados with Lawrence who had tuberculosis, hoping for a cure. Instead, George contracted smallpox (the meds made him sterile) and Lawrence died, leaving George his estate, Mount Vernon.

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He was an incredible general, admired so much by his men that they went to battle hungry and bare footed in the winter for him. President twice (11 states, 4 million people), he knew he had to set the standard, and he did, but it's what he did afterward that showed his true greatness. When asked to run again he declined, knowing it was time to pass the torch. He set the 2-term precedent,

which was interrupted once by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, after which legislation was passed to continue Washington's legacy. Before he died, he finally grew to hate slavery and, in his will, ordered that his enslaved workers be freed after his wife's death.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN
Abraham Lincoln assumed the Presidency 73 years and 15 presidencies later. Fun fact: At age 21 he was his County Wrestling Champ and he continued wrestling for 12 years (300 bouts - defeated once). Lincoln was posthumously honored with an award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1992. (Not to be confused with WWE). Born 2/12/1809 in Hodgenville, Kentucky, in a log cabin, he spent more of his younger years in the new family home in Knob Creek, also near Hodgenville. Most of his childhood memories are from Knob Creek. Love the name, don't you?

As an adult, he traveled by boat often and was hung up twice by obstructions in the river. He conceived of a method of flotation above the obstacles, took it to the patent office and was issued patent #6489 in 1849. He remains the only President to ever hold a patent.

As an attorney, Lincoln did much research. It turns out that the stovepipe hat he always wore was not just to put him above the crowd (6'11" in hat) but it was also his portable office where he stored his notes and speeches.

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Report on the Resort

“HoliMont Snowsports Unite as One Team”

BY DAN BALKIN

The landscape has shifted at HoliMont – literally. Today, from the base to the summit, physical changes have been thoughtfully constructed to make our Snowsports programs more integrated and collaborative. At the base, we have a new beginner area which features two ground level Conveyor Lifts. The smaller lift and slope, known as “Rabbit’s Run” is perfect for first time skiers; from there, newer skiers can progress to the longer and slightly more inclined “Grasshopper” to enhance their skiing skills in preparation for skiing a gentler run off one of our main chairlifts, and as their skills progress, anything on the mountain. Near the summit of the slopes, between the trails Fall Line and Meadow, a new Competition Venue has been created. This new venue was born out of a desire to improve the Freestyle Competition Run, Downspout. Downspout, although a great ski run, was a bit lacking in length and pitch for a Freestyle Mogul Competition. In the words of Snowsports Director Travis Widger, “How to improve the Downspout Mogul Venue evolved into thoughts of visibility and access.” With yet deeper thought, Travis, with guidance from Freestyle Directors Corey and Kelly Hacker and the full-time Mountain Team, looked for a space that was underutilized, and that could serve both our Freestyle and Racing Programs. By removing a small island of trees between the trails Meadow and Fall Line, the new Competition Venue was created.

One of the many advantages of this site is that it promotes easier collaboration between the following: coaches and competitive programs, snowmaking and grooming crews, and the ski patrol. As Travis phrased it, we could now, “Capture all of our competitive programs training and competing on the same venue.” Essentially, this means we now have a Freestyle Competition venue and an Alpine Ski Racing venue side-by-side on the mountain. There are both visible (starting



Snowsports Director Travis Widger (Racing / Alpine background), with instructors / coaches from Snowboard, Adaptive, Alpine, Freestyle, and Tele.

gates etc.) and invisible (wiring etc.) infrastructure necessary to create a skiing competition venue. All of this, given the side-by-side nature of HoliMont’s new competition venue, can now be shared. Our ski patrollers, who stand ready at any competitive event, also no longer need to be split into two or three different teams at various sites on the mountain.

Another great evolution was the idea of the “Comp Crew.” The Comp Crew is the first taste that six- and seven-year old’s get of competitive, in-house skiing at HoliMont. Travis describes the Comp Crew as a “Developmentally focused program for families and athletes interested in the competitive path where the young skiers are exposed to both Freestyle and Alpine Racing fundamentals and basic skill sets.” At eight years old, the kids can choose either Freestyle or Racing. Some kids, choosing one, have after a few years gone back to the other program. This happens with both programs, a testament to the idea the kids are following their bliss, as the level of coaching in both programs is superb. Travis also notes that “This is a real team effort to make the collaboration work, and it has been embraced by the coaches and athletes in all our competitive programs.”

I also asked Travis

about his vision to unite all HoliMont’s Snowsports programs as one team. These include not only Freestyle and Racing, but Adaptive, Tele, Snowboarding, Masters (racing lessons for adults), and traditional Alpine skiing lessons for kids and adults. Travis stressed that there is now “Knowledge sharing and open communication as to our team members – they now mesh as there is open communication.” This vision includes common uniforms for most of our Snowsports programs, common virtual and in-person training sessions for the entire Snowsports staff, and a culture of mutual respect and admiration among all the various branches of our Snowsports team. Travis: “We are always evolving and stronger together.” At the end of the season, there is a celebration where all the team members are thanked for their service. In recent years, team members have received a hoodie or long sleeve T-shirt with the following embossed on the back: “Synerski – The interaction of all HoliMont Snowsports programs, coaches, and instructors that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of their separate parts.” The verdict? It’s working!

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Presidents

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Lincoln and his wife, Mary Todd, had four sons. Only one lived to adulthood to pass the Lincoln genes along. Today, there remains a third cousin, several times removed, Ralph Lincoln, from southwestern Pennsylvania who bears an uncanny resemblance to The Great Emancipator. Related through marriage are people like actor Tom Hanks, through Abraham Lincoln’s mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln and actor George Clooney, related to Lincoln’s grandmother Lucy Hanks.

We think we have been taught all there is to learn about Lincoln, but how many of our readers know that one of Lincoln’s signature

pieces of legislation was The Act to Encourage Immigration (7/4/1864). It was, according to the friendsofthelincoln connection.org, “the first, last, and only major law in American history to encourage immigration.” Lincoln’s logic? Civil War created a need for skilled workers.

An uncanny event took place on 4.14.1865, hours before John Wilkes Booth took this beloved President’s life. Lincoln had just signed legislation creating the Secret Service. At the time it was to help the Treasury Department with counterfeiters, but after two presidents were subsequently assassinated, it provided for presidential protection.

You can visit both these incredible leaders at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota along with Thomas



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Servicing Communities in Action Community Kitchen

By Jane Eshbaugh



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Ever wonder what happens to the excess food from Holiday Valley's many restaurants? The Sodexo chefs are turning extra food that would typically go to waste into broth and donating it to Cattaraugus County's Connecting Communities in Action (CCA). Five gallons of either beef or chicken stock is donated every other week as a base for homemade soup for the community kitchen in Salamanca. The Lighthouse Community Kitchen is located on Jefferson Street in Salamanca. They serve nutritious to-go, hot meals Monday through Thursday, from 3-4pm.

The donation helps CCA to continue to serve their customers. The Food Recovery Program in conjunction with Holiday Valley and others is part of the CCA Nutrition Program. These donations allow them to provide a variety of healthy foods to customers in the Community Kitchen.

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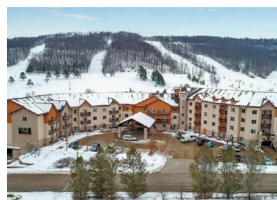
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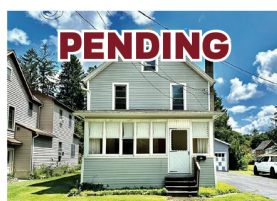
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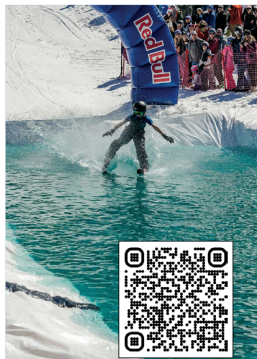
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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

“Craig Winters is Leaving a Legacy at HoliMont”



By, GARY MALICKI



Craig Winters HoliMont Racing Coach for 23 years.

Sometimes I think it's important to think about what it is that we will leave behind. I had a chance to sit down with and chat with a racing coach at HoliMont. His name is Craig Winters (not a made up name) and I guess you can think of him as a weekend warrior, but there's so much more. It's always enjoyable to speak to someone who is head over heels in love with what they do and he is no exception.

Craig and his wife, Michelle, live in the Buffalo area but are full-time weekend residents in Ellicottville and own a few properties here as well.

He has been a ski teacher at HoliMont for 36 years

but has dedicated himself to being a racing coach for the past 23.

Years ago, Craig and a few fellow skiers decided to share their knowledge, experience and expertise to coach racing to kids. As this great winter sport is for all ages, he settled into working with the 10 and under and 12 and under groups.

They're clearly engaged in a competition crew but learning some valuable life lessons along the way. The students and their coaches are forging relationships and experiencing a level of

trust that money can't buy.

We talked a little bit about my time as an adult Boy Scout volunteer and discovered many parallels. We both had a lot in common in the way of mentoring young people. We also share the unique experience of how some of these kids stay in touch well into adulthood.

In Craig's racing world, they compete with other teams locally. They commonly travel to Holiday Valley, Kissing Bridge and The Buffalo Ski Center. There are also older classes of participants. For example, the 14 years and up group compete all over New York State including the Empire State Games.

In a more reflective moment, Craig spoke of some of the things you don't necessarily think of like the importance of "the small wins" and "the series of successes" that they experience. Imagine the power of putting those things into the heads of those kids.

I have to admit, prior to my conversation with Craig, I thought of HoliMont just as a ski resort without thinking of the wonderful fundamentals that are taught there. And this was a real eye-opener when he told me there are about 50 racing coaches and about 100 ski instructors at the ski school.

In his area there are 11 coaches in the 10 and under and 12 and under groups, but many of them are only there for a few weeks out of the year. Three of them, including Craig, are there every single weekend from Christmas through April pretty much regardless of the weather. They are indeed dedicated.

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The Ellicottville show will be the first public performance for Dylan since surgery. Jennifer notes: "We love playing in Ellicottville. The people are simply awesome, and it's always a great vibe. We played songs from our most recent album last time we were in Ellicottville, and the crowd was incredible. It's such an eclectic mix of people, from locals to college coeds, to the Blues crowd. Everyone enjoys the music together regardless of these different walks of life, and that's just awesome."

as the lead singer for one of his bands. "Dylan thought I'd be a good fit, and things evolved naturally."

Jennifer has been making music for a living since 2017 playing mostly their original songs. They've played in various bands together, performing across the country. Jennifer and the Handsome Devils will be playing the Ellicottville Winter Music Festival Jam on February 24th. "We love playing in Ellicottville. The people are simply awesome, and it's always a great vibe. We played songs from our most recent album last time we were in Ellicottville, and the crowd was incredible. It's such an eclectic mix of people, from locals to college coeds, to the Blues crowd. Everyone enjoys the music together regardless of these different walks of life, and that's just awesome."

While Jennifer has played with various talented musicians throughout the years, this band, The Handsome Devils, "brings the A-Game," with Chuck Bartels on bass, Babe

Below on drums, Jennifer on the vocals and Dylan on lead electric guitar. They are world class musicians, as well as my friends and neighbors. We have such a great time playing together. Everyone brings their own unique experience to the band, and it just works. No one outshines anyone; we complement each other in a cohesive unit. It's a great show each and every time."

As mentioned, Jennifer and the Handsome Devils play their own original music, comprising of the Americana genre. "This type of music is not heard on mainstream radio," says Jennifer. "It's a compilation of soul, alt-country, and roots music, rock and roll with a honky-tonk soul."

With the Ellicottville show being the first public performance for Dylan since surgery, the band is transitioning back to touring, with dates soon to come on the East Coast. "We've enjoyed touring all

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himself to ski on one leg with adaptive devices on his arms. Bill succumbed to his cancer, but he inspired so many people, especially his friends on the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol, that in 1988, to honor his memory, the Bill Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP) was born at Holiday Valley.

Here is an interesting statistic from Statista 2021: "A disability is any condition, physical or mental, that significantly impacts a person's life activities. The most common types of disability affect mobility, hearing, vision, and cognition. As of 2021, around 13.5 percent of the U.S. population had some type of disability." The good news is that both of Ellicottville's ski resorts offer adaptive ski/snowboard lessons for riders of all ages. What's really outstanding about democratizing access to our mountains is the simple empowerment of those individuals finally able to get out and enjoy winter sports just like everyone else. The LASP motto is "DE-EMPHASIZE the DISABILITY". If a person wants to ski, they will find a way to get them on the mountain, even if it takes one, two or even three volunteers to coordinate the exciting event.

Naturally, it takes money to run a program like the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program. This is where the Penguin Paddle comes in. It's LASP's biggest fundraiser. Thankfully, seed money for this program came from donations that flowed into the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol in Bill's memory. They started the program with 4 instructors and



The range of equipment for adaptive skiing includes various types of skis, leg supports, and other accessories. There are mono-skis and tandem skis (specialty chairs on skis), outriggers which are likely what Bill used, knee supports, leg covers, accessories ... the list is endless, and the price tag makes one gulp! Example - sit skis can cost anywhere from \$5,000 to \$6,000 for a child's and 8,000 to 10,000 or more for an adult. And that's only one piece of equipment!

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Currently at HV there are 40+ specially trained volunteer instructors with 20 or more of them certified by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA). They collectively teach over 250 lessons during the season. Please bear in mind that education and training costs time and money and once certified, these volunteers must continue training to keep up their certification. The monies brought in from the Penguin Paddle help these volunteers stay certified, pay for new and continued upgrades on the adaptive equipment, and provide

scholarships for those unable to pay to ski through the program.

So, why am I telling you all this? Because on Saturday, February 24 you can help by showing up at Holiday Valley ready for some headfirst, belly tickling fun on the lower slopes of Yodeler Mountain. Yep, just like a penguin.

Here are the details:
RAFFLE TICKETS can be purchased any time from any LASP instructor, or on the day of the event at Yodeler (along with Penguin Paddle buttons) until the drawing at 3pm. Winners will be announced at the end of the races. Tickets are \$5, or 5 for \$20. Prizes are: Season's Pass from Holiday Valley; \$400 Gift Card from Villaggio; A pair of skis from The City Garage and more.

Registration is open from 10am-1pm at the base of Yodeler. \$1 donation.

10am to 2pm - Silent Auction and Wine Wall at base of Yodeler. Auction check out starts at 3:15.

11:30-1:15 Lunch in the Lunch Tent. \$8 donation. Eat early. Supplies limited.

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ABOUT W2W



Hanna met skiing sensation and Women 2 Women Foundation founder Leslie Baker Brown 3 years ago at the Powder to Prosecco Event with Mud Sweat n' Gears at HoliMont. She was inspired by Leslie, and encouraged to apply for the W2W Scholarship to advance her career in the ski industry. "Leslie was very relatable and motivating. She encouraged me to apply for the scholarship and has served as a mentor of sorts to me ever since. She's such a great role model for females in the industry. Leslie paved the way for many of women, breaking the glass ceiling in a field that was predominantly male." For more information on the Women 2 Women's foundation visit <https://www.blizzard-tecnica.com/us/en/about-w2w> and National Outdoor Leadership School <https://nols.edu/en/>.

Hanna

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skiing recreationally," says Hanna. "I have many happy memories growing up skiing at HoliMont and Holiday Valley."

After graduating college in Ithaca, Hanna moved to Ellicottville in order to be closer to the slopes. She started working for her Aunt, Kimberly Reading, at Mud Sweat n' Gears in 2014 and has been there ever since. "I fell in love with working in the ski industry," says Hanna. "I enjoy working with people and helping them find the best ski equipment."

Hanna serves on the ski patrol at Holiday Valley, and enjoys ski touring as well. "Touring is putting skins on skis to get up the mountain, then skiing back down again. It's great exercise; I enjoy getting out early in the morning. It's a great start to the day."

Throughout her 8 years at Mud Sweat n' Gears, Hanna has done a little bit of everything. She began in sales retailing 'soft goods', including jackets,

snowpants, hats, gloves and the like. She naturally progressed to 'hard goods' including skis, bindings and boot fittings. Hanna enjoyed the challenge of finding the perfect boot and took her first boot fitting class 3 years ago in Mt. Snow, Vermont. "I enjoy learning about different products and boot fitting in order to best serve the customers. Everyone's foot is different and it's kind of like a puzzle figuring out what product will best suit them."

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the glass ceiling in a field that was predominantly male."

Hanna applied her awarded scholarship towards her third boot fitting course in Waitsfield, Vermont last year. She gained a wealth of knowledge about foot anatomy and different boot fittings techniques that she utilizes while fitting customers at Mud Sweat and Gears. "I'm very passionate about education and I strive to stay up to date on the latest products and information. I'm always learning in order to best serve the community."

During the 'off' season, Hanna pursues other outdoor passions including hiking and backpacking. She frequently spends her summers on backpacking excursions with the National Outdoor Leadership School. This upcoming summer, Hanna is setting off to explore Wyoming and the Adirondacks, and she has previously backpacked to Alaska and Patagonia. Most of her backpacking

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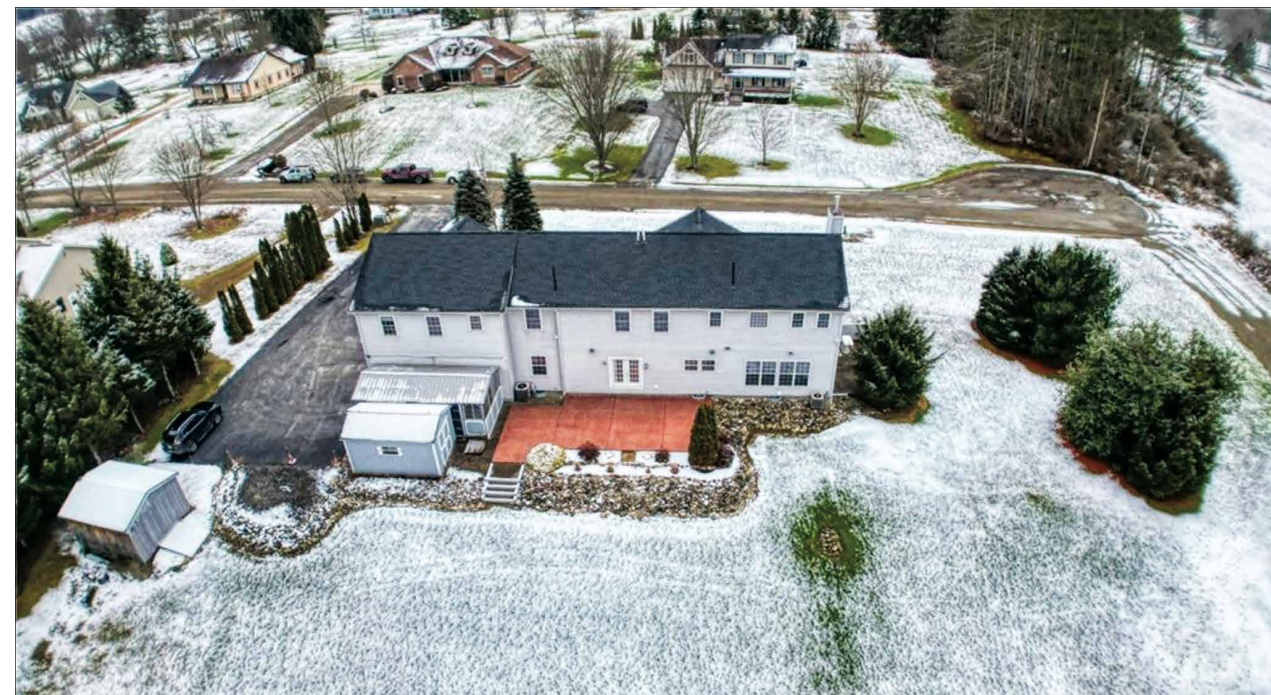
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Comedy

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so many exhibits, it's impossible to describe them all. Read on to learn about some of the highlights.

First, you're greeted by the George and Jolene Brand Schlatter Theater. The theater runs two shows continuously: Johnny Carson: The Immersive Experience and George Schlatter's work, including Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In. Laugh-In was a popular comedy show from the late 60's to early 70's. Comedians such as Lily Tomlin, Ruth Buzzy, Goldie Hawn, Robin Williams and many more started on Laugh-In.

Then there's the Comedy Continuum, which is a highly interactive exhibit. When you scan

your LaughBand, a large web of comedians and artists appear on the large touchscreen. You will discover stories of collaboration and influence told through text or videos. Your web builds connections with other guests, where you can unlock further "visitor connections," connecting your Sense of Humor profiles.

Near the Comedy Continuum, be sure to take a seat on the nearby Prank Bench. We will keep what happens there a surprise, but it sure to cause a few giggles amongst your group. If you have children with you, you will probably have to pry them away from the Prank Bench.

Create a Cartoon is an

exhibit that has you create your own comic strip. You select facial and body features to create your own character and write your own punchline or use one of the provided options.

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Comedy Karaoke is for those who want to experience what it's like to be a stand-up comedian. First, you watch a short video clip of one of your favorite comedians, and then you perform the same bit. You read the words on the teleprompter just like

in karaoke but have the added challenge of using your own pauses and expression. You'll have a newfound appreciation for stand-up comedians.

The Blue Room is an adult-only area located by elevator down one level to a separate gallery. It showcases comedians like Richard Pryor, George Carlin, Lenny Bruce, and others who incorporated mature humor, language, and themes into their performances.

This is just a sampling of the fun you will find at the National Comedy Center. As you walk throughout the museum, you will also see there are artifacts and wardrobes of famous artists. There are larger exhibits showcasing the history

and accomplishments of people such as Joan Rivers, Carl Reiner, and more.

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Feb 23, 2024

- 5:00pm @ 12 Gates of EVL "Justin Wheeler"
- 6:00pm @ Ellicottville Tap/Bottle/Taqueria "Jared Roswell Hill"
- 6:30pm @ Balloons Restaurant "Porcelain Bus Drivers"
- 8:00pm @ FTR of Ellicottville "MWM Trio: Fritz the Kat, Melissa Sauers, Alexander James"
- 8:00pm @ Gin Mill "2 Guys Drinkin Beer"
- 10:00pm @ Balloons Restaurant "Groove Bros."
- 10:00pm @ Balloons Restaurant "DJ Kage"

Feb 24, 2024

- 2:00pm @ Gin Mill "Meet the Bacons"
- 3:00pm @ Winery of Ellicottville "Kat Jones"
- 3:15pm @ FTR of Ellicottville "WYRK DJ's Music & Giveaways"
- 4:00pm @ Holiday Valley "Old Dawgs New Tricks @ the T-Bar"
- 5:00pm @ 12 Gates of EVL "Alexander James"
- 6:00pm @ Cyguro Cigar Club & Lounge "Racheal Galati & David Robbins"
- 6:30pm @ Balloons Restaurant "Jennifer Westwood & The Handsome Devils"
- 7:00pm @ Villaggio "Skyline Duo"
- 7:30pm @ Steelbound Brewery & Distillery "JP Martin"
- 8:00pm @ FTR of Ellicottville "Blues on Weck"
- 8:00pm @ Gin Mill "West"
- 9:00pm @ Ellicottville Tap/Bottle/Taqueria "DJ Kaleb"
- 9:00 pm @ Madigans "The Rig Karaoke"
- 10:00pm @ Balloons Restaurant "Chillbilly's"
- 10:00pm @ Balloons Restaurant "DJ Andre & The Giant Redhead"

Feb 25, 2024

- 2:00 PM @ Gin Mill "Davey O"
- 5:30 PM @ Villaggio "Greg Zeis"

Joylan Theatre 75th Anniversary

Springville Offers Thoughtfully Planned Movies Events

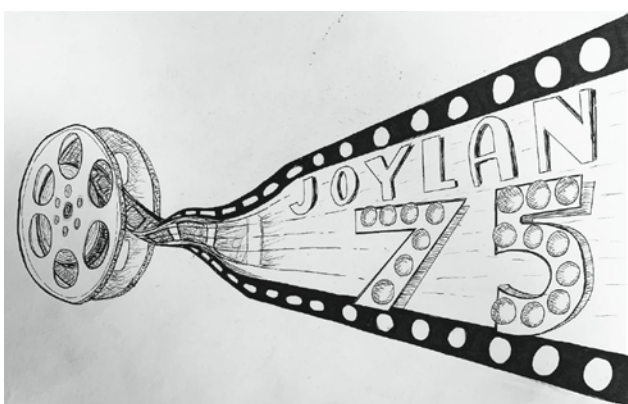
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Joylan Theatre in Springville, NY is celebrating its 75th anniversary in a variety of wonderful ways! The theatre with Art Deco style outside and Art Moderne style inside, was reopened in March 2021 by Russ & Rebecca Pustulka. They will be presenting a free movie every month in 2024. The February movie, on the 15th, is "On The Waterfront" starring Marlon Brando.

On October 4th the very first movie shown in 1949 will be there again: the romantic film, "That Midnight Kiss", starring Mario Lanza and Kathryn Grayson. Coincidentally, the movie marked Lanza's first time as the leading man in a movie, and launched him into stardom in the late 40's and 50's. Kathryn Grayson's incredible voice brought her leading roles in many musicals. In "Kiss", a truck driver achieves his dream of becoming a famous singer overnight.

Animated features for kids that will soon be showing there include: "The Garfield Movie", about the lazy, lasagna-loving cat originally featured in comic strips; "Inside Out 2", the emotional sequel to a movie exploring kids' emotions, and the action-packed sequel "Kung Fu Panda 4".

Sometime soon, the action-packed, live-action movie, "Argylle" will appear on its screen.



Drawings done by students for the Joylan theatre's 75th Anniversary.

It's about a novelist who gets caught up in real-life adventures mirroring those of the fictitious secret agent she writes about. The cast includes Henry Cavill as the James Bond-like hero of her novels, Bryce Dallas Howard as the novelist, Sam Rockwell, Dua Lipa, and Samuel L. Jackson (who's also a voice actor in the Garfield movie). Last but not least, there's a cat named Alfie (the pet of the novelist) who plays a prominent role, and who got cast because he belongs to the producer's wife. (A clear example of NePAWtism!)

The Joylan offers movie events thoughtfully planned for children and

young adults with autism and other disabilities who are sensitive to the loud noises and darkness involved with typical movie screenings. At those events, the volume is lowered, the lights are kept dimmed, and audience members are allowed to dance, sing or pace.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for children (ages 2 to 10), Seniors (62 and up), and Matinees. For more information, go to joylantheatre.com or call (716) 794-3272. The Joylan Theatre is located at 11 West Main Street in Springville, NY. It can be rented for private events. Children at Disney movies get free trading pins.



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Win

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months. "I was surprised to hear back so quickly," says Jill. "It didn't seem real at first, but I was very excited."

Next, Jill completed a virtual audition via Zoom in August. "It was a pretty brief interview. I mentioned I was a Buffalo Bills fan, which apparently helped me get selected for the NFL tournament competition." She was told she would receive a call back in 2 weeks -18 months if selected for the show.

In December, Jill received 'the call' that she was selected to come out to the studio near Los Angeles for final selections. "I wasn't guaranteed a spot on the show, but it was a once in a lifetime chance, so I went." Gregory joined her on the journey out to Sony Studio in Colver, California, an out-of-pocket trip. "We paid our own way, airfare, hotel, everything, but it was worth it to me. We were up for an adventure and it was pretty exciting."

Once at the studio, Jill was one of 15 contestants,

but only 12 would be chosen to go on air. She surrendered her cell phone and wasn't allowed to talk to anyone outside of the studio. After more auditions and practice rounds, her name was called along with the date for her show. "I couldn't believe it when I heard 'Jill, you'll be on Tuesday.' It was surreal."

She, along with the other 12 contestants, went through practice rounds spinning the wheel and calling out letters loud and clear. "I wasn't nervous at all during filming because we got so much practice; it was really helpful. The show films back-to-back episodes so they prepped us all at once. We were all so excited and nervous. The energy was high and it was awesome."

When it was time for her show to film, her boyfriend was allowed to enter with the rest of the live studio audience. "The show is filmed live, so everything you see is what really happened." She describes the experience as unreal, but she remained focused. "I was in the zone during the show. I never noticed how much money I had, or how other people were doing. I stayed focused on

the game. I've never been a gambler, so I didn't let myself get distracted by the money. I just played the game, and it paid off!"

During her first show, Jill moved onto the Bonus Round, and won a total of \$65,698 along with a 16-day all-expenses-paid vacation to Portugal and Spain. She had no idea that she'd be moving on to play a second show, with the opportunity to play again and win more.

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Although Jill was a bit starstruck, she reports host Pat Sajak and Vanna White both very nice, down-to-earth people. "Pat is very witty, and Vanna White is such a nice woman. I spent a lot of time with Maggie Sajak, Pat's daughter. She's their Social Media PR manager, who is also very personable and

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Muskie

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attack and eat the first thing that moves, carnivorous, cannibalistic, devouring its own kind if opportunity presents, even the metal of something manmade, it simply doesn't care in its frenzy to feed. There's no discretion, no apologies. It's hungry, it eats, a notoriously fierce fish (anglers say it will attack the propeller of a trolling motor, while every other life form in the lake will swim from it.)



The teeth you notice immediately, five hundred at least, more in some of the larger beasts. The fangs are tightly positioned, small and needle-like, angled inward to keep prey from escape, razor sharp to shred live food that struggles.

Todd Young has been chartering muskie expeditions on Chautauqua Lake for eighteen years, hosting bucket-list enthusiasts from all over the country looking to battle the largest member of the pike family; catching a muskellunge is that much of an adventure on Chautauqua Lake. It's a daunting, wildly rewarding industry (the nickname of the muskie is "The Fish of 10,000 Casts"). Todd knows every square quad of Chautauqua Lake. He knows the water; he knows the fish.

"We go where the fish are, lower lake, upper basin. I've taken hundreds of people onto the lake to catch muskie."

Dude knows his fish, especially the prize catch on Chautauqua Lake, the muskellunge.

Muskie are intentionally established on Chautauqua Lake (one subspecies is named The Chautauqua Muskellunge). Muskie management became a thing in the late 1800s, when the first hatcheries in the country were built along the shores near Bemus Point. The local hatchery effort, overseen by the state DEC, is now located at Prendergast

Point. It's a calculated process stocking the lake with an apex predator. In 2022, 13,000 fingerlings from six to nine inches long were released into the lake, understanding that about a third of those will survive a season; too many muskie eating the fish supply could seriously disrupt the lake ecosystem. That management, and the general stewardship from fishing charters like Todd's Muddy Creek Fishing Guides has made the 13,000 acres of Chautauqua Lake a premier muskie fishing destination.

"We are completely catch and release," Todd says. "There are fish we catch that I recognize that I've caught before. We're very careful about bringing them onto the boat. We only fight them for a few minutes, it can be a great battle they're so big and strong, but if you exhaust them, you might kill them."

And muskie get big, it's not uncommon to pull in one thirty-five pounds or more. The largest on record was sixty-nine pounds, fifteen ounces, average usually less than forty inches long and might weigh from seven to fifteen pounds. Muskie can live up to thirty years.

"We use heavy equipment, put six lines

in the water, and hope to average two catches a day. There's a small window for catching them when they are in a feeding cycle. Once they've eaten, sometimes up to twenty percent of their body weight, they sit still for up to five days digesting. But when they eat, they are very aggressive.

During their feeding cycle, they'll eat other fish up to a third of their own size. More than once I've seen one floating on the lake that tried to eat another fish that was just too big. They're not particularly smart fish, when it's time to eat, they don't much care what they go after."

Todd thinks the lake has seen a bit of a resurgence, more fish are living longer, getting bigger. "We were seeing red spots on the fish the past few years, an unhealthy sign. We don't see that on catches now. A four-footer can be twenty years old. That takes a lot of care from fishing to get one to be that old. But that's the future of our lake, fishing for sport and letting them go."

You could spend a worse day on Chautauqua Lake than in the care of Muddy Creek Fishing Guides. Check them out at <https://mcfishnguides.com>, or give Todd a call at 724 674-3839.

Olean Business Spotlight: ZET's Italian Ice

Family Inspired Business Allows Mother Never to Miss a Minute



Angelica Porcuri's three children are the inspiration behind her decision to become her own boss and create her own business. She opened her food truck, ZET's Italian Ice, in June of 2023 and it has been a great success ever since.

By DELAINEY MUSCATO - ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

Zayd. Enzo. Thea. ZET. Angelica Porcuri's three children are the inspiration behind her decision to become her own boss and create her own business. She opened her food truck, ZET's Italian Ice, in June of 2023 and it has been a great success ever since.

Porcuri was not satisfied with her previous job that did not allow her the flexibility she needed to be there for her children. She also knew she would be great at running her own business. Porcuri decided to open her own food truck so she would never miss another ball game or a first word.

After deciding to open a food truck, she got right to work looking for a truck that would function for her specific needs. Porcuri found one that would work and but she would have to order from overseas. She and her fiancé lucked out when they saw the exact same food truck when driving by a tavern. They immediately turned around and were able to buy the

food truck for the same price as the one overseas. Though it is a smaller space, they have been able to add a lot of equipment to suit their needs and plan to reconfigure for the coming season for even more efficiency.

Currently, ZET's has 54 different flavors of just Italian ice. Porcuri says, "lemon, mango, bluerazz, strawberry and cotton candy are definitely the top sellers". On top of all the flavors of Italian ice, they also sell desserts like cannoli, cheesecake, Italian Nachos, tiramisu or sometimes savory items like stuffed pepper soup or charcuterie cups. They also have a few beverages including Italian sodas, ice lattes and iced chai.

Last summer, the truck was out from June to November. They were present at many events in the Olean area like Music in the Park, public pools, sporting events, the Garlic Festival in Cuba, the Wounded Warrior concert in Allegany and so many more. "This summer is going to be busy!" said Porcuri. Oftentimes the food truck could be spotted

in multiple places all on the same day. Porcuri shared she is not quite sure about opening a permanent storefront just yet. "I haven't fully decided on a storefront because I enjoy the change and freedom of opening in a different venue every day," she said. This year Porcuri plans to bring the truck to all the same events she attended last year and more. She is also excited to be coming to Ellicottville this summer.

Though her business has been thriving, Porcuri is not without struggles. On top of being a mother to three young kiddos, she's a first-time business owner. She bought the food truck and just 27 days later, she was open for business. "There's a lot of paperwork and planning. There's finances and prepping. You have to be fully committed," Porcuri said. She obtained licenses to serve in Cattaraugus, Allegany, and McKean counties. But Porcuri also mentioned how appreciative of the

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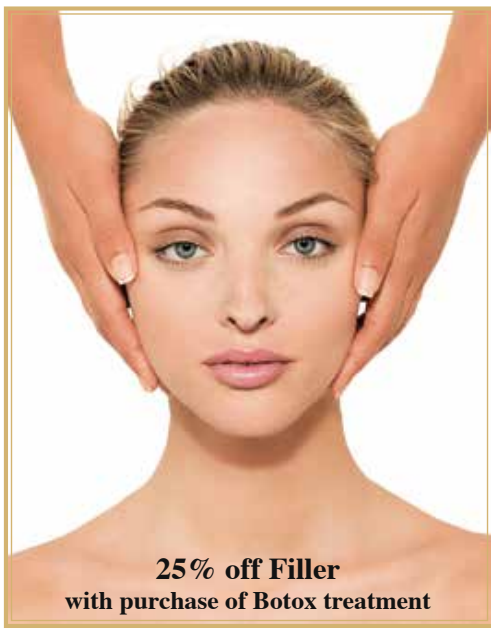
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“Henry the IV, Part Two”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

her into withdrawing her complaint and then has the gall to ask if she can lend him money. When she says she'll have to pawn a wall-hanging to do that, he tells her it's out of fashion and she should redecorate!

When the king meets with the rebel leaders, the conversation goes like this. Him: “Have you sent your soldiers home?” Them: “Yes, have you?” Him: “Yes.” The next moment he turns to his guards, and says “Grab these guys and have them executed for treason!” Soon after that he feels very ill and he's brought to a nearby inn, where he sends for his son Hal, who's next in line for the throne.

Hal is at the bar, and as he did in Part One, he's playing a prank on Falstaff. He's disguised himself as a waiter so he can easily eavesdrop on him, and he hears Falstaff insulting him. When he takes off his disguise and reveals what he heard, Falstaff tries desperately to make him think he meant well, but the prince isn't buying it. When he gets the message from his father, he rushes to see him. When he arrives, he finds him in bed, lying still, with his crown on a pillow beside him. He picks up the crown and goes into the next room to cry. Then his father wakes up! (He had to make up for the lost sleep, remember?) When he asks where his crown went, and is told Hal took it, he says “Get him in here.” Then he yells at him, basically saying “I haven't got long

to live. Are you in such a hurry to become king that you couldn't wait another half hour?” Hal protests that he thought he was dead and when he picked it up, he was only thinking of his future responsibilities. His father then says he wants to speak to him alone, and his entourage leaves. What wise words does he speak? His message is this: “Son, everyone knows you've been partying hard for years. When you become king, you need to do something major to distract them from that Start a foreign war!”

After he says these words, he's still alive and calls everyone back in. He says he expects to keep on living because a fortune teller once told him that when he died, it would be in Jerusalem. Then, out of curiosity, he asks what inn he's in, and as soon as he hears its name, he dies. It's called the Jerusalem Inn.

When Falstaff hears the news that the king has died and so his drinking buddy is about to be crowned, he couldn't be more excited. He races to London, and plants himself by the route of the coronation procession, waiting with great anticipation for the moment when his good buddy will greet him for the first time as king. When Hal, now known as Henry the Fifth, appears, he does notice he's there, but then says words to the effect of, “I used to waste my time with fools like that, but I know better now.”

“Henry the Fourth, Part Two” picks up right where “Henry the Fourth, Part One” leaves off. Rebel forces united to try to take over the kingdom, and the king just won a battle against them but another one is about to begin. The king can't sleep because he's worrying so much. “They're getting more and more soldiers together. What can I do?”, he's thinking. “They want to seize power the way I seized power. I've got it! I'll send the rebel leaders a message: if they disband their army, I'll disband mine, and then we'll get together and work things out”.

The next scene shows us what Falstaff, a conniving but very amusing longtime friend of the king's son, Hal, is up to. As usual, he's at the bar where he and the prince frequently hang out, and also as usual, he hasn't been paying his bar bills. The bar's owner, a woman he owes lots of money, has gotten fed up and is complaining to the police about him. He sweet-talks

the Bistro 210, in the main lodge building. Finishing up the long weekend, when many people are not working because of President's Day, the live music entertainment continues Sunday night with the Dan Baney Trio playing their rock music in the Bistro 210 at 9:30pm. As you can see, there was a wide variety of entertainment this week. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

Events

STORY FROM LEFT

Saturday night, Buffalo party band Dirty Shirley will be rocking it out at Peek n' Peak in Clymer, NY starting at 9:30pm in

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

By DARLENE BRACE

a fun night to enjoy with your sweetheart.



Friday February 16 - Big Inlet Brewing will be hosting a performance by Derek Davis starting at 6pm. Derek plays a mix of covers and originals across a variety of genres. Join your friends and have your favorite beverage while enjoying Derek's diverse music performance.

snowman/ sculpture contest, carriage rides, the KidsZone and wood carving by Vince the Tree Guy will take place throughout the festival. Saturday there will also be The Polar Ice Plunge and a pet parade. Live music by the Midnight Growlers will be from 5pm-8pm, followed by fireworks. On Sunday, there will be a 5K and a fundraising volleyball tournament presented by The Glass Half Full. If you want updated information of activities and times, look on Facebook for the Mayville Winter Festival.

Merritt Winery in Forestville will be having its Pasta Bar Weekend on February 16th-18th, starting at 11am each day. Penne pasta with your choice of sauce will be paired with one of Merritt's delicious wines. Check out their Facebook page for updated information.

“EVENTS”, RIGHT

Groundhog's Day predicted only six more weeks of winter. It's time to get out and enjoy some wintertime entertainment, so here's what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday February 15 - This week Music for your Mouth, a restaurant in Mayville, continues its Travel the World Series. They will be specializing in food and drink pairings from Russia starting at 6pm. If you'd like to join them this week for Russian cuisine, make a reservation at by calling (716) 224-1035.

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Peek n' Peak in Clymer, New York will be having Brown Dog Acoustics from Erie performing at the Bistro 210 in the main lodge building. This duo plays energetic acoustic rock and country music and will start at 9:30pm.

Saturday February 17- The second annual Sweetheart Ball hosted by Headen to the Party, will take place on Saturday, February 17th at the Northwest Arena. This exciting event will start at 6pm and includes a catered meal with your admittance ticket. There will be a cash bar, raffles, and music provided by DJ Payne. It's sure to be

In Fredonia, 64 on the Rocks will be having Country Night starting at 8pm. Live music will be performed by Hazard Country. Have a good ole' time listening to their current country music while enjoying some delicious food. Maybe you can sit by the fire pit, weather permitting.

OsbornNash will perform at Big Inlet Brewing starting at 5:30pm. This talented duo are singer songwriters that play a mixture of originals and covers, including many genres of music. Enjoy your favorite Big Inlet beverage while listening to their eclectic acoustic music.

All Weekend Events - The Southern Tier Distillery has a fun weekend planned for their semi-annual Tiki Weekend. They turn their tasting room in to a tiki bar and will have plenty of their handcrafted beverages available, including their Peanut Butter Cup Colada. On Friday, there will be live music from Dark Water Duo from 5pm-8pm. The live music continues Saturday with Big Sauce Trio, from 5pm-8pm. There will also be a Hawaiian Shirt Contest at 8pm. On Sunday they will have Bingo and Booze from 1pm-4pm. There will be plenty of specialty drinks and giveaways. This is an event you don't want to miss!

The annual Mayville Winter Festival will be at the Lakeside Park on February 16th-18th. There will be a variety of fun family activities all weekend long. Some activities like the

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue

While the weathers been sketchy but the music has been fantastic so let's see who's playing where?

We start our weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. You get your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with

house made chips for \$15. This weeks music is provided by Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared is a pianist who plays a rock/pop/jazz/country set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday musical host is Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/folk/roots/country set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers always on tap.

FRIDAY

Taqueria kicks it off with SON from 6-9pm. This couple plays a r&b/pop/blues/jazz/rock set of covers and originals to accompany Evl's only street taco, Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with Double Shot from 6:30-10pm. This band plays multi genre, classic rock. The back bar will feature Kyle Gustafson from 10-1am. Kyle plays acoustic rock/pop/country covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

We return to The Gin Mill for The Dakota Brothers from 8-12am. This band plays old and new rock and country covers that you can dance to. Try the latest kitchen in Evl open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast

9-11am sat-sun.

Madigans joins the party with Dj SI from 9-2am playin the groove so you can bust a move in the window on Washington. Let the A-Team, behind the pine, shake up a shot for you.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with The Hick Ups from 2-5pm. This group of seasoned veterans plays an eclectic set of roots style covers. The Rig takes the stage from 8-12am. This Buffalo band plays rock covers from the Clash to ZZ Top. If you like craft cocktails check out the Carraige House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

12 Gates of Evl joins the party with Jay McDonnell from 5-8pm. Jay plays acoustic rock covers from CSNY. Jackson Browne, Eagles.....

We're back at Balloons for Innocent Bystander from 6:30-10pm. This classic rock cover band will play your dance favorites. The back bar will host Zack Gerkin and Walter Galey from 10-1am. This act plays a rock/folk/country/mod set of covers. Dj Lyffe will provide the slide for your glide on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We return to Madigans for Dj Persia from 9-2am. Providing the thumpin for the bumpin You bar room athletes can check out the pool tables and dart board.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is back with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife team plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers and originals with some smokin guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmo-

Two Guys Drinking Beer take the stage from 7-10pm. Ron and Terry play rock/pop/folk/country favorites that you'll know the words to.

Villaggio hosts their weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta with your choice of toppings or savory prime, made to your liking, accompanied by Grace Lougen and Garden Party from 5:30-8:30pm. Grace told me it's like yacht rock in a good way.

If it's Monday it's Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers to wash them down. This weeks musical host is Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. I've run out of superlatives to describe this act but you'll thoroughly enjoy their music.

Red Grey hosts his Monday night residency at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. Red play classic and outlaw country and classic and southern rock. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with the return of The Hick Ups, Thursday, from 7-10pm. Try the Gin Mill burger if you're hungry.

The Gin Mill hosts Wing, Wednesday from 7-10 pm. It's how we've ended the seven day weekend for 40 years. Brian Rick is the musical host. Brian plays a rock/pop/ folk/country set of covers.

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Beat on the Street:

"What Super Bowl Commercial Did You Like the Most?"

By CHAD NEAL

The grand spectacle the world gets to view every year called the Super Bowl has aired and earned the attention of a lot of people. It's a money making event and of course the house always wins. It's a super grift and while some people win money somehow the broadcasting companies who charge for the commercials make a heck of a lot of money off of this, the final contest of the NFL season. It has become a huge part of the game, advertisements aired during the gridiron battle, for a lot of the viewers. They make ads just to air them for the first time during it. Some only watch to see the promotions, because some of them are really entertaining. It is another tradition many have come to accept as part of their yearly routine. What Super Bowl commercial did you like the most?



Jeff W.- The Michelob Ultra - Messi commercial - real football meets American football with a cameo from Dan Marino!



Jessica G.- Kennedy for President and the Kawasaki mullet one- I laughed and laughed at that.



Lily I.- That Kawasaki mullet one got me good!



Bobby O.- The movies are my favorite. Deadpool 3 looks to be awesome, but Wicked so far!



Kyle R.- The dunkin commercial was absolutely hilarious!



Larry K.- Either the Christopher Walken car commercial or the Arnold Schwarzenegger Naaa bahh!

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

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

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

HoliMont

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He said there are also several Olympic disciplines taught there including downhill, slalom and super G. Trish Mangan was a student of theirs who made it to the Olympics.

As a youth volunteer I also felt in my heart a certain kind of privilege to be allowed to watch other peoples' children grow and learn by volunteerism and Craig agreed that he shares that same feeling. I happened to catch him on one of those beautiful brilliant sunny afternoons

that skiers call a 'Bluebird Day' and felt very lucky to get a little of his time to show me how it's so much more than just a ski resort. Thank you, Craig, for your time and all of the great information. I hope you have continued success on leaving a legacy at HoliMont.

Muisc Jam

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over the country, primarily the Gulf states, south, southwest and west coast, but we're looking forward to setting up some tour dates a bit closer to home."

Jennifer strives to make each show an experience, artistic and different than any other. "I'm not a cookie-cutter artist. I enjoy unique venues and playing different stages. These performances help us evolve as artists and push us out of our comfort

zones. That's essential to me."

Jennifer and the Handsome Devils are soon releasing their long-awaited album *Mad Man's World* this Spring, and she recently started hosting an Americana Radio Show streaming from Toledo, Ohio. The show, "Your Americana", is an inclusive show that encompasses the Americana genre as a whole, from Alt-Country to Fun to Gospel and Zydecco. Listeners can enjoy music selected by Jennifer with intermittent commentary throughout the show. The show

streams Fridays at 7pm EST at toledoradio.org, also via WAKT app for Android and iPhones. Be sure to catch Jennifer and The Handsome Devils and give Dylan a warm Ellicottville Welcome back to the stage at the Winter Music Weekend on Thursday, February 24th at Balloons. "Coming to Ellicottville feels like coming home. We wouldn't be happy if we didn't come to Ellicottville," says Jennifer.

For more information visit <https://www.jenniferwestwood.com/>.

Hanna

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excursions last 2-4 weeks, and she enjoys the challenge. "It's challenging in a different way. I enjoy pushing my limits and connecting to people in the outdoors all while exploring new places. It's great to meet likeminded people and share our

experiences."

Hanna's future plans include continuing to advance her career in the ski industry through continued education in boot fitting and the latest products on the market. "I find the anatomy of the foot very interesting and essential in understanding proper boot fitting." Her ultimate goal is to help customers, and fellow skiers, find the best

products to optimize their experience on the slopes. Stop in to visit Hanna at Mud Sweat n' Gears, located at 18 Monroe Street in Ellicottville. For more in-formation on the Women 2 Women's foundation visit <https://www.blizzard-tecnica.com/us/en/about-w2w> and National Outdoor Leadership School <https://nols.edu/en/>.


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 Designed to wash the underside of the car. For .25¢ you would drive round this 16 inch deep concrete bowl for 3 or 4 minutes. On a busy day up to 75 cars would use the facility

Adaptivde

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1pm – Penguin Races begin by age groups – Helmets required.

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Win

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enthusiastic.” Pat has been hosting since Wheel of Fortune began 41 years ago. With his retirement on the horizon, the show is transitioning for Ryan Seacrest to host in the near future.

While it was difficult to keep everything a secret once returning home from filming, Jill

is excited to finally be able to share this experience with her friends and family. “We had 2 viewing parties, and both were incredible. We celebrated at Tony’s Napoli in Olean, made t-shirts, festive candy bars and enjoyed watching both shows with our family and friends.”

While Jill did win big, her favorite experience on the show was the people. “It might sound cliché, but the people were just so much fun! Not just

the contestants, but the producers and everyone involved in making the show a success. They really pump you up and give you pep talks behind the scenes. The production crew works hard to make sure everyone has a good experience. They make you feel excited and are very good at coaching throughout the process.”

Wheel of Fortune airs weekdays at 7pm on NBC. For more information and to play online visit <https://www.wheeloffortune.com/>.

Business

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help she has received from the Jamestown Community College Business Development Center as well as the Lain Business Accelerator. Both these organizations have provided her with great connections and helped her business to grow from where it started last summer.

In addition to the truck, Porcuri also teaches baking lessons. She teaches people of all levels of experience different piping techniques, how to use supplies and tools, and different icing consistencies. “I encourage everyone to try everything and have fun,” said Porcuri.

A huge focus of ZET’s and Porcuri’s in particular is giving back to the community. Porcuri said, “There’s a lot of



passion and heart that goes into the business and we try our best to give back however we can”. They have donated Italian ice to and raised money for many organizations like Operation Warm Hearts, Wounded Warrior, the Red Cross, Bartlett Country Club, CHD Heartraiser and

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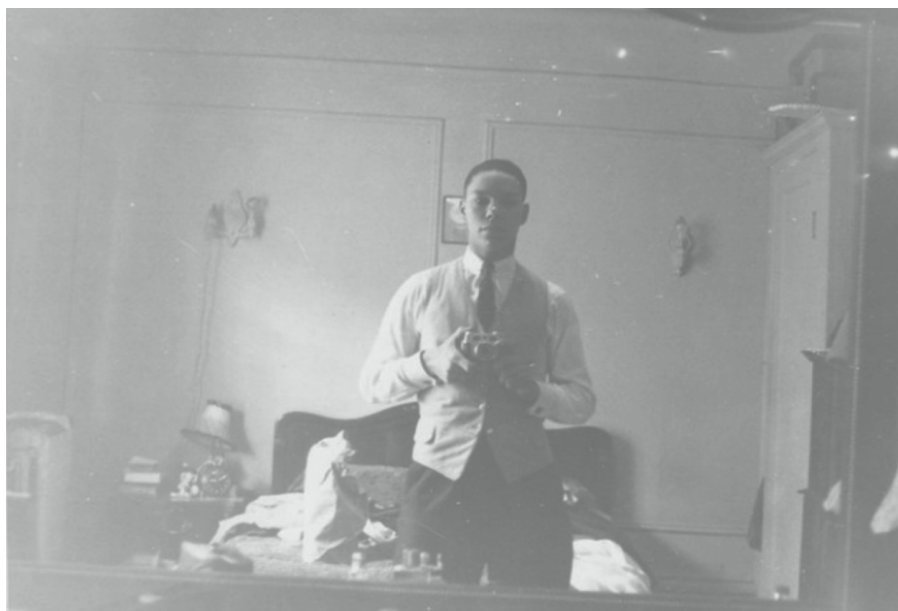
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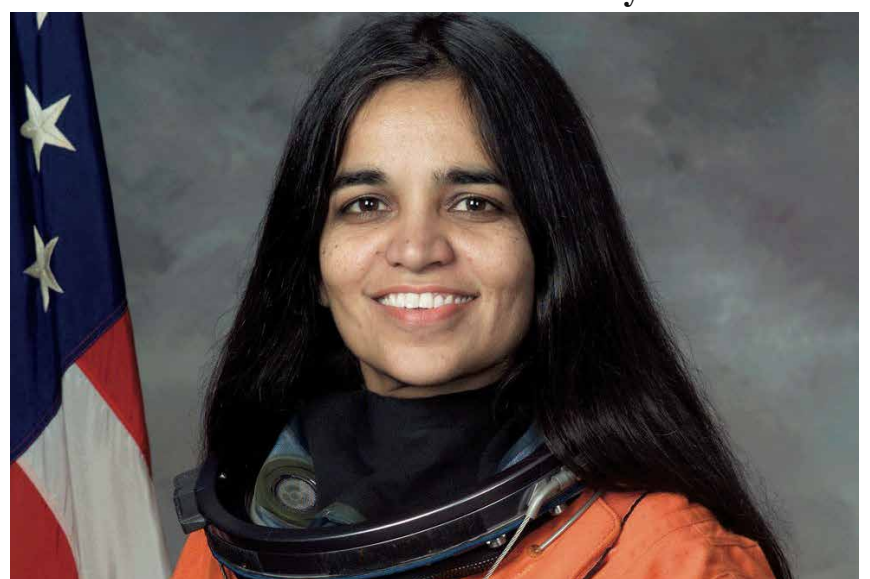
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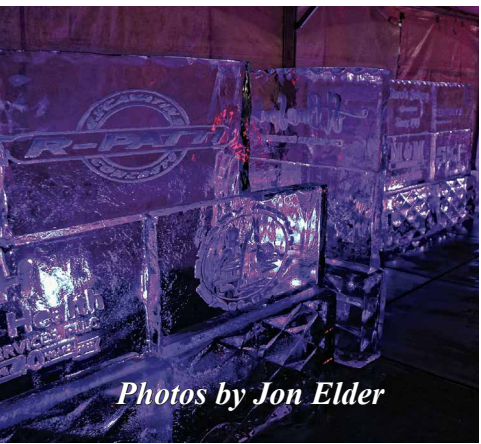
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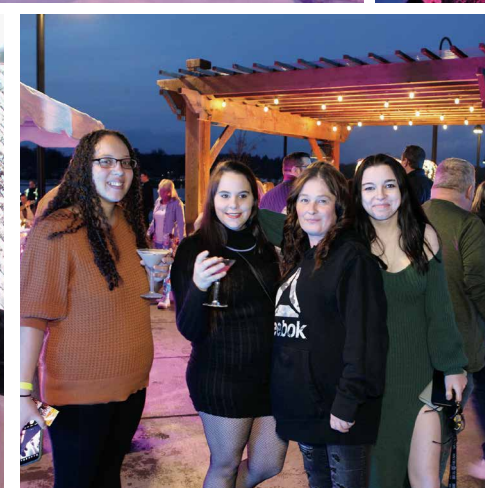
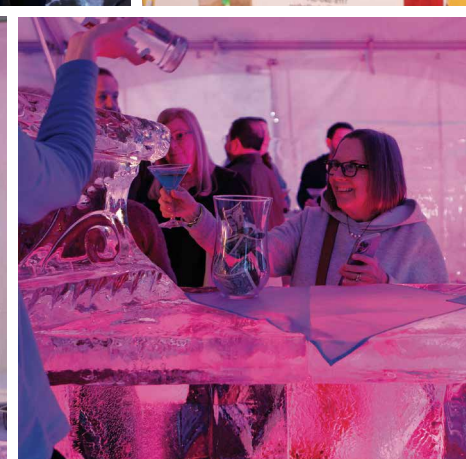
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