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Fri/Sat/Sun, February 23-25
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Jamestown, NY

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Saturday, February 24 • 11am
Mayville, NY

FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
Saturday February 24 • 9am
Fredonia, NY

HOLIDAY VALLEY'S PENGUIN PADDLE
Saturday, February 24 • 10am
Ellicottville, NY

THE STRICTLY HIP AT HOLLYWOOD THEATER
Saturday, February 24 • 8pm
Gowanda, NY

ASPIRE OF WNY ON ICE AT NORTHWEST ARENA
Saturday February 24 • 5:30pm
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SPORTSMAN SHOW AT SENECA ALLEGANY EVENTS CENTER
Sat/Sun February 24-25, • 9am
Salamanca, NY

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Tuesday February 27 • 4:30pm
ASP Salamanca, NY

TRIVIA NIGHTS @ SHAWBUCKS
Wednesday, February 28 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

WINTER CARNIVAL AT HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
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Up Close with Villager Contributor: **Jack Smeltz** Music Columnist is a Musician at Heart for Life



When Jack Smeltz was discharged from the Army, he went home to Cleveland, OH and started a group "The Kosmic Cowboy Band". Jack pictured with band, second from left and in right photo back in his 'Jumpin' Jack Flash' days.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Many locals and visitors alike are familiar with Jack Smeltz for his weekly column in *The Villager* newspaper, and his love and support for musicians. Jack's weekly column, "What's

Shakin'", highlights all music events in the Ellicottville area for the upcoming 7 days, which he has been writing for 7 years. His passion for music is evident in his support for local and

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Welcome to EVL Winter Music Jam February 23-25 Packed with Entertainment



Last Music Jam @ EBC/Photo Jon Elder

EL LICOTTVILLE - 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

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History in EVL: **Mardi Gras & Winter Carnival** March, March, March, March: March 9, 2024



Undisputed King was King Ken Brown (above); queens over the early years were Ginger Anderson (the first and pictured above), Emily Eckley, Carol Erickson and so many other good sports who jumped into the festivities as Frolicking Nuns, Menopause Maidens and fantasy creatures of all stripes. They set the zany tone well.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

It's that time of the year when Mardi Gras Parade Marchers Appear in Ellicottville... It all began 32 years ago...

Have you ever wondered how things start? As a history buff, I

always want to know. It seems everything starts with a need, inspiration, action.

Such was the case with the iconic Ellicottville Mardi Gras parade which never took place

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Downtown Jamestown - Past & Present The Revitalization of Downtown Jamestown



BY DARLENE BRACE

If you traveled back in time to the early 50's and 60s, you would see that downtown Jamestown was a thriving shopping center area. There were stores like Bigelow's, which was a multi-level department store. You could find just about anything, from clothing to housewares to toys and more. It was the only

place in the Jamestown area that had an escalator, that amused children while their parents were shopping.

Across the street was Carnahan's Men's Clothing Store, which was smaller but still was a multi-level store. In that same block there was Woolworths and Grants Department Stores. They were smaller two-level

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Gallery with focus on Indigenous Art Opens on Third Street

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Olean Center Mall Revamps CCIDA Helps Transformation of Building



BY JEFF MARTIN, THE VILLAGER

The Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) received an updated and revised application relating to multi-phased development aimed at rejuvenating the Olean Center Mall. The Phase 1 scope is roughly a \$9.5M investment.

Olean Towne Center LLC, led by mall owner Angelo M. Ingrassia, submitted a revised application, replacing the previous one from October 2023. The information was presented at the February monthly meeting of the CCIDA meeting.

The application seeks tax exemptions and a payment in lieu of taxes (P.I.L.O.T.), structured around phases of the mall's renovation. Notably, the application excludes a separate outparcel on the property, currently under contract with Buffalo-based People Inc., which has applied for funding to develop 60 apartments catering to a mix of housing needs. It is to be noted that the proposed housing development is not part of the IDA inducement, application, nor project

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Springville Depot Surprises Exciting New Life for Iconic Building



People were always curious about the building and wanting to see the inside. Since tourism is such a large part of every community's offering, they decided to turn the back part of the building, with its own private entrance, into a boutique hotel - vintage style.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Dedicated in 1910, she'd be 114 years old. She wasn't around to witness Pop Warner (the father of Pee-Wee football) becoming the only Griffith Institute football player to become a college All-American in 1901, or the installation of the cannon in Fiddler's Green Park in 1902. She didn't see the opening of St. Al's school in 1904, or George Schuster of Springville winning, in 1908, the New York to Paris Race in his 1907 Thomas Flyer (169 days: 13,341 land miles). But she has held firm her prominent position in Springville history ever since.

The beautiful gal was built for \$25,000 - the CPI inflation calculator calls that equivalent in purchasing power to about \$811,623.68 today. It was a BIG deal! The brick-red old Buffalo,

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If you are in Ellicottville this weekend enjoying the skiing, live music, shopping and dining, be sure to mark your calendars for Mardi Gras & Winter Carnival Weekend, March 9 & 10, 2024. Take a glimpse at Carol Fisher-Linn's article on the fun history of the event and if you feel so inspired, sign up for the

Publisher's Word

"Always More to Explore..."

parade! It's easy to do and you are encouraged to be a part of the show. You can sign up on the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce website page: www.ellicottvilleny.com.

If you are in Chautauqua County enjoying the read be sure to put your eyes on Darlene Brace's article about the great renaissance the area is enjoying; there's even a new gallery opening right downtown this weekend you are welcomed to visit.

There seems to be a renaissance happening throughout all the areas we cover: Springville, Westfield, Olean...if you know of a new business or a person in the area that deserves some recognition, please let us know, that is why we are here - to share your stories. You can reach us online anytime: www.thevillager.com with the "General Submissions" tab, or call our offices 716-699-2058.

Until next week, enjoy the read, the weather, the food and the company.

Yours in writing,
Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

Happy Birthday

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 Carol Thomas... March 26th

Local Industry Expands
Jamestown Container Co. Acquires Midwest Box

Jamestown Container Companies announced today an agreement to acquire Midwest Box Company's packaging business in Cleveland, OH, effective February 19, 2024. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

"This purchase provides Jamestown Container Companies an immediate, exciting expansion and growth opportunity in Ohio," explained Joseph R. Palmeri, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. "We constantly look for ways to strengthen our company's position in the markets we serve, opportunities that support our long-term growth strategy to focus on core competencies, minimize the impact of rising costs, and maximize customer, employee and shareholder value."

"We view this development as an exceptional opportunity for Midwest Box customers, as Midwest Box will operate as a dedicated division within Jamestown Container," said Susan Hecht Remer, Owner and President. "Jamestown Container shares similar values, purpose and overall philosophy, assuring customers of our dedication to maintaining the same level of service that they have come to expect over the years."

Both companies will work closely together during the transition of business to Jamestown Container, which they expect to complete quickly. As part of the agreement, Jamestown Container plans to operate the Midwest Box plant, and retain the General Manager, account managers, and customer service professionals responsible for these accounts, as well as several of the key operations and distribution personnel.

The acquisition may also require Jamestown Container to hire several additional operations personnel in their Macedonia, OH manufacturing facility.

"In addition to the new job creation, we believe this acquisition stabilizes and strengthens the jobs for our current workforce," said Mr. Palmeri. "That—combined with our relationship with our world-class Greenpac paper mill, our role as the managing partner at Niagara Sheets LLC, and the continued process improvements in all of our plants—will enable us to enhance our products and services to our customers, support our leadership position in our markets, and strengthen our capability for future growth and expansion as opportunities arise."

Jamestown Container Companies, headquartered in Falconer NY, currently operates six manufacturing facilities, including locations in Falconer, Franklinville, Rochester, Lyons and Buffalo NY, as well as Cleveland OH. Combined, the company employs almost 500 people. In addition, Jamestown Container is an owner in Greenpac LLC and a managing partner in Niagara Sheets LLC, both world-class, state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities in the Buffalo NY area. For more information about Jamestown Container Companies, its products or services, please visit www.jamestowncontainer.com.

Last Call for Jamestown Artscape 2024
Public Art Project Deadline this Saturday, February 24

ArtScape Jamestown, New York
 An Outdoor Gallery of Regional Art

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ArtScape Jamestown invites artists in Chautauqua County and those residing within 35 miles of Jamestown to submit their work for the 2024 ArtScape public art program through THIS Saturday February 24, 2024.

The Jamestown Renaissance Corp. is again partnering with Chautauqua Art Gallery and the City of Jamestown Parks Department to create an outdoor public art gallery in downtown Jamestown, N.Y.

Selected works are reproduced on banners that hang on light posts throughout the downtown area. Chautauqua Art Gallery supports this program as the host sponsor, displaying the original works of art and coordinating artists and banner production.

Apply now online at the Jamestown Renaissance website under the tab, Artscape.

Place Your Classifieds: Call 716-699-2058

Leadership Catt. Announces Class of 2024

25 Initiates Chosen to Enter Education Program



OLEAN NY: Leadership Cattaraugus has announced its 2024 class of 25 participants, who began their training with a retreat in January at Jamestown Community College. Members of the fifteenth class are: Derrick Askey, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office; Rich Barie Hedley Brook Agency; Donald Bentley, Eaton Corporation; Jody Blackwell, Cattaraugus County DSS; Jennifer Castellano, Cattaraugus County Bank; Aubrey Coast, Connecting Communities in Action; Scott Eaton, Holiday Valley; Peter Ebert, CA Boces; Eric Everetts, Eaton Corporation; Kristen Everetts, Intandem; Donna Hatzell, Cutco Corporation; Roger Johnson, Jamestown Community College; Brian Kelly, Kelly Design and Development; Jasmine Killingbeck, Cattaraugus County DSS; Abigail Luzier, Cornell Coop Ext Catt County; Tiffany Mager, Cattarau-

gus-Allegany Workforce Development Board; Paul Majot, Cutco Corporation; Justin Malpiedi, Siemens Energy; Mason Maynard, Connecting Communities in Action; Caitlin Metler, Directions in Independent Living; Susan Ostrander, Total Senior Care; Larry Selph, Cutco Corporation; Sarah Swinko, Southern Tier West; Mike Waseda, St. Bonaventure University; and Desiree Wesley, High Point Federal Credit Union.

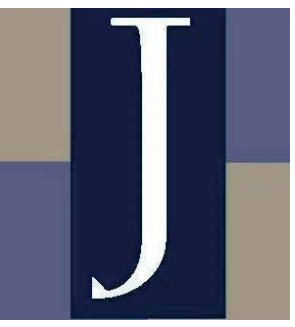
Leadership Cattaraugus is a joint initiative of the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College, Intandem, St. Bonaventure University and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, with the goal of "growing leaders for a better community." Selection criteria for the class included demonstrated leadership potential, commitment to voluntary and/or civic service, and a clear desire to contribute to the region's well-being. The calendar for the par-

ticipants includes monthly workshops on Leadership Day; Government Services, Health and Medical Services; Land and Natural Resources/Land Usage; Economic Development, Tourism, Arts and Culture; Manufacturing; The Justice System; Human Services and Education. Workshops take place on the third Tuesday of each month from January to October. Graduation will take place in October.

"These individuals will embark on a unique journey outside their comfort zones to challenge long-held assumptions and to embrace diverse perspectives on quality-of-life issues," commented Jodi Fuller, president of Leadership Cattaraugus Board of Directors and alumni class of 2005 of Leadership Cattaraugus. For more details and an application form, visit the Leadership Cattaraugus website at www.leadershipcattaraugus.org or Ms. Fuller at 716-945-1041.

Salute to Chautauqua's Finest

Community Chamber of Commerce Holds Awards 3/4/24



Jamestown NY: The awards will be presented Monday, March 4, 2024 from 5-8pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton 150 West Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY 14701

The Jamestown Community Chamber of Commerce annually recognizes local businesses and organizations that are making a difference in our community. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

- Rising Business of the Year - Chautauqua Soap Co.
- Restaurant of the Year - Ryan's Phil & Cindy's
- Retailer of the Year - Lafayette Corners Furniture
- Service to Humanity - Michael Roberts with Allied Alarm Services

- Legacy Award - Chautauqua Patron's Insurance
- Pride of Jamestown - The Pub
- Business of the Year - JMI Inc.

The evening will include appetizers, a cash bar, and the award presentations. The cost is \$25 per person for members and \$27 per person for non-members. Tables will be reserved for group registrations only, all others may choose seating upon entry. Please register by February 26, 2024.

Business After Hours

Event Hosted at Reg Lenna Center for the Arts March 21



JAMESTOWN NY: Join us for the first Business After Hours of 2024 as we visit the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown. This networking opportunity will be held upstairs in the Media Arts room above the theater - a great space you will want to see!

Business After hours is a chance for local businesspeople to come together in a casual and

inviting way. It runs from 5-6:30pm, featuring appetizers, a cash bar, and a brief program that lets you know who's who in the room. Remember to bring business cards for networking and our door prize drawing.

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts is at 116 East Third Street, Jamestown. Use the elevator to the right of the lobby entrance to head up to the Media Arts room.

Chamber member businesses can send two people at no charge. For non-members or anyone above the two-person limit, the price is \$10. Advance registration is not required but is appreciated for our planning purposes and will get your name and business included in our Who's Who in the Room list. Sign up online now through our web calendar at www.chautauquachamber.org.

This Business After Hours is sponsored by the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, Jamestown Community College, Media One Radio Group, OBSERVER, and The Post-Journal.

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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!"

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.

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Report on the Resort

“Phoenix Program Rises with Charlotte Twells”

By DAN BALKIN

Chuck Richardson, the visionary founder of HoliMont’s adaptive skiing program, wanted his program’s identity to convey a message. He named it the Phoenix Program based on a mythical bird – The Phoenix – that would live for centuries in a desert, and then consume itself on a funeral pyre. The Phoenix, however, would rise from the ashes with renewed youth and vigor to live through another endless cycle. Chuck saw the same indomitable spirit and resilience in HoliMont’s adaptive skiers. Like the soaring Phoenix, HoliMont adaptive skier Charlotte Twells has risen through the Phoenix Program as a student to become a highly valued volunteer who works side-by-side with the instructors. I had the pleasure to meet Charlotte’s parents, and they filled me in on Charlotte’s journey. The Twellses are from Cleveland, and first came to HoliMont fifteen years ago when Charlotte was 10 years old because another Cleveland family told them about the Phoenix Program.

Charlotte worked with the veteran instructor Bill Haile, whose love for skiing is only surpassed by his knack for treating kids with kindness while coaxing high achievement from them. Charlotte at first had difficulties mastering coordination, but with the help of Bill Haile, and her own grit and determination, became a very proficient skier. Charlotte’s family are avid skiers, and while on ski trips to major resorts in North America, they would enroll Charlotte for a few days in the local adaptive skiing program – experiences she always enjoyed. A family friend’s son named Reilly was a snowboarder, and this inspired Charlotte to trade in her two planks for a snowboard. Enter another well regarded HoliMont figure, snowboard instructor Rachele Dove. Rachele taught Charlotte how to snowboard – and another shredder was born!

Charlotte’s accomplishments off the slopes are just as impressive. She went



Phoenix volunteer Charlotte Twells with student and best friend Anna Mary McMahon, and instructor Mike Schaus.

to Kent State University and earned a Certificate of Completion in Career and Community Studies. Charlotte is a Teacher’s Aide for a primary school in Cleveland. She also loves animals, has three dogs at home, and works in the summer at Hiram House Camp managing the barn animals such as horses and goats. At the same time Charlotte finished at Kent State, she made the transition from being a student in the Phoenix Program to a volunteer. She started out as a “Blocker” – a vital safety role to keep adaptive students safe while on the slopes. Blockers ski or snowboard above or below the student and direct skier traffic away from the adaptive student and the instructors. Charlotte has also helped the instructors in supporting adaptive skiers’ skills. Charlotte’s parents told me “She loves and feels at home at HoliMont.” In fact, Charlotte feels so at home that she is a frequent visitor to HoliMont GM Ed Youman’s office. We are told that Charlotte is not bashful about expressing her opinions about all things HoliMont with our GM Ed – and he loves it! Charlotte’s parents said, “Because Charlotte derives so much pleasure from the community here, we keep coming.”

Charlotte’s dear friend, Anna Mary McMahon, Phoenix are a beautiful

Mary is the adaptive skier featured in the article photo. Charlotte graciously said that she wanted a photo in the paper that included herself and Anna Mary, her best friend on and off the slopes. Charlotte now works as a Phoenix Program volunteer assisting the instructors with Anna Mary. Charlotte and Anna Mary have developed a friendship that was fostered at HoliMont but has blossomed in their hometown of Cleveland. How close are they? For six years now they have lived on the same street. This is not just a weekend gig friendship – this is a full-time friendship!

The side-by-side structures in the HoliMont Learning Center, the Snowsports Building and Phoenix Ability Center, are special places. Walk into either room and you will feel the palpable vibe that drew Charlotte and Anna Mary – and all our students and team members – to love HoliMont. Chuck Richardson named the adaptive side the “Phoenix Ability Center,” because he was determined to let kids prove what they could do. Charlotte, Anna Mary, and all our adaptive skiers are evidence that at HoliMont, the mythical powers of the rising Phoenix are a beautiful reality.

Views from HoliMont



Photos/Michelle Turner, Jane Pietrocarlo

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Uppenovr Uphill/Downhill Event for EVERYONE, March 16

BY JANE ESHBAUGH



Holiday Valley is introducing a new event this year, the Uppenovr, a fun spring activity that captures the popularity of uphill travel, involves both Holiday Valley and HoliMont and raises money for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Everyone is encouraged to enter the event (or just come for the party) on Saturday, March 16. Advanced registration is \$30 and you can sign up and find out details at www.holidayvalley.com/uppenovr. To participate you'll need touring skis, a splitboard, cross country skis or snowshoes and don't forget your smile...

Headlining the auction (in Bob McCarthy's honor) is "Own Your Own Mountain" where you and 11 of your friends can ski an hour before Holiday Valley opens on Morning Star and Eagle lifts and then enjoy a very special pancake breakfast at the Mountaintop Warming Hut at Yodeler. This is likely to be the very last time the Own Your Own Mountain is available - ever! Holiday Valley's Snowsports Director and former US National Telemark Team member, Andy Minier is offering a carving lesson or racing lesson for an experienced telemark skier who wants to up their game.

to a hot dog, a beer or N/A beverage, live music, prizes and awards and a unique basket raffle and silent auction. Spectators are welcome and beverages will be available for purchase.

Many other items, including John Metz limited edition prints and hand knit hats by Lexi, will be available in the basket raffle, thanks to the generous do-nations from our local merchants. You can start bidding and entering the basket raffle at 3pm. Stay tuned for more auction items to be announced.

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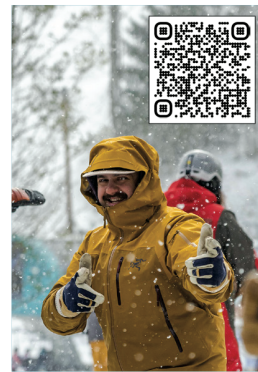
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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

Tim Woodin: 29 Years of Great Customer Service

By, GARY MALICKI

My first column in The Villager ran the week of Jan. 23-30 of last year. At the time I was thinking what is it about EVL that I could capture each week in 700 words or less. What I discovered was two things. One, write about the simple things that make living here unique. And two, when covering an event, business or service, emphasize the person in the story you're highlighting because, after all, the people are the heartbeat of the village.

When I moved into the actual village, I was completely amazed that I'd be required to rent a post office box if I want my mail. Step one was to find out all about it, so I headed over to the service desk in the post office to find out how to get started.

It was then when I met Tim Woodin. He was tall, slightly light grey beard (a little like mine) and quite affable. He patiently described the whole process with a 'service with a smile' kind of attitude. He assigned a box to me. I paid for the year and he



handed me two keys as I handed over my change of address form.

That began the part of my life when I would now be taking a daily walk to the post office. On virtually every trip, I was struck by watching the simple courtesy of people opening the door for one another, as it's almost always busy during the week.

I thought, you know, there's a simple story right here. This place is like the social hub of the entire village as people are constantly stopping to chat and catch up with each other's lives. How quaint.

Tim told me once that according to local lore people socializing when getting their mail is exactly what the city fathers had intended and, subsequently, no city delivery of the mail.

Perhaps someday I'll get with the Historical Society to see if it's true.

It was a series of little conversations like that with Tim that made me realize that, I'll bet, everybody here knows him. I thought of him being akin to a local celebrity although he is way too humble to see himself that way.

As time went on, based on my own experiences, I came to realize just how many locals do know him and found out that after 29 hard-working years, Tim is retiring at the end of February.

Every time I got one of those yellow slips signaling, I have to go to the service desk, Tim was always there with stellar personal service. He actually memorized my box number. Here's

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during Mardi Gras and ridiculously takes place during Winter Carnival week (which takes place this year March 9 & 10, 2024), at night, in winter, on a state highway. Why on earth? Right? Well, you can give all the credit for the need to Arlene Solly, proprietor of one of Ellicottville's delights - Kazoo II. It was 1992 when Arlene had the brilliant inspiration to open her unique store on our main street, opposite from where it is today. She decided that the grand opening would be held during Winter Carnival. No matter that it was, historically, one of the slowest weekends in town because visitors came for the skiing and apres-ski activities and did not come into town. She was not to be dissuaded, so this writer, who was helping with the Grand Opening, needed to find a way to get people into town. A trip to Holiday Valley was on the hasty agenda.

Meeting with Jane Eshbaugh (Holiday Valley's Marketing Director at that time), I presented the case for bringing people into town. After several suggestions fell woefully flat, I began to think out loud (very dangerous) and said, "wouldn't it be fun to select the King and Queen of Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival in town? In fact, wouldn't it be fun to have a parade to bring more people into town to select them?" As soon as the ridiculous words were in the air, unable to be plucked back before anyone took them seriously, Jane Eshbaugh looked me in the eye and said, "great idea - why don't you do it?" It was three weeks until the Winter Carnival/Kazoo Grand Opening!

Ellicottville, being



Pictured: Our writer, Carol Fisher-Linn working with Mayor Jon Burrell and his (recently departed) wife Sheila in Kazoo II on the first Mardi Gras parade plans in 1992.

Ellicottville (bless them all), made things happen with the help of Holiday Valley, Mayor John Burrell, who shook his head but said he would help, Brain McFadden (Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce), Mike Kerns Sr. (owner of Balloon's Restaurant and Nightclub) who thought we were on a fool's errand, and Patti Crist (Realtor Extraordinaire) who helped in any way she could - word of mouth, breaking arms ... whatever it took. Imagine walking into every store and restaurant in town, announcing we would have a parade in three weeks - at night - and could we count on them for a float or marching group? Well, as I said, it's Ellicottville so, rallying from "What? Are you crazy?" they got into action, assembled marching troupes, created floats and three weeks later, with the help of the Ski Patrols, Safety Patrol, the Fire Department, the local police, the Village, the DPW, the Chamber of Commerce and so many more helpers who came out of nowhere, we pulled off the impossible. Snow had to be cleared, 219

happened. You've heard the expression - "If you build it, they will come." And come they did - a total of 20 participated with marching groups, ski mountains on wheels, kids, floats, horses, the Oscar Meyer Weiner, and a Giant Canadian flag. Crowds lined the streets. For years, our esteemed announcer was Bobby McCarthy, Master of ceremonies was Bill Schell, Tommy O'Connor was parade Master Clown, Undisputed King was King Ken Brown; queens over the early years were Ginger Anderson, Emily Eckley, Carol Erickson and so many other good sports who jumped into the festivities as Frolicking Nuns, Menopause Maidens and fantasy creatures of all stripes. They set the zany tone well.

This year's parade on our main street is Saturday, March 9th at 6pm. The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce took it over after our small group ran out of steam. With Brian McFadden and Barb Pump at the helm, and Punxsutawney had to be closed, yet it

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Depot

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Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad Depot was a bustling railroad center, handling both passengers until 1955, and freight until the last freight train left Springville Depot in 1977. Alas, there she sat, abandoned but still beautiful.

Linda and Leo Lubke purchased her in 1991 for \$55,000, restored it and created a gift shop and travel agency. In 1993, this authentically restored depot was added to the state and national registers of historic places, awarding the Lubke's with a state Historic Preservation Award. This writer's last recollection of the building was when it was used as a drug store.

And then, along came Valarie and Matt Retzlaff who, with their young son, were ready for a move from their residence in Eggertsville when the garage Matt was working in for his metal artwork was bursting at the seams. They began looking for a place with a garage and stumbled upon the old Depot in the summer of 2022. No garage, but they fell in love with it instantly, and knew they had found their new home. By September, they owned a historic railroad depot and needed a plan. Valarie worked from home for Hilb Insurance Brokerage as a liaison between clients and carriers, so topmost was a place for Matt to do his art when he wasn't working his day job as a Supervisor for Manufacturing at Eaton Aerospace in Orchard Park. The priority was art, yet they had no idea what a vibrant Arts community was waiting for them to become part of!

First, they built a barn for Matt to work in and



The wood walls and windows are all original with as much of the station preserved in its 1910 form. The walls are decorated with period artwork, maps, replicas of original blueprints and enlargements of original photos. Staying at the Inn is like a gentle step back into time, but with all modern amenities including tech, a private deck on the old platform next to a walking trail, and the ability to bring your pet.

create a place to sell items on line while rehabbing part of the building to be their new home. The online selling turned out not to be their first love, so they made some inquiries as to what the town needed. People were always curious about the building and wanting to see the inside. Since tourism is such a large part of every community's offering, they decided to turn the back part of the building, with its own private entrance, into a boutique hotel -

vintage style. Although many of wonderful wooden floors were damaged and replaced, they stayed true to the original. The wood walls and windows are all original with as much of the station preserved in its 1910 form. The walls are decorated with period artwork, maps, replicas of original blueprints and enlargements of original photos. Staying at the Inn is like a gentle step back into

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Their son Matt Retzlaff has a studio in the depot. You may have seen a sculpture of a beehive and bee made from common hardware nuts. Matt created and copyrighted this signature piece, which is now found around the world! No stranger to the art scene, Matt's work has won many awards from shows like the Allentown and Lewiston Art Festivals with a first-place winner named "Huffy" exhibited for nine months at the Burchfield Penney Art Center in Buffalo. What was so thrilling for the Retzlaff's was the discovery that they serendipitously landed in the middle of a growing Arts Community in Springville. Matt's Best-selling, BeeLoved© sculpture sells for \$99 on www.mattretzlaff.com. Find out more about Matt and his Bolt Bees©.

Jumpin Jack

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visiting artists, and he is a true musician at heart with a remarkable story.

Jack was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio, moving to Ellicottville 12 years ago. His first music experience was as a Cub Scout at 8 years old, when he watched his friend Joey Santora tap dance on stage. Jack remembers watching the performance and telling his mom he wanted to learn to dance. 12 years of dance ensued.

Always a performer, Jack loved the stage. "I was never shy. I loved, and still love, performing." Jack became a regular on the Gene Carroll Show, a local talent/variety show on television in Cleveland.

At age 9, he was approached by a group of neighborhood friends to play bass guitar in their band. "I had no idea how to play guitar, but they knew my reputation for performing, and convinced me to learn." His friends brought a Venture Learn to Play Album and Jack

taught himself guitar by ear through these four songs. The band, Horizons, played locally in neighborhood spots, and Jack loved his first year playing on stage.

Jack stuck with music and focused on improving his guitar skills. He began singing vocals and played throughout High School, until he was drafted into the Army. Naturally, he assembled a band while stationed in the Army, a 3-piece band rightly called U.S. (pounded 'us'). The band played at various locations around Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where they were stationed, frequently at a place called "The Joint." They met and befriended a few noteworthy musicians, including The Ozark Mountain Daredevils, who asked them to come on tour; however, this didn't align with their Army duties.

After Jack was discharged from the Army, he moved home to Cleveland. He won a local talent contest at the Greenville Inn as a duo with a friend on harmonica, and Jack playing guitar. "We won by a landslide because we were the only ones

who entered the contest," laughs Jack. Regardless, they were awarded a full-night's gig playing at the Greenville Inn, so they recruited more band members.

The Kosmic Kowboy Band, a 5-member country/rock band consisting of 2 guitar payers, bass, harmonica and drums, played for about 10 years and weekly at the Greenville Inn in Cleveland, Oh. The establishment still hosts live music weekly since the Kowboys started playing 49 years ago. "There's even a plaque commemorating our band at the Greenville, and we literally left our mark on the place." During their last song, Fire on the Mountain, harmonica player Doug Jones frequently took a shot of 151 liquor, and blew out a flame, shocking the audience and going out with a bang. "On our last night," recalls Jack, "Doug did his stunt, but it scorched the ceiling, leaving a black mark for years to come." The

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Sidebar: Gene Carroll



CARROLL, GENE (13 Apr. 1897-5 Mar. 1972) had one of the longest-running television shows in Cleveland. A native of Chicago, he dropped out of high school and performed in amateur shows to compete for cash prizes. He joined Jack Grady of Chicago in a successful song-and-dance act in 1924. When Grady became ill in 1929, Carroll teamed up with Glenn Rowell of Cleveland. Known as Gene & Glenn, they appeared in vaudeville and on the radio, performing in Cleveland on station WTAM from 1930-35. In 1934, NBC began broadcasting a 15-minute version of the act "Gene & Glenn," including the characters of Jake and Lena, which were created by Carroll. When Jake was to marry Lena in 1935, crowds gathered around the WTAM building in anticipation of a glimpse of the couple. Carroll and Rowell left Cleveland in 1935, performing out of Des Moines, Chicago, and Boston until 1943. After Rowell's departure for war work, Carroll appeared on the "Fibber McGee & Molly Show" on NBC for 1 season. He returned to Cleveland in Apr. 1948 to establish a talent school and begin a television variety show on WEWS, continuing these projects until his death. The television program, originally known as the "Giant Tiger Amateur Hour" and then the "Gene Carroll Show," was continued by his widow. After his first two marriages ended in divorce, Carroll married Helen Olsen in 1940.

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BY KATE BARTLETT

Marya Grande and her husband Charlie knew they wanted something different for their Air B&B in Ellicottville. After finding their ideal property, just over 2 miles outside of the village situated on 10 acres of land, they decided to renovate the pole barn into a climate controlled 'game room' with a full pickleball court. Complete with radiant floor heating, cornhole court and seating, their unique property is ideal for large groups and family gatherings year-round.

After hosting guests for over 15 years in Crystal Beach, Canada, Marya and Charlie decided to sell and find a rental property in the States. "We love hosting and have many fond memories of Crystal Beach, but we wanted something closer to home, on American soil." With family connections to the area, their families grew up skiing on the slopes of Ellicottville. "We have many fond family memories in Ellicottville over the years. It's such

a quaint town with a warm community and with a love for the great outdoors, it seemed only natural that we find a rental property here."

Marya and Charlie found their ideal property just 2.5 miles outside the village. Situated on 10 acres of land, the property offered a more secluded retreat, yet still close to the amenities of the village. "We love that there's hiking right on the property. You're immersed in the beauty of the great outdoors; a getaway from the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

At first, they were unsure what to do with the pole barn on the property. They debated over a hot tub or storage unit, but neither seemed quite right. "A good friend of ours is very involved in pickleball and casually mentioned we should put one in the barn. Almost instantly, we knew this was exactly what we wanted for our rental unit; something different and unique that would attract visitors year-round. Locals and visitors to the area typically have an appreciation for an active lifestyle, so it fit the bill. Plus, pickleball is fun!"

The full size pickleball

court made use of the already installed radiant floor heating which provides a climate-controlled environment for year-round pickleball. The game room also includes corn hole, ping pong and pop o shot and other games. Complete with seating and plenty of room to spread out and have fun, it's the ultimate gathering room.

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BY KATE BARTLETT

Those familiar to Ellicottville and its history know the old Telemark Motel on the corner of Route 219 and Holiday Valley Road. After many years of being up for sale, a dedicated family investment group will soon be opening The Lincoln Boutique Motel, with a completely renovated, fresh, modern design.

Route Two Nineteen, LLC purchased the property in December 2023. This family investment team has deep roots in the community, and had been searching for a way to stay connected and serve the area with a family-type business.

One of the investors, Dawn (Barczak) Hogan had worked at Cadillac Jacks for over 8 years during her early adulthood, and felt it was almost a second home to her growing up. "I was good friends with the Tekavec family, the owners of Cadillac Jacks and The iconic Telemark Motel, and I started working in the kitchen at age 14. I worked my way to hostess, then waitress and eventually bartending, my sweet

spot where I spent several years. I have such fond memories in this building working with friends and family over the seasons. It's an honor to be a part of this next chapter."

Since acquiring the property in December, the team has opened 2 short-term rental properties next to the future motel that are currently available. Both units have sweeping views of the Sunrise Chairlift and offer a cozy retreat just outside the village.

The motel property is currently knee deep in renovations, with fresh drywall, paint and new bathrooms underway. The renovation team has been working tirelessly on this project. Thomas Hogan (Dawn's husband) and his crew, have extensive experience in construction, and have stuck to a tight schedule.

When complete, The Lincoln Boutique Motel will boast 12 rooms (7 king, 5 queen/full) complete with modern, light décor offering cozy vibes for any getaway. The outdoor space will allow guests to take in sweeping views of the slopes, complete with multiple firepits, outdoor games and seating. The team has

also had talks of e-bikes on site. "We envision our guests enjoying all four seasons in this space, taking in the outdoors, hanging out and making memories with their families and friends."

Route Two Nineteen, LLC is still searching for the ideal restaurant partner who will lease the turn-key space. "Our vision is for a year-round full-service restaurant and bar on property offering 3 meals per day for the convenience of our guests, and the community as well."

The team is excited to reveal the property this spring with a Grand Opening Party. "We all have deep ties to the southern tier, and we've already been so welcomed by the community. It's wonderful to hear that people are just as excited about this project as we are. We can't wait to hear more stories about the old Telemark; it's an honor to carry on the legacy of this building for the community"

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These are just examples of the newer businesses in downtown Jamestown. This is proof that downtown Jamestown is in the process of being revitalized, and hopefully will continue to do so. Maybe you haven't been to downtown Jamestown in a while and have been unaware of the wonderful small businesses that are thriving there. Sometime you should go downtown, park your car, and check out these businesses to see what downtown Jamestown now has to offer.

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stores, that included a diner, where you could have a meal while out shopping. These were just a few of the stores in the blocks on Third Street between Washington Street and Main Street. As you continued down Third Street, there were many other businesses, including two movie theaters. This same area was the main bus hub for the local buses. The buses ran on the half hour and had routes to the four main sides of Jamestown. It was a thriving busy shopping area where you could find everything that you needed. As time went on, things gradually changed. In

1971, the Chautauqua Mall opened, and malls were a new thing back then. Around that time, there also was Zayres and Jamesway and other stores that opened in Lakewood. Gradually residents and visitors went to Lakewood instead of downtown to shop. Many downtown stores went out of business or moved. By the late 90's, the downtown area did not have much to offer its residents, and this once thriving business district was considered by many as deserted. Over time, things changed once again. The Chautauqua Mall has lost its luster and most of its businesses. It's no longer the central shopping area. In recent years, there has been a movement to revitalize the downtown Jamestown area. One thing that has

encouraged and supported this revitalization is The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation. They often have grants for business owners supporting this revitalization. Frank Besse, the Executive Director of the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation stated, "Over the last several years, we have seen an increase in the variety of downtown businesses that have emerged. We have seen an increase in downtown activity from residents, visitors, and potential business owners. We are excited to see this and are eager to support their interest however we can." Yes, the revitalization of downtown Jamestown has been going on for many years. Many of the buildings have had a "facelift". There are many

businesses in downtown that are open and thriving, yet some residents don't know anything about them. They mistakenly think that downtown Jamestown is still deserted as it was 25 years ago. Read on to see a sampling of the thriving downtown small businesses that you might not know about. Crown Street Roasting Company is a specialty coffee roastery, located at 16 West Third Street, approximately where Woolworths Department Store once was. It's been there for about six years. At Crown Street Roasting, you can order takeout, or you can come in and stay awhile in their cozy sitting area. They roast their own coffee beans on site, and have specialty coffees, a full espressos bar, and

other beverages. They have a small food menu that includes breakfast and lunch sandwiches and other items. They are open from 7am to 2pm on weekdays and from 8am to 2pm on weekends. Just down the street toward Washington Street, there is Dot's Gift Boutique, at 111 West Third Street, where Grants Department Store once was. Dot's is a family run business that opened in 2019. When you walk into Dot's, you will be amazed at the large variety of quality items they have in this cute boutique. They have jewelry, candles, souvenirs, clothing, accessories, candy, stuffed animals and other children's items, and all kinds of gift ideas. They even have a Christmas corner year-round. They are currently open 11am

to 5pm Monday through Friday, 11am to 3pm on Saturday. They are closed on Sundays. Just a few yards away is CHQ Plus which opened in October of 2022. CHQ Plus is unique shop. It is operated by the Resource Center, and it uses the store to teach work skills to individuals with disabilities. The disabled workers help run the store and interact with customers, which helps prepare them for a job on their own. In the shop, they have a variety of handcrafted items and gifts, many of which are made by area residents. Included are things such as jewelry, Buffalo Bills items, personalized shirts, handbags, candles,



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Winter Music Jam

Music 2024 Schedule

Feb 22, 2024

- 8:00pm @ Balloons Restaurant "Interstate Daydream"
- 8:00pm @ Ellicottville Brewing Co "Darkwater Duo"
- 8:00pm @ Gin Mill "The Chillbilly's"

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 @ Cygaro 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"

KayCo Art Gallery To Open in Jamestown

Gallery with focus on Indigenous Art Opens on Third Street



Kaycee Colburn, who is Seneca and a Jamestown resident, is a multimedia artist and the founder of KayCo gallery.

"KayCo is excited to be part of the Jamestown community and is my way of continuing my goals as a Creatives Rebuild NY Artist at JCC with hopes of filling some gaps regarding culture and education that this area has a need for" says Colburn

By MILES HILTON

A new art gallery is coming to Jamestown! KayCo gallery, a space for Indigenous art and education, will hold its opening reception this Friday, February 23rd from 5:30-8:30pm at the gallery space in Suite 12, 20 West 3rd St. in Jamestown.

The opening exhibit will feature art by gallery founder and owner Kaycee Colburn. Colburn, who is Seneca and a Jamestown resident, is a multimedia artist currently working as Artist in Residence at Jamestown Community College.

"KayCo is excited to be part of the Jamestown community and is my way of continuing my goals as a Creatives Rebuild NY Artist at JCC with hopes of filling some gaps regarding culture and education that this area has a need for" says Colburn. Creatives Rebuild New York, the program that has funded Colburn's residency at JCC, provides sustainable income for artists strengthening their communities across the state.

As JCC's Artist in Residence, a position she's held since 2022,

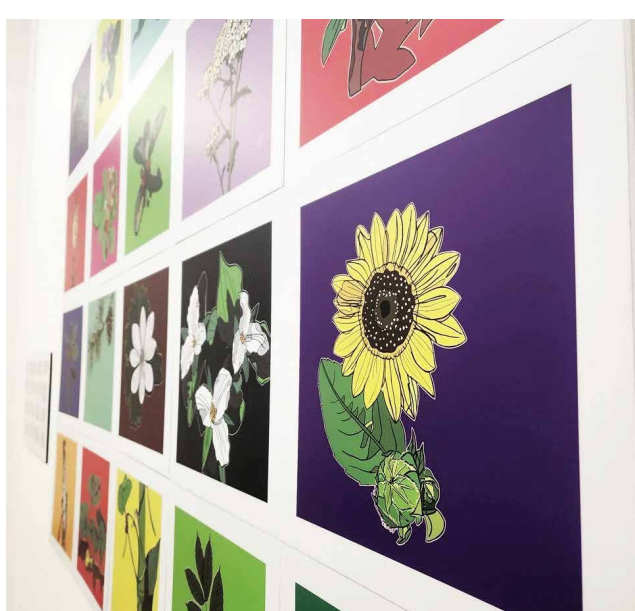
Colburn has focused on making Indigenous culture accessible to Indigenous people in the area, as well as educating non-Indigenous residents about the rich cultural and artistic traditions native to this land. With her residency coming to an end in Spring 2024, Colburn was looking for a way to "keep the culture going", an effective way of continuing the work she had begun at JCC.

She discovered just such an avenue during her 2023 bid for City Council.

While knocking on doors, she realized through conversations that "lots of people want this kind of thing", a dedicated space for Indigenous art, culture, and education, and set out to bring the gallery to life.

"I'm really excited about the opening of KayCo", Colburn shared, and as we talk, it becomes clear much of that excitement is altruistic. Colburn's vision for the gallery is deeply rooted in community,

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Colburn's art has been shown venues around the county including the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, where this piece featuring native plants appeared.

Comedy & Improv - Friday, March 1



When audiences get the chance to shout out subjects for versatile actors to include in improvised scenes, their ideas can get pretty wild. The Art's Cafe is located at 5 East Main Street in Springville, NY. For more information, go to ArtsCafeSpringville.com or call (716) 592-9036.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

On March 1st, there will be a special evening of comedy improvisation at Art's Cafe in Springville, presented by WNY Improv. At the show, performers will ask the audience to suggest topics and ideas that they will then incorporate into scenes they act out or acting games they play. Every show is entirely made up from whatever audience suggestions they consider the most intriguing, as soon as they're made. In short, the evening is sure to offer a whole lot of unpredictable fun. The performers who will appear are:

Rich Lamb, who has performed as a Stand-Up Comedian and Comedy Improv performer throughout the Country and is a successful comedy writer. Mike Kowal, who is a long time Comedy Improv performer and member of the Screen Actors Guild, and has appeared on television, on

stage and on the big screen. Justin Chortie, who has performed Comedy Improv for over a decade, as well as appearing onstage and in film. Connie Stofko, who is a Comedy Improv performer and writer. Kathleen Brown, who like Eileen Stevic, is a long-time comedic performer and actor who has appeared in, written and directed several Dinner Theater shows.

When audiences get the chance to shout out subjects for versatile actors to include in improvised scenes, their ideas can get pretty wild. Just to give you the idea, varied location suggestions they've received over the years have included: Jupiter's Moon Europa, Chernobyl and the White House Lawn. Asking for names has gotten them suggestions as wide-ranging as President James K Polk, and the cartoon character Wile E Coyote. WNY IMPROV has performed throughout New York State as well as in Pennsylvania, Myrtle

Beach, the Orlando Comedy Festival in Orlando, Florida, and in Ontario, Canada. Collectively, the players have appeared in dozens of films, dinner theater productions, theater, commercials and TV productions.

As well as enjoying the comedy, you can enjoy the baked goods and snacks at Art's Cafe. On Fridays, their scrumptious baked goods include: Springville Sourdough, 3-Seed, Deli Rye, Soft Pretzels and Morning Buns. If you buy tickets ahead of time, you will get the best seats, as well as discounted prices. To reserve tickets, go to springvillearts.org/sca/events/wny-improv or call (716) 592-9038. The single show starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Art's Cafe is located at 5 East Main Street in Springville, NY. For more information, go to ArtsCafeSpringville.com or call (716) 592-9036.



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“Finding The Words” at Weeks Gallery

Exhibit at JCC’s Weeks Gallery Explores Art and Language



Raheleh Filsoofi uses ceramics, poetry, spoken word, and video to draw attention to what is and is not understood, between languages and across borders.

By MILES HILTON

“Finding The Words”, an exhibit of visual art that incorporates text and language, is on view at Jamestown Community College’s Weeks Gallery until March 21. The exhibit, curated by Erika Diamond “explores the connections between words, coping, memory, and loss through works using text in various media and languages”.

Diamond, a textile-focused artist and the Associate Director of Chautauqua Visual Arts Galleries at the Chautauqua Institution, brings together works in many mediums, and from artists of many backgrounds. Valeria Tatera’s striking, monumental pieces cry for justice for the earth and for missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and two spirits, in conversation with Aram Han Sifuentes’s facilitated pieces of protest clothing, which ‘activate’ to reveal

messages of hope and resistance.

Raheleh Filsoofi uses ceramics, poetry, spoken word, and video to draw attention to what is and is not understood, between languages and across borders. Mercedes Jelinek plucks at the same thread, her photography revealing the confusion and tension of transition and migration. Words are powerful, almost magical meaning-makers, but they are also a part of our everyday lives, as SaraBeth Post Eskuche and Marisa Finos explore. Finos elevates found grocery lists from slips of paper that fit in your pocket to monumental ceramic works that highlight the individuality of everyday people and lives. For Eskuche, words are both the stuff of childhood learning and play, and a poignant reminder that meaning and communication always leave something unsaid, inexpressible.

Bringing the exhibit

to both a universal and personal crescendo, Indira Allegra’s poetic ‘Grammar of Grief Handbook’ is an interactive website that provides multisensory prompts to help people move through grief. Prompts are also available in the gallery for viewers to engage with.

Diamond, whose studio practice has focused on tapestry, garment, quilting, and other textiles, sees curation as another form of art. “I can consider it to be an extension of my studio work in some ways” she says, a way to explore the themes present in her work “through other lenses and other people’s experiences and backgrounds”.

Colin Shaffer, director of galleries, spoke briefly, saying he and Diamond “couldn’t be happier” with how the show came together, and encouraging students to submit their works to the gallery’s next show, a spotlight on student artistry.



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knickknacks, and more. Also, local vendors and artisans can rent a space to display and sell their products.

Reishore Clothing is located at 20 Cherry Street and is a one-of-a-kind clothing store. They actually make some of their clothing out of recycled plastic water bottles. There is a process that turns the water bottles into a polyester type of material, and it’s used in making T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats etc. The owner has been selling his products wholesale online for years, but just recently opened the store in downtown Jamestown in October of 2023. They are open 9:30am-4pm daily but they are closed on Sundays.

A few blocks east is The Biodome Project, which is located at 207 Pine Street. They opened in 2014 and was originally a plant and garden shop. Since then, the owner has expanded his store. He still has plant and

garden items but now also has fruits, vegetables, and locally homemade peanut butter, jams, honey, and pasta. There is clothing, oils, spices, and beef from Bear Ridge Farms. The owner has dedicated his business inventory to mostly locally run small businesses. He also rents shelf spaces to area merchants.

If you’re looking for something delicious to eat in the downtown area, you should try the award-winning HotSpot Café. It’s located on the corner of Third and Pine Street, and it opened in 2020. The HotSpot Café has a warm and inviting atmosphere and includes a cute café with plenty of seating. They have a very large menu with a wide variety of items, such as soups, salads, handcrafted sandwiches, paninis, chicken fingers, pot roast and much more. It also includes a glass case filled with yummy homemade baked goods and treats. HotSpot Café has a large catering business for parties and weddings, including a chicken BBQ, and they even have a travel bar. They are open weekdays from 7am to 4pm. If you want to call

for take-out or for catering information, call 716-720-5038.

Located at 108 East Third Street, is Art, Cloth, and Craft, which is owned and operated by two local sisters. Their shop specializes in a variety of boutique clothing, handcrafted goods, and local art. They have a nice selection of giftable items such as jewelry, books, home décor, candles, purses, and other accessories. It has a nice, relaxed atmosphere and such a wide array of items, that you will probably lose track of time while you browse through this classy boutique.

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

This winter, the weather had been rather mild overall. Even though this weekend might be cold and have a little bit of snow, don't let that stop you from checking out what's happening in Chautauqua County.

Thursday February 22 - The Labyrinth in downtown Jamestown will be having Comedy Open Mic Night starting at 7pm. There will be a maximum of fifteen comedians that will have 480 seconds each to get you laughing in your seats. You can be a part of it all as a comic or as part of the audience. Either way, come join in the fun. It's hosted by Paul Clemente, and he will be playing music off and on throughout the night.

Also in downtown Jamestown, it is Karaoke Night at Forte. Performers can choose songs they would like to sing from this week's theme which is Emo Night. Sing your favorite Emo song or just watch the show, while enjoying some tasty food and beverages from their delicious menu.

Friday February 23 - The Roger Tory Peterson Institute will be hosting one of their Art after 5 events. There will be a pizza party as well as live music performed by Buffalo's Tim Britt. Tim plays many genres of music and is quite the crowd pleaser as his audience enjoys his versatility. Your admission ticket gets you two hours of live music, a variety of pizza, and a complimentary beverage. Some of the beverages will be

supplied by Southern Tier Brewing Company. In addition, you will have access to all the current exhibits. Call 716-665-2473 to register.

If you are into trivia, check out the Pop Culture Trivia Night at the Southern Tier Distillery from 6pm-8pm. It is free to play, and it is open to all ages. Show off your knowledge and your team will win a prize. Adam McKillip will be at Big Inlet Brewing starting at 6pm. Hang out with your friends and listen to Adam's renditions of favorite tunes while exploring a tasty beverage that Big Inlet has to offer.

Forte will be hosting the soulful performance of Queen Soul (Jess Royer) starting at 7:30 pm. She will be singing original music that can be described as Indie folk with influences of jazz, soul, and blues. Enjoy Forte's diverse menu, cocktails, and microbrew while listening to some great original music.

Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown will be having Karaoke Night starting at 9pm. DJ Giulia will be hosting this event. Choose a song and sing your heart out, or just enjoy watching the show.

Saturday February 24 - OsbornNash will perform at The Empty Bottle at Southern Tier Distilling Company starting at 5pm. This talented duo are singer songwriters that play a mixture of originals and covers, including many genres of music. Enjoy listening to their eclectic acoustic music.

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Nuse along with Jeremy Bunce. Their performance will start at 5pm. Listen to the blend of country and Americana style that will entertain you as you enjoy a beverage with friends and family.

Near Fredonia in Portland, NY, The Porcelain Bus Drivers will be performing at 21 Brix Winery starting at 7pm. These multi-talented musicians play a wide variety of music genres and is sure to please any crowd. Admission is free

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WEEKLY SYNOPSIS By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Timon of Athens loves spending money, but he doesn't know its value, because his great wealth came from his father. All people have to do to get favors from him is to flatter him, so they constantly flatter him. He loves throwing big parties, featuring banquets, at his luxurious mansion. He is endlessly extravagant. He pays an artist lavishly for a portrait of him. Although he's constantly warned that he's overspending, he pays no attention, because he just keeps promising people that someday he'll pay them and acting as though the time for payment will never arrive.

But one day, he runs out

"Timon of Athens"

of money and his creditors begin demanding payment. So he asks various people he invited to his lavish parties, whom he thought were his good friends, to give him money to pay his debts. They all respond immediately. However, their responses consist of an assortment of excuses. One example: one day, after he's just been refused money by two people, he asks a third, who also refuses, on the grounds that he is offended because he wasn't the first to be asked! He invites those who refused to a banquet, but when they sit down at a table full of covered dishes, they find that he's served them nothing but water. He then kicks them out of his house.

Soon, he's living in a cave, scrabbling for roots to eat and becoming more and more furious at the people who wouldn't pay what he owed. Eventually, he's ranting and raving all the time, cursing not only people he knew but people in general. He discovers gold in a box nearby, but all he wants to use it for, if he can, is to "get revenge" on as many people as possible.

When two prostitutes visit him to try selling their services, he tells them he hopes they give as many men as possible a disease. When a soldier visits him, he offers him gold to gather an army and try to overthrow the government.

There's a moment in this part that's as surreal as the 'Seinfeld' plot in which two characters try to get a network to launch the sitcom they've created. In the TV storyline, the sitcom they're pitching mirrors the sitcom the characters are in.

In "Timon", a poet talks to Timon, hoping he'll pay him for writing a poem about him. Weirdly, he says (words to the effect of), "Hey, I've got a great idea! I could write about everything that's just happened to you!", which we, the audience, have just seen!

At the end, Timon dies. Although the soldier he encouraged to lead an insurrection has gathered other men together and threatened the city (Athens), he agrees to peacefully work things out.

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Events

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as long as you enjoy some food and/or beverages.

Tito and Vince are performing once again at The Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman. Their performance starts at 7pm. Come listen to their energized acoustic versions of covers and

originals.

Peek n' Peak in Clymer, NY has a busy weekend of entertainment scheduled. On Friday night, singer/songwriter and guitarist Jesse Smith will perform in the Bistro 201 starting at 9:30. On Saturday, Tyler McClain will be playing, starting at 6pm in the Sports Bar. Sit and relax while Tyler plays a mix of rock, country, and pop covers. Later that night, starting at 9:30pm,

the Hard Luck Story Trio is playing at the Bistro 201. On Sunday, DJ Mark in spinning the tunes for an afternoon promo party from 1pm-5pm.

This week, there were plenty of activities to keep you entertained during this last weekend of February. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County as March begins.



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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue

It's Winter Music Jam and that means bands all over the area so let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu. This weeks musical host is Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers featuring some soulful vocals.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music is the ever popular Chillbillys from 8-11pm. Bob and Tiffany play a rock/pop/blues/country/folk set of covers and originals featuring bluesy guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

Ellicottville Brewing Company makes a rare appearance with a not so rare band, Darkwater Duo from 8-11pm. This Bradford group plays rock/alt/pop/folk/ country covers. EBC since 1995.

FRIDAY

12 Gates of Evl is first up with Justin Wheeler from 5-9pm. Justin plays a folk/ pop/country set of covers.

Taqueria is next up with Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9:30. Jared plays a rock/ pop/ alt/jazz/mod set of cover. Try Evl's only street taco, Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with Porcelain Busdrivers from 6:30-10pm. This Jamestown band plays a rock/ pop/hip-hop/ jazz/blues set of covers. The back bar will host The Groove Bros from 10-1am. This duo plays a blues/soul/ pop/ jazz set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am for all you clubbers.

We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drink-

ing Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have been performing in Evl for 20 years playing rock/pop/blues/country songs you know and love. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FTR joins the party with MWM Trio from 8-12am. This trio plays a rock/pop/folk/swing set of covers. Try the new, late night, menu, serving till midnight fri-sat.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia in the sound booth playin the groove so you can bust a move in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5 pm. This husband and wife act plays a folk/ country/rock set of covers and originals. West takes the stage from 8-12am. This is Two Gus with a drummer playing a little more danceable set. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits, craft cocktails.

The Winery of Ellicottville is a player with Kat Jones performing from 3-6pm. They tell me they're a classic jazz, blues combo playing covers from the 40's and 50's. Try the Pinot Noir, my fave.

We're back at FTR for the Dj from WYRK from 3:45-5:45pm playing some music with giveaways and drink specials. Blues on Weck hits the stage from 8-12am. They play classic and modern blues.

The T-bar at Holiday Valley hosts Old Dawgs, New Tricks from 4-7pm. This twosome plays traditional and progressive bluegrass.

12 Gates returns with Alexander James from 5-9pm. He plays a rock/ pop/ hip-hop set of covers.

Madigans is back with The Rig from 5:30-8:30

playing your classic rock favorites till Dj SI takes over from 9-2am with some thumpin for the bumpin on the dance floor.

The Cvgaro Cigar Club makes its first appearance in this column with Racheal Galeti and David Robbins from 8-10pm. They tell me they play country/rock/pop covers.

Balloons is back with Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils from 6:30-10pm. This Detroit band plays country/blues/ rock covers and originals and have a new cd out. The back bar will host The Chillbillys from 10-1am. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will lay down the sauce so you can do the floss on the 2 dance floors.

Villaggio is a player with Skyline Duo from 7-10pm. They're an acoustic party band playing everything from Johnny Cash to Britney Spears. Excellent food and a great wine list to compliment.

Steelbound hosts J. P. Martin from 7-10pm. He plays plays a multi genre set of acoustic covers while you sample some local brews.

Last but not least Taqueria returns with Dj Kaleb from 9-close spinning some background music while you enjoy some of their many beers in house or takeout.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill hosts Davey O from 2-5pm. Davey plays rock/americana/folk covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. This weeks host

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Beat on the Street:

What Do You Predict the Artificial Intelligence Effect Will be Like in The Near Future?"

By Chad Neal

Well we have made it to the future, but not the fantastic ones that were dreamed about back on the day. This one is more like a nightmarish one with the technology on the path it has taken. Although it can have a positive light as well. With artificial intelligence rearing it's head the futuristic movies that were made about the computers that become self aware and realize the humans are not needed anymore are scary thoughts. Artificial intelligence isn't a new idea, but it's evolving quickly these days and it's being used for many things. I could have used it to write this paragraph, but it wouldn't be me writing it and I take pride in my choice of language and words. We will be seeing it a lot more. It will be helpful for many things, but there could be problems as well. What do you predict the artificial intelligence will be like in the near future?



Allison T.- Students at all levels will use AI to complete homework, write essays, create reports, etc., resulting in undereducated, unqualified individuals entering society and the workforce. Companies will utilize AI wherever possible to cut labor costs and increase earnings for shareholders and executives, rather than passing the savings on to the consumer. In short, a dumber workforce, less job opportunity, and a wealthier upper class.



Matthew R.- Overly relied upon, error-prone.



Austin B.- Easier and more believable spread of propoganda.



Thomas P.- Our robot overlords (in their infinite wisdom) will mercifully allow us to live and serve them for many generations.



Travis H.- Although it's being labeled as a disruptive technology, so was the invention of the telephone, among many other things. Society will adapt, and perhaps it will rechristen the notion of experts actually being experts.



Jeremy R.- A lot of people will be fooled!

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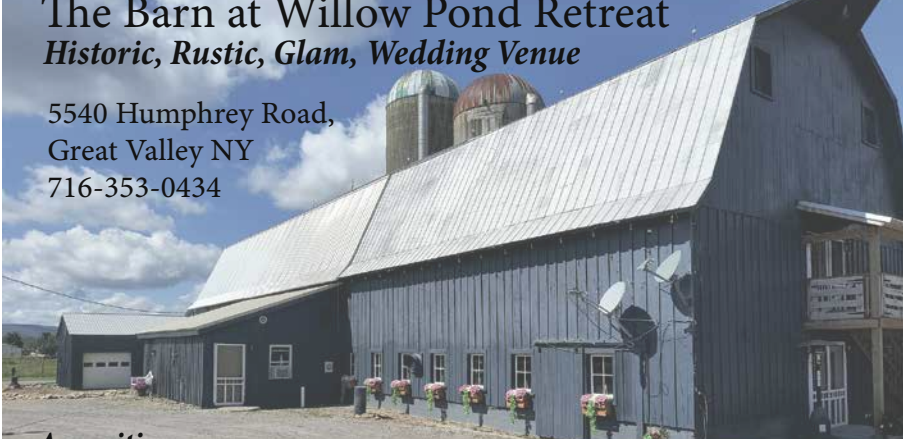

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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Mardi Gras

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Phil and his handler as Master of Ceremonies, it just gets better and better. Please check with the Chamber for more information on being part of the festivities. I'm told there are some new surprises when it comes to royalty in attendance. You'll just have to attend yourself and see. Please bring a canned good or two to donate to the Food Pantries, courtesy of the Holiday Valley Ski Patrol who will be collecting both at the entrance to Tops and during the parade. Please note, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce reminds everyone that the Mardi Gras Parade is a family-friendly event. As a reminder, no alcohol is permitted in the parade. Do come for the fun and enjoy!

P.S. It's called "Mardi Gras" because the Holiday Valley Winter Carnival was held on the Mardi Gras slope.

Olean

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benefits. It would be an unrelated project on the campus of the mall site.

Olean Towne Center has struck an agreement with the city of Olean to maintain the property's base assessment at \$450,000.

The city has called upon the IDA to spearhead a State Environmental Quality Review Act investigation for the property, which has been started.

Ingrassia addressed the IDA board in February, outlining the initial steps for the mall's transformation, including stabilizing the building, installing a new roof, and enhancing the exterior facade.

Responding to inquiries about the mall's future, Ingrassia suggested a potential mix of retail, professional offices, light manufacturing, and even government facilities.

Ingrassia highlighted the importance of attracting traffic from North Union Street for the mall's revitalization. Plans entail demolishing the former Bon Ton section for aesthetic enhancement, constructing new retail spaces, possibly accommodating national retailers, and introducing quick-service restaurants with drive-thru options.

Phase 1 of the project involves erecting two buildings totaling 20,700 square feet, establishing a new mall entrance in place of the Bon Ton, and enhancing the exterior facade. Other enhancements include roof replacement, parking area reduction, and increased green space with access to Olean Creek from North Union Street.

A public hearing for the proposal is imminent at the Olean Municipal Building within the next fortnight.

In addition to Olean Towne Center's proposal, the IDA received applications from Kless Boys Development LLC for a \$6.5 million multipurpose venue near the county line and from Win-Sum Ski Corp., seeking NYS sales tax exemptions for golf equipment purchases, relating to the investment of over \$300,000.

Depot

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time, but with all modern amenities including tech, a private deck on the old platform next to a walking trail, and the ability to bring your pet.

You may have seen a sculpture of a beehive and bee made from common hardware nuts. Matt created and copyrighted this signature piece, which is now found around the world! No stranger to the art scene, Matt's work has won many awards from shows like the Allentown and Lewiston Art Festivals

with a first-place winner named "Huffy" exhibited for nine months at the Burchfield Penney Art Center in Buffalo. What was so thrilling for the Retzlaff's was the discovery that they serendipitously landed in the middle of a growing Arts Community in Springville. They mentioned their appreciation and gratitude to Seth Wochensky, Executive Director of Springville Center of the Arts, who helped them get a grant for a sculpture that will be placed on the walking trail.


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Colburn

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collaboration, and mutual aid. She hopes to take on interns as a way to help young Indigenous artists further their careers, and to showcase work by a wide array of Indigenous creators. She has a strong focus on education, and

hopes to host workshops and educational events not only in the gallery space, but in community spaces around Jamestown. The word "accessible" pops up over and over again as she talks about bringing direct knowledge of Indigenous heritage, including cultural and artistic practices, to those who feel separated from their roots.

Colburn designed KayCo gallery to fill a very real need in Jamestown, the relative dearth of Indigenous-centric spaces, events, and outreach. Friday's opening is just the start: for those who can't make it, visit the gallery during its regular open hours, Monday and Wednesday from noon-4pm, and the first Saturday of each month from 4-7pm.

Jumpin Jack

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Kosmic Cowboy Band left their mark on the Greenville Inn, literally and figuratively, gaining a remarkable following in Cleveland for about 6 years.

Jack took a bit of a hiatus from performing while he raised his family for about 15 years. He was asked by a friend to return to music, and they started the last band Jack played in (so far), The Rogue Scholars. This band played blues and jazz-oriented rock covers, Allman Brothers, Steely Dan and more. Jack enjoyed playing with this group as it was

his first venture in playing percussion.

Once Jack had an 'empty nest' and his kids had moved away, he decided to move to Ellicottville. "Skiing brought me here, but the music has kept me here." Jack started his column, "What's Shakin'" in *The Villager*, which has fulfilled his need for music in his life. "Ellicottville has always had a vibrant music scene," explains Jack. "I've had the honor of meeting and befriending various traveling artists over the years, from Grammy Award winning artists to country and blues Awards Winners; there are so many talented musicians who visit the area."

Jack enjoys building relationships with the

musicians, and even used to cook meals for them when they were traveling through the area. "I know what it's like to be a traveling musician, and nothing beats a home cooked meal." Through his column, along with other efforts, he encourages everyone to support live music, and local musicians.

"Music is the universal language. It heals people. It brings people of all different backgrounds together. It facilitates connections between us. It unites us."

Follow Jack's weekly column in *The Villager* for upcoming artists to Ellicottville, and in the words of Jack "Please always, always, always, support live music."

Music

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is Greg Zeis from 5:30-8:30pm. Greg plays rock/country/folk covers to accompany the best Italian fare in the southern tier.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of beers on tap to wash them down with. This

weeks music is provided by Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rick/pop/alt/folk set of covers and originals.

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.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a rock/pop/country set of covers to keep you com-

pany while you work your way through those 37 beers on tap.

Well it's Wing, Wednesday at The Gin Mill like it has been for the last 40 years, from 7-10pm. Brian Rick will be your entertainment playing rock/pop/folk/ country covers.

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Woodin

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what you might not know about him.

Tim has two daughters and a grandson with another on the way. He was originally hired for the Delavan office. A short time later he found out about an opening in EVL and felt "lucky to get it". Tim lives local and it was closer to home.

I asked him if he'll miss it and he replied, "yeah, a little". He was a little sad that some folks have moved away as the area became more and more seasonal.

He passed along a humorous story about the time the post office was expanded. He and his co-workers were temporarily housed in a leaky trailer and a lot of the mail would get soaked each time it would rain, but they made it through.

His retirement plans



are simple. He lives on a local family farm and enjoys the simplicity of getting up on the tractor and helping with regular chores. He told me that, while on va-cations, he and his family enjoyed traveling through some of the national parks.

He especially wanted to mention his gratitude and appreciation for the generosity of the locals at Christmastime. Tim's an all-around nice guy who won't be very far away. Thank you, Tim, for your exceptional service all those years and for sharing some of your insights adding to my Ellicottville Village Life.

Villager on the Street



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Pickleball

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We chose light colors and accents to focus the beauty on the outdoors."

The Grandes enjoy hosting through Hostable EVL, and made sure to give The Chalet personal

touches including books, board games and local recommendations that make the stay complete. "We really hope to enhance people's stay; create an experience rather than just a place to sleep. We hope groups of friends and families make memories here, enjoying the property and all that Ellicottville has

to offer." Currently, the pickleball court is reserved for overnight guests only, but Marya and Charlie are considering hosting a pickleball league in the near future. Watch for updates on Facebook. For more information you can find them on Airbnb.com.

Lincoln

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historic, as is the building. The copper roof on the building, which remains, was also representative of Lincoln pennies, as well as the saying "pennies from heaven." And finally, it suits the village of Ellicottville with its presidential street names.

"The more we thought about the name, the more obvious it became," says Dawn. "We've been researching Abraham Lincoln quotes throughout the process and it's become even more meaningful along the way." "The best way to predict your future is to create it," says Dawn, quoting Abraham Lincoln. "We're very excited to be a party of this community in this

manner, and look forward to hosting many families and friends for years to come." For more information, follow on Facebook @ The Lincoln Boutique Motel and Instagram @ thelincolnev1. Watch for updates on the Grand Opening this Spring. Short term rentals currently available @ www.airbnb.com/h/thesixpacksuiteatsunrise

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