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Local Artist Growing National Acclaim Sculptor and Chain Saw Artist, Scott Dow



Recently, Corry PA. resident, Scott Dow envisioned a wooden bar top table with a crocodile head carved in the wood. "I followed my creativity and just started creating this piece that was in my head." His daughter posted it on Instagram (something Scott had never heard of), it went viral gaining over 18 million views. Since then, Scott has created hundreds of projects like this, sculpting various 3D elements (animals, skeletons, objects) on wooden bars and table tops. (Pictured, left: Scott made an appearance on Joe Rogan's nationally acclaimed series, "The Joe Rogan Experience.")

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Welcome to Winter Carnival at HV Races, Cookouts, Costume Competitions & More



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It's that time again....

Since 1958, Holiday Valley has celebrated a spectacular, fun-filled Winter Carnival weekend for the entire family, with activities for both skiers and spectators. This biggest event of the winter season at Holiday Valley features

a fabulous Snowbar, winter cookouts, a bar crawl, scavenger hunt, face painting, hot dogs, ice cream, wine and cheese, music, and more fun than you can even imagine having on snow.

In the book *For the Love of Skiing*, by Holiday Valley co-founder, Edna Northrup and

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The Brass Machine

New Orleans Style Brass Band, Hits EVL this Saturday



Founded in 2015 by frontman Kyle Yagielski, the band features a rotating cast of musicians including a wide variety of horns, guitars, keys, drums and more. No two shows are quite literally ever the same. With about 35 musicians in rotation, it's almost impossible to put the same show on twice.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Mardi Gras weekend is upon us, and Buffalo Based Brass Band, The Brass Machine, will be keeping the energy alive in the village of Ellicottville. As

one of the hottest acts on the live music circuit today, The Brass Machine claims to be a 'brass gumbo' of music weaving together funk, jazz, R&B, and

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Splendid Surprise in Salamanca, NY

The Pat McGee Trail & the Crosspatch Ranch



BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

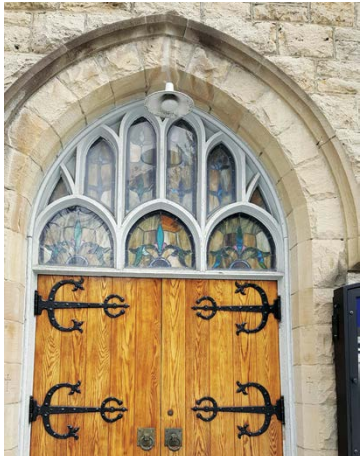
On Memorial Day, a few years ago, I was taking a walk along the Pat McGee Trail, admiring the wild white roses in bloom on either side, the vines that picturesquely twine around an old railroad trestle, and enjoying the birdsongs. The rail-trail, more than twelve miles long, stretches across the

Allegheny Plateau between Cattaraugus and Salamanca. Along its length, people have spotted more than forty types of mammals, 150 species of birds and no fewer than 174 kinds of trees and plants. But on that fateful day, what was most interesting to me was how the question I happened to ask was

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

EVL Village Life: View from My Porch ... Pg. 7
An Artisan with a Lifelong Love of His Craft



Mat has worked on the restoration of windows at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville (pictured). He also did restoration at Alpine Meadows. He spoke with a great deal of pride as he described his work on the ceiling windows at ECMC. He said when he's in consultation with a customer there are some who place their trust in him and allow him to be creative. He loves his collaboration with the customer.

Comedy Night at EBC in Little Valley ... Pg. 6

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There's Something About WNY

Let Me Tell You About Brocton



The Brocton Arch holds significance for the community being unique and believed to be the only four-way street arch still standing east of the Mississippi.

BY KEVIN THADEN

Whenever someone asks me where I am from, I tell them from a small town near Buffalo, New York. The typical response is a reference to lake effect snow, or how cold it was and they're not wrong. It was not uncommon to sit bundled in the bleachers on a Friday night high school football game in October and have to bring the snow scrape (windshield snow brush). Western New Yorkers (west of the Finger Lakes) keep one in their vehicles all year long. That's another thing, we like to distinguish ourselves from the so-called "Real New Yorkers" of Manhattan, and the "Up-state New Yorkers" (everywhere else in the state).

I grew up in Brocton, New York. It's a small

SEE "BROCTON" PAGE 11

Stones at Southern Tier Brewery

Unique Recreation in Lakewood, NY



A Stones course is five stretches (holes) that take you through mowed fairways, sand traps, and rough patches, around and through trees and stone fixtures, up and down hills. There are clear boundaries on each stretch (sometimes it's a pool of water!)

BY BILL BURK

"In the world of Stones, every landscape is a canvas for adventure. From the soft, shell-strewn sands of beaches to forests blanketed in pine needles and twigs, to the manicured charm of mowed meadows and diverse soil terrains - diversity is our playground. We embrace the unconventional, where slopes, hills, and rugged cliffs become the backdrop for an exhilarating Stones experience." -*Throwing Association Website*

The game of Stones is easy to describe and hard to picture. The nearest recognizable relative is probably bocce; a small ball is set on a fixed piece of earth, and alternating competitors toss heavy baked-clay balls

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Publisher's Word

"Why Not Today! Happy Mardi Gras!"

So it's not officially February 13, and it's not a Tuesday, and we aren't marking the beginning of Lent but we are in Ellicottville and I say, whatever the Groundhog

says, goes! Welcome to Ellicottville's 2024 Mardi Gras Celebration and Winter Carnival Event! You are in for a treat and to top it all off, it's not too late to participate in all the weekend's activities. If you haven't signed up to be in Saturday's parade yet, no worries, sign up online today at www.ellicottvillenyc.com. Grab a group of your friends, a few outfits and join in the fun! I look forward to seeing you out there. Lets make each year's bigger and better than the last. Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item for Holiday Valley Ski Patrol Food Drive and give back to the community that gives so many good times to you. See you at the party!! Until then, enjoy the read!

Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Great Lakes Cheese Factory
 Economic Growth just Outside of Franklinville

BY JEFF MARTIN

Workers are now working at the Great Lakes Cheese Company outside Franklinville. According to reports, the packaging operations began in early February, marking a significant milestone for the company. Reports suggest that approximately 30 employees from the packaging department, along with 15 individuals from the Cuba office operations, have transitioned to the new facility. Some fresh hires have also been onboarded as part of this relocation process.

With an influx of tradesmen diligently working to finalize the construction, the plant's completion is imminent. Once operational, it is expected to double the cheese production capacity of Great Lakes Cheese Co. In the forthcoming months, the packaging

A FUTURE IN FRANKLINVILLE

Initial apprehensions regarding the recruitment of an additional 250 employees have been effectively addressed through collaborative initiatives. At full capacity, the new plant is projected to provide employment opportunities for approximately 500 individuals, effectively doubling the current workforce at the Cuba location.

operations currently housed in the Cuba plant will be shifted to Franklinville, a transition anticipated to involve approximately 200 employees by summer, according to other published sources. In recent discussions, it has been revealed that over the past year, Great Lakes Cheese Co. has expanded its workforce by approximately 70 individuals, with plans to

hire an additional 100 over the next 18 months. This growth trajectory has been met with unexpected success, attributed to the concerted efforts of the company and its local economic development partners. Initial apprehensions regarding the recruitment of an additional 250

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"The highlight of the weekend is the annual Mardi Gras Parade down Washington Street," said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the event. "Many of our local businesses and organizations spend numerous hours getting creative and putting together marching groups and floats to enter into the parade. It's always exciting to see what everyone comes up with!"

Gather your ski buddies, co-workers or just yourself and start planning your very own Mardi Gras Parade theme.



Parade applications are now available at ellicottvillenyny.com. The best part: It's FREE! The parade, which will take place Saturday, March 9th at 6:30pm, will make its way from Katy's Cafe to the Gazebo in front of Town Hall, led by this year's King and Queen, along with Ellicottville's honorary Grand Marshall, Punxsutawney Phil!

"Mardi Gras Weekend always brings a great crowd of families, friends, locals and visitors," said Pump. "And Punxsutawney Phil makes it that much more exciting! The REAL Punxsutawney Phil! Kids get such a kick out of seeing the famous weather predicting fella. And with his prediction of an early spring, we're expecting the weather to be calm and cooperative."

Past parades have seen quite an eclectic mix of fun and creativity - from Old Man Winter and snow

angels to minions and playing cards, we even had a group dressed in life size solo cups...how creative can YOU get?

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, and while candy and trinkets such as bead necklaces can be handed out to spectators, marchers are asked not to throw items into the crowd. For even more fun, check out Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival schedule on page 9, which coincides with Mardi Gras Weekend and will surely keep the young and young at heart busy during the daytime hours.

Need more details? Head to ellicottvillenyny.com or follow on social media and keep tabs on the latest leading up to the biggest party of ski season!

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with our apres ski party in the chalet every day from 3-6pm featuring live music. It's a week filled with non-stop excitement! Sign-ups and times for the races will be displayed in the main chalet daily. For more information on the events, visit our website - www.holimont.com/



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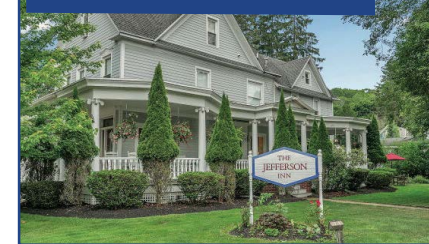
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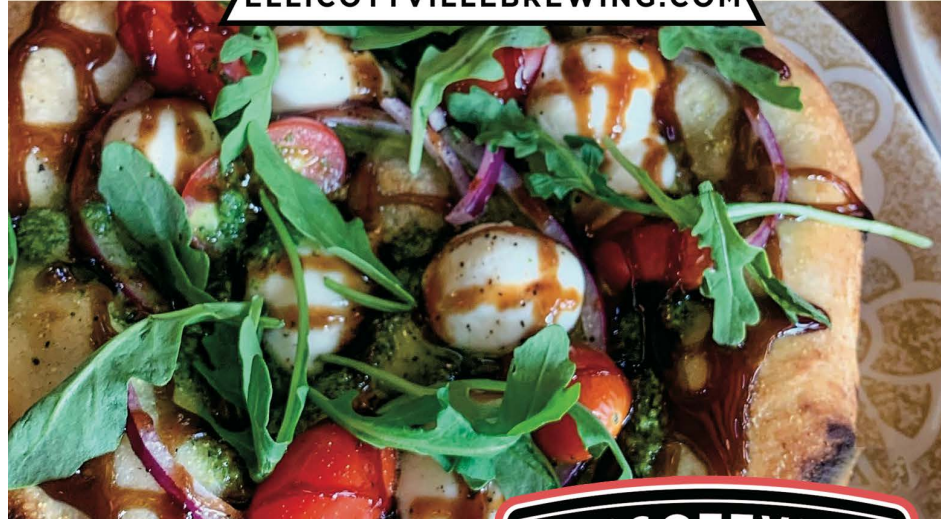



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“Afghanistan to Ellicottville”

The Kandahar Race

By DAN BALKIN

From 1878 – 1880, coinciding with the era of imperial conquest, the British were mired in a grinding war in Afghanistan that they titled “The Second Afghan War.” British forces were besieged in the Afghan city of Kandahar. The British sent Field Marshall Earl Roberts to save the British soldiers. He marched over 300 miles across an inhospitable Afghanistan with 10,000 troops, and on September 1, 1880, defeated the Afghans at the Battle of Kandahar and lifted the siege. For his military exploits in Afghanistan, Field Marshall Roberts was awarded the title “Earl of Kandahar.” What does that have to do with skiing? A lot.

In 1911, in one of the first alpine ski races ever held, Field Marshall Roberts, donated the trophy cup bestowed upon the winner. Recognizing his generosity, the race became known as the “Roberts of Kandahar Challenge Cup.” After this, the name “Kandahar” slowly evolved into being synonymous with ski racing – including in Ellicottville. To honor Field Marshall Roberts (aka “The Earl of Kandahar”), The Kandahar Ski Club was founded by Sir Arnold Lunn and other British skiers on January 30, 1924, in Murren, Switzerland. It still exists. Murren is one of the villages above the famous Lauterbrunnen Valley, often rated in travel guides as one of the most majestic places in the world. Lauterbrunnen was visited by the writer Tolkien and is the inspiration for The Valley of Rivendell in both The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. Heady stuff.

The Kandahar Ski Club hosted some of the world’s first alpine ski races in Murren – and still hosts races today. Lunn coined the term “slalom” for a race where the gates are set very close together. He also came up with the idea of a “combined race” where the participants had to complete both a slalom and downhill run, and whoever had the fastest combined time for the two races was declared the winner. On a hike or stroll through Murren, one can stumble upon a large stone with a commemorative plaque



Our writer Dan’s wife and son, Carolyn and Christian Balkin in the majestic Swiss Lauterbrunnen Valley. Its steep canyon walls were an artistic inspiration for the writer Tolkien, and in the mountains that tower above modern ski racing emerged in the town of Murren.

that reads: IT WAS HERE IN MURREN THAT ARNOLD LUNN SET THE FIRST SLALOM IN 1922 AND ORGANIZED THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN DOWNHILL AND SLALOM RACING IN 1931. In other words, Sir Arnold Lunn first envisioned giving alpine enthusiasts like Mikaela Shiffrin a wonderful excuse to earn a living – ski racing. In 1927, Sir Arnold Lunn, the first apostle of alpine ski racing, trekked to St. Anton am Arlberg in Austria and met the legendary instructor Hannes Schneider. They jointly organized the first “Arlberg Kandahar” race. It was runaway success and spawned other “Kandahar” races in Switzerland, France, Italy, and Germany.

Before 1930, international ski competition was dominated and controlled by Scandinavians (Northern Europeans) who considered the only real skiing competitions to be “Nordic” events: cross-country and ski jumping. A leading Norwegian ski official said that the newfangled alpine slalom event was “suitable for ladies and untrained Englishman.” Ouch! But Sir Arnold, like a proverbial English bulldog, persisted, and finally had his alpine events (slalom and downhill) recognized by the tradition

bound International Ski Federation. Also, through Lunn’s efforts, Alpine skiing was recognized as an official event at the 1936 Winter Olympics in Germany. Before the creation of the “World Cup” in 1967, various Kandahar and Olympic races were considered the premier alpine ski races in the world.

HoliMont Snowsports Director Travis Widger provided us information on how the term “Kandahar” is applied to ski races in our region and across NYS. Travis explained that “The Kandahar Festival” is primarily a race for U12s – racers 10 - 11 years of age. The NYS Kandahar Festival is divided into the West, Central, and Eastern regions. HoliMont and Holiday Valley alternate hosting the Kandahar Festival in the West. Holiday Valley will host the western Kandahar Festival this year. After the three regional Kandahar Festivals are completed, there is a NYS Kandahar Championship race. Who would have imagined that the term “Kandahar” – now widely used as a catch-all term for alpine ski racing in Ellicottville and across continents – had its roots in a battle in Afghanistan 1880? One person did – Sir Arnold Lunn.

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BY DELAINEY MUSCATO
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Uphill traveling is becoming more and more popular, so the event is perfectly timed. Participants can use any kind of snow travel equipment like touring skis, splitboards, cross country skis, or snowshoes. Participants are also encouraged to dress however they want, comfortably or in costume.

event. "It was fun and challenging, and I actually ended up winning my age group," said Eshbaugh. After the fun she had with her daughter, Eshbaugh said she was inspired to try and create the same event in this area.

Eshbaugh said that uphill traveling is becoming more and more popular, so the event is perfectly timed. Participants can use any kind of snow travel equipment like touring skis, splitboards, cross country skis, or snowshoes. Participants are also encouraged to dress however they want, comfortably or in costume.

For those looking to compete, there will be fastest female and fastest male awards handed out after the journey. Those

who are not skiers but still wish to attend the event will have plenty to do at the lodge. There will be live music, refreshments, and a silent auction and a raffle with great prizes.

Some of these prizes include paintings by local painter John Metz, hand knit hats, battery operated hand warmers, and two special excursions. The first is a two-night stay at the Tamarack Club in Ellicottville. The second is a very unique opportunity, Own Your Own Mountain. Winning this excursion allows you and 11 of your friends to have a few ski slopes to yourselves for an entire hour before the resort opens with an included pancake breakfast at the top

SEE "UPPENOVVR", Pg. 6



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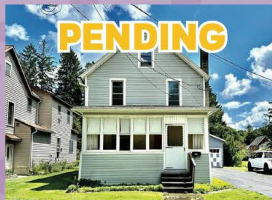
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Comedy Night at EBC, Little Valley

Hosted by Ellicottville Brewing Company, Saturday, March 16

By KATE BARTLETT

various cities. The comedians names are not released until the night of the show, for an added element of surprise. "It keeps things fun and interesting. No matter what, it's going to be a fun night of laughs." Guests can expect about 2-3 comedians with a runtime of 70-90 minutes.

EBC will be offer drink specials along with a special menu of snacks and sharable items. "It's a great opportunity to show off our space here. We invite everyone to come out for a night of laughs. It's a great way to get through mud season," says Hanna.

Ticket sales for the event have been steady, with a good amount still available online. This is one of many events upcoming at Little Valley. On Friday, March 29th at 6:30,

EBCLV will be hosting an Easter themed Charcuterie Workshop with "A Board Above". Guests will learn about Charcuterie and assemble a board on a 12-inch reusable charger, which they can take home. Tickets include a pint of beer or wine, and guests are welcome to come early to enjoy dinner before the class. Purchase on EBC website or through Eventbrite.

"We plan to keep doing new shows and events here to help put Little Valley on the map," says Hannah. Be sure to follow on Social Media: Ellicottville Brewing at Little Valley for more information, and read about it here in *The Villager*. Tickets for the comedy show are available online ellicottvillebrewing.com.

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more. Founded in 2015 by frontman Kyle Yagielski, the band features a rotating cast of musicians including a wide variety of horns, guitars, keys, drums and more. No two shows are quite literally ever the same.

Kyle was inspired by the New Orleans music scene, and wanted to bring a bit of that unique brass band style back home to Buffalo. He assembled a group of musicians from The Thunder of the East Marching Band at the University at Buffalo and started playing gigs in the area. Popularity grew, and word spread about the unique energy and rotating line-up of The Brass Machine.

With about 35 musicians in rotation, it's almost impossible to put the same show on twice. "We have such a talented group of musicians, all with unique backgrounds and talents," says Kyle. "I love assembling the lineup and combining different variations to set up interesting, unique performances."

The horns are frequently the stars of the show, with a 4-piece horn set leading the band playing a little bit of everything. "Typically, horns take the backseat, but not here. The Brass Machine makes the horns shine in a funky, unique Brass style party." Crowds may recognize some covers of popular songs, with a unique unexpected twist. "One minute you're hearing a popular song that then blends into an original tune, then a horn solo, and back into another popular song. We love featuring all our different musicians and have fun putting our unique twist on popular songs."

The musicians have fun playing together,



3.9 VILLAGGIO MARDI GRAS 8:30PM
3.23 RAIL RIDER JAMBOREE ALL DAY

The Band will be returning to Ellicottville again on March 23 for Railrider Jamboree at Holiday Valley.

and it shows during their performances. "It's such a fun energy. The musicians enjoy having the freedom to play what they want, bringing their own flair to each and every show. We value each musician's unique background and invite them to let it shine."

Over the past 9 years, The Brass Machine's accolades include performing alongside many national acts including Earth, Wind and Fire, Trey Anastasio, The Soul Rebels, Goose, Flaming Lips, Starship and many more. Festival appearances include Borderland (4x), Railrider Jamboree (2x), Rochester Jazz Fest, Night Lights, and Folkface Face, among others. The band is currently touring North East New York State with stops including Rochester, Buffalo, Syracuse, Buffalo and well as Pennsylvania.

Recently, The Brass Machine has started on a new venture, playing "Busted on Bourbon Street," a tribute show to the Grateful Dead. "It's such a great show. It has all the familiar Grateful Dead songs with a funky New Orleans twist. The energy is awesome and there's something for everyone, whether you're a "Dead

Head" or a casual concert go-er."

The Brass Machine is excited to be returning to Ellicottville playing March 9th in the Mardi Gras Parade, and continuing the party at Villaggio for the remainder of the afternoon. "We love playing in Ellicottville. The energy here is awesome; there's such a great live music scene. The crowd is always a good time. Good music, good people, good times."

The Band will be returning to Ellicottville again on March 23 for Railrider Jamboree at Holiday Valley. "We always enjoy playing this festival; there's such a great vibe. We keep the energy high in between artists and have fun weaving through the crowd. It keeps the New Orleans style party alive for the whole festival."

For more information <https://www.thebrassmachine.com/> and see the band perform in the Mardi Gras Parade in Ellicottville March 9th, Villaggio immediately following (free), as well as Railrider Jamboree March 23rd with tickets available <https://www.railriderjam.com/>.

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Those who are not skiers but still wish to attend the event will have plenty to do at the lodge. There will be live music, refreshments, and a silent auction and a raffle with great prizes. Some of these prizes include paintings by local painter John Metz (above), hand knit hats, battery operated hand warmers, and two special excursions.

donations for the event.

If you would like to participate in this event head to the events page at holidayvalley.com to

register. The event is \$30

and is open to all. Eshbaugh said, "I think it's just a cool way to support a great cause in our region.

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unexpectedly answered in the most dramatic way imaginable.

That sunny afternoon, I casually asked Dave, my partner in adventure, "Is there a Memorial Day Parade around here?" Just after I said that, he looked down the trail and said, "What's that in the distance? Something very large is coming this way!" A few moments later, two tremendous, black Percheron horses thundered into view, pulling a stagecoach. Behind them was another old-fashioned carriage, and a third followed, flanked by two riders on Appaloosas.

The sight surprised and delighted me, and after it rode out of sight, I was determined to find out where the historic mini-parade had originated. Soon I discovered that the stagecoach and Percherons, and its driver were (and are) available for rides. (The other riders and drivers were friends). The nearby Crosspatch Ranch, where the Percherons and several dozen other horses live, often takes riders down that way. It also offers a chuck wagon dinner, guided rides, pub rides, marriage proposal rides,



The Crosspatch Ranch offers one-hour guided rides, a half-day ride for \$60 and a three-hour ride for \$100. Three people or more can go on a two-hour ride, have dinner in the camping area across the way, and enjoy a campfire. Then the next morning, they will cook breakfast, and take you on another hour ride, all for \$200.

and much more.

"There are about forty horses at the ranch", said Dolly Little, who, along with her husband Jim, owns and operates the ranch. "When we buy them, we look for nice, quiet horses who are happy to take a pleasant stroll in the woods. Chickens, cats, dogs and peacocks run loose around the barn and they're all pretty personable. Some of the chickens and one of the peahens will eat out of your hand."

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Then the next morning, we'll cook breakfast, and they can go for an hour ride, all for \$200." Note: the stagecoach rides are very weather-dependent. When a prospective groom arranges for a marriage proposal ride, he can also arrange for extras like a bouquet of flowers and chocolate-covered strawberries. A stay at the apartment on the premises costs \$150 a night, plus a one-time cleaning fee".

The Crosspatch Ranch is located at 5281 Baker Road in Salamanca, NY, six miles from Ellicottville. For more information, call (716) 938-6313, or go to The Crosspatch Horseback Riding in Western New York State

Cheese

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employees have been effectively addressed through collaborative initiatives. At full capacity, the new plant is projected to provide employment opportunities for approximately 500 individuals, effectively doubling the current workforce at the Cuba location.

Retention of the existing workforce and access to a robust milk supply were cited as key factors influencing the decision to establish the new facility near Cuba. Notably, milk co-ops currently contribute 2 million pounds of milk per day, a figure set to increase to 4.5 million pounds at full production. Farmers in the region have reportedly prepared for this surge in demand, ensuring a seamless transition.

The decision to relocate the

plant to Allegany County was abandoned in 2021, prompting the exploration of alternative locations. Ultimately, the acquisition of nearly 200 acres near Franklinville paved the way for the commencement of construction in April 2022.

According to other published sources, cheese production should begin at the plant by the end of the year, according to Matt Wilkinson, GLC's Vice President for Technology and Business Development.

EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

An Artisan with a Lifelong Love of His Craft



By, GARY MALICKI

I love an adventure and it has been so much fun for me to ride out of town every so often in search of a new story.

A funny thing happened to me while on my way to the Ellicottville Stained Glass Company. A missing road sign placed me in quite a quandary. While on the road to achieving my quest of finding my destination I had to call the shop's owner, Mat Snyder, to help navigate me to his house. Finally getting there just demonstrates what a big city nerd I really am.

The simple trip was Mill Street to Martin Rd. (scene of the missing sign) then on to Rt.98. The stained glass magic happens in a garage next to his house. There are so many interesting and creative people that are part of EVL's business/artisan community.

When Mat was a youngster his mom was the owner/operator of Art Glass of N.Y. which was her stained glass company. His fond memories and the fact that he was always around it encouraged him to follow in her footsteps.



One look at his workshop and you can see that he's immersed in several projects at once. He loves talking about the way the light and colors shine through the glass in different ways. The word he uses to describe a finished product is "elegance".

They moved from Buffalo to Ellicottville in 1980 and the EVL Stained Glass Company was born. He started by making sun catchers and he keeps a decent collection of them in the shop.

Mat spent some time in California and came back in 1999 but has always been around the process and seems to have a romance with it. You can tell by the way he talks about his product.

An interesting thing happened during our conversations about making the appointment for the interview. In that first conversation he

said he couldn't meet on Thursday of that particular week because of an appointment he had at Roswell and revealed his continuing battle with cancer. We immediately blended into a kind of a kindred spirit as I described my current experience undergoing a clinical trial.

Mat has worked on the restoration of windows at the Holy Name of Mary Church. He also did restoration at Alpine Meadows. He spoke with a great deal of pride

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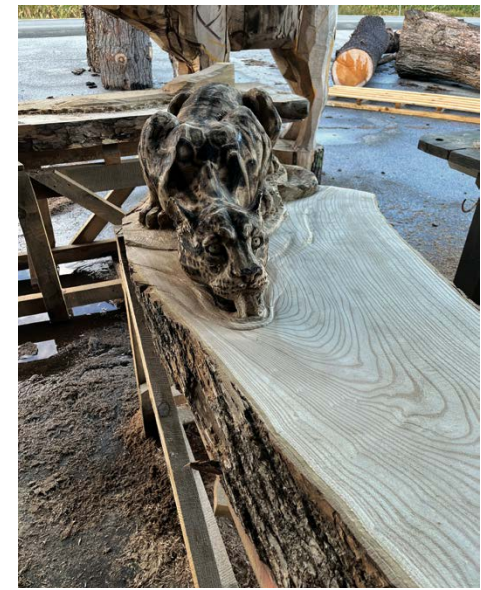
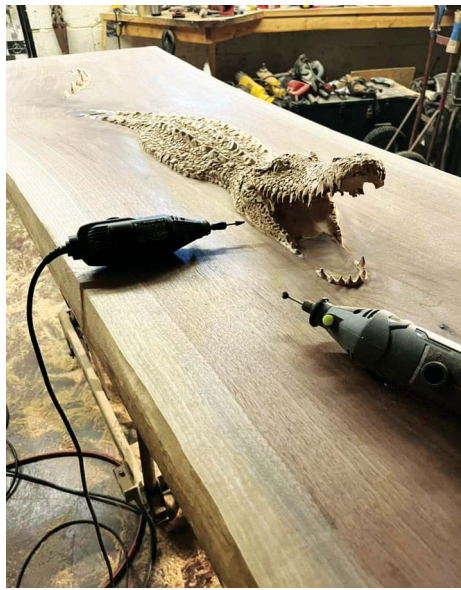
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Sculptor

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BY KATE BARTLETT

Scott Dow is a Marine Corp veteran and mixed media artist in Corry, Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, he has been a tattoo artist, painter, bronze caster, marble and stone sculptor, furniture designer, and now chainsaw artist. As a well-versed artist in many media of the art realm, Scott has an appreciation for many various art forms, but finds his inspiration in the textures and shapes in nature.

As a native to the Pennsylvania countryside, Scott grew up immersed in nature. He always had an affinity for art and drawing, sketching whenever he had a chance. "As a kid, I was always drawing," recalls Scott. "My sister would find me drawing shark heads on gum wrappers. I drew almost every chance I could."

in the arts throughout High School, but enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduation. He earned an honorable discharge after 2 years, when he applied to arts school at Edinboro University. "I loved it right from the start, and I remember thinking, this is what I should have been doing all along."

He graduated with a BA in painting and drawing and an MFA in figurative sculpture and a deep appreciation for the arts. "I learned so much throughout my college career. I was exposed a wide array of art forms and gained experience with clay modeling, mold making, plaster and bronze casting, metal fabrication and so many various conceptual discussions."

After college, Scott worked as a furniture designer for a European company for over 15 years, all whilst keeping art as a hobby on the side. "I was always dabbling in something, whether it be sculpting, drawing, or painting, I loved creating art and exploring different medias." It wasn't until his wife, Jen, casually

mentioned wooden statues she saw carved from wood that Scott considered chainsaw carving.

As soon as he picked up the chainsaw, he was in love. "I loved everything about the chainsaw," recalls Scott. "The power behind it, the design it imprinted on the wood, the rough edges...I was so inspired, and I still am." Scott loves working with wood, and the ease of finding the material. "The abundance of wood makes it easy to create. I love how every piece of wood is different; the grain, the size, the thickness and density. I may start with a vision, but the wood frequently dictates the evolution of the design, taking form as the art is created."

Scott's sculpting background gave him a deep appreciation for the chainsaw. "I love how fluid the movements are with the chainsaw. It's amazing to watch the art take form, one step at a time."

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focus on what made him feel most alive: creating art. "Standing in the face of a diagnosis can make you reevaluate your life decisions. I decided to quit wasting time, and fully live my life doing what I love most."

Scott immersed himself fully in the arts. "It was an adjustment getting used to the seasons and the fluctuation in business. "Summers tend to be busy and winters slower, but I learned to adjust and plan accordingly."

Scott took every opportunity that came along to learn new techniques. He learned new processes and different tools, exploring anything that indulged his creativity. "Every log that came in was a new opportunity." He brought his pieces to local events and shows, networking with other artists and building connections in the community.

Scott has competed on the international and national stage, winning the US Open in 2012 and competed in the Blockhausen Husky Cup in Germany on an

American team in 2012, and 2014. In May of 2023 he traveled to the Husky Cup again to collaborate with Bob King in the Masters of the Masters' Competition. He has also been awarded a star on the chainsaw carving walk of fame in Germany.

Recently, Scott envisioned a wooden bartop table with a crocodile head carved in the wood. "I followed my creativity and just started creating this piece that was in my head." His daughter posted it on Instagram (something Scott had never heard of), it went viral gaining over 18 million views. Since then, Scott has created hundreds of projects like this, sculpting various 3D elements (animals, skeletons, objects) on wooden bars and table tops.

Currently, Scott takes on out about 24 of these projects per year, leaving some time to dabble in his own creative ideas. "I'm most inspired by the project that's right in front of me, watching it take form and a life of its own as it's created."

His creations have

become so successful, that he's designed his own equipment and tools (with the help of his 'smart' friends) to be more adept and efficient with his work.

Scott does not take his success for granted, and is incredibly thankful for the support of his family and friends. "I'm so thankful that my works have been so embraced by the community. I'm blessed to be able to do what I love."

As always, Scott plans to take on whatever happens next, watching his art and life unfold one thing at a time. "One thing leads to another, in life and in art. I'm looking forward to just continuing along this path, creating art for the community and following my creative outlets."

For more information and to view Scott's impressive gallery (especially the viral Crocodile) visit <https://www.scottdowart.com/> and follow on Social Media @the_scottdow email scottdowart@gmail.com and visit the shop 11543 Rt 6, Corry, PA, 16407.

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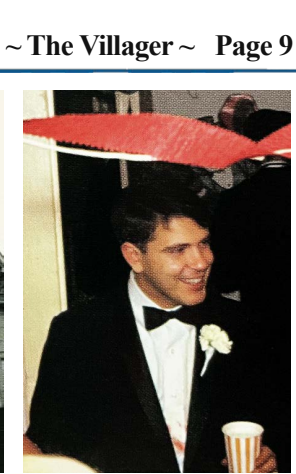
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In the book *For the Love of Skiing*, by Holiday Valley co-founder, Edna Northrup and her close friend, Lillian Congdon, they tell us about the many fun events started by the Ellicottville Ski Club. "From the beginning, the Ellicottville Ski Club brought the drive and enthusiasm for torchlight parades, ice sculpture competitions and spring festivals to give thanks for hearty winters." Elaborate table settings were set up on the slopes of Yodeler and Independence complete with tablecloths, silver candelabras, and great silver trays laden with cakes, biscuits, and fruit. In 1958, Penny Cox from Canada was crowned the first Queen in the Village Square. As years went by, the parade became an annual event, moving to Holiday Run and led by fun-loving Al Kohler in top hat and tails. (Photos /For the Love of Skiing.)

Carnival

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the pancakes, sausages, and freshly made maple syrup that were served on site, with vases of winter bouquets decorating the center of the lavish tables. Fun-loving people that they were, the Ellicottville Ski Club members enjoyed dressing up in crazy costumes, so every spring they showed up in costume as part of the winter carnival activities. In 1958, Penny Cox from Canada was crowned the first Queen in the Village Square. As years went by, the parade became an annual event, moving to Holiday Run and led by fun-loving Al Kohler in top hat and tails. The highlight of the spring festivities was the Hardware Heights Ball.

Edna tells us this in her book, "A group of skiers spent the ski season living in a large, barn-like storeroom over the Ellicottville Hardware Store which was at 14 W. Washington Street. At carnival time, formal invitations were sent to select skiing friends for a formal ball in their decorated storeroom. A parachute was draped to catch the falling plaster from the ceiling. Tuxedos and long gowns were required. Invitations for the Hardware Heights Ball were the most sought-after prize of the ski season. If you were dancing in that cold, barn-like hall, you made it to the top." To add to the fun of Winter Carnival at both

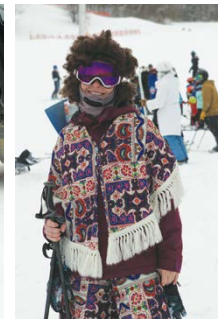
Holiday valley and HoliMont, a Mardi Gras parade was added in 1991 to the festivities in the village to bring some of the fun and celebration to the people in the community of Ellicottville. The idea for it came from the crowing of the queen in the village in 1958. It was time to bring that back, and so a new chapter of Winter Carnival was added. This year, the Mardi Gras parade is held in the village on Saturday, March 9 at 6pm, beginning at Katy's Café and marching to the gazebo in the center of town. Once again, as he has for many years, Punxsutawney Phil and his handler AJ Dereume, will

be Masters of Ceremony for the event. One of the highlights of the events that take place at Holiday Valley during this fantastic weekend is the traditional costume parade on Sunday at noon on Mardi Gras (hence the name of the village parade). This year's theme is Outer Space, and what's really out of this world is that the BEST costume winner is awarded a ski pass for next year. As if that's not enough, this crazy, fun event is followed by more music, wine and cheese, hot dogs, ice cream and at 2:30, an even wilder event called the Dummy Downhill. No, people do not race in this - in the Dummy Downhill,

participants use their creative talents to build any kind of dummy on skis or a snowboard. The dummies are then pushed down the hill and sent over a ramp, much to everyone's delight. So, don't you be a dummy. Be sure to participate in as many fun events as you can during this very entertaining winter holiday weekend. And remember to come into town on Saturday night for the festivities before and after the Magical Mardi Gras parade. A schedule of Winter Carnival events at Holiday Valley can be found online at Holiday Valley: <https://www.holidayvalley.com>



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Ellicottville's Mardi Gras

March 8th - 10th Weekend 2024 March 8th - 10th

Friday March 8

- 5pm - Jared Eggleston @ 12 Gates of EVL
- 6pm - Jason Wedlock @ EBC Taqueria
- 7pm - Farrow - All Night Extravaganza @ Balloons
- 8pm - Mo Porter @ The Gin Mill
- 9pm - DJ Persia @ Madigan's
- 10pm - Chillbillys @ Balloons

Saturday March 9

- 2pm - Marty Peters Duo @ The Gin Mill
- 3pm - Darkwater Duo @ Holiday Valley - Yodeler Lodge
- 6pm - Grosh @ Balloons
- 6pm - Jared Roswell Hill @ EBC Taqueria
- 7pm - The Brass Machine @ Villaggio
- 8pm - Iron Eyes Experience @ FTR
- 8pm - Live & Kickin' @ The Gin Mill
- 9pm - DJ SI @ Madigan's
- 10pm - DJ KT Stylez @ Balloons

Sunday March 10

- 1pm - Jay McDonnell Duo @ Holiday Valley - Yodeler Lodge
- 2pm - Chillbillys @ The Gin Mill
- 5:30pm - Tim Britt @ Villaggio
- 6pm - The Stickights @ HV Yodler Lodge
- 8pm - Chillbillys @ Balloons

Holiday Valley Winter Carnival

Celebration 2024

Sat 9th - Sun 10th March 2024

Saturday, March 9

- 10-5pm: Safety Patrol Cookout at the base of Yodeler
- 11am: Putt-Putt Bar Crawl (Starts at Main Lodge)
- 11am - 4:30PM: Snowbar
- 11:30am - 1PM: Face Painting at Creekside
- 11:30am: Hot Dog Cookout at Creekside
- 1pm: Scavenger Hunt at Creekside
- 2pm: Ski Patrol Toboggan Event at the bottom of Yodeler
- 2:30pm: Beer Slalom at the bottom of Yodeler
- 3-6pm: Darkwater Duo at Yodeler Lodge

Sunday March 10

- 9am: Ski Patrol Pancake Breakfast at the Mountain Top Warming Hut
- 10-5pm: Safety Patrol Cookout at the Base of Yodeler
- 11-4:30pm: Snowbar
- 11:45am: Lineup for Costume Parade at the Edelweiss Lean-To on Mardi Gras
- 12pm: Costume Parade for all ages on Mardi Gras - must participate in the entire parade in order to take part in the judging for prizes
- 12pm: Lederhosen Ski Club Hot Dogs for Lounsbury near the Clocktower in the Base Area
- 12pm: Ellicottville Ski Club Wine & Cheese near the Clocktower in the Base Area
- 1-4pm: Jay McDonnell Duo at the Yodeler Lodge
- 2pm: Ice Cream Sundaes at Creekside
- 2:30pm: Dummy Downhill on Yodeler
- 3pm: Mercy Flight Raffle Drawing at Snowbar
- 4-6pm: Stickights at the Yodeler Lodge

Most Events on the schedule take place at Holiday Valley Resort

Annual Spring Fest at Peek n' Peak

Kicking off the Spring Season March 15-17, 2024



BY DARLENE BRACE

Peek n' Peak in Clymer, New York will be kicking off the spring season with its annual Spring Fest. This event will be held on March 15th - March 17th with activities in various locations around the grounds. The activities are free and open to all ages. There will be a wide variety of activities included in the festival. Read on to see what the first Spring Festival of the season has to offer.

On Friday night, there will be the Kickoff Celebration starting at 7pm. An Erie band called Theory of Evolution will be performing from 7pm-10pm in the Retreat Building. This large band plays cover music of diverse genres spanning over many decades, so there's sure to be tunes for everyone to enjoy.

The festival really gets going on Saturday with the Cardboard Box Derby that will take place on the Tubing Hill. It will start promptly at 11am, with

registration beforehand at 9:30am. Your vehicle must primarily be made from cardboard, no wider than twelve feet, and must be able to withstand more than one trek down the hill. The vehicle must carry at least one person and no more than six people. All participants must be at least three years of age or older. To reserve a spot and for all the rules, you can go to <https://bit.ly/CardboardBoxDerby2024>. At the conclusion of the race, there will be some prizes awarded for various categories that may include most creative, best team spirit, and best time.

Later that afternoon, there will be a Pond Skim event on the hill next to The Retreat. This year's theme is St. Patrick's Day, and they will be turning the pond green. The Pond Skim starts at 2pm and registration is from 11am-12pm in The Retreat lobby. To participate in the Pond Skim, you must be on skis or a snowboard. Participants will glide down the hill and see how

far they can go across the pond. Participants are encouraged to dress in costumes and be creative, as you can get more points for style and appearance. One grand prize will be given based on distance and style. The winner will receive a free season pass for the next year's ski season. Even if you don't participate in the events, you can join this fun and exciting event to watch as a spectator.

Throughout Saturday afternoon there will also be a Retreat Deck Party. It will be hosted by DJ Mark, and he will be playing some of your favorite tunes from 12pm-5pm. There will also be an ice bar, a shot luge, and an outside grill serving food. More live music will continue in the Sports Bar at the Sugar Shack where the Lopaka Rootz Duo will be performing. Come and enjoy their uplifting reggae music from 6pm to 9:30pm. Later that

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Stones

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at the target, trying to get closest. But it's like bocce in the same way shuffleboard is like golf.

So, Stones is more like golf? Not exactly. It has elements of golf, in that there is a fixed course, with fairways and hazards, out of bounds, and management strategies. But it's more like putt-putt blended with bowling than the golf you know.

Kade Sivak is the COO of the Stones Throwing Association and manages the course located at the Southern Tier Brewery in Lakewood. It's a unique recreation operation in Chautauqua County. He says about the game, "What I love most about the game is that it's accessible, it can be played by people of all ages and still have a great time. We've had a tournament where we have an eight-year-old partner with an eighty-year-old and they ended up winning a few games and had a great time."

A Stones course is five stretches (holes) that take you through mowed fairways, sand traps, and rough patches, around and through trees and stone fixtures, up and down hills. There are clear boundaries on each stretch (sometimes it's a pool of water!). You play the five stretches, tossing four stones around - some stretches remind you of golf par threes, some are longer and remind you of a par five. All stretches score the same, you throw your stones, score the stretch and move onto the next, unique challenge. There are sixteen basic rules of play and etiquette, but like golf (which has only a few rules), it's the interpretations that are abundant...especially when you take balls of any sort into the wild and toss or hit them around.



There. Simple.

And, in Lakewood, it's played in a beer garden. What could be better than that?

Kade manages the Southern Tier course called Brewer's Hollow. "I manage all events like leagues and tournaments there," Sivak says. Brewer's Hollow is the first public stones course ever built, constructed by Sivak Stonemasonry. "They work as a course designer and builder for any new courses at other breweries or businesses that want to enjoy the game of Stones. We encourage people if they ever see a place that could fit a Stones course to check out our website and reach out to us so we can attempt to make that dream come true!"

Brewer's Hollow is the premier Stones venue in, well, the world. "We've hosted hundreds of tournaments as well as leagues every summer and fall that fill up quick, but we are always looking to expand and host more players each night," Kade says. "We have a world championship every year, with last year's having a cash prize of \$1,000. This year we are attempting to take it to the next level and really give people the best experience at each tournament that is planned out this year."

"STA tournaments and leagues are on the

website that vary in competitiveness. As well as a team league called the National Stones League that includes teams like the Buffalo Mafia, the Jamestown Ironmongers, Chautauqua Armada, and the Pittsburgh Chaos. This team league is peak competition as it is a different approach to the game but takes all the best players and faces them off in 8v8 competition."

Play at Brewer's Hollow, like most outdoor sports in the area, follows the weather. Kade continues, "For casual play we will be opening up May 18th on Southern Tier Public Day where we will be offering each new players first game free as well as have the option to have a skilled player help them learn the game. Then we're open Wednesday through Sunday until the end of September."

"We're promoting this year as 'The Year of Stones', so if you've never played, this would be a good time to come try out the game. It's easy, fun, and doesn't take long to play a match. The Stones community is filled with great people that are always willing to help teach new players and it'll be the best outdoor activity in the area."

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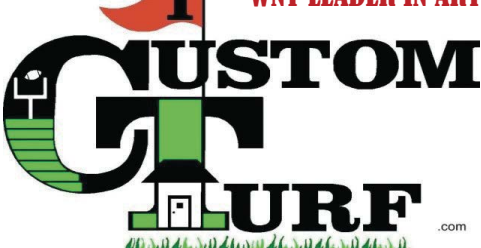
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Musings from Lorac: "Feel Good Stuff"

It's the Little things that Mean a Lot

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

We broke weather records this week. We know more snow is coming, but the 72 degrees on Monday and highs on Tuesday felt blissful and heavenly. The good news is wintry weather is predicted for the weekend, perfect for the Winter Carnival weekend in Ellicottville. Be sure to catch the Mardi Gras Parade Saturday night at 6pm starting at Katy's. So much fun! Awww, just found out I will be in it. Barb Pump tells me she got me my own firetruck! Look for me!

I wrote all day but took a break and wandered around outdoors for a few minutes. As I felt the sun on my head and shoulders, a big smile bubbled up from the depths of my soul as I fondly remembered my dear old friend, Betty Bush, and what we did on days like this. My home was one of those lovely two-story Victorians on Martha Street with a side and front porch. Betty and I would put on our 2-piece bathing suits (wouldn't wear them anywhere else!) and drag wine glasses and our fur coats (hers real, mine fake) onto the precarious slanted roof above the side porch. We would settle ourselves on top of the coats (sometimes clearing off snow or ice crystals), open the wine that was on the windowsill and sit there and drink it all in (the sun and the wine), enjoying our zaniness, working on the first opportunity to start on our seasonal tans. We did this for years and I sure do miss her. A good friend is a rare gift. Cherish yours.

I have a love/hate

relationship with social media. Facebook has its good moments if you know whom to follow. I find great satisfaction in following Emily Theresa at Lucky Day Homestead where she is either planning a wonderful wandering through the woods for others, a zany costume party, a day baking with a few friends, and/or getting close to nature. Two other Facebook members that spread sunshine or calm contemplation are Suzie Ditcher and Laura Solley. No politics, no opinions, no negativity - just sunshine and wonderful things to think about.

The eclipse in one month away. Look for the great article about it coming soon by our wonderful writer, Kate Bartlett. It's not too early to order your glasses. You can get them online and be properly prepared for the incredible, dazzling event presented by Mother Nature, but make sure they are NASA approved.

Speaking of dazzling, have you noticed all the renovations and construction happening on Elizabeth Street? I know that these monumental tasks must get approval by our Planning Board. Kudos to everyone involved. Yes, the sizes of the houses are increasing exponentially, but the architectural integrity of the remodels remains intact. I'm confident our conscientious Planning Board will always keep in mind what is best for the Village. You know, I love Frank Lloyd Wright style buildings, but I would be appalled to have that style on the main streets of our quaint, unique, Victorian village. Don't you agree?

You know, sometimes, it's

the little things that mean a lot. Take, for example, the tiny library in front of the United Church of Ellicottville. Or the take-a-book, leave-a-book at the Chaffee Memorial Hospital entranceway. These mini libraries are like a bit of kismet for our souls - you stop, you might find exactly the thing you need to speak to you, just when you need it most. Libraries of all sizes and shapes keep our spirits alive, our curiosity whetted and our yearning for knowledge fulfilled. Ellicottville has a beautiful library filled with rich old stories waiting to be revealed to you. Don't just grab the newest books when you walk in there. Oh, no, no. You are merely scratching the surface. Dig for the wealth in those beloved old books. Explore the shelves. Slowly wander. Read the old, beloved titles. Get immersed in the experience. No rush. A book might speak to you. Maybe Moby Dick has been on your to-read list for years ... or Gone with the Wind, 1984, Anna Karenina, Emma, Frankenstein, Great Expectations, To Kill a Mockingbird, A Wrinkle in Time, The Little Prince (two of my faves), Go Tell It on the Mountain, Invisible Man, or Night by Elie Wiesel - one we might all want to read or re-read to be reminded about man's inhumanity to man. Visit your local library. Find a cozy corner next to the fireplace in ours and immerse yourself in a broader world. Imagine, you can soar as high as the skies, or dive as deep as the ocean depths simply through the magic of a well-written book. Ahhhh!



the original sign became corroded and unsightly in 1946. A large part of the community, the arch houses alternating light bulb colors green and white which are also the colors of Brocton Central School.

On special occasions, the arches are decorated with fauna and pine needles much like a wreath on a door during the holiday season reinforcing the welcome spirit. The lights are often swapped out to different colors representing the changing of the season, the next holiday, or pride in for our school and town in general.

The Brocton Arch holds significance for the

community being unique and believed to be the only four-way street arch still standing east of the Mississippi. It's a beloved landmark that has become an integral part of the village's identity. Residents of Brocton often take pride in our arch, considering it a symbol of our hometown pride.

The Brocton Arch has recently been placed on the State and National Registry of Historical Buildings. This arch was constructed in 1913 to commemorate The Town of Portland Centennial. It is believed to be the only double arch east of the Mississippi. (CCVB, 2024)

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Spring

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evening, one of Erie's newest cover bands, Hyde and Seek, will be rocking the Peek' from 9:30pm-12:30am in the Bistro 210. On Sunday, there will be the 3rd annual Hair of the Dog Party in the Sports Bar. DJ Felix will be playing the tunes from 12pm

to 5pm. The party will include drink features and a Bloody Mary bar.

While you are at Peek n' Peak for the Spring Fest, they encourage you to explore all the facilities. You are invited to use the indoor pool and hot tub, for a small fee. There are dining options at the Bistro 210 and in the Sports Bar for your convenience. Overnight packages are available for this fun and exciting weekend. If

you're interested in more information about the festival and/or overnight accommodations, you can call 716-355-4141 or go to pknpc.com.

Now that winter is almost over, it would be a fun way to kick off the spring season at Peek n' Peak's Spring Fest. You can check out the resort's amenities while you're there, and enjoy all the live music, and the exciting activities that will be taking place.



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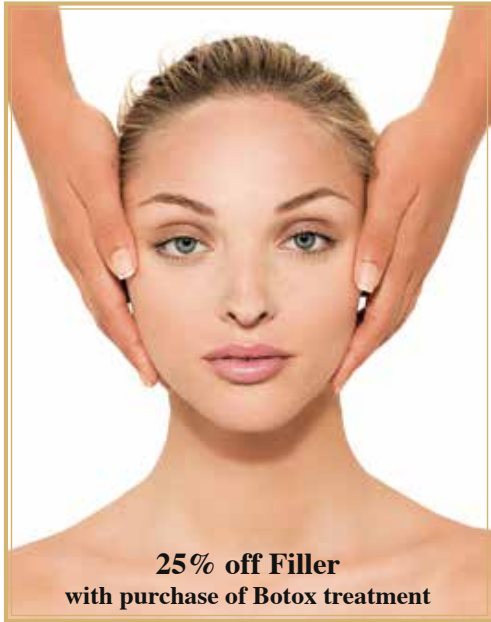
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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

This spring-like weather we have been having is getting people itching to get out and about. Read on to see what's happening in Chautauqua County to entertain you this week.

Thursday March 7 - It's Trivia Night in downtown Jamestown at the Brazil Lounge. It will start at 7pm, and it is hosted by comedian Paul Clemente. The Oscars/Films is the theme this week, so be ready to show what you know, and maybe you and your team will be the big winner.

This week Music for your Mouth, a restaurant in Mayville, continues its culinary Trip Across the USA Series. They will be specializing in food and drink pairings from Kansas City starting at 6pm. If you'd like to join them this week for Kansas City's cuisine, make a reservation at by calling (716) 224-1035.

Friday March 8 - At Big Inlet Brewing, Sixpence will be performing starting at 6pm. This talented duo features the harp, guitar, and vocals. They play Celtic music as well as British folk and American folk rock. Come on out and have a tasty beverage and enjoy this unique music.

In nearby Cattaraugus County, the Seneca Allegany Casino is excited that Uptown Groove from Rochester will be playing in the River Bar starting at 7pm. They are a six-member band that plays a variety of instruments including the saxophone,

trumpet, and keyboards. They are a fun party and dance band, that performs at a variety of events and venues. They perform a wide array of genres such as rock, blues, funk, soul and current Top 40. Come listen to some of your favorite tunes and don't forget to bring your dancing shoes.

The Southern Tier Distillery will have its Pop Culture Trivia Night hosted by DJ K Fit. The first round starts at 6pm. This is an all-ages event and its free to participate. Gather up your team and put your heads together, and maybe you and your team will be the winners of the first prize.

Saturday March 9 - Ion Sky will be playing at Grace and Abe's in Westfield starting at 6pm. They will be playing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list. Enjoy some food and drink from the delicious menu while enjoying some great live music.

The Probables will be performing at Big Inlet Brewing starting at 5:30pm. These talented musicians are playing their acoustic versions of their unique Americana style of music that is sure to please the crowd.

In French Creek at the Compass Creek Bar and Grill, Derek Davis will be performing. He plays originals and covers that are a mixture of genres ranging from rock, country, pop, hip-hop and more. Come enjoy some great food and drinks while listening to his eclectic music sets.

Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown is welcoming back Smokin 45 and their performance starts

at 10pm. This energized band has become very popular, so you may want to get there early if you want a seat. The crowd will be moving and grooving on the dance floor while the band plays their county and rock music.

Karl and Mark's Revolution will be playing at Group Therapy Happy starting at 8pm. This talented duo will entertain you as they give you a flash from the past as they play a lot of older music favorites. Come check them out as you enjoy food and beverages from Group's great menu.

Jesse James Weston will be performing at the Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman starting at 7pm. He plays a variety of songs from past decades to present, including some of his favorites such as The Beatles, CCR, Tom Petty, and Neil Young. He also likes to mix it up with 90's alternative music. There's a little bit for everyone so come check it out.

Sunday March 10 - At 2pm, favorite local band Black Widow will be performing at the Busti Tap House. Recently the tap house reopened under new ownership and management. Come and enjoy the acoustic versions of Black Widow's rock and pop music while you try some food from the new menu. This band never disappoints.

There was a wide variety of live music this week to enjoy. Check out next week's issue to see what St. Patrick's Day shenanigans will be happening in Chautauqua County next week.



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Even though Henry the Sixth mostly deals with men battling for control of France, the most intriguing character is a teenage girl, the legendary Joan of Arc. When the French are desperate for a miracle to free their land from the English, the shepherdess is brought to the French king, Charles the Seventh, and tells him that voices only she can hear will help her to create that miracle, if he lets her lead the troops. To test her fighting ability, he challenges her to a swordfight, and when she wins, he proposes marriage! She says she'll consider it after she's led the army to victory, and he then gives her control of the army.

She does indeed lead it to victory, displaying her fighting skills, talking a lord into switching sides, and handling a secret mission disguised as a peasant. Sadly, she is ultimately captured and burned at the stake. Her execution is horrific, yet it was treated lightly, in the Broadway musical "Goodtime Charley", probably the least known of the musicals that incorporate elements

"Henry the 6, Part 1"

of Shakespeare's plays. In one of its show tunes, entitled, "Why Can't We All Be Nice?", Joan's death is lamented by the king with the lyrics, "Must we all behave like vandals/burning people like they're candles?" He then expresses regret for violent acts of war with lyrics such as "Why do people have to show off, chopping heads and lopping someone's ear or toe off?"

"Goodtime Charley" (the title refers to Charles the Seventh's carefree personality when he was a prince), was originally entitled "Charley and Joan" but it was renamed and reworked to focus on Oscar-winning actor Joel Grey, after he was cast as Charley. During its three-month Broadway run in 1975, it received seven Tony award nominations, and seven Drama Desk award nominations, but won zero. Arguably the most interesting thing about it is that, twelve years later, an actor/dancer who made his Broadway debut in the musical wound up starring in a tremendously popular movie with Grey's daughter ("Dirty Dancing").

One scene the play and musical have in common is the one in which Charles and Joan meet and Charles tries to fool her by switching places with another man in the room before she enters. In the musical, after she instantly identifies him, he further challenges her by asking her to tell him his last birthday wish! When she correctly answers he wished he didn't have to become the king, he then gives her control of the

army. In the play, in contrast to Joan's military role, two other female characters do more traditionally female things. A French countess invites an English General to stay at her castle as her guest (while hoping to make him a prisoner of war). Unfortunately, as soon as she thinks she's captured him, he turns the tables on her by summoning scores of soldiers. At the end, a princess is told she must marry Henry the Sixth to unite their kingdoms. As far as the men being manly in the play: a pivotal scene involves soldiers being instructed to declare their allegiance to one of two leaders by picking either a red rose or a white one. Battles aren't usually launched after soldiers pick the proper posies, but everyone's fine with it. In another important scene, soldiers have some difficulty acting macho when they're attacked so unexpectedly by the enemy that they have to respond in their underwear, struggling to throw on their clothes.

Perhaps the strangest thing about Henry the Sixth is that one of the minor characters, Sir John Fastolf, was a real person whom Shakespeare fictionalized in three other plays as the character Sir John Falstaff. So Falstaff appears in "Henry the Fourth, Parts One & Two" and "The Merry Wives of Windsor", dies (offstage) in "Henry the Fifth", and yet (sorta, briefly) reappears in "Henry the Sixth".

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The Gin Mill's Thursday musical act is the ever popular, Chillbillies. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap, or If your hungry, try the Gin Mill burger.

FRIDAY
12 Gates of Evl is first up with Jared Eggleston from 5-8pm. He plays folk/pop/alt set of covers while you dine and try some of 12 Gates fine brews.

The Taqueria is next up with Jason Wedlock from 6-9pm. Jason plays a rock/folk/blues set of covers to accompany Evl's only Tex-Mex menu.

We're back at Balloons for Farrow from 7-11pm. This Buffalo band play's a soul/r&b/ funk set of originals and covers. The back bar will host The Chillbillies, from 10-1am, who will appear several times this weekend. Michael Farrow will go from the stage to the sound booth and Dj from 10-2am.

We return to the Gin Mill for Mo Porter from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop set of covers with some Doors tunes thrown in. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also open for breakfast from

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia from 9-2am playin some thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is back with The Marty Peters Duo from 2-5pm. Marty plays a blues/folk set of covers from the 60's-70's. Live & Kickin takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/blues/disco/country set of covers.

Holiday Valley joins the party with Darkwater Duo and Company at Yodeler Lodge from 3-6pm. This band plays a rock/pop/alt/country set of covers and originals.

We're back at Balloons with Grosh on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This is one of Buffalo's top bands playing songs from their new album. Greg Zeis will perform in the back bar from 10-1am. Dj KT Stylez will put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Villaggio makes a Saturday appearance with The Brass Machine from 7-? This band plays a soul/funk/ Dixieland/jazz set of covers.

FTR is a player with Iron Eyes Experience from 8-11pm. This trio plays blues covers and does a great job on the Hendrix tunes. Try the new late-night menu.

Last but not least Madigans hosts Dj SI from 9-2am Layin down the groove so you can bust a move. Try the dart board or pool tables for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY
We're back at Holiday Valley, Yodeler Lodge,

for Jay McDonnell from 1-4pm. Jay plays easy listening pop covers. Then at 4pm The Stickights will take over. Check The Valley's website for all the events taking place.

The Gin Mill and the Chillbillies are back from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers and originals. Two Guys Drinking Beer take the stage from 7-10pm. Ron and Terry play the standards you know the words to.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9 pm. Fresh pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime cooked how you like. This weeks musical host is Tim Britt from 5:30-8:30pm. Tim plays a rock/pop/alt/blues set of covers.

Monday is Wing Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down. This weeks musical guest is who else but The Chillbillies from 6-9pm. One listen and you'll know why they're so popular.

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

We've ended the seven-day weekend the same way for 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is the musical host and plays a rock/pop/country/blues set of covers.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and that you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What Have You Been Falsely Accused Of?"

By CHAD NEAL

IT IS A FEAR MOST OF US HAVE AND IT'S FUELED BY REPORTS OF IT HAPPENING TO MANY PEOPLE, SOMETIMES TO THE MAXIMUM DEGREE. BEING ACCUSED OF SOMETHING THAT YOU DIDN'T DO IS WORRISOME, BUT BEING TAKEN DOWN THE PATH OF CONVICTION AND PUNISHMENT IS THE SCARIEST PART. BEING THOUGHT OF AS A REPROBATE IN ANY FORM IS STRESSFUL, BUT NOT BEING BELIEVED AND SOMETIMES GASLIGHTED TO MAKE YOURSELF BELIEVE YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG IS A HORRIFIC THOUGHT OR REALITY IF IT COMES TO THAT POINT. SOMEONE FINDING FALSE PROOF TO IMPLICATE YOU FOR SOMETHING YOU ARE INNOCENT OF IS ONE OF THE WORST THINGS FOR ANYONE TO DEAL WITH. AND IF IT IS FOUND THAT YOU ARE NOT GUILTY OF THE ACCUSATION THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE WHO THINK YOU ARE BECAUSE OF BIAS AND COGNITIVE DISSONANCE. SOMETIMES THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THEIR MIND OR DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO SO. WHEN THE FINGER IS POINTED AT YOU IN ERROR OR MALICE THE MIND GETS DEFENSIVE AND THAT DOESN'T HELP, ESPECIALLY IF CONFUSION SETS IN. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN FALSELY ACCUSED OF?



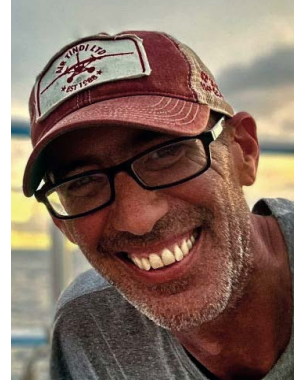
Brandon N.- Armed robbery.



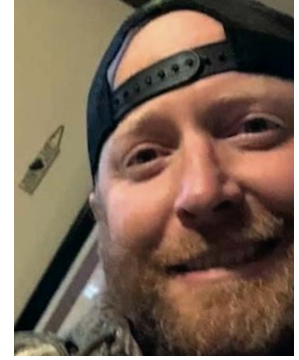
Jay K.- Many things. Few were true.



Beth C.- Carving a star into my brother's freshly painted bedroom wall. They put all 5 kids in the room until someone confessed, ended up letting 3 go but kept my brother Timothy Colby and I in there for hours.....until Drew Colby finally fessed up and said he was the one who did it!



Amanda E.- Having an affair on my ex-husband when he was the one having an affair!



Bryan M.- I was accused of singing karaoke and then cutting a speaker cable with a knife during the karaoke.... Yep, I only heard about it the next day since I wasn't actually there.



Debra K.- Flirting. I'm beautiful and friendly. You are insecure.

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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!**

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EVL Village Welcomes New Deputy Clerk

Updates on National Grid Project Triumphs & Expenses

By JEFF MARTIN

Ellicottville Mayor John Burrell welcomed Amy Hayward as the incoming Deputy Village Clerk during the regular February meeting. She is shadowing Mary Klahn upon her retirement.

In other news, Craig McIntyre, a concerned resident, returned to address the board for the second time regarding the building plans of a neighboring property. McIntyre's inquiries highlighted perceived discrepancies in how the Village Gate Community was being treated compared to other homeowners' associations in Ellicottville.

Mayor John Burrell, in response, explained the legal limitations of the board's intervention in such matters, leading to McIntyre's proposal for a resolution. The ensuing dialogue underscored the community's commitment to fairness and cooperation in addressing disputes.

Amidst these discussions, routine administrative matters were efficiently handled, with the approval of meeting minutes and financial reports serving as procedural highlights. Mayor Burrell took a poignant moment to express gratitude for the community's unwavering support during personal challenges.

Various department and committee reports were presented also, offering updates on planning initiatives and infrastructure projects. Attendees engaged in discussions about potential replacements for expiring terms on committees and future endeavors, including critical improvements to the wastewater treatment plant.

Mention was also made by Doug Bush, a trustee of the Ellicottville Village Board, who talked about recent and significant developments regarding the ongoing National Grid project. According to Bush, National Grid has assured that the lights at the village parking lot should be operational as of February 26th, marking a crucial milestone in the endeavor.

However, the financial implications have escalated, with the total cost of the project now surpassing the \$1 million mark. It is projected that the village will bear an expenditure of somewhere between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

In response to this financial challenge, the village has proactively engaged Municipal Solutions to devise a municipal bond package. This package aims to secure funding for the remainder of the project expenses not covered by the county's reimbursement.

Town Board on Infrastructure and Dev.

NYS Pro Housing Communities Program & More Discussed

By JEFF MARTIN

During the February town board meeting in Ellicottville, a discussion revolved around the regulation of cannabis establishments.

Town Planner Greg Keyser proposed a moratorium on cannabis establishments until a comprehensive local law could be drafted. This proposal, echoing concerns raised in neighboring jurisdictions, resonated strongly with the board, prompting unanimous support.

Keyser's recommendation to designate a zoning district for such businesses underscored the town's commitment to responsible regulation.

With a public hearing slated for March 20, 2024, board members said they anticipate further dialogue on the matter.

The board also tackled other critical issues affecting the town's infrastructure and development. Recognizing the importance of professional services, the board approved a separate contract with Barton & Loguidice, a move aimed at streamlining operations and ensuring transparency in financial matters.

The appointment of Jake Northrup and Spencer Timkey to the Town Planning Board signaled a proactive approach to community engagement, with the board prioritizing diverse perspectives and expertise in decision-making processes.

Furthermore, the board's resolve to apply for certification in the New York State Pro Housing Communities Program reflects a broader commitment to addressing the housing shortage plaguing the region. By seeking state support and leveraging available resources, the board aims to foster sustainable growth and create vibrant, inclusive communities.

Infrastructure development also took center stage, with the board approving the low bid for the Cotter Road Concrete Culvert project. This strategic investment underscores the town's commitment to modernizing its infrastructure and enhancing resilience in the face of environmental challenges.

In a bid to enhance accessibility and functionality, the board also greenlit plans to solicit bids for the Town Hall Front Door project. This initiative, coupled with ongoing efforts to improve municipal facilities, underscores the board's commitment to ensuring public spaces are welcoming and inclusive for all residents.

In parallel, the board approved the purchase of a new truck, signaling a proactive approach to fleet management and infrastructure maintenance. This decision, informed by careful budgetary considerations, reflects the board's commitment to fiscal responsibility and efficient resource allocation.

Amidst these deliberations, the board also reaffirmed its commitment to environmental stewardship and community partnerships. The approval of an amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the Nannen Arboretum underscores the town's dedication to preserving green spaces and fostering a sense of belonging among residents.

However, not all proposals met with immediate success. Despite persistent requests, the New York State Department of Transportation's recommendation against further speed limit reductions on County Route 13 (Maples Road) served as a reminder of the complex regulatory landscape governing transportation infrastructure.

Nevertheless, the board remained undeterred, identifying candidates for the Board of Assessment Review and laying the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at enhancing community engagement and participation.

Board members also discussed recreational opportunities, discussing plans for a trail run fundraiser and exploring avenues for corporate sponsorships to fund trail development projects. These efforts, rooted in a shared commitment to promoting health and wellness, underscore the town's proactive approach to community development and engagement.

Scot Brumagin, the department supervisor of the town's Highway Department, outlined ongoing tasks and upcoming projects for the year 2024.

Brumagin reported that the department's staff has been actively engaged in various activities, including snowplowing, patching roads, brush clearing, organizing the shop, and inspecting first aid and safety equipment. He noted that the costs of materials for 2024 are expected to be similar to the previous year's figures.

The department aims to complete oil and chip work on the roads by June.

During the meeting, inquiries were made regarding specific projects. Mr. McAndrew sought information on the status of excavation work for a culvert on Cotter Road. Brumagin mentioned that the department is awaiting a response from Cattaraugus County DPW regarding the work or considering doing it themselves.

Further discussion revolved around the progress of work on Holiday Valley Road. Brumagin stated that they are awaiting material deliveries and assured that he would follow up with North East to ensure the work commences in April.

Matt McAndrew advised that contracting digging work to D & H for the culvert project might be necessary, emphasizing the need for a crane to set the structure. He also stressed the importance of contacting National Grid promptly for utility relocation.

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Ellicottville Elementary's Pre-K program has received a rather exciting addition this winter. Through a donation made by the Bob McCarthy Foundation the program has been able to purchase full class sets of snow pants that are to be housed in each classroom. This new addition has enabled pre-K classes to continue

Artisan

CONT. FROM PG. 7



Matthew has worked on the restoration of windows at the Holy Name of Mary Church. He also did restoration at Alpine Meadows. He spoke with a great deal of pride as he described his work on the ceiling windows at ECMC. He proudly talked about the work he did on a drop ceiling at Balloons and also gave a shout out to his mom who worked on stained glass in the windows at Watson's Chocolates. He did some work at EBC as well.

enjoys gardening and listening to music with a preference to jazz and blues. You can find him at 5724 Rt.98 in Great Valley. Feel free to call him at 716-

244-1960. Check him out on Facebook as well.

Thank you, Mat. Great meeting you and thanks for sharing your story and your passion.

as he described his work on the ceiling windows at ECMC.

He said when he's in consultation with a customer there are some who place their trust in him and allow him to be creative. He loves his collaboration with the customer as it gives him a sense of excitement. One look at his workshop and you can see that he's immersed in several projects at once. He loves talking about the way the light and colors shine through the glass in different ways. The word he uses to describe a finished product is "elegance".

He purchases glass in large sheets then cuts them into the pieces he needs and creates amazing designs. He proudly talked about the work he did on a drop ceiling at Balloons and also gave a shout out to his mom who worked on stained glass in the windows at Watson's Chocolates. He did some work at EBC as well.

In his spare time he

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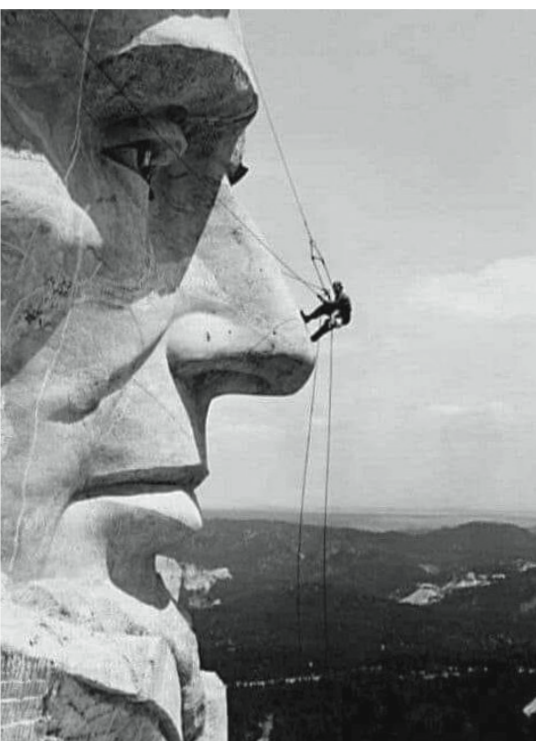
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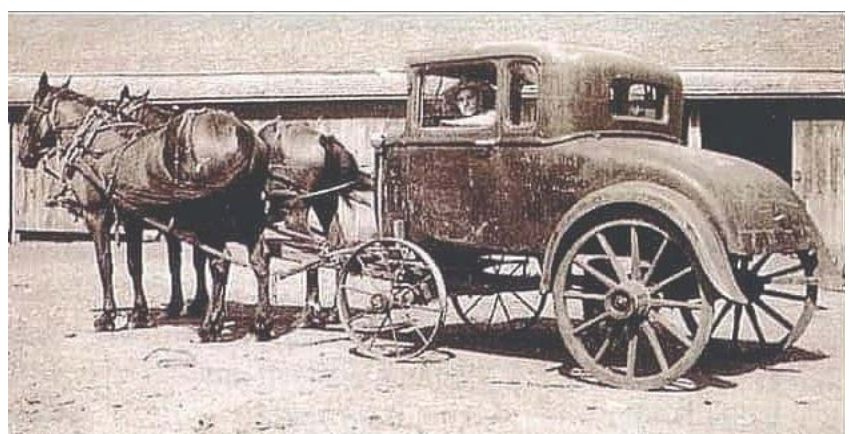
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DEMAND AND NOTICE PURSUANT TO NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW § 15-304

TO: NORNEW INC., 1412 SWEET HOME ROAD, AMHERST, NEW YORK 14228

Person Giving Notice: Julie L. Westfall, William L. Westfall, and Richard M. Westfall c/o Evan F. Anderson, Esq., Hodgson Russ LLP 140 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, New York 14202

Interest of Person Giving Notice: Julie L. Westfall and William L. Westfall are the joint tenants of, and Richard M. Westfall owns a life estate in, the premises affected by the lease referenced below.

Oil and Gas Lease: Oil and Gas Lease given by Richard M. Westfall, 2658 Reynolds Rd., Franklinville, New York 14737, to Nornew Inc., with a then mailing address of 1412 Sweet Home Road, Amherst, New York 14228, which Lease is dated August 22, 2007 and recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office in Instrument No. 98653-002 on March 26, 2008, and which Lease had a primary term of five (5) years from the date thereof. There is no assignment of record of such Lease.

Premises Affected: A one hundred four and 319/1000 acre parcel of real property in the Town of Farmersville, Cattaraugus County, New York which, in August of 2007, was bounded substantially: On the North by: Robert & Roberta Guenther, On the East by: Alexander Jessome, On the South by: Reynolds Rd., On the West by: Jerome Domino

For reference purposes only, the lands are identified as Tax Map No(s) 31.001-2-8. and also described as: All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Farmersville, County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, being a portion of Great Lot 30 in Township 5, and being more precisely described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the center of Reynolds Road (49.5-foot width), said point being the southwesterly corner of a 50-acre parcel of land conveyed by Floyd E. Vedder to Alexander A. and Maureen A. Jessome by deed dated April 19, 1972 and recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office on April 27, 1972 in Liber 728 of Deeds at Page 179, said point having New York State plane coordinates (NAD83/2011 - West Zone) of 875,433.55 feet North and 1,186,628.16 feet East; thence along the center of Reynolds Road, the following four courses and distances:

1. South 87 degrees 05 minutes 18 seconds West a distance of 76.32 feet to a point;
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3. South 87 degrees 54 minutes 46 seconds West a distance of 806.39 feet to a point;
4. South 87 degrees 37 minutes 42 seconds West a distance of 49.70 feet to the southeasterly corner of a 50-acre parcel of land conveyed by Harold M. Bailey to Daniel Domino and Jerome Domino by deed dated August 27, 1973 and recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office on September 12, 1973 in Liber 742 of Deeds at Page 185;

thence North 01 degrees 28 minutes 33 seconds West, along the easterly line of said 50-acre parcel, a distance of 4,063.80 feet to a point on the northerly line of Great Lot 30;

thence North 87 degrees 43 minutes 16 seconds East, along the northerly line of Great Lot 30, a distance of 1,148.68 feet to the northwesterly corner of said 50-acre parcel - (Liber 728 - Page 179);

thence South 0 degrees 36 minutes 41 seconds East, in part with a barbed wire fence and along the westerly line of said 50-acre parcel, a distance of 4,064.09 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Date and Basis of Lease Termination:

The Lease expired at the end of the primary term on August 21, 2012 as a result of there not having been any oil and gas development on the property affected by such Lease or on a unit which included a portion of the property affected by the Lease.

Demand: Pursuant to General Obligations Law § 15-304 the lessee of an oil and gas lease must provide a document in recordable form cancelling the lease of record within thirty (30) days of the lease expiration. Demand is made that you provide such a document to the Person Giving Notice, at the address set forth above, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Demand.

If you fail to provide the document, in recordable form, cancelling the lease within the time specified, the lease will be terminated pursuant to the provisions of General Obligations Law § 15-304.

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Views From Ellicottville NY: Moments From Mardi Gras Past

Photos by Jon Elder



Holiday Valley Spring Happenings: Celebrating the New Season with Bounty of Events

BY JANE ESHBAUGH

Spring is definitely in the air...the robins are back, the pancake houses are open and Holiday Valley has tons of fun events coming up.

This weekend is the annual Winter Carnival featuring many of the traditional activities and a few new ones as well. If you're ready for golf season to start, check out the Putt Putt Bar Crawl on Saturday starting at 11am. It's a 7-hole putting contest that takes place at the many bars at the resort and finishes at the SnowBar. The \$10 registration fee includes 2 drinks. Speaking of the SnowBar, the HV Snowmaking Crew will open for business at the base of Yodeler from 11AM to 4:30PM both Saturday and Sunday and the Safety Patrol will barbeque hot dogs and sausages as well. Several Holiday Valley departments will be decorated in an Outer Space theme and the judging takes place on Saturday. Kids can get their face painted, eat hot dogs and hunt for candy at the Creekside Lodge between 11:30 and 1pm.

At 2pm on Saturday, the Ski Patrol puts on a wild and crazy Toboggan Race at the bottom of Yodeler. Teams of 3 patrollers guide a toboggan down a race course while spinning, holding a balloon and switching places. This is followed by a beer (or rootbeer) slalom open to the public at 2:30 where competitors ski or snowboard through the gates trying not to spill their full beer, and then chugging it at the finish line.

The Darkwater Duo will entertain in Yodeler Lodge from 3-6pm to finish off the day in time for everyone to head into town to watch the parade.

Sunday begins with the Ski Patrol pancake breakfast with sausage and real maple syrup at the Mountain Top Warming Hut. Donations to the Patrol are gratefully accepted. Everyone looks forward to the Costume Parade down Mardi Gras where the Best of Show wins a season pass for next year! Lederhosen Ski Club will host their hot dog cookout as a fundraiser for the Lounsbury Adaptive Program and the Ellicottville Ski Club will serve free wine and cheese near the Clocktower.

The Jay McDonnell Duo will play in the Yodeler Lodge from 1-4pm. Be sure to head down to Creekside at 2pm for FREE ice cream sundaes, then back up to Yodeler for the Dummy Downhill that starts at 2:30 sharp. This zany event features creative homemade dummies that ski or snowboard down, over a jump and then crash into a barrier at the bottom...it's a real crowd pleaser! Mercy Flight sells raffle tickets in the Yodeler area both days and the drawing is held at 3pm on Sunday. The celebration ends with the Stickights band playing in Yodeler from 4-6pm. Wow, what a weekend!

But we're not finished yet...stay tuned for the final Intense Milk Rail Jam and the Uppenovr on March 16 followed by Ponds-kimming and the Rail Rider Jamboree on March 23. This season promises to go out with a bang!



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