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March Is Women's History Month

Exploring the Hidden Power of Women



In 1923 the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment was introduced. And it is not passed yet.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

The hand that rocks the cradle ... The power behind the throne

March is Women's History month. I suppose I could tell you about Susan B. Anthony, Marie Curie, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt, Ruth Bader Ginsberg and other powerhouse women

who have changed history. But the papers and social media are filled with stories about these amazing women who carried the feminist banner and brought us to where we are today.

It turns out that powerful women have been with us

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CHQ. Co. Veteran's Memorial Bridge

42-Year-Old Bridge Receives \$78M Facelift



The state has earmarked \$78 million for renovations and structural work on the Chautauqua County Veteran's Bridge. Another \$4.7 million for the local success routes to the bridge off routes 430 and 394. Work began on the main part of the 3,790-foot main span last summer (2023). It's expected to be completed fall of 2026.

BY BILL BURK

In October of 1982, 726 athletes lined up in Bemus Point with the goal of crossing the lake and back. The lake was much too cold for a swim. The Bemus Point Ferry was not an

option for a Fall 10K race. Fortunately, these runners had a fresh path, brand spanking new pavement, the Chautauqua County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

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Spotlight Feature: The Infamous Stringdusters

Headliner Band for Railrider Jamboree



The Infamous Stringdusters will take stage this Saturday, March 23 at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville at 7:30pm during the 2nd Annual Railrider Jamboree.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Grammy Award-winning Infamous Stringdusters will headline the 2nd annual Railrider Jamboree this Saturday, March 23 at Holiday Valley in what's sure to be a high energy show. This American bluegrass band

is known for their innovative sound and dynamic live performances. With a dedicated fan base and a reputation for musical excellence, The Infamous Stringdusters continue to push the boundaries

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Up Close & Personal: Marc Joseffer

HoliMont "MY1stSKI" Sponsor & Long-Time Member



16 Inner City Buffalo Kids in the MY1stSKI program came to HoliMont in February. The kids are pictured with the HoliMont Ski Instructors and other support staff for the program! Photo Provided by/Marc Joseffer

BY KATE BARTLETT

In the winter of 1993, Marc and Alice Joseffer were skiing down the Sunset ski slope at HoliMont on a beautiful sunny weekday. It was the annual ski day for Alice's law firm, Hodgson Russ. It was a fateful day because Alice and

Marc decided to not only join HoliMont as members, but also buy a house at HoliMont and become a part of the Ellicottville community on that day. "We loved HoliMont immediately. It has such a family friendly atmosphere, and we've made so

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Sneak Peek

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Play Depicting True Encounters of Hardship in Gaza

The events are the condensed life story, synthesized from journal entries, emails, and letters, of Rachel Corrie, an American diarist, activist, and human rights advocate who traveled to Gaza, Palestine in 2003 to do humanitarian work with other international students. The woman embodying her story with impressive flexibility of expression is Jamestown resident Jessica Frederick.

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Evangola State Park in Angola

70th Anniv. on Public Shores of Lake Erie



This year, Evangola State Park is celebrating its 70th anniversary. The main attraction at the park is the beautiful, curving sand beach flanked by scenic bluffs, on the shore of Lake Erie. It also offers swimming, picnic shelters, picnic table areas, 80 campsites, six yurts, a nature center, a baseball diamond, basketball and tennis courts and more! One of its best features is its spectacular sunsets. The campsites and yurts are available for camping from May 17th through October 13th, 2024. The 733-acre state park in South Erie County, NY, is located west of the Village of Franham, at the border of the Town of Brant and the Town of Evans.

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. It encompasses beaches, campgrounds, trails, golf courses and so much more. Throughout 2024,

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Easter Activities in WNY

Festivities Planned for Your Families



In Gowanda, you can hop on the Peter Cotton-tail Express on March 23rd and 24th. The Peter Cotton Tail Express is a two-hour round-trip train ride to South Dayton. The Bemus Point Golf and Tap House will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th starting at 10:30am. There will be 3000 eggs hidden.

BY DARLENE BRACE

It's time to celebrate Easter and there are several Easter festivities in the area that you and your family will want to consider attending. Here are a few we recommend:

Fredonia will be having its Easter Festival on March 23rd, 2024, from 9am-1pm. They will be serving a pancake breakfast at the Fredonia First Methodist Church on Church Street. While you are there, you can have breakfast with the Easter Bunny and have your picture taken with him. There will also be craft vendors in the basement of the First Church Fredonia from 9am-1pm. At 12:30pm,

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It seems there is always a reason to rejoice; whether it be a celebration, an actual vacation, or a holiday. We don't need any excuse to have some fun in our little corner of the world and in fact; we are more often than not prompted to. Where else can you go

Publisher's Word

"Seasons of Reasons to Celebrate!"

and see adults dressed like pen-guins on a ski slope or a larger-than-life Easter bunny romping around a golf course? We are pretty hearty for the party in WNY; we play "air hockey" on boards made out of ice in the snow, we plunge into freezing lakes and we do shots in unison from a ski six people long – that's just to name a few. Easter is coming and Spring Break is upon us, more reasons to en-joy and be thankful. I am so thankful for the area we live in and the friends that call this home. Never take one of them or a day for granted, times goes by but all too fast!

Enjoy your weekend, enjoy this read and if you have something you want to share with us, please never hesitate to contact us directly: (716) 699-2058, info@thevillager.com or simply logon to www.thevillager.com and hit general submissions, it's that easy.

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Great Lakes Cheese Plant

Catt. Co. IDA Investment Spurs Growth in Local Dairy Industry

BY JEFF MARTIN

A significant investment is underway at Edelweiss Dairy LLC, on Osmun Road in Freedom, NY, totaling \$32.5 million, as part of an effort to meet the rising demand for milk spurred by the new Great Lakes Cheese plant in Franklinville. Established in 2016 from the roots of Edelweiss Dairy Inc., which dates back to 1962, the dairy, situated on Osmun Road, is owned by John M. Borer.



The primary motivation behind the expansion aligns with the increased milk demands from Great Lakes Cheese Plant outside of Franklinville, NY (pictured).

The expansion initiative seeks to replace aging infrastructure, including 50-year-old barns, and has led Edelweiss Dairy to apply for tax-exempt bonds and a mortgage tax exemption through the Cattaraugus County Capital Resources Corporation.

The expansion will introduce new facilities, including a 120-cow milking wheel, and is expected to facilitate the integration of the third generation of the Borer family into ownership, according to other published sources.

owner's cost of expansion. As part of the expansion support, Edelweiss Dairy will receive sales tax exemption on materials and equipment from the Capital Resources Corporation. The precise value of these incentives is yet to be determined. A public hearing regarding the expansion plans is scheduled later this month in Freedom.

New Tourism Destination in Yorkshire

In a separate development, the Cattaraugus County IDA recently greenlit incentives for a \$6.5 million project by Kless Boys in Yorkshire. The project, set to become a tourism destination, will feature classic cars, a restaurant, and various events. The approved incentives include a sales tax exemption valued at \$520,000, alongside a mortgage tax recording fee exemption amounting to \$81,250. Additionally, a 10-year payment in lieu of taxes (P.I.L.O.T.) agreement has been established, starting with an initial payment of \$16,956 and escalating

over the course of a decade. Proposed Large Wind Projects

Meanwhile, discussions surrounding the IDA's Uniform Tax Exemption Policy raised concerns from Farmersville Town Attorney Peter Sorgi, who questioned the requirement for Cattaraugus County Legislature's approval on large wind projects.

This scrutiny stems from fears that the legislature's involvement could jeopardize projects such as the Alle-Catt Wind Farm. Despite opposition, County Legislator Ginger Schroder expressed willingness to support the project if presented with a P.I.L.O.T. application, emphasizing the desire to secure economic benefits for the town of Farmersville. It is to be noted that the IDA board supports and stands by the Cattaraugus County Legislature's resolution that was passed in 2018 relating to any and all proposed wind energy projects.

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Live CHQ Talent Attraction & Retention

CCP for Economic Growth Seeks Input



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JAMESTOWN, NY: -- The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), along with the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA), is reaching out to local businesses and nonprofits as part of an upcoming marketing campaign aimed at talent attraction and retention.

The upcoming campaign, entitled "Live CHQ", will launch in April and is intended to market Chautauqua County to attract new and professionally talented residents, along with a focus on workforce development and community enrichment. A major component of Live CHQ is a new website that will help to inform prospective residents about the quality of life aspects that the county has to offer, along with the various employment and business development opportunities found across the region.

According to Monica Simpson, CCPEG Partner Engagement Coordinator, the campaign is also intended to assist local

companies, businesses, and nonprofits across all sectors by helping to inform their prospective employees about what the county has to offer.

"Many of our local businesses and nonprofits need more skilled, talented, and experienced employees to fill vacant jobs. But it can also be challenging to fill those positions, due to a high demand for skilled workers, compared to the number of candidates currently living in our county," Simpson explained. "In response to this ongoing demand, CCPEG and CCIDA will launch the three-year Live CHQ campaign in April to attract new and professionally talented residents, along with a focus on workforce development and community enrichment."

As a first step of the Live CHQ effort, CCPEG is reaching out to representatives in various workforce sectors to learn more about their specific hiring and staffing challenges.

"In turn, this will help us better understand where to focus our marketing efforts during the Live CHQ

campaign," Simpson said. In the coming days and weeks, CCPEG will reach out to local employers and ask them to input their contact information in an HR Contact Form. The information collected will then be used to share updates on the Live CHQ campaign, invite representatives to participate in upcoming events and activities, and perhaps conduct surveys to identify specific needs, all of which will help in the goal of attracting and retaining talented professionals in Chautauqua County. All information collected will only be used internally for the campaign outreach effort, and will not be shared.

"Together, along with our many private and public partners, we hope to mutually assist one another in our talent attraction and retention efforts," Simpson said. Businesses interested in receiving the form should email cpartnership1@gmail.com or call (716) 363-3770. More information about the Live CHQ marketing campaign will be announced in the coming weeks.

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Be a Part of the Art!

Ellicottville Village Parking Lot

Opening Date Still in Question: What You Need to Know

By Dave Parker

Residents and visitors of Ellicottville have been awaiting the opening of the new Village parking lot in the former green space between Martha, Mill and Rockwell, but a delay in its completion has left many wondering when they'll finally be able to utilize the facility and see less crowded streets during busy Village weekends.

Construction on the parking lot began last year, and progress seemed on track until a delay occurred in the

final stages. While National Grid installed the lights necessary for operation, a crucial component is missing: a fuse to light up the lot. Unfortunately, the arrival date of this fuse remains uncertain, leaving residents and Village officials in the dark about when the lot will open for public use.

Ellicottville Village Mayor John Burrell expressed concern over the delay but remains optimistic. "Once the fuse arrives and is installed, we'll get the lot open and plan for a dedication ceremony at the next Village Board

meeting," Mayor Burrell stated, indicating efforts to expedite the process.

At this week's Village Board meeting, progress was made to finalize access to the parking lot. The right-of-way for a sidewalk to Martha Street was finalized, a step towards improving pedestrian access and safety in the area. With the completion of the right-of-way, paving the path to Martha Street can now be completed, enhancing Village connectivity.

Stay tuned for updates on the parking lot opening and dedication ceremony.

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“Be Like Pete”

Optimistic Season Overview Set by HoliMont Core Values

By DAN BALKIN

Our irrepressibly optimistic former GM, Pete Widger, still does HoliMont’s slope report via a recorded phone message every morning. Listening to it this week, I was struck by something Pete said regarding our snow coverage: “Let’s think about the snow we still have, not the snow we have lost.” Pete has a knack for buoying our collective Holi-Spirits and reminding us that despite Mother Nature’s

curveballs this winter, we have much to be grateful for: Holi-Friends, our great colleagues across many departments, and, thanks to the tireless work and skill of our snowmakers and groomers - fantastic skiing over much of the winter! The Terrain Parks were full of happy kids, Greer Hill and the adjoining slopes had great snow all season for our more advanced skiers, and we hosted a number of successful races and freestyle competitions. The SnowSports program

had a record number of participants across a host of skiing and riding disciplines. HoliMont has four Core Values: Family First / Always on It / Keep Building, and “Be Like Pete.” Our simple definition for Be Like Pete (Pete Widger) is to be “Fun, Enthusiastic, Great Attitude - Everyday is a great day. Some are only better than others.” It is a life lesson applied to a great skiing, riding, and summertime biking resort - HoliMont.

Our Core Values

See More of the HoliMont Team Photos, Page 10



Family First



Be Like Pete



Always On It



Keep Building

Ski

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many friends who make us feel right at home”.

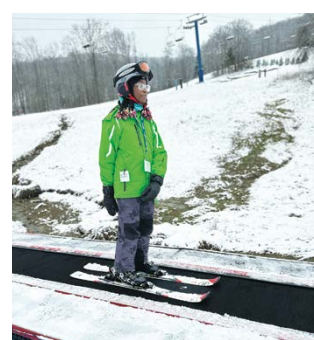
Marc’s older sister dragged him out to Kissing Bridge back in the 1950’s to experience the joy of downhill skiing. The staff at KB in Colden NY worked their magic and produced a lifetime skier. He was the president of the Monday Night Ski Club while at Williamsville HS. When he went off to study at the University of Denver, he discovered the Rocky Mountains. His 1st ski trip with friends was to VAIL, Colorado. After climbing up to Mid-Vail by gondola (like Disneyland), and the ride to the top by chair lift, he discovered the scary reality of 5 feet of pure powder! Four more years of fabulous Colorado and Utah skiing rounded out his degree program at UD in Business Administration.

Marc and Alice, a fellow UD Concert Band member and native of Colorado, got “hitched” the day after he graduated in 1970 and headed west to San Francisco where he had a job operating branch offices for Bank of America. Several years later they moved back to Marc’s hometown of Williamsville NY with three kids in tow. He’s owned and operated several businesses in NY.

Over the years Marc and Alice have served on the HoliMont Board of Directors. Marc was also President during 2006-2008 and has served on several HoliMont committees.

At the request of his fellow SCORE Mentor (Service Corps of Retired Executives), Gary Helfenstein, Marc became involved with Gary’s MY1stSKI initiative. He enlisted the aid of HoliMont General Manager, Ed Youmans, to make the MY1stSKI program work at HoliMont two years ago. The MY1stSKI program is a community outreach program to help underserved communities experience the sport of skiing.

Marc Joseffer has been implementing the My1stSKI program at HoliMont since its inception. This program introduces skiing to Buffalo Inner City kids and offers them an exceptional life changing experience outside of the City of Buffalo. Marc accepted



Jacqueline rides the Magic carpet at HoliMont.



Marc Joseffer, HoliMont member and MY1stSKI coordinator.



Program members having lunch in HoliMont Main Chalet.

the responsibility, with the support of key members at HoliMont, to help make the program an incredible success. Buffalo School #6 (Elementary School of Technology) has selected the students to participate in the program for the past two years.

In the winter of 2023, the program afforded ten (10) Buffalo Inner City school boys and girls the opportunity to ski for the 1st time at HoliMont. This year (2024) the program provided sixteen (16) young women in grades 5-7 this experience. As in the first year of the program, Marc asked HoliMont members to check their ski closets and donate ski jackets, pants, gloves, sweaters and other ski clothing their kids have outgrown. For two years the members at HoliMont have been fantastic. Some girls were decked out in exceptional ski parkas and loving every minute of it. It was a sight to be seen. We were also blessed with 4 perfect incredible Tuesdays for the girls who participated. Many HoliMont members approached Marc on each of these Tuesdays to express their support for the program and remark at how well behaved the kids were and how great it was to see their joy at learning to ski.

At School 6, Carolyn Bell, Teacher and Best Self Support Team Member, worked with Marc to coordinate all the efforts needed from the school. She made sure the kids were outfitted, had lunches provided by the school, and got them all on the bus to HoliMont each day. No small accomplishment!

Immediately after the girls arrived each Tuesday morning, the staff at Gear Up Ski Shop professionally outfitted each girl with skis, boots and a helmet. Once on the slopes, HoliMont ski instructors used their training and expertise to help these girls become comfortable on the slopes. “It was somewhat magical, granting them this opportunity. But it took great bravery on their part as well. These girls overcame their fears in many regards and soon became excited about learning how to ski.”

The program was a team effort to coordinate transportation, attire, equipment, and instruction. “The program wouldn’t have been possible without a grant from the United Way of Buffalo and Erie County Women in Sports Foundation and the collaboration between the Buffalo schools and HoliMont,” remarks Marc.

Becoming involved with My1stSKI has been an incredibly rewarding experience for Marc. “The program was life changing for our participants. Most of our students had never been outside of the City of Buffalo and had never experienced anything like skiing on the slopes of HoliMont.

Marc hopes it will be possible to provide this program to underprivileged Inner-City children in the future. For more info, on the program visit ski-in3.com, and follow HoliMont Social Media.



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Last Weekend's First Annual Event; Creative Way to Explore

BY JANE ESHBAUGH

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The Uppenovr course was 3.5 miles with a vertical climb of 1300 feet that started at Holiday Valley's Yodeler Lodge, traveled up Tannenbaum to Spruce Lake, across to HoliMont, down Sunset slope, then back up, across and down to Yodeler. Participants, using alpine touring skis, splitboards, cross country skis, snowshoes or hiking shoes, were able to choose whether to race or just enjoy the hike with friends on a beautiful sunny day. The top male finisher was Ryan Sarky with a time of 48:20 and the top female finisher was Rokhsanna Sadeghi with a time of 51:15. Two teams of 3 people represented Holiday Valley

and HoliMont to compete for a traveling trophy. Team Holiday Valley was the winner and will proudly display the plaque at the Yodeler Lodge bar.

The finish area at the Yodeler Sundeck was a great scene with music by the PA Line band, beer sampling from 42 North, liquor sampling from Empire and a very lively basket raffle, silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Everyone was certainly celebrating the event and a beautiful spring day. A big thanks goes to local businesses who donated to the raffles and to those who participated in the event. And a special mention goes out to Doug Bradley who won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to the cause. Everyone said they can't wait until next year!



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Railrider

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of bluegrass music while remaining rich to its heritage.

The band formed in Nashville in 2006 when a group of talented musicians got together with a united passion for bluegrass music. "We all had a deep interest in progressive bluegrass," recalls band member Andy Hall. "We were all side musicians who were looking for more. We all shared the common goal of starting our own band, writing our own songs and creating original music that was true to our passion."

The group consists of 5 members: Andy Hall (dobro), Andy Falco (guitar), Chris Pandolfi (banjo), Jeremy Garrett (fiddle) and Travis Book (double bass). Each member brings their unique musical background and style to the band, contributing to their blend of traditional bluegrass, jazz and rock influences. "All of our backgrounds feed into the cohesive sound. Our experiences with jazz, rock and other musical influences shape our music, while keeping traditional bluegrass at the core."

The group was named by an acquaintance of the band, one of the original band member's father. He had connections in the music industry, and was a famous Bluegrass musician. "He was a sort of role model to us and we gained inspiration from him. We frequently practiced at his house, and one day he gave us advice on our name, to call ourselves 'The Stringdusters' after a



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famous band that had since dissolved. We agreed on that name, and added 'Infamous' to give it our own flair."

The band first started playing at the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Festival in Louisville, Kentucky in 2006. The festival is an energetic event that serves as a source of inspiration and networking for Bluegrass musicians, and showcases musicians from around the world. "It's such a great event with an eclectic variety of musicians. It was an honor to play our first shows there."

Following the IBMA, The Infamous Stringdusters played shows at the Station Inn, a famous Bluegrass Bar in Nashville. The band gained recognition in these early days and formed connections in the music industry the 'good ol' fashion way'. "There was no formula to it. We'd follow basically any lead or connection we'd get. We'd just get in the van and go, traveling across the country, following whatever lead we got next."

The band writes their own original music,

gaining inspiration from traditional American Bluegrass but adding their own backgrounds of jazz, rock, and more. "Bluegrass has a common known repertoire of known songs. We'll frequently reference these songs, adding our own twist. We love playing the music from our albums, but we have fun playing cover songs too."

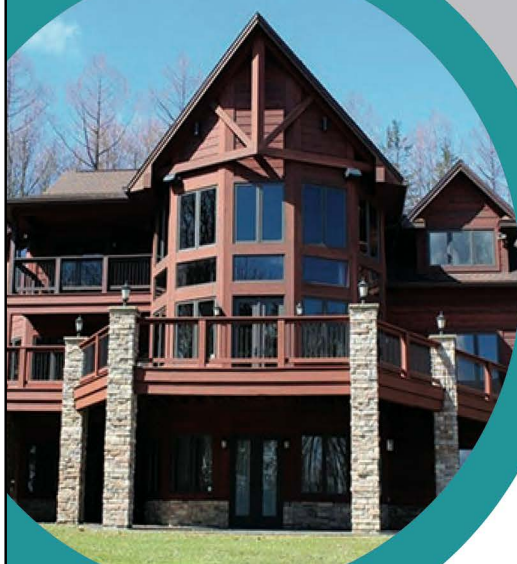
The Infamous Stringdusters have gained many awards and accolades throughout the years, including multiple Grammy nominations. They won a Grammy in 2018 for Best Bluegrass Album and have won several awards at the IBMA. "It's always a huge honor to win awards like these," says Andy. "The Grammys are unique in that they recognize such a wide array of music; Bluegrass is included in the wider world of music and we're fortunate to have been recognized."

Originally from Binghamton, NY, Andy (Hall) has his musical foundation in Bluegrass, but has been influenced by a variety of musical styles.

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“Ski With Me” program participants that exposes inner city kids to skiing with their schoolteachers, program organizers, and HoliMont instructors.

BY MARC JOSEFFER, HOLIMONT MEMBER

Sixteen young women in grades 5,6 & 7 from the Buffalo Elementary School of Technology (School #6) hopped on a bus on four Tuesdays in February and headed to HoliMont Ski Area in Ellicottville to participate in the MY 1st SKI program. Founded by local ski enthusiast Gary Helfenstein, MY 1st SKI introduces the sport to inner city children who have never experienced the thrill of skiing before.

For the second year, HoliMont has hosted this special group of kids. HoliMont members graciously answered the call and donated previously enjoyed ski clothing to ensure all the girls had ski coats, pants, gloves, sweaters, long underwear, goggles and other necessary items. Thank you members!

Immediately after the girls arrived each Tuesday morning, the staff at GEAR UP SKI SHOP (Quincey Widger, Tom Nedimyer and Allen McConnaughey), jumped into action and professionally and enthusiastically outfitted

each girl with skis, boots and a helmet. The atmosphere at GEAR UP was electric! Something these kids never expected in their young lives was about to happen!

Once on the Ski Slopes the entire group started to learn how to walk on their skis and ride the Magic Carpet at Rabbit’s Run. Before long they were racing down the slope next to Rabbit’s Run eager to get back up for their next run. By week two some were on the Magic Carpet at Grasshopper. There’s a reason why these kids from neighborhoods in Buffalo were making such progress. It’s our wonderful HoliMont Snow Sports Ski Instructors. Each week, Dan Balkin, Patty Elliott, Jim Quinn, Anderson Osinski and Tim Leach used their training, expertise and big hearts to help these young ladies overcome their fears and become excited about learning to ski.

By the time we got to week three and four of the program, many of these kids were on Chipmunk and some were on to ski at Sunset and other slopes at HoliMont. At the final lunch on February 27th each girl received a special SKI Medal on a red, white

and blue lanyard that was engraved: I AM A SKIER, with their name and HoliMont 2024.

Carolyn Bell, who teaches at the School of Technology and is with Best Self Behavioral Health, worked tirelessly with sponsors from United Way of Buffalo and Erie County’s WNY Girls in Sports Program to provide transportation and meals for the girls each week. Carolyn was also on the slopes each Tuesday assisting and helping in any way she was needed. Without Carolyn there would not have been a program. Thank you Carolyn!!

It’s only because of the strong support for this program from HoliMont’s General Manager, Ed Youmans, that these 16 girls were able to put on their skis and discover what all us skiers love to do! Thank You – Ed.

We also send a BIG SHOUT OUT to Bill Rosenberry, Amber Widrig, Katie Benatovich, Carolyn Helfenstein, Shelley Fallon, Rosie Burton, Mr. Q (Duane) and Mike at Dina’s for all their help in making this program a big success for the girls.



I also had the chance to see the room where she does the majority of her work. Everything was laid out meticulously where the stitching, cutting and sewing takes place.

BY, GARY MALICKI

In my village travels it’s a joy to find a little gem that practically hides in plain sight. This one can almost qualify for that description but...perhaps not.

The Ellicottville Quilt Shop may not be exactly placed on the main drag, but I think it is in as much of a visible spot as you can get. It’s located at 19 Jefferson Street and cannot be missed near the very busy corner of Jefferson and Washington streets.

I’m always happy to have the privilege of meeting someone new in the area just about every week and Amy Ewel, proprietor of the quilt shop, is one of the nicest people I’ve ever met.

The first thing she did as I entered the shop, was to offer me a cup of coffee. Conducting the interview right there in her kitchen made me feel right at home. That was such a nice gesture that I temporarily forgot about how the other rooms housed an extensive inventory of quilt-making material.

Amy has had a super interesting journey and quilting, along with everything she could possibly learn about the business, has always been a part of it.

Originally from Delavan, she went to the University

of Rochester where she began work as a bio-chemist. She spent years working in Vermont and also just outside of Boston. But all during this time and wherever she went, she stayed focused on quilting. She carefully applied all of that knowledge into what is now a full-time viable business doing what she loves. Amy celebrated 20 years in business last year and is still going strong.

Amy has also been locally philanthropic. She talked about a quilt she made of 8 inch squares that was raffled off and made \$600 for an event sponsored by the local Rotary Club.

I asked her if she worked with any designs that would be her favorite, but she doesn’t really have any favorites; she simply enjoys sewing the patterns.

Her clientele, she says, is made up of about fifty percent locals and fifty percent tourists. She sees her business more as a destination as opposed to just a walk-in type of business.

Amy also enjoys teaching classes. She’s happy to set appointments for individuals as well as groups. The students are welcome to simply work on their own designs as well.

I asked about her most unusual pieces she worked on and she talked about and

showed me examples of mini quilting which is the process of sewing together tiny pieces of material. It appeared to me to be quite tedious work but really beautiful when all sewn together. A lot of what she does, she says, is “you learn as you go”.

I asked Amy about what the greatest challenges to her business were. After learning the business all those years ago, she felt her greatest challenge was purchasing the right material for her inventory. It’s about the right patterns.

I also had the chance to see the room where she does the majority of her work. Everything was laid out meticulously where the stitching, cutting and sewing takes place.

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Former Manager and Recent Partner in the Purple Doorknob

BY CHAD NEAL

as well.



In 2018 Himes asked to take on more responsibilities and she began taking on more managerial tasks, like payroll and creating social media content. She is now part owner in opening the new Buffalo, NY location.

Himes has worked around the village including Tangled Twigs boutique, but the Gin Mill has been a staple in her life since she started there. Now her responsibilities have grown as she moves from manager at the Purple Doorknob to part owner. Nikki started working there one day a week in 2017 when she took over Brooke Szpaicher's position upon her departure from the store. It seems as though kismet took over as Nikki shared in an email, "Rachel and I clicked right away and have always had a lot of fun working together. My biggest contribution early on, was reorganizing the layout. My system for keeping the socks organized thematically has persisted ever since."

In 2018 Himes asked to take on more responsibilities and she began taking on more managerial tasks, like payroll and creating social media content. The Purple Doorknob found a new storefront on Washington Street in 2020 opening in June of that year and by December Himes became the "Operations Manager". "Owners Rachel and her partner Scotty were preparing for a new addition to their family and wanted my help in running the store so they could spend more time at home with their kids. When their youngest was born in August 2021, Rachel was able to take a small step back from the store for a while. I have always enjoyed my work at the store, but stepping up into the management position truly ignited my passion. I love being involved in a small business; it is work that my organizational skills are well suited for. I love the colorful whimsical vibe of the store too! I never could have dreamed

that my one-day-per-week job would turn into an actual career that I love, but I do appreciate the irony the silly kid who wore exclusively brightly colored mismatched socks her entire childhood ended up here." Himes wrote.

Himes also told *The Villager* that the owners were dreaming of expanding while she grew with the store, "but they never had any solid plans about when or how it would happen. When Brian and I decided we wanted to move to Buffalo, I suggested to them that our moving could facilitate the perfect moment to open that second location. We agreed and started searching for a new spot early in 2024, and I knew that I wanted it to be in the Elmwood Village."

A place called Campus Wheelworks at 744 Elmwood Avenue had moved leaving an empty storefront and Himes found it perfect. It's next to a well-established store called "Everything Elmwood" which is next to Watson's Chocolates and on the other side is a store opening soon called "Queen City Vintage". "The new store is similar in size and layout to our current

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Eleve Studio- Performing and Creative Arts

The Arts & Dance in Little Valley

BY KATE BARTLETT



Dana Crandall founded Eleve Studio 14 years ago in Salamanca, NY, following her passion for dance and the arts. Originally Salamanca Dance Center, Dana changed the name to Eleve after reopening after Covid in Little Valley 4 years ago. The name 'Eleve' is a dance term meaning 'to rise', which felt significant to Dana at the time of reopening during such uncertain times.

With over 32 years of experience in dance, Dana brings extensive training to the studio. She started dancing when she was 6 years old, and continued on through her college years at Jamestown Community College. She completed an elite Dance Masters of America Training at the University at Buffalo and is well equipped to teach all levels of various dance classes.

Dana has a passion for the arts, as her mother is an artist. About 4 years ago, she decided to host pop-up art events at the studio in order to support the arts and bring people together. "It's a great creative outlet. Everyone has a lot of fun at our art classes, kids and adults alike." She continues to host monthly paint classes for kids and adults.

Guests are provided all supplies and guided through an art class, typically painting on canvas. Dana has hosted a variety of craft/art events, but enjoys canvas the most. "It's great to watch the artists create. Kids enjoy getting creative, and adults sometimes discover their inner artist. It's a great time no matter what."

As a Little Valley resident,

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Eleve offers various types of dance including tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop, acro, lyrical and cheer to ages 1-adult. The studio, located at 303B Main Street, currently offers over 1600 square feet with two dance rooms, and is continuously working to best meet the needs of the community. Dana was excited to bring the studio back home. "The community has been very welcoming here; it was great to bring the studio closer to my home in Little Valley. The location is convenient for many of our dancers who travel from the surrounding areas including Ellicottville, Salamanca and Gowanda."

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Spring Dance Recital, and is currently offering a promotion on mini-sessions. "We are offering 2 kids mini-session options, which are 8 week programs. Our Ballet Workshop is for ages 4-6 and our Lyrical Workshop is for ages 7-10. It's a great opportunity to try out dance and get a taste of what performing is like." The cost is \$125 and includes 8 lessons, a recital dance, costume and 2 tickets to the recital! Workshop classes begin on March 16th.

This Spring, Dana is also offering a hummingbird painting pop-up class on Friday, March 15th with more events to come. For more information follow on Facebook @ Eleve Studio. Dana is also available for private parties (birthday, Bachelorette, reunions etc.) at the studio and in the community. Those interested can email elevestudio716@gmail.com for more information on dance and art classes.



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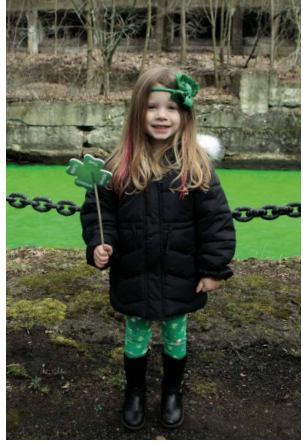
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One-Woman Play, Depicting True Encounters of Hardship in Gaza

BY MILES DAVIS

Among what seems like the contents of a studio apartment - a sheet, a megaphone, several books, a backpack, photographs - scattered on a bare stage, a lone woman speaks. She spins from one end of the stage to the other, spot-lit. She picks up first this object, then that, often using them to mime the events she's talking about. The events are the condensed life story, synthesized from journal entries, emails, and letters, of Rachel Corrie, an American diarist, activist, and human rights advocate who traveled to Gaza, Palestine in 2003 to do humanitarian work with other international students. The woman embodying her story with impressive flexibility of expression is local resident Jessica Frederick.

When Frederick was in her early 20s, she never thought her career choice would change the way she experienced world news - and transform her life. "It is haunting," she muses, "every time I hear reports from a region that was so formative when I was a young adult."

From 2007 to 2010, Frederick left Chautauqua County to live in the West Bank, doing humanitarian work with Community Peacemaker Teams, much like Rachel Corrie had 5 years earlier. While there, she supported the work of Palestinian practitioners of nonviolent resistance and collaborated with Israeli peacemakers and lawyers to advocate for Palestinian human rights. Because of her experience, reports on



Community Peacemaker Teams: Frederick (pictured on left) with Palestinian school children and fellow internationals from Community Peacemaker Teams

the war in Gaza have been hitting close to home.

"Since October 7th, I have heard from Palestinian friends about how the war in Gaza is having a direct impact on their lives and safety. I've been so deeply troubled by the news coming out of Gaza" says Frederick, "I had to do something."

That drive led her to the stage. Frederick, now priest for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown, performed "My Name is Rachel Corrie" with the support of St. Luke's community drama group, Winged Ox Players, in mid-March at the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown. This one-woman play, composed of Corrie's own words, is edited by Harry Potter star Alan Rickman and British journalist Katharine Viner.

"What I love about this play is that it is rooted in the fundamental humanity of Rachel and the people she encounters," reflects Frederick. "Her articulation

of human dignity in the face of overwhelming destruction makes, as Corrie states, 'bravery seem more possible.'"

The March 15th performance marked the 21st anniversary of Corrie's death: In an attempt to stop the demolition of a Palestinian home by the Israeli military, Corrie stood in front of an armored bulldozer, which crushed her to death. She was 23 years old.

At the free performances, Saint Luke's Church collected over \$1300 in donations for Gaza relief through the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. For those who wish to contribute to this cause, donations can be made electronically by going to www.tinyurl.com/StLukesGazaRelief, and selecting 'Gaza Relief' from the dropdown.

After the performances, audience members were

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Bridge

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There was a time when getting from the southern part of Chautauqua Lake to the upper lake was a logistical chore, Mayville to Jamestown was a journey, more than a grocery run. Routes 394 and 430 wrapped the lake, picturesque to be sure, but cumbersome for anyone in a hurry. This was prior to 1982. A drive from Jamestown to Long Point State Park was a common trip, fifteen miles or so up the north side of the lake.

If you then wanted to tour the southwestern coast, Stowe, Chautauqua Institution, or points south, you had one of three options:

1. Circumnavigate the lake, back through Jamestown, or north around Mayville.
2. Drive into Bemus, hope to catch the ferry.
- a. The ferry had to be running that day.
- b. The ferry had to be on your side, ready to go to the other side.
- c. You had to be the one of the first ten or so cars in line.

For an intrastate trip through New York, from the west to east you used the I-90 corridor along Lake Erie, all southern cities, Jamestown, Olean, Corning, and east, were accessible by backroads only. What is now Route 186 as a developed interstate highway wasn't a priority because of that pesky lake blocking any straight run west to east.

That changed in 1982 with the building of the Chautauqua County Veterans Memorial Bridge.

That Fall 10K race in Bemus, launching the opening of the first non-stop vehicle option for



\$4.7 million is allotted for the local access routes to the bridge off routes 430 and 394.

getting from one side of the lake to the other, was forty-two years ago, a long time for a bridge. Now it's in need of a facelift. Or in lieu of a cosmetic revival, some body work.

Enter New York State Department of Transportation and their checkbook.

The state has earmarked \$78 million for renovations and structural work on the Chautauqua County Veteran's Bridge. Another \$4.7 million for the local access routes to the bridge off routes 430 and 394. Work began on the main part of the 3,790-foot main span last summer (2023). It's expected to be completed fall of 2026.

New York State DOT Commissioner Marie Therese-Dominguez was in Chautauqua recently to oversee the start of the project. "It's going to enhance safety, it's going to ease travel and it's going to extend the service life of these bridges by another 40 years," she said.

The work being done probably won't show itself to the casual observer - new bridge joints, fresh decks, bearings, and repaired steel. The roadway will be resurfaced. On and off ramps will have new barriers.

The noticeable part will be the closures and re-routing of traffic to get

the job completed. The plan is to work one set of lanes at a time, and only close the entire bridge for short periods during nighttime. Local officials are of course asking people to be patient with the process and disruptions in traffic.

Commissioner Therese-Dominguez says, "It's going to take a lot of patience but in the end, I think it's going to be well worth it."

Governor Hochul released a statement saying, "To ensure that our communities and our economy in all regions of the state continue to grow and prosper, New York state is making investments to strengthen and harden our infrastructure to meet and exceed the challenges of the 21st Century."

State Sen. George Borrello, R-Irving, thanked Hochul for recognizing the importance of the bridge and the need to bolster the structure.

"She is no stranger to Chautauqua County, no stranger to Chautauqua Lake and she knows the importance of it," he said. "I want to truly thank her for investing in infrastructure around Chautauqua County, particular, this major, major investment in this bridge over Chautauqua Lake."

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Thinking about the Ladies during Women's History Month

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

We are half-way through the month of celebrating women's history and their stories. My friend, Mary Fox, shared a story about a friend in the Florida who does her share of making the world a bit cheerier. Her name is Wilma Largent, who originally hails from Indiana where she and friends dressed in fancy long dresses, hats, and sneakers covered with flowers to visit and cheer up folks in nursing homes. It was successful, but then she moved to Florida post-Covid, not knowing a soul. Remembering the effect flowers had on people, Wilma gathered up flowers in a basket and toured her new retirement community in her flower-bedecked golf cart, handing out flowers to everyone she met. She said, "sometimes things happen, and you feel you are on the right track. I just feel led to do this. You never know when you might meet someone who needs a flower," ... and maybe a hug, or willing ear, which also comes with Wilma's flowers at times. Why does she do this? "It's been a blessing to me", says Wilma. "The field is ripe for harvest." What a lovely life lesson from this feisty 88-year-old-sprite.

In the same spirit, Mary told me about the craft clubs she belongs to in Florida where the participants made magnets with words of encouragement on them, and another time painted rocks in bright, happy designs and delivered them to 600 homes in the community. Why? Just to touch lives and deliver bits of cheer. It's the little things. Women get that.

It was Ladies Day for the Ellicottville Ski Club

a few weeks ago. Well, it turns out this annual event is so much more than a day dedicated to fun. This year about 60 gals gathered for a full day of breakfast, lunch, skiing, and an apres-ski party. In speaking with Susie Robbins this writer discovered that, this year, she and Diane Rinaldo chaired the event that put a lovely check into the hands of the Great Valley Food Pantry. Apparently, the giving has been going on for nineteen years with a different organization chosen every year. Between entrance fees and a basket auction (and direct checks) these amazing, generous ladies generated \$4,200.00 and a truck filled with food to donate to the GV Pantry. Kudos ladies and thank you to Maria Barrera who gave us the heads' up on this story.

This paper is printed on March 21, National Rosie the Riveter Day, recognizing the part women played in the victory of WWII. History: December 7, 1941, Japan attacked the United States at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. December 8, America declared war against Japan and on December 11, Japan's Ally, Germany, declared war on the United States. Over ten million Americans (mainly men) out of an overall US population of 113 million signed up to serve in the military. Yet we needed to increase war production at home. Enter the ladies, six million of them. Rosie the Riveter was born. Her motto was simple - "We Can Do it." Many reading this may have had grandmoms who joined the workforce. My own mom helped in the auto industry while other women built planes and trucks. In those years and after, rationing was a way of life - commodities were



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rationed, and people were asked to "Use it up - Wear it out - Make it do - Or do without." We salvaged and recycled aluminum from gum and cigarette wrappers, rubber bands, and string, and everyone who had the space had a Victory Garden. A framed artwork from that period hangs in my kitchen created for mom and dad from that recycled aluminum.

Speaking of "the old days" I still remember going with mom to our local butcher shop in Sloan. I happened to be in Springville the other day and stopped at the Butcher Shop. I ordered a wonderful pork steak. When I got it home, I grinned when I realized that the butcher wrote the figures on the side of the paper for all my items and totaled them in pencil, just as my old butcher did in the late 40's early 50's. Sometimes following our parents lead is good thing.

My parents NEVER missed an opportunity to vote. Reminder: elections for the Presidential Primary start this coming Sunday through Saturday. Don't miss your opportunity to vote for the person you want to run our country. It starts with the primary. If you don't vote you have no right to complain.

First Mothers



THE WOMEN WHO SHAPED THE PRESIDENTS

Bonnie Angelo

It is mothers who launch their children into successful endeavors. When asked who inspired them, many of today's most famous business leaders credit their mothers: Bill Gates, Richard Branson, Arianna Huffington to name a few. Many presidents of the United States have attributed their success to their mothers. Read **First Mothers** by Bonnie Angelo. The power behind the thrones is always a force to be reckoned with.

roles. Ahhh, women. It appears that lifetimes ago, women had power equal to men. That is, until folks like Senator Cato came along and convinced others that women were a threat to them. And then, the struggle began ...

In what became America, the land of the free and the brave, it turns out that women were not so free after all. Way back then, they had to be brave and fight for what they knew to be their rights. In 1769 the colonies adopted the English system by which women cannot own property in their own name or get this, keep their own earnings. Surprisingly,

they could vote. But ... not for long. In 1777 all states passed laws taking away any rights women had to vote! It took until 1900 before every state finally passed laws allowing women the right to keep their wages and own property. And then, it took another twenty years before the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, ensuring the right to vote to [not all] women. The wheels guaranteeing women's rights continue to grind slowly.

Ever hear of the Equal Rights Amendment? In 1923 the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment

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since humans have been recording history, or likely before. In research, I discovered a photo of a green clay figure that dates to between 230,000 and 700,000 years ago, recognized to have been made by Neanderthals or even pre-dating them. It should be noted that Neanderthal communities "are considered to have shared many of the social and demographic characteristics of modern hunter gatherer communities and indeed have been suggested to have been matriarchal." In researching Matriarchy on Wikipedia.com. "... many scholars are convinced that Crete was a matriarchy, ruled by a queen-priestess" and the "Cretan civilization" was "matriarchal" before 1500 BC, when it was overrun and colonized by the patriarchy. This example is one of many I found in my research. Plato (born 428/427 bce) advocated that women possess "natural capacities" equal to men for governing and defending ancient Greece. Of course, he was shot down by Senator Marcus Porcius Cato, who argued that "as soon as they begin to be our equals, they will have become your superiors!" (History.com)

Closer to home, The Iroquois Confederacy (of which our neighbor, the Seneca Nation is part) operated by The Great Binding Law of Peace, a constitution by which women participated in the League's political decision-making, including deciding whether to proceed to war, through what may have been a matriarchy. In this society, mothers exercise central moral and political

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"Henry the 6, Part 2"



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Fasten your seat belt because this play is one WILD ride! It begins with the marriage of the King of England to a French princess. No one gives them so much as a toaster, (to be fair, they weren't available until about three centuries later) but the King confers a gift on one of the guests: the title of Duke. Little does he know, he's secretly the new Queen's boyfriend. Several guests hate the bride and want to be King themselves. Soon after the ceremony, the royal couple invites another couple to go hawking with them. That means they all go to watch barking dogs scare birds out of bushes, so trained falcons can swoop down on them. Why? Maybe because frisbee golf wasn't yet a thing? Shakespeare doesn't say. In any case, this strange choice of an activity for a honeymoon basically serves as foreshadowing

for much of the play's plot. The wife who's one-half of the couple that was invited, is obsessed with becoming the Queen herself (after her hubby, she hopes, becomes the King) and asks him what he dreamed. He says he dreamed he lost his position and two guys they know lost their heads. She ignores that negative stuff and tells him (no surprise) that she dreamed of becoming Queen. Ironically, right after she dismisses his dream, which later proves to be trouble, because (without her knowing it) the Queen's boyfriend caused her to be lured her into participating in the forbidden activity and he sends cops to catch her red-handed, to make his girlfriend happy. At another point, it appears that a miracle has happened, when a man proclaims that he was blind from birth but has just had his sight restored. The King believes it, but someone else is skeptical, and questions him, cleverly tricking him into revealing the truth about that. Then, when he claims he's lame, the same guy forces him to jump, exposing that lie as well, and he's punished. In short: while the king wants to take a leap of faith, someone else literally tells "the miracle man" to take a flying leap. Throughout the rest of the play, lots of murders happen, several of them beheadings, because so many people wanna be King. At one point, the Queen's boyfriend hires two hitmen to kill a guy, and then he tries to pretend he died in his bed, of natural causes. However one guy who could give Sherlock Holmes a run for his money, figures out that he had him murdered, and then the King exiles him, and he's killed on a ship (which fulfills one of the prophecies). Another one comes true near the end of the play, when a guy is sent to a castle to be executed. One guy who wants to be King, as crazy as the Joker, runs around London wreaking havoc with a mob. At one point, he orders a man murdered for the "crime" of knowing how to write his name?!? The man who manages to kill him is rewarded with a knighthood and lotsa money. The King and Queen flee, heading straight into "Henry the Sixth, Part Three".

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

By DARLENE BRACE

It's officially spring starting this week. That means it's time to escape the winter blues and cabin fever and get out and see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday March 21st - It's Karaoke Night at **Forte in downtown Jamestown** starting at 9pm. Come sing your heart out with your companion, as the theme this week is Duets. Have fun singing your favorite tune or come watch the show, while having some delicious food and drinks from their awesome menu.

Music for Your Mouth is hosting their Travel Around the World Series with culinary food and drinks from Mexico. To enjoy this Mexican culinary experience, call 716-224-1035 to make a reservation.

Friday March 22nd - Miranda Wilcox will be playing at the **Roger Tory Peterson Institute** for their Art After 5 event starting at 5:30pm. Miranda plays a wide variety of music genres, so there is sure to be music that everyone will enjoy. Included in your admission will be two hours of music, a pizza party, a free drink, and you can enjoy looking at the exhibits too.

Jason Merrick is a singer songwriter, and he will be playing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 6pm. Jason sings Americana music which can be considered a mix of folk, country, and alternative music. Come to Big Inlet to check out the music while sipping on your favorite beverage.

It's Trivia Night at **Southern Tier Distillery**

starting at 6 pm. The name of the game is Pop Culture, and it will be hosted by DJ K. Fit. It is free and is open to all ages. Get your team together and come show what you know, and maybe you will be the big winner.

Ion sky will be playing at **Buddy Brewster's** in Lakewood starting at 7pm. They will be playing acoustic versions of their rock and pop music. Enjoy some tasty food from their menu while listening to the music.

Shawbucks will be hosting Karaoke Night starting at 9pm. Karaoke Night will be hosted by DJ Giulia. He will be playing the tunes throughout the night. Pick your favorite tune to sing, or just watch as part of the audience. Either way, it's going to be a good time.

Saturday March 23rd - At the **Northwest Arena** in Jamestown, there will be The Red Carpet Disco Fever Gala. This is a women's only fundraising event, and it starts at 7pm. DJ Steve Trapani will be playing the tunes. There will be dancing, desserts, and raffles too. Come and dance the night away for a good cause.

Taylor Remaid will be rocking it out for their first time at **Shawbucks** in downtown Jamestown starting at 10 pm. They sing a fun mix of classic rock, country rock, and pop music and it's sure to be a fun night.

Paul Hunter will be playing at the **Southern Tier Distillery** starting at 5pm. Paul performs acoustic versions of rock and pop covers, mostly from the 90's- 2000's. Bring your friends and come check it out.

The Reg Lenna will continue its movie series

with the presentation of Bob Marley: One Love. The movie starts at 8pm and you can get tickets up to two hours before the show at reglenna.com.

Adam Gould will be playing at **Forte in downtown Jamestown** starting at 7:30pm. Enjoy food and drinks from their menu while listening to Adam play songs from his eclectic play list.

Big Inlet Brewing will be welcoming the return of the popular Black Widow. They will be playing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list starting at 5:30pm. Come and listen to the great sound of Lana and Dustin performing while enjoying a tasty beverage with family and friends.

Pearl City Hops at the **DoubleTree Hotel** in Jamestown will be hosting the popular local band Smokin' 45. They play mostly country/rock and the doors open at 7pm. There's a \$10 cover, and it might be busy so get there early if you want a seat. Come check it out and get movin' and groovin' with Smokin' 45.

The Busti Tap House is continuing its Funday Sunday events at 2pm on Sunday, March 24th. Dark Water Duo will be performing, and they play covers and originals including everything from classic rock, country, alternative, and Americana. Come have some delicious food while listening to this eclectic duo.

Spring has sprung and by next weekend it will already be the last weekend of March. Check out next week's issue to see what will be happening in Chautauqua County during the Easter holiday weekend.

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By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers makes for a locals favorite. This weeks musical hosts are Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. To have The Amazing Graces and these two guys in town on consecutive nights is why I live here.

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

The Gin Mill's Tuesday offering is Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a multi genre acoustic set of covers and originals. Don't forget those 37 beers that are always on tap.

We've ended the never-ending weekend the same for 40 years, at The Gin Mill, for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and all those draft beers is also a locals fave. Brian Rick is the new musical host. He plays a rock/folk/pop/country/alt set of covers.

If you've enjoyed your time in our village, tell your family and friends and return often but whenever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI from 9-2am playin the groove so you can bust a move in the second story window.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey is a singer, songwriter who plays a rock/folk/ Americana set of originals and covers. West takes the stage from 8-12am. This is the electrified version of 2 Guys.

Balloons is back with Tommy Z from 6:30-10pm. Tommy is a working musician who travels the world playing blues/rock originals and covers. The back bar will host Spencer Easton from 10-1am. He plays a country/rock set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth with some jams so you can shake your gams from 10-2am.

We're back at Madigans for the return of Dj SI from 9-2am. Check out the dart board and pool tables for you bar room decathletes.

SUNDAY

We return to The Gin Mill for the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Enjoy a late lunch or an early dinner or just do some day drinking.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Pasta made to order with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime rib cooked the way you like it. This weeks en-

Spring has sprung in the Enchanted Mountains and hiking and biking season is here but it's music season 12 months a year so let's see who's playing where?

We kick off the 7 day weekend at Balloons for Burger & Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu. This weeks musical host is Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared plays a rock/pop/alt/jazz set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday night offering is The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/country/folk set of covers and originals.

FRIDAY

We return to Balloons for Nashville North on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays country and country influenced rock. In the back bar Michael Nowak will perform from 10-2pm. He plays a rock/pop/alt set of covers. Dj Lyffe will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill is back with Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/blues/country/folk set of danceable covers. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails prepared

Beat on the Street:

"What Items Are on Your Bucket List or What Have You Crossed Off as Done?"

By Chad Neal

There is so much fun stuff that is showcased on television, in movies or on social media. Looking for a rush of adrenaline or tasting an exotic food, visiting certain places or trying out something almost out of reach are all part of activities on bucket lists all over the world. We as a free people want to do certain things or at least try new things and making the plan to do it at some point is making the "before I kick the bucket" list, which was made famous in a movie as well. Years ago many different ways of saying the term may have been "before I die I want to..." or "while I am still alive and able I have to do...". But the popularity of the term now is very widespread and many have completed some of the tasks on their personal tally. What items are on your bucket list or what have you crossed off as done?



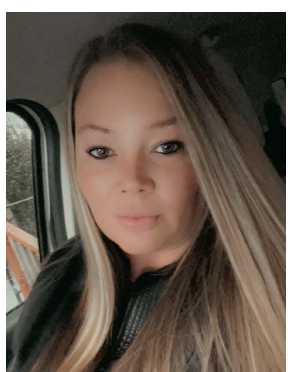
Arian T.- Walking for New York Fashion Week in Times Square. Something I want to do: see the northern lights!



Alan M.- North Dakota, Alaska and Hawaii the last three to see.



Justin D.- Alaska for number 50. And I've never been to a swim up bar.



Kasey T.- Seeing Eminem in concert is ON my bucket list.... Skydiving has been checked off!



Jack S.- Go to Europe.



Melissa N.- Sky diving! Going somewhere that has beautiful blue clear water and white sandy beaches!

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

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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7	2	3	8	4	5	9	6	1
8	5	7	9	3	6	4	1	2
6	9	2	1	8	4	7	3	5
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Evangola
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there will be many events to commemorate this milestone. One of the special 2024 events involves a checklist of 100 challenges. These challenges include: hiking, swimming at one of the beaches or pools, playing a round of golf or disc golf, exploring a gorge park, camping at a campsite, or attending a festival. If you complete two dozen of the 100 missions on the challenge checklist, New York State Parks will send you a sticker that says, "Centennial Challenge Finisher 2024" and you'll be entered into a drawing to win a multi-season Empire Pass and some Centennial souvenirs, including a t-shirt and tote bag. (The multi-season Empire Passes eliminate the day-use vehicle entry fees).

There are many activities involving the total eclipse of the sun on April 8th, 2024, that will be visible, in its totality, from several areas in Western New York. (It is important to remember that, apart from the time of totality, the solar eclipse can only be safely seen using special viewing glasses or handheld solar viewers, NOT regular sunglasses, even if they're polarized.) The Allegany State Park Eclipse Viewing event will take place between 10am-4pm On Saturday, March 23rd, at Niagara Falls state Park, a Park Naturalist will conduct one of the hands-on craft projects, a Pinhole Solar Eclipse Projector. This year, Evangola State Park is celebrating its 70th anniversary. The main attraction at the park is the beautiful, curving



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and Sunday, April 28th, scenic bluffs, on the shore of Lake Erie. It also offers swimming, picnic shelters, picnic table areas, 80 campsites, six yurts, a nature center, a baseball diamond, basketball and tennis courts and more! One of its best features is its spectacular sunsets. The campsites and yurts are available for camping from May 17th through October 13th, 2024. The 733-acre state park in South Erie County, NY, is located west of the Village of Franham, at the border of the Town of Brant and the Town of Evans. On Thursday, March 21st, you can visit the back trails of Evangola with a Park Naturalist to share in the "March Muckabout", seeking signs of Spring. On Saturday, March 30th, sand beach flanked by scenic bluffs, on the shore of Lake Erie. It also offers swimming, picnic shelters, picnic table areas, 80 campsites, six yurts, a nature center, a baseball diamond, basketball and tennis courts and more! One of its best features is its spectacular sunsets. The campsites and yurts are available for camping from May 17th through October 13th, 2024. The 733-acre state park in South Erie County, NY, is located west of the Village of Franham, at the border of the Town of Brant and the Town of Evans. On Thursday, March 21st, you can visit the back trails of Evangola with a Park Naturalist to share in the "March Muckabout", seeking signs of Spring. On Saturday, March 30th, and Sunday, April 28th, from 10-11:30am join the fun there with "Find That Frog". Registration is required for all three of these activities, at Eventbrite.com. Cool fact: the three-acre wetland along the entrance parkway was created in 2010, and won the ACEC Engineering Excellence Award in 2013, the first landscape project ever to do so! Evangola State Park is located at 10191 Old Lake Shore Road, in Angola, NY. (716) 549-1802. The number of the Evangola Nature Center, which features activities and displays focused on Lake Erie, is (716) 282-5154. For more information about the centennial events, go to parks.ny.gov/100.

Women
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was introduced. And it is not passed yet. Why is it such a hot potato? Quite possibly because it says, "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction." Not strictly for women, in 1963 the Equal Pay act was passed promising equitable wages for the same work, regardless of the race, color, religion, national origin or sex of the worker. Is it working? Decide for yourself. Last week Equal Pay Day was Tuesday, March 12, 2024. "This date symbolizes how far into the year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The

wage gap is even greater for most women of color." One step forward, two steps back. It's about that law promising equitable wages! Yet it is mothers who launch their children into successful endeavors. When asked who inspired them, many of today's most famous business leaders credit their mothers: Bill Gates, Richard Branson, Arianna Huffington to name a few. Many presidents of the United States have attributed their success to their mothers. Read First Mothers by Bonnie Angelo. The power behind the thrones is always a force to be reckoned with. And this month dedicated to women offers an opportunity for every woman, every man who supports and appreciates women, every young child - boys and girls - to be mindful of how the women in their lives make life better even when their own rights are being threatened. What can you do TODAY to help advance the equal rights of women? If you can't think of anything else, VOTE! Presidential Primary is April 2 with early voting beginning March 23 in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua and Erie counties. Think of the shrinking rights of the women in your lives and choose wisely. It is mothers who launch their children into successful endeavors. When asked who inspired them, many of today's most famous business leaders credit their mothers: Bill Gates, Richard Branson, Arianna Huffington to name a few. Many presidents of the United States have attributed their success to their mothers. Read First Mothers by Bonnie Angelo. The power behind the thrones is always a force to be reckoned with.

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Himes

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store and we intend to keep the vibe/decor similar - think purple and whimsy. The Elmwood Village neighborhood, despite being in the city, has a similar feel to it as Ellicottville does. There's a sense of community, lots of fun and interesting shops, tons of foot traffic, and some really cool cafes and restaurants. We

are planning to open this spring." Himes also expressed to *The Villager*, the opening of the second location, which she will be running "was the catalyst for me joining as an owner". She will also continue to be involved in managing the Ellicottville store, "With me in Buffalo, and Rachel and Scotty in Ellicottville, working together to manage the two stores, we will be able to share responsibilities and keep

a cohesive brand between the stores. As a team, we all balance each other out well and bring complementary strengths to the table." Himes also wrote a short history of the Purple Doorknob which hangs on the wall there which regales the history of the store and its origin as an antique store with "sock displays for added flair". And the purchase of the store by Northrup and their move to the new location which is steeped in Northrup history.

Corrie

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interested in taking action on behalf of the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. St. Luke's Episcopal Church is drafting a letter to our representatives in Congress: Calling for a humanitarian truce, as voted for by the United Nations General Assembly, and to urge members of Congress to push for the creation of a humanitarian corridor

into Gaza to allow urgently needed food, water, medical supplies, and fuel to vulnerable people.

Community members who are interested participating and signing this letter can contact the Rev. Jessica Frederick at Jessica.Frederick@stlukesjamestown.org

(Pictured, right) Rachel Corrie, the subject of "My Name is Rachel Corrie", traveled to Gaza in 2003 to do humanitarian work.



Railrider

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He plays dobro, which is also known as 'the original electric guitar', as it amplifies the sound in a mechanical way. "The dobro is known as the 'sometimes Y' of Bluegrass, as it's not an essential instrument (like the vowels A-E-I-O-U), but it adds a unique sound quality. It's played face up on the lap, and creates a sliding sound, notes with a songlike quality."

Their music has evolved throughout the years, as the musicians learn from each others styles and how to compliment each other. "Not only do we evolve as musicians, but we've grown as a band. Our music still stays true to our roots, but we've changed as individuals, as musicians, and ultimately as a band over the years. The technical abilities have always been there, but our songwriting has evolved over the years as well as we learn how to work together."

Andy's favorite moments as a musician are the performances. "The

connection between the band and the crowd can be incredible. When the crowd is engaged and you lose yourself in the music, those are the best moments. As a band, we strive to tap into the energy of the crowd and connect; we want everyone to feel the music and the energy it creates."

For more information on The Infamous Stringdusters visit <https://www.thestringdusters.com/> and see them live this weekend, Saturday, March 23 at Railrider Jamboree at Holiday Valley, taking stage @ 7:30pm.

Always a Kwik Smile

Up Close with Mayville Manager Susie Eichelberger

BY ABBEY FLAHERTY

Whether you are filling your car up with gas or looking for a quick snack at Kwik Fill what you are guaranteed to find is a warm and inviting staff. I had the delight of meeting Susie Eichelberger and over time recognized how she took the time to get to know me, welcome me into the area and see how she treated each customer like family. Getting to know them she would remember small details, asking about life events they had shared and remembering small details about things they liked and looked for in the store. It became apparent that she was the quintessential ideal employee that any company could hope for to represent them.

Susie has enjoyed being in Mayville, New York for six years and had her first weekend trip here with her then

boyfriend who became her husband. They had three amazing children and they ran businesses together as a luxury dog boarding place at Creature Comfort kennel and at home services for pets. Times became difficult during the housing bubble and when her husband passed away three years ago unexpectedly during COVID, she needed a new purpose. Kwik Fill has given her that purpose and Debbie, her manager, gave her the position.

Susie loves her job and has an incredible perseverant attitude! "The people that I work with make it so easy to go to work. My manager, Debbie, is so understanding. We are there for each other when we have hard times. I'm blessed to meet the people that I meet. I have the nicest customers. I care about these people that I meet everyday."

I welcome you to visit Susie at Kwik Fill at 14 Water Street in Mayville, New York.



Susie Eichelberger and her husband owned a luxury dog boarding program in Mayville before the hard times of COVID hit; after which she was faced with many difficulties and the opportunity to work at Kwik Fill gave her new purpose.

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Easter

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there will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Barker Commons. If you'd like to volunteer for this event or for more information, go to festivalsfredoniany.org/easter-festival.

The **Chautauqua Safety Village** in Ashville will be having an Easter Carnival on March 23rd from 11am-2pm. Their admission to this festival is \$5 per person, with children under two free. Your admission includes a bounce house, (weather permitting), carnival games, a carnival style funhouse, crafts, and train rides around the village. Marty the Bubble Guy, who puts on a fun musical show, will be performing at noon. Explore the village where candy will be handed out. Kettle corn and other food and drinks will be available. There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny with photo opportunities. Most of the activities will be outdoors, so please dress accordingly. If you want more information on this event, go to their website.

The community is invited to the 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the **Randolph American Legion**. The Easter Egg Hunt will start at 10am, but you can get in starting at 9am. There will be raffles and a chance to have pictures taken with

the Easter Bunny. This will take place outside, weather permitting, so dress accordingly.

In **Gowanda**, you can hop on the Peter Cottontail Express on March 23rd and 24th. The Peter Cotton Tail Express is a two-hour round-trip train ride to South Dayton. During the thirty-minute layover in South Dayton, there will be an Easter egg hunt, weather permitting. Each child will be allowed to find five eggs. In the event of rain, the Easter Bunny will hand out five eggs to each child. You will be able to take some fun pictures along this excursion. There are departures each day at 11am and 2pm. To book this fun Easter event, go to www.nylerailroad.com. You should arrive one hour before departure to check-in and get your tickets at the Gowanda Depot, which is located at 50 Commercial Street in Gowanda, NY.

The City of **Jamestown** Parks and Recreation and Conservation Department will be having its 76th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. As in many years in the past, this event will be held in Allen Park on Saturday, March 30th at 11am. This event is for children ages 12 and under. There will be lots of eggs hidden but keep your eyes open for the special prize eggs. There will also be a visit from the Easter Bunny.

The **Bemus Point** Golf and Tap House will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on March 30th starting at 10:30am. There will be 3000 eggs hidden. Children will search within four age groups for the egg hunt. After the egg hunt, you can enjoy lunch with the Easter Bunny and have your picture taken with him.

The **Ellicottville** Volunteer Firemen's Department will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024. It will take place at the Ellicottville Town Park starting at 1 pm. In case of inclement weather, it will be held in the Ellicottville Firehall.

You and your family can enjoy the Easter Bunny and Spring Fun Fundraising Event on March 30th from 2pm-4pm. This event will be held at 6550 Southwestern Blvd. in **Lakewood**, NY. There will be a visit with the Easter Bunny with plenty of photo opportunities. You will have fun playing games and participating in the obstacle course. There will be face painting and basket raffles. Come join the fun and help a worthy cause.

What a fun Easter week and lots of Easter eggs to find in Western New York. Hopefully you can get out and enjoy some of these Easter activities and find some of those eggs.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



View Down Washington St. Ellicottville NY. Circa 1972

Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



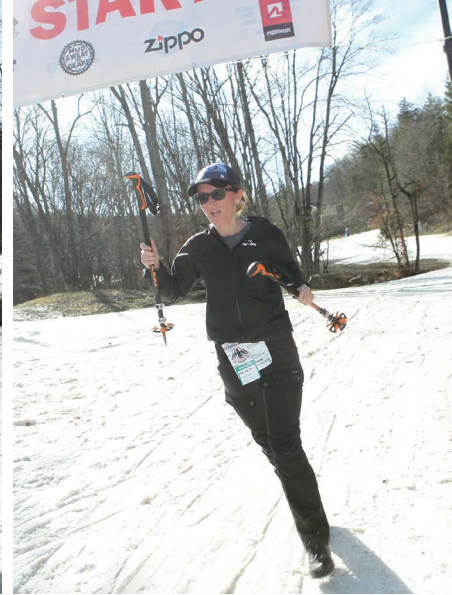
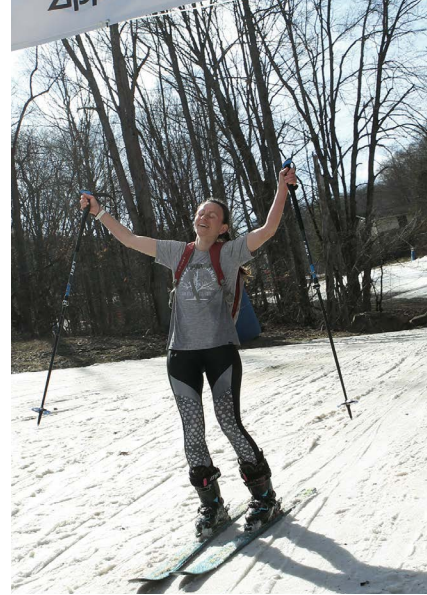
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