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Friday, April 5 • 11am
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Friday, April 5 • 8:30pm
Jamestown, NY

**PUBLIC SKATE AND LIGHTS OUT
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FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
Saturday, April 6 • 10am
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**"MURDER IN THE CELLAR"
AT STEELBOUND**
Sunday April 7 • 4:30pm
Ellicottville, NY

**FLY BY NIGHT: 2024 SOLAR
ECLIPSE AT JMST AIRPORT**
Sunday April 7 • 9am
Jamestown, NY

**SOLAR ECLIPSE CELEBRATION
AT THE HERON**
Sun/Mon, April 7-8 • All-Day
Sherman, NY

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
Monday, April 8 • 2pm
Southern Tier, NY

**TOTAL ECLIPSE PARTY
AT HOLMONT**
Monday April 8 • 12pm
Ellicottville, NY

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE
Monday April 8 • 2:04-3:20pm
Southern Tier NY

**SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY
AT THE FISH**
Monday, April 8 • 2pm
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**TOTALITY BASH AT HOLIDAY
VALLEY RESORT**
Monday, April 8 • 10am
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Friday, April 19 • 7pm
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Saturday April 20 • 11am
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First Total Solar Eclipse in Decades

Path of Totality Crosses Chautauqua County



Today it is a rare occasion to view something fantastical. So, plan for the event as soon as possible. Most children will be home from school to view the spectacular event. Families and friends will be gathering to share in the joy. But it's extremely important to protect your eyes, you must view the eclipse with special glasses. Looking directly at the sun without these glasses could do permanent damage to your eyes. So, you must get these special glasses in advance. Alternatively, you can watch the eclipse using two plain white paper plates. Poke a hole in one, and turn away from the sun, let the sun shine through the hole and cast the shadow onto the other plate. Then watch the moon move into the sun. (See story "Eclipse", pg. 7.)

Total Eclipse Festivities

Events in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties



Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY invites you to embark on an astronomical adventure and celebrate the awe-inspiring beauty of the solar eclipse. Nestled in the picturesque landscape that has been a haven for outdoor enthusiasts, Holiday Valley invites you to be part of a celestial event like no other - the Totality Bash on April 8 with a pre-party and educational event April 7! Holiday Valley is right along the path of totality for this amazing event, which means this is going to be an incredible location to view this very rare occurrence. (See story "EVENTS", pg. 7)

Baseball: As American as Apple Pie.

Celebrating EVL's Small Part in the Big Game



Louisville Sluggers used to get their start in Cattaraugus County. The white ash tree found locally in New York and Pennsylvania was harvested by Larimer and Norton Inc. of Ellicottville giving life to those magical wooden sticks wielded by greats like Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, Hank Aaron, George Brett, Ken Griffey Jr., and Derek Jeter. They built those bats in the Larimer and Norton building which now is the site for the Bristol Lane plaza home to many new businesses such as Tim and Bonnies and Johnnies Barber Shop. You can learn more at the Ellicottville Historical Society when they open their doors on weekends this coming summer.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Play Ball!!

Baseball season opened this past week. I don't claim to know much about the sport, but I do know that players on the professional teams need high-

quality wooden bats. When one mentions Louisville Slugger bats, thoughts immediately go to Louisville, Kentucky where the famous bats are made. And rightly so. The famous museum (pictured) is located

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Reg Lenna Hosts Napoleon Dynamite

Cult Classic Conversation in Jamestown, April 17



The beloved indie classic Napoleon Dynamite was released 20 years ago this summer. Since then, much has changed; but the characters, as enduring as they are endearing, stay in our hearts. Appealing to the inner-teenager in each of us, the story, and more importantly the dialogue, makes Napoleon Dynamite one of the most quoted movies of our time. This unique evening includes a full screening of Napoleon Dynamite followed by a lively, freewheeling, moderated discussion with fan-favorite cast members; Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite) and Efen Ramirez (Pedro).

BY BILL BURK

If you've never seen the movie Napoleon Dynamite do this: Go to Wikipedia and read the plot synopsis. You'll be able

to picture the storyline, some characters and plot devices and the general premise of the movie.

Ignore what you read there. SEE "DYNAMITE" PG. 10

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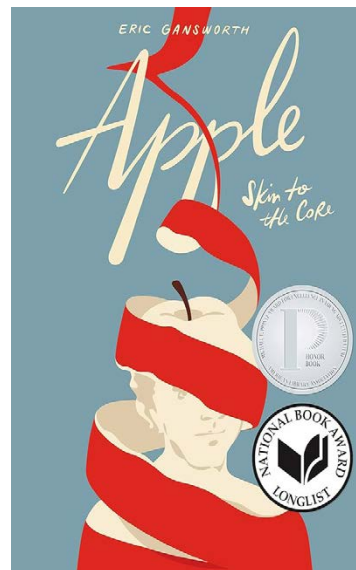
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Villager Contributing Writer Showcases WNY at Library

"CHQ Book Read"

Discussion on Indigenous Experience



Apple: Skin to the Core
by Eric Gansworth highlights indigenous experience.

Looking for a new book to read, and some community to discuss it with? There's plenty of time to participate in the third annual Chautauqua County Book Read. Co-organized by the YWCA of Jamestown and the Chautauqua Institution, this annual event brings Chautauqua County together to read and discuss a book chosen to "help heal our divides and propel participants to be engaged citizens working towards a more inclusive and just society".

This year's book is Apple: Skin to the Core, by Onondaga writer and visual artist Eric Gansworth. Over the course of a prolific

MILES HILTON

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Jamestown Young Professionals

Increasing Personal & Professional Connections



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BY ABBEY FLAHERTY

"Young is a mindset" is the motto for the Jamestown Young Professionals group. An amazing group that started over 10 years ago began to fizzle away during the rough times that we all faced during COVID. Understanding the importance of their mission, members were determined to bring it back to the community and the group began a new life under the umbrella of the United Way.

Founded on the principle that too many people think that they are "not professional enough" to join such a group or that they do not fall into the appropriate age category, the Jamestown Young Professionals group is open to everyone. They welcome people of all ages interested in both networking as well as increasing personal and professional connections for the betterment of Chautauqua County.

The group is currently focused on three main

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Publisher's Word

"Counting Our Blessings."

Like many of us, we took a vacation this week, but not totally. We have worked steadfast on this publication for you the entire time and I can't be prouder of the finished product. We can take a respite and still be at work, it just takes drive and a love for what we do; and that we have.

My partner in crime, Jon Elder, took some time with his family, while I am in the Keys with my significant, Bruce Scroxton. I appreciate them both dearly for appreciating my passion to do my work and artwork for you to enjoy.

How did you spend your holiday?
What are your favorite holiday traditions?
We love to share your ideas. Send us a note and participate!
Also: I would like to give a congratulations to Katy C. for the newest forth-coming member of her family and to my Mom and Dad for adopting their newest "fur baby" "Tony", a very special black chow mix that came into their life this weekend.

For any inquiries and submissions, please do not be hesitant: info@thevillager.com; (716) 699-2058 or simply go online to www.thevillager.com and click on general submission.

Thank you for enjoying the read and we will see you here next week same "bat-time same bat-place".

Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Email us your birthday greetings: info@thevillager.com

Local Law Stunts Progression Cannabis-Related Business Applications Restricted

BY JEFF MARTIN

The Ellicottville Town Board during its regular March meeting approved a local law enacting a 12-month moratorium on the processing of applications, approvals, or permits for the establishment of cannabis use or distribution facilities.

The objective of this legislation is to allow the town enough time to finalize the adoption of comprehensive zoning and land-use regulations pertaining to the placement of cannabis-related establishments. The measure is also aimed at mitigating potential disruptions and nuisances that such operations might pose to other municipal activities.

Under the terms of the moratorium, various processes including the acceptance and processing of permit applications, as well as the granting

of variances, special use permits, or building permits for cannabis-related facilities, will be temporarily halted for a duration of twelve months. The decision comes as the town seeks to deliberate on recommendations from the town planner regarding the optimal siting of cannabis-related businesses within its jurisdiction.

In the event of any legal challenges, wherein a court deems any part of this local law invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the legislation will remain intact, with the invalidated portion applicable only to the specific circumstances of the dispute.

Effective immediately, the local law imposes restrictions on the progression of cannabis-related business applications. During the meeting, notable attention was drawn from attendees, particularly regarding the rationale behind the moratorium. One resident raised inquiries concerning the imposition of a 12-month moratorium despite the town's prior decision to "opt in" for cannabis-related activities, according to meeting minutes.

Clarification was provided, emphasizing the town's authority in regulating the timing, location, and manner of such businesses to forestall any adverse impacts on municipal activities. Additionally, discussion continued regarding existing regulations in the village, aiming to resolve any confusion among attendees.

The passing of this local law marks a significant step in Ellicottville's approach towards managing the burgeoning cannabis industry within its borders.

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Jamestown NY: You're directly in the Path of Total Hilarity during Solar Eclipse Weekend, April 4 through April 8. Join the National Comedy Center at the award-winning museum – the "Cooperstown of Comedy" – for non-stop laughter all weekend long. It's an interactive playground for the entire family, showcasing comedy's greatest hits. Take an immersive journey through the world of comedy: put yourself in classic TV and movie scenes, perform our interactive Comedy Continuum wall and much more.

Free Eclipse glasses with admission throughout the weekend while supplies last. Prime Viewing Location for the Eclipse on Comedy Center Park on Monday, April 8. (Free parking with admission until lot is full)

Plan your visit at ComedyCenter.org or walk in from 10am-5pm throughout the weekend for a day filled with laughter.

Float the Allegheny

Olean Hosts River Float Event May 18, 2024



Participants ready themselves for departure for this leisurely event down the Allegheny river

OLEAN: For 2024, the Float the Allegheny event will be a non-timed regatta running from South Union Street in Olean to Allegheny River Park, followed by a fun festival for all – music, food, refreshments, cornhole and more – at Randy’s Up the River!

The float event will follow suit with other Chamber events, with the goal of supporting companies in creating internal wellness programs and promoting team-building, fitness and friendly competition. “We want our event to allow local businesses/organizations and residents to com-

pete in a participative and competitive basis, while promoting fitness and corporate camaraderie,” stated Lyndsey Churakos, GOACC Member Services Manager. There are additional sponsor levels for this event available: WRISTBAND Sponsor: company name/logo on wristbands for all attendees; four (4) float participation tickets- \$500; Mayhem PARTY Sponsor: logo on party signs and four (4) float participation tickets- \$500; and M3 BLING Sponsor: company name/logo on dry bag given to all participants; and four (4) float participation tickets- \$600. Despite a rainout in 2023, the 2022 Float boasted 127 participants, with a goal this year of over 200! For more information, registration details, please call 716-372-4433

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Par For a Purpose: Cancer Research

Ellicottville C.O.C. Teams with Labatt for New Event



Everyone has been affected by Cancer in one way or another in their lifetime. So, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Labatt to create an event where a portion of the proceeds will be to benefit the 11 Day Power Play. Go to www.ellicottvilleny.com to learn more about the 11 Day Power Play and all of the amazing work they are doing to fight cancer.

“Something BIG” Large Works Show

Tri-County Arts Council Presentation, March 23-April 27



OLEAN NY - Big things are happening at the Tri-County Arts Council! The TCAC is pleased to announce our first ever, “Something BIG” large works show. The show runs March 23 to April 27 in the Peg Bothner Gallery, located at 110 W. State St. in Olean. “We (TCAC) decided that after years of small works shows, that it would be fun for our members to “stretch their legs” and have a large works show.” said Paula Bernstein, Executive Director of the Tri-County Arts Council. “We were blown away by the response! 75 artists submitted 158 pieces! Due

to space limitations we had to jury this show, and in the end, we were able to accept 50 pieces from 50 artists.” Each entry had to be “large” for their media. 24 inches square for painting, and various other size requirements for jewelry, pottery, and sculpture. Accepted works include watercolor, gouache, oil painting, photography pottery, jewelry, metal works, stained glass, and more. The “Something BIG” participating artists include Satiyavani Pippalla Akula, Kasia Ambuski, Wendy Bale, John Balacki, Kobie Barber, Carol Beato Smith, Dennis Bertram, Donald Black, Rose Brawn,

Marshall Burns, Michelle Capizzi, Jim Douglas, Audrey Kay Dowling, Karen Fitzpatrick, Barbara Fox, Brenda Freeman Sawyer, Ed Green, Marshall Green, Theresa Heinz, Mark Corwine, Zachary and Lindsay Horn, Lorinda John, D’Arsie Mae, Emily Leone Meidenbauer, Melissa Locke, Myriam Mayshark, Barbara Mink, Geraldine Nash Smith, Jean Nevinger, Nancy Nixon Ensign, Violet Nolder, Thomas Paquette, Megan Parry, Amanda Parry Oglesbee, Brian Payne, Sarah Phillips, Philip Procter, Daryl Reding, Matt Retzlaff, Fr Michael Reyes OFM, Megan Saboda, Brook Shumway, Darlene Subulski, Julie Thurber, Jennie Thwing, Peter Tucker, Marsha Van Vlack, Felicity Vickman, Tara Walker, Paige Wiard, and Abby Zickefoose. The Tri-County Arts Council Peg Bothner Gallery is open to the public. Each piece is available to purchase in person or online at www.tricountyartscouncil.org, and a portion of each sale supports the arts council. The Tri-County Arts Council advocates for the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region. TCAC is always adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule at 110 West State St in Olean, NY 14760. To learn more or view artwork in the show, visit www.tricountyartscouncil.org and follow the TCAC on Facebook and Instagram.

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Baseball

CONT. FROM COVER

blocks away from where the first bats were made by a 17-year-old who thought he had a better idea than his father for their wood turning business. In 1864, Dad (Frederick Hillerich) was content turning shutters and spindles and steamboat interiors. His business was thriving. But his son, John Andrew (Bud) Hillerich, had another idea. This seventeen-year-old worked with his dad in the business, but he played hooky one day, heading off to watch the Louisville Eclipse play a game. Sidenote: the kid loved playing amateur baseball and was known to make bats for himself and several of his friends. According to company legend, Pete Browning, a megastar of Louisville's major league team, was having a bad slump, breaking yet another wooden bat during that game. Someone pointed out to Browning that a young man in the stands made high quality bats for his fellow amateur baseball teammates. Allegedly, Browning asked Bud Hillerich to make him a new bat. According to legend, by the next game he scored three hits with the bat Bud made. And that is how Pete Browning became known as "The Louisville Slugger."

My old friend, Dana Fitzpatrick, of Fitzpatrick and Weller Lumber, told me years ago that Cattaraugus County was at one time the hardwood capital of the east. Truly, we are noted for an abundance of hardwoods

in this area. Since being hit by the infamous ash borer insect, first spotted in this area (Randolph) in 2009, our ash tree population has been decimated as they are in many parts of the country. But years back our trees grew in healthy abundance, growing to 100 feet or more, wearing a dense crown over the upper half of the trunk. They were quite majestic.

The Hillerichs' also had access to this hardwood and their baseball bat business began to grow. In 1894, the name "Louisville Slugger" became their registered trademark; and by 1897, Bud joined his father as a partner. 8 years later, in 1905, another superstar, Honus "The Flying Dutchman" Wagner endorsed the bat - the first time a pro ever endorsed any athletic product.

The Hillerich's were spot-on building awesome bats, but they were clueless about marketing them. Marketing is key, that's why it's so important for today's businesses to advertise in papers like *The Villager* and to reach out personally to potential customers the way the new Ellicottville Bake Shop did, by calling community members and keeping them informed and asking for their comments in person - twice! Thankfully for the Hillerich's, Frank Bradsby, a savvy salesman for one of their largest buyers, joined their company. By 1916 he was full partner, having brought a broader market and mightier drive to the business. They changed the name to Hillerich and Bradsby Co.

Along came WWII and a change of production to equipment for the troops,

even hiring women to keep the factory producing. Post war, they got back into full production of their famous bats. A gentleman by the name of Irv Norton worked for the Adirondack bat company and by 1946, he and a partner Dan Larimer, a country store operator, started a bat mill on the west side of Conewango Creek in Akeley, near Russell, Pennsylvania. They moved to a larger location in 1950 and somewhere between that date and when I arrived in Ellicottville in the late 1960's, they opened another plant 45 miles northeast in Ellicottville, then closed it sometime in the 90's where today on that original site one finds Tim and Bonnies, Daily City Train, Johnnies Barber Shop, Rustix Hair Design, CCSE Federal Credit Union, Core Performance and more.

So next time you're sitting in the stands, eating your peanuts and cracker jacks, while getting ready for the seventh inning stretch as you root, root, root for the home team, and you hear the crack of a wooden bat against a baseball, think of the connection to Ellicottville. This little town in the Southern Tier that once gave life to those magical wooden sticks wielded by greats like Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Jackie Robinson, Roberto Clemente, Hank Aaron, George Brett, Ken Griffey Jr., and Derek Jeter. You can learn more at the Ellicottville Historical Society when they open their doors on weekends this coming summer.

CHQ. Business After Hours Event

Mazza CHQ Cellars and Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing



Westfield NY: Join us for Business After Hours at Mazza Chautauqua Cellars and Five & 20 Spirits and Brewing! Thursday, April 11, 5-6:30pm

Business After Hours is a great opportunity to do some networking. When the workday ends, enjoy some appetizers and a cash bar, and then move on with your evening. These events bring together people from

all types of businesses from all over Chautauqua County. The Chamber structures them just enough so you can get to know others in the room. Be sure to bring business cards for networking and our door prize drawing.

Each Chamber member organization can send two people at no charge. Any attendees beyond the two-person

limit, or non-members, will be \$10 per person. Advanced registration is appreciated and will get you on our Who's Who in the Room list.

Registration is open now. We look forward to seeing you there! Mazza Chautauqua Cellars and Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing 8398 West Main Road, Westfield, NY.

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Villager Contributing Writer Showcases WNY at Library



and it is now above the library's water fountain. Other photos in the library depict various "moods" of water in the woods and at the shore: when it's rushing in a mountain stream, rippling over rocks and shining in the slanting light of a sunset. I took the panoramic photo featuring that light on Lake Erie at Woodlawn Beach State Park, where a flock of seagulls seemed to have gathered to admire the setting sun.

Various photos from my adventures can be seen on my Facebook page, which has the heading "Barbara Jones (Barbara Arnstein)". If you are interested in reproductions of any of them, contact me at barnstein3@gmail.com. If you go to nwf.org/gallery and put in my name, you can view some of the fifteen photos I submitted and vote on one or more for the "People's Choice" award. You can also view photos I've taken by going to zazzle.com and putting in the store name "Beauty Unlimited". I took all the color photos there. Finally, if you go to chautauquaartgallery.com and click on "Note Cards", you can see two sets of cards featuring photos I've taken.

Each week I write about local places and events for this paper, and the column "Streamlined Shakespeare". Each one is a humorous summary of a different Shakespeare play, and I'm well on my way to writing about every one of them. The library is located at 6499 Maples Road. For more information go to ellicottvillelibrary.org, or call (716) 699-2842.

Local artist and contributing writer to The Villager, Barbara Arnstein (pictured with some of her work) has some of her photography on display at the Ellicottville Memorial Library through the end of June.

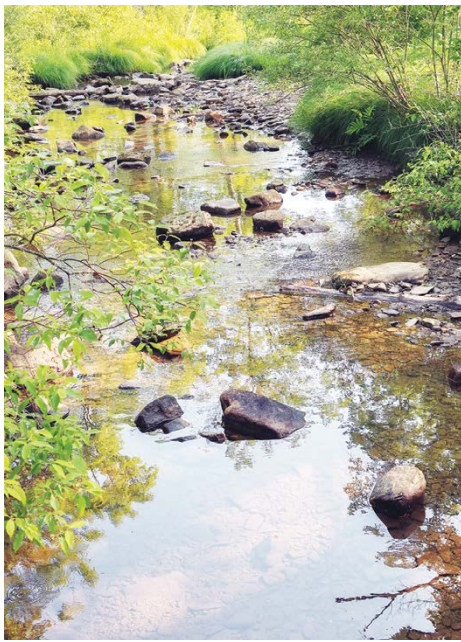
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

State Park, Woodlawn Beach State Park and the Adirondacks. Photos I shot at all four of those areas, and others, are on display in the library.

My goal as a photographer is to capture the emotional essence of the amazing natural sights I see, and to convey to the viewer how it felt to see them. One of my library photos is of a deck overlooking the water with a table and chairs, and a sky full of interesting clouds above it. It is an invitation to every viewer to imagine taking a seat and contemplating the grandeur above them. My photos were displayed in Springville during the Art Crawl in '21 '22 and '23, and the recent Petit Noel show at Art's Cafe. The two-toned close-up of splashing water was, appropriately, on display in the lobby of the Joylan Theater during the run of "The Little Mermaid"

Until the end of June 2024, photos I've taken all around Western New York can be seen at the Ellicottville Memorial Library. These photos were taken during some of the many hiking & photography adventures I've enjoyed since I moved from New York City to Springville several years ago.

As soon as I arrived, I began hiking in natural areas with beauty that amazed me, and eventually continued hiking and enjoying the beauty in all four seasons. Prize-winning photographer David Lawrence Reade, author of several books full of beautiful nature photos including Western New York Wild introduced me to countless scenic areas including Allegany State Park, Evangola



Two of the photos on display in the library. One of my library photos is of a deck overlooking the water with a table and chairs, and a sky full of interesting clouds above it. It is an invitation to every viewer to imagine taking a seat and contemplating the grandeur above them. Other photos in the library depict various "moods" of water in the woods and at the shore: when it's rushing in a mountain stream, rippling over rocks and shining in the slanting light of a sunset.

Community Wide Garage Sale

Olean Joins Together for a Big Sale Event, May 11



OLEAN NY: The Community-Wide Garage Sale event is back to one date for 2024, so don't miss out!

In 2023, the event boasted 146 total households, and this year promises to bring the same energy, as we return to the classic schedule of one great date in May.

The sales will run on Saturday, May 11th, from 9am-4pm. The deadline to register your garage sale is 12pm on Wednesday, May 8th. Maps and a complete listing of locations and items of the garages sales will be available FREE at the Chamber office, 301 North Union Street no later than Friday, May 10th.

The event has no rain date. Households sales will go forward rain or shine.

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Giving Back to Those in Need

Howard Hanna in Ellicottville Supports Local Food Pantries



working at that time, they won't be able to stop by, so we see a lot of people with that issue," Benson said. Benson said they always seem to be running out of canned goods, like canned fruits and vegetables, so those are always good items for donations. Other

Donating what you can is simple, can by can..... a little truly goes a long way.

needed items include cereal, peanut butter, pasta, and spaghetti.

Benson shared that Goode called her a few weeks ago to share the good news that Howard Hanna would be collecting donations to split between the two local food pantries. Since then, there have already been a few deliveries of donations from the office. Donations can be brought to the office at 34 Washington Street in Ellicottville year-round.

"A little goes a long way," said Goode. "Everyone chipping in a can here and there helps a lot". The office is open 7 days a week for donations.

Benson shared that people who rely on the pantries are very grateful. The purpose of the pantry is to supply a family with three days worth of food. In addition to donations from community members and organizations like Howard Hanna, the pantry itself purchases pizzas from Little Cesar's and provides frozen meat for families to take home.

The pantry is also

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The Little Valley food pantry (pictured) is located at 207 Rock City Street in Little Valley, NY 14755 and can be reached at (716) 665-8540. The Ellicottville food pantry is located in the United Church of Ellicottville at 53 Elizabeth Street in Ellicottville, NY 14731 and can be reached at (716) 699-4003.

BY DELAINEY MUSCATO – ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV.

This year, the Ellicottville office of Howard Hanna has decided to give back in a new way. The office will be collecting donations for the Great Valley food pantry and Ellicottville food pantry.

Sandra Goode, the Ellicottville office sales manager, shared her excitement at this new opportunity to give back to the community.

"We always try to get involved in the community and help out where we can," Goode said. This drive will help support two food pantries in the area that are always in need of donations.

Jan Benson, coordinator at the Great Valley food pantry said that the pantry is currently helping to support between 45 to 50 families. At this time last year, Benson said the pantry was supporting about 35 families. Their need for donations of any kind has increased.

In addition to families from Great Valley, Benson said they see people from Kill Buck, Little Valley, Salamanca, Humphrey and other surrounding hamlets and villages. Oftentimes, people cannot go to their designated food pantries, Benson said, because their schedules do not align with the pantry's hours.

"The Little Valley pantry is open from 9am-1pm on Fridays. If someone is

Sheriffs' Institute Membership Drive

Chautauqua County Sheriff Announces Need for Funding



MAYVILLE, NY – The New York State Sheriffs' Institute's annual Honorary Membership drive has begun across New York State. Sheriff Quattrone states that Honorary Membership invitations will be arriving in randomly selected mailboxes across Chautauqua County over the next two weeks.

Sheriffs' Institute Honorary Membership dues help to support the Institute's robust programming for youth and sheriffs' offices which include the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, crime victim services, annual scholarship program, and education, training, and awards programs for sheriffs' offices personnel.

The Sheriffs' Summer Camp is the Institute's flagship program located on Keuka Lake. Each summer, 840 economically challenged children from across New York State participate under the direct guidance of sheriffs and sheriffs' office personnel who volunteer their time to help make the camp a success. The Sheriffs' Summer Camp provides an opportunity to bring children together with deputy sheriffs in a positive and meaningful environment. The week-long camp directly benefits children in our own local communities who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in a summer camp experience.

Chautauqua Sheriff's Office selects children from our local communi-

ties who benefit through the camp's summer recreation activities which are designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self-esteem.

"The Chautauqua Office is proud to support the Sheriffs' Institute and the excellent work they do in supporting our youth and personnel. The incredible summer camp experience and educational and training opportunities provided by the Institute are invaluable assets to our county residents and sheriff's office. We encourage anyone who is interested in becoming an Honorary Member and help support these great programs," states Sheriff Quattrone.

In addition to the Sheriffs' Summer Camp, the Sheriffs' Institute also provides an annual scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Programs. This scholarship program is designed to help attract the best and

the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

Honorary Memberships help fund the Sheriffs' Camp and other New York State Sheriffs' Institute programs. If you are an individual who would like to become an Honorary Member and did not receive a letter in the mail, please visit www.sheriffsinstitute.org. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and helps support youth, crime victims, and law enforcement in our local community through the Institute's programs. Established in 1979, the Sheriffs' Institute is a not-for-profit corporation and tax-exempt organization. Contributions to the Institute are tax deductible, and the Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau. Neither the Chautauqua Sheriff's Office nor the Institute solicits donations or memberships via telephone.

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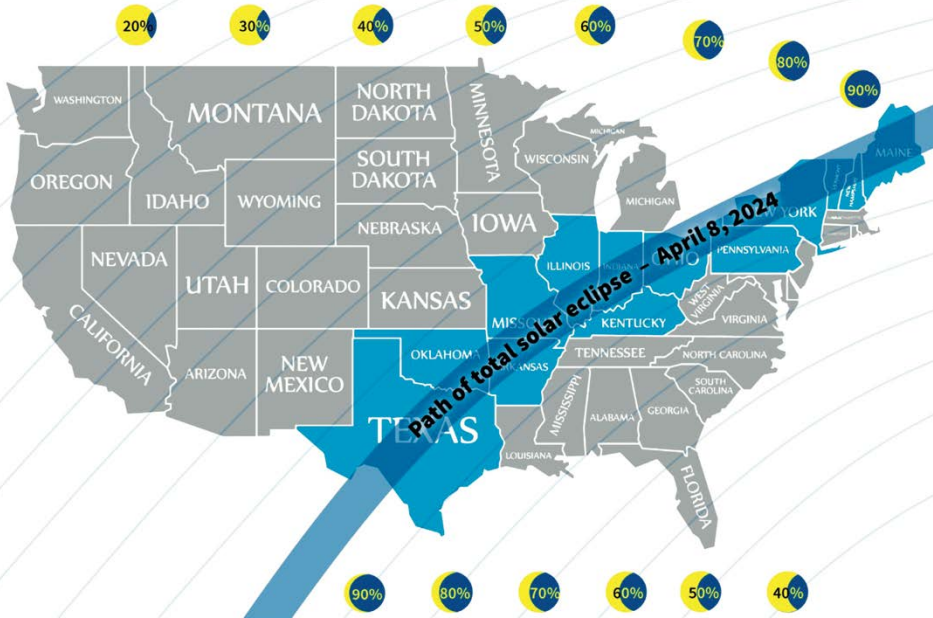
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Eclipse

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By CARA BIRRIERTIERI
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Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. The eclipse will enter Canada in Southern Ontario, and continue through Quebec, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The eclipse will exit North America on the coast of Newfoundland, Canada, at 5:16pm NDT.

What does that all mean and why is it such a rare event?

A solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes directly in front of the Sun's light and casts its shadow on Earth. Therefore, during the day, the moon slowly moves over the sun and here on earth, where the moon's shadow falls, it gets dark in the middle of the day.

On average a total eclipse of the sun actually happens once somewhere on earth about every year and a half. Note: a partial solar eclipse happens when the Moon only covers part of the sun; this happens at least twice a year somewhere on Earth.

These events are rare because we hardly ever get the chance to see a total solar eclipse where we live. The moon's shadow is not very wide, and it crosses the earth in different places every time. Also, you have to be on the daylight side of the planet and in the direct path of the moon's shadow.

NASA says, "On average, the same spot on Earth only gets to see a solar eclipse for a few minutes about every 375 years!"

Now that you understand how a solar eclipse works; you will grasp why a lunar eclipse is much more common. First, it's important to know that the brightness of the moon is from the sun shining on its surface. That's why we see the moon as a bright disc. When the earth blocks the sunshine on the moon's surface it turns reddish and almost 3-dimensional, like the ball that it is. Of course, the huge planet earth gets in the way of the sunshine on the moon more often because of its size. Also, more people can see a lunar eclipse because anyone on the side of the earth where the moon is, will see the eerie moon lacking sunshine.

All rare celestial events though the centuries were thought of as sinister, a doomsday omen. People associated solar eclipses with gods, demons, and even animals: in Asia it was a dragon; in Peru it was a puma; some Native Americans imagined a hungry bear; and the Vikings saw a pair of sky wolves.

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The Dunkirk Clarion Hotel, in collaborations with the City of Dunkirk and Steelbound Brewery, are having an Eclipse Fest on April 8 from 11am-7pm.

Events

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By DARLENE BRACE

As we well know by now, Monday, April 8, 2024, there will be a total eclipse of the sun taking place in this region of New York State. We will be lucky to be able to witness this extraordinary event. The moon will align perfectly between the Earth and the sun, casting its shadow and creating a few moments of totality of darkness. In Chautauqua County and Cattaraugus County. The partial phase will begin just after 2pm, leading up to the peak of totality at approximately 3:17 and lasting for approximately 3 1/2 minutes. The whole event will span over 2 1/2 hours concluding around 4:30pm.

Many area schools in the region are closed in anticipation of this once in a lifetime event. There is expected to be an influx of thousands of visitors to the region causing increased traffic conditions. It is advised to take extra care and time when traveling.

Since Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties are in the total darkness

eclipse path, there are many festivals and activities happening in the area. A couple of weeks ago there was an informative article in *The Villager* about some of the eclipse events that are taking place in Chautauqua County. Read on to find information about additional eclipse events in Chautauqua County as well as some in Cattaraugus County.

CHAUTAUQUA CO. EVENTS-
The Dunkirk Clarion Hotel, in collaborations with the City of Dunkirk and Steelbound Brewery, are having an Eclipse Fest on April 8 from 11am-7pm. There will be waterfront viewing area for the eclipse. There will be food, games and activities. Steelbound will have beer and drink specials. At 3:30 there will be an ice sculpture demonstration. DJ Jas will be playing tunes from 11am-4pm, followed by the Porcelain Bus Drivers from 4pm-7pm. They will also be offering VIP tickets for \$50 a person that includes pavilion access, complimentary appetizers 2 drink tickets and one raffle ticket. They are having a raffle with 3 great prizes including a Grand Prize of dinner and an overnight accommodation for two. Some of the proceeds will

go to Hope Rises.

In Clymer, Peek n' Peak will be inviting the public to the resort on Monday April 8 to enjoy the total eclipse. They will have six viewing stations throughout the resort. They are having a viewing party on the Lodge Deck starting at 12pm. There will be music, food, and drinks to purchase, and firepits to relax near in anticipation of the big event. After the eclipse, there will be a Blue Moon After Party on the Bistro 210.

The Chautauqua County-Jamestown Airport will be having a Solar Eclipse Event on April 7th and 8th. It will be from 9am-5pm both days, located in and near the main terminal building. They will have a pancake breakfast from 7am-12pm both days. Throughout the event there will be music provided by a local DJ as well as over 20 local craft and food vendors. There will be 3 food trucks, an ice cream truck, kettle corn and other tasty treats. The flight school will be providing discovery flights. The large landscape that the

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Audubon Hosts Educational Series

Learn About Mussels at Audubon First Friday, April 4

JAMESTOWN, N.Y. – At Audubon Community Nature Center’s April 4 First Friday, you can learn about “Flexing Our Mussels — Restoring Pennsylvania’s Freshwater Mussel Populations” with Elyse Henshaw.

While many people may not pay much attention to these “living rocks,” they actually have incredibly complex life cycles and serve an invaluable role within streams and rivers. Freshwater mussels are natural filters and improve water quality that, in turn, supports healthy populations of other species like aquatic invertebrates, game fish, amphibians, and so on. Unfortunately, many freshwater mussel species populations are imperiled and need additional support.

In response, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has taken strides to restore populations by propagating mussels at the Union City Aquatic Conservation Center. Henshaw discusses the challenges and rewards of raising mussels and the excitement of stocking hatchery-raised species into Pennsylvania’s streams and rivers in an effort to restore their populations and keep common species common.

In her role as fisheries biologist aide at the PFBC, Henshaw spends her days adventuring throughout

the streams and forests of Pennsylvania. For over a decade, she has worked with wildlife and fisheries, and has been so privileged to spend time in many stunning landscapes across the Allegheny National Forest and beyond. From Timber Rattlesnakes to freshwater mussels, she has worked with many interesting animals and even more interesting people.

You are welcome to bring a bagged lunch and join Henshaw after the program for lunch and conversation.

The fee is \$8 or \$6 for Nature Center members and children ages 9 to 15. Reservations are appreciated by calling (716) 569-2345 or online through Programs and Events at AudubonCNC.org. Walk-ins are welcome.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross



You can learn about mussels, aka “living rocks,” at Audubon Community Nature Center’s First Friday, April 4 when Elyse Henshaw presents “Flexing Our Mussels — Restoring Pennsylvania’s Freshwater Mussel Populations.”

country ski over five miles of trails down until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays through Saturdays, 10am-4:30pm and Sundays, 1-4:30pm. Nature Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org.

JYP Morning Buzz

Jamestown Young Professionals Are Networking

The Jamestown Young Professionals and Crown Street Roasting Company are partnering to provide a space for networking in the city of Jamestown, each-and-every Third Thursday in 2024.

The “JYP Morning Buzz At Crown” events will be held from 7:30am-9:30am on the Third Thursday of each month at the Crown Street Roasting Company’s West 3rd Street location.

“We’re so excited to be taking a successful, one-time event and turning it into a series,” said Kirstie Lind Hanson, head of the JYP planning committee. “The turnout and reception for our morning networking event in January at Crown Street was phenomenal. We look forward to continuing to facilitate these types of opportunities for anyone in the community who is interested in coming together to connect.”

The Jamestown Young Professionals group is open to everyone. The group welcomes everyone of all ages interested in both networking as well as leveraging personal and professional connections for the betterment of Chautauqua

County. Don’t let the “Young” in JYP fool you. Established professionals in the community can help JYP’s younger membership by coming to meetings and connecting members with their personal networks.

Don’t consider yourself a “professional”? Well, think again. We hear it all the time from both young business owners and established business owners – that the concept of “professional networking” isn’t for them. JYP is a networking group for a new generation. Help us dispel the pervasive, old school mentality that a suit-and-tie are required to meet, talk, connect and help make this community a better place. We’re seeking a diverse group of voices from all walks of life and who represent the diverse types of industry and small business in our community.

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than anything, we’re interested in meeting with the existing stakeholders in this region and fostering the next generation of stewards for this community.

The Crown Street Roasting Company is located at 16 West Third Street and can be reached at 716-708-6136. The Jamestown Young Professionals can be found online at Facebook.com/JamestownYoungProfessionals and Instagram.com/JamestownNYYoungProfessionals. Questions? Suggestions? Email us at: JamestownYoungProfessionals@GMail.com

Professionals

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events. The first being a monthly morning gathering. The “JYP Morning Buzz At Crown” events will be held from 7:30am to 9:30am on the Third Thursday of each month at the Crown Street

Roasting Company’s West 3rd Street location. The second is periodic happy hour events that will be taking place at various locations allowing for people to meet who cannot attend the early morning time. And last is a once a year larger event geared towards the winter season which may be a dance or a dinner.

Membership is not required and the Jamestown Young Professionals group is looking for more people to join them to bring diverse thoughts and backgrounds to the group.

The Jamestown Young Professionals can be found online at Facebook and Instagram.

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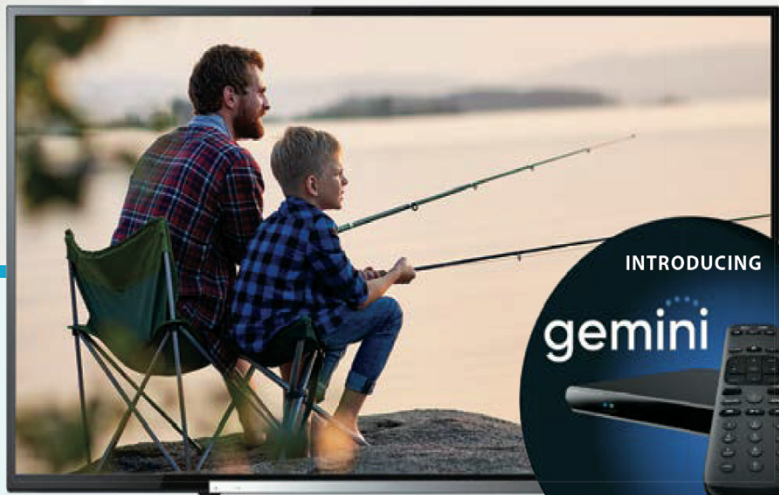
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LAKEWOOD, NY – The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy has earned national recognition as an accredited land trust from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance.

Accreditation is awarded to land trusts that have completed a comprehensive and rigorous third-party review of their policies and practices and successfully shown that they meet or exceed the highest national standards for excellence, accountability, and conservation permanence. Demonstrating such a strong commitment to these standards helps to enhance the trust and confidence a land trust has with its conservation partners, members, donors, foundations, landowners, and communities in which they work. It also has the potential to open up additional funding opportunities in furtherance of the land trust's mission.

"It is exciting to recognize Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy with this national mark of distinction," said Melissa Kalvestrand, executive director of the Commission. "Donors and partners can trust that the more than 450 accredited land trusts across the country are united be-

hind strong standards and have demonstrated sound finances, ethical conduct, responsible governance, and lasting stewardship." Per the Commission, "accredited land trusts steward almost 20 million acres of land – the size of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island combined."

The Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy is a non-profit conservation organization that has been working since 1990 to preserve and enhance the quality, natural beauty, biological diversity, ecological health, and outdoor recreational opportunities of the lands and waters throughout the Chautauqua region for present and future generations. Today, it owns and actively manages 35 nature preserves on more than 1,250 acres of land, protecting numerous wetlands and other sensitive habitats. The Conservancy also provides programs to educate residents, landowners, businesses, governments, and other organizations about best land management practices and other conservation tools for community involvement in protecting the region's natural resources. One of those programs, LakeScapes, was given special recognition by the Commission during the Con-

servancy's accreditation review process.

Rebecca Nystrom, chair of the Conservancy's board of directors, commented that, "It is with a deep sense of accomplishment and gratitude that Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy has achieved the distinction and honor of national accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, in recognition of our 34+ years of steadfast, adaptive, and effective programs and activities protecting the vital ecosystems, water quality, and the scenic beauty of the woodlands, wetlands, waterways, and shorelands of the Chautauqua region. Special recognition and thanks must be given to our dedicated staff, whose diligence and countless hours rigorously documenting the Conservancy's fiscal accountability, strong organizational leadership, conservation ethic, and commitment to national standards of excellence were invaluable in achieving this recognition."

More information on the Conservancy and accreditation can be found on the Conservancy's website at www.chautauquawatershed.org and the Land Trust Accreditation Commission website at www.landtrustaccreditation.org.

CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services is pleased to announce the return of its annual Dining in the Dark event on April 12th at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY. This event is a unique sensory experience that allows guests to dine without the sense of sight. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, featuring a cash bar and silent and live auctions. The silent and live auctions will provide guests with the opportunity to bid on a variety of items, with the proceeds going towards CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services. At 6:15 p.m., dinner seating will begin, with each guest being blindfolded and escorted to their table by a sighted guide. The dining experience will consist of a 3-course meal, designed to tantalize the taste buds and heighten the senses.

CBA partners with Jamestown Community College's Occupational Therapy department and SUNY Fredonia's Pre-Health Professions Club to teach the students how to support and work with

visually impaired individuals. The students then guide the guests around the dinner tables and throughout the evening. Guests are encouraged to wear their masks until dessert is served.

"I am so excited to announce that our next Dining in the Dark event will be on April 12th. Our event in 2023 was one of our biggest ever, and we hope to have another successful fund raising this year. Thank you to all sponsors and participants who help us provide our services!" says Gene West, President of CBA Vision Rehabilitation Board of Directors. The event is a fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for the programs of CBA, which are aimed at education, prevention and supporting visually impaired individuals. The agency serves both Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties. Their programs include Vision Rehabilitation, Orientation and Mobility Training, Vocational Rehab, and the Youth Vision Screening program. Megan Maynard, newly

appointed Executive Director, expressed her excitement to host the event and present it to the community, highlighting the organization's mission to provide essential services for the visually impaired. "I have always looked forward to this event - it's one of my favorite nights of the year," said Ms. Maynard. "The dining experience offered is truly unique as it allows guests to enjoy a delicious meal without the use of their sight. This presents a wonderful opportunity to walk around, interact with others, and gain a better understanding of what it's like to be visually impaired. Additionally, this is a great chance to learn more about CBA's programs." CBA has been serving the area for over a century and has initiated several programs for the benefit of the community. Formerly known as Chautauqua Blind Association, they continue to serve visually impaired clients in

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During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, CASA of Chautauqua challenges residents of Chautauqua County to stand against child abuse and take action to support children who have been abused or neglected. Throughout the

month of April, CASA of Chautauqua is calling on members of the community to help our program serve more of Chautauqua County's most vulnerable children. The public is invited to join our Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Pinwheels for Prevention is a national awareness campaign created by Prevent Child Abuse America urging people to act to prevent childhood abuse and neglect by transforming awareness into action.

Look for the Pinwheels

for Prevention campaign at area financial institutions, convenience stores, markets, restaurants, gas stations, liquor stores, libraries and more. Visit any participating business to purchase a pinwheel for \$2 or a pinwheel card for \$1.

Show your support by planting a pinwheel garden at your doorstep, by your mailbox or anywhere at your home or business! Bouquets of 10 pinwheels are available for \$20 by emailing Kelly Fiorella at kfiorellacasa@gmail.com.

Blind

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and outside their homes, as well as vision screen over 4,300 children in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County in 2023. The screening program identifies children with vision disorders and eye abnormalities, working with schools to then refer these children to area eye care professionals for further evaluations and/or treatment. CBA has reached several children and families who may not have sought eye care previously. Also, to ensure that follow-up treatment is received for these children, CBA created the Sight for Success Program in 2019 for children with financial needs. Follow-

ing the untimely death of Dr. Timothy Grace, many individuals made donations and memorials in his honor, leading to the formation of the Dr. Timothy Grace Sight for Success Program. This program continues to keep Dr. Grace's passion for eye health alive.

Reservations for the event are \$65 per person and include a choice of a 3-course meal. Dinner reservations are appreciated by Tuesday, April 2, and can be made online at cbavision.org, or by calling 716-664-6660. There are also discounted room rates available at the hotel for stays.

Dining in the Dark also offers community partners and businesses a great way to support CBA while receiving exceptional visibility and recognition. There are various sponsorship levels available to fit any

budget and they all include dinner reservations. For sponsorship information, call Megan Maynard at 716-664-6660 or email director@cbavision.org. The sponsorship deadline is March 20.

If you are unable to attend but would like to support the mission of CBA Vision Rehabilitation, a tax-deductible donation can be made online at cbavision.org or by sending a check to CBA, 510 W. 5th Street, Jamestown, NY.

For more information about CBA Vision Rehabilitation or to learn more about upcoming events, visit cbavision.org or call 716-664-6660. CBA Vision Rehabilitation Services is a 501 (c) 3 not-for-profit charitable organization. CBA Vision Rehabilitation is a United Way Community Partner.

Dynamite

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Find somewhere to watch a trailer of the film. You won't be able to reconcile what you read in Wikipedia in any measurable way with what you'll see, but it'll help you get a visual of how the story is laid out, what the characters look like, how some scenes are crafted.

Then pretend you never saw that.

Next, ask someone who's seen it to explain it to you.

Don't bother to listen, they won't make sense.

Finally, rent the full-length film. Watch it alone while preoccupied with something else, like vacuuming or doing your taxes. You'll be tempted to rewind and try to pick up the thread of the plot.

Don't. It won't help.

Then go online and buy tickets to Napoleon Dynamite; A Conversation with Jon Heder and Efrén Ramirez, showing at the Reg Lenna Theater in Jamestown, Wednesday, April 17th from 7-10pm. If you've never seen the movie, you won't be disappointed. If you're a fan, you'll be glad you did.

Scott Wolfman, President of Wolfman Productions, Inc. out of Connecticut has booked some form of this show since the movie came out twenty years ago. The independent film got rave reviews at the Sundance Film Festival, submitted by new filmmakers Jess and Jerusha Hess. It was a surprise hit from the start. In a recent *cpw* on-line interview Jess says about it, "...we were showing it (at Sundance) and people like started clapping, and we were like, OK, people

Napoleon Dynamite was made on a budget under half a million dollars and grossed over \$44 million in its first year of domestic release. It's listed as number 14 on Bravo's 100 funniest films.

get it."

That was twenty years ago. People are still watching and "getting" Napoleon Dynamite today.

Check out the YouTube video highlighting the show that will be at Reg Lenna; reglenna.com/events/napoleon-dynamite-conversation. In it you see it's a family-oriented, interactive audience participation celebration. Wolfman says, "That video will give you a sense of the love and connection the fans have for the movie and the characters. Our show has an odd and wonderful audience participation feel to it."

The movie was filmed in Idaho and on the Utah border, picturesque backgrounds and mid-west sceneries are a feature. It was made on a budget under half a million dollars and grossed over \$44 million in its first year of domestic release. It's listed as number 14 on Bravo's 100 funniest films. That's a pretty fair recipe for a cult classic. So, in 2015, the fifteenth anniversary of the premier, Wolfman, The Hess', and the stars of the movie decided to develop a more audience-friendly, interactively organic show for their fans.

Jon Heder has been in more than forty movies, and on T.V. (*Mad TV*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *My Name is Earl*, to name a few). Efrén Ramirez, thirty movie credits and T.V. appearances in *American Dad*, and *FBI's Most*

Wanted. In *Napoleon*, the two play mid-west high schoolers as quirky as you can imagine.

"Part of the dialogue about *Napoleon Dynamite* is the first time you see it, you don't get it. The second time you think it's okay. The third and times after you think it's great," says Wolfman. "At the show, people dress like *Napoleon*, there are "Vote for Pedro" tee shirts people bring footballs, and dress like Uncle Rico. It's a tribute to the genius of Jared and Jerusha Hess that the show has this following. We see parents who have introduced the movie to their children, sometimes three generations of fans."

The promo for the event reads: The beloved indie classic *Napoleon Dynamite* was released 20 years ago this summer. Since then, much has changed; but the characters, as enduring as they are endearing, stay in our hearts. Appealing to the inner-teenager in each of us, the story, and more importantly the dialogue, makes *Napoleon Dynamite* one of the most quoted movies of our time.

Napoleon Dynamite; *A Conversation* with Jon Heder and Efrén Ramirez is three hours, including the screening of the movie and discussion. VIP experiences are available, which include a signed poster, photo opportunity and meet and greet with Heder and Ramirez prior to the event.

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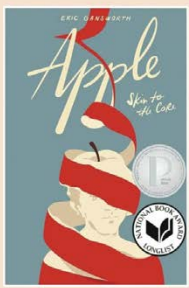
career, Gansworth has published a dozen books spanning several genres, as well as plays and poetry. *Apple: Skin to the Core* is a memoir in verse, illustrated by the author.

CHQ Book Read participants are encouraged to join a discussion group between April 15 and 26th. Discussion groups will be held both in person and online, and those interested can find more information and register at www.ywcajamestown.com/chqbookread.

In addition to the YWCA and the Chautauqua Institution, a number of other organizations across the county are partnering for the CHQ Book Read. Among them are the Audubon Community Nature Center, several libraries around the county, the Rotary Club of Jamestown, local churches and art spaces, and the Chautauqua County IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and access) coalition.

On August 1st, Eric Gansworth will speak at the Chautauqua Institution. August 1st is

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'Chautauqua Day' at the Chautauqua Institution, and all Chautauqua County residents enjoy free parking and admission to the grounds. For more information, see the link above or contact Amanda Gering, the Executive Director of the YWCA of Jamestown (agesing@ywcajamestown.com), Amit Taneja, Senior VP & Chief IDEA Officer at the Chautauqua Institution (ataneja@chq.org), or Danica Olson, Project Coordinator of the CHQ Book Read (chqbookread@ywcajamestown.com).

Musings from Lorac: What's all the Bzzz about?

35% of the World's Food Crops Depend on Animal Pollinators



Some scientists estimate that one out of every three bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators like bees, butterflies and moths, birds and bats and beetles and other insects. Three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about 35 percent of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce. That's one out of every three bites of food you eat. According to local bee expert, Bob Brachmann, bees are the busiest pollinators, but credit also goes to moths whom he says get no respect, butterflies, birds, bats, lots of insects including the hated fly (well, at least that gave me some insight as to why God created them) and he even wonders if mosquitoes don't play a role in the pollination of our vital plants.

By, CAROL FISHER LINN

Spring has arrived in our part of the world. She's unpredictable - the sunny days tempt us to work outdoors - don't!

Among other things I lay claim to, I am a gardener. For years, I couldn't wait for the first nice spring day to grab my handy winter boots and coat and lined garden gloves to go out to do battle with last winter's leaves, weeds, and residue. I know better now.

If my winter coat and boots are in regular use, I now know that my previous haste killed off my beloved bees and other pollinators who were not quite through over-wintering. The intermittent fifty-sixty-even-seventy-degree days may have looked like spring had sprung, but the nights in teens and low twenties told a different tale.

I mentioned putting on my handy coat and boots. When preparing to do war with the winter residue, there are three questions we should ask ourselves: 1) Have I put away the

snow shovel, mittens, and winter coats? If you are still wearing woolen socks and long underwear it is simply too early. 2) Would you plant tomatoes now? We gardeners know that we don't plant tomatoes until evening temps are continuously in the 50's. When it's time to plant tomatoes, pollinators will have left their cozy, protective nests. 3) If you can't remember any of these suggestions, ask yourself, have I paid my taxes? In northern states, mid-April is the very earliest you should consider cutting back perennials and clearing garden debris. It's still too early for the bees (they emerge late May) so the longer you can give them, the better.

Why worry about pollinators anyway? We live in unending wild, greenspace. Surely there is enough room for these guys in the fields and forests without messing with our spring cleanup schedules, right? Here's what the USDA tells us: You may have heard that

bees are disappearing, and bats are dying. These and other animal pollinators face many challenges in the modern world. Habitat loss, disease, parasites, and environmental contaminants have all contributed to the decline of many species of pollinators. Pollinators that can't find the right quantity or quality of food (nectar and pollen from blooming plants within flight range) don't survive. Right now, there simply aren't enough pollinator-friendly plantings to support pollinators. Learn more here about how USDA is helping pollinators.

So what's the big deal? Again, from the USDA: Pollinators like honeybees, butterflies, birds, bats and other animals pollinate crops like apples, bananas, blueberries, strawberries, melon, peaches, potatoes, vanilla, almonds, coffee and chocolate. Three-fourths of the world's flowering plants and about

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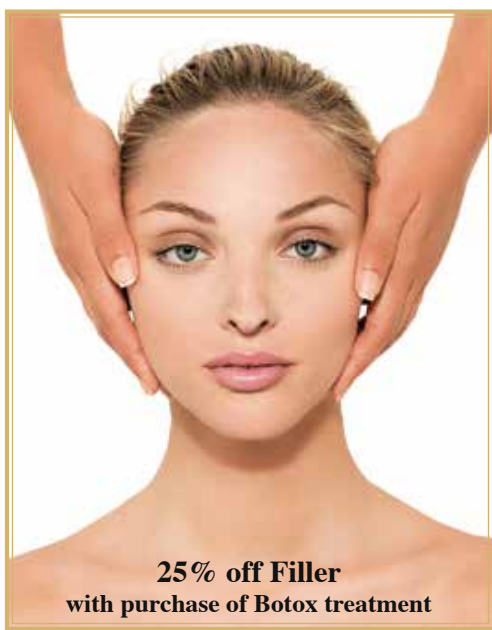
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Dr. Woloszyn grew up in Poland where he graduated from the Medical University of Gdansk in 2002. He completed his internal medicine residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. He has been proudly practicing since 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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“King Lear”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

“King Lear”, set in ancient Britain, begins with a scene in which the king is preparing to relinquish his royal responsibilities and divide his kingdom among his three daughters. But first he asks each of them to tell him how much they love him, and says the best praise will get the best reward. The oldest tells him she loves him as much as she loves life, health, and honor. Then she says she loves him as much as the loveliest child ever loved their father!

Dad gives her a third of his kingdom immediately. Then the second sister basically replies, “I love you as much as my older sister does, and MORE! More than anything else I love!” and she is instantly given a third, too. The youngest, who recognizes that Dad has what is now known as Narcissistic Personality Disorder, refuses to butter him up. She basically answers, “I love you as much as a daughter should.”

Lear responds furiously to this, saying that he’s splitting between her sisters

what he was about to give her, plus he never wants to see her again! When someone protests about her treatment, he orders him outta there, too! Luckily for her, the King of France wants to marry her and he whisks her away to his kingdom. As for that protestor, he later returns in disguise and Lear hires him as his servant. Lear says he’s going to live with each of his older daughters in turn, and expects they’ll also host one hundred of his friends who love to party. When his daughters say that only he can stay with them, he’s so enraged he heads out into a thunderstorm, ranting and raving.

The disguised guy and the court’s (professional) Fool take him to a shelter, where they meet another disguised guy, pretending he’s a wandering, gibbering beggar. That guy’s part of a subplot involving a man with two sons. Because the illegitimate one envied the legitimate one (him) so much, he convinced their father the wanderer was planning to kill them both. This caused him to have to run for his life (in disguise) when their father vowed to have him hunted down. Later on, the wanderer winds up taking care of their father. When Dad wants to commit suicide, he convinces him to live by pretending a miracle has happened to prevent him.

oldest sisters are really horrible people. Since each sister can command armed forces, battling eventually begins between Britain and France. Strangely enough, both the older sisters develop crushes on the illegitimate son, and one asks him if he’ll kill her husband so they can marry. Ultimately, one poisons the other and then kills herself.

Throughout the play, lots of characters die, some good, some bad. One of the sisters kills a servant because he mortally wounded her husband when he was trying to stop him from torturing the father of the sons. Another servant is killed by the illegitimate son. That one is eventually killed by his half-brother, and their father drops dead. At the end, when France loses the battle, the youngest daughter is executed, an execution ordered by the illegitimate son. Her father kills the executioner but apparently dies from the heartbreak of seeing her dead. The entire play is so depressing (especially the scene with onstage gruesome, horrific violence) that someone once wrote a less harrowing version, that ends with Lear’s youngest daughter marrying the legitimate son. It was so popular that it was performed, in place of the original version, for almost 150 years, up until 1823.

It turns out the two

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend



As a fundraiser for the 96th Highlanders Pipes & Drums Scholarship Fund, Chautauqua Suites will be having a Pipes and Ale Party starting at 6pm. Celtic music will be performed by Step N Time and Catch N Release. A general admission ticket is \$30 and will include wine, beer, pop, and snacks. Overnight/admission packages are available. Tickets can be purchased at www.96thhighlanders.com.

By DARLENE BRACE,

Community Nature Center, OsbornNash will perform from 8:30pm-10pm. They will play some of your favorite cover tunes and some of their originals.

Campfire Junkie is performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 6pm. They play a mix of covers and original music of mostly country tunes. Sit down, relax, and enjoy a cold beverage while enjoying the music. They are also performing on Saturday at 8pm at Group-Ther-Happy is Lakewood.

Saturday April 6 - Miranda Wilcox will be performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 5:30pm. She enjoys playing all genres of music. Come listen to her eclectic set list while enjoying an evening out with your friends and family.

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general admission ticket is \$30 and will include wine, beer, pop, and snacks. Overnight/admission packages are available. Tickets can be purchased at www.96thhighlanders.com.

Reset to Vinyl will be rocking the Village of Fredonia at **64 on the Rocks**. They play a fun mix of classic rock, 80s, alternative 90s, & current rock/pop music. Come sit by the firepit (weather permitting) and enjoy the evening while listening to this fun band.

Western New York’s premier party band Nerds Gone Wild returns to the **River Bar inside the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca** for an “80s Party” starting at 7 pm. They mostly play 80’s rock and new wave. Get ready to get on the dance floor and dance the night away. This band never disappoints.

Also in Salamanca, the Probables will be performing at the **Apollo Canna Company**. This

SEE “MUSIC”, Pg. 15

This weekend there are a lot of eclipse festivals that people are interested in, so check out the eclipse article about these events in this issue. There is also some great live music happening this week, and the calendar is expanded to include some entertainment in Cattaraugus County and Erie County that you are going to want to know about. It will be a fun weekend.

Friday April 5 - In Westfield, Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing is continuing its Friday Customer Appreciation Night with live music by Erie’s Tommy Link starting at 5pm. He is a singer/songwriter that plays indie music. There will also be drink specials and eclipse themed drinks as well as delicious food from the Over the Rainbow Food Truck. Start off the eclipse weekend celebrations at Five and 20.

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SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is first up with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey play a rock/folk/ Americana set of covers and originals. The Dakota Brothers take the stage from 8-12am. This band plays classic and southern rock covers. If you like craft cocktails made with high end spir- its try the Carriage House Sidebar.

We're back at Balloons for Seismic Urge from 6:30-10pm. This band plays danceable ,rock, pop covers from the 50's till now. Dj KT Stylez will lay down the sauce so you can do the floss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with the return of Dj SI from 9-2am. Play stump the bartender with those foo foo drinks that require an umbrella. Remember, you get bonus points if they have to use the blender.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with the rerun of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Sip your Bloody

Villaggio hosts The Snowmakers Ball from 5-9pm. Come out and pay tribute to the people who make skiing possible during global warming. AYCE Pasta Bar and Prime Rib Special with music provided by The Girls of Grosh from 5:30-8:30pm. These ladies play a rock/ pop/alt/ folk set of originals and covers.

Monday means Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down. This weeks hosts are the ever-popular Chillbillys from 6-9 pm.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty plays a blues/folk set of covers from the 60's-70's.

Last but not least is Wing, Wednesday at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. \$1 wings, 37 draft beers and Brian Rick for your musical host. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/ country set of covers.

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

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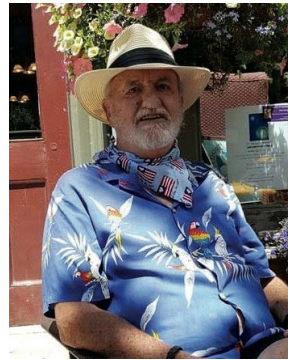
"Where did You go on Your First Date?"

By Chad Neal

Courting someone is part of the beginnings of a relationship. We are lucky in this day and age to have a choice in the matter of who we have relationships with, and the fact that we can pick and choose. Our ancestors often were betrothed and had to shack up with someone their parents or the landowner chose. Taking the first step and asking someone you're interested in on a date starts the process of finding whether or not that person is the one you want to be with forever and to essentially make a family with. Sometimes a mistake is made and the relationship comes to an end, alas it may have been fate if a child was created during said relationship. The reason for the whole ordeal is to procreate and keep light and life in this world. It all starts generally with the first steps like any journey. Where did you go on your first date?



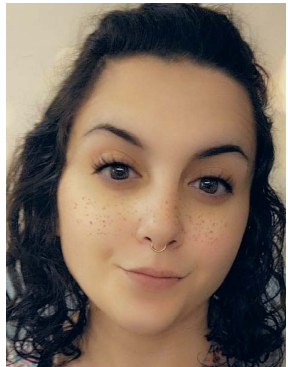
Oliver A.- To view the Pyramids being built!



Tammy E.- Mini golf at the Galleria Mall then to the Terminator 2 movie!!



Clara F.- First date with my husband was Napoli [Pizza] in Salamanca followed by drinks at the Clinton and ended at the Holy Cross.



Niki M.- The Hinsdale haunted house! And now the owner is our officiant in the wedding!



Eric F.- Wayne's World at the Olean Mall Theater.



Meagan M.- Sad Sacs pizza. 1984/85 range.

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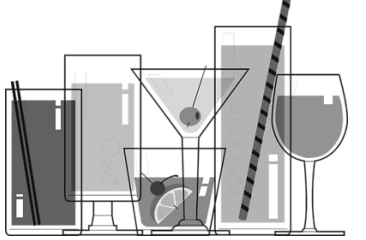
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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

Eclipse

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Today it is a rare occasion to view something fantastical. So, plan for the event as soon as possible. Most children will be home from school to view the spectacular event. Families and friends will be gathering to share in the joy. But it's extremely important to protect your eyes, you must view the eclipse with special glasses. Looking directly at the sun without these glasses could do permanent damage to your eyes. So, you must get these special glasses in advance. Alternatively, you can watch the eclipse using two plain white paper plates. Poke a hole in one, and turn away from the sun, let the sun shine through the hole and cast the shadow onto the other plate. Then watch the moon move into the sun. And if by chance you don't think it's a big deal... the next one in the U.S. isn't until 2044, and it only crosses Montana, and North Dakota.

For information see <https://chqgov.com/eclipse>

Events

CONT. FROM PG. 7

airport area has to offer will be a great destination for viewing the total eclipse.

SUNY Fredonia invites students, faculty, the community, and visitors to witness this extraordinary near the campus stadium. All classes on the campus are cancelled. There will be a wide variety of activities planned throughout the day. The event starts at 9am and food trucks will be open at 11am including The Best of Buffalo by Brian. Cheesy Check and others. There will activities throughout the afternoon as well as music. At 8:30pm there will be public telescope viewing.

Sunset Bay Beach Club will be having a Solar Eclipse Weekend Friday April 5th-April 8th. They will be having Happy Hour and then a Gathering Party at 7pm. The fun continues on Saturday with Happy Hour followed by the live music performance of Live and Kickin' at 7 pm. On Sunday there's Happy Hour and then their Black Out Pre-Party with Midnight Recovery starting at 7pm. Monday they are having an all-day Blackout Day at Sunset Bay event from 11am-7pm. DJ Felony will be spinning the tunes. There will be activities and outdoor games and a variety of other perks depending on the package you purchase. Admission packages for this event and viewing of the eclipse on the beach ranging from \$5 -99\$ VIP.

CATTARAUGUS CO. EVENTS-Seneca Allegany Casino in Salamanca will be having a community watch party in the large back parking lot near the casino building from 2pm-5pm. There will be a variety of food trucks, face painting, balloon artists, corn hole and other outdoor games. There will be live entertainment and a DJ providing music. The first two hundred people get a free T-shirt and free viewing glasses will be available while supplies last.

Allegany State Park is having an eclipse viewing event from 10am to 4pm near the Red House area. There will be arts and crafts for kids, disc golf and eclipse trivia.

Totality Bash at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville is happening April 7&8, beginning Sunday at the Main Lodge with an educational discussion at 3:30pm and continuing on with music, food and drink specials, a photo booth and door prizes. Monday the party begins at 1pm at the Double Diamond Golf Course front 9 open for play. There will be Mardi Gras chairlift rides from 11am-4:30pm, 12pm cookout/food concessions with cash bar and the eclipse viewing will begin at 2:04pm, total totality 3:20pm and eclipse ending at 4:32pm. There will be beer/liquor sampling and door prizes.

Holimont Ski Club in Ellicottville will be having a Total Eclipse Party on the Main Chalet patio. It will be from 12pm to 4pm, and it is free to the public. They will be having cornhole, trivia, and a cookout.

The Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville is inviting the public to join them for their Solar Eclipse Watch Party starting at 1pm. There's a nice wide open space by the pond and meadows to view the spectacular event. Protective glasses will be provided. Bring your lawn chair and follow the asphalt path to the pond area. Refreshments and bathrooms will be available.

Downtown Springville will be having a Blackout Block Party from 2pm to 6pm. This event is free to the public and will have a range of activities throughout the day. There will be a variety of food trucks and vendors. live music will be performed by The Lowlies, which is a local husband and wife duo that sings folk music. Downtown businesses and restaurants will remain open. Check springvillearts.org for more information.

This total solar eclipse in our area will be the last one until it happens again in 2045. If you don't want to go to a festival with lots of crowds, there are many parks and other good viewing areas to watch the eclipse. No matter where you choose to watch the eclipse, please be careful to wear the safety glasses and to navigate around carefully with all the traffic. It's sure to be a spectacular once in a lifetime event that you will never forget.

Food

CONT. FROM PG. 6

very grateful for the help from Howard Hanna, Benson said. Both Benson and Goode stressed the importance of supporting the food pantries because of all the families and individuals the pantries help to support. People from many different areas rely on these food pantries and they need all the donations they can get, especially after the effects of the pandemic, including food shortages, many Americans are facing food insecurity and may be using a food pantry for the first time. Small communities, like Ellicottville and Great Valley, rely heavily on community donations to feed as many mouths as possible. Donating what you can is simple and like Goode said, a little truly goes a long way.


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them) and he even wonders if mosquitoes don't play a role in the pollination of our vital plants. After all, during a flower visit, a pollinator can accidentally brush against the flower's reproductive parts and deposit pollen as they pop from one flower to the next. The plant uses the pollen to produce a fruit or a seed. So, if the fly or insect doesn't get a chance to visit the flower, it cannot produce a fruit or seed, and with many plants, that's the only way they get pollen. Also, something I have never given any thought to, Bob said he had to relocate hives if they were too close to the ubiquitous cornfields. It's the pesticides and fungicides that the corn

seed is covered with that harms the bees and other pollinators. It turns out, even when farmers operate with the best environmental practices, they cannot avoid this. Now, that brings up a whole different conversation, doesn't it? So, don't get into too much of a hurry to clean up the yard. On the next fake-spring-sunny day, grab a cool drink or glass of wine, find a warm sunny spot, and read a gardening catalog/book about gardening or keep knitting that scarf you've been working on all winter. Imagine your patch of earth and think about setting aside one portion to leave wild, creating a perennial habitat. Mother Earth will love you for it.

Music

reservation for a fabulous dinner while you listen to this great duo perform.

All Weekend - As part of their eclipse weekend events, the **Sunset Bay Beach Club** will have Western New York's party and dance band **Live & Kickin**. This fun band covers classic rock, oldies, blues, and a little bit of country and starts at 7pm. The fun continues Sunday with their **Black Out Pre-Party**, and **Midnight Recovery** will be rocking it out starting at 7pm. Monday they will have a variety of packages for watching the eclipse. You can find a complete list of the eclipse activities on eventbrite.com.

Join **Splash in Bemus Point** for a Total Eclipse Weekend Bash. On Saturday and Sunday

nights, enjoy fantastic food, craft cocktails, fine wine, and live music. On Monday, join **Splash** for lunch (including viewing glasses) and stay for the after-party.

Sunday April 7- Charity Nuse & Jeremy Bunce will be performing at the **Hideaway in Steamburg** starting at 3:30pm. Come listen to the unique Americana and roots rock style of music that local audiences have grown to love. While you're there, have some delicious food from their great menu.

This weekend promises to be an exciting weekend with all the eclipse events and all the great live music. Stay tuned to see what fun events are happening in next week's issue.

OsbornNash will perform at the **Southern Tier Distillery** starting at 5pm. This talented duo are singer songwriters that play a mixture of originals and covers, including many genres of music. Enjoy your favorite beverage while listening to their eclectic acoustic music.

Keith Medley and Bill Piper from the **Living Room Jam Band** will be performing at **Music for Your Mouth** starting at 5:30pm. Call 716-224-1035 to make a

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Plans for this project are on file and available for review in the Engineering Department Office located at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com.

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SATURDAY, MAY 25 • 8 PM
Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino
Outdoor Lot

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