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**DEREK DAVIS LIVE AT BIG INLET BREWING**  
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Mayville, NY

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Friday, April 19 • 7pm  
Little Valley, NY

**BANFF MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL**  
Friday, April 19 • 7pm  
Jamestown, NY

**THE SEVEN WONDERS FLEETWOOD MAC TRIB. @ THE SPIRE**  
Friday April 19 • 8pm  
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**FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET**  
Saturday, April 20 • 10am  
Fredonia, NY

**SOUTH DAYTON FLYER TRAIN RIDE**  
Saturday April 20 • 11am  
Gowanda, NY

**SPRING FEST AT MIDWAY STATE PARK**  
Saturday April 20 • 10am  
Bemus Point, NY

**OMELETTE BAR AT MERRITT ESTATE WINERY**  
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**"BAND OF THE TONAWANDAS" @ HOLLYWOOD THEATER**  
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**FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET**  
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Franklinville, NY

**CINCO DE MAYO 5K**  
Sunday, May 5 • 11am  
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**MOTHER'S DAY WINE TRAIN**  
Saturday, May 11 • 5pm  
Gowanda, NY

**OLEAN'S COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALES**  
Saturday, May 11 • 9pm  
Olean, NY

**THE HERON MAYDAY CELEBRATION**  
Sunday, May 26 • 2pm  
Sherman, NY

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## Banff Mountain Film Festival

### World Tour Hosted by RTPI at Reg Lenna CFA



**BY KATE BARTLETT**

two nights at the historic Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

David Niles, Advancement Director with Roger Tory Peterson Institute, is thrilled to be involved with this event for his third year. "This is such a unique event, bringing like-minded nature and adventure enthusiasts together in celebration of film, nature and art," says David. "The energy at

The Banff Mountain Film Festival is an international sensation, highlighting the best adventure films from the annual film fest held annually in the Canadian Rocky Mountains. The festival has been around for over 45 years, and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute has been hosting the tour for close to 20. This year, the Banff Film Festival will feature 17 short films over

SEE "BANFF" PG. 7

## Leaving a Legacy

### Shadow's Veterinary Relief Trust in Randolph



**BY CAROL FISHER-LINN**

counties pay for veterinarian care for their pets - especially when the only way I could reach them was through an email to their financial advisor in Depew. However, contact was made, a phone call ensued, and a date was set to meet these retired twin brothers and learn more about Shadow's Veterinary Relief Trust. (<https://www.shadowsveterinarianrelief.org/>)

The other day, my husband and I took a ride to Randolph to meet a couple of brothers I was told about by my kind friend, Maria Barrera, who is always looking for sweet, wonderful stories for me to share with our readers. I must admit, I was quite skeptical when she told me about a fund designed to help low-income people in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua

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## Catt. Co. Industrial Development

### Exciting Investments in Cattaraugus County



**BY KATE BARTLETT**

we're only 3 1/2 months into the year, 2024 has been a busy year thus far, with more exciting projects in the works.

The Cattaraugus County IDA continues to help local businesses take advantage of Industrial Revenue Bonding to obtain low-cost financing on eligible projects. Even though

**Kless Boys in Yorkshire, NY is investing a \$6M dollar project to create a destination automobile museum/rooftop restaurant that will attract car enthusiasts for miles around.**

**AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM IN YORKSHIRE**

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## Jmst. Artist Awarded Residency

### Caley on Art, Understanding, and Hard Work



**BY MILES HILTON**

Angela Caley is a Jamestown-based artist recently awarded a residency at the Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts near Ithaca, NY.

major group shows in Jamestown or Westfield. Maybe you saw a banner featuring her artwork in downtown Jamestown, part of the inaugural ArtScapes exhibition. Or maybe you attended the Cray Art Gallery's ANF100 exhibition

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## Sneak Peek

### Inside this Issue...

**Earth Day 2024, Conception 1970 ... Pg. 7**

**Manmade Disaster Encouraged Worldwide Revolution**



**Planet & Plastics**

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earth-day.org (formerly Earth Day Network) including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries. *Photo/FB\_earthday.org*

**Bemus Point Library Fundraiser ...Pg. 3**

**EBC on Chautauqua to Host, Saturday, May 3**

The Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) at Bemus Point has planned a fun-filled 2024 Season Opening night on Friday, May 3rd to benefit the Bemus Point Library. The doors open at 4pm and live entertainment by the Big Dog Acoustics begins at 6pm. Sit back and sip a literary-themed cocktail - *Tequila Mockingbird, anyone* ....

## 5K De Mayo Trailsquatch Run

### Trail Run to benefit EVGV Trail



**BY KATE BARTLETT**

Saturday May 5th marks the first annual EVGV Trail 5K, the first of hopefully many celebrations off and on the trail. The primary goal of the EVGV trail is to build a system of walking, biking and cross-country trails linking Ellicottville, Great Valley, and beyond. The 5K de Mayo trail run at HoliMont Resort is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities in efforts to bring the community together for a fun day in the great outdoors.

Kristen Sciara, EVGV Trail Marketer, and Scott Johnson, EVGV Board President, intend to

SEE "TRAILSQUATCH" PAGE 5

## Bigfoot Park Golf

### New Way to Swing Coming Soon to EVL



**BY CHERYL KLEIN**

Spring is in the air. This year the weather has quickly gone from ski season to a short mud season right into golf and summer time outdoor recreation, which Ellicottville has plenty of, and now we introduce you to yet one more attraction: welcome Bigfoot Park Golf at the Ellicottville Distillery.

The sport, invented in Japan, was made to utilize park space that was not being used. As of right now, there are only two other such parks in the United States, one in Akron, NY and the other in Logan, Ohio. The course at Ellicottville Distillery will be the third.

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ELLICOTTVILLE - FRIDAY APRIL 26TH, 4-7pm at the Ellicottville Loan Center, located at 17 Mill Street, beside the DPW.

You are invited to meet and talk with our current volunteers about opportunities across all programs. No commitment, just conversation. No special skills are needed to help someone in your community. Refreshments will be served.



# Publisher's Word

*"Big Feet Have Large Shoes to Fill."*

It seems WNY is in the footprint of Big Foot and the Sasquatch runs in our circles. In this "off season" I see so many people, businesses and organizations taking large strides in growth. What some may call "mud season", others look at

an opportunity. Spring is a time for refreshing and regrowth. Businesses are preparing for the year ahead; fundraisers, expansions and start-ups are all in the works and the plans that have been formulating and fermenting are now readying to present themselves. Enjoy this respite and charge your batteries, refresh your lawns and rejuvenate, we have a wonderful summer lined up for you and these pages are just a prelude to the events that are going to unfold. Sit back, relax and get ready to enjoy the fruits of our labors. There are great things in store for you! Until next week, enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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## Over \$13k Raised for Local Family

### Holiday Tragedy Turns into Out Pour of Generosity

BY ABBEY FLAHERTY

What should have been a beautiful day for the Beaujean family turned tragic. Early on Easter morning, Tammy Beaujean, a chef at She Sings Café in Mayville, NY, was busy prepping for brunch when she received a chilling call from family that her house, that she had longed saved up to purchase, was burning down. As she rushed home to find the devastation, the miracle story began when she learned that everyone inside had miraculously gotten out safely. At the time when the fire started, Tammy's family was home sleeping and a couple that just happened to be driving by the home on their way to church saw smoke. They instantly raced to help those inside while calling for emergency response teams. Their quick reaction and brave response from local heroes saved the lives of everyone who was sleeping inside.



Tammy Beaujean (center in purple), stands next to She Sings Cafe owner, Rebecca Magnuson (center), surrounded by two of the participating musicians during the fundraiser. Photo/Jon Elder

On April 7th, She Sings Cafe hosted a "Spanish Paella and Sangria" fundraiser to support Tammy and her family. That night, the well-attended event featuring many local music talents, raised over \$4,000 dollars. But this was only the beginning. The owner of the restaurant, Rebecca Magnuson, set up a Go Fund Me Page at <https://gofund.me/cb8bbfa1> which has currently raised an additional \$9,000 dollars.

spent her high school years in Chautauqua County and studied piano at the Chautauqua Institution. She worked at the restaurant previously and saw firsthand how difficult it was for people to find employment opportunities in the area. The restaurant came up for sale and Rebecca wanted to purchase it, to transform the space into her own vision. After a great deal of hard labor gutting and remodeling the space, She Sings Cafe officially opened this past September 28th.

Rebecca worked for 25 years in Washington, DC with victims of domestic abuse. She herself is a survivor and has toured a one woman show from off Broadway to Los Angeles telling her story and has transitioned the show to film. With her past life experiences, she wanted the goal of She Sings Cafe to be about building a local safe house for women, and then

also offer employment at the restaurant for those who needed work. After obtaining her liquor license, in continuance with her mission, she vowed to support female owned wineries and distilleries and has continued to keep that promise.

She Sings Cafe is so grateful to the community for all their outpouring of support and remains committed to continuing to raise funds for the Beaujean family so that they can find a new home. Donations can be made on the Go Fund Me page or coming into the restaurant itself. I welcome you to visit the Cafe as every Saturday has live music and they are planning for a fabulous Mother's Day brunch.

She Sings Cafe is located at 95 West Lake Road in Mayville, NY 14757 and can be contacted by calling (716) 224-1090.

## HoliMont Flashback

April 9, 1964:  
Final Descent of an Unforgettable Ski Season

Throwback to April 9th, 1964: The final descent of an unforgettable ski season. As the sun set on the slopes, we bid farewell to the first chapter of epic adventures and cherished memories. Here's to the timeless thrill of carving through history and hoping next year we can make it to April 9th!

HoliMont History



# Arbor Day at Nannen Arboretum

**Next Sat., April 27: Honor Ellicottville Tree City USA Status**

By MJ BROWN



**On Saturday, April 27, The Nannen Arboretum in beautiful Ellicottville will host Arbor Day, honoring our Tree City USA status. We are the smallest community in the U.S. to have that designation.**

Joyce Kilmer said it the best in her poem "Trees": "I think that I shall never see / A poem lovely as a tree." When you were a kid, did you ever plant apple seeds or maple helicopters? A few years ago, I presented my avocado-loving granddaughter, a sprouted pit. To her delight, it's grown like a magical bean, branching out in all directions. Imagine her sense of accomplishment knowing she's nurtured the young tree that will reward her with fresh avocados someday soon!

On Saturday, April 27, The Nannen Arboretum in beautiful Ellicottville will host Arbor Day, honoring our Tree City USA status. We are the smallest community in the U.S. to have that designation. Every year, on Arbor Day, volunteers plant a special tree. This year, a Black Gum Tree, has the honor. It's an amazing tree that has epic red foliage in the fall and tolerates wet feet!

The event will be held on the Rotary Patio at the Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, beginning at 11am. Following a brief meeting to elect new trustees; Mayor John Burrell will deliver the Arbor Day Proclamation. We're delighted to announce that Jake Kelly, Field Director of our local Soil & Water Conservation District will lead a discussion about healthy pond water. Various Trustees and volunteers will be on site for tour and discussions. You are invited to partake in delicious homemade refreshments while strolling the peaceful grounds - fingers crossed for good weather!

community to visit our "hidden gem" on Arbor Day and every day. Volunteers to preserve, protect and enhance the Nannen Arboretum are always welcome - no experience necessary! We meet every Monday at 9am, be prepared to enjoy some light work, camaraderie, yummy homemade muffins and a good sense of accomplishment!

For more information about how you can participate, please visit [www.nannenarboretum.com](http://www.nannenarboretum.com), or Nannen Arboretum Society on Facebook. FYI: Annual Arboretum Cleanup day is Saturday, April 27 - bring your rakes and help us spruce up the grounds!

The mission of the Nannen Arboretum Society, Inc. is to raise awareness among our residents and visitors about the beauty, diversity and ecologic contribution of trees. We encourage everyone in the

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# EBC on CHQ. Library Fundraiser

Ellicottville Brewing Co. Hosts for Bemus Point Library, May 3



Mary Bosek, library board member (left) and Director Shannon Donovan (right) with some of the 75+ baskets and gift cards that will be raffled at the May 3rd library fundraiser at Ellicottville Brewing Company's Bemus Point location. Pre-purchase raffle tickets and vie baskets at the library through March 2nd.

The Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) at Bemus Point has planned a fun-filled 2024 Season Opening night on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to benefit the Bemus Point Library. The doors open at 4pm and live entertainment by the Big Dog Acoustics begins at 6pm. Sit back and sip a literary-themed cocktail - Tequila Mockingbird, anyone - while you peruse the new EBC menu, knowing a portion of the restaurant's proceeds will support the library on this one-night event.

A special "basket menu" will highlight the 75+ baskets and gift cards that will be displayed at the restaurant and raffled off during the weekend, with all proceeds going directly to the library. The raffle includes \$100 gift cards donated by EBC, The Fish, and Wegmans, along with dozens of other gifts cards between

\$25 to \$70 to other area businesses and restaurants in Bemus, Lakewood, Mayville and Jamestown. Donated items include a \$135 skate board package, Reno pottery, art work by noted local artist William Disbro, up to a \$329 auto spa package by Ed Shults Ford, expensive barware, spirits, autographed books, children's gifts, and hundreds of other items. Raffle tickets are \$10 for one, 26-ticket card, or just \$15 for two cards of 52 tickets.

This is the third time EBC has held a benefit for the Bemus Library since opening its restaurant in the Chautauqua Lake Village in 2016. "It's a pleasure to give back to the village through supporting its library," said EBC Manager Topper Clemens. "I hope the community comes out on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and celebrates the beginning of the summer season and the jewel that is its village library."

The Bemus Point Library is one of the smallest of the 38 libraries that make up the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus library system, but one with a huge community impact. With just two part-time employees and dedicated volunteers, it offers 16,000 books in one room; a much-regarded, free weekly toddler program that serves children from both Bemus Point and surrounding communities; a visiting reading support dog; author talks; a monthly book club; internet access and five computers available six days a week to residents and hundreds of summer patrons.

Individuals wishing to pre-purchase raffle tickets and preview baskets can do so, beginning this Friday through Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The library is open 10 am to 5 pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday; Wednesday from 1 pm to 5 pm; Thursday 10 am to 7 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.



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## Astrodiac Mystic Shop

Springville Business that's Good for the Soul



Ricki-Lin Kovacevic (left) is the owner and creator of the Astrodiac Mystic Shop, located at 31 East Main Street in Springville, NY. The welcoming and magical shop has been in business just over six months.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

"Astrodiac Mystic Shop isn't just a place to buy crystals, it's a sanctuary for the soul," said Ricki-Lin Kovacevic, the owner and creator of the Astrodiac Mystic Shop in Springville. "I want everyone to have a good experience when they step inside. From incense and smoke cleansers to oracle decks and jewelry, every product we offer is carefully curated with intention."

The atmosphere of the shop is both welcoming and magical. While she always welcomes customers and recommends products, it's easy and enjoyable to browse among the crystals and gemstones yourself because every display area is clearly labeled with the qualities linked to them. In every corner of the store, intriguing and colorful objects catch your eye, including various kinds of crystal carvings.

"Our offerings extend beyond just products", she continued. "We believe in fostering community and growth through education and shared experiences. That's why we host a variety of readers, classes and workshops and are always taking suggestions for what we can do next. For those who seek deeper connection and insight, we also hold regular new and full moon circles where you can come together with like-minded individuals to set intentions, release what no longer serves you, and harness the energy of the lunar cycle for transformation."

"I aim to help customers ignite a sense of healing, wholeness, and balance in their lives," she explained. "Whether it's through a carefully selected crystal, a moon circle, or creating your own manifest jar, my goal is to empower people on their journey of

self-discovery and self-healing."

How did she decide to open the shop? "I began making wax melts in 2020 which people fell in love with and encouraged me to sell," she said. "I wanted to have an assortment of things and I wanted the name to be different and unique. So I combined astrology and zodiac to make Astrodiac, and added Mystic Shop to cover the other things I would be adding."

"In April 2022 I quit my 9 to 5 job to focus on the business. This also allowed me to spend time with my mom, helping to care for her in the last three months before she passed. She was a force of a woman and a force of a spirit, I will say, When I drove by 31 East Main Street and saw the "For Rent" sign, everything about it felt right, especially when I saw 'Julie's', the restaurant right across the street. My mom's name was Julie; it felt like a confirmation I was where I needed to be. In June of 2023, I signed the lease to the storefront we now call home and I couldn't be happier. It's been a little over six months since we opened the doors and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. I've not only gained loyal customers but I've also forged some genuine friendships within the community, which I'm super grateful for."

What are some of the ways that crystals have helped customers? "I've received excellent feedback from repeat customers who have noticed improvements in their life after purchasing specific crystals", she said. "For example, I had a young lady come in looking for a bracelet for her boyfriend because he has trouble sleeping and has nightmares. I recommended a howlite bracelet which helps to calm the nervous system.

She brought him in the next day and he just kept thanking me saying "It worked". Another woman told me she got the job she wanted and that things couldn't be better for her, right after she bought a moss agate ring."

"When it comes to crystals, I believe the effectiveness lies in the synergy between intention and the frequency of the crystal being used", she said. "Crystals have a steady vibe, unlike us humans who can feel different emotions from one moment to the next. When we're out of whack emotionally, physically, or spiritually, crystals can help bring us back into balance by syncing up with their constant frequency."

(Ricki-Lin Kovacevic is truly a rock star!)



The Astrodiac Mystic Shop is located at 31 East Main Street in Springville, NY. It is open Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 11:30am-5pm., Wednesdays from 1-6pm., Saturdays from 11am-5pm and sometimes Sundays. On Mondays, it's closed. For more information, call (716) 352-6289, or email astrodiacmysticshop@gmail.com.

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# Interim Executive Director at GOACC

## Adam Jester Shares Plans for Future In Olean



By DELAINEY MUSCATO – ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV.

Adam Jester is stepping up to fill the shoes of Meme Yanetsko after her 15 years as the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) Chief Operating Officer (COO).

Jester, an Olean native and former GOACC board member, is acting as the interim executive director while the board searches for Yanetsko's permanent replacement. Jester shared that he has worked closely with Yanetsko on many initiatives over his four years as a board member.

Jester began his contract in February just after Yanetsko retired in January. Before beginning his interim position, Jester has held several positions on the board: treasurer, secretary, and vice president the last two years.

Jester and the board are redesigning several roles within the chamber itself. He said the executive role, his interim role, is undergoing a bit of change to increase efficiency of marketing and event planning. Where previously the executive was responsible for business management, marketing, and events

planning, they will now split up those responsibilities a bit more.

"I see the chamber as kind of having a dual mission. One half of the mission is to promote and encourage commerce for our member businesses in a variety of ways. The other half of that mission is to create high quality events that will promote tourism and overall community value," Jester said.

Because event planning is not Jester's area of expertise, he has contracted Southern Tier Event Planning to oversee event planning, execution, and promotion of chamber events. The receptionist role at the chamber has also been reimagined to increase help with event planning.

"We're working to have everyone lean into their strengths," Jester said. So, what are Jester's strengths? He comes from a business development and marketing background. Jester owns a consulting business. For the past 13 years, he said he has focused mainly on the business development side of consulting but also has experience in IT consulting and electric vehicle charging consulting and sales.

Jester is excited to bring his knowledge to the table, even if it is just in an interim capacity. So, in addition to eight chamber events hosted each year, Jester wants to help the chamber advertise more of the member events.

"Almost every day we get submissions from our members about events that they're having," Jester said. These events can be small, like a special or sale a business is running to bigger events like a festival or live music.

Jester plans to look into ways to market these events across multiple channels and forms of media. One way he plans to do this is through a calendar on the GOACC website. Jester wants to make the calendar more usable and put it where it will gather more traffic.

"The ultimate goal is to combat the 'there is nothing to do here' mantra that we've been hearing for so long. It's amazing to me how much there really is to do here. You just have to go look for it," Jester said. He hopes the calendar will help put all those "things to do here" in one place and help bring in folks from out of town to increase tourism.

Another focus Jester has for his time as executive director is to increase communication and collaboration between the chamber's business members. The chamber currently provides a few member networking opportunities, like their Lunch and Learns or the chamber clambake.

"Our members can get together in a scenario they might not have otherwise been in and connect on business opportunities," Jester said. But the chamber wants to expand on this collaboration and communication for their members. The member connecting programs like Lunch and Learn or their after-hours program ends in May and does not start again until October. Jester said, "We [the chamber] can provide value all year round. We don't need to wait for October". In addition to the extended time frame, Jester said the chamber could potentially provide virtual learning and connection opportunities for their businesses.

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## Trailsquatch

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make this an annual event. "May is an excellent time to enjoy springtime in Ellicottville," says Kristen. "While brainstorming fundraising ideas, the committee thought a Trail 5K would be a fun way to bring our community together, have some fun on the trails, and do some fundraising for the EVGV trail. We're looking forward to a day with friends and family, exploring the beautiful trails at HoliMont, and of course, tacos! Our friends at HoliMont jumped on board to collaborate with the committee and have been incredibly supportive of the project."

The event takes place on Saturday, May 5th at 10am starting at HoliMont. Participants will take the chairlift to the starting line atop the hill. "HoliMont carved out a fantastic route around ponds, on the hiking and single-track trails, then to Greer, ending the run with a zig zagging run back down to the HoliMont chalet.

The views are spectacular! It's a very unique trail and showcases the beauty of the area." Every competitor will receive a participant medal, with medals awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing for men and women. After race party will take place at the HoliMont chalet with tacos (for Cinco de Mayo) and good times for all.

The race is open to all ages and ability level. "Our intent is for this to be a family fun event. The route is suitable for everyone, and we're offering a student rate to encourage youth participation." The 5K received a generous marketing grant from Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Tourism which allowed the team to run a strong social media campaign with a wider reach to areas like Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Toronto. "We're so thankful to all of our supporters, and for the reach this grant allowed. We're hopeful to attract visitors from farther distances, showcase the beauty of Ellicottville, and ultimately promote tourism to the area."

The EVGV trail committee was developed

in 2011 by several concerned citizens who saw the need to create a safe network of multi-use trails bicycles, pedestrians and people of all ages and abilities can use. The group officially formed a 501(c)3 for non-profit and was able to raise enough funds to form a master plan in 2014. The plan shines light on the need for the trail, connecting residents and visitors to many destinations in the community.

As the EVGV Trail has progressed, the Trail Committee has made connections with larger trail advocates and developers. EVGV Trail members worked with the CCIDA, GOBike of Buffalo, and Alta Planning and Design, and received a generous grant from the Ralph Wilson Foundation to complete the Southern Tier Regional Trail Feasibility Study. The EVGV trail was chosen to be the main connecting trail between the town of Ashford and the town of Great Valley. The Southern Tier Trail was just awarded \$7.5 million for a

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# Caley

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in Warren, Pennsylvania, where her painting of Rim Rock received an honorable mention.

This summer, Caley will appear on two large-scale platforms: *cut + paste* magazine's Landscapes issue, and a 2-week residency at the Saltonstall foundation, just outside of Ithaca. "I applied for it 9, 10 years ago and didn't get in", she says, but she was encouraged to apply again and made the cut for this October's residency. "I'm the only Chautauqua County artist that's ever gotten in", she shares, "so I definitely encourage others from our area to apply". The Constance Saltonstall Foundation for the Arts "supports New York State artists and writers" through juried and self-directed residencies.

Caley hasn't decided what the focus of her residency will be, but says she's "not afraid the ideas won't come". Given the breadth and quantity of her work, that's probably a safe bet. In the past few years, Caley has gravitated towards landscape, surrealist, and self-portrait painting in oil, using

a limited palette reminiscent of the American SouthWest. She often works on panels of wood, and intersperses zones of pointillist ink drawing among areas worked in oil paint. This style "definitely emerged during COVID", when Caley says she was "unable to schedule gallery shows, so I had all this time without deadlines to spend as much time on each piece as I felt like I wanted to". She describes her style as "ever-evolving", depending at various times on factors such as the amount of time she had, and how much money she had for supplies.

Although she's now a professional artist, Caley has "never completed a painting class" and has learned by practicing art, which she started doing when she was a child. "I often never feel fully understood even by the people closest to me, so I have always made art as a form of self-soothing, to express how I see the world" she shares, "art has been my therapy and the way I try to connect with other people". A distinct sense of alone-ness emerges throughout our conversation, and is evident in Caley's work. Her landscapes are devoid of human or animal life, and her surrealist pieces, which often feature stylized figures that resemble the artist,

evoke feelings of loneliness, searching, and isolation.

Caley confirms this interpretation with a wry chuckle, saying "I've just been alone my whole life." "I say that my work is my internal struggles combined with my external influences" she continues. These 'external influences' often come from the natural world: Caley has worked part-time as a landscaper for two decades and is an avid hiker.

Of the financial side of her work, Caley says "I sell work, but it's hit or miss. My work is so personal, that's a hard sell sometimes". She has a healthy detachment from responses to her sometimes-unsettling work, saying "if people enjoy it or they're bothered by it, it's all success to me." She's maintained a strong focus on her art since the early 2000's, but says she's been "putting in 70-plus hours a week of painting" in the past year. "I like being a sober, hard-working artist," she laughs, "it's good to have focus."

Caley shows no signs of slowing down. You can keep up to date with her work on her Instagram, @angelacaleyart, and some of her work is available for purchase at the Chautauqua Art Gallery in Jamestown, which represents her.



Brothers, Timothy and Theodore Stanley (pictured with our writer, Carol Fisher Linn) are retired and decided to put their hard-earned money to use for the pet communities in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus County. They established a Trust to ensure veterinary care for our fur friends with families in financial need. Since May 2020, Shadow's Veterinary Relief Trust has donated approximately \$38,000 for the care of 26 dogs, 22 cats and one rabbit with Dr. Robert Rappole from Moonbrook Veterinary Hospital in Jamestown serving as a medical advisor.

# Trust

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My reaction upon spending several hours with these wonderful men in their lovely, comfortable home, was surprising. It turns out their hearts are genuine, and their kind generosity is truly an example for others. Let me tell you about them and their program to help pet owners.

Timothy and Theodore Stanley live in their family home together. These gentlemen have never married and are now retired, Timothy from teaching and Theodore from being an X-Ray tech. Frugal savers, they decided several years ago that they need to plan for the future. With no immediate family to care for, it seemed only appropriate that they would take their lifetime love of animals and turn that into the Stanley brothers' legacy. With Dr. Robert Rappole from Moonbrook Veterinary Hospital in Jamestown serving as a medical advisor, they developed a program, using

funds set up in a trust by the brothers to provide financial assistance for the medical and surgical care of family pets whose limited income owners (under \$30,000 annually, adjusted for CPI -Consumer Price Index) reside in Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties. Their generosity truly means the difference between life and death to the animal. When speaking to "Kat," Tech and Office Manager at Moonbrook, she said, "this is a great program offering a big advantage to pets and their owners. If we did not have access to Shadow's Veterinary Relief Fund, some of those sick animals would have had to have been euthanized. They are alive today because of the generous Stanley brothers. I don't know why more veterinarians do not participate in this program for their clients. It takes only five or ten minutes at the most to complete the paperwork online and submit it to the trustees for approval." To date, the fund has paid out approximately \$38,000 since May 2020 for the care of 26 dogs, 22 cats and one rabbit.

an application submitted by any veterinarian in Chautauqua or Cattaraugus Counties for residents of those two counties. 80% of most care will be covered by the fund, e.g., surgical care and follow up surgery, emergency care for an abandoned or stray animal, care by referred specialists, care for a litter and the mother, care for pets whose owners are over 65 or those currently unemployed and receiving unemployment benefits in the last six months, pet owners who are disabled and receiving SSI, or any veteran's service animal. This fund will not pay for declawing, long-term care, or cosmetic procedures (ear cropping, tail docking, etc.) Again, this fund is available only to the individuals mentioned above and earning \$30,000 annually or less.

The brothers were petless for some time after their cat died. We all experience grief over the death of our beloved fur babies and will often say, "Never again." That was the case with the Stanley

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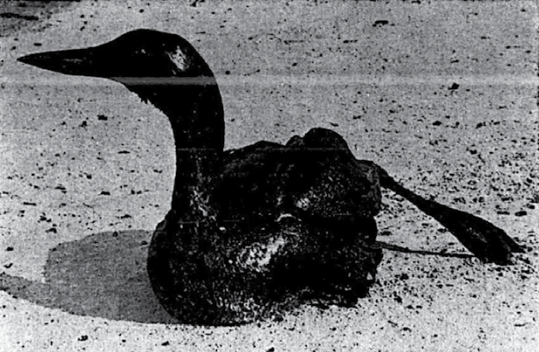
# Earth Day 2024, Conception 1970

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HELPLESS VICTIM—An oil-soaked cormorant, its brown plumage turned black, lies on the beach of Santa Barbara. Bird was beyond saving. The oil disaster was termed the worst to hit state's bird life. (Photo by Ray Gribben)

### Oil Slick Damage, Bird Deaths Soar

**Santa Barbara Harbor Closed; Beaches Black**

**OIL FIRM OFFICIAL DEFENDS DRILLING AT SENATE HEARING**

BY DIAL TORGESEN and LEONARD GREENWOOD Times Staff Writers

WASHINGTON—The president of Union Oil Co. said Wednesday under Senate questioning that his firm exercised "reasonable diligence" in drilling the offshore well which led to California's oil disaster.

BY DARLENE BRACE  
*We all Need to do Our Share to Protect our Earth that We Call Home.*

Earth Day has been celebrated in our country since 1970, in the aftermath of an oil spill that happened on January 28, 1969. An oil well off the coast of California exploded and polluted the ocean. This disaster made headlines across the nation that promoted and encouraged people to fight for environmental causes across the country. The idea of Earth Day was born and was first observed on April 22, 1970 in the United States. Earth Day events took place at thousands of sites throughout the USA, and April 22 has been designated as Earth Day since the first one in 1970.

Each year, Earth Day is celebrated in the Jamestown area in various Earth Day related activities. One event that just took place on April 16th was the Sip, Shop and Support Our Local Ecosystem. Downtown Art, Cloth and Craft in collaboration with Brazil/Labrinth coordinated

this event and will donate 25% of their sales that day to the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy. The Chautauqua Watershed provides educational programming and advocates the care and protection of our waters and natural environment.

Another event will be Volunteer's Day at the Jamestown Audubon Community Nature Center on Saturday, April 20th from 9am-1pm. Volunteers will join the Audubon staff to help clean up the grounds and a lunch will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring work gloves if you have them. Volunteers can register at audubonnc.org or call 716-569-2345. Walk-ins are also welcome.

EarthFest 2024 will take place at Jamestown Community College and is organized by the JCC Earth Awareness Club. This annual event will be on Wednesday April 24th from 11am-2pm in the student union and outside on campus (weather permitting). There will be Earth friendly vendors, crafters, displays, and exhibits. A demonstration by animal expert, Jeff Musial, with the Nickel City Reptiles will be at

12pm. Before and after Jeff Musial, an acoustic guitarist named Jamie Haight will perform.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute celebrates Earth Day with its Banff Mountain Film Festival, and it which will be at the Reg Lenna in Jamestown April 19th- 20th. There will be seventeen short films presented over the two days. The films range from educational to outdoor adventures and protection of our Earth. Your admission includes an All Access Weekend pass to the Roger Tory Peterson Institute.

Related to Earth Day, the Village of Falconer is having their annual Spring Cleanup Day on May 4, 2024, from 9am to 12pm. Volunteers should meet at the Falconer Fire Department at 9am. Garbage bags will be provided, but volunteers should bring their own brooms, rakes, and gloves. Large dumpsters will be near the DPW garage for to dispose large items.

The City of Jamestown Parks Department will be planting flowers in the downtown area in May.

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# Banff

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the festival is contagious; it's truly like nothing else in the area."

Before 2022, the Banff Film Festival was a one-day event held at the Reg Lenna in Jamestown. Last year, David and the team decided to extend the festival over the course of the weekend, in order to show more films and allow guests more time to truly appreciate the experience. "People travel from great distances for this event, so this allows them to explore CHQ County and all that it has to offer."

This year, the event kicks off on Friday, April 19th with a VIP reception at 5:30pm. "It's a great way to start the weekend, and allows people the chance to mingle and to get to know each other a bit before the films." Food and beverages will be served to help celebrate the weekends festivities. 8 films will show on Friday starting at 7pm; with 9 films showing on Saturday. Prize giveaways will be held during intermission both evenings, with everyone in attendance entered in the chance for some incredible drawings from local restaurants and businesses.

Each Banff ticket also acts as a weekend pass to the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. The featured exhibition will be Kevn Ebi: Five Minutes in Nature. "It's such a great opportunity to immerse yourself in the art for the weekend. Ebi's photographs embody the power and serenity of the natural world.



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The combination of Banff and Ebi's exhibition is the perfect way to celebrate Earth Day; guests can totally get lost to the power of art and nature."

This year marks the 48th Annual Banff Mountain Film Festival highlighting the world's best mountain sport, culture and adventure films. Over 500 short films are submitted at the annual festival, with hosting cities granted the allowance to select the programs they wish to show at their event. "Essentially every film festival is different," says David. "This allows us to select the programs that resonate with our area, making for a great festival each and every year."

The Banff Film Festival is one of the most unique events of its kind, with nothing like it for miles around. "We're honored to host adventure enthusiasts from various regions. It's an international festival, but there's no other host cities in our region." This celebration of adventure and the great outdoors brings people together, bonding through common interests, watching

films and appreciating the arts.

The event will be held at the historic Reg Lenna Center for the Arts, a gem in the Jamestown region, and also the largest movie screen in Chautauqua. "The Reg (Lenna) is the perfect place to view the films. With its rich history and beautifully restored theater, it's an attraction itself. It's an honor to introduce visitors to this non-profit organization, and show them a unique piece of Chautauqua history."

David and the team invite everyone to come out and experience the film festival, April 19-20, for a weekend of appreciating nature and art. "The energy at the festival is unmatched. It's quite a powerful gathering of nature and adventure enthusiasts in celebration of the great outdoors. It's truly an inspirational weekend."

Tickets are still available for VIP, one day and two-day passes. For more information and tickets visit <https://rtpi.org/> and <https://banff-tour.de/en>.

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**WEEKLY SYNOPSIS**  
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

To celebrate Shakespeare's 460th birthday (on April 23rd), I am turning this week's column into a special birthday gift by describing some of the most unusual ways I've seen his plays presented. It's a special tribute from Barbara to the Bard!

Over the years, I've seen hundreds of performances of Shakespeare's plays. At the Renaissance Fair in Tuxedo, New York, I was watching a performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" on a small stage built into a hillside when a drunken woman wandered onto it. The actors performing didn't miss a line, while one member of the cast rose to the occasion by gently leading her offstage and helping her to descend the steps, earning himself extra applause.

In London I was seated in a theatre awaiting a performance of the same play, when a man ran onto the stage and starting smashing the set! There was no curtain in front of it, so the shocked audience saw his every belligerent move, as he shattered short pillars, a vase and a plaster bust. It was a great relief when it became clear his outburst was part of the show, an unexpected twist on the seldom-performed opening scene. That scene

involves a drunken man who passes out in a pub, and is then carried to someone's home, where he's cared for (but also becomes the subject of an elaborate prank). In that production, and no other, startling actions (but no lines) were added to dramatically begin the plot back when he is running around drunk.

During a performance of "Shrew" in Long Island that was performed outdoors, there was a moment when Nature unexpectedly provided the perfect backdrop for one scene. In Act Four, Scene Five, which takes place in the daytime, the two newly-married main characters are traveling along a road when the husband, just to be aggravating, points to the sun and says it is the moon. The wife protests but he keeps insisting. In this production, as he did so, he pointed upward and since night had fallen soon after the play began, it so happened that he was indeed pointing at a full moon, making his crazy claim (for once) actually true.

In London, I saw "A Midsummer Night's Dream", performed in a park, in a wooded area like the magical forest where most of its action takes place. A very realistic little cave had been constructed to serve as the setting, to enhance the illusion that the audience was deep in the woods, and to further help that illusion along, the concession stand sold strawberries and mushrooms. I saw the same play performed in Manhattan's Riverside Park, in which the magical

beings flitting through the forest (the Fairy Queen's attendants), seemed to come to life in the background near the end when a nearby area was suddenly lit up by fireflies.

When I visited Washington, D.C., I arrived at a theatre early to secure tickets to "Love's Labors Lost", and I was thrilled to find that because the last performance of that run was that evening, the cast was having a farewell party, picnicking on the grounds outside it. I had a few brief but memorable conversations with some of those actors, who graciously answered questions I posed about the play.

During the performance of "Midsummer" I saw in Buffalo's Delaware Park in the summer of 2022, in one scene some characters appeared playing kazoos. It was an anachronistic element in the play but a thoughtful way to honor The Original American Kazoo Company, only half an hour from Buffalo.

As a final birthday tribute, here are some lyrics by Cole Porter, from the musical "Kiss Me, Kate" (based on "The Taming of the Shrew"): "Brush up your Shakespeare./Start quoting him now./Brush up your Shakespeare, and the women you will wow./Just declaim a few lines from Othello/ and they'll think you're a heck of a fellow./Brush up your Shakespeare/and they'll all kowtow". (Unfamiliar with "kowtow"? "bow now" has much the same meaning.)

**Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend**

By DARLENE BRACE



**Saturday April 20 Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back OsbornNash. They will play some favorite tunes and some originals starting at 5:30pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the evening while sipping on your favorite Big Inlet beverage.**

Miranda Wilcox will be performing at **Southern Tier Brewing** starting at 5pm. Miranda plays the guitar and sings a plethora of genres across the decades. Come to the brewery and enjoy their beverages while listening to some great music.

Midnight Recovery will be rocking it out at **64 on the Rocks** in Fredonia. They play a mix of classic rock and country, and their performance starts at 8pm.

Mayville restaurant, **Music for Your Mouth**, will have a performance by Sixpence. Sixpence a talented singer/songwriting harp playing duo. To enjoy this evening, make a reservation by calling 716-224-1035.

**Big Inlet Brewing** welcomes back Derek Davis. This talented musician plays a variety of genres, so it's sure to please everyone in the crowd. The music starts at 6pm. Come listen to Derek sing his heart out while you sip on a cold beverage.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival will be at the

**Reg Lenna** in Jamestown April 19th- 20th. There will be seventeen short films presented over the two days. The films range from educational to outdoor adventures to awareness and protection of our Earth. Any admission ticket includes an All-Access Weekend Pass to the Roger Tory Peterson Institute. There are also VIP tickets that include a one-hour cocktail reception before the films on April 19th. For descriptions of the films and to purchase tickets go to reglenna.com and check out our cover story.

**The Northwest Arena** is having the Annual Grapes and Hops Festival on Saturday, April 20th. This one-day adult festival is a very popular beer and wine tasting event. This event includes breweries, distilleries and wineries from New York and Pennsylvania. This festival starts for the general admission at 2pm and 1pm for VIPs. You can buy presale tickets at eventbrite.

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a-move on the two dance floors.

I guess all this rain is making up for the almost 80" of snow that didn't fall this winter but there's never a lack of music in town so let's see who's playing where.

We start the seven day weekend at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. You get any burger and any beer with house made chips for only \$15. This weeks musical guest is Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared plays a rock/pop/alt/jazz/country set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music host is Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk/bluegrass set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till. 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

### FRIDAY

Balloons is back with the debut of Vinny and the Mudflaps from 6:30-10pm. This band plays 90's rock/pop/emo covers to dance to. Dj KT Stylez will rock the sound booth with a groove so you can bust-

We're back at The Gin Mill for Wasted whiskey from 8-12am. This band plays modern country/southern rock. If you like craft cocktails check out the Carriage House Side-bar for some high-end spirits.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Kage from 9-2am providing the thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Chillybillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers and originals featuring some smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. West takes the stage from 8-12am. This trio plays a rock/pop/blues set of covers.

We return to Balloons for The Gerk'n Jerks from 6:30-10pm. This band plays rock and modern country covers. Dj Kage will lay down the jams so you can shake your gams from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI will put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

Check out the dart board and pool tables for a little competition.

### SUNDAY

Grab a late lunch or early dinner at The Gin Mill and listen to The Marty Peters Duo from 2-5pm. They play a blues/folk set of covers from the 70-90's. Try the famous Bloody Mary's.

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down with. This weeks guest host is Tins Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/pop/alt/folk set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Tuesday music is the return of The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Try some of the 37 beers on tap.

We end the weekend the way we have for 40 years with Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is the musical host. Brian plays a pop/rick/folk/country set of covers.

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mix of your favorite covers of rock'n'roll and pop music. Black Window is also playing on Saturday night at the Cooler Cafe Bar and Grill in Sherman. Check out one of their performances or both and you are sure to have a great time as this band never disappoints.

**Sunday April 21** - In nearby Cattaraugus County, Kallie Williams and Kayla

will be performing at the **Hideaway Restaurant** in Steamburg at 4pm. Come listen to this talented duo perform while enjoying some tasty food from their great menu.

What a variety of entertainment this weekend has in store for you. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County during the last weekend in April.

## Beat on the Street:

"What Dream Business Would You Like to Open?"

By Chad Neal

A dream "job" isn't really the dream. Most of the working force has the reverie of not having a boss. Owing one's own job really makes the most sense for the fantasy of not relying on or answering to anyone, as a subordinate. But, as an owner of a business one would have employees and therein lies a paradox - so as some have said a lot of jobs are not meant for a career and alas some of those jobs turned into a career. The idea isn't to make businesses understaffed, but to make a life one is more in charge of. Turning a dream into a reality isn't easy, but with the right knowledge of certain paths and learning all you can about starting up a business will make it a little easier. The more businesses make for a better economic community. Doing something one loves to make a living is the real vision. What dream business would you like to open?



**Travis H.-** Definitely owning my own golf course. I'd build it in Great Valley, it would have all of the amenities, a bar/eatery with perpetual live music, it would be open to the public, family oriented and affordable.



**Jolisa P.-** A store for singles or couples. Normal size portions. Not everything super sized, party sized or family sized.



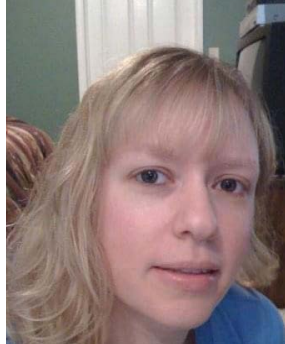
**Julia B.-** A houseplant plant shop in Ellicottville!



**Brady P.-** I've wanted a dog ranch since I was a little boy!



**Sheila B.-** I would open a Dj's just like the one that closed with the hole in the floor that the rug covered up and the houses on the shelf. It was my happy place.



**Carolyn B.-** Open my own school. Grades 6-12. We ask them what they want to be and gear their program to that, including field experience. We ask them each year and if they change their career dream we change their program. They graduate either very prepared for the field of their choice or with a lot of knowledge in a variety of fields.

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## Events

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com or you can buy tickets at the door.

The popular Black Widow Band will be performing at the River Bar in the Seneca Allegheny Casino in Salamanca starting at 7pm. They play a fun

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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 since in 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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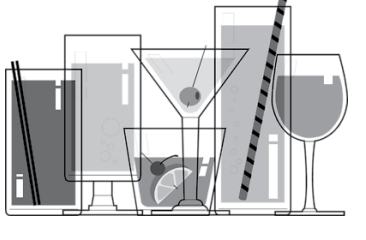
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## ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

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**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

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RAISE grant to fund the design and alignment of all 52 miles, which includes the EVGV trail.

The EVGV Trail consists of two main portions: Tim Hortons Trail and Elk Creek Trail. Currently, the Tim Hortons trail has been roughed in and EVGV Trail and the Town of Ellicottville are in the process of getting signed easements with landowners. The Elk Creek Trail design has been completed with a generous grant from the Ralph Wilson Foundation, and will ultimately run between the Nannan Arboretum/Ellicottville Town Center, through Ellicottville Village Park to Elizabeth Street.

When completed, the EVGV Trail will connect many communities, promoting tourism and attracting visitors to the area. "We've made great progress, and we have a great plan to guide us to completion," says Kristen. "This 5K is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress of the Trail thus far, and raise awareness of the next phases, ultimately getting the community more involved."

Kristen, Scott and the team is looking forward to getting the community involved in the EVGV Trail, kicking off with this 5K event. "We're so thankful for the community support thus far, and we're looking forward to the next chapter." A special thank you to our Start & Finish sponsors Weed Ross, Attea & Attea. Thank you to our Trail sponsors T-Mark, MDA, Ellicottville Pharmacy, Ellicottville Bake Shop, ERA Office, Fitzpatrick & Weller, EVL Spirits, Olean Medical Group, and Madigans.

To register visit <https://holimont.com/events/> if you are interested in a 5K Trail sponsorship contact Kristen Sciarra at [sciarakristen@gmail.com](mailto:sciarakristen@gmail.com).

## Bigfoot

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Though the name is "Big" it is a smaller version of traditional golf, with bigger balls and holes. Chad Neal started building the course at the Ellicottville Distillery last spring and summer and finished half of what he plans; nine holes so far. He is finishing up another nine holes this spring with plans for a Grand Opening in May.

The rules are similar to golf, but there's only one club to use along with the ball that are furnished for all who come to play. The tee box is set up off the ground with an attached tee to use for the first swing. The fairways are approximately 35 to 100 yards long and the greens are 16 feet in diameter. Par is the same as traditional golf, (3,4, and 5) but the ball isn't intended to fly through the air. It shoots right over the ground, it isn't as aggravating as regular golf, but it is still challenging. Neal has the first nine holes built and weather allowing, will have "Park Golfers" out there enjoying the family fun sport soon. No need for carts, the course is compact.

The sport, invented in Japan, was made to utilize park space that was not being used. A wrestling legend name, The Destroyer, while working in Japan, found these courses and fell in love with this game. Upon coming home, he told his daughter about the game. She and her husband subsequently built Destroyer Park Golf in Akron, New York, about an hour and fifteen minutes northeast of Ellicottville. There is a lot of information on-line about the sport and Destroyer Park Golf. There is also a course in Logan, Ohio called Wormburner Park Golf. Neal is hoping to soon open Bigfoot Park Golf, the third course in the United States, and is anticipating it will grow in popularity quickly.

While still working on some business details, Bigfoot Park Golf will be operating "hopefully before April is over". Neal says, "As it is a work in progress and learning as I go along, I am confident this adventure will be a great new activity for Ellicottville and everyone who visits, including people from the surrounding communities, will want to check it out."

The Ellicottville Distillery which has been in operation since 2016 is also excited to have this new feature connected with it. The owners have allowed Neal to work the land to make it usable as a course for this new kind of golf. There aren't any water hazards or sand traps and the out of boundaries are just the borders of the course. Just like traditional golf, the player drives the ball off of the tee box and tries to make it to the hole in the least amount of hits as possible. Neal has a lot of ideas, but first wants to get it up and running so everyone interested can decide for themselves how much they love it. He is planning tournaments, fund raisers, prizes for holes in one throughout the season.

Be on the lookout for a Facebook page and Bigfoot images popping up as the theme will be just that. Stop by the Ellicottville Distillery to have a gander at what Neal has going on and see what it's all about. More information is also available if you want to contact Neal at [chadski27@gmail.com](mailto:chadski27@gmail.com) or text him at 716-541-4059. When the course is ready for action Neal will inundate as many media outlets as he can, especially social media. The Ellicottville Distillery and Bigfoot Park Golf are located on Robbiins Rd. 4 miles east of the Village on 242, right at Ashford Junction. Stop by.

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## From Bryan's Brain



**Electric Bath 1910**  
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# Trust

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brothers until they were adopted last fall by two tiny feral kittens whose mother abandoned them in a bush next to their house window. They gathered them up and took them to an organization called Ten Lives Club in Buffalo. They were familiar with

the organization and felt comfortable taking these babies to them for care and perhaps fostering until they could be tamed, and a forever home could be found for them. As time passed, they were fostered, but then the brothers had a change of heart and wanted to adopt them back. They insisted on paying to adopt them and finally, they all went home one happy family.

The time is perfect to tell the story of the generous

Stanley brothers since it is National Volunteer Appreciation month - a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of volunteers. It is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities and to reaffirm their commitment to giving back. Check back next week for a full article about volunteerism and how you can become involved.

# Earth

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This spring, they will also be planting trees around town in connections with Arbor Day. Also, in collaboration with the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, the Parks Department will be planting 20-30 trees on Bowen St in Jamestown, near the home where Roger Tory Peterson once lived.

The village of Mayville will be having a week-long Earth Day clean up this year instead of having it just one day. This clean up week will be April 20-28. Three area businesses, Evergreen

Outfitters, Handcrafted by the Heart and Mayberry are coordinating and promoting this effort. You can pick up supplies at any of these locations. People who volunteer can register for a drawing for door prizes. Afterwards, the businesses can dispose of the bags of garbage when you are done if you wish.

Participating in Earth Day activities can be a fun way to get involved. Earth Day reminds us that our actions today can have a huge impact on the health of our planet, now and in the future. Education, awareness, and action are important in enabling change. Here are some things you can do in your daily lives to help the Earth: Use reusable water containers and

grocery bags, go paperless in accounts, leave your car and walk, bike, or carpool, participate in "clean up" events, use nontoxic natural cleaners, plant trees, flowers and vegetable gardens, restore habitats, conserve electricity and water, start a compost pile, raise money for environmental groups, do not litter, participate in school projects encouraging environmental awareness and protection of our Earth. There are many more ways you can help too.

The quality of life here on Earth is for all of us to act on. We need to work together and support this endeavor to ensure a cleaner and healthier life on this planet, for all the people everywhere that call Earth their home.

# CCIDA

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**Kless Boys in Yorkshire, NY** is investing a \$6M dollar project to create a destination automobile museum/restaurant that will attract car enthusiasts for miles around. This family business has been a staple in Cattaraugus County for 30 years, offering automobile sales, collision repair and gasoline in a prime location on the corner of routes 16 & 39. This venture intends to provide a unique restaurant with rooftop dining, as well as a car museum of sorts. "It's great to see this type of investment in the area, and we're thrilled to help the Kless family grow their business," says Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of CCIDA. Once complete, it'll be sure to attract tourists and help bring business to the area, especially for car and motorcycle shows."

**DAIRY FARM EXPANSION IN FREEDOM**  
**Edelweiss Dairy in Freedom, NY**, was approved for a \$34M dollar project to expand

their dairy farm. This expansion will allow the farm to move forward building approximately 4 new barns as well as 2 milking parlors, allowing 120 cows to be milked at a time. "This is a massive expansion in the dairy industry and a tremendous investment to the area," says Corey.

**HOLIDAY VALLEY POTENTIAL PICKLE BALL COURTS**  
**Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY** applied for 2.4 million dollars in projects to upgrade their snow making equipment, renovate The Inn, perform trail improvement and maintenance, lighting, and potentially add pickle ball courts. These much-needed improvements will help the Resort further establish itself as a premier four-seasons destination, ultimately attracting tourism to the area year-round.

**ADDING WORKFORCE TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IN OLEAN**  
**Turbo Machining in Olean, NY** was approved for a \$2M dollar project that will create 10 new jobs in Olean, NY. "It's great to see an investment like this in the manufacturing industry," says Corey. "The

project will add 13,000 square feet and create jobs in skilled labor, which is great for the area." Turbo has additional plans to expand further, creating another 20-25 jobs in the near future.

**OLEAN CENTER MALL REVAMP**  
An investor from Rochester has developed a \$9M dollar plan to redevelop the Olean Center Mall, ultimately giving the area a much-needed lift. The project will focus on reshaping and refocusing the area, bringing it up to today's standards to draw appeal of tenants and businesses.

**GROWING CATTARAUGUS COUNTY**  
These projects in addition to others in the process of being approved will make for an exciting year for Cattaraugus County. "We're excited about all these projects and the positive impact they'll have on our region. We're very fortunate these (and other) businesses are investing in our area and look forward to helping Cattaraugus County grow." For more information on these projects, visit cattcoida.com and follow on Social Media for updates.

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- At Cattaraugus County Real Property 207 Rock City Street, Little Valley - Date Saturday, May 4, Time 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- At Cattaraugus County Real Property 207 Rock City Street, Little Valley - Date Monday, May 6, Time 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- At Cattaraugus County Real Property 207 Rock City Street, Little Valley - Date Tuesday, May 7, Time 10:00 am - 3:00pm
- At Cattaraugus County Real Property 207 Rock City Street, Little Valley - Date Wednesday, May 8, Time 10:00 am - 3:00pm

Grievance Day is on Tuesday, June 4 between the hours of 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm at Mansfield Town Hall, located at 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Mansfield in said Town/City where The Board of Assessment Review will hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the application of any person(s) believing himself to be aggrieved.

Last date for filing assessment grievance complaints is Tuesday, June 4. The uniform percent of value as stated by the Assessor on the tentative assessment roll : 82%

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS:** **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville will receive sealed bids for a contract for the collection of garbage & the collection of trash within the Village of Ellicottville, for 3 years. Specifications for which are on file in the Village Clerk's Office in the Town & Village Hall, 1 W. Washington St., Ellicottville, NY. All such bids must be filed in the Village Clerk's office on or before Monday, March 18th 2024 at 11:00am at which time the bids will be opened. The bid will be awarded at the March 19th meeting of the Board of Trustees. Village Office Phone #716-699-4636.

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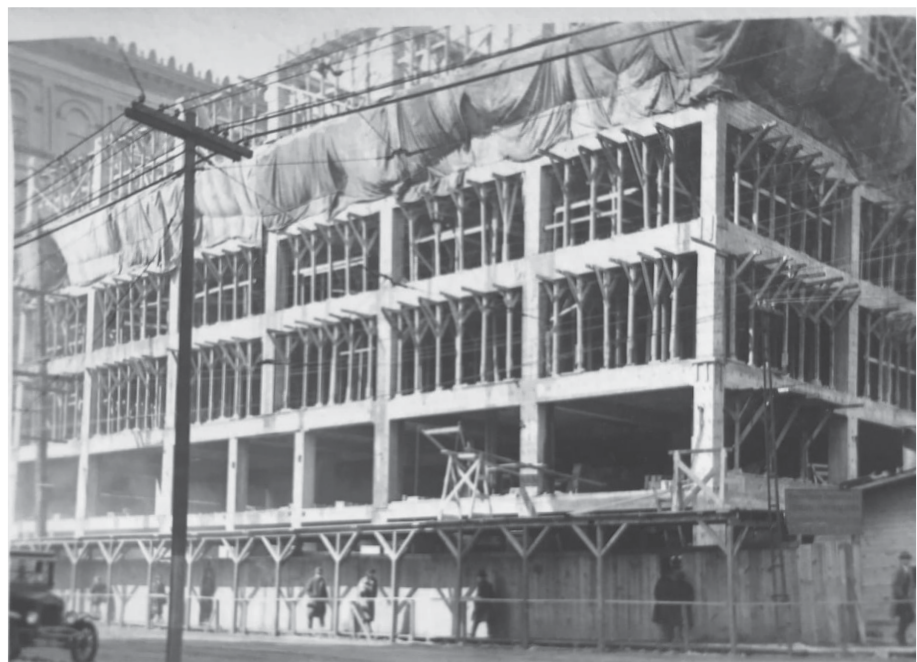
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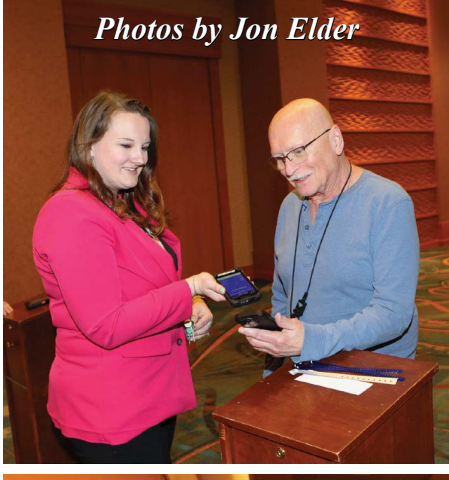


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