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Friday April 26 • 8pm
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Friday April 26 • 6pm
Jamestown, NY

FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
Saturday, April 27 • 10am
Fredonia, NY

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Saturday April 27 • 12pm
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SPRING MUSIC JAMBOREE
Saturday, April 27 • 1pm
Great Valley, NY

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Sat/Sun, April 27-28 • 10:am
Franklinville, NY

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Monday April 29 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

MOVIES AT THE REG - ARTHUR THE KING
Wednesday May 1 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

ROCK CITY PARK OPENS
Wednesday, May 1 • 9am
Olean, NY

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Wednesday May 1 • 9am
Salamanca, NY

FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
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Saturday May 4 • 12pm
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Saturday May 4 • 10am
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CINCO DE MAYO 5K
Sunday, May 5 • 11am
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MOTHER'S DAY WINE TRAIN
Saturday, May 11 • 5pm
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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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Arbor Day, Friday, April 26

Monumental Day to Contribute to the Future



According to the Arbor Day Foundation, sponsor of Tree City USA, any community can achieve this elite membership, it simply requires commitment (outlined later in this article).

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

"Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."—J. Sterling Morton.

Arbor Day, much like Earth Day (first celebrated in 1970), is a holiday that celebrates nature. A popular Arbor Day tradition is to plant a tree – sometimes it is

a community tree, other times it is planted in the memory of a special individual, or a loved one. Earth Day focuses on environmental causes – cleaner air, water and land, climate change and pollution and their impacts.

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"Par for a Purpose" Golf, May 20

EVL Chamber & Labatt Team Up for Rosewell



"Par for a Purpose" contributes to the 11 Day Power Play Ice Hockey Marathon in Buffalo to benefit Cancer Research. In June 2017, 40 men took to the ice at Harborcenter in Buffalo in an attempt to set the world record for the longest continuous hockey game raising more than \$1 million for Roswell Park, it has grown substantially ever since. Here is your opportunity to contribute to the good cause. Photo/11daypowerplay.com.

By KATE BARTLETT

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first annual Par for a Purpose golf tournament, sponsored

by Labatt, at Holiday Valley on Monday, May 20th. It's the perfect time to kick off the golf season while raising money for

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Webb Resort/New Ownership

Jay Patel and Vishal Patel Share their Vision



Both Vishal and Jay are 1st generation Indian Americans and have great pride in what their families have accomplished in the United States. Jay has a deep appreciation for Webb's Resort and its history in Chautauqua. Jay and Vishal describe their vision as contemporary with a warm and cozy feel. They plan to modernize the property while keeping its legacy. The hotel remains operational, with most reconstruction on hold until after the busy season. (See "WEBB'S" pg. 7)

Ceramicist Exhibits in Westfield, NY

Kniti Griti Supplies Whimsical Housewares



Perhaps the quirkiest of her pieces, footed bowls evoke the personalities of people, characters, or archetypes, and can also be commissioned.

By MILES HILTON

Marcia Merrins opens her artist's statement with the sentence, "when I make something with my hands, I put my heart into it too." Merrins, a ceramicist who works and sells pottery as Kniti Griti Works, is passionate about process. Her pieces display at least three

firing processes - wood firing, traditional Japanese Raku firing, and contemporary electric kiln firing - used for distinct 'product lines' of ceramics.

Her displays include fairy houses - small clay cottages with fairies perched on the roof - footed bowls that feel like the lower half of huge ceramic

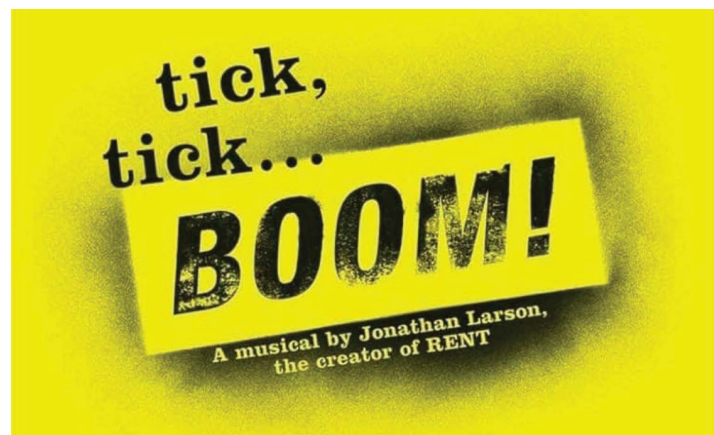
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Pool Mart Celebrates 50 Years

Offering Year-Long Specials



Pool Mart is celebrating 50 years of business in the Western New York Region, with five locations in the area including Olean, Depew, Lockport, Tonawanda and Orchard Park. Olean was the 4th to open in the WNY region in 1991. Scott Bray (above, left) helped open the store, and remains their current manager. Scott and his team are proud to have served the community for over 32 years now. Going into his fourth decade with Pool Mart, Scott has seen swimming pools evolve and change with advancements in technology. Pool Mart will be hosting a year-long celebration at all five locations with special discounts and best pricing on all products as a "thank you" to the community.

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Small Business Week, 4/28-5/4

Supporting Our Local Proprietors



Residents and visitors to the region may be wise to visit their favorite and new small businesses to see what they have planned for Small Business Week. There could be some added benefits to shopping locally during their special week!

By JESSICA MILLER

Many readers will recognize Small Business Saturday (Nov. 30, 2024 this year), the holiday shopping tradition that brings shoppers into neighborhood shops, restaurants, and other service providers as they find gifts. However, small businesses are worthy of recognition all

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Publisher's Word

"Ladies and Gentlemen, It's Time to Rev Up Your Engines!"



summer clothes, put in the dock, plan out your BBQ's and mark your calendars for the summer ahead. There is never rest for the weary in our parts, we know how to embrace all of the seasons and Summer is one of our favorites; we have it all here – world renowned stages that present international artists, lecturers, psychics, philosophers, musicians and funny people. We live in a unique area that attracts tourists nationwide and is called home to some of the most humble and unique people you could ever wish to find. If you are here just for today, for a long stay or every day, you are in a good place indeed; enjoy every moment of it. If you have a story you would like to share with our readers please drop us a line, we always love to promote great things in our area. You can reach us by calling (716) 699-2058, emailing info@thevillagerny.com or simply jump onto our website www.thevillagerny.com and click on the "General Submissions" tab. We look forward to hearing from you. *Until next week, enjoy the read!* **Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

I hope you got a few weeks of rest in because the new season is just around the corner! It's time to brush off the cobwebs, put out the lawn chairs, pot the flowers, unpack the

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Rotary Club of Ellicottville and ERA Real Estate Team Up



Pictured (not in order) are Rotary members Anne Rothrock (Clean Up Day organizer), David Rothrock, Susan Baryza, Christina Anderson, Diane Carlsen, John Weismantel. Pictured from ERA Real Estate are Melanie Pritchard, Amy DeTine, and Scott MacDowell, also a member of Rotary Club of Erie in Pennsylvania.

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Interfaith Caregivers & The Bob McCarthy Foundation
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
APRIL 21ST – 27TH
Open House Opportunity

OLEAN - WEDNESDAY APRIL 24TH, 1-3pm and 4-7pm at The Hub, located at 301 N Union St., 4th Floor Suite 402. Enter at Chamber of Commerce & Follow Signs.

ELICOTTVILLE - 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.

Despited cool temperatures the Rotary Club of Ellicottville collaborated with ERA Real Estate for a very successful village clean up this past Saturday held in recognition of Earth Day and the Rotary District 7090 Great Lakes Watershed Project. Clean up supplies were provided by Rotary Club members and Holiday Valley Resort, and the town of Ellicottville Public Works disposed of the collected garbage. Labor was provided by the Rotary Club members and ERA Real Estate sales agents. In addition to cleaning the main downtown section of the village including the banks of Elk and Great Valley Creeks, the group went to the intersection of Routes 219 and 242 in the vacant lot next to Tim Horton's. The task would certainly have been more daunting if not for the way Ellicottville keeps itself a clean community with the help of local restaurants and businesses and the Alley Katz organization which cleans and maintains flowers and plant beds throughout the downtown area. The Rotary Club would like to thank all who helped and plan to do this clean up on an annual basis.

Benefit for Jamestown Kiwanis Club

Dinner at Brookdale Lakewood, Sunday April 28



Pictured are Brookdale Dining Services Director Chef Mark Bittler; Brookdale Executive Director Joy King; Brookdale Resident Program Coordinator Brenda Bongiovanni; Brookdale Health and Wellness Director Sharon Walters; Jamestown Kiwanis Club Vice President Jim Alexander; Jamestown Kiwanis Club President Wendy Wilcox; Jamestown Kiwanis Club Treasurer Andy Alpaugh; and Brookdale Sales Manager Scott Lumia.

Lakewood NY. Brookdale Lakewood and the Jamestown Kiwanis Club will hold a Chicken and Biscuits Dinner on Sunday April 28, 2024 from 12:30-2:30pm for Dine-in or Take out meals at Brookdale Lakewood, 220 Southwestern Drive, Lakewood, NY. Picking up Take out's are available any time from 12-2:30pm. Chef Mark Bittler is preparing the dinner that will include Pulled Roasted Chicken in Chicken Gravy served over Freshly Homemade Baked Biscuits complemented with the follow-

ing sides: Mashed Potatoes, Freshly Picked Peas and Carrots and Chilled Apple-sauce. Each meal will be individually served with a Chocolate Brownie for dessert. Tickets are \$12.00 for an adult dinner and \$8.00 for a child under 14. There are two seatings: 12:30 and 1:30pm. For Dine-in meals only, reservations for seating are required and it is recommended to call early to ensure availability. To order tickets and reserve seating time, please call Brookdale at 716-665-2414. The proceeds will benefit the Kiwanis Youth Projects.

Brookdale Senior Living offers assistive living for seniors who still value their independence. They are located at 220 Southwestern Drive in Lakewood, NY, and have four styles of apartments to choose from. Call the sales manager, Scott Lumia, at 716-665-2414 for more information or to schedule a tour. Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. New members are always welcome. For more information call Wendy Wilcox at 716-450-6874.

Wild Blooms @ Art Cloth & Craft

Transformational Art Therapy Workshop – May, 7



help you feel present. Then will guide you through art exercises creating an environment for self awareness and reflection. Transformational Art therapy is a great way to practice self care. It can brighten a dimmed spark while allowing you get in touch with your authentic self. Both will assist you in accessing your creative flow. This workshop will include working in different mediums; including charcoal and watercolor. The artistic process will begin with a touch of traditional Drawing 1 instruction and will move into unique still life

exercises. What a great way to make room to bloom by drawing wild flowers! This adult workshop is good for beginners to advanced artists and can be as loose or structured as you prefer. Tara has 25 years experience teaching art in schools and private lessons. She is classically trained with a BFA from the prestigious Pratt Institute in NYC with a major in drawing. The Class is at Art Cloth & Craft at 108 E 3d St. in Jamestown, NY on Tuesday, May 7 from 6-8pm. It is \$30/person, all supplies are included.

Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign

Shults Auto Group Supports CASA of Chautauqua



Shults Auto Group and CASA of Chautauqua County staff members holding pinwheels in support of CASA of Chautauqua County's Pinwheels for Prevention campaign. Pictured (L-R): Kelly Fiorella, Fund Development Coordinator of CASA of Chautauqua; Ed Shults III, General Manager of Ed Shults Ford Lincoln; Sean Larson, Sales Manager of Shults Chevrolet; Matthew Kahm, GM/Managing Partner of Shults Auto Group; Kathy Park, Executive Director of CASA of Chautauqua.

MAYVILLE, N.Y. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, CASA of Chautauqua County is calling on members of the community to take a stand against child abuse. CASA announces a generous donation towards the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign thanks to the community partners at Shults Auto Group. 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. All monies raised from CASA's Pinwheels for

Prevention campaign are used to fulfill CASA's mission of supporting volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in Chautauqua County. If you would like to support the mission of CASA, a tax-deductible donation can be made online at www.Chautauqua-CASA.com or by sending a check to CASA of Chautauqua Co., Inc. at 2 Academy Street, Suite 5, Mayville, NY 14757. About CASA of Chautauqua. The mission of the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County is to provide an independent voice in court, advocating for the best interest of

abused and neglected children in the pursuit of finding safe and permanent homes. CASA of Chautauqua County, Inc. relies on highly trained volunteers who are appointed by a Chautauqua County Family Court Judge to advocate for children in court. These volunteers work with relevant agencies and parties in order to advocate for the best interest of the child. With the information provided by the CASA volunteer, Family Court Judges are better able to make informed decisions as to what is best for the child. CASA of Chautauqua County is a United Way Community Partner.

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EVL Village Life: Ray Evans Theater

Tick, Tick...Boom! - Ambitious Musical Coming to Salamanca



By, GARY MALICKI



Rhayne Smith, director of Tick, Tick Boom!

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She’s no stranger to local community theater. She did direct a few musical revues, *A Christmas Show* and *70’s Music Revue*. And not only a cast member in *Charlie Brown* but has appeared as a cast member in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Assassins*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Bradford Community Theater.

She pitched the idea of *Tick, Tick... Boom!* to the CCLAA Board telling me that it’s a story that speaks to her generation. Based on an autobiographical musical by playwright Jonathan Larson, *Tick, Tick... Boom!* is the story of an aspiring composer in New York City worried that he might have made the wrong career choice while weaving his way through the pressures of love and friendship.

When I spoke to Rhayne last time it was over the phone. This time we sat across from each other at Katy’s Café in the village of Ellicottville enjoying a couple caramel macchiatos.

All the while speaking to her, I thought about how fortunate that there is so much entertainment

all around us. Not only do the local bars and restaurants offer great local and regional musical talent, but there’s also plenty of opportunities to enjoy quite the variety of local theater.

The Ray Evans Theater, named for a songwriter who was born and raised in Salamanca, went through many changes throughout the years of its existence. Construction began in 1941 but because of a shortage of materials caused by World War II, it wasn’t completed until 1945. Currently the CCLAA presents two full-scale productions, one in winter and one in summer, plus occasional variety shows.

One of the most startling moments in my interview with Rhayne was when I asked her if she had any aspirations beyond community theater. That’s when she revealed suffering from stage fright. I did not expect that surprising response, especially from someone who has spent so much time on stage. We talked about that a little and both agreed that, after all, you’re really putting your body and soul out there when performing. I would think it takes an awful lot of courage to do so.

I was curious about how much rehearsal it takes to get it right. She said they rehearse for about two hours, three days a week for two months and that does the job. She also encourages her cast to run lines at home with family members and even repeat lines wherever they are, even in their car.

I asked her about some of the challenges involved

in directing. Working around everyone’s personal schedules is always tricky so that all can be included.

When speaking to Rhayne I felt a sense of contained excitement in the way she enthusiastically answered my questions. She also comes to the task equipped with an Associate’s Degree in Fine Arts.

She was thoroughly engaged throughout our time together as I talked to her about some of my own personal stage favorites like *Camelot* and *My Fair Lady*. In a way, I was hoping to drop a little hint as they make decisions of what to present in the future!

Finally, I asked her how she measures success with regard to the production and cast. She said the original play consisted of three cast members who overlapped roles. She wanted to open it up by adding extra cast members. She wants everyone to have a fun experience, and that sounds pretty good to me.

Tick, Tick... Boom! will run at The Ray Evans Theater, 10 Main Street in Salamanca on May 4th- 5th & 10th - 12th. Tickets available at the box office the days of the show or online at www.showclix.com/event/ticktickboom and visit the Ray Evans Theater on Facebook.

Thank you for your time and all the good info, Rhayne. Best of luck with the production.

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Business

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year long. This is why the US Small Business Administration dedicates a week in late April/early May to recognize the accomplishments of small business owners across the USA. The week also celebrates the anniversary of the US Small Business Administration’s existence as well as the subsequent annual presidential declaration of Small Business Week. 2024 marks the 61st observation week with this year’s dates being April 28—May 4.

The week promises another week of recognition, networking, and education. A free virtual summit will be hosted on the SBA website (sba.gov) from April 30—May 1 with workshops, networking, and other resources for new entrepreneurs, seasoned pros, and any business owner in between. Western New York Chambers of Commerce likewise have their own activities ready for local businesses.

Jamestown Community College and Olean Business Development Corp. will host a small business

information event on May 1 from 4-5:30pm in The Hub (301 N Union St, Olean). Anyone with interest in starting a business is invited to attend and take advantage of the resources and information provided. Local and national programs supporting new entrepreneurs will be participants, as will Olean Business Development Corporation, a nonprofit that supports economic development. JCC’s Small Business Development Center serves the small business community of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties with confidential guidance at no cost. Their program is supported by the Small Business Administration in cooperation with the State University of New York system.

Chautauqua County’s chamber of commerce is commemorating the week with discounted memberships during the annual membership drive. New members enjoy \$45 off their first year’s membership when they sign up during Small Business Week. They will also be entered to win two tickets to the annual Chamber Annual Awards Banquet (valued at \$125)

or a free second year of membership at the Main Street One tier (valued at \$195). Regardless of when a business joins, members enjoy unique developmental and cultural opportunities throughout the year. However, it is especially advantageous to join during the membership drive and enjoy these perks included for Small Business Week.

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ROCK CITY PARK OPENS: MAY 1, 2024 : OLEAN, NY

Happy Half Marathon, May 11 in Ellicottville

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Golf

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the 11 Day Power Play to benefit Cancer Research.

Barb Pump, Executive Assistant, was inspired to host an event to support the 11 Day Power Play after meeting Mike and Amy Lesakowski, founders of the event, and hearing how their lives were affected by cancer. Eight years before the event was founded, Amy was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer, but thankfully had a successful outcome through treatment at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. Mike's mother was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2013, and unfortunately lost her battle to this disease. These events inspired Mike and Amy to give back to the organization that saved Amy's life, and the 11 Day Power Play was born.

In June 2017, 40 men took to the ice at Harborcenter in Buffalo in an attempt to set the world record for the longest

continuous hockey game raising more than \$1 million for Roswell Park. The event has taken place every summer since, gaining momentum every year. In 2021, the 40 men who took to the ice successfully broke the record for the world's longest continuous hockey game at Riverworks, also raising over \$2 million for cancer research. Over the last 7 years, there has been \$10 million dollars raised by the 11 Day Power Play.

Registration for the event starts at noon on Monday, May 20, with shotgun at 1pm at Holiday Valley's Double Black Diamond Golf Course. "It's going to be a great day of golf, fun, food and prizes in good company for a good cause," says Barb. Lunch will be served on the turn with a choice of sandwich and a pot of gold putting contest at the 19th hole will finish the course. Dinner will be provided at Holiday Valley with prizes by Labatt for the top 3 teams. Various other prizes will also be awarded throughout the evening, making sure everyone leaves with some swag and a smile.

The EVL Chamber invites everyone out for a

lighthearted, fun day on the golf course. Teams of 4 can register online, and individuals are welcome to sign up and will be assigned a team to participate. The event will take place rain or shine, spectacular views and good times guaranteed.

"It's a great opportunity to gather the community together to raise money for a good cause," says Barb. "So many people in the area have been touched by cancer in one way or another and we're hoping this event will raise funds towards research and awareness to the cause. It's a great opportunity to do good while having fun and taking in the spectacular views of Holiday Valley."

The Chamber is welcoming sponsors for the event. Anyone interested can contact Barb directly @ barb@ellicottvilleny.com or call (716) 699-4056.

For more information and to register visit ellicottvilleny.com. Ticket cost includes boxed lunch, dinner, 2 drink tickets, greens fee, cart, and prizes. For more information on the 11 Day Power Play visit <https://www.11daypowerplay.com/>.

History on Streets of Ellicottville

Walking Tours of Historic Towns Readily Available



By 1822, the Holland Land Company constructed what is now known as The Villager for its Cattaraugus County subagent, Stanley N. Clarke. Originally, it did not face W. Washington, but the entrance was redesigned to face Washington when the Classical Revival style portico with three-story wooden columns was added in 1909.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

There is a wonderful walking tour guide of Ellicottville to be found at the Chamber building (known today as The Villager) or the Historical society. When we walk the streets of an historic village like Ellicottville, we must be filled with wonder as we imagine life, perhaps back in 1817 when the very first frame house was built in the village. I refer to the Leonard-Ellis-Harrison residence on 8 West Washington Street. Everything has

a story. This building is no exception. It was built originally as an inn for the Holland Land Company as lodging for prospective land buyers. However, it did not pass muster with Holland Land Company as it cost too much money because lumber had to be brought down the creek to Ellicottville at additional expense. So, Baker Leonard, the hapless builder, ended up owning a rather large building in what was essentially the wilderness. Although there were no roads, no homes, no businesses to speak of, Leonard made lemonade

out of his lemons and turned it into a residence, a tavern, a trading post for the local Indians, and, until municipal buildings were built, it served as the county courthouse. Imagine strolling around in 1817 and seeing that building. What might you be saying to your partner? What's interesting about that building is that until this very day, it has remained in the hands of the same family.

By 1822, the Holland Land Company constructed what is now known as The Villager for its Cattaraugus County subagent, Stanley N. Clarke. Originally, it did not face W. Washington, but the entrance was redesigned to face Washington when the Classical Revival style portico with three-story wooden columns was added in 1909. As usual, with these older frame buildings, it was almost destroyed by fire in 1973, yet still stands thanks to the concerned area residents who banded together to save this iconic building. Today, the building proudly houses several business offices, apartments, and offices for the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. She's a proud, grand old girl.

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Merrins (pictured) began sculpting "12 to 15" years ago, setting up Kniti Griti Works soon after to sell the surplus of ceramic pieces she was producing. Merrins' fairy houses and footed bowls, glazed in detail and fired using contemporary electric kilns, showcase the range of personalities a single theme can produce.

Cermics

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dolls, and animals in various shades of brown, gray, and black, the result of the traditional firing processes she uses for those pieces. Merrins explains, each piece has an unique shape because, "every piece is constructed by hand, without the use of a potter's wheel."

A dazzling array of Kniti Griti Works wares are now on display at the Octagon gallery, at Patterson Library in Westfield, through May 10, 2024.

At the gallery opening, the small space contains more individual pieces than I've seen at any previous exhibit. Pop-up shelves along one wall are crammed with 3-foot tall footed bowls, each a recognizable "personality" such as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Lucille Ball, or a beach-goer. A shelf along the opposite wall holds a dozen fairy houses, each with the same basic structure but different coloration and detail, while the rest of the space is filled with beautifully-colored clay animals. A herd of bison takes over one wall, a herd of elephants fills another.

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Works soon after to sell the surplus of ceramic pieces she was producing. "My first wonky little bowls I thought were magic", Merrins reminisces. After a while, she tired of creating simple bowls. "That's when I started putting feet on them."

Merrins clearly iterates on a few basic themes (another wall full of individual sculpted and glazed flatware is the exception), using the stability of a few sculpted forms to play with color and detail, drawing out the personalities of each piece. This process of detail and glazing is under careful control in the footed bows and fairy houses, which are fired using the electric kiln process you'd encounter at a paint-your-own pottery store. But her clay animals, fired using wood and Raku processes, are an entirely different story.

"The Raku technique is essentially when glazed ceramics are taken from the kiln while they are still glowing red hot and are then placed in a material that would be able to catch fire," Merrins writes. The process of transferring pieces from the kiln to the flammable material is typically a three-person job, which Merrins performs alone. "The Raku animals are glazed," but by "kind of splashing it on," says Merrins.

By contrast, wood-fired pieces are not glazed.

Instead, "they go in white, and all the brown and gray colors are from the actions of the flame and the ash." Wood firing is an even more intensive undertaking, so involved that it requires a community of "potters who love that process", organized as Scott's Creek Collective, to perform. Many of Merrin's wood-fired animals have pearlescent sheens reminiscent of oil-slicks. But even this effect, the artist tells me, is due to "the melting of the ash onto the surface" of the piece rather than a glaze.

Raku and wood firing leave many more artistic choices up to physics. "Ash, smoke, heat, and other random events result in beauty on clay," writes Merrins. The animals it produces benefit from this randomness, their lively sense of natural motion enhanced by the random play of color and texture across their skin. This series "brings awareness to threatened endangerment" of many of the animals it represents. Perhaps ironically, it also produces "a high breakage rate".

Merrin's work is available online on Instagram and Facebook, as well as at www.knitigritiworks.com.

The Octagon Gallery is located at 40 S. Portage St. Westfield, NY 14787 and can be contacted at (716) 326-2154.

STORY FROM COVER

By KATE BARTLETT

Pool Mart is celebrating 50 years of business in the Western New York Region, with five locations in the area including Olean, Depew, Lockport, Tonawanda and Orchard Park. The Olean location serves five counties in both New York and Pennsylvania and will be offering year-long specials to celebrate.

The company was started in 1974 by Bill Kissinger and Vic Dunn with the original location on Transit Road in Depew and has been locally owned and operated ever since. The very first Pool Mart location at 6410 Transit Road was originally a dairy barn where ice cream was served through a drive-thru window!

Olean was the 4th to open in the WNY region in 1991. Scott Bray helped open the store, and remains their current manager. "At that time, Orchard Park was our most southern location. We had customers traveling great distances, and we saw the need to open a location to better meet the needs of our customers in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua counties, as well as north-eastern Pennsylvania," says Scott. "We opened our doors here in Olean 32 years ago and have been growing steadily ever since."

Pool Mart is WNY's largest pool dealer by offering above-ground and semi in-ground pools. Additionally, they sell pool and hot tub supplies, offer free water care expertise (regardless of where you bought your pool or hot tub!) and innovative backyard planning. They stock a large variety of outdoor patio furniture, umbrellas, fire pits and gas grills; everything you need to make the most of your



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backyard living space. Pool Mart offers a wide variety of hot tubs, including the innovative Hot Spring saltwater line, cold plunge tubs and swim spas. With spa inventory starting at \$3999 and their pools starting at \$1999, there's something for everyone's budget.

Scott and his team are proud to have served the community for over 32 years now. "We're really proud to be a part of this community, an anchor-store, if you will, on the east side of Olean. We know your time and money are valuable, and we're here to serve you to the best of our abilities, no matter the challenges."

Going into his fourth decade with Pool Mart, Scott has seen swimming pools evolve and change with advancements in technology. "As they say, it's not your grandfather's pool. Maintenance and water chemistry has become so much easier--advancements in

chemicals, and heating and filtration systems make owning a pool much more consumer friendly, helping Western New Yorkers (and Northern Pennsylvanians) make the most of the summer months. "Our summers are so beautiful here; we want to help you make the most of them. Advancements like automatic vacuums, chlorine-free options, solar cover reels and energy efficient pumps and timers can help maximize your pool experience and elevate your summer."

Pool Mart will be hosting a year-long celebration at all five locations with special discounts and best pricing on all products as a "thank you" to the community. "We're thankful for our customers and incredible community support during our 50 years in business, and we're looking forward to 50 more."

All five locations

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Webb's

STORY FROM COVER

By KATE BARTLETT



Jay was born into an entrepreneurial family. Currently, Jay is working on opening a franchise of Firehouse Subs in Erie with business partner Genaro Collazo, which is set to open this month. The pair also plans to open 2 additional locations of Firehouse Subs this fall with one in Fredonia and another in Jamestown/Lakewood, totaling 3 locations within 18 months.

Subs this fall with one in Fredonia and another in Jamestown/Lakewood, totaling 3 locations within 18 months. "I've always been motivated with a business mindset," says Jay. "I've gained valuable experiences throughout my career and I'm looking forward to advancing my skillset with Webb's."

Vishal brings his extensive background in retail and hospitality. His parents own a specialty Indian grocery store in Buffalo called Spresh. Both Vishal and Jay are 1st generation Indian Americans and have great pride in what their families have accomplished in the United States. "Both of our parents came to America from India in hopes of better opportunities. We're very proud to contribute to our family's accomplishments. It makes it all the more meaningful."

Vishal and Jay had always admired Webb's Resort as an icon in Chautauqua. When it went up for sale, they jumped at the chance to own the property. "We started making calls the day it went up for sale," recalls Jay. "It's such a great property and an amazing location with such deep history, we're honored to take on this project."

With Vishal's background in retail and marketing, and Jay's experience in the hospitality industry, the duo

is well equipped to take on the venture.

Jay has a deep appreciation for Webb's and its history in Chautauqua. "My parents had a good relationship with the owners and they worked together in the lodging industry. We're honored to breathe new life into this property, and help it continue to be an icon in the community for many years to come."

Many celebrities have stayed at Webb's over the years, including Frank Sinatra, Wille Nelson and several members of the Secret Service. Jay and Vishal plan to continue to recognize these celebrities with a portrait wall in the lobby, as well as plaques commemorating each celebrity. Much of the hotel will maintain its classic charm, but with a contemporary twist.

Jay and Vishal describe their vision as contemporary with a warm and cozy feel. They plan to modernize the property while keeping its legacy. The lobby will be transformed into an open floor plan, bringing in more natural light, immediately greeting guests with a fresh, cozy vibe. They plan to unify the appearance of the guest rooms and install and add new lighting, flooring paint, furniture and fixtures throughout.

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Tree

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Arbor Day is a creation of a zealous tree lover named Julius Sterling Morton (quoted above), who had a passion for planting all kinds of trees. The first Arbor Day occurred 152 years ago on April 10, 1872, in Nebraska City, Nebraska. It's estimated that nearly one million trees were planted on that day. If those numbers remain static, then at last 152 million trees have been planted on Arbor Days since its inception. That is 504,000 acres of trees, or the equivalent to 8 of the 64,000 acre Allegany State Parks. Imagine! Combining the missions of Earth Day and Arbor Day, consider that in one year, one mature tree will absorb more than 48 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and release oxygen in exchange. Multiply that by 152 million. Forests mostly store carbon in trees and soil which is why it is so important to nurture old trees and continue to plant new ones.

What is heartening is that America is not the only country to celebrate Arbor Day. It is a worldwide celebration, held on different days/seasons around the globe. Our Canadian brothers and sisters celebrate Maple Leaf Day, which falls on the last Wednesday in September during National Forest Week. Ontario celebrates Arbor Week from the last Friday in April to the first Sunday in May. And Nova Scotia celebrates Arbor Day on the Thursday of National Forest Week. Korea calls their April celebration "Tree Loving Week," Mexico celebrates Dia del Arbol (Day of the Tree) or National Tree Day in July. From Yemen to

식목일 ARBOR DAY

April 5

Arbor Day is acknowledged and celebrated by many countries around the world.

It is a special day on which people are encouraged to plant trees. The date varies per country depending on the climate.



What is heartening is that America is not the only country to celebrate Arbor Day. It is a worldwide celebration, held on different days/seasons around the globe. Arbor Day in South Korea is celebrated annually every 5th of April to promote planting of trees and the protection of forests. This national celebration was first established in 1946 to revive the greens of the land which were depleted and exploited during its colonial occupation. Though it was only until 2005 that Arbor Day was considered a public holiday, South Korean citizens still celebrate this special day by taking part in tree planting activities. Facebook: #UPArirang

Togo to Scotland to New Zealand to Namibia and across the globe, trees are planted and celebrated for the huge role they play in protecting us and Mother Earth. You know, on these windy spring days, it's awe-inspiring to observe these giant living organisms bending low, twisting, gracefully moving with the storms rather than resisting them. We could take a lesson from trees. They represent strength, life, and courage to hold firm while soaring above the fray, regardless of life's circumstances. Certainly, a good and timely lesson for all of us in today's social/political climate.

Surely, you have seen the signs as you enter the village of Ellicottville, announcing that we are a Tree City

USA. There are well over 150 communities in the state which have earned that coveted designation from the big cities like NYC, Buffalo and Rochester to smaller cities and villages like Cuba, Lakewood, Jamestown, Gowanda and our beloved Ellicottville. This designation is not simply given – it must be applied for and earned.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, sponsor of Tree City USA, any community can achieve this elite membership, it simply requires commitment. A community creates a board of people legally responsible for tree care, it establishes an ordinance

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"Henry the Eighth"



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

What do this play and a song that hit Number One on the Billboard chart have in common? They both involve King Henry the Eighth, who had two of his six wives (and tons of other people) beheaded, and both reference beheading. In 1965, when the British group Herman's Hermits performed, "I'm Henry the Eighth, I Am", and it zoomed to the top, it was then the fastest-selling song in history and the second-shortest song ever to hit Number One. Have you heard the catchy tune? You may have thought it was about "Henry the Eighth", due to the lead singer's Cockney accent, and therefore remember the initial lyrics as "I'm Henry the Eighth, I am/Henry the Eighth, I am, I am". The tune continues, "I got married to the widow next door/She'd been married seven/times before" and the singer then explains that he's Henry the Eighth because every one of her previous husbands had the name Henry, as he does.

You've heard it, but you don't remember any reference to beheading? Well, it's in the original lyrics, which, surprisingly, were not written in the 60's. Or the 50's, 40's, 30's, or 20's. In the extended (much slower) version, recorded in 1911 by British performer Harry Champion, there are several additional verses, in which the singer jokes about becoming royalty, and one in which he jokingly threatens someone with beheading.

In Shakespeare's 1613 play about Henry, beheading is no joking matter. One of the two main parts of the plot involves the beheading of a Duke, who is falsely accused when the Lord Chancellor of England (who is also a Cardinal) pays people to testify that he's been disloyal. While setting him up to be executed, to conceal his own treachery, he additionally arranges to have the Duke's son-in-law sent away so he can't plead for his father-in-law's life during his trial. The other main part of the plot has to do with the Chancellor's two-part scheme to get revenge on the Queen by getting her husband to divorce her. Although they do divorce, the Chancellor fails to accomplish the second part of his plan (getting the King to marry the French King's sister) because Henry immediately

marries someone else. Ironically, he meets her at a lavish party given by the Chancellor. Irony again figures in the plot when the Chancellor's (constant) scheming is revealed after he accidentally gives the King a letter he meant to keep secret. This mistake results in his losing his position and wealth, and he soon dies (of natural causes). (At the end, the former Queen also dies also of natural causes.)

There are many elaborately-staged scenes in this play. To mention a few: in the party scene referenced above, guests wear fancy, glittering costumes. In another scene, the former Queen has someone sing a song for her to help her fall asleep, and when she does, there is a dream sequence featuring six robed dancers wearing garlands. The coronation procession for the new Queen features a variety of characters adorned with gold, silver and pearls. The last scene in "Henry" centers around the activities on the day Henry's baby daughter is baptized.

The most dramatic (real-life) event connected with a scene in this play occurred due to faulty special effects. During a 1613 performance, after a cannon was lit, the out-of-control fire that resulted caused the theatre to burn to the ground.

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

It's hard to believe it's already the last weekend in April. Read on to see what's happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday April 25 - Thursday night Comedy Open Mic at **Labyrinth in downtown Jamestown** starts 7pm. Paul Clemente will be hosting this event, and each comedian has just a few minutes to entertain the crowd. There are limited spots available for comedians, so if you're interested, sign up and get the crowd laughing in their seats.

Friday April 26 - Kallie and Company will be performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 6pm. You will enjoy listening to their great music and you should bring your family and friends out for a fun night.

It's Pop Culture Trivia Night at **Southern Tier Distillery**. It's free to the play and it begins at 6pm. DJ K Fit will be the host. You and your team can show off your knowledge and maybe you will walk out with the first-place prize.

The Eatery in Jamestown is having Eat, Laugh, and Leave: A Night of Comedy. There will be a few local comedians and others. The doors open at 7pm, and you can enjoy some delicious food while watching this hilarious comedy show. Tickets are only \$10 and are likely to sell out fast. You can get tickets for this fun night at eventbrite.com.

In Fredonia, 64 on the Rocks is having Karaoke Night starting at 8pm.

You can sing your favorite tune to entertain the crowd or just watch as a spectator. Either way, it's sure to be a fun night.

Lenny and the Landshark will be returning to **Buddy Brewster's in Lakewood** this Friday night. This talented duo plays a mix of genres that spans across the decades, and the music starts at 7pm.

Saturday April 27 - The Reg Lenna Center of Performing Arts in downtown Jamestown will be having a special performance of Femmes of Rock starting at 8pm. This unique high energy rock performance features four female violinists/vocalists. The have been entertaining audiences nationwide with their renditions of classic rock songs. To get tickets or more information, go to reglenna.com.

In Portland, which is between Fredonia and Westfield, **21 Brix Winery** will be having their end of the month Beat the Brix event starting at 7pm. There will be drink specials and a Buffalo band call Watch Your Step will be performing a mix of originals and cover music.

Peek n'Peak in Clymer will be having a Chocolate and Wine festival on April 27. At the festival you can choose from Session 1 (12pm-2pm) or Session 2 (4pm-6pm). During your chosen session, you will have unlimited trips to the chocolate fountain as well as an abundance of samples of chocolates, wines, coffees and more. Also included is a commemorative espresso cup as a souvenir to remember this special day. There are also VIP



Big Inlet Brewing is happy to have the return of Bill Ward, Saturday, April 27. Bill is well known in the area for his musical talents, and his performance starts at 5:30pm. He will be singing some of your favorite tunes. Come listen to Bill perform while enjoying an evening out relaxing and having fun with family and friends.

tickets for each session that include everything listed above plus specialty foods and other perks. To purchase tickets or to find out more information on details, go to pknpk.com.

Join the John Cross Jazz Band at **Group-Ther-Happy in Lakewood**. They will be jazzing it up starting at 7pm. Be ready for some great jazz music while you enjoy food and drinks from Groups's menu.

The Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman will be hosting Billy Mac starting at 7pm. Come on out and listen to this talented musician while having a beverage with your friends.

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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

As mud season draws to end and the sun starts to shine I can't stress enough that you get out and enjoy all the biking and hiking trails around Evl and when you're done head out for some food and music. Let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer with house made chips. This week's musical accompaniment is provided by Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers featuring some soulful vocals.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music features Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. These guys play a rock/pop/folk set of covers and originals with an emphasis on the 70's British Invasion check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also, open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Pluto's Not a Planet from 6:30-10pm. This band plays classic rock covers that'll have you on your feet. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth from 10-2am with some thump, thump for your bump, bump on

the 2 dance floors.

The Gin Mill returns with Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI blowing up the house sound from 9-2am puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first out of the gate with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This act plays an Americana/folk/country/rock set of covers and originals. Mo Porter takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays rock covers from the 60's till now with an emphasis on The Doors. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

We're back at Balloons for 5D from 6:30-10pm. This band plays danceable rock covers from the 80's till today. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the sauce so you can do the floss from 10-2am.

We return to Madigans for Dj Kage layin down some jams so you can shake your gams from 9-2am. Check out the pool tables and dart board for you bar room decathletes.

SUNDAY

We return to The Gin Mill for a the Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife team plays a rock/pop/

blues/country set oh covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

Villaggio is back with AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 4-9pm. Fresh made pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime cooked how you like it. This weeks musical hosts are Garden Party from 5:30-8:30pm. This trio plays yacht rock covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down and music provided by Nico Zarcone from 6-9pm. Nico plays a folk/pop/blues set of covers.

The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty plays a blues / folk set of covers from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We've been ending our seven-day weekend at The Gin Mill with Wing, Wednesday for the last 40 years, the only thing that's charged is the host. Brian Rick will play a rock/pop/country/ set of covers while you enjoy \$1 wings and all those beers on tap

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

Events

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his performance starts at 5:30pm. He will be singing some of your favorite tunes. Come listen to Bill perform while enjoying an evening out relaxing and having

fun with family and friends.

Mayville will be having its 1st annual Spring Festival taking place in the gym at the Town of Chautauqua offices. There will be music, food, and kids' activities as well as raffles The event is free and open to the public. The festival will be on Saturday from 10am-4pm and Sunday 10am -2pm.

The proceeds will go to Inspire Good of WNY.

There was some great entertainment during this last weekend in April. By next weekend, you can check out next week's issue to see what will be happening the first weekend in May. I'm sure there will be some Cinco de Mayo activities taking place.

Beat on the Street:

“What is Something That Radically Improved Your Life?”

By Chad Neal

Making life better is a daily process. No one wants to make their own life worse, well most people. Keeping the negative effects of previous life experiences from making repeat visits into one's situation is key to making a better condition. Trying to utilize all the positive attributes one has to better themselves can make living take on a whole new route. Sometimes outside influences can take one's journey on a wonderful new path as well. Learning about oneself has shown many people the light and which direction will be the better way to go about experiencing this world. There are many things that can bring one down and ruin everything they've worked for, but there is always some way to make it better. Some may find themselves in downward spiral that can seem hopeless, but there are many stories of people overcoming the harshest of realities to reassure the falling victim of bleakness. What is something that radically improved your life?



Kristin H.- Two things: The military and spirituality.



Laura C.- My awareness of the way reality works... The law of attraction.



Willard B.- Moving to My cottage on Lake Chautauqua and enjoying life both in Florida and NY!



Nicole G.-C.-The love and support form the people who helped me quit drinking.



Jillian V.- Trusting my inner guidance and then following it again and again.



Julio R.- Not having economic opportunities to study university (back in Mexico), so I {started} my business 29 yrs. ago.

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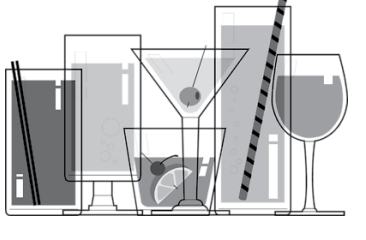
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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!**

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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Pool

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offer expert advice from their in-store water testing computers while also offering a "20 years parts, in stock, guarantee" on Hot Spring Spas. "We're familiar with all types of backyards and landscapes. We have experience with a wide range of budgets and lifestyles, and pride ourselves on helping customers find the best fit. Our semi in-ground line, Radiant, has allowed us to offer the longest lasting pools, even when going into the ground, for a very long time now."

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Bemus Point Library Fundraiser

Friday, May 3rd at EBC on CHQ.



Patrons shopping the basket raffle for the Bemus Point Library, along with Library Director Shannon Donovan and Ellicottville Brewing Co. Bemus General Manager Topper Clemmons. (2nd and 4th from the left)

The Bemus Point Library is now showcasing and selling tickets for the 90+ gift cards and baskets that will be raffled as part of their Friday, May 3rd fundraising event at Ellicottville Brewing Company's (EBC) lakeside restaurant in Bemus Point. EBC is donating a portion of their proceeds to the Bemus Point Library during the one-night event that kicks off the restaurant's 2024 summer season.

"May 3rd restaurant patrons will be eligible for hourly EBC gift card & beer drawings while they sip literary-themed cocktails, eat great food and support the library," said EBC Bemus General Manager Topper Clemmons. "Come out and kickoff the summer season while supporting a great cause. We promise to put the fun in fundraising." Clemmons added that the restaurant doors will open at 4 pm and live entertainment by the Big Dog Acoustics begins at 6 pm.


The 90 plus raffle baskets now on view at the Bemus Point Library include two, \$55 tickets to Chautauqua Institution's famed House and Garden tour, scheduled for July 11th; a \$329 auto spa detailing package from Ed Shults in Jamestown; two tickets to both the National Comedy and Lucille Ball & Desi Arnaz Museums in Jamestown, along with a basket of the museums' gift store items; 50% savings on hair, nail and spa services at St. Elmo Spa in the Chautauqua Institution; an \$135 skate board package; an \$100 gift card to any Wegmans' location; \$100 gift cards to EBC and The Fish restaurants in Bemus Point; numerous \$25-50 gift cards to other businesses & restaurants in Bemus, Jamestown, Lakewood and Mayville; Reno pottery; artwork by nationally-recognized local artist, William Disbro; two hanging flower baskets from Mike's Nursery in Lakewood; 10 child-themed baskets, barware, spirits and much more.

"We have had a tremendous response for donated items from our generous Chautauqua Lake businesses and volunteers, and we want to give the general public ample time to peruse the baskets and place their tickets before the fun-filled event moves to EBC on May 3rd," said Bemus Point Library Director Shannon Donovan. "Wait till you see our incredible raffle items!"

Raffle tickets can be purchased and placed on the baskets and gift cards at the Bemus Library now through May 2nd. Ticket prices are: 26 tickets for \$10 or 52 tickets for just \$15 and all proceeds go directly to the library. The Bemus Point Library is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10-5 pm; Wednesday 1pm-5pm; Thursday 10 am -7 pm; and Saturday 10-2 pm. Cash, checks and Venmo is accepted.

The Bemus Point Library is one of the smallest of the 38 libraries that make up the Chautauqua/Cattaraugus County 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; and internet access & five computers available six days a week to residents and hundreds of summer patrons.

From Bryan's Brain



Wayne Bruce

(Decendent of Robert the Bruce)

Wayne Bruce was the inspiration for the Batman comics character. Bruce would wear a disguise and used his inheritance to take on criminals in the 1880s, this is also why Glasgow was used to depict Gotham City in the Batman films as a homage to the true origin story.

Webb's

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"The property has been very well maintained and it's in great shape. We're looking forward to modernizing it, while maintaining its heritage." The hotel remains operational, with most reconstruction on hold

until after the busy season. "We're deep in the planning phases, thoroughly ironing out the details for its new look, so we're ready to dive into renovations later in the fall." Jay and Vishal also acquired the Putt-Putt course and use of dock across the street from the hotel, and are currently refreshing both. "We're thrilled to be a part of the community and

take on the Webb Resort. We're looking forward to kicking off the spring/summer season and invite everyone to come check out the property." Webb's Resort is located at 125 West Lake Road, Lakeville NY, just across the street from Chautauqua Lake. For more information visit <https://webbsresort.com/> and follow The Villager for future updates.

Tree

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that creates the board and provides clear guidance for planting and care of trees, creates a budget, and holds an event regarding and planting a tree every Arbor Day. "By passing and reciting an official Arbor Day proclamation, public officials demonstrate their support for the community tree program and complete the requirements for becoming a Tree City USA!" That very proclamation

will be delivered at the beginning of the Arbor Day celebration event held this Friday, April 26 at the Ellicottville Center/ Arboretum at 11am. Of course, the public is invited. The gathering will begin with a quick annual meeting of the Board of Trustees followed by the Arbor Day Proclamation. A talk on pond management by Jake Kelly, District Manager of the Cattaraugus County Soil and Water Department will precede the planting of the 2024 tree, a black gum tree, followed by refreshments for all attendees. The black gum tree will become another

family member in a great collection of rare and exotic trees. Donations keep these grounds available to the public. Giving a tree as a gift for births, anniversaries, weddings, or special occasions will create a living memorial. Commemorative bricks can also be purchased at the Arboretum or online. info@nannenarboretum.org Warren Buffett once said, "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago." Happy Arbor Day. Go hug a tree ... then hug a friend.

History

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The Inn at the northwest corner of the commercial district at 8-10 Washington Street has been the site of a hotel since 1822. The brick structure you see there today was a replacement for the previous wood frame inn that succumbed to the devastating fire of 1890 which took that whole block. Per the Historic Ellicottville Walking Tour, this was said upon completion of the new brick structure, "This is the finest hotel in western New York with electric lights and steam heat." Makes you want to smile imagining those days when electric lights and steam heat were unique, doesn't it? This story now brings me to a building that has left us only ashes along with curious questions,

yet surely much history and tales passed down by those in Ellicottville who lived in that era. Once upon a time, in 1847 or even earlier, there stood a lovely three-story wood frame building on the corner of Monroe and E. Washington Streets. Irvine Hall remains a mystery (see "Retro Images", below). Here is what John Burrell submitted for this research: Pioneer Certificate applicant Charles R. Pettit is honoring tow Ellicottville ancestors, his great-great grandfather Amos Pettit and great-great grandfather James Smith Johnson. In March 1859, Amos Pettit became the host and manager of Irvine Hall Hotel, located on the corner of Washington and Monroe Streets. Now, Town Historian, Dawn Westfall, submitted this information: a gentleman by the name of James Harvey Metcalf seems to have run the tavern/hotel establishment Irvine Hall in Ellicottville at one point in 1847 according to an early newspaper

ad. He also operated a grocery/dry goods store in Ellicottville in 1846 according to an ad dated November 18, 1846. On May 1, 1847, S. D. Nutting described his new stove, tin, copper and sheet-iron establishment in the village of Ellicottville as being "opposite J. H. Metcalfe's Store and two doors below Irvine Hall." Later on September 15, 1847, J. H. Metcalfe advertised that he had removed his goods to his new store "opposite the Post Office." Now, just sit back and imagine the parked buggies, the ladies in their finest dresses and parasols and gents in their top hats and tails attending galas that seemed to happen frequently at the Irvine. Dawn Westfall found an ad online for yet another dance but failed in purchasing it. What a fine piece of history that would have been for our historical society. From what we have been told, the building burned and that was the end of that story.

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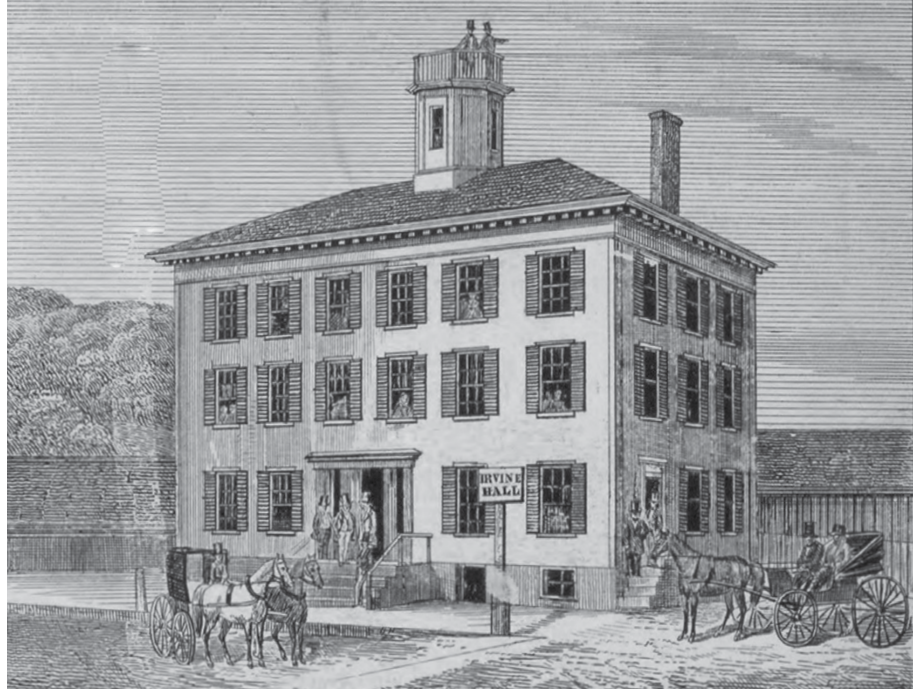


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Photo Picks From Days Gone By



Irvine Hall - Ellicottville NY - 1856

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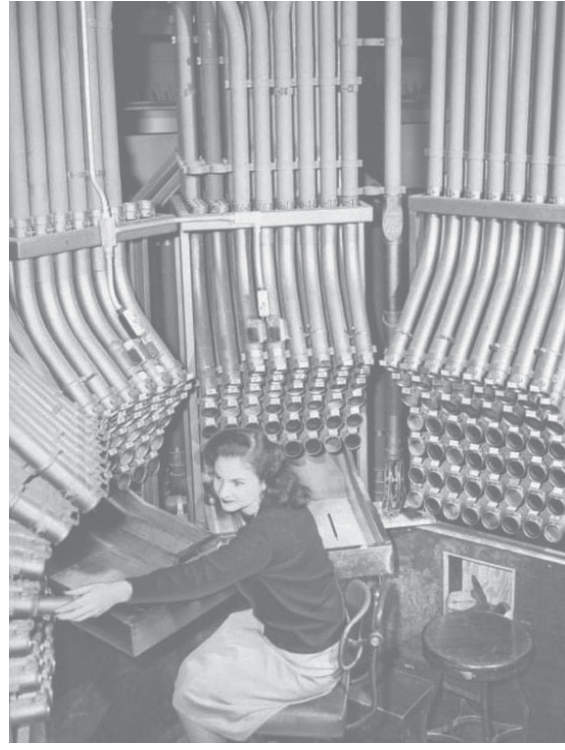
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