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**THE FLEETWOOD MAC EXPERIENCE**  
Saturday May 18 • 7pm  
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**FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET**  
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Fredonia, NY

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Jamestown, NY

**CAP STEP UP FOR KIDS 5K**  
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**MOVIES AT THE REG - GODZILLA X KONG**  
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Friday May 24 • 8pm  
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**HERITAGE DAY**  
Saturday, May 24 • 10am  
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**HOLIMONT BIKE PARK**  
Saturday, May 25 • 10am  
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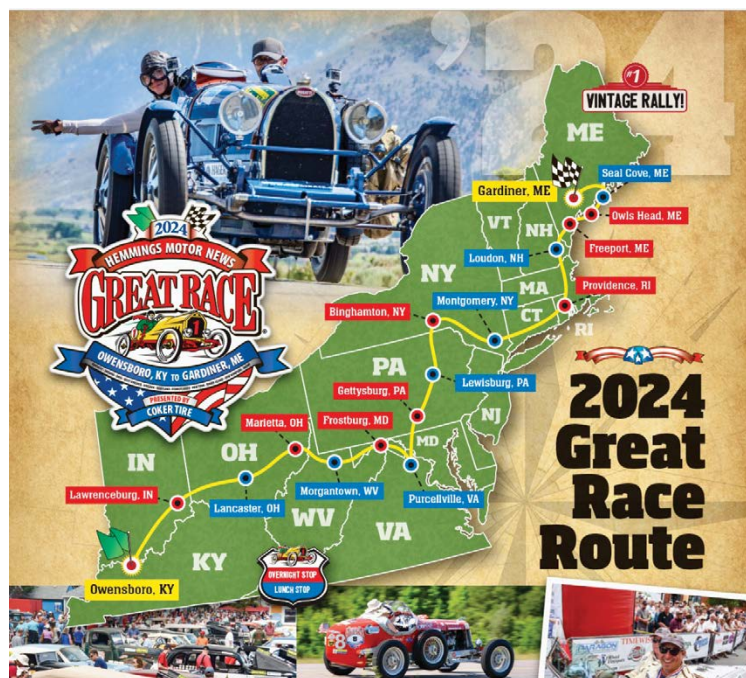
**BIG AND RICH FEATURING GRETCHEN WILSON**  
Saturday, May 25 • 10am  
Salamanca, NY

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

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## The Great Race

Local Duo Participate in National Event



Rick McIntosh (Lockport) and Sean Lowes (Ellicottville) have teamed up to participate in The Great Race competitive road rally this June. This 10-day event starts in Owensboro, Kentucky and ends 2300 miles later in Gardiner, Maine with several stops along the way. (See article, "RACE" pg. 6)

## '24 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival

2 Headliners Announced: Jeff Ross & Nicole Byer



Known for his numerous high-profile roast credits, including the most recent blockbuster Netflix "Roast of Tom Brady," Jeff Ross shares a side of himself audiences don't typically see in his new solo show on Friday, August 2. Nicole Byer takes the stage Thursday, August 1. Byer is one of the most distinctive voices in comedy today; widely known as the host of the Emmy-nominated Netflix reality-competition baking series "Nailed It!". (See "COMEDY", pg. 7)

## Springville Art Crawl, June 1

Interactive Areas, Entertainment, Arts & More



ARTICLE & PHOTOS  
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This year the annual Springville Art Crawl will take place on June 1, from 3-8pm. Stores and other businesses in the historic downtown shopping area in Springville will once again become one big temporary showplace for art, including

various types of paintings and photography, and the surrounding streets will become one big temporary marketplace for arts and crafts, including jewelry and decorative items. As always, visitors will be enjoying not only the artwork, chosen by art experts, that will

SEE "ART CRAWL" PG. 10

## 1st Annual Dunkirk Walleye Festival

Expanding Annual Walleye Tournament, May 31-June 2



BY DARLENE BRACE

The first annual Dunkirk Walleye Festival will be taking place on May 31-June 2 at the Dunkirk City Pier, located at 2 Central Avenue in Dunkirk, NY. The festival and tournament have been coordinated in collaboration with the City of Dunkirk and

Primitive Patriot Outdoors. Professional walleye anglers will compete in the 4th Annual Western New York Walleye Tournament which will now include a festival. Teams of two to five anglers can weigh in their six biggest fish caught. There will be big prizes

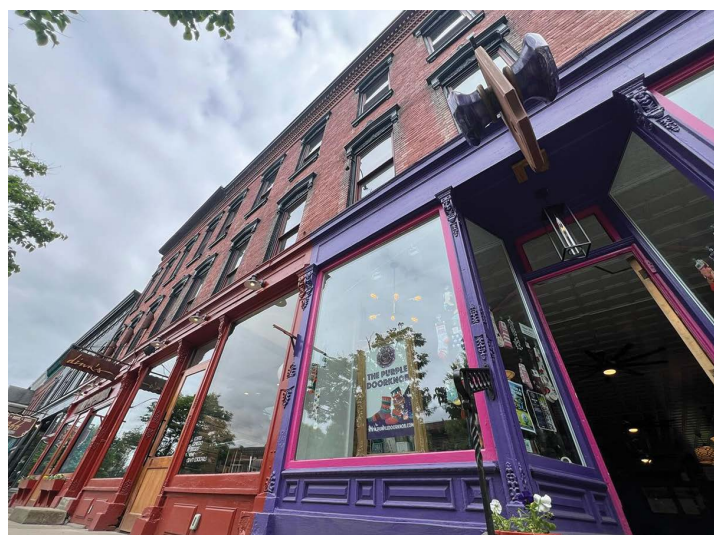
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## Sneak Peek

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Art & Passion of Eric Zimmermann of East Aurora



Zimmerman has created many 3-dimensional noteworthy signs for businesses in the area, including the original Purple Doorknob (Ellicottville), Pearl Street Brewing (Buffalo), 42 North Brewing (East Aurora), New Era Cap (Highmark Stadium), the Welcome to the Village of East Aurora and the Town of Holland, and the soon-to-be-unveiled sign for the new location of the Purple Doorknob in the Elmwood Village of Buffalo.

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## Community Spotlight: Philanthropic Giving

CHQ. Region Community Foundation



The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) is a major depository of philanthropic giving and scholarships in the county. It administers over seven-hundred endowments in support of emerging community needs, charitable organizations, and local students pursuing higher education. They are located at 418 Spring Street in Jamestown, NY 14701 and can be reached at 716-661-3390.

BY BILL BURK

"Initially it was only pain for me, and there's still a hole that won't go away. It took several years to accept that the hole wouldn't go away. Eventually that loss also became a source of perspective and peace that I have drawn on as strengths in other challenging situations, both personally and professionally. She taught us to always stay positive....so...that's what I try to do."

-Todd Weatherby

SEE "CRCF" PAGE 10

## Ellicottville Spotlight: Mila Clauss

Mom, Educator, & Business Owner



BY KATE BARTLETT

Mila Clauss has called Ellicottville home with husband Trey for over 15 years. As a teacher in Springville, she has built roots in the community and surrounding area. She is passionate about teaching, family, and community. Trey and Mila recently became owners of the City Garage, a local ski shop in the village of Ellicottville, and they enjoy being a part of this tight-knit

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# Publisher's Word

*"Happy Memorial Day!"*



I love our Country and our ability to live the life we strive for. Thank you

to all who have made the freedoms we have been granted through your strong courage and efforts to serve our country. Thank you to the mothers and fathers who raised our men and women who serve. On this Holiday weekend please take time to remember what we are celebrating and why we have the opportunity to do so. We live in a great part of this country and the world, and our hardworking entrepreneurs, staff and communities have planned a lot of events for you to attend, just browse through

these pages and keep a pen and paper handy; we have a lot lined up for you. As always, if you have something you would like to share with our readers, please contact me directly at [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com), call our offices: 716-699-2058, or simply go to [www.thevillager.com](http://www.thevillager.com) and click the "General Submissions" tab, we are always looking forward to interesting news and events to share. *Until next week, enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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## Ellicottville Village Park Highlights

### "EV Play Place" Announces: Zoom Twist

BY KELSEY ADAMSON

Ellicottville Playground Committee presents "EV Play Place", a biweekly segment dedicated to key pieces of playground equipment planned for our Ellicottville Village Park update. The featured pieces each highlight the way design is used to create a spirit of inclusivity in play. With the collaboration of Little Tikes and Unlimited Play we hope to bring extra joy to all the children of our community. This week we focus on the **Zoom Twist**.

**INTRODUCING THE ZOOM TWIST**

The Zoom Twist is a cone shaped structure with a circular flat base. Standing at 9 feet tall with a base diameter of 8 feet, ropes for climbing extend from the base to the tallest point. The most notable function of this piece of climbing equipment is that it spins. There is an opening in the center where a child could climb in or be placed on the base. The target age group for this piece are children aged 5-12 years.

**BENEFITS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

The Zoom Twist is beneficial to the children in our community by providing a challenging and strength building obstacle that can be enjoyed by multiple children of varying age ranges and abilities. Children can sit in and simply enjoy the ride or climb the ropes to the top. Navigating climbing equipment can boost children's self-confidence



and self-esteem, the physical exertion involved can be a constructive outlet for energy and stress, potentially leading to improved mood and behavior. This structure can also be helpful to children with disabilities especially for children with difficulty regulating their sensory systems. An example would be children with autism. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how children interact, communicate, learn, and behave. Often these children use repetitive movements to help cope with the world around them. The rhythmic and repetitive motion of spinning can have a soothing and regulating

effect on children with autism, helping them to reduce anxiety, stress, and agitation. This piece of equipment offers a place for children of differing strengths to play together.

**FUNDRAISING EFFORTS**

We are still actively working on fundraising. The Zoom Twist will cost \$23,163. If you would like to contribute to this piece of equipment or help in any fashion, please feel free to contact the Ellicottville Playground Committee at [ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com](mailto:ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com). Follow us on Instagram @ [ellicottvilleplayground](https://www.instagram.com/ellicottvilleplayground). Find more information at <https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground>.

*"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer."*  
— William Shakespeare

## Sunset Bay Beach Club

### Open for Season, Sporting Two Waterfront Attractions



Ready for some summer fun on Lake Erie? Sunset Bay, USA opened Friday, May 17. This beachside resort getaway is the home of two waterfront attractions - The

Sunset Bay Beach Club, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary season, and Cabana Sam's Beach Bar & Grill, which is already open for the year. Sunset Bay features 5

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# Garden Girl: Poppies

“Decoration Day Marks the Unofficial Start of Summer”



ARTICLE & ARTWORK BY  
LINDA KATHERINE YATES  
ARTIST & GARDENER

The origin of Decoration Day goes way back in time for centuries as a day in late Spring when families would gather at cemeteries and family burial plots to clean the graves of their deceased loved ones. Spring flowers being newly and readily abundant were used to decorate the graves. Families would congregate and also picnic at the sites. My first recollections of this now National Holiday were parades and going to the cemetery to see the decorations of flowers and wreaths and even the peacocks who lived on the grounds. The flowers of late May are themselves on parade. There are slews of Iris, Poppies and Peonies; there are Alliums, Dames rockets, and Bluebells for the picking.

Flowers are used in so many special ways and late May is certainly a time for flowers! They seem to evoke emotions and memories for many of us. As I document, photograph and paint the many flowers of the season I am reminded of friends and family members who have departed from this earthly existence. I love to hear how my friends and acquaintances also are reminded of their loved ones by the association of certain flowers. We speak of lilacs and remembrances of our Mother's and Father's love of Lilacs. We look at Lilies of the Valley and speak of our Grandparents, or how a Dogwood tree's blossoms are someone's

favorites, or the smell of late blooming daffodils brings back childhood memories. It's all so special this gift of Nature for us to enjoy and cherish for a lifetime. It's far more special than I can even begin to express, but I enjoy sharing pictures and conversations of flowers with all those who also take in the pleasures and pure delights of the Springtime. *'Go ye to graves and decorate, Place flags for boys who have died; Kneel down and say prayers for your loved ones, But know they are still by your side.'*  
—Gertrude Tooley  
Buckingham -1945

## Bemus Point Stow Ferry Opens 5/24!

Celebrate the New Season this Weekend with a Classic Cruise



The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry will begin its seasonal crossing of The Narrows on Chautauqua Lake Friday, May 24, at 4pm.

The Ferry's routine schedule is Fridays 4-9pm, Saturdays and Sundays noon-9pm, from Memorial Day to Labor Day (depending on weather and pilot availability.)

This will be the 213th consecutive year a ferry has crossed the 937-foot span from Stow to Bemus Point! The Ferry is maintained and operated by volunteers with no charge for taking the unique trip. Donations keep the Ferry running.

<https://www.tourchautauqua.com/des.../bemus-point-stow-ferry>

## Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Celebrating Milestones in 2024



The Roger Tory Peterson Institute is celebrating not one, but two milestones in 2024! This year marks the 90th anniversary since the publication of the first Peterson Field Guide as well as marks 40 years since the founding of the museum itself. Learn more about RTPI and what they have planned to celebrate these anniversaries: <https://www.tourchautauqua.com/.../roger-tory-peterson>. RTPI is located at 311 Curtis Ext., in Jamestown NY 14701.

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## Hosting Ellicottville's First Wellness Fair, Saturday, June 1



By, GARY MALICKI

### From Hitting Rock Bottom to Finding the Hunger for Success.....

A short while ago I hopped off the porch and searched the back streets off Mill and landed at 5 Park Ave. That's where you'll find the home of Bradley Poole's Warrior Fitness & Wellness, LLC. It's an unassuming brick building in the middle of a small industrial park where I found an amazing story and an amazing human being.

What brought me there was surfing local social media and I ran across a little blurb that advertised the Ellicottville Wellness Fair, June 1st at 11am at the Nannen Arboretum. The activities will include a wellness market, circuit-craze workout, kid's carnival and more. I saw that the event is sponsored by Warrior Fitness and decided to make contact to find out more.

I sent an email to Bradley Poole and received a phone call from him and two young ladies who make up his marketing team. That was followed up with an appointment for a personal interview.

Joining us was trainer Casey Allen who, along with Katelyn Glow and Deb Golly, make up his fitness team. Also in attendance were Jess Wallace and Julia Dunn from Refined Media 716 assisting with the marketing for the event.

I wanted to know more about Brad and he told me his surprising story. He told me about how he was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at a very young age. To help him deal with

it, his doctor recommended an involvement in sports, breathing treatments, nebulizers, pills and running to keep the lungs healthy.

He was very candid about his experience with anxiety and mental health issues. He was hospitalized quite often and it was expected that his young life would be cut short. He admitted that he spent many years abusing himself.

Then a turning point took hold. This young man who is now 37 and is an integral part of our village, returned to an emphasis on fitness and, according to one of his personal Facebook posts, developed a hunger for success. Married with two children and graduate of Ellicottville high school he has found success in fitness training with even a second location at 214 Main Street in Little Valley which has been open since January.

His program features various boot camp type of fitness programs. His staff member Casey, for example, performs a WWV program meaning "Whenever, Wherever Workouts". He also features live on-line fitness programs and on-demand classes that you can tune in to any time.

Bradley says the number of participants vary from month to month and he said that he works Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays starting a 6am. I asked what he does to relax and what do you think he said? You guessed it, he enjoys lifting weights, running

and spending time in nature in his own private time.

I wanted to learn more about Ellicottville's first Wellness Fair which is Bradley's brain child. He said he, "wanted to raise awareness of fitness and thought spring was a good time". He also smartly chose a weekend where there were no festivals or special events that might bump into each other.

The marketing team of Jess and Julia are equally excited about the event and told me that quite a range of events will be offered, from yoga to high intensity workouts. They are currently in the process of signing up vendors for the event as that is capped at 30.

Also featured will be information regarding mental health and there will also be an emphasis on women's health.

There's also going to be a presence of EARS (Empire Animal Rescue Society). Their role will be to walk folks around with a rescue buddy.

For someone who fell into real darkness then fought his way out, Brad is truly an inspiration and it was a pleasure to meet with him and his staff.

The Wellness Fair will begin at 11am on June 1st at the Nannen Arboretum. You can contact Warrior Fitness and Wellness at 716-699-1100. Check them out on Facebook and keep in mind they are located at 5 Park Ave., Ellicottville.

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## Mila

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community.

Mila was born in Buffalo, then moved to Los Angeles, California with her mother. She spent summers with her dad and stepmom Becky in Ellicottville, along with her sisters, Brooke (Szaicher) Rogers and Madison Szaicher. "Ellicottville has always been special to me," says Mila. "I have so many fond memories growing up here, and I'm so happy to be raising our family here."

She obtained her undergraduate degree in education from Canisius College. After college, Trey and Mila moved to Ellicottville looking for a slower paced life in the great outdoors. Mila got a job teaching for Springville Central School District, where she is currently a 5th grade teacher. "I'm so fortunate to have been granted this opportunity just after graduating college. It's a great school district and I'm proud to have been a part of it for 17 years and counting."

Over the years, Mila has been a part of the community in various roles. She has served on the library board and currently active on the ski club board. Their sons, Trennon (8) and Van (5), attend Ellicottville Central School and Mila is involved in their education and school events, as well as their community sports (baseball and skiing). "It's important to me to be an involved parent and to support their school and

extracurricular activities. We love living here and participating in the school and community events."

Trey and Mila recently became owners of the City Garage, when long-time founder and friend Sean Lowes was looking to retire. "It was a natural progression. Growing up in the area, Trey is an avid skier and had worked at the shop for over 20 years. We're honored to own the shop and serve the community in this way."

While City Garage is mostly a ski shop, they sell more than just skis. Being in a four-season resort town, they cater to all needs to enjoy the great outdoors, including hiking, outerwear, and some camping gear. During summer months, they carry a large stock of Birkenstocks and Yeti, (Mila's favorite). "Most people think we just sell skis, but we invite everyone to stop in and browse our selection of other outdoor needs."

Mila and Trey enjoy being involved in the Ellicottville community and participating in the many festivals and events held throughout the year. During the upcoming summer months, City Garage will partake in many sidewalk sales and keep the shop open during festival/holiday weekends. They will be holding a "Garage Sale" (pun



intended) Memorial Day weekend with extended hours.

The Clauss Family appreciates the tight-knit community of Ellicottville. "It's such a wonderful place to live. Not only are we fortunate to live in a four-season resort town, but the people here are simply incredible. Everyone lends a helping hand and works together to make this community strong, family oriented, and vibrant." Mila doesn't take the lush landscapes here for granted. "Having lived in LA for a good portion of my life, I truly appreciate the beauty of the four seasons: the green of the trees in spring and summer, foliage in the fall, and of course, snow on the slopes during ski season. It's incredibly convenient being able to walk (almost) everywhere. We definitely appreciate a slower paced life here and wouldn't trade it for anything."

Visit Mila (and Trey) at City Garage located at 5 Monroe Street and online at citygarageskishop.com.

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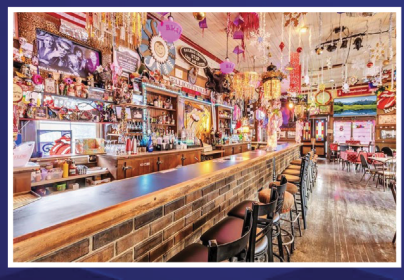
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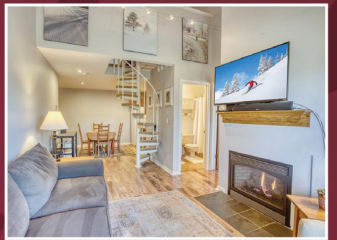
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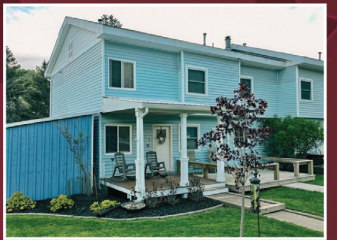
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## Race

### STORY FROM COVER

By KATE BARTLETT

Rick McIntosh (Lockport) and Sean Lowes (Ellicottville) have teamed up to participate in The Great Race competitive road rally this June. This 10-day event starts in Owensboro, Kentucky and ends 2300 miles later in Gardiner, Maine with several stops along the way. While this will be Rick's 8th Great Race event, this will be Sean's first.

So, what is The Great Race? It is a time-speed-distance road rally for antique and vintage cars on public highways. Each car/team consists of a driver and navigator who receive a set course of instructions each day. It is not a test of top speed, rather of driver/navigator ability to follow precise course instructions and the car's ability to endure a cross-country trip.

The instructions indicate every turn, speed change, stop, and start that the team must make throughout the day (usually 220-250 per day). Along the course, there are 4-7 checkpoints recording the exact time the team passes. The objective is to arrive at each checkpoint at the correct time, not the fastest. The score for the team is the result of the team's ability to follow the course instructions precisely, which is mentally demanding. It is a test of focus and consistency as well as classic car endurance. The course utilizes scenic local, county and state highways whenever possible providing an amazingly scenic route along America's roadways.

Rick has always loved cars and up until 2012 owned MAC's Antique Auto Parts in Lockport, one of the largest suppliers of antique, classic and vintage Ford car

parts in the world. It was a natural progression with him becoming involved in car racing events and first became involved in The Great Race in 1998 when he was asked to help navigate. "This role suited my meticulous personality and fed my passion for antique cars." Rick has participated in 20+ rallying events between The Great Race and the North East Rally Club.

Longtime friends and ski buddies, Rick and Sean talked casually about driving together in The Great Race over a beer at The Depot in Ellicottville. "What started as a joke has turned into quite the team," says Rick. "Sean has always loved race cars and was interested in rallying. I spoke about my experience as navigator and that I was looking for a driver. One thing led to another, and here we are, ready to participate in our first Great Race together."

The duo's personalities complement each other, in that Rick is analytical and mathematical, and Sean takes instructions well with his laid-back personality. They recently participated in The Pumpkin Run, a three-day car race put on by the North East Rally Club in Millsboro, Delaware this

past weekend in Rick's 1930 Ford Speedster which has no roof and no doors and it built up to race standards. They came in 10th place overall and it was great practice in preparation for The Great Race.

Rick enjoys the sport of rallying and speaks to its challenges and rewards. "It's an amazing experience that is hard to put into words," says Rick. "It tests your endurance, patience, and ability to work as a team, in combination with unforeseen circumstances including the weather and road conditions. It's grueling at times, but incredibly rewarding. I've seen some of America's most beautiful sights on roads I never would've driven otherwise. 'To Finish is to Win' is a suiting quote, as getting to the finish line is success in and of itself."

For more information on The Great Race visit <https://www.greatrace.com/> and follow this local team on Facebook @ Team MAC's Auto and here in *The Villager*. Stay tuned for a post-race update complete with their first experience together in The Great Race in coming months.



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Much like the National Comedy Center itself, the festival is an all-encompassing celebration of fun and funny. National Comedy Center Members gain first access to available seats during the pre-sale ticket window, visit [ComedyCenter.org/membership](http://ComedyCenter.org/membership) for more information or call the National Comedy Center at 716.484.2222. Memberships start at \$75 and provide year-round benefits including a "season pass" for visiting the award-winning National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

## Comedy

### STORY FROM COVER

The National Comedy Center is really turning up the heat this summer for the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival taking place August 1 - 4.

The Comedy Center announced "Roastmaster General" himself Jeff Ross and "Nailed It!"'s Nicole Byer will headline the first two nights of the festival, now in its 34th year, at Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. A third headliner, confirmed for August 3 at the Northwest Arena, will be announced in mid-June.

Known for his numerous high-profile roast credits, including the most recent blockbuster Netflix "Roast of Tom Brady," Jeff Ross shares a side of himself audiences don't typically see in his new solo show on Friday, August 2. The semi-autobiographical "Take a Banana for the Ride" paints a poignant portrait of the comedian's life through both laughter and loss as he celebrates the lives of his grandfather, his best friends and even his dog.

Nicole Byer takes the stage Thursday, August 1. Byer is one of the most distinctive voices in comedy today; widely known as the host of the Emmy-nominated Netflix reality-competition baking series "Nailed It!",

Byer has also won acclaim recently for her Netflix specials "Big Beautiful Weirdo" and "Comedians of the World". She regularly hosts the popular podcasts, "Why Won't You Date Me?", and "What the Tuck?".

**The third headliner, set to be announced in mid-June, is one of the highest grossing stand-up comedians in 2024 and will perform at Northwest Arena on Saturday, August 3.**

"Jeff Ross has been a genre-defining artist for decades, both continuing and revolutionizing the art of insult comedy. Beyond the roasts, he's just a fantastic stand-up comedian, an incredible writer, and a genuine champion of the art form's past and present, which I love about him," said Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center Executive Director.

Visits to the National Comedy Center's "Art of the Roast" exhibit, featuring the history of insult comedy from the Dean Martin and Friars' Club Roasts, through Comedy Central Roasts, Roast Battle, and highlighting artists from Don Rickles to Jeff Ross, can also be reserved with museum admission before live shows during the festival.

"Nicole Byer is a fearless performer with a candid, razor sharp take that brings the audience along for a fun ride. I'm thrilled to have her in this lineup and welcome her to Jamestown, where fans from across the

country celebrate this craft with our award-winning comedy museum visitor experience by day, and the best live comedy shows by night."

National Comedy Center Member pre-sale for the Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer shows and other festival events starts May 30 at noon and will go on sale for the general public June 6 at noon at [ComedyCenter.org](http://ComedyCenter.org).

The festival is also showcasing over 20 of the most popular artists currently performing in comedy clubs nationwide in its Comedy Late Night Shows running Thursday August 1 - Saturday, August 3. The shows feature comedians previously seen on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, The Daily Show, Last Comic Standing, Netflix comedy specials, America's Got Talent, and more.

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## Artist Spotlight: Visual Impact Signs; The Art & Passion of Eric Zimmermann



The current location of Eric's studio at 316 Main Street in East Aurora is hard to miss, boasting a large 20 ft. long lettering brush on the front roofline. Eric lives and works at his studio, as his art is a part of who he is. He has created many 3-dimensional noteworthy signs for businesses in the area, including the original Purple Doorknob (Ellicottville), 42 North Brewing (East Aurora), Mud, Sweat N' Gears (Ellicottville and East Aurora) among several others. The sign for the second Purple Doorknob will be hanging soon in their new location in downtown Buffalo.

By KATE BARTLETT

the Elmwood Village of Buffalo.

Eric Zimmermann is owner and founder of Visual Impact Signs in East Aurora. He has created many 3-dimensional noteworthy signs for businesses in the area, including the original Purple Doorknob (Ellicottville), Pearl Street Brewing (Buffalo), 42 North Brewing (East Aurora), Mud, Sweat N' Gears (Ellicottville and East Aurora), New Era Cap (Highmark Stadium), the Welcome to the Village of East Aurora and the Town of Holland, and the soon-to-be-unveiled sign for the new location of the Purple Doorknob in

Eric has always been creative by nature. As an art major at Alden High School, he was constantly drawing, sketching and doodling for fun, and for projects to create banners for family and community functions. His art evolved through the years, and he dubs himself a self-taught artist. "I just drew whatever came to mind, and took on any projects that came my way," says Eric. He'd sketch in pencil and ink, and learned as he went, hand lettering signs the old-fashioned way.

"The sign businesses came on naturally," Eric explains. "It was a creative outlet for me and I enjoyed

taking on new projects, learning as I went." He opened Visual Impact Signs in 1984 and it continued to evolve organically, as the community embraced his art. "We knew we could create," says Eric "and we wanted to make an impact with our signs, hence the name: Visual Impact."

The studio started small, as most do, and Eric and his team took on various types of projects. Their creations evolved, and they learned how to utilize computers and other forms of technology as the need arose. "There's always a learning curve, but it's how you evolve as a business and best meet the needs of the community."

Eric designed the

original sign at The Purple Doorknob in Ellicottville 16 years ago, and recently designed a similar sign for the second location in the Elmwood Village of Buffalo. The original sign is 24" glass-like doorknob on a 30x60" plate with keyhole and currently hangs at the shop located at 11 Washington Street. The second sign is similar to the first and is awaiting finishing touches to soon adorn their newest location at 744 Elmwood Ave in Buffalo.

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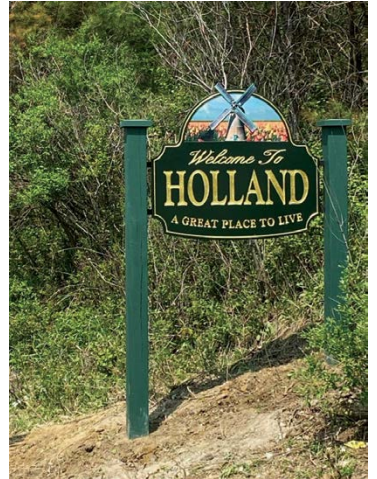
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The current location at 316 Main Street is hard to miss, boasting a large 20 ft. long lettering brush on the front roofline. "We wanted to make an impression, of course. It's what we do."

Eric lives and works at his studio, as his art is a part of who he is. "I live where I work, so I can't escape it, but I honestly wouldn't want to. I love what I do."

Eric's favorite thing about his work is the creative outlet it provides. Not only it is surreal seeing his work around the community, but it's incredibly rewarding. "I enjoy helping customers promote themselves and create signage that draws attention to their business. I've never had to advertise, our work is out in the public eye every day as proof of product."

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Todd Weatherby is a local product, graduating from Southwestern High School. Two months ago, he joined Siemens AG, an \$80 billion global technology company focused on industry, infrastructure, transport, and healthcare. He is CEO of their professional services division, Siemens Advanta. On his way to this position, Todd held leadership roles in several technology companies you might recognize: Oracle, Microsoft, and Amazon. He was responsible for the launch of Amazon Web Services ProServe, that ubiquitous AWS brand you see everywhere on TV.

Sharon Kunkel (Weatherby) was his mother. She was an intensive care nurse at WCA Hospital in Jamestown and attended nursing school at Jamestown Community College. In 1984 Sharon died of acute leukemia.

"Acute seems like an understatement," Todd says. "From the time she complained of symptoms that she described as feeling like mono, or the flu, she was gone in just twelve days. Most of that time was spent at the hospital in Erie where they were guessing at the cause and the treatment. Easily the most traumatic experience of my life. Impacted me in ways that I'll never fully understand."

It was tragedy on a titanic scale for the people who knew and adored Sharon,

and it's impossible to say for certain if her death informed Todd's success (though you don't have to be a psychologist to suggest such a thing). But from her death, as from so many others whose memories deserve cherishing, came a glimpse of hope.

The Chautauqua Region Community Foundation (CRCF) is a major depository of philanthropic giving and scholarships in the county. It administers over seven-hundred endowments in support of emerging community needs, organizations, and local students pursuing higher education. The organization has a community-wide, big-net mission to do more than process donations; they are also "deeply committed to creating a vibrant region where every resident feels connected and has the opportunity to thrive" (per their website).

In 1978, a group of Chautauqua County citizens commissioned a national expert on community foundations to explore the possibility of setting up an endowed fund to support the area. That originating group included some important names in the cadre of Chautauqua benefactors; Carl Cappa, Barbara Carlson, Betty Erickson, Francis Grow, Miles Lasser, Elizabeth Lenna, Marion Panzarella, Richard Parker, Samuel Price, Sr., John Sellstrom, and Kenneth Strickler. The expert inferred that the area was too small to support a significant endowment but was impressed enough with the level of charitable giving here that he endorsed the creation of a foundation in Chautauqua. The history of the CRCF reads, "The Chautauqua region was very fortunate to have a forward-thinking group of individuals who saw the need for a community foundation.

individuals gave their gifts of time, dedication and leadership, in seemingly endless amounts and are the very reason CRCF exists today."

Nearly 40 years after her passing, the memory of Sharon Kunkel lives on in the spirit of her two sons Todd and Tim, their families, and in the Sharon Kunkel Nursing Scholarship. In those four decades, there have been 48 students awarded, twelve of which were awarded multiple times (62 total awards) totaling \$32,379.

Lisa Lynde, the Donor Services Officer at CRCF gives a recent history of the scholarship: "In 2022 we had eleven qualifiers, in 2023 we had nineteen. Last year our Healthcare Scholarship Selection committee, made up of a group of volunteers with healthcare backgrounds really liked the applicants, one stood out, and two others were great candidates, so they decided to give the biggest portion to the first choice, and then divide the balance between the remaining two.

Todd and his wife Lynda have two kids Kyle and Dana. Tim Weatherby and his wife Mary have two kids Lynn and Maxwell. They continue to support nursing students in WNY via this CRCF scholarship in their mother's memory.

The application deadline for this year is July 15th. Donations to grow the Sharon Kunkel Nursing Scholarship Fund can be made online at [crcfonline.org/give](http://crcfonline.org/give) or by mailing a check to Chautauqua Region Community Foundation, 418 Spring St., Jamestown, NY 14701.

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"Perfect Petals" photography by author Barbara Arnstein has been accepted into this year's show.



In addition, there will be some new types of entertainment, including themed experience rooms, mini-exhibits, and interactive installations. Visitors will also be enjoying the Fiber Arts Zone, the Literary Arts Zone, the AKG Art Truck, the Chalk Art, the Drum Circle and other interactive areas.

the submissions this year included Emily Ebba Reynolds, and Nando Alvarez-Perez, co-founders and directors of the Buffalo Institute for Contemporary Art. Nando is an artist, photographer and educator, and Emily is a curator and community organizer. The other two judges are Gerald Mead, an award-winning artist whose work is in permanent collections, and has been in international exhibits, and Tracy DelValle, an artist and educator who owns "Paint Flights", a studio that offers painting classes. At the After-Party for the artists, a Juror Prize of \$250, an Executive Prize of \$150 and smaller prizes, in several categories will be awarded. The photo of mine that was accepted for this year's Art Crawl features red and pink flowers, and green leaves, and it is entitled "Perfect Petals". Thanks to the way light cast shadows on the petals, it looks very much like a painting. For more information about the Art Crawl, go to [springvilleartcrawl.com](http://springvilleartcrawl.com).

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**Art Crawl**

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be displayed on walls, and browsing amidst the many arts and crafts vendors' tables, but also various other forms of entertainment, including interactive areas, food trucks, and much more. The Art Crawl truly offers a lot of fun for the whole family.

The Community Parade, scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m., features a number of floats, marching bands from local schools, decorated cars and more. The parade route extends from Main Street and Franklin Street to North Buffalo and Franklin Street.

This year, a \$250 prize will be awarded for the best float with the theme of "Art Pirates". This year's live musical performances will be performed by a variety of groups, in spots throughout the streets, and aerialist Lily LeStrange will once again wow the crowds with her graceful moves. In addition, there will be some new types of entertainment, including themed experience rooms, mini-exhibits, and interactive installations. Visitors will also be enjoying the Fiber Arts Zone, the Literary Arts Zone, the AKG Art Truck, the Chalk Art, the Drum Circle and other interactive areas. The vendors' tables are at the intersection of Main and Mechanic Street, and on Franklin Street.

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# Walleye

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Lake Erie is known for its Walleye fishing and they have decided to capitalize on this by expanding the annual tournament to an annual festival.

at the cooler drop off by 3:30pm, followed by the weigh in show at 5pm. To increase the excitement and anticipation, the biggest fish will be weighed last. Then the winners and overall champion that day will be announced. After the main event weigh in, live music by The West of the Mark: Prime Project will be performing. This seven-member country band will play 1990's country music from 7pm to 10pm. Be ready to do some dancing as this band is sure to get you moving to the beat.

Sunday June 2 is Kids Day. Beginning at 10am, Craig Sleeman, who is a pro angler and championship finalist, will be conducting a kids' fishing clinic, followed by a kid's tournament. The tournament winner will receive a guided fishing trip with Craig Sleeman.

This festival is planned to be a community event. Even if you are not participating in the fishing tournament, you are encouraged to come out and be a spectator of the exciting launch of over 40 boats Saturday morning. There will also many vendors providing a variety of food and crafts as well as fishing gear vendors. It promises to be a fun community event

and an amazing outdoor weekend focusing on Lake Erie's walleye while promoting the sport of fishing.

If you are coming to participate in the tournament from out of town, the Clarion Hotel is just two blocks away if you need overnight accommodations. There is also a Best Western on Vineyard Street that is about a ten-minute drive. You may also find some Airbnb accommodations in the area.

This tournament is sponsored by DFT Communications, Century 21 Turner Brokers- Dan Terhune HuntChef, and Okuma. To participate in the tournament, you must be registered by May 24, and can register at www.primitivepatrioutdoors.com. There you will find all the rules and regulations of participation listed. For more information you can also call 716) 490-4226 or (716) 366-9886.

Whether you are an angler out to catch the biggest walleye, or an outdoor enthusiast looking for a fun festival weekend, come on out to the Dunkirk Pier for the Walleye Festival. It's sure to be an exciting weekend to see who catches the biggest walleye and you can enjoy the rest of the festival too.

# Ancestry of Chautauqua Co. Town Names

## Rich and Diverse Tapestry of Chautauqua County History

BY BILL BURK

Chautauqua county has twenty-seven towns (fifteen villages and eighteen school districts for what it's worth). That's a lot of governing done by a lot of people; tax assessments, elections, sewer districts, utilities, police, fire, and transportation department management, more taxes. Each entity carving out a distinction, an image for the world to see, maybe make a case for visitors to stop in and spend some money, or people to make their home.

And, they all had to be named (the study of names is onomastics for you lexicologists).

The name Chautauqua is native American, derived from a lost language of the Erie tribe. The lake, town, and institution of Chautauqua share the name. A Seneca Indian tribe inhabited the land back then as well and contributed names from their language to Cassadaga (the word meaning "water under the rocks"), and Kiantone, from the Seneca word kyenthone, meaning "a level place for growing corn". Not wildly exciting or mysterious original descriptions, but more singular than pointing and describing what you see, like Lakewood (lake and woods), Westfield originated in a field west of Ripley, Silver Creek (water that looks silver), Forestville (a ville next to a forest), Lily Dale (a dale full of lilies), or Cherry Creek (see Silver Creek).

Many were named after the man who first set down roots in a spot: Busti after Paul Busti, Ellicott after Joseph Ellicott, Bemus after William Bemus. These three in particular procured their property from the



Holland Land Company and successfully petitioned to have it named for them.

Jamestown is named after James Prendergast, an early Chautauqua County settler.

The county seat, Mayville, was named by the Holland Land Company, when Paul Busti successfully petitioned Joseph Ellicott for permission to name the village after Busti's wife under her maiden name of May. Elizabeth May was from a prominent English family and married Paul Busti. The couple had no children and she never visited western New York.

Not a town, but the hamlet of Ripley was titled for Eleazer Wheelock Ripley, a general in the War of 1812. Sinclairville was founded in 1809 and named for the American Revolutionary War Major Samuel Sinclair. Celoron is named for Pierre Joseph Céloron de Blainville, a French officer and explorer of Ohio. Sheridan was named by John Loucks for the Civil War Union

general Phil Sheridan. During the 1870s Patrick Falconer donated a bunch of land to the Dunkirk Allegheny Valley and Pittsburg Railroad using his name for the depot in a place called Worksburg, later named after the landowner.

At least four are looked-like places. Randolph was named in honor of Randolph, Vermont by its early settlers. Poland for... well, Poland. Dunkirk was called Chadwick Bay in 1805 and renamed because its harbor reminded people of Dunkirk (Dunkerque), France. Panama was named after its rocks, which were named after the Isthmus of Panama by a man called Panama Joe.

The county is big on memorializing signers of the Declaration of Independence, even if these namesakes, like Elizabeth May, never set foot here. William Ellery, George Clymer, Roger Sherman, and Richard

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# Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

## Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

Can you believe it's already Memorial Day Weekend? There is a wide array of activities and entertainment this holiday weekend including parades, festivals, and some great live music. Read on to see what's happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

**Thursday May 23 - The Busti Tap House** continues its Thursday evening music this week with the singer/songwriter **Campfire Junkie** starting at 6:30pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner while listening to originals and covers by this talented musician.

**At Brazil in downtown Jamestown**, they will be featuring **Trivia Night**. They will have three rounds of trivia, so put your heads together with your team and maybe you will be the first prize winner.

**Friday, May 24th, Singer/songwriter Michael Gerholdt** will be performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 6pm. Come listen to Michael play some originals and covers while sipping on your favorite beverage.

**At Brazil in downtown Jamestown**, they will be having their **Music on the Stoop** series. This week, two members of The Assembly, Drew and Lena, will be performing their jazz pop fusion setlist starting at 6pm. They will also be having Happy Hour from 3pm to 6pm, which includes some drink specials.

**Saturday May 25 - Afraid of Human** will be performing at **Shawbucks** starting at 10pm. They are a hard rock band that

plays originals as well as some selected covers.

**Big Inlet Brewing** is welcoming back **The Untouchables**. The Untouchables are a favorite WNY band that play music from the 60s to present. Bring your family and friends for a enjoyable evening of listening to their great music starting at 5pm.

**Southern Tier Distillery** will be hosting Erie's **Danny and the Daddios**. Enjoy listening to your favorite pop/rock hits from the 80s, 90s and today starting at 6pm

On Friday and Saturday there will be a fundraiser for the Shriner's Hospital for Children called **The Bluegrass and Country Fest**. It will be take place at the **Dunkirk Fairgrounds**. There will be a wide variety of live bluegrass and country music throughout the two-day festival. There will also be food trucks and vendors, raffles, a Chinese auction and a whole lot more. Camping sites are available or there are hotels nearby for those needing overnight accommodations. For more information and a complete updated listing of activities go to Facebook at Benefit Fundraiser for Erie Shriner's Children's Hospital.

**Sunday May 26 - Osborne Nash** will be performing at the **Busti Tap House** for their Sunday Fun Day starting at 2pm. Come listen to this talented duo perform their eclectic set list.

**Ion Sky** will be performing their rock and pop music at **Big Inlet Brewing** from 2pm-5pm. Be ready to do some dancing as this band is sure to get you moving to the beat.

**Pine Junction** will be having their **Drafts and**

**Crafts Festival**. There will be beer tasting and the Craft Festival. The craft show will be from 11am-5pm and there will be over twenty vendors there. There will be live country music from Erie's Small-Town Revolution from 2pm-5pm.

**All Weekend Events-** In Silver Creek, the new **Hideaway Bay Lakeside Resort** is open and is hosting some live music for a sneak peek at their beautiful beach area. On Saturday, **Uncle Ben's Remedy** will be performing at 5pm. On Sunday, there will be music by **Spooky Stephen** at 1pm followed by **Crespo Beats** at 5pm. Rounding out the long weekend, **The Grippers** will be performing at 1pm. Come check out this new resort and its amenities as well as the live music they are having this weekend.

**Bemus Point Kicks Off the Summer Season** - This holiday weekend Bemus Point will have lots of live music at its most popular venues. **The Village Casino** will have live rock and country music by **Refuge** Friday night starting at 10 pm. On Saturday night, one of the areas favorite bands, the **Porcelain Bus Drivers** will be taking the stage at 10pm.

Bemus Point will also be rockin' at **The Fish** this weekend. On Friday, **Dark Water Duo** will perform a mix of covers. On Saturday, **Buffalo's Innocent Bystander** will be playing classic rock and roll. On May 26th, **Unparallel** will play their mix of covers and originals, and on Monday **The Untouchables** return to The Fish performing decades of hits.

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## Streamlined Shakespeare

"The Life and Death of King John"



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS  
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The last time I saw people this impatient to sit on a throne, they were waiting on the intermission Ladies' Room line at a Broadway theatre. "King John" is all about the question, "Who most deserves to be sitting on the throne of England?" and various people with various answers. The main action begins when a messenger from the King of France tells King John, he must agree to let a kid he likes become the king. John's answer amounts to "And if I don't?" and the other king says, basically "Well, you'll be sorry!" and John's is like, "Bring it on!"

Soon, there's a vicious battle: John's mommy snipes viciously at the mommy of the kid, and she snipes viciously back. John tries getting his mama to shush up. It doesn't work. The kid tries telling his mama, "I'm not worth all this fuss!" but she ignores that. John tries asking non-royal strangers who they think should be king, and they bluntly tell him, "Leave us out of it." Surprisingly, both kings talk about teaming up to conquer a common enemy, but later go to war with each other. It's like that cartoon where a dog and a cat fight until a

noon whistle blows. Then they open their lunchboxes, eat and laugh together and when lunchtime's over, get right back to beating the tar out of each other. In other words: it's nothing personal, they're just doing their jobs.

At one point, to paraphrase the words of that 60's slogan, it's decided that making love is better than making war. A titled Englishwoman agrees to marry a royal French guy, hoping this will turn the two countries into one big happy family. John's mother throws a hissy fit because the woman is her niece and she has a bad feeling about her choice of hubby. When a guy brings her the news of the impending wedding and says he was sent to escort her, she plunks herself down on the ground and refuses to move. Her intuition turns out to be accurate: the marriage doesn't help anything, since the French guy uses it as an excuse to try claiming the throne.

At that point, John's had it up to here with all the fighting, and he mutters to a buddy that he'd love it if he just went and killed the kid that's the reason for it. So his buddy goes off to look for him. Meanwhile, the war continues to rage, and France starts losing, bigtime. John's buddy captures the kid. There's a very scary scene in which it seems that, rather than kill him, he's going to do something really gruesome to him. But he doesn't, because (whew!) the kid begs and pleads and gets him to change his mind. However, to score points with John, his buddy tells him he did kill him. And John gets furious! He says, basically, "I just said that because I was cranky! You don't have to take everything I say literally!" He's so pissed that his buddy finally tells him the truth, that he's alive. However, about the time he's saying these words, the kid dies by jumping from a castle wall while trying to escape his captors. When three English noblemen see his body, ironically, they assume John ordered his execution, and they're so horrified they defect to the other side.

A fortuneteller tells John he's going to wind up giving his crown to the other king, on a certain date. Because he assumes the prophecy implies he'll be surrendering, and because, when he's told this, he's very upset about his mother's death, he orders the prophet to be executed! Plus, he specifies that he should be killed on the date he mentioned, when he assumes no surrender will be taking place, in order to send the message, "What he said didn't happen, but my sentence did!" The prophecy comes true. However, it doesn't involve surrendering, it's just part of a ceremony.

At the end, John suddenly starts to feel weak and concludes he was poisoned by a mysterious monk before he dies. Peace breaks out between England and France, and John's son, Prince Henry, takes over as the king.

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## Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By MOUTH SAY TONGUE

It's Memorial Day weekend as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy freedom in this great country. As always there's lots of music to be heard so let's see who's playing where.

Balloons kicks off the seven-day weekend with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This week's musical host is Interstate Daydream from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/folk set of covers with some soulful vocals.

The Gin Mill's Thursday musical hosts are Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. These guys play rock covers and originals that reflect the British Invasion of the 60's. 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 Only Humen from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF band plays classic rock/pop covers. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have been gracing Evl stages for as long as I

can remember and play a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers that you'll know the words to.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Kage blowing in up the sound booth, from 9-2am, laying down a groove so you can bust-a-move in the window on Washington.

**SATURDAY**  
The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This couple plays a country/folk/blues/roots set of covers and originals. Hazzard County takes the stage from 8-12am and they play both kinds of music, country and western. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

12 Gates of Evl is a player with Bello Voice Studio from 2-4pm. Several of their students will be performing a multi genre set of covers while you enjoy some of 12 Gates finest brews and some great pub fare.

We return to Balloons for Tommy Z from 6:30-10pm. Tommy is another Buffalo Music HOF'er and has toured the world and entertained our troops playing blues originals and covers. Dj KT Stylez will keep the music flowing providing the sauce so you can do the floss from 12-2am.

Madigans is back with Dj Jett who will put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2 am.

**SUNDAY**  
The Gin Mill is first up again with The Chillbillies

from 2-5pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers and originals while you enjoy a late lunch or early dinner.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. They welcome back Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers.

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

The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty is yet another Buffalo Music HOF'er and plays blues and folk music from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We've ended our seven-day weekend the same way for the last 40 years, at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is your host and plays a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers. If they've been doing it for 40 years you know this is a locals favorite.

If you enjoyed your time in our village, tell your family and friends and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

## Beat on the Street:

“What Social Experiment/s Have You Been Privy To?”

By Chad Neal



Gerald J.- Ask a stranger for a bite of their food. You'd be surprised.



Darwin C.- Bussing in the 60's.



Meagan M.- Covid.



Chad N. - In fourth grade we put signs up by the drinking fountains that said boys/ girls but by the opposite bathroom door. Two of us sat outside on the hallway floor with notebooks watching what other kids would do. Changing the signs, saying “What the heck?!”, etc.



Beth N.-The one where we all decided that some people should just struggle and never have enough while others should never want for anything.



Mat S.- Why do I feel like this question is part of a social experiment....?

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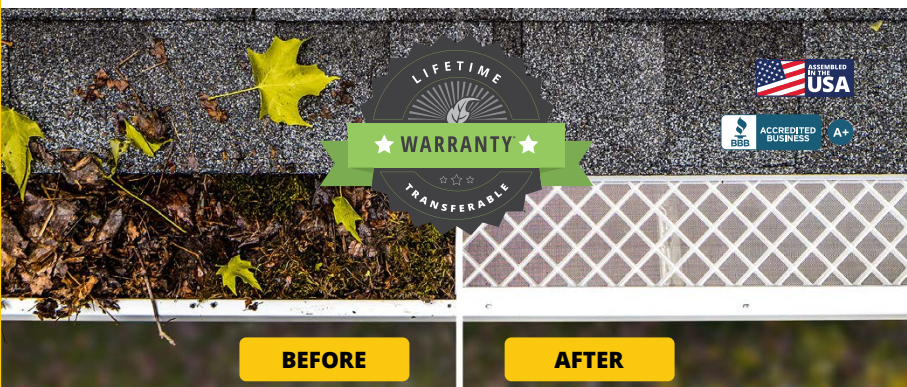


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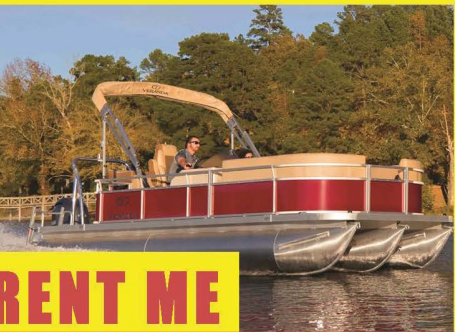
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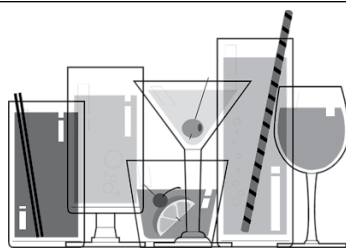
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This Week's Difficulty Level:

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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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
3	4	5	1	6	8	2	7	9

# Seats for Restoration: Mark Your Spot

Reg Lenna CFA Announces Legacy Seats Campaign



Reg Lenna Center for The Arts is offering the community a chance to become part of its historic theater's legacy. For a donation, patrons can make commemorations by having names and messages engraved on plaques that will be placed on new theater seats. The Legacy Seats campaign is running now and will continue while seats are available. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations are encouraged to participate.

Suggested inscriptions include names of family members, businesses or organizations; memorable dates marking birthdays and anniversaries; impactful messages; and memorials to loved ones. Donations are \$100 per seat in the main areas of the floor and balcony areas, \$250 for loge seats, and \$500 for premium seats in the first four rows of the theater. The Legacy Seat donations are tax-deductible. The naming rights will remain for the lifetime of the seats which is expected to last for well over two decades. The initiative helps to cover the growing cost of sustaining

a wide array of arts programming at the 100 year-old historic theater. Seats and row sponsorships are available on a first come, first served basis.

"We are so excited to offer this rare chance for community members to make their mark through these donation plaques," says The Reg's Executive Director Hillary Meyer. "We set a donation level that would be accessible to many people, and are hoping that this will allow hundreds of people who are interested in supporting the arts to have a chance to join the legacy seats campaign. Following our recent sound and lighting upgrades in the theater, we are delighted to upgrade the seating as well. We want our patrons' overall experience at The Reg to be one of comfort and enjoyment."

The current seats - dating back to the 1950's - are scheduled to be removed the first week of June. The Reg will have a "seatless" movie double feature on June 7 with patrons encouraged to bring their own camping chairs or beach blankets. The drive-

in-style event will feature the Bill Murray comedy Meatballs, followed by the 2001 cult comedy Wet Hot American Summer. New seats will be installed before August 2024. In addition to commemorative plaques, most of the seats have more comfortable cushioning and include cupholders. Several of the new aisle seats are equipped with transfer arms which allow easier access for patrons with mobility issues.

The community is encouraged to reserve their Legacy Seats soon before they sell out. For more information, or to sign up, visit reglenna.com/legacy-seats or call the box office at 716-484-7070.

The seat replacement was funded by support from New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, the Sheldon Foundation, the Hultquist Foundation and Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth/County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency.

# Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



## Jamestown NY - 1927

Jamestown had been producing power since 1891 for Streetlights. In the 1920's the demand for electricity had increased from the citizens and the power plant was modernized into a larger coal burning facility.

# From Bryan's Brain



Apollo 11 Astronauts Visit Mexico City -1969

# Names

CONT. FROM PG. 11

*Many were named after the man who first set down roots in a spot: Busti after Paul Busti, Ellicott after Joseph Ellicott, Bemus after William Bemus. These three in particular procured their property from the Holland Land Company and successfully petitioned to have it named for them.*

Stockton all signed; all have towns in Chautauqua named after them.

Clymer was a Pennsylvanian, first president of Philadelphia Bank, first president of the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts, and vice-president of the Philadelphia Agricultural Society.

Roger Sherman is the only person to have signed all four of the most significant documents in our nation's early history: the Continental Association from the first Continental Congress, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution. He was a favorite son of Connecticut.

Richard Stockton was one of five New Jersey

signees.

The Town of Gerry was named after Elbridge Gerry, Vice President of the United States in 1812 and also a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

William Ellery also signed. He was a supreme court judge in Rhode Island.

For some of the "F" towns; Findlay Lake was named in 1815 for the man who built the dam that powered his mills and created the lake, Alexander Findlay.

The first European family who settled in the area were

purportedly the Frews in 1807. Tack on the burgh and you have Frewsburg.

French Creek is named for a fort the French used near Erie. Legend has it George Washington traveled the creek to ask the French to abandon their Pennsylvania stronghold.

And finally, Fredonia is derived from the English word "freedom" with a Latin ending. The creator of the name, Samuel Latham Mitchill, proposed it as an alternative to using The United States for our country.

Imagine the implications.

# Events

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**The Bemus Point Tap House** will be hosting a weekend of fun entertainment for all ages. Starting on Friday, there will be live music by **Quister** starting at 6pm. On Saturday, there will be a **Classic Car and Motorcycle Cruise-In** from 1pm-6pm as well as **DJ Carmello** spinning the tunes from 1pm-5pm. On Sunday there will be a **Golf Scramble** from 9am-4pm followed by live music by the talented duo **Lenny and the Landshark**. After the parade which starts at

10am, they will be having a **Bloody Mary Party**. Live music will continue from 11am-1pm with the **Randy & Jamie Duo** starting at 2pm.

More live music will be happening at **EBC in Bemus**. On Friday, **Erica and Jesse** will be playing their soft rock, pop, and country covers from 6pm-9pm. On Saturday, **DJ Queen of the Beats** will be spinning some of your favorite tunes starting at 9pm. The live music continues Sunday and Monday with **Son** performing jazz, soul, and R&B covers from 12pm-4pm each day.

The long-standing tradition will continue at **14 Main/See-Zurh House** with the **pre-parade**

**Bloody Mary's** flowing beginning at 8:30am! Grab a drink & head to the front porch to see all the action!

Are you looking for **Memorial Day Parade information**? Here are the start times of many of the Memorial Day Parades throughout Chautauqua County:

Falconer 10:15am, Bemus Point 10am, Jamestown 10am, Findley Lake 9:30am, Cassadaga 11am, Dunkirk 11am, Frewsburg 9 am, Westfield May 27, 11am, and Mayville 10 am. You can check parade routes on their websites and Facebook pages.

Wow there is so much to choose from this weekend!! No matter what you choose to do, have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

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## YARD SALE

**BEMUS POINT, NY YARD SALE!** Friday May 24 & Saturday May 25: 42 Main St, Bemus Pt NY 14712 from 7 am until-?. Start your Memorial Day weekend off with a bargain!! We take cash or Venmo. Offering: Ski boots, Children's toys, Home decor and Christmas galore, Snorkeling gear & much more.

## "Community Sports" Mural

Olean Native Plans Public Artwork



**OLEAN-** Community should mean a great deal to all of us. It's where we grow up, who we raise our families with, the place we plant our roots. It means so many different things and keeping it not just clean and beautiful but inclusive and safe for all citizens when they come together. In that regard, the Tri-County Arts Council (TCAC) always has great ideas in the works.

Two years ago, artist Meg Saligman worked on a project that encompassed all four sides of the Liberal Arts Center building at the SUNY JCC Cattaraugus County Campus. Her "The Heart of Olean" mural had

about 10% of the Olean population working on it with her crew and herself, proudly creating a display based on an American poet. And last year artist Alex Derwick brought his mural proposal to the Arts Council's attention and it was approved to be created last summer and featured on the wall of the William O. Smith Rec Center in War Vets Park, titled "Community Ties."

This year, Olean has been presented with a wonderful opportunity AGAIN by Olean native, Alex Derwick, who is planning to create a mural entitled "Community Sports" this

summer! The "Community Sports" mural is planned for the Sports Locker complex west-facing wall.

We are looking for Businesses and Community Partners to support our current Mural project like for the Heart of Olean Mural and Community Ties in previous years. We are currently at 40% fully funded for the project starting in June!

We will be having an open Paint Day for the Community on or near June 16th depending on weather.

For More Information, <https://www.tricounty-artsCouncil.org/public-art-olean-projects/>

## ~ Obituary ~ Roland E. King

Survived by Many, Many Great Friends 1936- 2024



Roland E. "Bud" King, 87, of Memory Garden, formerly of Ellicottville, died Saturday May 18, 2024, in UPMC Chautauqua. He was born July 11, 1936, in Lottsville, PA, a son of the late

Stewart and Alice Sherman King. He attended Sugar Grove High School before joining the US Marine Corps. He was a member of Steam Fitters Union 22 and worked as a plumber. He was a member of the American Legion. He was an avid golfer in summer and snow skier in winter who enjoyed socializing with his many, many friends and his weekly poker game. The family wishes to thank the staff of Memory Garden for the wonderful care they provided Bud over the last 2 years. They also appreciate his meal mates Shirley and Karen. Surviving is a sister Beverly Nelson of Corry, PA; sister-in-law Susan King of West

Ellicott; nieces Deborah (John) Lloyd of Dublin, CA and Kellie (Jim) Work of Celoron and his great friend of 50 years Bill Brown. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons Randall and Jeffrey King; a sister Betty Sanborn; a brother Stewart "Stub" King, Jr; nephews Robert King and Scott Sanborn and niece Amy King. A memorial service will be held at a late date. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Western New York, 6400 Sheridan Dr #320, Buffalo, NY 14221. You may leave words of condolence at [www.lindfuneralhome.com](http://www.lindfuneralhome.com).

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## Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



### Early 1900 Firefighter Suit

*This prototype design for a fire resistant suit was tested in the early 1900's in an attempt to get closer to the fire. The suit was soon rejected as steam generated from the mist, due to the fire's heat, would in-fact impede or injure the firefighter.*

## Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History



### Shirley Anita Chisholm 1924-2005

*She was the first African American woman elected to Congress. Chisholm represented New York's 12th congressional district from 1969 to 1983. She served seven terms and championed anti-poverty programs and educational reform. She was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Women's Political Caucus. In 1972, Chisholm became the first woman to seek the presidential nomination from one of the two major political parties. Although her bid was unsuccessful, her candidacy enabled her to raise issues of*

*importance to African Americans and women and to forge the way for others. "The door is not open yet," she said, "but it is ajar."*

Memories of Memorial Day Over the Years through the Lens of *The Villager*



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