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Sauce Boss Returns to Ellicottville

World Renowned Returns to Balloons, July 1



By KATE BARTLETT

Bill Wharton, aka Sauce Boss, is a world renowned guitar player, vocalist, and one-man band. Best known for his music on slide guitar, Bill plays

the blues and cooks gumbo (yes, actual, gumbo) during his shows in a "soul shouting picnic of rock and roll brotherhood." Each performance provides an

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Great Blue Heron Music Festival

Dancing for Over Three Decades in Sherman, NY



This year, the festival is featuring 33 bands with renowned artists, 10 food vendors, and over 25 craft vendors. There will also be a Kids Tent along with a Teen Tent. Musical instrument workshops will provide the opportunity for festival goers to learn banjo, fiddle, harmonica and more. The Healing Arts program will offer yoga and meditation sessions in the mornings at the festival. (See article, page 9.)

Shakespeare in Delaware Park

Two Plays Run June and July, 2024 in Buffalo



Shakespeare in Delaware Park is a free, non-ticketed event. This unique Buffalo outdoor theater experience takes place on Shakespeare Hill in Delaware Park next to Hoyt Lake and behind the Rose Garden, off Lincoln Parkway, near the Albright-Knox Art Gallery. All performances begin at 7pm.

By BARBAR ARNSTEIN

This summer the two Shakespeare plays that will be performed in Delaware Park in Buffalo for the 49th season are: *The Winter's Tale*, which will run from June 20th to July 14th, and *The Comedy of Errors*, which will run from July 25th to August 18th. Gretchen Didio, the

Education & Office Manager for Shakespeare in Delaware Park, shared the intriguing news that their version of *The Winter's Tale* will be set in the 1950's and the 1960's. She shared even more intriguing news about *The Comedy of Errors*: it will be fast-paced

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Alley Katz of Ellicottville

Beautification Group Began in 1979



By Kate Bartlett

Anyone who has appreciated the clean, beautiful streets of Ellicottville and admired the hanging baskets, barrels, gazebo, Alley Katz garden, clock tower, garden in front of Katy's cafe and the two creek beds adorning the village have experienced the work of the Alley Katz. This group of local women have been working to beautify Ellicottville since 1979.

founded by Edna Northrup and Jody Bently who recognized the need for a beautification group in Ellicottville. They realized the streets needed a little TLC and organized a group of ladies to join them in cleaning up the areas around the newly planted trees. A major project they took on was cleaning up a village alley. As they got down and dirty cleaning, they joked that they looked like 'a bunch of alley cats.' The name stuck and

The group was originally

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Issue...

Artist's Studio in Great Valley, NY ...pg. 6

Michelle Capizzi: Local Visual Artist from Kenmore



Michelle Capizzi is a visual artist and abstract painter with her studio in Great Valley, NY. Originally from Kenmore, she has been connected to the Ellicottville community for over 28 years and has lived in Great Valley for 18. She finds inspiration in texture and layers, and her art reflects her love of colors and shapes, and how they interact.

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Gentner's Commission Market

Springville Hub for Deals & Produce



Gentner's has been open since 1939 and is now run by the third generation of Gentners. It is located at 341 West Main Street in Springville, NY. It has sales every Wednesday, and it's open year-round. The Flea & Farmers Market opens at dawn. For more information, go to Facebook: Gentners Commission Market.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Gentner's Commission Market in Springville, fondly known as "The Hill" is an auction place, Farmers' Market, Flea Market, and social hub all rolled into one. It's a place for auctions of animals and all kinds of items, buying farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, picking up pastries and browsing through rows of bargains in boxes. In season, there are strawberries, blueberries, tomatoes, canteloupes, apples and so much more from fields and orchards. You can find your favorite flowers and herbs started as seedlings, and in pots and planters. You can also find all kinds of antique furniture, every type of tool, various crafts,

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Wicked Warrens - Jamestown

History of Innovative Brewpub



By DARLENE BRACE

A few months ago, there was a rumor that the owners of Wicked Warren's in Warren, PA, were going to open a location in Jamestown called Wicked Jimmy's. Well, it's not a rumor, because Wicked Warrens is coming to Jamestown this summer, but it will be called Wicked Warren's - Jamestown not Wicked Jimmy's. The owners of Wicked Warren's are opening this innovative

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Publisher's Word

"All Aboard!! It's Officially Summer!!"



Yes, today; the day we distribute this paper: Thursday, June 20, 2024, marks the official first day of Summer and we have had record temperatures to testify to that. I was driving down Main Street in Bemus Point this morning and people were already in line for ice cream at the market at 10:30am! That's summer!

I love living in Western New York where every season brings a new celebration! Our boats are out, our cabins are open and festivals have lined up the calendar. If your not certain on your weekend plans, look no further than these pages! We have been working at this for you for years. Bring out the calendar and enjoy the read, you are in for another great week!

If you have an event or story you would like to share, we are always looking for reader participation. Please call, email or send us a note. It's this easy: (716) 699-2058; info@thevillager.com, or visit us online www.thevillager.com and click "General Submissions".

Until next week, yours in writing – Jeanine Caprin Zimmer

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"EV Play Place" Highlight

The Roller Slide – Helping those with Hearing Impairments



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 Roller Slide.

INTRODUCING THE ROLLER SLIDE

The park will be equipped with two Roller Slides, standing at 4 and 5 feet in height and 3 feet wide. This slide differs from a classic playground slide, instead of a flat smooth plastic surface, it is made with a set of long thin cylindrical rollers for children to glide down. Similar to what you may have seen in an airport baggage claim, the rider easily passes from one parallel roller to the next all the way to the bottom of the slide. This piece of equipment will be enjoyed by children of a large age range from a 1.5 to 12 years old.

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As with all slides, there is a sense of adventure, a challenge to be overcome, and a feeling of success once the rider reaches the bottom. They provide an outlet for physical exertion, promote social skills of sharing and turn taking, as well as it allows development of risk management and confidence building.

The Roller Slide is unique in its design to help children with hearing impairments who require a cochlear implant. A cochlear implant is a surgically placed device that bypasses damaged parts of the inner ear and stimulates the auditory nerve directly. It helps those with sensorineural hearing impairment to navigate our world today. This sensitive medical device can be damaged by static electricity. The FDA recommends avoiding most plastic slides as they may temporarily or permanently damage a cochlear implant. With its open shoot and many rollers, the Roller Slide minimizes the amount of static electricity making it safer for these families and their children to play along with their peers. This is a wonderful example in which a design choice can help overcome barriers so that all the children of our community may be included in the benefits of play.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We are actively working on fundraising. The two Roller Slides will cost \$11,284 and \$14,325. If you would like to contribute to these pieces of equipment or help in any fashion, please feel free to contact the Ellicottville Playground Committee at ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @ellicottvilleplayground. Find more information at https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground.

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Bigfoot Park Golf Donates to EVL

New Recreational Destination Supports Alley Katz



Chad Neal owner of Bigfoot Park Golf held his grand opening Friday June 14, 2024 and is giving half of his proceeds to the Alley Katz of Ellicottville. Seen here handing a check for \$525 to the hard working group of ladies this past Tuesday morning.

The Alley Katz of Ellicottville group of local women who have been working to beautify Ellicottville since 1979. You can see their hardwork throughout the beautiful plants and gardening of the Village an their sensational seasonal changes at the Village Gazebo. (See cover story.)

Chad recently opened Bigfoot Park Golf at the Ellicottville Distillery 5462 Robbins Road in Ellicottville. (You can also see his weekly column, "Beat on the Street" in The Villager.

Congratulations to a job well done to all involved!!

EVL Summer Music Fest., July 5-7

Saturday Spotlights Filled with Legendary Music



Caitlin Koch, originally from Orchard Park, NY will get things started Saturday, July 6 at Holiday Valley beginning at 7pm.

Saturday, July 6 the music begin at Holiday Valley at 7pm with Caitlin Koch in from Nashville, TN, Caitlin Koch is a Retro-Soul Artist with 25 million views on her Youtube channel. With a voice that has more depth than the Tennessee River by Muscle Shoals, AL, Caitlin writes original music & produces an authentic sound rooted in Soul & Southern Rock. Originally from Orchard Park, NY, Caitlin is well known for performances as the singing rugby coach on Simon Cowell's production, "The X Factor USA, Season 1". After stunning audiences worldwide with her rendition of "Stop in The Name Of Love" by

The Supremes, international touring followed her debut under Paula Abdul's management.

Over the years, Caitlin has shared stages with/or opened for: Pat Benatar, Grace Potter, The Goo Goo Dolls, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Gavin DeGraw, Cassadee Pope, The B52's, Blood Sweat & Tears, Bo Bice, Colt Ford, Danielle Bradbery, Avril Lavigne, Paula Abdul, Derek St. Holmes, Lance Diamond, Lauren Alaina, Brantley Gilbert, Tears for Fears, Matt Giraud, T. Graham Brown, and Dan+Shay.

Hear Caitlin wherever you get your music & be sure to check out her latest cover of "Dream On" on Youtube. com/CaitlinKochOfficial.

After Caitlin's performance Marc Martel; One Vision of Queen will take the stage at 9:15pm.

Long before his YouTube videos went viral, spawning an appearance on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and a performance with the surviving members of Queen on "American Idol," Marc Martel spent 13 years recording and touring the globe with Canadian rockers Downhere. Not only did the rock band visit all 50 American States, but also toured throughout Europe and even Northern Africa, collecting worldwide acclaim and four Juno Awards in their native land.

After paying their dues for more than a decade in a fifteen-passenger van and finally graduating to a full-fledged bus, the group wrote what they believed was the very peak of its artistry and expression, but despite the private support of radio programmers, the public never latched onto to what turned out to be Downhere's swansong effort. Yet right around the time when that writing popped up on the wall, Martel received an email from an industry pal with a link to a contest spearheaded by the actual members of Queen.

At first, the front man almost passed on the opportunity, but with some prodding from his wife and additional friends, he casually cut a version of "Somebody To Love" in 2011, and now 30 million cumulative YouTube and Facebook views later, bolstered by the aforementioned "Ellen" appearance, Martel was declared the victor. Even legendary Queen drummer Roger Taylor remarked to the Daily Record: "That voice. You listen, close your eyes and you think it's Freddie. It's really uncanny." For the last 6 years and over 160+ shows Marc has fronted Queen's official tribute show, The Queen Extravaganza.

Read more in depth information in the following weeks of *The Villager*.



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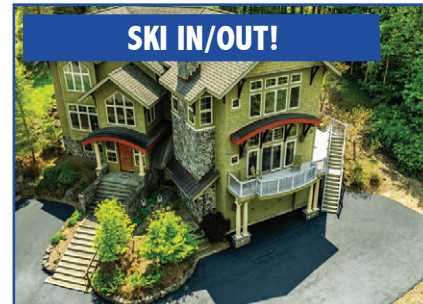
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SATURDAY JULY 6, 2024:

9am-5pm @ Village of Ellicottville
Fine Art & Craft Market

11am @ Village of Ellicottville
Pet Parade

5pm @ Holiday Valley
Gates Open

7pm @ Holiday Valley
Opening Act - Caitlin Koch

9:15pm @ Holiday Valley
Main Performance - Marc Martel;
One Vision of Queen

SUNDAY JULY 7, 2024:

9am-5pm @ Village of Ellicottville
Fine Art & Craft Market

5pm @ Holiday Valley
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The National Comedy Center is also the home to rare artifacts and collections from many of the greatest artists of all time, including George Carlin, Johnny Carson, Joan Rivers, Johnny Carson, Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, Richard Pryor, Carl Reiner, Lenny Bruce and many more.

You should know: the



Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum is located at 2 West Third Street in Jamestown, NY.

fun doesn't stop at the National Comedy Center. Just three blocks away, the Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Museum celebrates the lives, careers, and legacy of the "First Couple of Comedy" and the incredible impact they had on the world. It also celebrates the pioneering role and remarkable influence that I Love Lucy and Desilu Studios had on the entertainment industry for generations to come. The museum proudly features original wardrobe pieces, rare artifacts, and re-created sets from I Love Lucy – the most beloved

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Sauce

STORY FROM COVER

unforgettable experience of music, soul, food, and community.

Bill was born and raised in Florida, where he currently resides. He was inspired by music at a very young age. "I remember seeing a live four-piece rock 'n roll band, and I was really moved by it. I was entranced by their matching lame jackets, their choreography and the entire performance; I remember the drummer had a huge sizzle cymbal. "ZZZZZZ". It touched me deeply, and I remember thinking, I'm going to do that. That's what I'm going to do, somehow."

Throughout his childhood, Bill was always involved in music. He played guitar and drums in high school, alternating between rock 'n roll, and folk music. Bill began to form his artistic style and picked up an energetic, folksy sound.

Over the years, his sound has evolved and became more unique. He played shows all over Florida throughout the 1970's, gaining experience and growing as an artist along the way, writing his own songs and lyrics. He always brought his own unique energy to the stage, something that's always been important to him.

Bill is also very passionate about cooking. "My mother was an amazing cook, and when I moved from home, I missed her deep southern traditional cooking, along with her southern hospitality." He dabbled in recipes, and discovered the art of cooking. "One day, my friend brought me this pepper," he recalls. "It was a Datil pepper, a relative of the habanero, but not quite as hot. This pepper is hot, but it packs more than heat. Its flavor is its secret weapon. When you cook with it, it really excels, so I made it into a sauce."

Bill was already living it, but now I had a name. The gigs



With the success of the sauce and the gumbo, Bill wanted to give back to the communities that supported him and his music. He plays and cooks at homeless shelters around the country on his days off during tours. "It's a much different vibe than my shows; it's a heartbreaking and joyous at the same time. These people are struggling, and if I can give them a moment of happiness with my music, just a crack of a smile, then my day is made." Photo/planetgumbo.org

are my storefront. And we have a very healthy online business at my website sauceboss.com, but the only place I sell in person is at my shows."

Thirty-four years ago, he decided to make a gumbo during his show. 240,000 bowls later he will be cooking gumbo at Balloons in Ellicottville... for free. He has never charged a penny for his gumbo. "It's my message to the world. I have a little bit. Want some?"

"Gumbo is dark... muddy... funky... spicy... mysterious... MAGIC! An ancient vehicle of voodoo. There some folks down in Louisiana who will not even eat another man's gumbo. No tellin what some crazy fool will put in the gumbo. But I put the magic in my gumbo in the form of LOVE! I cook it the way yer grandma cooked it. She don't mind stirrin' the pot a couple of extra times. Not for those grandbabies, NO!" That's why he invites the audience into his "kitchen" to stir the gumbo at every gig. Bill has made gumbo with alligator, rattlesnake, snapping' turtle, (how about a 4-pound filet of red fish, dropped in the pot?), beer, whiskey, and even a slice of chocolate birthday cake for the occasion. Each gumbo is different, as is each show. "The evening, the performance is a gift. It takes on its own character in the moment, as the music blends with the crowd. Everyone is a part of the experience."

In a way, the gumbo is a metaphor. Gumbo originated in Louisiana, but it has influences from all over the world. Okra from Africa, roux from France, file powder (sassafras) from

American Natives...all these different cultural flavors are put into a pot and blended together. "The flavors are melded together, as our cultures are melded together. In a way, the gumbo is the people in our communities, and even the music, with influences from all over the world."

With the success of the sauce and the gumbo, Bill wanted to give back to the communities that supported him and his music. He plays and cooks at homeless shelters around the country on his days off during tours. "It's a much different vibe than my shows; it's a heartbreaking and joyous at the same time. These people are struggling, and if I can give them a moment of happiness with my music, just a crack of a smile, then my day is made."

Bill recently released a new album, "The Sauce", which he describes as a "ride from the heights of blues rock to the most intimate of acoustic whisperings." The album starts with a bluesy set of one-man-band tunes, then moves to the beach with his "Down By the sea", played on his 1933 National guitar, and the Jimmy Buffett song "I Will Play for Gumbo" where Buffett sings about the Sauce Boss. Most of the rest of the album is in a trio format (two guitars and drums) with a soulful delivery throughout. Everyone is invited to experience da Sauce Boss at Balloons in Ellicottville on July 1 for an unforgettable evening. For more information visit <https://sauceboss.com/>.

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he would anxiously get out his clubs and head to the course. His sock tan was so prevalent; it didn't seem to fade during the winter! He took every opportunity he could to get out on the golf course (even taking his girls "golf ball hunting" for the chance to get in a few more swings).

When Eddie suddenly passed in 2012, his family and friends were devastated. As the months passed and a new golf season was once again upon us, it seemed fitting to honor Eddie by doing his favorite thing: playing golf. His good friend, Jay Stoddard, organized the first annual Eddie Szaicher Golf Classic to remember and celebrate the life of his good buddy. Since then, the tournament has raised funds to award over \$45,000 in scholarships at Ellicottville Central School and it is still going strong today!

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Eddie was an amazing man who truly loved life and lived it to the fullest. Living in Ellicottville is what truly made him happy, which is why he and Becky planted roots and raised their family here. A true lover of all things sports, he spent a lot of time on the sidelines of fields and courts watching his girls play various sports over the years. When he wasn't watching his favorite sporting events,

his friends could find him tending bar at various local establishments. His smile and larger than life personality made any patron (local or not) feel welcome and like they belonged there. His famous adage, "It's nice to be nice", rang true in his daily life through his interactions with family, friends, and strangers alike.

Of all the things Eddie loved, golf was certainly up there on his priority list. As soon as the snow melted,

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the Alley Katz were born. Many years ago, The Alley Katz ran large fundraisers of quilt sales, bake sales and received funding from the village budget for the group to operate. When Debbie Yantomasi took over as leader (now president) in 2010, the group was well established. "The solid foundation of this group made it much easier to carry on," remarks Debbie. "If it weren't for the efforts of these amazing women, we wouldn't be able to do what we do today."

Debbie has focused on helping the group streamline and run more efficiently. The Alley Katz meet every Tuesday throughout the spring and summer months to maintain the flowers, plan and execute projects. Currently, the group is at 35 volunteers, its highest membership to date. Although they are now officially a 501c3, the group remains 100% volunteer and donation based.

"While we're in the process of applying for grants, we currently rely completely on donor funds. We're grateful to reliably receive generous donations from Holiday Valley, Village of Ellicottville and the Rotary Club, along with some funding from the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. The flowers cost around \$6,500/year alone, in addition to our other year-round projects and seasonal gazebo decor. Without donations, none of this would be possible."

The Alley Katz have become a year-round organization, as they decorate the gazebo in all seasons. "The gazebo is one of the main focal points of the village, and it's important to us that it always looks good. Many visitors and locals alike appreciate the flowers and decorations on the gazebo through the seasons." Other



A major project they took on was cleaning up a village alley. As they got down and dirty cleaning, they joked that they looked like 'a bunch of alley cats.' The name stuck and the Alley Katz were born.



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recent projects include the Ellicottville Memorial Library, Historical Society and the 219 side of the Episcopal Church. The group removed overgrown bushes and plants and replaced with ornamental grasses and flowers, giving a refreshed look to each space.

Debbie mentions a main difference in the village this season is the lack of barrels along the streets. "We are down to only 16 barrels from 44 due to damage, and we've already had one hanging basket stolen. It's important people realize how much time and money go into these efforts, and we hope to be able to continue our work."

Alley Katz is seeking more business support in order to continue their work in keeping Ellicottville beautiful. "We enjoy what we do, but it's getting more difficult every year to keep these things going. Our resources are getting slim, and while we have

the membership, we're still lacking funds." The group is also seeking more business involvement during cleanup efforts, such as cleaning sidewalk pavers.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Alley Katz can contact Debbie at evlalleykatz@gmail.com, and any business or individuals looking to help fund their efforts can scan the QR code below, or email Debbie. Checks can be mailed to Alley Katz of Ellicottville, Inc. PO Box 1407, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Follow on Facebook and IG @ AlleyKatzEvl. "We're so fortunate to live in such a beautiful place, let's help keep it that way."



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Artist's Studio in Great Valley, NY

Michelle Capizzi is a Local Visual Artist & Abstract Painter

By KATE BARTLETT

Michelle Capizzi is a visual artist and abstract painter with her studio in Great Valley, NY. Originally from Kenmore, she has been connected to the Ellicottville community for over 28 years and has lived in Great Valley for 18. She finds inspiration in texture and layers, and her art reflects her love of colors and shapes, and how they interact.

Michelle's first inspiration for the arts came from visiting ArtPark in Lewiston, NY. She was exposed to various art forms, including painting, pottery, clay, drawing, dance and theatre. "I absorbed as much as possible from our day trips to ArtPark. It was my first exposure to the arts and I was drawn to it." She frequented the Albright Knox with her family where she discovered the world of art. "This began my love for colors and shapes and their interaction with each other."

Michelle obtained her Bachelors of Arts from Fredonia State University in Graphic Design. She worked as an art director and freelance graphic designer after college, but always came back to painting. Painting took the 'back-burner' for a while as she focused on family with her husband and 3 sons. "I was always involved in the arts, and I always found time to create; but my focus was on family for many years," recalls Michelle. "We spent many seasons teaching our sons to ski in Ellicottville, and eventually bought a second home in Great Valley."



"Potomac Meditation" Recent commissioned piece in a Buffalo, NY home.

In addition to being involved in her son's schools and sports, Michelle volunteered at the Albright Knox Art Gallery and served on the board for CEPA (Center for Exploratory & Perpetual Arts) for many years. As her boys grew older and started looking at colleges, Michelle realized it was time for her to rediscover her balance in life. "I remember telling my boys how it was important to have balance in their lives, when I realized I needed to find mine."

Michelle began painting more and has now transitioned to painting full-time. She currently spends most of her time at her in-home studio in Great Valley where she feels most inspired. Michelle describes her art

as abstract expressionism. "All my art tells a story. My works express emotion and convey a mood." She hopes to help people explore expressionism and better understand this realm of art. "I want my work to be relatable, and I want the viewer to find the conversation in the art."

As Michelle is inspired by layers and textures, she frequently paints with found objects rather than paint-brushes. "It's not uncommon for me to paint with random parts from household objects or things found in a hardware store. I recently used parts of a pool vacuum to create a layered paint style. I'll frequently be inspired on a walk and find treasures in

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You can find your favorite flowers and herbs started as seedlings, and in pots and planters. Photo/Barbara Arnstein

Gentner's

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an assortment of garden decorations and lots more. The best part is, you'll never know exactly what you'll find on the many vendors' tables or waiting to be auctioned, so there are always interesting surprises.

On every visit the whole family will find so much to enjoy. The Amish bakery booth offers a variety of items including several kinds of breads, fruit pies and pastries. Kids always make a bee-line for the toys in the bargain boxes, while adults typically look

over the kitchen items in them. Collectors look over the many tables of vintage items, including costume jewelry and ceramic figurines.

Talk to the seller at the table full of honey items and beeswax candles she'll tell you fascinating facts about the history of honey. Listen to the guys playing guitars and singing gospel songs. Look at the selection of sauces and spices, and the cheese curds, at the Dilly Dallies stand. Marvel at the fast talking of the auctioneer. Smile at the amusing signs. Here's a sample: "Where in the Bible is the part about turning water into wine? Asking for a friend."

The outdoor part of the auction activities begins at 9am, the hay is sold at noon and at 2pm, inside the barn, is the animal and produce auction.

The market was opened in 1939 by Raymond Gentner and Norbert Kessler. The current owner and operator, Damon Gentner, the third generation of Gentners to own and operate the Auction. It is located at 341 West Main Street in Springville, NY. It has sales every Wednesday, and it's open year-round. The Flea & Farmers' Market opens at dawn. For more information, go to Facebook: Genters Commission Market.



It's a place for auctions of animals and all kinds of items, buying farm-fresh fruits and vegetables, picking up pastries and browsing through rows of bargains in boxes. Photo/Barbara Arnstein

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Raccoon Rally Hosted at A.S.P. Over 95 Racers Aged 6-60 Rode on Sunday June 16



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95 racers of all ages competed in Allegheny State Park's annual Raccoon Rally this past Sunday. Four classes of riders competed, with Expert level riders conquering the longest course of 25 miles of the most rugged terrain. There were less difficult courses for new riders, with the Novice covering 3 miles, Beginners jumping to 13 miles and the Sport 16 miles. Though there were winners for every gender and age group, the overall first place holders, Male and Female, were as follows: Expert- 1st place Landon Wonderly with an incredible time of only 1h 41m 15s. and Bonnie Symes at 1h 58m 10s. Sport- Brad Grimm at a time of 1h 12m 18s and Kris Kemmis at 1h 33m 56s. For Beginner Greg Rup 1h 11m 59s with Quin di Gerwith-Dunn at 1h 25m 6s. Congratulations to all who rode the Novice course as many were first time riders and all completed the race! Thanks to Mark Lawrence who coordinated the race, the Park Police, Salamanca EMS and the Allegheny Nordic Ski Patrol who made the race safe for all!

Rob said they hope to have the speakeasy opened by the end of October.

The third floor has a large venue space that can hold up to 400 people, but it will have the ability to divide the room into smaller areas to accommodate smaller parties and meetings. This area is being renovated to put in a new bar. This space can be rented out for weddings, graduations, and other social gatherings. This floor will also include a "Bridal Suite" that will feature a room where the bride and her bridesmaids can get ready for a wedding, with lots of mirrors, furniture, and a private bath-room. If the ceremony is elsewhere, they can come back to freshen up. They hope to have the Bridal Suite available for fall and winter weddings. Also, in the near future, they are also hoping to open up the rooftop for small gatherings of up to 50 people.

The group of owners are excited that they are just weeks away from opening Wicked Warren's in Jamestown. They are planning on taking the entire menu from the Warren location and featuring it in Jamestown and adding a few new items to the new location's menu. This new menu will include a variety of wood fire pizzas, wings, soups, salads, burgers, panuzzos, and other sandwiches. In addition to this menu, they are planning on having some entrees and some specials on the weekends. Rob said, "We recently purchased a new wood fire pizza oven. The Jamestown location has a huge kitchen with all the amenities that any chef could ever want. This will facilitate having a larger and more diverse menu in Jamestown." Rob also stated that they are going to have an area called Pizza Towne, in

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Brew

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brewpub at 119 West Third Street, where the Jamestown Brewing Company had previously been. It's in a great location in the heart of the city and will bring the community to downtown for drinks, delicious food, and some great entertainment.

Wicked Warren's History
But before talking more about their new location, here is a little background on Wicked Warren's. For years, co-owner Rob Roth, who is originally a Frewsburg native, owned cigar stores in Buffalo and Rochester. Soon after he bought the cigar store and two adjacent buildings in Warren PA, he got the idea to open a brewery. Some of his family and friends joined him as co-owners, and Wicked Warren's was born. Rob is the founder, the CEO, and

general manager of Wicked Warren's.

The doors to Wicked Warren's were first opened in January of 2021. Shortly after opening, they had to close because of the Covid pandemic. When the business resumed, they reopened with mostly new staff and management. As of February of 2023, Wicked Warren's has been a successful thriving business.

Wicked Warren's - Jamestown

Now, the new Wicked Warren's - Jamestown has four floors. The brewery is in the basement. The main floor at street level, will include most of the main dining and drinking area. The second floor is the mezzanine and will have an additional dining area. Part of the mezzanine will be designated as a "Speakeasy Bar." This speakeasy will encompass a 1920's theme and decor. It will be similar to a VIP area, serving high end cocktails and wines.

Drew Erlandson and Rob Roth, two of the owners of Wicked Warren's - Jamestown, pictured at the new location on West 3rd St, formerly the location of Jamestown Brewing Co.



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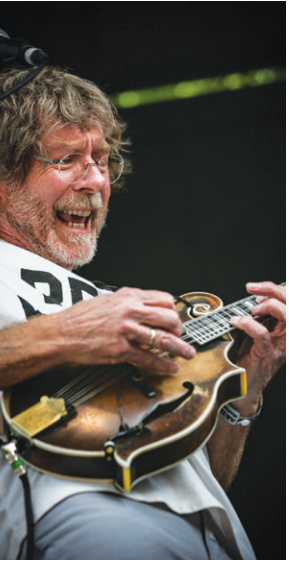
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Great Blue Heron Music Festival, July 5-7: Dancing for Over Three Decades in Sherman, NY



This year, the festival is featuring 33 bands with renowned artists including (pictured, clockwise) Rubblebucket, Couch, The Town Pants, Jimkata, Driftwood, The Probables, and many more.



This year's headliner is Sam Bush, 3-time Grammy Award Winning bluegrass artist, known as the King of JamGrass, who has also been inducted into the International Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This July marks the 31st annual Great Blue Heron Music Festival, a three-day event on their beautiful campgrounds in Sherman, NY. As tradition, the event takes place over July 4th weekend, this year on July 5, 6 and 7 in celebration of music and community.

Owner and founder Julie Rockcastle has been involved since its inception on her family's 200-acre campground, now owned by her and her husband Steve. Her friend, David Tidquist, was involved with Grass Roots Festivals and was looking to start an outdoor festival in this area. "My parents had this beautiful piece of land, so I figured 'why not? We started brainstorming and planning and on July 4th,

1992, David and I hosted the first ever Great Blue Heron Music Festival.

The event has always been a three-day celebration of music and community, and Donna the Buffalo has played all 31 festivals. "The band is good friends with David, and we love having them come in from Ithaca. They bring a great energy and are at the foundation of our festival and Grass Roots," remarks Julie.

While the campground has been around since the 1960's, it has evolved over the years. It is now a 3-season campground with numerous campsites, RV spaces and Airbnb cabins available. The grounds have expanded their running water capacity to improve the comfort for their guests. They have added several shelters and now have a

full commercial kitchen to best meet the needs of their guests. "We have the unique ability in that we own the property so we can adapt as needed for the festival and other events."

Since its inception, Great Blue Heron has hosted a variety of bands, focusing on Americana, blue-grass, electronic rock, reggae, pop, celtic and zydeco bringing a fun, funky vibe. "We have always had an eclectic mix of music," comments Todd Wagner, Festival Assistant, "We focus on bands that write their own original music, they are true artists at large. These writers and creators bring an amazing energy to the show, and they collaborate with each other, inspiring each other, making the festival a one-of-a-kind event. The energy here amongst the artists is

unmatched."

This year, the festival is featuring 33 bands with renowned artists including Rubblebucket, Couch, The Town Pants, Jimkata, Driftwood, The Probables, Stolen Gin, and many more. This year's headliner is Sam Bush, 3-time Grammy Award Winning bluegrass artist, known as the King of JamGrass, who has also been inducted into the International Bluegrass Hall of Fame.

As always, the event will have several vendors on site. "I tell everyone to pack light, no need to bring lots of food, we'll have plenty here." Ten food vendors have signed up, and over 25 craft vendors. There will also be a Kids Tent along with a Teen Tent. Musical instrument workshops will provide the opportunity

for festival goers to learn banjo, fiddle, harmonica and more. The Healing Arts program will offer yoga and meditation sessions in the mornings at the festival.

The event has no sponsorships, and is completely funded by Julie and her husband. "We invest in this festival because it's something we truly love and believe in. We have enjoyed watching it thrive."

Julie's favorite part of the festival is the people. "Everyone at the festival is here to have a good time. The energy is contagious and the connection between people is deep. Now that we've been doing this festival for over 30 years,

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By CAROL FISHER-LINN

the village took part in the endeavor and came up with the name C.L.A.W.S., an acronym for Cats Lives are Worth Saving, thanks to Calla Lee and Teresa Mercer. It was around this time, perhaps ten years ago, that local ERA Real Estate agent and animal lover/advocate, Melanie Pritchard, joined the team. Betsy now was able to tend to her several feeding stations around the village twice daily and Melanie handled the trapping. Once trapped, they took them to the local vet, Dr. Tim O'Leary at the Almost Home Animal Sanctuary, who gave them thorough check-ups, neutered/spayed and immunized them for rabies, FIV (feline AIDS – only transmitted by blood and not so lethal, and FeLV (Feline Leukemia which is both communicable and deadly). Attempts then would be made to home them, but if that failed, they would be released knowing they could no longer multiply.

Stray cats remain a problem in the village of Ellicottville.

Thank Melanie Pritchard and Betsy Peyser for the reduction in numbers.

“This is kitten season. We are trying hard to capture strays to get them neutered/spayed before they breed.” So says Melanie Pritchard. For those of you who may not be aware, there has been an endeavor for years in Ellicottville to reduce the stray cat population. Here, let me start at the beginning. Thirty-some years ago Betsy Peyser returned home from living in Colorado to her family home on Elizabeth Street in Ellicottville and noticed some cats in a barn across the street. Realizing they were stray she proceeded to feed and care for them. Before long, she discovered there were strays throughout the village and ended up with a second “job” aside from running her upscale consignment store, Betsy’s. Lacking proper equipment, she acquired a live trap to catch them to get them to a vet, after which she then brought them back into the village and released them. All of this at her own expense. Since then, more traps have been donated. For some years, others in

the queen mates. This efficient system vastly increases the chances that a cat will conceive, which is one of the reasons for cat overpopulation.” The first temptation was to keep them, until that got out of hand. Melanie informed us that, recently, they have successfully placed eight kittens and will have several more coming up. They ask for people looking for furry companions to let them know if they are interested in adopting, or fostering until homes can be found. Although adopting is free, interested parties are carefully vetted and will be responsible for their medical care when they are of age to be spayed/neutered. Since this project is paid for out-of-pocket (theirs), they always appreciate donations to keep the food flowing through the feeding stations throughout the village and the vet fees. With the cost of medicine on the rise, even with the generosity of Dr. O’Leary, this effort is not cheap. Over the years, Betsy, Melanie and the others who became involved have rescued 50 to 60 cats. Costs for care are between \$200

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Holidays Bring Amazing Fireworks

Much to the Dismay of Our Dogs; What You Can Do



pet store will introduce you to calming supplements designed to help reduce anxiety levels for your furbabies. Our Jack Russell may have been fearless and feisty but she ran for cover at the first sound of fireworks. We resorted to a ThunderShirt and a calming supplement. The trick was to start a regimen of the supplements before fireworks season started. It takes time for them to work (24 hours or less) so advance preparation is advised. There are pheromone collars, plug in diffusers and sprays. We always kept lavender essential oils handy as well as CBD to add to her food when needed. If none of these work, you can always confer with your vet to obtain a prescription to calm your furry friend down.

I call my husband a belt-and-suspenders kind of guy, meaning he takes extra precautions beyond the usual. We made sure our little gal was chipped in case she ever ran off in fright. It’s amazing to discover how much territory a frightened animal can cover.

Finally, since the fourth of July is around the corner, you won’t have time to do desensitization training with your doggo or kitty but after the noise has subsided, I invite you to speak to your vet or the folks from whom you purchased your pet to learn about these tried and true methods that, like all trainings, take time and patience ... but well worth the effort. Meanwhile, do your very best to make this a safe and pleasant holiday for your family and your furry friends.

Many dogs are less than excited about fireworks. Here are some tips to help calm them during the storm.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Fireworks season is here. Your delight could be your pet’s worse nightmare....

The countdown is beginning in communities around the United States. Of course, we expect to see and hear firework displays on or near the fourth, but ‘tis the season for events to end with unexpected fireworks displays throughout summer. You might love them, but your four-legged pals may react very differently to the unexpected loud noises and light flashes.

Several years ago, you may remember reading about Temple Grandin, who served as a consultant for The Autism Nature Trail (The ANT) at Letchworth State Park. This was the first nature trail of its kind to be designed specifically for the sensory needs of people with autism. Her field of expertise along with autism, is working with the Agricultural Department for finding more humane ways of treating cows being raised for human consumption.

Through observation and gentle experimentation, this animal scientist (who happens to be autistic) noted that gentle pressure helped calm the animals before they got their vaccinations. Through her work with cows, there is now evidence that wrapping pets tightly can also reduce anxiety in stressful situations.

In an article on Rover.com we are told this: “In a 2014 study published in The Journal of Veterinary Behavior, Grandin and her fellow researchers explored the impact of a ThunderShirt on heart rate and behavior in anxious dogs. The team found that when the vests were worn according to the manufacturer’s instructions, the swaddled dogs’ heart rates increased less on average and they showed fewer stress behaviors, like looking toward the door and yawning (a common stress-reduction technique). In short, the study concluded that ThunderShirts do work, but only if you tighten them properly; dogs didn’t see the same benefits when wearing the wrap loosely. A visit to a reputable

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Jamestown's Bandshell Concert Series

70th Annual Event in Allen Park Runs June - August



July 10th, individuals in honor of long-time former band member, Frank S. Giunta. "We are so lucky to have our Bandshell Concert Series for the 70th Anniversary," said Mayor Kim Ecklund. "The residents of Jamestown look forward to the longstanding tradition of playing musical performances, including Park Women's Club, the Parks Department, and all our sponsors and donors do to make this event series possible."

JAMESTOWN, NY – The City of Jamestown is thrilled to announce the commencement of its 70th annual Bandshell Concert Series. The beloved community event kicked off June 12th, 2024, at 7pm with a performance by the Jamestown High School (JHS) band, marking the beginning of a season filled with music, community, and tradition.

Summer Night pieces, Patriotic music to celebrate the birth of America, Scandinavian and Italian music, hits from various decades, children's music, and much more.

This year's concert series is made possible through the generous support of our corporate sponsors: UMPC Chautauqua and The Resource Center. Additionally, the Scandinavian and Italian program is proudly sponsored by donations from private in-

Join us at the Allen Park Bandshell for an unforgettable season of music and community spirit. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to enjoy the sounds of summer in Jamestown.

For more info about the Bandshell Concert Series, call 716-483-7523 or email parks@jamestownny.gov.

World Refugee Day Celebration

Saturday, June 22nd at Jamestown's Winter Garden

As the world unites to observe World Refugee Day in June, we are happy to announce New Neighbor's very own World Refugee Day Celebration in Jamestown's Winter Garden on Saturday, June 22nd from 11am- 2pm. This event will serve as a platform for dialogue, cultural celebration, and community engagement. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about different customs and traditions, enjoy artistic expressions from around the world, and try some snacks!

The celebration will feature information from community organizations, Jamestown Community College's Global Studies Department, an international reading challenge, ethically-sourced goods handmade in India available for purchase, opportunities to sample some bites from other countries, a Henna artist, performance and teach back by Sukanya Burman Dance, and more! This event will be hosted with support from the Jamestown Public Market and the YWCA. We invite

attendees to use this opportunity to visit the Public Market as well as the celebration; both are free to attend.

We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event for setup, tear down, and support with booths and tables throughout the day. If you can help, please do.

For more info to sign up to be a volunteer, please contact New Neighbors Manager, Momina Di Blasio at momina@stlukesjamestown.org or contact St. Luke's Parish Administrator at (716) 483-6405.

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for them. If you are unable, you may contact Melanie Pritchard at 716-480-8409 or Betsy Peyser at 716-699-6131. Melanie also reminds pet owners that it is their responsibility to have them immunized, chipped and spayed/neutered. She also suggests that if you are a cat owner and have only one, please consider reaching out to CLAWS to adopt a companion for your pet.

It is so easy to take things in life for granted. The absence of the large number of strays we now have in the village is due to the extraordinary efforts of Betsy and Melanie and the entire CLAWS community, along with others who are

taking it upon themselves to do their part.

Whether you know these ladies or not, we all owe them (and the others quietly rescuing cats) sincere gratitude for the time, effort, and funds they have, and continue to expend for the well-fare of these animals and the benefit of our community. Please find a way to help.

CLAWS offers a sincere thank you for Laurie and Dr. Timothy O'Leary for their support and generosity and all those who have donated to help in this endeavor. Won't you please consider CLAWS when you are writing your donation checks for the month?



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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

There is a wide variety of entertainment this weekend for you to enjoy. Read on to find out all the great live music and other entertainment happening in Chautauqua County.

Thursday June 20 - Dunkirk's Thursday evening Music at the Pier will continue. Sequins, a WNY party band will be playing music from the 70's to today starting at 5:30pm. At 6:45pm, Tequila Sunrise-An Eagles Tribute band will be performing.

Friday June 21 - Friday is Customer Appreciation Night at Five & 20 in Westfield from 5pm-8pm. Sarah James will perform a mix of tunes. There will be drink specials and food by Over the Rainbow food truck.

Southern Tier Brewery will be hosting Live Music by Twisted Lid. Twisted Lid is a 5-piece rock and roll band and they will be rocking it out starting at 6pm.

The Living Room Jam Band returns to Big Inlet Brewing starting at 6pm. Enjoy their Americana, Folk Blues, and Country music while enjoying a cold beverage.

Music on the Stoop at Brazil Lounge in Jamestown continues this week with the return of Lenny and the Landshark. They are a talented duo that plays a mix of covers and original songs on acoustic guitar and bass.

Dig out your cowboy hat and boots because it's Country Night at Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House! Join the fun from 7pm-10pm for a good ole time and maybe do some line dancing. There will be

a DJ playing your favorite country tunes. Remember to wear your best country outfit and show off your dance moves for a chance to win prizes.

Saturday June 22 - Get ready to kickoff summer at The Cooler Bar in Grill in Sherman with a Lu-au starting at 2pm. The luau will feature a pig roast, a volleyball tournament with cool prizes and a DJ all day with fun games. Whiskey Jack will take the stage starting at 8pm, playing rock and country music.

At Peek and Peak in Clymer, the Bistro 210 will be hosting Interstate Daydream. This talented duo will play a wide variety of music genres starting at 9:30pm.

One of country music's biggest stars, Martina McBride will be performing at Chautauqua Institution starting at 8:15pm. She is an award-winning artist that has sold over 23 million albums. She will be kicking off the 150th Anniversary season at Chautauqua Institution.

Seneca Allegheny Casino's River Bar has some great entertainment this weekend. On Friday night, live music will be performed by Brother James starting at 7pm. On Saturday night, J.J. White and Mojo Sauce takes the stage playing their jazz and blues music from 7pm-11pm.

Bemus Point - On Friday June 21, EBC in Bemus will be host to Tyler McClain. He will perform rock, pop, and country tunes from 7-10pm. On Sunday, Son will perform jazz music from 12pm-3pm.

The Village Casino will be hosting the Honky Tonk Heros Saturday night. Be ready for some foot

stomping country dance music and be ready to rock the dock starting at 10pm. There will also be live music at The Fish this weekend. On Friday, night Only Human will be playing some of your favorite rock music starting at 6:30pm.

All Weekend - Sunset Bay Beach in Irving is having a weekend full of live music. Starting on Thursday, Cabana Sam's will host Ryan from Qwister starting at 7pm. Then on Friday June 21, it will be Sunset Bay Beach Club's 40th Anniversary Party with 97 Rock is Friday. There will be drink specials priced like it was back in 1884 and a DJ spinning the tunes. On Saturday be ready to rock the shores of Lake Erie as Sunset Beach Club hosts Rock Fest. Rock Fest is an all-day concert starting at 1pm. There will be several tribute bands playing classic rock from bands like Led Zeppelin, AC/DC, Motley Crue, and more. Go to eventbrite.com for tickets and detailed information. To end this busy weekend, popular band Uncle Ben's Remedy will be playing at the beach club starting at 6pm.

Sunday June 23 - Cassadaga Lake will be having The Untouchables perform on the floating stage. They play a variety of genres of music from the 60's - present. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and come enjoy the show starting at 5pm.

What a fun weekend with all the choices of entertainment. Next weekend will already be the last weekend in June. Keep an eye out for next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

"Titus Andronicus" is grisly, ghastly, gory and gruesome. (What was Shakespeare thinking???) It begins when General Andronicus returns from fighting the Goths. While he made it through the war, twenty-one of his sons did not. He's brought back with him the Queen of the Goths, and her three sons. To get even for the death of those twenty-one, he promptly has her oldest son executed. Naturally, she's furious and starts thinking about revenge.

He then declares the older son of the late Emperor to be the new Emperor, who promptly says he wants to marry the General's daughter. But there's one little problem: she's engaged to his brother. He's not respectful of that, but with the help of her brothers, his brother takes her away

"Titus Andronicus"

and marries her. The new Emperor then marries the Queen (whom he preferred in the first place). She tells him to forgive his brother and everybody goes on a hunting trip together, supposedly to try and get along. That's not about to happen. During the trip, the Queen's secret, horrible boyfriend encourages her horrible sons to do terrible things to the General's daughter. Horribly, they do. When she and her new husband are in the woods, also during the trip, and discover the Queen has a boyfriend, her sons kill him, rape her and (they think) stop her from ever communicating to anyone what they've done. But she's made of tougher stuff than they think, and, even though she can't speak, she exposes their evil deeds!

In the play's horrendous chain of horrifying events, at least there's that moment of enormous psychological strength, which hinges on a plot element Disney's cartoon "The Little Mermaid" should have had. In brief, the cartoon is about a teenage mermaid who, just because she's got a crush on a teenage human, has her tail turned into legs, and gives up her voice to pay for the transformation. Luckily, when she gets together with him, all she

needs to do is write him a note explaining she's the girl who rescued him from drowning to get him to propose. But even though she has lots of opportunities to do it, she just doesn't write it! For no reason. Except that if she did, the cartoon would be way shorter. It's what screenwriters call, "a plot hole you could drive a truck through". In this story, the mute girl who has something crucial to impart, sensibly writes a note.

The Queen's boyfriend helps her two sons conceal their crimes by forging a letter that puts the blame on two of Titus's sons and they're condemned. When Titus begs for them to be released, he says they will be if someone gives them a hand. In other words, actually sends one of their hands?!?! Which Titus does?!?! But he only gets back their heads?!?! Yaaaahhhhhh!!!

In the end, Titus kills the Queen's horrible sons, and secretly serves them to her for dinner?!?! Gaaahhhhh!!! Then he kills her. Titus's daughter dies. The Queen's boyfriend is sentenced to be executed. The Emperor kills Titus and is killed by his surviving son, who becomes Emperor.

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Summer arrives this weekend and outdoor music can be heard so let's see who's playing where?

We start our weekend on Thursday at balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. For \$15 you get your choice of any burger and any beer with house made chips. The musical guests this week is Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. He plays a rock/ pop/alt/jazz set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music is provided by Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duet plays a roots/ rock/ country/folk set off covers and originals. Try the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY
We're back at Balloons for Watch Your Step from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a alt/blues/rock set of covers and originals. Out in the tent, Mellissa Sauers will perform from 10-1am. Conner Brien will perform rock covers from the 80's-2000's. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth from 10-2am playin some jams so you can shake your gams on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill is back with the ever popular Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/folk /blues/country set of

covers you'll know the words to. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

Madigans is a player with Dj Kage from 8-2am. He'll provide the thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is first up with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/ folk/country set of covers and originals. Live-n-kickin takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of danceable covers. If you appreciate craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

We return to Balloons for County Lines from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a country/rock/southern rock set of covers and originals. Out in the tent Mellissa Sauers will perform from 10-1am. She plays rock covers from the 80-2000's. Dj Kage will lay down the sauce so you can do the floss from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Danny Delta puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is back with The Hick Ups from 2-5pm. This group of seasoned

local musicians play an eclectic set of roots/folk/ bluegrass style covers while you enjoy an early dinner or late lunch.

Monday is Strings and Wings at balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers makes for a locals favorite. This week's musical host is Tina Williams from 6-9 pm. She plays a rock/folk/ alt/pop set of covers while her son spins and dribbles a basketball like a magician.

The Gun Mill's Monday night residency is hosted by Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a country/ bluegrass/rock/ grunge set of covers.

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with Marty Peters and Company from 1-10pm. Marry is a Buffalo Music HOF'er and plays blues and folk covers from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We've ended our seven-day weekend the same way for 40 years, at The Gun Mil, for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is your musical host and plays a rock/pop/country/ folk set of covers.

We hope you had a wonderful time in our village and tiring your family and friends when you return but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street: "What Science Experiment is Your Favorite?"

By Chad Neal



Carrie L.- Mentos in cola!

Experimenting with anything is basically scientific testing to find a result. We learned about experiments in school, usually in science class. And also since our infancy we would conduct experiments, though they weren't laboratory tests. Tasting anything is an experiment. Touching things and smelling things are basic experiments. Interacting with new things and stuff is all analysis to find out more about the subject whether it be things or stuff. When we found ourselves in the classroom environment with the documentation section of the observatory examination on the topic studied at that time we entered into the scientific method. We were discovering how things work or what they might be made of etc. Trying new ways to get answers is what the procedure is for. What science experiment is your favorite?



Carrie L.- Mentos in cola!



Travis H.- Democracy, a Social experiment.



Glenn H.- The electric dill pickle that lights up.



The Hershey-Chase blender experiment. This provided evidence that genes are made of DNA, not protein.



Wes M.- Owl pellets brought into Mr Glenn E Hall's class to dissect.



Christie M.- Leftovers in the fridge...

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★★ **Sudoku Challenge** ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
★★★★☆

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

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:

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

Shakespeare

STORY FROM COVER

and patterned on the elements of 1970's variety and games shows, such as Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, Let's Make a Deal and The Match Game. The performances are free, non-ticketed and open to the public. The new start time is 7pm.

The Winter's Tale involves a jealous king, a long-lost princess, true love, great friendship, a magical statue, a trickster and several types of happy endings. The Comedy of Errors involves two sets of male twins separated practically at birth. Before the play begins, one twin from each set grows up with a twin from the other, until fortunately, as the play begins, all four happen to arrive in the same city. Unfortunately (and hilariously) it takes the entire play for all four to encounter one another, and so there are many hilarious misunderstandings as friends, in-laws and others become totally bewildered about just who is whom.

The touring production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is an hour-long, shortened version. Shakespeare set the action on the shortest night of the year, because he viewed it the way we view Halloween today: a time when magical things

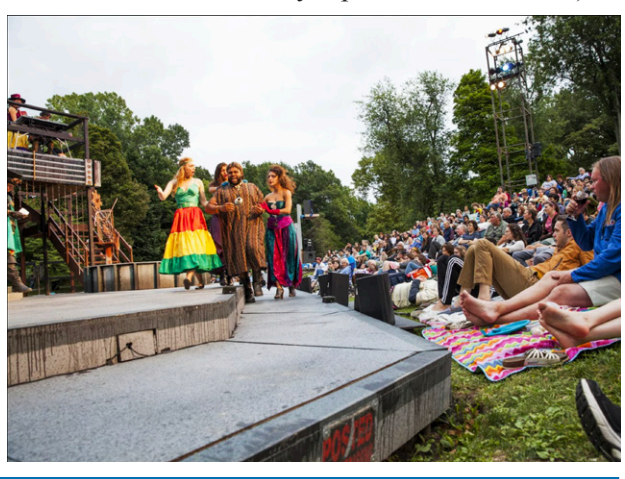


THE WINTER'S TALE
JUNE 20- JULY 14

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS
JULY 25- AUG. 18

have the greatest chance of happening. "Dream" is filled with magical beings, mystifying experiences, and the humans who get tangled up with them all during one weird night in the woods. It will feature five actors and a minimal set. All of its performances begin at 7pm, except for the two on Sunday, July 21st, at 4:30pm and 7:30pm. For more information, go to shakespeareindelawarepark.org (no spaces between words).

The Tour is scheduled to go to these locations: Autumn Creek/Windsong Place, June 24th; Canterbury Woods, July 1st; Richard E. Pascucci Memorial Bandshell, July 8th; Galanti Park July 15th; Grand Island Nike Base, July 16th; Quaker Arts Pavilion, July 17th; Penn Dixie Fossil Park, July 18th; Kenan Center, July 19th; Central Terminal Freedom Run Winery, July 21st: (4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.); July 23rd: Forest Lawn The Meadow, July 24th; The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, July 29th; Academy Park, August 5th; TBA, August 12th; Town of Tonawanda Show Mobile, August 19th; Bassett Park. For more information about any performance mentioned above, the park and more, go to shakespeareindelawarepark.org (no spaces between words).



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Art

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nature. I love discovering what the objects can create with paint."

Michelle was recently featured in a solo show at Seneca One called Anything Can Happen. The show highlighted her abstract expressionism painting through several paintings. She also recently sold a piece at Burchfield Penny Art Center's Art Gala and Auction and was featured in the Tri County Arts show in Olean.

Recently, Michelle has been working on commissioned work and focuses on expressing stories through her painting. Her commission paintings are currently in homes and business across the country. She listens to family stories, then expresses their story through art. "I want to draw the viewer into my art, bring them into the painting and help them appreciate the depth of the painting."

Throughout the years, Michelle has been inspired by the late abstract painters Joan Mitchell and Lee Krasner, along with influential contemporary artist Cecily Brown. She encourages aspiring artists



As her boys grew older and started looking at colleges, Michelle realized it was time for her to rediscover her balance in life. "I remember telling my boys how it was important to have balance in their lives, when I realized I needed to find mine." Michelle began painting more and has now transitioned to painting full-time.

to create every day, and to tap into their inner artist, exploring their art form. "It's something I've sought to do, and it's helped me evolve as an artist. Even when I couldn't devote hours to my art, I was still creating. Whether doodling, drawing, exploring nature or writing, I've always tried to create something every day. Now that I have the time, I find my inspiration tank is full from all these pieces, and I better know who I am as an artist."

When Michelle is not in the studio, she can be found volunteering with Alley Katz, a local beautification group in Ellicottville, or spending time with her family.

For more information on Michelle and her work, visit her website <https://michellecapizzi.com/> and follow her on IG @ michelle_capizzi for recent projects and upcoming events.

From Bryan's Brain



No one knows for sure why a hospital cleaning lady named Harriet Cole decided to donate her body to science, but her amazing contribution, her nervous system, lives on to this day. Shortly after Cole died in 1888, Dr. Rufus B. Weaver got straight to work on what would be a medical first: the removal and subsequent mounting of a person's entire nervous system. The painstaking process took six months, but once it was complete it became an invaluable teaching tool.

Brew

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Wiked Warren's - Jamestown purchased a new wood fire pizza oven. They are going to have an area called Pizza Towne, in which customers can sit and watch them throw the dough and make pizzas in front of the pizza oven.

Anderson. All details of the Grand Opening have yet to be finalized and will be forthcoming soon.

Keep an eye on Wicked Warren's Facebook page for more information and updates on the Grand Opening. You can also see the current menu of the Warren location at wickedwarrens.com.

The owners of Wicked Warren's as well as the Jamestown community are super excited with the anticipation of the new Wicked Warren's - Jamestown. Rob said, "Our vision is to make Wicked Warren's - Jamestown a community hub, where everyone feels at home,

and they will gravitate to. There will be such a variety of atmospheres all under one roof including Pizza Towne, our specialty dining area in the window, casual dining in front of the stage, and slightly more elegant dining on the Mezzanine. You can sit at the bar, at the new counter overlooking the main floor, or outside on the front sidewalk. Enjoy our unique Speakeasy, whoop it up at a wedding upstairs, or climb up on the roof to enjoy the weather. We want to be Jamestown's premier dining, libation, banquet, and entertainment destination. We have something for everyone so, Come Join Us!"

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF B CHUDY, LLC Articles of Organization of B CHUDY, LLC were filed with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State on April 25, 2024, Office Location: Cattaraugus County. The principal business location is located at 4848 Route 219, Great Valley, NY 14741. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The New York Secretary of State shall mail process to the LLC at the address of its principal office. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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Heron

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Owner and founder Julie Rockcastle has been involved since its inception on her family's 200-acre campground, now owned by her and her husband Steve. Her friend, David Tidquist, was involved with Grass Roots Festivals and was looking to start an outdoor festival in this area.

adopted its own language of sorts, as festival goers greet each other saying 'Happy Heron.' "You'll hear it the second you arrive onto the property until the minute you leave. You'll even hear it shouted late at

night sometimes," laughs Julie. "People are feeling and spreading the joy of the festival. It's contagious." Weekend tickets and day tickets are available, along with camping options at greatblueheron.com.

we see generations come together here as a family tradition. It's such a fun, laid-back, vibrant event."

Great Blue Heron is more than just music, there is depth to the festival. "It's about community," says Todd. "It's an experience, here in this beautiful setting. Friends and families connecting and bonding together over the weekend. Strangers becoming friends, returning year after year. It's tradition for many, and in a way it's become its own little community. It's really something special." The festival has even

Memorial Luncheon ~ John Jr, "Jack" Beattie

Tuesday, July 9, Elkdale Country Club, Salamanca, NY 2:30pm

A memorial luncheon will be held for John Jr, "Jack" Beattie on Tuesday, July 9, Elkdale Country Club, in Salamanca, at 2:30 p.m.

For those interested, there will be a golf outing prior to the luncheon. Golfers can participate in a 9 or 18 hole round of golf in Jack's memory. Golfers interested in 18 holes will tee off between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and those interested in golfing just 9 holes will tee off between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Golfers can form their own foursome or can be paired with other golfers. If you are interested in golfing prior to the memorial luncheon, please contact the Pro Shop at Elkdale Country Club at (716) 945-5553 or contact Steve Beattie at (716) 244-1503 by July 2.

Anyone willing to share any Jack stories during the memorial luncheon will be very welcomed to.

Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



Neil Armstrong sits inside the lunar module just after returning from history's first-ever human moonwalk on July 21, 1969.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



Gail and Frank Zappa walk along Bleecker Street on May 20, 1967.

The Mothers of Invention played a gig at the Village Gate (160 Bleecker St.) that night.

Four days later the group would begin a months-long residency at the Garrick Theatre.

Zappa lived at 180 Thompson St. during this period, quite literally a one-minute walk around the corner.

Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History



Madam C.J. Walker 1867-1919

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Scenes from Ellicottville, NY: The Annual Holiday Valley Mudslide Event Was Held on June 15th

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