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History of Independence Day

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July 4th is a celebration of the 13 American colonies declaring they were free of British rule. Those colonies were: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. That first American flag consisted of 13 stripes and 13 stars in a circle on a blue field. Imagine being those colonists seeing that flag flying for the first time, signaling their rebirth as American citizens. Now, that was certainly reason to celebrate. (Story, "JULY" pg. 5.)

History of Long Point State Park

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PHOTOS & ARTICLE
BY BILL BURK

Drive the north coast of Chautauqua Lake along Route 430. You'll come up on the entrance to Long Point State Park. Turn in, past the "Welcome" sign, and the reception shack. Weave through the tree-lined corridor, bordered by a bike path on one side, a deciduous forest on the other. Chautauqua Lake appears before you, like a watery revelation.

Or, if you're able, pull your boat in at the public dock at the

state park, in the bay defined by the shoreline and "the point". Coming from the Bemus narrows, you'll see the Long Point peninsula cut into the lake, a finger of land reaching to touch the west-side coastline.

Now picture the same drive, but instead of the welcoming New York State public park kiosk, there's a guard shack operating a thick iron gate. The gates are closed. If you don't have the access code, an RFD transponder, or your name on

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Ellicottville Summer Festival

Annual Three-Day Celebration, July 5-7, 2024



BY KATE BARTLETT

This year marks the 25th annual Ellicottville Summer Music Festival 4th of July Weekend the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce has presented the event in its present format at

Holiday Valley. The festival has brought internationally renowned musical acts to Ellicottville since 2000, and this year is sure to be another huge success. The festival runs July

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Chautauqua Inst. 150 Anniversary

Unveils Ambitious Plans for Celebration



Rising Together: Our Century of Creativity and Collaboration with Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

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The highlight of the anniversary season will be a week-long celebration featuring Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra under the theme "Rising Together." Marsalis, a renowned musician and educator, will collaborate with the Chautauqua Music School Festival Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, culminating in a spectacular outdoor concert and documentary recording to commemorate the occasion.

BY JEFF MARTIN

Chautauqua Institution has announced a comprehensive array of events and initiatives in anticipation of its upcoming 150th anniversary celebration, set to unfold during the summer of 2024. The institution aims

to honor its founders while propelling forward into a new era of cultural and educational leadership.

Themed "The Seasons and Stories of Chautauqua," the anniversary festivities serve as

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Sneak Peek

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Exploring Linwood Gardens ...pg. 7

Private Estate Open to Visitors on Garden Days



Linwood Gardens is located at 1912 York Road in West Linwood, NY. Linwood, NY is northeast of Warsaw and Wyoming County, NY. For Villager readers, the drive there is well over an hour, but the splendor of its gardens is well worth the trip. For more information, go to linwoodgardens.org/open-garden-days.

Mystic Smoke BBQ in Chq. Co. ...pg. 11

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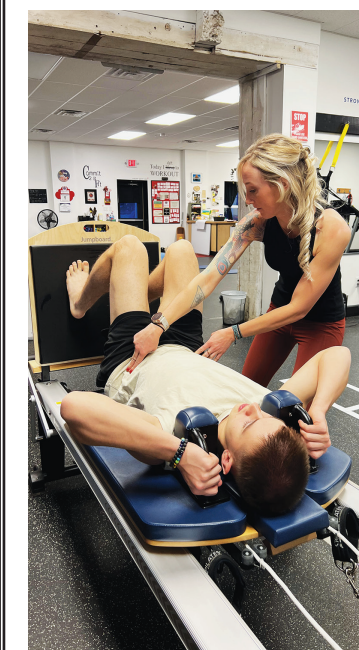


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The 35th Annual Ellicottville Championship Rodeo is set to kick off this 4th of July weekend! Thursday - Saturday, July 4th, 5th 6th @ 7pm (Gates open @ 5pm) and Sunday, July 7th @ 2pm (Gates open @ 12pm)! Come on out and enjoy exciting western entertainment in Ellicottville, NY! Adult's \$23, Children ages 6 to 12 are \$13 and under 5 are FREE!!! To purchase your presale tickets, visit www.ellicottvilleroдео.com. For more information call 716-699-4839.

Up Close & Personal: Rae Dove

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KATE BARTLETT

Rae (Rachele) Dove is an Assistant Director of Snowboarding, adaptive ski and Pilates instructor with quite an inspirational story to tell. Born and raised in Fenwick, Ontario, she was very driven from a young age and determined to be an Olympic Snowboarder; however,

suffered a series of accidents that changed the course of her life.

At age 16, Rae was a fitness instructor at her local YMCA, teaching cyclefit, boxfit, athletic hour and aquafit. She was determined to become an Olympic skier, so she moved to Whistler, British Columbia, at age 19, where she became a full-time snowboard instructor. Her colleagues and friends supported and encouraged her Olympic dream, believing she had the skill and

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Publisher's Word

"The Celebrations have Begun!!"



It may not be July 4th and BBQ's in your own backyard; this week is yet, but the celebrations have begun! This edition is sprinkled nicely with the holiday's history and activities for all to participate. What are your favorite Independence Day traditions? From the Summer Music Festival in Ellicottville, the Great Blue Heron Festival in Sherman, to the opening of Chautauqua Institution

and BBQ's in your own backyard; this week is a time for gathering, appreciation, friends and fun. Stay tuned for next week's July 4th edition of The Villager (it will be on shelves a day early). Enjoy your weekend and the read!

Until next week, yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Lucille Ball Comedy Festival

Record-Breaking Comedian Nate Bargatze Headlines, Aug. 3

The wait is over! The National Comedy Center announces record-breaking comedian Nate Bargatze will headline the final night of the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival on Saturday, August 3rd, at the Northwest Arena in Jamestown.

Widely known for his clean, relatable comedy for audiences of all ages, Bagatze is one of the hottest names in comedy, selling out shows and breaking attendance records around the world with his current "The Be Funny" tour. He's also been hailed as "The Nicest Man in Stand-up" by The Atlantic magazine and a "Rising Star" by CBS Mornings. Bargatze was nominated for a Grammy® for Best Comedy Album for his 2021 Netflix special "The Greatest Average American," which follows his other acclaimed Netflix specials The Tennessee Kid and The Standups.

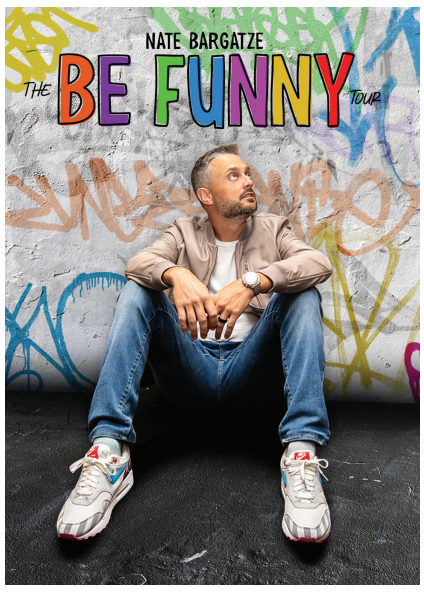
Bargatze's show at the 2024 Lucille Ball Comedy Festival marks a return to Jamestown for the comedian, having performed at the festival honoring Lucille Ball's 100th birthday in 2011. He was back again last fall to tour the National Comedy Center for the first time.

is nothing else like it. So, it's a thrill for me to perform at the National Comedy Center's Lucille Ball Comedy Festival this August. I hope everyone will come out to see us in Jamestown – and visit the Comedy Center before our show."

"We were thrilled to have Nate visit the National Comedy Center last fall and look forward to bringing him back to Jamestown for a special headlining performance this August," said National Comedy Center Executive Director Journey Gunderson, adding, "he's become a great friend and supporter of our mission."

Bargatze joins previously announced headliners: acclaimed comedians Nicole Byer on Thursday, August 1st and "Roastmaster General" Jeff Ross on Friday, August 2nd – both performing at Jamestown's Reg Lenna Center for the Arts.

In addition to the headliners, six Comedy Late Night shows will take place Thursday, August 1st – Saturday August 3rd, featuring over 20 of the most popular artists currently performing in comedy clubs nationwide



– with television appearances 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.

Overall, the festival features 50 live events over four days and celebrates comedy's contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country, while also celebrating the art form's great heritage including Jamestown's own, Lucille Ball.

Tickets for the Nate Bargatze, Jeff Ross and Nicole Byer shows, along with other festival events, including the Late Night comedy shows and Lucy legacy events, are currently on sale to the public at ComedyCenter.org.

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- July 31 - The Livingroom Jam Band

Bring a lawn chair & enjoy summertime music at the Desi Arnaz Bandshell Lucille Ball Memorial Park.

E. Otto Historical Museums

Open to Public Every Sunday, July - August

The East Otto Historical Museum, housed in the town's oldest building (1833-34), will be open from 1-3pm (or longer if needed) every Sunday during the month of July and August. Appointments for other days can be arranged by calling (716) 257-0654. Cattaraugus County Historian believes it could be the oldest building in Cattaraugus County. The building was built pre-Civil War and pre-East Otto. The Town of East Otto broke away from Town of Otto and became incorporated 1854. The museum building was originally built as a Baptist Church east of town. Later it was moved to the "Corners," which is now considered the center of town. A larger church replaced it and the town purchased and moved the building to its present location. It became the town's first Town Hall. In 1972, after the Town Hall relocated to its present location on East Otto Springville Rd., the East Otto Historical Group was given permission to use it as a museum. The museum is located next to the Fire Hall at 8982 Reed Hill Rd., East Otto.

Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that once were part of East Otto. See baskets, milk pans and cheese boxes made in town. Look through books tracing births, marriages, and deaths. Other displays include a tandem bike, butter churn, apple press, organ, small farm tools, kitchen items, wooden voting booths, family scrap books and much more.

Someone recently said "people don't care today about History the way our parents and grandparents did." For that reason, its more and more important to keep it. The building and contents are Our Town's History. Come for a visit.

“Ellicottville Blooms”

Spring Clean-Up Campaign, Business Winner “City Garage”



The City Garage on Monroe Street in Ellicottville, was voted “Most Picturesque Storefront” winner.

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce recently held a Spring Clean-Up Campaign, “Ellicottville Blooms”, for businesses who then submitted a photo to the chamber for a chance to win two tickets to the Summer Music Festival along with being chosen as Most Picturesque Storefront. While the business district is looking amazing (with the help of the beautiful flower arrangements from Alley Katz of Ellicottville Inc.), The City Garage was chosen as the winner!!! Congratulations, and thank you to Ava Grace Fashions, Cupcaked Bakery Inc., E-Ville Spirits, Inc., and ERA Team VP Real Estate & Vacation Rentals, who also submitted some impressive storefronts! Take a walk and enjoy all the beauty that Ellicottville has to offer.

Gazebo Statue Installation

Ellicottville to Host Public Reception June 27th



One of the most prominent women in the United States Space Agency, NASA, will grace Ellicottville with her presence this summer. Tracy Caldwell Dyson is an American chemist and astronaut recognized for her groundbreaking research into molecular level surface reactivity. Thanks to a partnership between the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and Griffis Sculpture Park, a 10-foot-tall bronze statue of Dyson will be installed on the lawn of the Ellicottville Gazebo Thursday, June 27th. It will remain on display for all to enjoy until the fall.

“We’ve worked with Griffis Sculpture Park the past few years to bring an inspirational statue to the four corners of Ellicottville,” said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. “With most Ellicottville’s business owners or co-owners being women, we wanted to keep with the theme of showcasing a female role model. The Tracy Dyson sculpture is a fitting tribute to the accomplishments that women have made.”

In 2021, Griffis Sculpture Park received four bronze statues of inspirational women created by Australian collaborative artists Gillie and Marc Schattner. The 10-foot-tall bronze sculptures of Gabby Douglas (Olympic gymnast), Tracy Dyson (astronaut), Janet Mock (actress/producer) and Cheryl Strayed (author) were donated to the Ashford Hollow Foundation/Griffis Sculpture Park by the artists. Ellicottville has thus far featured two of the four - the Cheryl Strayed and Gabby Douglas sculptures, and will now feature a third, Tracy Dyson.

A special reception

celebrating the installation of the Tracy Dyson statue in Ellicottville will take place Thursday, June 27th at the Gazebo. The public is encouraged to attend. The reception will begin at 6pm and will be followed by the kickoff of the 2024 Gazebo Series featuring a live performance by Tory & Joe Acoustic Duo.

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the return of the Gazebo Series, sponsored by Niagara Label Company, which invites the community out to the Village Gazebo every Thursday evening for free, live entertainment. A popular celebration on the summer events list, the Ellicottville Gazebo Series attracts families to gather; bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your frosty beverages and a snack, and enjoy a different musical act each week from 7-9pm at no charge!

Ellicottville Summer Gazebo Music Series Lineup:

- Thursday, June 27th: Tory & Joe Acoustic Duo
- Friday, July 5th (Summer Music Fest weekend): SON
- Thursday, July 11th: RockManinov (See story, page 4.)
- Thursday, July 18th: Miranda Wilcox Duo
- Thursday, July 25th: Second Act featuring Lisa Platko
- Thursday, August 1st: Jess & The Mess
- Thursday, August 8th: All Star Project

Tory & Joe are excited to bring a soulful commingling of smooth sounds from 70s classic folk/rock and R&B to today’s hits for this year’s first Gazebo Series performance. Joe Mombrea (vocals and guitar) and Tory Arena (vocals) have been sharing their talents in the area with various bands (JJ Swing; Showbiz Kids; Thurman Bros) and performing their own take on an array of classics, providing the ultimate chill vibe for your listening pleasure.

To learn more about this year’s Gazebo Series and other events and festivals produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, go to ellicottvillenyc.com or call 800-349-9099. Follow the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce on Facebook (@Ellicottville, NY) and Instagram (@visitellicottville) to stay up-to-date on all the latest event information



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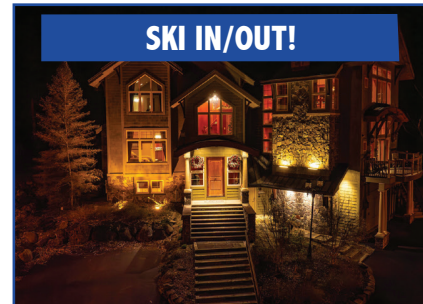
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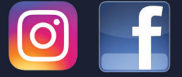
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Local Band Back at Gazebo 39 Years Later

Gary London Shares History of RockManinov



The Ellicottville natives' first band Success! played at the Ellicottville Gazebo in 1985. When they play their July 11 concert there, it will almost be 39 years later to that day.

By CHAD NEAL

At the upcoming show on July 11th at the Gazebo Series in front of the town hall - a group that's been playing music together for forty years is reliving their first gig at this venue. All of the founding members of the group RockManinov are from Ellicottville and are excited to rock out like they did when they were just kids. The story goes they discovered each other at a random tennis game at the Ellicottville Park when Gary London who was visiting from Cleveland and had serious and fateful thoughts of moving here to live full time. The other founding members are Steve and Chris Ruskowski who were 13 when they met 10-year-old Gary on the court. A few months later they started jamming and history started being made.

In 1984 when they realized they had the

connection they started the band Success! A year later they played at the gazebo with the new drummer Jeremy French and "That gig was 39 years ago almost to the day!" London exclaimed in an email to *The Villager*. This musical outfit was and is serious about their enthusiasm for the art. In 1993 they purchased and operated "the first affordable digital recording studio in WNY called "the Groove" located in Salamanca. They operated the facility until 2001. 1991 was their name-change from Success to RockManinov and they started doing more musically. In 1993 they played at the New Music Seminar "showcasing the country's best and hottest bands." And in 1996 they debuted their first full length album called "Dreamality" and four years later released "The Aftermath". A year later the band "went in different

directions," London said "and members went on to other projects."

The band has honed their skill-sets and can emulate any song and their own music shows what they were inspired by. London told *The Villager* that in 2017 "RockManinov performed a reunion gig and shared the stage with Victoria Kearns and Mike Franklin shortly after that." And since "the band has performed as "Hurricane Floyd" Pink Floyd tribute, "Killer Rush" Rush tribute, "Rocket" Drew Leppard tribute and the band has continued to write and release original music."

Gary London has played many solo shows and also played with Joe Wagner many times among many other shows and now his first band is getting back together, again! After starting as Success and playing their first gig in 1985 they sought guidance and got some help from London's late mother Anne, Hanna Ruskowski and Noel McCoy who was a "local guitar player who showed us some licks." London wrote in an email. *The Villager* asked more about their history, "We also learned from The Buffalo Zoo Review and Party Squad. The early years were motivated by Rick Springfield who the Ruskowskis idolized. We would sing to his

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In 2000, the Ellicottville Chamber introduced their first Rock 'n Roll act to play with the Buffalo Philharmonic. It was a huge success and the festival has hosted 30 bands on Saturdays and many exciting programs with the BPO on Sundays ever since, complete with fireworks. "We're proud that the festival has grown exponentially every year, with record presales already this year," says Brian McFadden, Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce President. "This year will be bigger and better than ever. We always try to aim to make it better than the last."

Friday, July 5th, kicks off the festival at the Village Gazebo with live music from SON. This duo is well known regionally for their soulful covers and reimagined renditions of popular songs. The village streets will come alive as guests visit local bars and restaurants and enjoy the live music in the summer air with over a dozen live performances over the weekend.

Saturday, July 6th will be a day of festivities starting with a **Fine Art & Craft Market** by Tri County Arts Council from 9-5pm. This is the first year the festival will host Tri County, but has had over-whelming attendance at their previous show with the chamber last September. Approximately 30-40 vendors representing various disciplines including



Saturday's main performance takes stage at 9:15pm with internationally renowned One Vision of Queen featuring Marc Martel: The World's Most Spectacular Queen Tribute Show. The group is credited as an "explosive, attention-commanding tribute where some of the most iconic rock anthems of all time collide with a theatrical performance style and eye-popping production." Some have even called Marc "the reincarnated voice of Freddie Mercury." Marc's voice can be heard in the Freddie Mercury movie, Bohemian Rhapsody.

sculpture, photography, metal arts and more. The **Pet Parade** sets off at 11am led by Grand Marshall Batman in his Batmobile, who will stick around after the parade at the gazebo for pictures with the kids, and pets.

Gates open at Holiday Valley at 5pm with opening act Caitlin Koch, a Retro-Soul Artist originally from Orchard Park, NY with over 25 million views on her YouTube channel. Caitlin is well known for her performances on Simon Cowell's production "The X Factor USA" and is credited with a voice with 'more depth than the Tennessee River.' Over the years Caitlin has shared the stage with or opened for The Goo Goo Dolls, Pat Benatar, Grace Potter, Gavin DeGraw, Paula Abdul and more.

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Sunday, July 7th, again opens with the Tri County Fine Arts & Craft Market in the village. The BPO will play alongside Jeans n' Classics again bringing the hits from The Who & Led Zeppelin. "The combination of the BPO along with the rock energy of these legendary artists is incredible. The BPO loves playing this show; they really have a good time. Set in the beautiful slopes of Holiday Valley, complete with fireworks, it's something you just have to experience."

Gates open at 5pm with music starting at 8pm. For more information and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.ellicottvilleny.com>. Village musical events are all free, tickets required for festival concerts at Holiday Valley.

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The Griffis Sculpture Park will be hosting a monthly drum circle over the next three months. The drum circles will take place on Saturday, June 22, Saturday, July 27 and Saturday, August 24 from 6:30-8PM at the Rohr Hill Road section of the park. The drum circles are free to participate and attend. Drummers of all skill-

levels are invited to attend. Drum circle facilitator Steve Bell, will help lead the circle. Steve will also bring a few percussion instruments for participants to use. He is one of the premier drum instructors in the region and has a knack for making drum circles fun, accessible and informative. Attendees should bring a lawn chair.

The Rohr Hill Road section of the park is known for its tall Larry Griffis, Jr's sculptures. It's a wonderful place for a drum circle, especially as the sun starts to set. It's about a 50-yard walk from the parking lot to the drum circle site. There are no bathroom facilities at this section of the sculpture park.

July 4th

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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Why we celebrate July 4th. Things you may not know....

I asked a simple question of several people - what do we celebrate on the fourth of July? Surprisingly, the answers were vague ... "Independence" was one. From whom? I asked. "Hmmm." Was the response. Finally, "England," of course. Well, not really. You see, America did gain its independence, not from England, but from the Kingdom of Great Britain, of which England is a part. It did seem commonly agreed that the celebrations were the result of the signing of our Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. But wait, it was July 2, 1776, when the delegates voted in favor of declaring our independence. It was adopted by the Continental Congress two days later, on the 4th. Although it is true that John Hancock was the first to boldly sign it on the 2nd, it was not officially signed by all 56 delegates until August 2, 1776. So, which one of these dates is the real anniversary? John Adams, one of the signers, thought it would be the 2nd, but the 4th prevailed.

When we think about the Declaration of Independence, we of course think of Thomas Jefferson, who primarily wrote it, with edits by other Congress members, but does the name Richard Henry Lee sound familiar to you? He was the Delegate from Virginia who initially proposed that the colonies seek independence. Put that little known fact in your trivia book.

So, bottom line, July 4th is a celebration of the 13 American colonies declaring they were free of British rule. Those colonies were: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. That first American flag consisted of 13 stripes and 13 stars in a circle on a blue field. Imagine being those colonists seeing that flag flying for the first time, signaling their rebirth as American citizens. Now,

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that was certainly reason to celebrate. And celebrate, they did.

247 years ago, those first Americans showed us how to celebrate. They had cannon fire along with mock funerals for King George III who was the despised King of England at the time. In Boston, on July 4, 1977, the Sons of Liberty put on a huge fireworks show; it was in Philadelphia where one could hear the roar of cannons 13 times, one time for each of the freed colonies. For all the hoopla, it wasn't until 1801 when then President Thomas Jefferson was the first to celebrate Independence Day at the White House.

But did you know that it was not until the end of the War of 1812 (part of which was fought right in our neighborhood in Buffalo, NY) when the British again challenged America? In the melee, we burned Toronto and the British forces retaliated by burning Washington DC. A guy named Francis Scott Key wrote the Star-Spangled Banner while watching the Baltimore fort being bombarded by the British. He named his poem, "The Defense of Fort M'Henry." (It took 88 years after Key died before the song became our National Anthem in 1931.) Finally, a treaty was signed in Ghent and ratified in February 1815, which firmed up the tough American identity, acknowledging us as a force to be reckoned with. This whole fracas just

made the Independence Day celebrations that much more popular. Nearly one hundred years later, in 1870, it became a federal holiday, and in 1941 it became a paid federal holiday. Wheels of congress moved slowly, even then.

Here are several odd-ball facts about the day: Presidents Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died hours apart on July 4, 1826, 50 years after the declaration was officially finalized. Not to be outdone, President James Monroe chose the date to die five years later. Calvin Coolidge tried to even the scales by being born on July 4th, 1872.

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As you enjoy our founders' gift of freedom, please remember this freedom was fought for, lives were sacrificed, and we are all entrusted by our founders to continue their fight and honor their vision. Please fly your flag in honor and celebration and inspect her to ensure her colors are bright and strong and her threads are unbroken. She deserves to fly in full perfect glory. Happy 247th Birthday, America.



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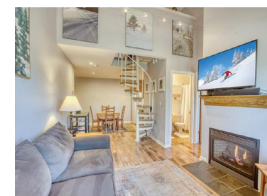
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Up Close and Personal: Suzie Ditcher

Local Home Editor



Suzie Ditcher has lived full-time in Ellicottville since she was 13 years old. It is where she was raised and is where she is raising her family. She loves her family and her work. For more information and to view current projects follow her on Facebook, SuzieDitcher Home and Instagram @suzieditcherathome.

By KATE BARTLETT

Suzie Ditcher is owner and founder of Suzie Ditcher Home, a home organizing, decluttering, staging and clean-out service in the Ellicottville area. As a long-time resident, she is invested in the community and loves helping others be happier in their homes.

Suzie came to HoliMont to ski throughout her early childhood, and her parents finally made Ellicottville their full-time home in the 1980 when Suzie was 13 years old. She graduated from Ellicottville High School in 1985, and while she moved away briefly, she stayed local in the Western New York Area and always returned to Ellicottville to ski and visit family. "Ellicottville has always been a part of my life," says Suzie. "My parents are deeply rooted in the community and I've been raised with that value instilled in me."

Family is everything to Suzie. She moved to Ellicottville full-time with her husband, John, in 2016, and they have made

it home for their 2 sons and her 2 stepsons here. John's family has a long lineage in Ellicottville with many generations living and serving in the community. Her father, Evan Evans is a local salesman, and her mother Joyce, is one of the original members of the Alley Katz, a local club focusing on beautifying Ellicottville through gardening and other means.

Suzie has always had a love for homes. "As far back as I can remember, to having a Barbie Dreamhouse, I've loved homes and gardening. I love styling, colors, designing and making each space as beautiful as possible." She began staging and styling for friends and realtors, and found she had a knack for beautifying spaces. She obtained her Home Staging Certification and founded Suzie Ditcher Home in 2021. She helps clients declutter, stage, and style their homes whether they're selling or just wanting to sort out their living space.

No job is too small, or too big. "I've taken on projects as small as pantries and closets, and as big as

garages and entire homes. I'm never intimidated; I love the process."

Not only does Suzie help declutter, but she offers perspectives on how and why a person may accumulate certain items. "I've moved 16 times in my 57 years; I've lived the experience of going through all my things. I've learned a lot along the way and I've discovered the joy of living with less." Suzie can help clients learn what to keep and what to toss, offering a bit of life coaching if clients are interested.

No matter the project, whether to live in or sell, the end goal is the same: to make a happy, healthy home. "We get down and we get dirty, and it's so worth it. The end result is so incredibly satisfying. I've shed tears of joy alongside my clients when they see their home at the end of this journey. I can feel their sense of relief and it's incredible."

Suzie is never intimidated by a project, and never judges what, or how much,

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Looking for a fresh start, Rae relocated to Ellicottville where she began working as an adaptive ski instructor for HoliMont. Additionally, she currently teaches 1:1 classes at Core Performance 5 days/week, and hopes to teach a mat class again, in the fall.

Rae

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determination. However, in 2010 she suffered an accident that made her reconsider her goals.

While her friends and family still supported her, Rae began to doubt herself, when she then suffered a major stroke at the young age of 21. Her right side was completely paralyzed, and she was wheelchair bound with a serious facial droop, leaving her numb from her head to her toes. She also couldn't spell, read or write, and was unable to eat by mouth, requiring a feeding tube in her stomach. Her rehabilitation journey that took over five years and included intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy. "I didn't really understand what had happened to me," recalls Rae. "I still wanted to be in the Olympics. I didn't even realize how severe my speech difficulties were; I was so focused on walking and getting back on my feet."

It took Rae 2 1/2 years and intensive speech therapy to be able to form full sentences, and she still suffers from Aphasia (difficulty recalling words) and Apraxia (difficulty forming words) to this day. During her rehabilitation, Rae began carpentry as a therapeutic outlet. "I wanted to go into the carpentry school after I went to the Olympics, so I was drawn to it after my injury. There was a carpentry shop in the building from my therapy that seemed to call out to me. I began learning the trade and spent a lot of time in the carpentry shop."

Rae learned how to make benches, rocking horses, birdhouses, hockey sticks, benches and more. She found carpentry to be very healing, and still enjoys it to this day. She has rebuilt three houses, taking them down to studs and refinishing from the ground up. "I love building, and I love the process. It's very rewarding and therapeutic," remarks Rae.

At this time, Rae also began Pilates as part of her rehabilitation program. "My arm was paralyzed and stuck in a curl position; I could not

open it. My hip hiker was very pronounced. I was in a bit of denial about by disabilities, Pilates helped me regain a lot of mobility." Eventually, she regained most of her flexibility and strength, and became a Pilates instructor in 2013 in order to help others. She specializes in neurological Pilates, helping those recover from injury as well as athletics. She has taken numerous certification courses and owns a reformer machine, a spring-based Pilates machine. She currently teaches 1:1 classes at Core Performance 5 days/week, and hopes to teach a mat class again, in the fall.

Looking for a fresh start, Rae relocated to Ellicottville where she began working as an adaptive ski instructor for HoliMont. "I absolutely love this program; I'm very passionate about it. HoliMont has one of the most highly rated adaptive ski programs in the country and I'm so proud to be a part of it. It grants those with

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Exploring Linwood Gardens

Private Estate Open to Visitors on Garden Days



Part of the garden path at Linwood Gardens.

Fifth", presented by Shake on the Lake. Five actors will perform it, doubling and tripling in roles. In case of bad weather, the show will be moved to a different location. To reserve (free) tickets, go to eventbrite.com/e/henry-v/linwood-gardens-tickets. One of the group's many other ninety-minute performances of the play this summer will be in Springville on Friday, July 18th, from 6:30-8pm, on Depot Street. All the shows will begin with live, pre-show music. If you go, bring a lawn chair or a blanket. In case of rain in Springville, the play will be moved to the Springville Center for the Arts at 37 North Buffalo Street.

Every year, in the Spring, Linwood Gardens has a Tree Peony festival, when its many peonies are in bloom. The curled petals and the multitude of colors of the peonies make them an incredible sight to see. This year the festival (which also featured live dulcimer music, and caterers who were selling cupcakes and cookies) was held on five days in May, and two in June.

Linwood Gardens is located at 1912 York Road in West Linwood, NY. Linwood, NY is northeast of Warsaw and Wyoming County, NY. For Villager readers, the drive there is well over an hour, but the splendor of its gardens is well worth the trip. For more information, go to linwoodgardens.org/open-garden-days.

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July 27th; Saturday, August 10th; Wednesday, September 11th and possibly an Autumn date. Reservations are required, but once you arrive for your reservation, you may stay as long as you like. Donations of \$20 (cash or check) per adult are requested, but no donation is requested for children. No food is sold on the grounds, but you are free to bring your own picnic (without alcohol). Also, no pets are allowed.

Linwood Gardens is a classically, picturesque private estate, in the midst of a beautiful vista, that allows visitors on Open Garden Days. It is well worth visiting because of the large gardens, the meadow, the gates and the buildings on the grounds. The elegance and the serenity to be found there seem to turn visits into trips back to a more gracious and leisurely time and place. This summer, the Open Garden days will be on Saturday, June 29th; Wednesday, July 10th; Saturday,

On Sunday, July 21st, from 3-4:30pm, the gardens will host a fun performance of Shakespeare's exciting historical play "Henry the

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If you were to choose the most valuable stretch of waterfront on Chautauqua Lake, from an esthetic and distinctive position, you'd be hard pressed to pick a place other than Long Point State Park. The mile or so of lakefront property there frames the 360 acres of land that is the park. It's acreage would have developers licking their chops, were they able to get their hands on it. Fortunately, for lake visitors and conservation-minded people, they can't. There won't be any gates keeping the public from the shores and woods and trails of the park any time soon. Of the 41.2 miles of Chautauqua shoreline, only about 1.4 remains in natural condition, all but 2.6 are privately owned. Long Point State Park features a big part of that with the peninsula, the beachfront and marina.

State Park

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a guest list, you don't get in. Past the shack you see condominiums, a resort rising and flowing down to the lakefront (where you're not welcome either).

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Long Point State Park was formed by two separate gifts to New York State. The original owners of the land had the foresight, and money, to ensure there wouldn't be commercial development of the property. Until 1956 most of Long Point was owned by the Minturn family. Mrs. Minturn was the granddaughter of former state governor Rueben Fenton, and the family estate made the initial donation to the state parks department, complementing the gift to the city of Jamestown of the Fenton home that is

now the Fenton Historical Society building.

The second gift expanded the park to its current footprint several years later when the estate of Bainbridge Colby donated property. Colby was the United States Secretary of State under Woodrow Wilson in 1920 (after which he practiced law in New York State, notably representing Mark Twain).

Today the park, located in the town of Ellery, Hamlet of Maple Springs, is considered a National Natural Landmark with a varied ecosystem including wetlands, forest and lakeshore wildlife. Over a hundred-twenty species of bird have been catalogued. There is a sand beach with a beach house, one of the oldest structures on the lake. There are miles of trails throughout the densely wooded park, suitable for hiking, winter snowshoeing and snowmobiling. The boat launch is one of the most modern on the lake,

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a tribute to the visionary spirit of Lewis Miller and Bishop John Heyl Vincent. These pioneers conceived Chautauqua not merely as a retreat, but as a transformative environment where individuals could deeply engage with arts, education, religion, and recreation—a model for lifelong learning that remains as relevant today as it was at its inception.

President Michael E. Hill, Ed.D., highlighted the enduring relevance of their mission: “Our 150th anniversary season honors the legacy of our founders by reaffirming our commitment to lifelong learning and cultural enrichment,” according to a press release. “It’s a celebration of how far we’ve come and a reflection on our role as pioneers in the educational landscape.”

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expand programming, ensuring sustainable growth for Chautauqua’s future. Key initiatives include the renovation of historic landmarks like the Athenaeum Hotel and Bellinger Hall, as well as the development of new facilities for the Chautauqua Theater Company and Buildings and Grounds operations.

A significant collaboration with StoryCorps will capture and preserve personal stories from Chautauqua community members, enriching the institution’s historical archives housed at the American Folklife Center in Washington, D.C. This initiative underscores Chautauqua’s commitment to documenting diverse narratives that reflect its profound cultural impact over the decades.

Throughout the summer season, Chautauqua will host a diverse range of activities catering to all ages and interests. Young Chautauquans will play a pivotal role in envisioning the institution’s future through facilitated conversations, while weekly events such as historic bus tours and lectures will delve into Chautauqua’s storied past. The Chautauqua Opera Company and Chautauqua Theater Company

will present a series of performances, including world premieres and special retrospectives, showcasing their artistic evolution and contributions to the cultural fabric of the institution.

Jill McCormick, Director of Communications and Special Projects for the institute, said this week that celebrations were designed to include everyone.

“Last year the institute was at full force, coming out of the pandemic,” she said. “But this year we are at full strength. It’s a very big year for the institute.”

The highlight of the anniversary season will be a week-long celebration featuring Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra under the theme “Rising Together.” Marsalis, a renowned musician and educator, will collaborate with the Chautauqua Music School Festival Orchestra and the Buffalo Philharmonic Chorus, culminating in a spectacular outdoor concert and documentary recording to commemorate the occasion.

“This series of events is an invitation for all—whether longtime Chautauquans or first-time visitors—to join us in celebrating 150 years of education, culture, and community,” said Hill. “It’s

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National Refugee Day in Jamestown Event Honored Refugees’ Courage Around the Globe



People of the community gathered on Saturday June 22, 2024 to Celebrate the courage and fortitude of the many people who have endured fleeing their country of origin in hopes of finding peace and security in life.



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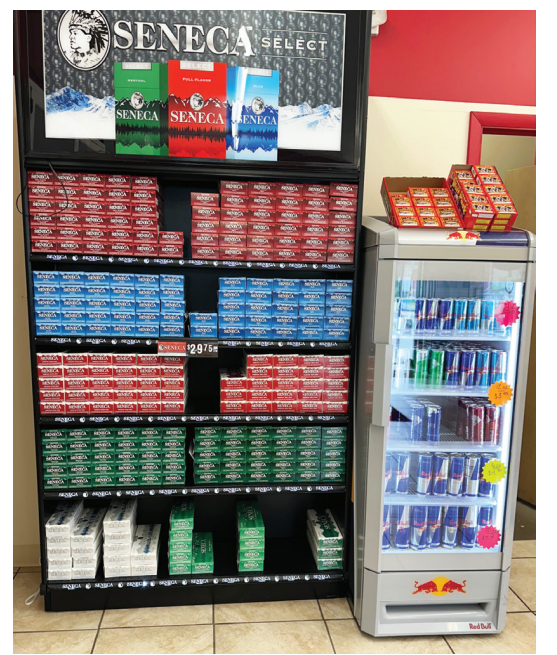
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Networking Events Open for All to Participate



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BY DARLENE BRACE

The Jamestown Young Professionals (JYP) is a group of area professionals that get together for networking and other events. These events allow participants to build relationships, collaborate, and give support to each other. The Jamestown Young Professionals was initially launched in 2015 and has gone through various iterations. Although initially housed and supported by the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, it has now been housed and supported by the local United Way since 2022. The United Way is the backbone of JYP and gives support, coordination, and sponsorship.

Although it is named "young professionals" it is all inclusive, meaning that they welcome and include people of all ages and professions. The members are not all doctors, lawyers, and teachers but includes beauticians, electricians, contractors,

entrepreneurs, or anyone else that's out in the business world. Basically, it is open to anyone that is interested in participating.

Katie Castro, who is the Director of Advancement of the local United Way said, "The mission is to connect, develop, and position young professionals from the community for increased leadership and impact. JYP cares about recruiting and retaining young people in this area and energizing them for long-term fulfillment in Chautauqua County."

One ongoing networking event takes place every third Thursday of the month at Crown Street Roasting in downtown Jamestown. This is an informal networking meeting from 8:30am-10:30am, where people gather and drink coffee, and includes participants introducing themselves and interacting with each other.

Jamestown Young Professionals have other events as well. Periodically they will have Happy Hour Networking get together at area businesses. In May of

this year, they had an event in which local downtown Jamestown business Art, Cloth, and Craft was featured. The owners, who are a pair of local sisters who own the business together, shared their business tips. Also in May, JYP attended a workshop called Developing the Leader Within You." It was hosted by the Northern Chautauqua Young Professionals. Cindy Aronson led the workshop that featured "The Five Levels of Leadership" and included developing leadership skills through hands on activities and more. It was a great workshop for all that attended.

On Friday, June 7th there was a meeting at The Carousel Bar at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. This meeting featured Kim Carlson. Kim is a Jamestown area resident and business owner of Peapod and Juniper in Lakewood. She spoke

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Mystic Smoke BBQ in Chq. Co.

Popular BBQ Trailer and Smoker is on the Move

BY DARLENE BRACE

Gary Card was part owner and worked at Superior Grinding in Jamestown for 27 years. During this time, he often made barbeques using a small smoker and made other food for family get togethers. He really enjoys cooking and eventually family members and friends were asking him to make food for their events. Recently Gary decided it was time to focus on something he loves for his profession. Although he was already preparing food for others before this, in early May 2024, he opened his new business called Mystic Smoke BBQ. He bought a custom-made trailer and a larger custom-made Johnson BBQ smoker from Texas.

Using this smoker, Gary makes some of the most deliciously smokey BBQ foods. He has put together a tantalizing BBQ menu that is sure to please your palate and make you hungry for more. The menu features St. Louis style ribs, pulled pork, whole chickens and turkeys, beef brisket, sausage, side dishes and more. He also uses his own recipes to create all the rubs, all the side dishes, and sauces himself. The sauces he creates range from sweet to hot and spicy, so there are sauces to please all his customers.

Because the Mystic Smoke BBQ trailer is mobile, Gary takes his trailer of scrumptious foods to different locations. He currently has a weekly schedule as follows: Mondays at The Rock Church in Lakewood, Tuesdays at the 4 corners of Ashville, Thursdays at The Rock Church in



Gary Card pictured cooking for a crowd at Panama Rocks recently. Photo/Philip Zimmer

Lakewood, and Fridays at Rt. 394 in Stow near Wells Bay. Weekends vary on a weekly basis and will be announced weekly. At all these locations, he opens at 11am and usually closes around 7pm or when he sells out. This weekly schedule is subject to change, so for updates look at Mystic Smoke BBQ on Facebook. He also said that he plans on keeping the food trailer open and available to customers throughout the fall, so keep an eye out for Mystic Smoke BBQ at fall festivals and events. Gary stated that he would continue to stay open into the winter months and will only close for the season when the weather dips down to freezing.

Gary also takes the BBQ trailer and smoker to local events. In conjunction with Lakewood's Thursday night Summer Concert Series, Mystic Smoke BBQ is going to be at Lakewood Beach on Thursdays starting July 4th. He is also scheduled to participate in serving food at the Lakewood Jeep Jam at the Lakewood Rod and Gun on Sunday July 28 starting at noon. He will likely be adding more events to his schedule. Later this summer he hopes to be at the Ashville Days Festival and the Busti Apple Festival and others.

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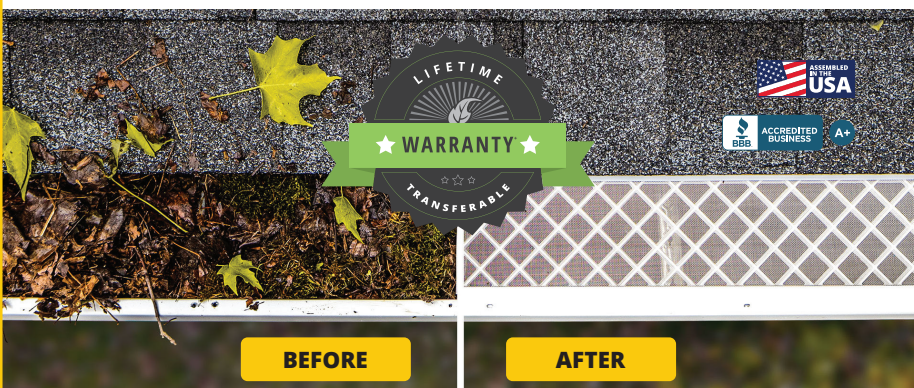


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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

Wow, it's already the last weekend in June. School's out for the summer, and the summer season is in full swing. Let's see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday June 27- Dunkirk's Thursday night **Music on the Pier Summer Concert Series** continues as **Ion Sky** takes the stage at 5:30. At 6:45pm the live music continues with pop music band **XOXO**. Both bands play a fun mix of current rock and pop music as well as some favorite older tunes. The Dunkirk boardwalk and pier merchants will be open. There will be food trucks available as well beverages provided by Arthur R Gren Company. Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs and enjoy the evening on the shores of Lake Erie listening to some great music.

Another Thursday night Summer Concert Series will take place from 6pm-8pm at Hartley Lakeside Park in Lakewood. This week, local favorites, **Bill Ward and John Cross** will be performing.

Also in Lakewood, **Lenny and the Landshark** will be performing at **Group Ther-Happy**. This talented duo plays a wide variety of music starting at 7pm.

Friday June 28 - There will be another Customer Appreciation Night at **Five & 20** in Westfield this week. Join them for music by singer/songwriter **Jason Mirek**. There will be \$2 off beer and cocktail specials priced at \$5.20

from 5pm-8pm, with food available from Redneck Grille Food Truck (4-8pm).

Summer music series at Southern Tier Brewery continues with live music by starting at 6pm. This four-piece band will get you on your feet as they perform pop, rock, and country music.

Music on the Stoop at **Brazil** in downtown Jamestown will be out on the patio. Enjoy dinner and drinks and an evening of music with **Jamie Smith** starting at 6pm.

In nearby Cattaraugus County, the River Bar at the **Seneca Allegany Casino** in Salamanca will be host to **Jesse and Erika** Friday night starting at 7pm. On Saturday night, will **The Tommy Z Band** perform from 7pm-11pm. Come and check it out!

Saturday June 29 - Enjoy a flash from the past at **Chautauqua Institution** with the return of the world-renowned, **Beach Boys**. You can be a little Surfer Girl or a California Girl and have Fun, Fun, Fun as you enjoy this this Endless Summer Gold concert with The Beach Boys starting at 8:15pm. For tickets go to ticketoffice@chq.org.

Bring your friends and family to **21 Brix Winery** in Portland NY, this Saturday as they continue their monthly music series from 7pm to 9pm. It is free to attend, but a wine or beer purchase is re-quired.

Midnight Recovery will be playing classic rock and country hits. Come join in the fun.

Southern Tier Brewing is having a fun day of music. **Big Logic and the Truth Serum** will perform originals and favorite

covers from 2pm-5pm. **The In Crowd** will play a variety of music starting at 6pm.

All Weekend - **Sunset Bay Beach** has a full week of entertainment this week. Starting on Thursday, Cabana Sams will have the band **Live and Kickin** starting at 7pm. Then get ready to rock the beach at **Sunset Bay Beach Club** Friday night to tribute band **BonJourney**. They will be playing hits from Bon Jovi and Journey in this amazing tribute show starting at 7pm. If that wasn't enough for you, join **Sunset Bay Beach Club** for a foot stomping good ole time as they host a **Country Jamboree** on June 29th. This is another all-day event on the beach, starting at 1pm. It includes some of the best country music tribute bands in the area. Finishing the weekend off back at Cabana Sam's is **Midnight Recovery** starting at 6pm. For more details, go to sunsetbayusa.com.

Bemus Point- EBC in Bemus will **The Hard Luck Story Duo** will perform starting at 7pm Friday evening. The **Village Casino** will host popular band **Smokin 45**. They will be performing their high energy rock and country music starting at 10pm. At the **Fish** Friday night, **Whiskey Trick** will be entertaining the crowd starting at 7pm. Saturday night a DJ will be spinning the tunes, and Sunday afternoon **Skinny Moo** will be performing their rock, funk and dance music starting at 3pm.

What a fun week of entertainment. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening for the Fourth of July holiday weekend.



"The Tragedy of King Richard the Second"

WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

"The Tragedy of King Richard the Second" is primarily about a king who believes that, because he was born into the family whose members automatically inherit the power of the British throne, he has a divine right to rule. As he puts it: "Not all the water in the rough, rude sea can wash the balm off from an anointed king". Because of this belief he also believes that he can get away with any crimes he wants to. Do other people around him believe in his belief? At first, many do and are very loyal to him, but after he screws them over, not so much.

When the play begins, Henry Bolingbroke, Richard's first cousin, and Thomas Mowbray are accusing each other of treason and they have brought their fight to him to settle. Henry also accuses Thomas of killing the Duke of Gloucester (whom Richard actually killed). Richard says he will be completely impartial when it comes to pronouncing any sentence. Since they won't stop furiously sniping at

each other, Richard decrees that they should settle their fight with a trial by combat. They're just about to attack each other, ready to fight to the death, when Richard halts the battle at the very last moment. He then proclaims that Mowbray will be banished for life but only banishes his cousin for six years. (Yup, completely impartial. NOT!)

A short time later, after his cousin's gone away, and Richard's decided he'll go to Ireland to preside over the war there, he hears that his uncle, John of Gaunt, Henry's dad, is dying. He says "Oh, that's terrible! I'll go and comfort him". Yeah, right. What he actually says is that he's going to steal Henry's inheritance (lotsa money and lands). He does go see his father before he dies, but it's hardly a comforting visit, because Gaunt is so angry. On his deathbed, with nothing to lose, Gaunt dares to tell Richard exactly what he thinks of him, regarding how horrible he is. Gaunt's general opinion of him is eloquently expressed in his observation, "His rash fierce blaze of riot cannot last".

After Richard goes to Ireland, Henry sneaks over the border. He and his followers seek to get back his confiscated inheritance, and, for good measure, have Henry take over the throne. Richard's thousands of soldiers wind up dispersed or dead or defecting to Henry's army, so Henry's army wins and Richard is captured when he returns.

He tries complaining about the "injustice" of his finally being arrested after he's done many unjust things but nobody cares about his whining. "I talk but idly, and you laugh at me.", he ultimately whines.

When the day comes when he has to officially hand the throne over to his cousin, Richard still has some major league whining to do. In Act Four, Scene One, he says, "Why am I sent for...before I have shook off the regal thoughts wherewith I reigned?" He continues, "well re-member the favors of these men: were they not mine? Did they not sometime cry "all hail" to me? Full of tears am I, drinking my griefs, whilst you mount up on high". His cousin orders him to "read these accusations and these grievous crimes, committed by your person and your followers against the state and profit of this land" "and he finally responds, "If I turn my eyes up-on myself, I find myself a traitor with the rest". At the end, Henry Bolingbroke becomes King Henry the Fourth and Richard is murdered.

Thisismylast "Streamlined Shakespeare" column. I have written summaries of every Shakespeare play and his narrative poem, "Venus and Adonis", and I hope you've enjoyed them. Soon you will be able to read my new column, "Broadway in Brief", in The Villager, in which I will summarize famous Broadway musicals.

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By MOUHSAYTONGUE

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It's July and all the summer activities are in full swing in the area so get out there and enjoy and then hit town for some food and entertainment. Let's see who's playing where?

The seven-day weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of burger and domestic beer with house made chips. This week's musical guest is Melissa Sauers from 6-9pm. Melissa plays rock covers from the 70-90's.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music is provided by Mike Nash from 7-10pm. Mike plays trop rock originals and covers. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY
We're back at Balloons for Welcome Distraction from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/r&b/pop/country set of covers. Out in the tent Samantha Taylor will play from 10-1am. She plays acoustic rock and country covers. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth lauin down the sauce so you can dance like a boss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We return to The Gin Mill for Hintz of Thunder from 8-12am. This band plays classic to modern country. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10 sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast from 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Madigans is a player with Dj Persia from 9-2am puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Chillbillys from 2-5 pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/country/ folk/blues set of covers and originals featuring some smooth guitar licks and sweet vocal harmonies. The Bob Hartle Band from 8-12am. This band plays a country/bluegrass/country rock set of covers.

12 Gates of Evl joins the party with Tina Williams from 5-8pm. Tina plays a folk/rock/country/alt/blues set of covers and originals.

Balloons is back with 90 West from 6:30-10pm. This band plays classic to outlaw to modern country covers. Out in the tent Aaron Zolkowski will play from 10-1am. He plays an acoustic rock set of covers. Dj Lyfe is back to provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia playin the jams so you can shake your gams from 9-2am. Check out the pool tables and dart board for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill returns for Davey "O" from 2-5pm. He plays a rock/american/ folk set of originals and covers. Have a late lunch or early dinner or just do some day drinking while sipping a Bloody Mary.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh made pasta with your choice of toppings or savory prime cooked the way you like it. Chris Maloney will provide the music from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers to accompany the best Italian cuisine in the

Monday is Strings and Wings from 4-10pm at Balloons. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers with music provided by the world-famous Sauce Boss from 6-9pm. He plays his own style of swamp boogie, blues while the cooks a if pot of gumbo which he serves up to the audience at the end of the show. You don't want to miss this.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is provided by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country and classic and southern rock covers and originals.

TUESDAY
Balloons kicks off its mid-week music Tuesday with the return of Aaron Zolkowski out in the tent from 6-9pm. He'll provide the music while you enjoy the ambiance of our village.

The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This group of seasoned musicians plays an eclectic set of roots/american style covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Balloons is first up with The Campfire Junkie from 6-9 pm in the tent. He tells me he plays a folk/rock set of covers and originals.

WEDNESDAY
We've ended the weekend the same for 40+ years at The Gin Mill for Wing Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is your musical host. Brian plays a rock/folk / country/ alt set of covers. Obviously this is a locals favorite.

We hope you enjoyed your time here and get out and experience the many activities the area has to offer donut wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

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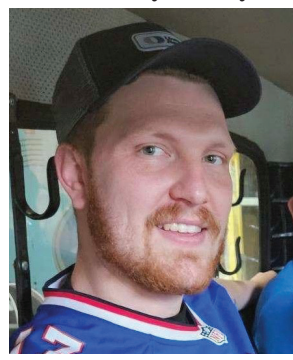
"Going Back in Time, What Would You Tell Your Younger Self?"

By Chad Neal

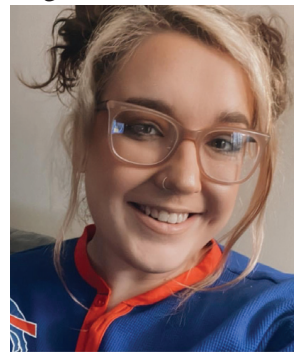


Cole S.- Buy lots of bitcoin!

Time travel has been proven impossible, well traveling back in time has. One can essentially travel into the future, but they'd have to be comatose for the span. The idea is dreamed of by many though. To change the timeline of one's life would do the same for the entire universe, theoretically. What if? It would be something the rest of the world wouldn't realize if one person went back and pulled a Biff Tannen from the 'Back to the Future' series. If in fact it is possible how are we to know if it hasn't happened. The new scientific experiments being tried - like the CERN particle collider was theorized to maybe cause a rift in the space time continuum. It could explain the reason things are the way they are and not the way another timeline would have it. Again, to change one thing in your life is often dreamed of. Going back in time, what would you tell your younger self?



Tyler E.- Your dad is right, take the advice.



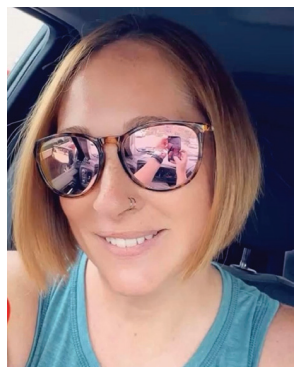
Meg O.- Trust your gut and never doubt yourself!



Beth N.- Surround yourself with compassionate, intelligent, creative weirdos. Be one.



Nate E.- No flat landings!



Rachel E.- Despite the many mistakes I've made, I wouldn't tell her anything. Any alteration in my past life would jeopardize my present & the two kiddos who are my entire world might not be here.

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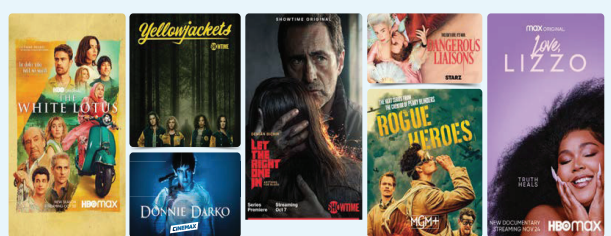


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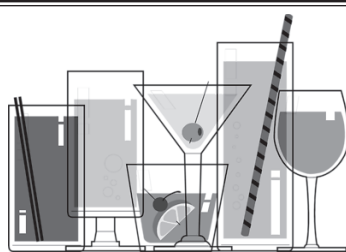
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Home

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a person has accumulated. She tailors the process to best meet the needs of each client. "I make sure to involve the client, if they're interested, and make the process fun. You can learn a lot along the way, or I can come in and clean out the house without any involvement whatsoever. You decide what's best."

The best part of Suzie's job is the satisfaction in the end result, and helping people find joy in their homes. She is passionate about what she does, and loves the process of decluttering and organizing. "I'm so fortunate to be able to serve the community in

this way, and I'm proud to have several repeat customers." Suzie has a knack for knowing what systems will work for certain people, and helps set them up for success in their homes. She helps clients transition wardrobes, and homes, throughout the seasons, shifting needs to best meet winter, spring, summer and fall.

Outside of work, which she doesn't consider work, Suzie is an active member of Alley Katz with her mother and many friends. The group, founded in 1978, focuses on beautifying Ellicottville, through gardening and other means. They are responsible for the hanging baskets in the village and decorate the gazebo several times per year, changing with the seasons. "It's such

a wonderful group of women who love flowers, gardening and Ellicottville. We enjoy serving the community and spending time together."

Suzie also spends as much time as possible with her family. "I'm so blessed with my family, and that we all live in the area (with the exception of my son, Evan and his family, who are stationed in Fr. Wainwright, Fairbanks, AK). We love being together at Bills games, local events, family dinners and so much more. We are blessed beyond measure. Having their love and support means everything."

For more information and to view current projects follow her on Facebook, SuzieDitcher Home and Instagram @suzieditcherathome.

BBQ

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trailer to weekly locations, festivals, and events, you can also order catering for your own special event such as weddings, parties and other social gatherings. The catering menu has a somewhat larger selection of foods to choose from. It includes things like veggie and fruit trays, meat and cheese platters, pasta dishes, additional side dishes like cheesy potatoes, and much more. The event must have a minimum of 50 people for Gary to cater it, and he can discuss various pricing and packages with you.

If you are having a gathering of any size, and you don't want to have it catered, you still

can enjoy Gary's food by preordering it and picking up the food yourself. You would still order from the catering menu. Gary stated that he wants customers to know that the catering and preorders that you pick up will be available year-round. (It should be noted that currently there is no call ahead take out from the mobile food trailer.)

For catering for an event or to preorder from the catering menu for pick up, go to mysticsmokebbq.com. To look for updates on where to find the mobile food trailer or events it will be at, go to Mystic Smoke BBQ on Facebook. On the Facebook page you will find more information are two reviews from Facebook:

"I wanted something different for dinner. I saw their food truck and their food smelled so good. I ordered their pulled pork

dinner with macaroni & cheese and coleslaw. It was fantastic! And what great value too. Highly recommend." (posted mid-June 2024)

"Mystic Smoke BBQ catered our wedding and did a fantastic job. Everything was delicious and professional. We'll definitely use Mystic Smoke BBQ for all our catering needs. If you need someone to make some great food and BBQ for any event you are having don't hesitate to call Gary. Thank you again for catering our wedding." (posted November 2023)

As you can see Mystic Smoke BBQ is already getting good reviews. If you are looking for delicious BBQ for dinner, at events, or for any special occasion, you should check out Mystic Smoke BBQ. Delish!!

JYP

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about her personal business experiences and gave tips to young creatives.

In July, they will be having a table set up at Family Day at Southern Tier Brewing between 1-6pm. Their table will have brochures and members there to promote the Young Professionals organization and to answer any questions. They will have a similar booth set up at the Lucy Fest in August.

Moving forward, they are planning and looking forward to a mixer with the Erie PA Young Professionals group as well as a mixer with Northern Chautauqua County Young Professionals.

Some of members of the Jamestown Young

Professionals participate in planning sessions. These planning sessions are led by Kirstie Lind Hanson. They meet monthly to discuss and plan future events. These young professionals and others like them are the present and future work force of this area.

Many baby boomers are retired or getting ready to retire. It is said that by 2025, Millennials and Gen-Xers will be 75% of the global workforce as well as here locally. Groups like this are important to the growth and transformation of our community. We need to have local businesses grow and thrive and encourage young people to stay here in this community and not move elsewhere to live and work. Communication and collaboration of area professionals and area businesses will help with this endeavor.

Whether you are a young professional or other business owner, or maybe just young at heart, you might want to join this group. Maybe you are just curious and want to attend an informal gathering like the one mentioned above that takes place at Crown Street Roasting.

Joining the Jamestown Young Professionals is free. If you want more information, you can go on their Facebook page, where you will find updated information about any events they may be having. There is also a Networking Basics post that gives a lot of useful networking information. You can also contact Katie Castro at kcastro@uwayscc.org. Katie said "JYP is all inclusive. Anyone who is interested, regardless of age or occupation is welcome to join us."

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From Bryan's Brain



Professional frogman Courtney Brown tows a 55-foot scale model of the sunken liner Titanic during work on the film Raise the Titanic! (released in 1980.) The model is described as "an exact replica costing \$5,000,000."

Gazebo

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This musical outfit was and is serious about their enthusiasm for the art. In 1993 they purchased and operated "the first affordable digital recording studio in WNY called "the Groove" located in Salamanca. They operated the facility until 2001. 1991 was their name-change from Success to RockManinov and they started doing more musically. In 1993 they played at the New Music Seminar "showcasing the country's best and hottest bands." And in 1996 they debuted their first full length album called "Dreamality" and four years later released "The Aftermath". A year later the band "went in different directions," London said "and members went on to other projects."

coming at the Ellicottville Gazebo on Thursday July 11th. *The Villager* asked what to expect at the show and London answered,

"So at the Gazebo expect a variety including Queen, RockManinov original songs, Def Leppard, Rush, Pink Floyd and others!"

Rae

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involved in the community with the Rotary Club and other various community events. She has worked with the Rotary Club to gain support for the Ellicottville Community Playground, lacrosse tournaments, art exhibits and volunteers annually as Santa's Elf at Christmas in the Village. She has been bartending/serving since she was 14, and hopes to soon reenter this service industry again.

Rae's journey has been long and complicated in

her 35 years of age, but it is through her grit and determination that she has persevered. She is not one to sit idle, and is proof that with a strong mindset, one can overcome many great obstacles. Rae remains sweet and soft spoken; her kind personality shining through her words that still don't come easily, yet she persists.

For more information on the programs Rae is involved in, visit www.holimont.com, or www.coreperformance.com.

State Park

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refreshments and bait. An upper quad overlooks the beach and marina with a playground, and picnic conveniences. Pavilions can be rented daily and can accommodate up to 144 guests. Boat slips are available at the marina.

Overnight camping is not permitted at the park, but you can bring your pet, provided they're leashed. The park hosts over 50,000 guests yearly.

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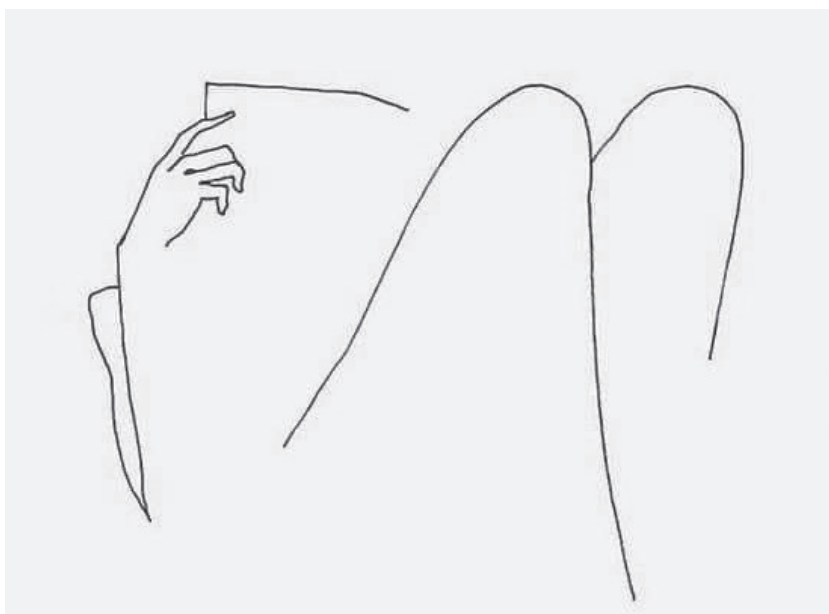


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Drawing by Frédéric Forest. Minimalist French Artist.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 9 of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Ellicottville, adopted June 13, 2024, the said Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 11 day of July, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an appeal by Anthony Villani, requesting variances to allow the construction of residential structures less than required distance from the rear property line, located at 2 Rogers Road (SBL 56.001-1-25.8).

Further information is available for review at the Engineering Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Town website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: LEGAL NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 19 of the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Ellicottville, adopted June 4, 2024, the said Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Park Side Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 2 day of July, 2024 at 5:30 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an appeal by CEBEDE, LLC for an area variance at 24 Washington Street (SBL 55.035-3-41) to allow the establishment of a retail cannabis dispensary less than the required distance from a residential zoning district.

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Scenes from Ellicottville, NY: Images From Last Years Summer Music Festival July 3 2023



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