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## Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Celebrating 2 Milestones in Art & Nature



The museum, located at 311 Curtis Street in Jamestown, is just down the street from the Jamestown Community College campus. It features exhibitions, public programs, and special events throughout the year that celebrate art and nature.

BY DARLENE BRACE

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute (RTPI) is celebrating two milestones this year as 2024 marks the 90th anniversary of the publication of Peterson's

first field guide, and the 40th anniversary of the founding of RTPI. To celebrate these milestones, they've planned a very special year of changing

SEE "RTPI" PG. 11

## Scandinavian Folk Festival

Jamestown's 21st Annual Heritage Celebration



The midsummer procession is perhaps the most anticipated and unique event of the weekend. On Saturday at 10am, guests are invited to help decorate the traditional 21-foot-long midsummer pole, with the procession taking place directly following. People in traditional costume will march down the streets in honor of midsummer. The march ends at West 3rd and Lafayette with celebratory dances near the maypole. The event is free and open to the public, with dancing tutorials to encourage public participation. "Midsummer is historically a huge holiday in the Scandinavian culture, and we're proud to carry on the tradition here at our festival." (See "Heritage", pg . 10)

## HillTap at Holiday Valley, July 27

Festival Features Live Music & Outdoor Adventures



BY KATE BARTLETT

Saturday, July 27th marks the fourth annual HillTAP Festival with 42 North Brewing at Holiday Valley. This premier summer event brings another year of fun filled festivities in celebration of the great outdoors. Jump on the chair lift for a full day of music and

outdoor adventure activities atop the mountain at Spruce Lake including paddleboarding, mountain biking, axe throwing, and live music on two stages. Tickets include access to lift, live music on three stages, axe throwing from Hatchets & Hops, stand up paddleboarding

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## Historic Webb's Goes Full Circle

History of Webb Complex & Future for Resort



The Webb family's local business story starts in 1942, when the recently married teenagers Paul Webb and Nadine Henderson purchased their first business, the Fountainette in Mayville for \$400. Shortly after, Paul was drafted into the military. New wife Nadine, and Paul's mother Blanche ran the restaurant & ice cream parlor until Paul returned from the service in 1945. The next year they bought an old barn behind the Fountainette on Erie Street, and set up a small candy factory.

BY KENT MATHEWSON

Like most small towns, Mayville has its share of families who have become closely woven into the town's fabric, often spanning multiple generations. The Webb's are one such family, who over the years, have opened and operated a

variety of businesses devoted to food, confections, and lodging. They have also served the local community, in holding a number of elective offices. One might say that few if any families have been more visible in the Mayville landscape than the Webb's, with

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## Sneak Peek

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Saturday, July 27 at HoliMont in Ellicottville, NY



3-course routes offer differing levels of challenge to get to the top of the mountain at HoliMont Ski Club, where you can take a breathtaking chairlift ride down to the bottom and do it all over again!

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## Artist Spotlight: Cecil Rhodes

Originator of the Woodscape Technique



One of Cecil Rhodes' woodscapes pictured on the left next to a version of the piece by his protégé, Greg Wefing.

BY BILL BURK

He looked at the natural world differently than me and you, most probably, with an artist's eye. You could tell then -if you saw him cruising the lake shoreline attuned to driftwood, touching trees for texture, skimming wood scraps of fallen lumber for the right shape, the perfect color or grain- that he sought something we didn't see.

You can tell now by the collection of bark, pebbles, and myriad species of flora stored at the Bemus Point house of his protégé, Greg Wefing.

SEE "CECIL" PAGE 7

## Music Spotlight: Mo' Porter

30 years of Classic Rock in WNY



BY KATE BARTLETT

Mo' Porter has been playing Classic Rock in the Western New York music scene for over 30 years. Founder Chuck Sciandra (above) started the band in the 80's, and while many variations of the band have come and gone, the band has stayed true at its core of classic rock.

Born and raised in Buffalo, Chuck began singing with bands throughout high school. He sang lead vocals with his band Dionysus and played informally at events with Johnny Rzenik from the Goo Goo Dolls. Inspired by classic rock music, Chuck founded the band Mo' Porter and played various events in the Buffalo area.

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# Publisher's Word

*"Today is a Very Good Day to Be a Very Good Day..."*



it's fun!  
 Why wouldn't it be anyway? The heavens have been watering our gardens, the sun has been blossoming our plants and the activities list in our area has something to keep everyone busy.  
 One of my dearest friends is in from out of town this week and between bouncing from one corner of one county, to the other corner of the next with so many events our businesses have lined up, has made for quite a full schedule.

At The Villager, we try to track as many events and photos we can for you, but we can't do it all. We always welcome and appreciate your contributions and, it's easy; simply go to [www.thevillager.com](http://www.thevillager.com) and click the "General Submissions" tab and your information will come directly to us. We would love to share your ideas.  
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 -Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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## Ellicottville Farmer's Market

Opens for Summer this Friday, July 12 in front of 1887 Building



The grand opening of the 7th annual Ellicottville Farmers' Market this Friday, July 12. The market offers fresh herbs, honey & produce, artisanal products & local goods, Alpaca photo shoots & shaved ice. It is a vibrant community atmosphere open Fridays from 4-7pm at 1 Washington Street (the 1887 Building) in Ellicottville. Come support local farmers and artisans and help make this season the best yet!

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### 4th of July Parade at Bestor Plaza



# EVL Historical Society Museum

Open for Summer Business with Plenty of Stories to Share

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Summertime means the Ellicottville Historical Society Museum is open for business on the weekends: Saturday, and Sunday, 1-4pm, or by request, through September. Our beloved historic building sits on one of the four corners, next to the ski tree. There is a note on the door with Town and Village Historian Ellen Frank's phone number (716-474-8528) in case you or your group would like a museum tour during the week. She will also treat 5 or 6 visitors to an impromptu Village walking tour if she is available.

This Saturday, July 13, Ms. Frank will be offering a Walking Tour around the village, showing off the historic homes, and talking about the founders and people who lived in them. Sunday's (July 14) walk will feature a walk to the Jefferson Street Cemetery where you will meet many of the founders in their eternal resting places and perhaps pass the homes they lived in prior to their last trip to the cemetery. All tours meet at 1pm at the Gazebo and cost \$10 per person, which supports the Museum.

Displays this season include Abram (Abe) Maybee's banjo and stories about Eli Parker who lived and studied law in Ellicottville for three years. Abe, a black man, was born in Canajoharie NY in 1839. His father was a liberated slave living in Syracuse who got involved in the famous "Jerry Rescue" Abe's dad, recognizing his own liberty was at stake took his family to Canada. At around the age of 12, Abe left Canada for Buffalo where he was "found" by Lewis Coit of Ellicottville who invited him to come live on a farm with him and his family on Poverty Hill Road. He stayed with them until he was twenty-one (1861). He went south, was a teamster in the U.S. service and in 1864 enlisted in Co. A, 20th U.S. Colored Infantry. Twice wounded, he was honorably discharged at the close of the Civil War. Maybee returned to Ellicottville and became a popular barber living and working in what now is Maybee Alley for fifty years. He married Martha who is buried in the Jefferson Street Cemetery.



The Ellicottville Historical Society is located at 1-2 Washington St, Ellicottville, NY 14731. They can be reached by calling (716) 699-8415

Abe is buried at Sunset Hill near the Coit family.

Town/Village Historian, Ellen Frank gives us this information about Ely Parker: Ely Parker was a full-blooded Seneca who was born on the Tonawanda Reservation in 1828. "Invited to come to Ellicottville to study law, the budding lawyer student soon found a place in Ellicottville's society" ... One of its prominent citizens remembered Ely as 'a fine-looking man of stalwart proportions and said that he mixed in society where he was a favorite and was a cultured man.' Ely also served for a time as postmaster..."

Unfortunately, Parker was not permitted to take the bar exam because he was Native American and not considered an American citizen. Undeterred, Parker continued his education at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY. He became an engineer, was instrumental in the development of the Erie Canal, and made many friends along the way, one of whom was Ulysses S. Grant. This friendship paved the way for Parker to join the ranks of the military during the Civil War. Parker was appointed as the military secretary to Grant, as lieutenant colonel. His legal training served him well as he wrote much of Grant's correspondence. When Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, April 9, 1865, Parker was present. It was Parker who helped draft the surrender documents. At war's end, Parker remained Grant's military secretary, serving as a member of the Southern Treaty Commission, which renegotiated treaties with Indian tribes that had sided with the Confederacy.

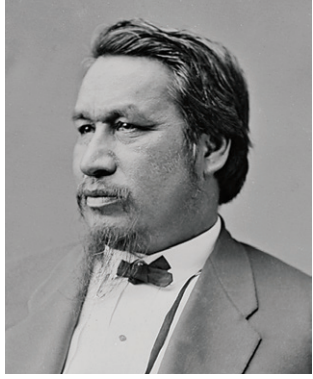
Ms. Frank goes on to tell us that "When Grant became President, he appointed Parker as Commissioner of Indian Affairs." After retirement,

Parker moved his family to Fairfield, Connecticut and lived there until his death in 1895. "He was buried in Connecticut but in 1897 he was brought to Buffalo and reinterred in Forest Lawn Cemetery. He now lies beside his forefather and beneath the shadow of Red Jacket's monument."

To get the full story of these men and their contributions to local and national history, be sure to visit the museum.

Speakers coming up: all at 7pm at the Ellicottville Library:

- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7 – Don Dwyer, playing music of women of the Civil War
- WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4 – Amanda Woormer, speaking about paranormal activity in the region
- WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 – Shane White Eagle, from the paranormal investigative group, Spirit Hunters.



Ely Samuel Parker (1828 – August 31, 1895), born Hasanoanda (Tonawanda Seneca), he lived at studied law in Ellicottville for three years, later known as Donehogawa, was an engineer, U.S. Army officer, aide to General Ulysses Grant, and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in charge of the government's relations with Native Americans. He was bilingual, speaking both Seneca and English, and became friends with Lewis Henry Morgan, who became a student of the Iroquois in Upstate New York. Parker earned an engineering degree in college and worked on the Erie Canal, and other projects.

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# EVL Village Life: Houndin' Around

Dog Groomers have the Most Creative Names for their Business



By, GARY MALICKI

**Houndin' Around is located at 4343 S. Whalen Rd. in Great Valley, NY. The owner Alissa Martin. The shop itself is spotlessly clean and organized and she talks incessantly about her love of all dogs.**

The idea for this Ellicottville adventure came to me while catching up on episodes of the television classic The Dick Van Dyke show.

The episode in question had to do with the main character, Rob Petrie, who sort of inherits a very shabby and smelly large dog. The dog is in such bad shape that they name it "Horrible". Rob gets the idea that the only way to save the canine is to get him groomed so that someone will want him. He and his wife, Laura, go through the phone book and mention the potential salons to take him to places like "Pamp Pooch", "the Puppy Palace" and "The Bow-wow-ery". Pretty funny stuff! As it turns out, the dog looks so good in the end that the groomer who takes on the job falls in love with the former mutt and decides to keep him himself—cute story!

I recently visited familiar territory located next to the Marten complex at 4343 S. Whalen Rd. in Great Valley where I met a delightful Alissa Martin at her dog grooming shop, Houndin' Around.

Alissa opened her shop in September of last year and is now serving over 100 clients. If I had to guess what her super power may be, I think it would be enthusiasm.

Her earlier training took place at Pet Supplies Plus in Buffalo and was later transferred to Olean. She also worked at "The

Barking Lot" in Hamburg. She also talked about a mentor she had at BOCES who helped her along quite a bit.

The shop itself is spotlessly clean and organized and she talks incessantly about her love of all dogs.

I asked her if she had any humorous experiences to share/ She talked about a doggie hair dye she worked with once where the end result was a pink tail and pink ears. She laughingly reminisced about getting more of the dye on herself rather than on the dog.

Although she works by appointment, she recognizes the importance of fitting everyone in.

Alissa has been challenged by many learning curves. I asked her about her greatest challenge. Her answer made sense, I'm sure, to many new first time business owners. It was all about learning the business end of what she does. Working with various dogs gave her the experience for her work, but learning about the business was equally as important.

She also talked about how much she learned in the BOCES program in Niagara Falls. As far as training for her profession, she certainly has paid her dues.

I was curious about what she did to relax in her spare time. She loves being in the outdoors and especially hiking in any kind of

weather.

She told an interesting story about treating Covid dogs. They were shy puppies very fearful of strangers and other dogs. Alissa says "Patience is key" in the handling of the dogs she services and it sure seems to me as a great quality.

She also seems to think of everything. She mentioned how some dogs respond well to music being played while she's working on them and there are others that prefer a quiet environment throughout the experience. Alissa has every contingency covered.

She then told me something that I thought was very special. Alissa enjoys the challenge of clients that may have been refused service elsewhere for one reason or another she's also very tuned in to health issues and inspects the animals for any unusual lumps, bumps, cuts or skin trouble as she goes through her work. That's really going above and beyond.

You can call Alissa to make an appointment at 716-584-1599. You can also see a great deal of the results of her work on the Houndin' Around LLC Facebook page.

Thanks, Alissa, for your time and all you do. It was a real pleasure to add you to my EVL Life experience.

*EVL Village Life columnist Gary Malicki's last article was Houndin' Around before he passed due to a battle with cancer on June 29, 2024. Gary had written many columns for The Villager over the past year and a half and he will be dearly missed. His wife Debora found his last piece in his archives and typed it up for us so we could share it with you. Over the past year and a half, Gary became a beloved member of the Ellicottville community and he will be dearly missed and in our hearts everyday. I know he would like his work to live on. If you know someone who should be featured in a "EVL Village Life" column, please let us know so we can continue to spread his good vibe and our communities' good work. Submissions and ideas can be emailed to info@thevillager.com or simply go online: www.thevillager.com and click the "General Submissions" tab. As always, we look forward to spreading the good word.*  
-Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

## Good Climb Endurance Challenge

Saturday, July 27 at HoliMont in Ellicottville, NY



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Mindi Graham taking a quick pose at Main Landing in Celoron.



Ron Caruso and crew enjoying some time at 14 Main in Bemus Point.



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demos, bird demos from American HawkEye, bike demos from Tom's Pro Bikes, Brewhouse Bikes, WNYMBA, & Holiday Valley E-Bikes, and more. There will also be food trucks from Villaggio and Fat Bob's Smokehouse and craft beverages from 42 North, hard cider sampling from 1911, as well as vendors including Mud Sweat 'n Gears, Chiba Chiba CBD and The City Garage. "This event is incredibly unique," says John Cimperman, owner and founder of 42 North. "It's the premier summer event at Holiday Valley and is a great showcase of all this area has to offer in the summer months. It's a full day sampler of adventure activities from 12-8pm with live music and craft beer."

The party starts atop the hill from 12-5pm. There'll be a Bird Flight Demonstration at 1:30 and stand-up paddleboard race from 2:30-3pm with SUP Erie Adventures. Food and Beverage will be available at Tannenbaum Lodge from 5-9pm. Live music will take place throughout the festival on three stages, one atop the hill and 2 at the bottom.

The first HillTAP Festival was in 2021 atop the scenic landscape of Spruce Lake and was started as a way to bring people together to celebrate adventure in the great outdoors. "The vibe of the event is really laidback and fun," remarks Dash Hegeman, Director of Marketing at



**Spruce Lake offers a great spot for enjoying music and the great outdoors. Pictured last year's performance by Ten Cent Howl.**

Holiday Valley. "It's a great way to bring everyone together and add to the many different things to enjoy during the summer season at Holiday Valley."

The co-partnership between Holiday Valley and 42 North combines craft beer at the ideal location. "The infrastructure is here at Holiday Valley," says John. "This is the perfect setting to celebrate the season in the great outdoors. It's truly a one-of-a-kind event, and the only festival in the area that provides music on three stages, both atop and at the bottom of the hill, accessible via ski-lift."

The musical acts this year include three phenomenal regional artists playing a variety of music. "These acts are very well known regionally, and we're honored to bring them to Holiday Valley," says John. While they're all roots-based music, they're all unique and bring something different to the table." Smilo & The Ghost will play Roots Americana music on the Spruce Lake Cabin stage from 1 - 4pm. The music moves down to Tannenbaum from 4-8:30pm, bringing the

party downhill and a bit more accessible. "This was an addition that was made to the agenda last year and was very well received by the attendees," says Dash. Miller & The Other Sinners will play Rhythm & Soul music from 4-5:30pm. Workingman's Dead closes out the night with Grateful Dead music from 6-8:30pm.

"HillTAP is a fantastic event that is fun for the entire family," says Dash. "Anyone who is a fan of live music, being surrounded by nature, and having fun should come check it out. It gets people outside and enjoying the natural beauty of Spruce Lake; all while keeping people entertained and making a lot of great memories."

Visitors can make a weekend out of it with the HillTAP Lodging Package, which grants discounted lodging for anyone attending HillTAP. Hotel and RV accommodations are available at Holiday Valley, with tent camping available at HoliMont. For more festival information and lodging packages visit <https://www.hilltapfestival.com/>

# Webb's

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their business complex fronting Lake Chautauqua, comprising of Webb's Year-Round Resort Hotel, Webb's Captain's Table Restaurant, Webb's Candies, and Webb's Miniature Golf Course. Until earlier this year, this complex represented the culmination the efforts of four generations of Webbs, spanning some 80 years. In April, Webb's Year-Round Resort was sold to two young enterprising entrepreneurs, Jay Patel of Fredonia, and Vishal Patel of Getzville, NY. Darrel and Janel Paul Webb will continue to own and operate Webb's Candy and Gifts. The Captain's Table is currently up for sale.

The Webb family's local business story starts in 1942, when the recently married teenagers Paul Webb and Nadine Henderson purchased their first business, the Fountainette in Mayville for \$400. Shortly after, Paul was drafted into the military. New wife Nadine, and Paul's mother Blanche ran the restaurant & ice cream parlor until Paul returned from the service in 1945. The next year they bought an old barn behind the Fountainette on Erie Street, and set up a small candy factory. They quickly got the hang of it, and soon became a major producer and supplier of candies in the county. Two of their signature items were large lollipops, or "all-day suckers," and goat's milk fudge. The lollipops became so popular that at one point they were producing up to 5,000 per day. Today they carry on the tradition producing and selling fine confections at Webb's Candies and Gifts. During the 1950s the Webbs branched out, opening a series of small restaurants in Hartfield, Westfield,



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and Dunkirk. In 1959 they purchased the Mooring Bit Restaurant across from the Chautauqua Marina on West Lake Road (Rt. 394). By the mid-60s the Mooring Bit morphed into the larger Captain's Table, and a bowling alley was added. They also opened companion candy and restaurant businesses in Florida, where members of the Webb clan often wintered. In 1968 the family entered the hotel business with Webb's Year-Round Resort, adjacent to the restaurant and candy store. The 1970s and 80s enjoyed steady business, but in 1992 a fire started in the bowling alley along with a separate electrical fire destroyed most of the restaurant. It was rebuilt and the area of the former bowling alley became The Cottage Collection, a store selling gifts and bed and bath items. In 1994 twenty-six rooms and a new swimming pool were added to the hotel. The last addition to the complex was a miniature golf course in 2003.

Two other major Webb projects were advanced, but never completed. In the mid-90s Paul Webb's son Jim, proposed a new hotel-condo complex with shops on Rt 394 facing the Lakeside Park. Various obstacles, including zoning issues and rail removal and road work on 394 stalled it, which ultimately resulted in its abandonment. Twenty-some years later, Jim Webb's son Ben, launched a similar condo project on

the same site. But history repeated itself, various obstacles emerged, and The Lodge at Chautauqua did not go beyond the groundbreaking ceremony. So, at present, the Webb business story has come around full circle. Begun eighty years with a soda fountain, soon expanded to include a candy factory, and later a complex of hotel-restaurants-gift shops-miniature golf and candy store, it has settled back to its original focus - on sweets.

Today, Darel and Janel Webb carry forth the family tradition of serving Mayville with a full line of confections together with a wide selection of Chautauqua souvenirs and gift items. Producing the candies on site, their signature confection is goat milk fudge, backed up by chocolates of all sorts: almond butter crunch, bark, cordial cherries, peanut butter squares, brittle, and butter cups, pecan frogs, peppermint patties, pretzels, salt water taffy, sponge candy, vanilla sea salt caramel. They even have sugar-free chocolate pecan patties. All of Webb's Candies are made using copper kettles, wooden paddles and marble slabs. As in the past, all the chocolates are hand-dipped and hand-packed. They have recently expanded their counter offerings to include cakes and ice cream cones and cups. Their summer hours are every day, 10 am to 8

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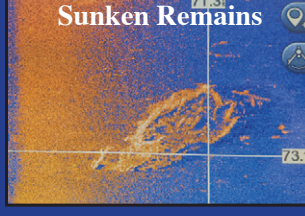
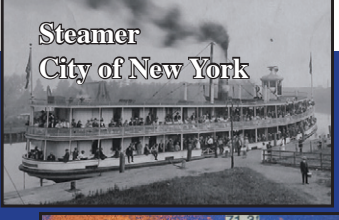


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# Cecil

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Cecil Rhodes has been gone for some eleven years now, having passed away in 2013. He was a schoolteacher at Maple Grove High School, classically trained in industrial design at the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, and at teaching at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. He was also a local legend and celebrated creator of what he called then, and Greg calls now, Woodscape art. Woodscapes are crafted with different sizes and various species of wood sometimes enhanced with colored stains and paints. They are like three-dimensional paintings. Greg has a collection of his own work, and a few of Cecil's pieces as well. A Woodscape of Wefing's has hung the Bemus Village Hall for about thirty years.

Rhodes essentially invented the discipline of Woodscapes in the late 1970's and early 80's. He'd been employed in the garment district of New York City for eleven years, a teacher for five more at Maple Grove (his de facto alma mater, graduating from Bemus Point High School in 1950), and a boat repair specialist when he realized he had an aptitude for art, and that wood was his medium.

"Cecil created from his imagination, I think. He'd get an idea and be able to make a piece. I do mine from pictures I find, usually in calendars and magazines." Wefing is standing in front of a pile of nature-art planners and mags on a workbench in his basement workshop. Lining the wall are shelves of wood strips and filings of various color and texture. "Something



**Greg Wefing's basement studio; some supplies received from Cecil: "Cecil created from his imagination, I think. He'd get an idea and be able to make a piece. I do mine from pictures I find, usually in calendars and magazines." Wefing is standing in front of a pile of nature-art planners and mags on a workbench in his basement workshop. Lining the wall are shelves of wood strips and filings of various color and texture. "Something will kind of jump out at me, and I'll have a new project.**

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And then he goes to work, unearthing the raw material that will form his art. Greg is now the person you'll find in the Bemus area combing the natural world for the right materials to fulfill a vision and build Woodscape art. "Yeah, I'm the guy you see cutting down tall grass or cattails on the side of the road. Or at the lake looking for driftwood, peeling bark off a tree," he says.

The village of Bemus Point, when you drill down to the locals (that population that spends years in the same place, completing their routines, season after season) is character driven. Cecil Rhodes was semi-famous for his meticulous, detail-driven artwork. Wefing has followed a similar path, building a trove of bas relief art that's impressive for its detailed craftsmanship and vision. "I worked for Cecil for two or three years while I went to art school," he says. "Cecil worked mostly with wood tones. I

started to add some color to mine. They're a little different, but a lot of the same techniques, the same process."

Wefing figures he could knock off a piece in a week if he put in the hours. But he does his art at his own pace. "I usually do about five a winter, down here in the studio, when the weather is bad. I've done commissioned work, but don't really like it. I like to work at my own pace, on my own projects." He says Cecil's efforts to mainstream the

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Cecil Rhodes, 1932-2013

# A Stir of Artists in Bemus Point, NY

Fine Arts and Crafts Show at Bemus Point Park, July 13-14



By MILES HILTON

This coming weekend, A Stir of Artists Fine Arts and Crafts Show will enter Bemus Point Park, selling art, jewelry, and other craft objects from around the New York and Pennsylvania regions. The show will be open from 11am-5pm on both Saturday, July 13th and Sunday, July 14th.

Claire Hansen, organizer of the show, promises an "awesome mix [of crafts] from wood to leather, jewelry and macramé. [...] There is Tony Kelly who does

some of the best Nature paintings I have seen and Kim Kloecker who does beautiful watercolor, pen and ink paintings. There is also Patrick DelMonte that has wood bowls that will blow your mind. Finally, Deb Florian who makes flower bud vases the stick to your window that are so elegant, dainty and beautiful." Many regional artists are returning to the show, but repeat customers will also see some new faces.

With the exception of the summer of 2020, when public health measures restricted large gatherings

in an attempt to slow the spread of COVID-19, A Stir of Artists has existed in one form or another for the past fifteen years. Initially begun as "Art in the Park", the show changed locations and name before taking on its current form.

Hansen encourages artists interested in joining the show to email her at asoabp@gmail.com. The event can also be found on Facebook. In addition to this coming weekend, A Stir of Artists will also appear the weekend of August 17th.

# Chautauqua County 4-H

Annual Meat Sale, Friday July 19 at CHQ. Co, Fairgrounds



The Chautauqua County 4-H will be holding its 60th Annual 4-H Meat Animal Sale on Friday, July 19, 2024 at noon at the Chautauqua County Fairgrounds. Approximately 55 hogs, 13 meat goats, 15 Dairy product baskets, 43 sets of chickens, 21 lambs and 20 steer will be auctioned off. 4-H

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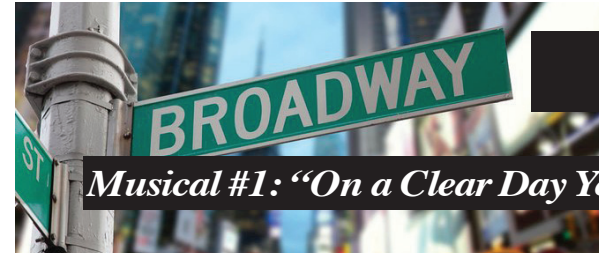


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## in Brief

### Musical #1: "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever"

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

memories of) the woman she was in the Victorian era (Melinda). After that, throughout several hypnosis sessions, he continues to talk with that personality, at first believing she's only a figment of Daisy's imagination. However, as he questions her about her life, he not only begins to believe she's for real (because he researches what she says), he begins falling in love with her. Meanwhile Daisy, who's engaged, but not at all sure she wants to get married, begins falling in love with Marc. Soon Daisy becomes jealous of Melinda since Marc has no interest in her as she is in the present. In the end, he returns to his estranged wife and she breaks up with her fiancé due to her interest in someone else. However, there is sort of a happy ending, because during Marc's last conversation with Melinda, she reveals that in a future life, they will be married (which she knows because she's clairvoyant).

How possible is this plot? Some food for thought: Brian Weiss, who trained at the Yale University School of Medicine, and who chaired the Department of Psychiatry at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami once conducted past life regression sessions separately with patients who each recalled an identical incident, involving the man's death at the hands of Roman soldiers. The woman described cradling his head as he died. Weiss was

prevented from telling his patients about the link he'd uncovered due to the rule of patient confidentiality. However, he did schedule their next sessions back to back, hoping they would reconnect in his waiting room. Although they didn't, destiny brought them together at the local airport. There, they arranged for seats together on their flight, and soon afterwards they married, later having a daughter.

In a lecture preserved in a Youtube video, reincarnation researcher Carol Bowman mentions a case collected by Ian Stevenson, M. D., the closest real life equivalent of the psychiatrist in "Clear Day". He worked at the University of Virginia's school of medicine for fifty years and was the chair of the Department of Psychiatry from 1957 to 1967. In 1967 he created the university's Division of Perceptual Studies dedicated to studying the survival of the human consciousness beyond the body. She mentions how, according to his records, after two teenagers married, and the young husband died soon afterwards, a boy was born elsewhere who remembered the marriage well enough to track down his former wife. Even more amazingly, after the two met, he provided enough evidence to prove to her that within him was the soul of the man she thought she'd lost forever, and when he was old enough, they remarried.

## Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

Summer is now under full swing and there's a variety of things to entertain you. Read on to see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

**Wednesday July 10** - The **Charity Nuse Duo** will perform in Celeron at the **Lucille Ball Memorial Park**. These talented local musicians will be putting on a great show at 6pm that you don't want to miss.

**Bill Ward** will perform at **Dunkirk's Point Gratiot** for their Music at the Point Sunset Wednesday Night Series. Come listen to some classic favorites overlooking the shores of Lake Erie starting at 6pm.

**Thursday July 11** - Dunkirk's Thursday night **Music at the Pier** continues this week with **Two Towns** playing classic rock and country music at 5:30pm. Then at 6:45pm **E5C4P3 - The Journey Tribute** will be playing all of your Journey favorites.

**Lakewood's Thursday Concert Series** takes place in Lakewood's Hartley Park. **Kokomo Time** band will perform some classic favorites from 7pm-9pm.

**Pearl City Hops** in downtown Jamestown will be having **Karaoke Night** hosted by Star Search Productions. It will start at 7pm, out on the patio, weather permitting. Come and sing your favorite karaoke song or just watch the show on the patio.

**Friday July 12** - **Big Inlet Brewing** will be welcoming the return of **Miranda Wilcox**. She will entertain the crowd with some of her originals as well as some favorite

covers. Enjoy listening to her eclectic music sets while sipping on your favorite beverage.

Head on out to downtown Jamestown to **Shawbucks** for **Karaoke Night**. It's hosted by DJ Giulia starting at 9pm. Enjoy delicious food and drinks, and maybe you will decide to get up and sing a song.

**Saturday July 13** - The owners of **Wicked Warren's** are having a **Grand Opening** of their new additional location 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 they will feature a bigger menu than the Warren location. The first 50 people to enter will receive a commemorative item. The Grand Opening will have five different live music soloists performing starting at noon, such as Miranda Wilcox, Deans Wells, and other local talents. Look at their Facebook page for updated information.

**Midway State Park** will be celebrating its **126th** year of being open. Rides, attractions, and concessions open 11am and run all day long until 10pm. There will be fireworks at 10:15pm to end the celebration.

Music on the Stoop continues at **Brazil** in downtown Jamestown. Join them on the patio at 6pm for an evening of music from local musician **Benjamin Bracey**. Enjoy the patio, weather permitting.

Are you ready to dance in silence? Event planner, Headen to the Party presents a **Silent Disco** in downtown Jamestown at

the **Northwest Arena**. There will be DJs playing a variety of music ranging from rock, pop, disco, country and more. You can choose what channel to tune in to and hit the dance floor as the DJs spin tunes. This fun and unique event starts at 7pm and will sure to be a crowd pleaser.

**Big Inlet Brewing** is excited to have the return of popular local band **Uncle Ben's Remedy**. Come listen to their unique music style starting at 5pm. They are sure to get you moving to the beat in your seats and maybe even get you up dancing.

**Bemis Point** - The Bemis Point venues will be rocking the docks again this weekend. At **The Fish, The Crowd** will be starting at 7pm and on Saturday The Fish will host **Impact**. Down the street at **The Village Casino, Hellz Bellz**, an AC/DC tribute band will entertain the crowd with starting at 10pm.

**Sunset Bay Beach** will be busy with live music entertainment again this weekend. Starting on Thursday, **Cabana Sams** hosts **Dark Water Duo** starting at 7pm. At Sunset Beach Club with **Be Illusion** on Friday night and **Boys of Summer**, playing a fun mix of music on Saturday night. They both start at 8:30pm. On Sunday, its back to Cabana Sams for the award-winning party rock band **Screaming Pineapples**, starting at 6pm.

What a fun line up of entertainment. Be sure to read next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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pm. The Webbs are happy to give factory tours for groups of ten or more with advance booking. Given the quality and reputation

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# What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MouthSayTongue

There's music outside and in so let's see who's playing where?

### THURSDAY

We kick off our week-end on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. For \$15 you get your choice any burger and any domestic beer. This week's musical guests are The Girls of Grosh from 6-9pm. Megan and Grace play a rock/pop/blues/folk/alt set of originals and covers.

The Gazebo Series is in full swing with Rockmaninov Thursday from 7-9pm. This band plays classic rock covers. Bring a chair and some beverages and snacks and enjoy some music on the square.

The Gin Mill's Thursday musical hosts are The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/ folk/ country/blues set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar licks and sweet vocal harmonies. Sample some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

### FRIDAY

Balloons is first up again with Nashville North from 6:30-10pm. This band plays country and country-based rock. Out in the tent The Chillbillys will entertain from 10-1am. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Back at The Gin Mill Wasted Whiskey will hit the stage from 8-12am. This band plays modern country, stretching the limits between rock and country. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Persia blowing up the sound booth

from 9-2am. Layin down the sauce so you can dance like a boss in the window on Washington.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Zoar Losers from 2-5pm. This duo plays roots/americana style covers. Hazzard Country takes the stage from 8-12am. They play country and western swing Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Up at The Valley, the Cabana bar, hosts The Beard and the Bird from 5:30-8:30pm. This duo plays country/swing/ pop covers and originals.

We're back at Balloons for The Funk Knights from 6:30-10pm. This band plays funk/r&b covers. Out in the tent from 10-1am David Froese. Dave plays country covers and originals. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

The Taqueria is a player with Jenuine Cello from 7-10pm. This lady uses a looping device to create musical, percussive and vocal backing tracks that transform her into a one-woman cello army.

Last but not least Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia from 9-2am. Scope out the dart board and pool tables.

### SUNDAY

The tent at Balloons hosts Molly Conrad from 1-4pm. Molly plays Celtic style folk originals and covers.

The Gin Mill is back with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. He plays a rock/Americana/ folk set of covers and originals while you sip some of those famous Bloody Mary's.

Ellicottville Distillery hosts its Sunday Series, presenting The Bonfire Band from 2-5pl. This band plays

multi genre acoustic covers.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Chris Maloney is your host from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers to accompany some of the finest food in the southern tier.

### MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers hosted by The Groove Bros from 6-9pm. These guys play a funk/r&b/blues/jazz set of covers.

The Gin Mills Monday night residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country and classic and southern rock covers and originals.

### TUESDAY

Tuesday, in the tent, Balloons hosts Aaron Ziolkowski from 6-9pm. Aaron plays a country/country rock/folk set of covers. Music and cocktails right on Washington are a pleasure.

The Gin mill makes its next to last appearance with The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group of local musicians plays an eclectic set of Americana style covers.

### WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, Balloons hosts, The Campfire Junkie from 6-9 pm. He tells me he plays a country/country rock/folk set of covers and originals.

Of course, The Gin Mill, hosts Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beers on tap to wash them down with. Brian Rick is the host and plays a rock/pop/country set of covers and he's honing his craft every week.

This is a great time of year to visit Evl so get out there and enjoy but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

# Beat on the Street:

"What was Your Favorite Live Show in EVL?"

By Chad Neal



Tim W. [Ochestra] Dark in 17 degrees!



Sean F.-When Survivor strolled in to a tiny little bar with like 6 people in it, after playing on the hill, and played a set. 14yrs ago.



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Twan- The Gobbler doing "The Chicken"!



Jack S.- Southern Hospitality at Balloons. Blues supergroup!



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## STORY FROM COVER

By KATE BARTLETT

July 20-21st marks the 21th annual Scandinavian Folk Festival in Jamestown at the Northwest Arena. This much anticipated event has been celebrating Scandinavian heritage since 2002 with traditional food, music, and customs. The festival typically attracts 1,500-1,800 people per year, with events on Saturday 10am-7pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.

The festival started in 2002 in efforts to bring people together in celebration of the Scandinavian Swedish heritage in Jamestown. "Many people don't realize the significance of this heritage to our area," says Don Sandy event co-coordinator. "Between the 1860s-1920s, 25% of Swedish people fled their country, with Jamestown being the 3rd most significant settlement in this country, only behind Chicago and Minneapolis. In 1920, 80% of businesses in Jamestown were owned or managed by Swedish people. This culture had a significant impact on shaping our area, and we invite everyone to come learn about these roots."

The midsummer procession is perhaps the most anticipated and unique event of the weekend. On Saturday at 10am, guests are invited to help decorate the traditional 21-foot-long midsummer pole, with the procession taking place directly following. People in traditional costume will march down the streets in honor of midsummer. The march ends at West 3rd and Lafayette with celebratory dances near the maypole. The event is free and open to the public, with dancing tutorials to encourage public participation.

"Midsummer is historically a huge holiday in the Scandinavian culture, and we're proud to carry on the tradition here at our festival."

Festival highlights include live music, vendors, Scandinavian food including Swedish meatballs, rotmos, pickled herring, Korv, lingonberry drink and Kaffe stuga, also known as the coffee house. Of course, Norm's world famous korv burgers will also be served. Carlsberg beer and lingonberry drink are also available.

The festival will feature a variety of bands including live performances from, SmörgåsBandet, local Swedish Band Svenska



Spelmän, Vasa Voices from Cleveland, and Dem Bones trombone players. SmörgåsBandet is described as a Smörgåsbord of music, with deep Scandinavian roots playing a variety of music including folk music, gammaldans, pop, evergreens, country and rock 'n roll. With over 20 years' experience as a band together, they love to interact with the audience, and encourage the crowd to sing and dance along at their multiple performances both Saturday and Sunday. The acclaimed Thule Lodge Adult and Children's Folk Dance Teams will perform at noon and 1:30pm on Saturday (children and adult) and at 1PM on Sunday (just adult). These local dance teams have been a part of the community for generations, performing to the music of Svenska Spelmän with the mission to preserve Scandinavian culture.

The Scandinavian Folk Festival is a great way to celebrate diversity and learn about cultures, for young and old. It's an all-inclusive family friendly event recognizing cultural tradition. The family activity center will feature t-shirt making, where guests can stamp their own t-shirt with a Swedish symbol, as well as Swedish doll-making. "These activities are focused on children, but really are great for all ages. It's pertinent to teach not only the younger generations, but everyone about Swedish craft in order to understand the heritage, and carry it on into the future," says Don. The festival will also feature demonstrations of chip carving, weaving, knitting and more.

The festival will host renowned speakers presenting on various topics related to Scandinavian heritage and the Jamestown area. "This is such a great opportunity to learn about the culture and it's significance here in our area," says Don. Learn about the Swedish Colony in Delaware, the local Fenton Guard, genealogy research, or stories of

Swedes settling in the area. This year, the festival will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of ABBA world renowned tribute band ABBAMANIA from Toronto, performing Saturday at 8PM (tickets required, \$25). ABBA is arguably one of the most celebrated bands of Swedish heritage, with their album being the biggest exported album from Sweden in the 1970's. Dubbed as the world's finest ABBA tribute band, this band played for the Toronto Mamma Mia productions and has been called the most accurate recreation of the ABBA show in existence. "We're proud and honored to host ABBAMANIA at the festival," says Don. "This is the biggest production we've ever brought into the festival and we're looking forward to a great show."

The festival attracts people from all over the country, with over 1,800 in attendance last year. "People from 28 states were represented at the festival in 2023, as well as Canada and Sweden. We're expecting about 2,000 this year," says Don. "People come to the festival for a variety of reasons. Over the years people have come to learn more about the heritage, to celebrate, and learn about the past."

Don's favorite thing about the festival is the fellowship of people gathering in celebration and enjoying the Scandinavian heritage. "The energy is unique and festive. Everyone is here to have a good time and celebrate while paying respect to this culture."

Tickets are only \$8 each day with free admission for children 12 and under. ABBAMANIA tickets are \$25 or \$30/35 as a festival bundle. Free street parking is available. For more information, full schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scandinavianjamestown.org/and follow on Facebook for event updates.

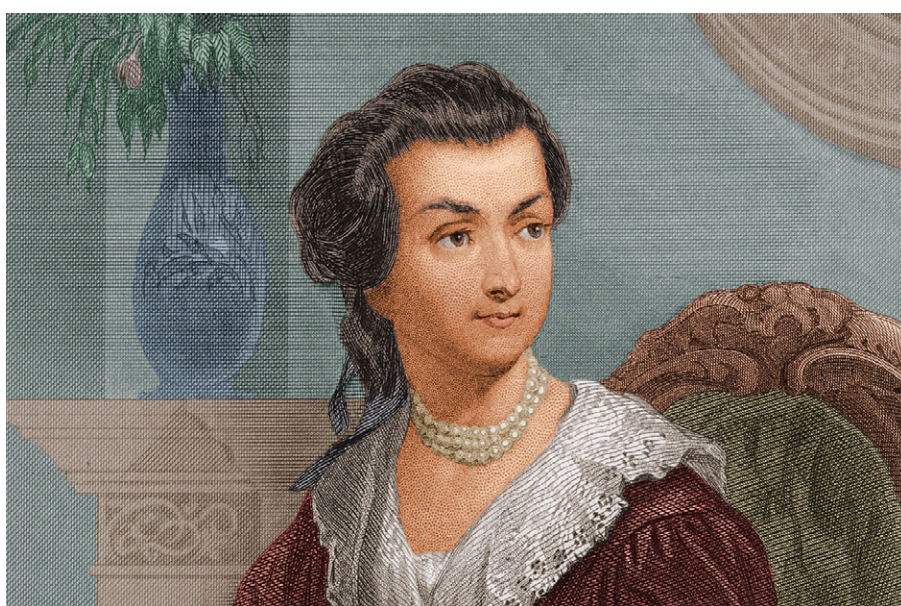
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art wasn't as successful as his individual creations. "He was thinking we might mass produce some of his pieces, and I was going to be part of that. It never really worked out. His art was pretty special." Wefing isn't really in it for the money (though he could be, his work is that good), but does sell his art, informally, and mostly from his FB home page.

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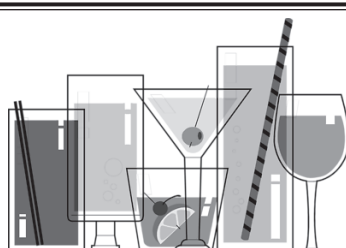
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This Week's Difficulty Level:



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

### Last Week's Puzzle:

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# RTPI

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art exhibitions, public programs, and fun celebratory events.

Roger Tory Peterson grew up in Jamestown and is most famous for publishing *A Field Guide to the Birds* in 1934. Peterson was also an artist, conservationist, and nature educator. In 1984, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute was founded to preserve his lifetime body of work. "The Roger Tory Peterson Institute is a place where art and nature meet," says David Niles, RTPI's Advancement Director. "We use art as the lens to explore and understand the natural world, and as a bridge to connect with nature."

The museum, located at 311 Curtis Street in Jamestown, is just down the street from the Jamestown Community College campus. It features exhibitions, public programs, and special events throughout the year that celebrate art and nature. Some of Peterson's original paintings and objects from the archives are always on display. The museum includes changing exhibitions of artwork by other nature artists. The building is surrounded by 27 acres of a nature preserve, with trails leading visitors through forested areas along with a few meadows, a pond, and sculptures.

RTPI offers several public programs for the local community and out-of-town visitors, including workshops, lectures, bird walks, and presentations.

Many schools attend RTPI for field trips year-round, which gives students the opportunity to learn about nature and art.

For music lovers, RTPI features Art After 5 on the fourth Friday of each month from 5:30pm -7:30pm. For a small registration fee, visitors will enjoy two hours of live music, light bites, a drink from the bar, and access to all the current exhibitions. The music performers change every month and include different genres.

In addition to ongoing programs, RTPI hosts several annual special events. On Saturday, July 20, RTPI will hold their third Summer Soirée. The Summer Soirée is a fundraiser for RTPI's Artist-in-Residence program. This program supports the mission of RTPI's goal to nurture the next generation of nature artists. Resident artists spend one week at RTPI doing research with access to Peterson's artwork and archives. Then they create artwork inspired by their research, which is featured in an exhibition the following year.

The Summer Soirée supports this program and will be celebrated with an evening of live music, food, and fun. The Soirée will include three hours of jazz by Razz and Friends, grazing tables and passed hors d'oeuvres by Elegant Edibles, and an open bar with wine courtesy of Johnson Estate Winery. Visitors will have full access to explore RTPI's current exhibition, *Kevin Ebi: Five Minutes in Nature*, until July 21.

On Saturday, August 17, RTPI will celebrate Peterson's 116<sup>th</sup> birthday by

hosting Roger's Bird-Day Bash. For the second year in a row, Michael Glabicki of Rusted Root will headline the event, joined by former bandmate Dirk Miller. You may hear some improvised versions of your favorite Rusted Root tunes, along with some new music. You won't want to miss them jamming at this bash.

The event kicks off at noon, with opener Tim Britt performing a blend of covers and original music including rock, country, folk, and blues. At 1pm, singer/songwriter Miranda Wilcox will perform an eclectic set of originals as well as covers. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, with food by Sandee's Bakery, delicious desserts by PersNikkity Pies, and a variety of beer, wine, and other beverages. Between sets, you will have full access to the exhibitions inside the museum, including *Amy Tan's Backyard Birds* and *Art That Matters to the Planet: Clarity*.

In the fall, RTPI will host their third annual Plein Air Festival, September 11-14. Participating artists will explore the natural area that inspired Roger Tory Peterson. Over the three days, they will create artworks that capture the natural beauty of the area. Finished artworks will be displayed at the "Wet Paint" Show and Sale on Saturday, September 14, with award winners announced at a closing ceremony that evening.

That's just some of what's going on at RTPI this year. For more info about RTPI's upcoming events, or if you are interested in buying tickets, you can call 716-665-2473 or visit [rtpi.org](http://rtpi.org).

# Mo' Porter

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In the early years, Mo' Porter wrote their own original songs, but found the crowd responded *Mo're* to covers. "We had so much fun playing the music we loved from the Grateful Dead and other classic rock bands," recalls Chuck. "It was always a good show with the classic rock hits, so we ran with it. That's what it's all about, making people happy."

While the band members have changed over the years, the current lineup has been consistent for about 5 years with Rich Soloman on vocals and guitar, Bill Mason on drums, Bill Schunk on bass and vocals, Steve Stempien on keyboard and vocals, and Chuck on lead vocals. "We have a great group," says Chuck. "We have so much fun playing together and it's a great show each and every time."

Mo' Porter has gained a following over the

years and has become well known in the community. "We just make sure we're out there playing shows as much as possible. We've put in a lot of hard work and even though the gigs come a bit easier these days, we don't take that for granted. You're only as good as your last show."

The group is always learning new songs, practicing and getting better in order to play stronger shows. "We're always learning new music, keeping it fresh for the crowd." The band doesn't have a set list, rather Chuck listens to the crowd and calls the songs he thinks the crowd would respond best to. "We listen to the crowd," says Chuck. "Every crowd is different and gives their own unique energy. We have a set list of songs we know, but I call them out throughout the show as I feel out the crowd. No show is ever the same, it's inspired by what the crowd wants."

Mo' Porter plays approximately 60-70 shows every year across Western New York, frequenting The Gin Mill and their home

base of North Tonawanda. The group also plays a Doors Tribute Band concert a handful of times per year. Chuck also has experience as a DJ and as a duo, but his main focus is currently on Mo' Porter. The band will be playing a few big summer outdoor events, including the Gateway Series in Tonawanda.

Chuck notes how the band enjoys playing in Ellicottville. "There's such a great energy. It's a fun vacation vibe year-round. We've been playing in the Ellicottville area for over 25 years and it just keeps getting better. The crowds are fantastic; they really get into our music. It's great."

Chuck is proud to help keep classic rock music alive. "This music is the good stuff. Classic rock always works, and this band, and the crowd is proof to that."

For *Mo're* information, follow Mo' Porter on social media @Mo' Porter and visit [www.Moport.com/band](http://www.Moport.com/band). View upcoming shows in the CHQ, and CATT, region on The Villager online events calendar @ [www.thevillager.com/events](http://www.thevillager.com/events).

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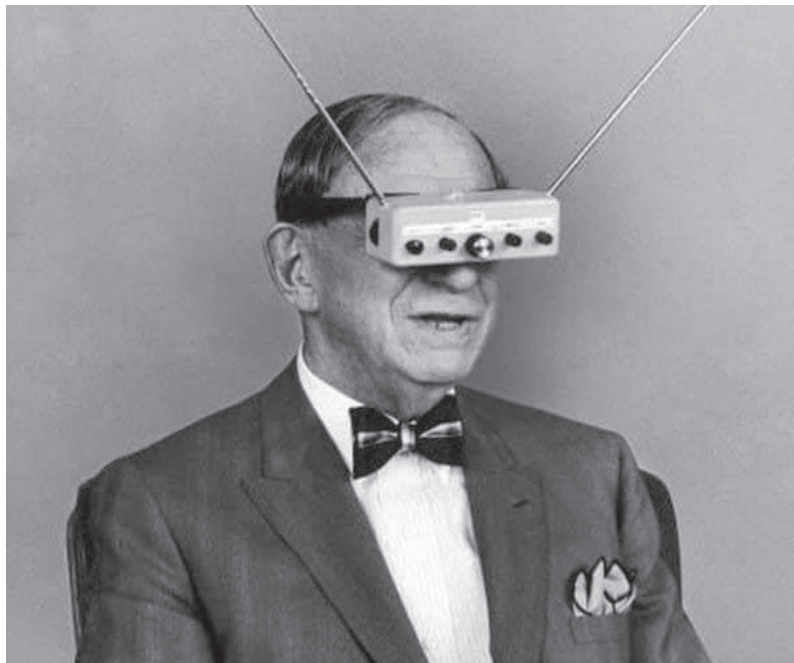
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