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Mayville, NY

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HERON HORSE EQUINE SPORT CHALLENGE
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A STIR OF ARTISTS
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ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY SUNDAY SERIES
Sunday, August 18 • 2pm
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10,000 MANIACS AT CHQ INSTITUTION
Monday, August 19 • 8:15pm
Chautauqua, NY

GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL
Sunday August 18 • 12pm
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ON THE FARM MARKET
Sunday, August 18 • 10am
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Thursday, August 22 • 7pm
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History: Midway State Park Celebrating 126 years in Bemus Point, NY



Nowadays, the park is a small family sized amusement park. It's most popular with families with smaller children. About 1/3 of the rides and attractions are for shorter patrons, 1/3 for taller patrons and 1/3 for everyone to enjoy. Patrons can take a nostalgic ride on the vintage carousel, play a game of mini golf, take a spin on the tilt-a whirl and ride the go-karts or watch their children enjoy themselves on the many kiddie rides. While some may prefer to relax while enjoying cotton candy and the lake views, others can test their skills at the classic midway games in the arcade. (Story, "MIDWAY" pg. 6.)

Wild Wing Festival in Delevan, NY Bar-Headed Geese at Gooseneck Waterfowl Sanctuary



This event is not to be missed. It is the only day of the year Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary is open to the public: next Sunday, August 25, from 12-4pm. This is the largest covered waterfowl sanctuary in the world and its located in Delevan, NY. You will tour and learn much about the 700 endangered residents (78 species) on the property as well as the 1000 koi fish (some 8 years old) who live year-round in the largest of the four ponds - three are in a lower section. (Story, "GOSENECK pg. 11.)

Lincoln Project w/Wynton Marsalis Symphony of American History & Jazz @ CHQ



Marsalis will be the Keynote speaker at the Chautauqua Institution on Monday, August 19th at the 10:45 Lecture and will discuss the rich history of the Lincoln Center Jazz. Attendees can expect not only to enjoy world-class music this week, but also to engage in discussions and reflections on the historical and cultural significance of the project. It's an opportunity to witness firsthand how jazz, under the masterful direction of Wynton Marsalis, can serve as a powerful medium for exploring the American story. Photo/Jazz at Lincoln Center website: jazz.org.

BY STEVE RAWLINGS

Week 9 at Chautauqua Institution - This August, beginning on the 19th, Jazz at the Lincoln Center will take center stage at the Chautauqua

Institution, a place renowned for its dedication to the arts, education, and cultural exchange. The week-long event promises to be a highlight of the

"MARSALIS" Pg. 6

Tuatha Dea Headlines Celtic Fest. Appalachian Celtic Rock Band Hits Mayville, NY



Tuatha Dea will play the Celtic Festival in Mayville, NY, August 23 & 24. Photo/Atomic City Photo.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Tuatha Dea is a progressive Americana band with a Rock edge, a Celtic-Appalachian influence and a fearless attitude for pushing the boundaries of modern roots music. Their music thrives on a perpetual energy backed by expansive vocal ranges, steady, driving percussion, electric instrumentation and

the melodic sounds of acoustic instruments like fiddle, guitar, penny whistle, bagpipes and even didgeridoo. The band will be playing the Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival this upcoming August 23-24th at Lake Side Park in Mayville, NY.

Band co-founder Danny Mullikan recalls how the band

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Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

10,000 Maniacs at CHQ. Inst. August, 19
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10,000 Maniacs original lineup c.1987: Left to right: Rob Buck, Steve Gustafson, Natalie Merchant, Dennis Drew, and Jerry Augustyniak (photo/wikipedia.org)

Monday August 19 - There will be a special performance by famous local band the 10,000 Maniacs. The Maniacs started performing in Jamestown area venues back in the 1980s, before becoming famous. They have stood the test of time since then, with their distinctive musical style. Come on out for a great night of entertainment starting at 8:15pm.
They will also be hosting a panel discussion at the Reg Lenna Theatre in Jamestown, this Friday, August 16 (article, page 4).

Pumpkinville Opens for Season
Family Fun Opens in Great Valley, Sept. 14 ... Pg. 5

A Rural Artist's Journey Acclaimed Artist, Audrey Dowling



Audrey Dowling, artist and owner of the Portage Hill Art Gallery in Westfield, NY, with one of her paintings.

MILES HILTON

Westfield-based artist Audrey Dowling, though raised in Jamestown, had to rediscover the region after moving to the Hudson Valley to teach as a young adult. "We did the 'back to the land' thing," she says, purchasing 80 acres and moving her young family to the area. That was when, says Dowling, "I started my career as an artist."

Next Friday, August 23, the Octagon Gallery in Westfield will host the opening reception of the exhibit "Retrospective - A Rural Artist's Journey", a panoramic view of Dowling's work over the past fifty years. The exhibit will run until September 13, and can be viewed during the Patterson Library's normal opening hours. As a young artist, "it was pretty much felt that you were in New York City, or you weren't going to do

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Westfield Grape & Wine Fest Lake Erie Means Serious (Wine) Business



"We consider ourselves the educational and historical center of the Lake Erie grape corridor," says Deb Howser, manager of the Discovery Center. "There are thirty-thousand acres of vineyards in a hundred-fifty miles along the lake." The economic impact of the industry is undeniable. With a worldwide distribution of the products from the area, the grape district supports almost 2,000 jobs. The total economic impact is \$340 million.

BY BILL BURK

"Studying wine taught me that there was a very big difference between soil and dirt; dirt is to soul what zombies are to humans. Soil is full of life, while dirt is devoid of it."
Oliver Magny - Wine expert, author and entrepreneur

SEE "WINE" PAGE 10



Publisher's Word

"August is Romance Awareness Month"



When was the last time you've taken the time to be romantic?

So many relationships are taken for granted. Trust me, all of you, it is necessary to recognize what you appreciate in your partner. You may have been together

for decades or years; taking the time to acknowledge the reason why, is a gift in itself. Go explore the Lake Erie Wine Country, take a stroll through, appreciate the grounds and enjoy they dynamic programming at Chautauqua Institution, or let your hair down at the music festival at Griffis Sculpture Park this weekend. Enjoy these pages, we have filled them with fresh ideas for you to explore. Enjoy our area and each other. I promise you, if they are the one, you will

mark my words. If you have been on a recent journey that you think our readers would cherish, please email me directly: info@thevillager.com, we are always looking for good news to spread. You can also easily submit your articles and ideas online by visiting thevillager.com and clicking on the general submissions tab.

Until next week, enjoy the read and the journeys.

Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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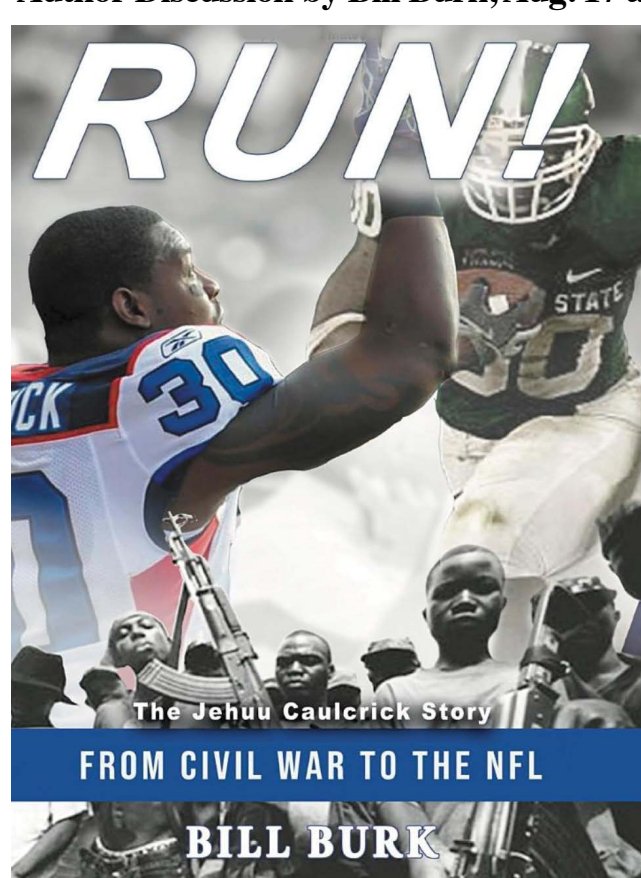
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RUN! From the Civil War to the NFL

Author Discussion by Bill Burk, Aug. 17 at Bemus Pt. Library



On Saturday, August 17th at 1pm, Bill Burk will be discussing his book RUN! From Civil War to the NFL; The Jehuu Caulcrick Story at the Bemus Point Library.

The book chronicles the life of Jehuu Caulcrick, the Clymer, N.Y. native who escaped civil war in Liberia, Africa and went on to play football for Michigan State University and eventually signed a contract with the Buffalo Bills.

The event will be a brief presentation followed by a Q&A and book signing. Books will be available for sale on site.

The Bemus Point Library is located at 13 Main Street in Bemus Point, NY 14712.

More information on the book can be found on amazon.com.

Jamestown's Secret War Plane

CHQ, Town Historical Program, Thursday, August 15



The Chautauqua Town Historical Society's August meeting will feature a program on "Jamestown's Secret War Plane" by Sam Genco and Karen Livesey.

The meeting will be Thursday, August 15 at 7pm, in the Chautauqua Town Building (former Mayville School building) meeting room, 2 Academy Street, Mayville.

All who are interested in local history are invited and are welcome to attend. For more information call (716)753-2436.

Jamestown Coin Club Show

Sunday, August 25 at Celoron Legion



A 1/10-oz. \$5 Gold American Eagle coin, similar to the one pictured, is among the prizes at the Jamestown Coin Club Show on Sunday, August 25, 10am-3:30pm. The free event is at the Herman Kent Post 777 (Celoron) American Legion.

American Liberty half dollar, a Legion - 1896 uncirculated Indian Head cent and 4 Silver Eagle coins, door prizes will be given away hourly.

Except for December, the Jamestown Coin Club meets regularly on the fourth Tuesday of the month, also at the Legion. Doors open at 6pm and meetings begin at 7pm.

These monthly get-togethers include door prizes and raffles and are highlighted by an auction of coins submitted by members. Annual membership is \$10. Guests are welcome to participate at no charge.

The Jamestown Coin Club presents their Spring Coin Show on the fourth Sunday in March. For more information, call (716) 720-1591.

Jamestown, N.Y. - Do you have coins you want to sell or trade or just learn their value? Or would you like to buy some coins to add to your collection? Then you won't want to miss the Jamestown Coin Club Coin Show on Sunday, August 25, 10am-3:30pm at the Celoron

Pennsylvania, and Ohio will be buying, selling, and offering free appraisals of U.S., ancient, and foreign coins. Coin supplies will also be available for purchase. In addition to raffle prizes that include a tenth-ounce American Eagle, 3 BU Morgan dollars, a 1946 Walking

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Alley Katz Beautification of E'Ville

Bob McCarthy Foundation Donates \$500 to Organization

The Bob McCarthy Foundation continues their support of the Alley Katz with a \$500 donation to help with their efforts keeping the Village of Ellicottville beautiful. The Alley Katz meet on Tuesday mornings to plant, weed, trim and clean the many barrels, planters and hanging baskets that make our community so attractive.



This group does a tremendous job in the Village and deserves accolades for their hard work and dedication, said Kathleen Moriarty-Fleming who presented the donation on behalf of the Bob McCarthy Foundation. Our board continues to recognize this wonderful community organization who make our little village beautiful for residents and visitors alike.

Pictured from left to right: Sue Parsons, Joi Shaffer and Christine Kirchmeyer accepting the donation on behalf of the Alley Katz.

“EV Play Place” Highlight

Surface Spinner – Wheelchair Accessible Merry-Go-Round

BY KELSEY ADAMSON

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



of this spinner supports up to 9 people, encouraging group play among children, and building connections and friendships. Physically, the spinner builds strength, flexibility, and balance in the riders, but it also helps to foster stronger social and emotional bonds. Children of varying sizes and strengths can play together, that includes children with disabilities. The Surface spinner has a ground-level entry point making it easily accessible for children with mobility impairments or orthopedic injuries. Children with conditions such as cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy can enjoy play alongside their peers. One of the greatest challenges for these children when visiting the playground is getting onto equipment. Often it requires a parent or guardian to lift them off their chair, however the Surface Spinner allows the wheelchair or mobility device to be driven directly

onto the spinner. No need to switch seats. The easy entry enables children to independently approach, enter, and exit the spinner without assistance, promoting autonomy and self-reliance. The surface spinner’s unique design allows children with orthopedic challenges to easily play in parallel with their peers, demonstrating the inclusive play we hope to foster at the Ellicottville Village Park.

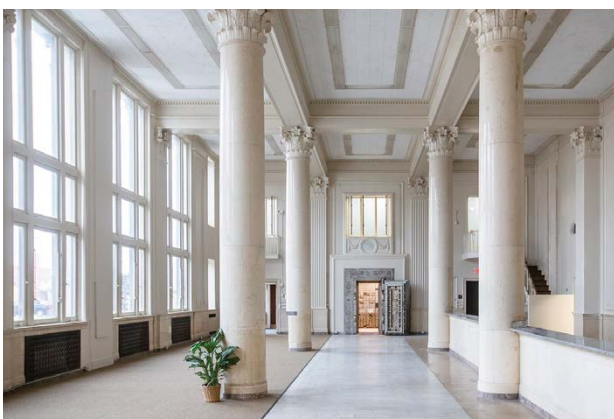
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We are actively working on fundraising. The Surface Spinner will cost \$16,077. If you would like to contribute to this piece of equipment or help in any fashion, please feel free to contact the Ellicottville Playground Committee at ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @ [ellicottvilleplayground](https://www.unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground). Find more information at <https://www.unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground>.

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New Artists’ Studio & Exhibition Space

First National Bank Art Studios & Lobby Gallery in Olean, NY



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OLEAN- First National Bank Art Studios & Lobby Gallery was created by ChaShaMa with help from the Tri-County Arts Council and Savarino Development. It provides six artists’ studio and exhibition space through December 31, 2024. The artists featured will be Theresa Heinz of Cuba, Sean Huntington of Olean, Jason Nysos Lynch of Olean, Fileve Tlaloc Palmer of Great Valley, Eva Potter of Allegany, and Tara Walker of Olean. The studios are open

to the public Tuesday and Wednesday 10-4, Thursday 3-7, and Saturday 10-4. All are invited to stop in, talk with the artists and see their work. They welcome you to join the Tri-County Arts Council for an upcoming opening reception on Friday August 16 from 6-8pm. The event will take place on the first floor of the First National Bank Building, 101 N. Union St. Attendance is free and light refreshments will be provided with Art Studio tours, on the upper floor. The Tri-County Arts Council advocates

The Tri-County Arts Council presents “An Artistic Journey, From watercolors to oils and back again” by Barbara Fox, the show will run from NOW- August 30 in the Peg Bothner Gallery. TCAC is always adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule at 110 West State St in Olean, NY 14760. They now have new Summer hours from Wednesday to Friday from 10-5pm and Saturday and Sunday 10-4pm, we will be closed on August 11. All Tuesday classes will still be happening, and we will be adding morning arts classes soon in September with a six-week hand building class.

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Griffis Sculpture Park Annual Fest.

Annual Music Festival this Sunday, August 18 from 12-6pm

E. OTTO, NY - Griffis Sculpture Park will be hosting their annual summer festival on Sunday, August 18, 2024 from 12-6pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York's summer calendar. The event is a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park.

The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service and more. Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased VIA Eventbrite.

Headlining the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival are one of the living legends of the Buffalo music scene: **The Great Train Robbery**. Since the mid-1980s, this band has been packing dance floors and concert venues with their rock, ska and reggae-inspired sound. After coming back from a long hiatus in 2022, the band plays only 2-3 shows a year - which always sell out - making their appearance at the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival that much more special.

ADDITIONAL PERFORMERS ARE: **Buffalo's Letter to Elise** songs are characterized by catchy hooks, dynamic pop-rock sensibility, intricate guitar work, and being one of the first bands in the last decade to feature an electric cello, indie-rock group.



Letter to Elise is proving itself to be one of the hottest new acts coming out of the Western New York area.

Hailing from the hills of rural WNY, **Cobra Patrol** is a four piece indie rock band whose danceable rhythms, retro vibes and smart lyrics have been likened to The Feelies, Brian Jonestown Massacre, Lou Reed and The B-52's. Cobra Patrol recently released their debut album, *Mudlarking* on all major streaming platforms. It showcases the songwriting talents of Dave Danielson and features the grooving bass and drum interplay of Patrick Cooper and Mike Perks. Karn Sorensen's sronky analog synth and violin rounds out the quartet's unique sound.

SON is a dynamic duo who play your favorite classic songs with a soulful twist. Consisting of Sabrina GustafSON and Jed ThompSON, the duo plays venues large and small throughout the region. They hail from the Southern Tier.

Autumn Echo is a poet, mother, and performing artist from Jamestown, NY. She is a slam master of the area's first month poetry slam event. She has

performed her original poetry across the state and has hosted hundreds of events in the region, extending open arms and an open mic to artists looking for a safe place to share their poetry.

DJ Vothonotes will be playing a special "tweener" set of European-influenced dance music. DJ Vothonotes is a former resident of Buffalo and currently spins records in Athens, Greece.

The Griffis Sculpture Park stage is at the top of the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Patrons are allowed to bring chairs and small coolers. There is a shuttle to the top.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is owned and operated by the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which also owns the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, NY. The mission of the Ashford Hollow Foundation is to promote the visual and performing arts as well as construct a dynamic relationship between the arts and education in Western New York to better its young people and the greater community.

10,000 Maniacs Host Panel Discussion

Founding Members Discuss Documentary, August 16 at Reg Lenna

JAMESTOWN - Founding members of 10,000 Maniacs will present a live panel discussion at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts on August 16.

WRFA and Crying Out Loud Productions will host an event, "10,000 Maniacs Can't Ignore the Train: Conversation and Reflections with the Founding Members", Friday, August 16 at 7pm. This panel discussion with founding band members, Jerome Augystinyak, Dennis Drew, Steven Gustafson and John Lombardo will dive deep into the band's genesis and early evolution. The event will take place at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts Media Arts Studio, and tickets will allow access to a pre-panel reception with

beer and wine available and archival content viewing. All proceeds to benefit WRFA.

The event is the culmination of a four-part audio documentary "10,000 Maniacs: Can't Ignore the Train", which has aired Fridays on WRFA-LP 107.9 F.M. since July 26. The documentary began by illustrating the music "scene" in 1978 Jamestown and through interviews with the band's peers and early collaborators it details the subsequent six years. In this episodic telling of the band's journey through different sounds, identities and lineups, documentarian Aaron Perez captured the enduring themes of youth, friendship, and creativity culminating in the band's first major label record

release with The Wishing Chair. The final episode will air August 16 before the live event. All episodes will be available to stream at WRFALP.com. The documentary was made possible by support from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

"10,000 Maniacs Can't Ignore the Train: Conversation and Reflections with the Founding Members" tickets are \$29.50 and available at: reglenna.com or by calling 716.484.7070.

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts is located at 116 E. 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY. Ticket holders may enter the building through the awning entrance and take the elevator to 3R for the event.

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History: 1887 Ellicottville School Building

Many Lives of Well-Loved Structure; What is up for it Next?



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Buildings tell stories, and these walls are talking....

Historically, life for youngsters in Ellicottville was quite different from how it is today. From the initial founding of Ellicottville, classes were held in homes across the still very wild, unsettled region. Eventually, one-room schoolhouses popped up - 25 of them throughout Cattaraugus County. The students met for three months in summer and three in winter. Now, before any students reading this get a bit envious, they might keep in mind that most walked miles to the local one-room schoolhouses, unless they were lucky enough to have a parent, neighbor, or teacher who would pick them up, sometimes by horse drawn wagon, and even by car in the early 1900's (although most cars were "put up" for the winter months). The other six months were dedicated to farm chores for most of those children.

From about 1818, in Ellicottville and surrounding communities, classes were held anywhere there were empty spaces, including homes, churches, stores, restaurants, or the courthouse. By 1887 a larger school meant to accommodate all the children was finally built on the remaining corner of the village square. The spot for a school had been reserved by the Holland Land Company when

the village was originally designed. The Four Corners was designated for two municipal buildings, one church and one school. By the time the school building was built in 1887, the other three corners were occupied (as well as the school corner, twice), thus completing the Holland Land Company's plans for a Village Square. They had planned for this square to be in the middle of business activities but the community developed with most of the business enterprises on one side, and residences on the other. Regardless, it became the heartbeat of the village and a pleasant gathering spot, and overnight camping spot for the natives who came to trade or conduct business at the courthouse or in the growing community.

Before this massive building arose, a small building was built in 1824 on the designated lot. The problem was, well, "the problems". No one recalls now what they were, but divisions occurred, factions split and built schools in other locations. John Thomas in his book, *The Four Corners*, entertains us with the chaotic scene of one group building a school on the corner of Elizabeth and Adams Street, then Nicholas Devereux purchased the original school and moved it to where Madigan's is now, converting it to a chapel. It's amusing to imagine that Madigan's started as a school and chapel. Apparently yet another group built a school on the north side of Washington Street near Mill.

As with most conflict (we hope) the divided groups joined forces for the greater good and focused their attention on the construction of a new Greek Revival school on the site of the original 1824 school. Over time, that building proved to be too small and was later moved to where the present day Banq Cocktail and Lounge Bar stands, with classes still in session as the new building was constructed in 1887. Since Ellicottville was no longer the County seat, the county jail was disassembled and the stones from the building were carried across the street to serve as the front foundation of the new building. Built in a Romanesque Style of architecture, it remains the only building in the village built in that style. Visitors tend to be drawn to the building because of its unique style with rounded archway over the recessed front entrance and the heavy stone detailing around the windows and doorways.

Eventually, growing populations in both Ellicottville and Great Valley caused yet another need for a school to accommodate the larger numbers of students. In 1978, a new school eventually was established to accommodate both populations on the line between the towns of Ellicottville and Great Valley. And, thanks to the concerned citizens who could not stand by and allow this landmark building to be demolished, they purchased the building. Over time it served as rental spaces, a public library, a public gymnasium, etc. It was bought several times since then and, alas, it is once again on the market to be sold. One can only hope that the integrity of this lovely historic building will remain intact. One local resident expressed the desire to see an International Arts Institute in that venerated building. Imagine Ellicottville being an International Center for the Arts! Suggestions, anyone?

Oprah, are you reading this?

Pumpkinville Opens for 56th Season

Family Fun on the Farm Opens in Great Valley, Sept. 14

Pumpkinville, voted Buffalo's Best Pumpkin Patch by the people of WNY, opens Saturday, September 14th and is open daily 9am-7pm through October 31st. Offering over 35 attractions, pumpkin picking, and food for kids and adults, guests can plan a memorable fall day at Pumpkinville, located minutes away from Ellicottville at 4844 Sugartown Road.



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mountains, dig ditches, and make a corn angel, and the Interactive Crank Tractor from the early 1900s where you can give the handle a crank and hear it roar to life. For pumpkin aficionados, acclaimed pumpkin carver, tv personality, and Guinness World Record holder, Eric Jones, will be in residence offering carving lessons and demonstrations. The Beer Garden features local craft beers from Ellicottville Brewing Co., local wine from Winery of Ellicottville, and includes two big-screen televisions for adults to relax and have fun too. Guests may always enter the front farm market, retail shop, and food areas any day for free.

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Marsalis



Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts is a 16.3-acre complex of buildings in the Lincoln Square neighborhood on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. It has thirty indoor and outdoor facilities and is host to 5 million visitors annually. The Lincoln Center was an initiative born out of a desire to explore the intersections of music, history, and culture. Wynton Marsalis, known for his deep respect for history and his commitment to jazz as a living, evolving art form, was a natural choice to lead this project. At Chautauqua, this will be more than just a performance; it will be an immersive experience.

pieces, each carefully chosen to resonate with the themes of the week.

Marsalis will be the Keynote speaker at the Chautauqua Institution on Monday, August 19th at the 10:45 Lecture and will discuss the rich history of the Lincoln Center Jazz. Attendees can expect not only to enjoy world-class music this week, but also to engage in discussions and reflections on the historical and cultural significance of the project. It's an opportunity to witness firsthand how jazz, under

the masterful direction of Wynton Marsalis, can serve as a powerful medium for exploring the American story.

Marsalis' upcoming performance at Chautauqua Institution on Friday August 23rd is a testament to the enduring appeal and importance of his contributions to political insights. For those who attend, it promises to be an unforgettable experience, a blend of history, culture, and artistry that speaks to the heart of what it means to be American.

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summer season, offering attendees a chance to experience the unique blend of history and jazz that defines the Lincoln Project.

The Lincoln Center Jazz, with the esteemed jazz musician Wynton Marsalis at its helm, stands as a remarkable fusion of music and history, bridging the cultural and historical narratives of America with the power of jazz.

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Midway

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By KATE BARTLETT



Originally established in 1898 as a trolley park, Midway State Park is one of the oldest continually operating amusement parks in the nation. The park has continually evolved over the last 126 years and everyone has different memories here that are special to them. The park truly has generational memories that are still being passed down to the youngsters of today.

One thing guests might not realize, is the park is on the National Register of Historic Places. "Midway State Park is the 5th oldest continually operating trolley park in the nation, 14th oldest amusement park in the nation, and the 28th oldest amusement park in the world! We have the oldest known Roadway Car and the second oldest known Little Dipper roller coaster rides. Midway is truly historic." – Marla Connelly, Park Manager 3, Midway, Long Point, Lake Erie State Parks

The first owners of the park constructed playing fields, tennis courts, bath houses and a dance hall to entice customers to ride the trolley on weekends. In 1915, a new building was constructed with a kitchen, a large dining room and space for dancing and roller skating.

Many generations spent their free time at Midway State Park throughout the 1900's in various ways. Every generation will define the "Hey-Day" differently, but it primarily ties to how they spent their time of their life in the park. "For some it was taking the trolley or steam boat to the picnic grounds and bathing beach," explains Marla Bingham-Melcher, Park Manager 3. "For others it was the bar and chicken dinners; still others it was the sock hops and the big bands. For many more, it was the roller skating and the various eras of rides that have been in the park." Everyone has their favorite memories of their own "Hey-Day".

Others involve finally being

tall enough to ride certain rides," describes Marla. "We've even heard many stories of now married couples who first met at the park either at sock-hops or roller skating."

Today, the park is a small family sized amusement park. According to Marla, it's most popular with families with smaller children. About 1/3 of the rides and attractions are for shorter patrons, 1/3 for taller patrons and 1/3 for everyone to enjoy. Patrons can take a nostalgic ride on the vintage carousel, play a game of mini golf, take a spin on the tilt-a whirl and ride the go-karts or watch their children enjoy themselves on the many kiddie rides. While some may prefer to relax while enjoying cotton candy and the lake views, others can test their skills at the classic midway games in the arcade.

The Friends of Midway stepped forward in 2010 as a not-for-profit group offering fund-raising assistance with certain projects in the park including: restoration of the carousel roundhouse, carousel horses, the train, mini-golf course, and Ferris wheel. "There are many plans for Midway in the pipeline," says Marla. "The Master plan, while not all-encompassing, acts as a

guide and is available on our website."

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Upcoming events at Midway include the annual Der Kobbler car show on Labor Day, Midways final operating day of the 2024 season. Between now and Labor Day, the park has special activities most Saturday and Sundays including balloon artists, face painters, magic shows, and more. In 2025, Midway plans to continue annually celebrating their anniversary on the Saturday closest to July 12th (their actual Anniversary date). Don't forget to stop by the gift shop on your visit.

For more information, visit <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/midway> and visit the park located at 4859 Route 430, Bemus Point, NY 14712, or call 716-386-3165.

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Celtic

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formed organically, almost inadvertently. “I was always a fan of Celtic rock bands, and I frequently attended festivals and drum circles,” says Danny. “While playing in a drum circle at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina, I met my future wife, Rebecca. We connected through the music, and decided to form a band.”

In its early years, around 2009, Tuatha Dea was primarily a family venture, between Rebecca, Danny, his son Brandon and daughter Tessa. It grew naturally, incorporating more of Rebecca’s family and friends. Having grown up in Appalachian traditions, everyone sang in Rebecca’s family. “They all grew up singing together in blood harmony with no formal training,” says Danny.

Tuatha Dea is a very inclusive band, a larger group, starting around 9 or 10 members, now typically 7 or 8 musicians. “We’ve welcomed various musicians into the group over the years and have found inspiration and excitement in showcasing individual’s unique musical talents. Almost no one is turned away; we find a way to incorporate any musical talent and highlight their unique abilities.”

Danny plays hand drums and guitar, occasionally accompanies his wife Rebecca on vocals. Instruments range from the conventional (bass guitar, drum, violin) to more non-traditional (didgeridoo, perry whistle, bagpipes, Native American flute) forming a unique, layered sound with fun, eclectic energy. “Our music is somewhat



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hard to describe, you have to hear it to understand, but it’s somewhat surprising in a sense. We’ve best described our sound as ‘Appalachian Celtic Rock’, as we’re not a typical Celtic band. While we’ll play the occasional ballad, most of our songs are a fast paced, upbeat, tribal sound with a unique vibe. Our music is reflective of the individual band members, and varies from year to year, and show to show.” Tuatha Dea plays mostly original music, but will occasionally play traditional music adapted to their sound.

The name, pronounced ‘Two-a Day’, is old Irish and is taken from Irish Mythology of the Tuatha de Danaan (Children of the goddess Danu). According to Danny, legend depicts them as magical beings who defeated Irelands indigenous tribes and were considered to have supernatural powers. After being defeated by another invading group and being run underground the Tuatha de Danaan became the origin of the Irish Fae or Faery Folk. Tuatha Dea is a shortening of the name and roughly translates to “Children of the Gods”.

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Danny is inspired by playing with his fellow band members. “We have an incredible time playing together,” says Danny. “The truth is, if I wasn’t playing with these musicians, I wouldn’t be playing at all. I’m inspired constantly by their talent. The band members are all family to me, and I’m so grateful to be able to connect with them on a personal and musical level.”

Danny reflects on his inspiration for creating

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The Heron Hosts Wellness Weekends

Monthly Retreats with Nature & Wellness Experts

By KATE BARTLETT

The Heron in Chautauqua County is more than The Great Blue Heron Festival and Green Heron Growers Organic Farm. Recently, The Heron began offering Nature and Wellness Weekends nestled on their 400 acres of rolling hills, undisturbed forests, under beautiful dark skies. Hosted by owners Julie and Steve Rockcastle along with accredited spiritual healers and wellness experts, these weekends are sure to leave one more grounded and connected with nature.

The first wellness weekend launched at The Heron in conjunction with the May Day Celebration, with their second being held this past July. This August 31-September 1 marks their third event, welcoming guests for an intimate weekend of connection with nature filled with play, smiles, relaxation and deep appreciation for the natural world. All events are family-friendly, FREE and open to the public, but guests are encouraged to spend the weekend at The Heron in order to fully appreciate the opportunities offered.

Accommodations at The Heron range from primitive tent and car camping, to RV hookup, glamping and a variety of unique Airbnb properties on site. All provide full access to The Heron’s serene properties with breathtaking views surrounded by the great outdoors.

Isa Cardenas has been involved in coordinating the retreats since their inception, and has been on a spiritual journey connecting with nature for over a decade. Having



The goal of the weekends is to not only to bring everyone together in appreciation of nature, but to give tools to take home to everyday life. “We teach about forest bathing and mindfulness, not only as a method to build deeper appreciation for nature and the world around us, but to take home as something to incorporate into everyday life.

studied with various Indigenous wisdom keepers and healers, Isa has been fully focused on cultivating her spiritual connections and energetic healing since 2021. “I was working in the corporate jewelry industry in New York City for 7 years when I received an intuitive download telling me to leave it all behind to follow my soul’s calling,” recalls Isa. “At this time, I had some spiritual background, but I was craving a deeper connection. I quit my job, got rid of most of my material possessions, bought my car and drove north. Connecting with nature and car camping along the way, I followed synchronicities and followed wherever my journey took me.”

Isa had visited The Heron for several meditation retreats in 2020 and had felt a deep connection with the property. She craved a

deeper connection with the land and dreamed of having a place to host wellness retreats infused with spiritual workshops. “It was pure fate that I met Julie Rockcastle in February of 2024 at the NoFA organic farming conference in Syracuse. The stars aligned and we found each other warming ourselves at the same heater. We connected immediately and found ourselves destined to host these wellness weekends on her property; she had the perfect location and was seeking a retreat organizer with a background in marketing. It couldn’t have been more aligned.”

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in Brief

Musical #6: "The Producers"

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

a hit and Bialystock is all ears. Bloom explains that IF someone was sure a play would fail, he could raise lots of money from backers and get to keep it when it did, Bialystock then bullies Bloom into joining with him to make this idea a reality by producing the worst musical possible.

Soon they find a script guaranteed to repulse any audience (entitled "Springtime for Hitler"), written by a delusional playwright whose only friends are pigeons (his last name, Liebkind, means "bastard" in German), hire a terrible director (his last name, Debris, means "garbage"). and Bialystock talks backers into supplying tons of money. One major difference between the movie and the musical has to do with the role played by their secretary, Ulla. In the movie she dances by herself to entertain them, while in the musical, she performs a wonderfully romantic dance routine with Bloom, and is cast in their show. Most importantly, she and Bloom eventually elope. In the movie, a wacky hippie is cast as Hitler, while in the musical, the playwright is chosen to star, until he breaks his leg on opening night and is replaced by the director. In both versions, the opening night audience reacts with lots of laughter and enthusiastic applause, largely due to the main character's campy performance, and their show is judged by the critics

to be a tremendous success as a satire, so they wind up in jail. In the musical, Leo runs to Rio with Ulla before his sentencing, but returns out of loyalty to Max.

In a 2001 interview in "U.S. News & World Report", Mel Brooks explained what inspired him to create the movie and musical this way: "If you stand on a soapbox and trade rhetoric with a dictator, you never win. But if you ridicule them, bring them down with laughter, they can't win".

Fun Facts: Zero Mostel played Leopold Bloom (who inspired Mel Brooks to name a character that) in an Off-Broadway play, "Ulysses in Nighttown" in 1958. For that role, he won an Obie (an Off-Broadway Theatre Award). In 1974, for playing it on Broadway, he won a Drama Desk Award for "Outstanding Performance". Also in 1974, the movie "Rhinoceros" was released, co-starring Mostel and Gene Wilder. (It was the film adaptation of a play Mostel starred in on Broadway back in 1961, for which he won the first of his three Tonys for "Best Actor".) Mel Brooks originally hired Mike Ockrent to direct the musical, and his wife Susan Stroman, to choreograph it. When Ockrent died, Stroman took over the direction along with the choreography, and won Tonys for both, becoming only the second woman to win a Tony for directing.

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Weekend

This week, there are some big names performing here locally as well as festivals and other small local bands. Come on out to see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday August 15 - The Thursday Night Summer Concert Series is having country night at the **Dunkirk Pier**. At 5:30pm, **OsbornNash** gets the party started with their eclectic set list. Then at 6:45pm, the **Tim Britt Band** will get you moving to the beat.

The Goodtime Saloon in Jamestown will be hosting **Karl and Mark's Revolution**. They play a fun mix of oldies that will entertain the crowd starting at 7pm.

At the **Wintergarden Plaza** near the Wine Cellar in downtown Jamestown, they will be having live music for the Third Thursday Summer Concerts. **Smilo and the Ghost** will be performing. **Charity Nuse and Sarah Rafakiwski** will join them, and the fun all starts at 6pm.

Ion Sky will perform at **The Village Casino** in Bemus Point. They will be playing their unplugged acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list starting at 7pm.

Friday August 16 - Infinity Visual and Performing Arts will be having their **End of the Year Bash**. Be entertained by students of all ages as they perform a variety of talents including musical soloists, bands, dance, and more. Come celebrate and support the creativity of this program and its students starting at 7pm.

Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back **Derek Davis**. He will be performing at wide

variety of music starting at 6pm. Come check him out and enjoy the music while sipping on cold beverage.

Customer Appreciation Night is taking place again at **Five & 20** in Westfield. **Tim Wright** will perform starting at 5pm. There will be drink specials from 5pm-8pm and food trucks available. **Chautauqua Institution** welcomes award winning **Melissa Etheridge** to the Amphitheater stage. Melissa is well known for hits like I'm the Only One and Come to my Window. Sharing the stage, The Indigo Girls will also be rocking the Amphitheater with their unique sound. The concert starts at 7:30pm

Saturday August 17th - The Roger Tory Peterson Institute's Bird-Day Bash is taking place in Jamestown. Headliner **Michael Glabicki**, formerly of Rusted Root, will perform at 2pm. Former band member **Dirk Miller** will be joining him. Listen for a spin on some familiar tunes as well as some new music. Opening act **Miranda Wilcox** will get the party started at 12pm, as well as the **Tim Britt Band** at 1pm. There will be food from Sandy's Bakery and delicious treats from Persnikkity Pies.

The **Mayville Bluegrass Festival** returns to **Big Inlet Brewing** in Mayville on August 17 and 18th. This is an outdoor music event with an incredible line up of bands. There will also be a variety of food trucks available as well as delicious cold beverages. Check out the event on the Facebook page for more information and

a complete line-up of performers. You can get tickets at eventbrite.com.

Sunset Bat Beach Club has a busy weekend of entertainment planned. On a Friday night, **Yank the Cover** will be performing an eclectic mix of classic rock, R&B, top 40, and country music starting at 8:30pm. On Saturday night, **5D** will be performing a wide variety of music spanning decades starting at 8:30pm. On Sunday, they are hosting a **Mardi Gras party**. Come join the fun!!

Sunday August 18 - Uncle Ben's Remedy will perform on the shores of Cassadaga Lake on the floating stage. They will be performing their country rock style starting at 5pm.

Charity Nuse and friends will be performing at the **Chautauqua Amphitheater** on Sunday afternoon. Come listen to Charity and her friends performing their unique style of music starting at 2:30pm.

Monday August 19 - There will be a special performance by famous local band the **10,000 Maniacs**. The Maniacs started performing in Jamestown area venues back in the 1980s, before becoming famous. They have stood the test of time since then, with their distinctive musical style. Come on out for a great night of entertainment starting at 8:15pm.

Wow, that's a lot of live music in our county! Look for next week's issue to see what live music and other entertainment awaits you in Chautauqua County next week.

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Balloons hosts JJ White and The Mojo Sauce on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a blues/funk/pop set of covers. Out in the tent Michael Nowak will play from 10-1am. Michael plaid a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers. Dj Kage will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

FRIDAY
Balloons is first up with Vinny and the Mudflaps from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/pop/emo/punk set of covers. Out in the tent Larry Elefante will play an acoustic set from 10-1am. Dj Lyfe will blow up the sound booth layin down the groove so you can bust-a-move on the two dance floors.

The Cabana Bar at The Valley is next up with Henry's Summer Kitchennette from 7-10pm. This band plays 50's country and rock and throw in some corny jokes for fun.

The Gin Mill is back with Wasted Whiskey from 8-12am. This band plays country that pushes the boundary between country and rock. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat.

We return to The Gin Mill for Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a rock/folk/ Americana set of covers and originals. Try the famous Bloody Mary's

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Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beer with music provided by Pat and Owen from 7-0pm. This very popular duo plays a blues/country/pop/rock set of covers and originals.

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

Tuesday Balloons hosts Melissa Sauers from 6-9 pm. She plays an acoustic rock/pop/alt set of covers. Try my favorite, the blackened mahi tacos

The Gin Mill's Tuesday music is hosted by The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This band is a collection of local musicians from various local bands who have been playing together for about 11 years and play and eclectic set of roots type music.

Balloons Wednesday music is Conner Brien from 6-9pm. Conner plays an acoustic rock set of 80-2000's covers.

The Gin Mill hosts its Wednesday, Wing Night which has been going on for 40+ years. Brian Rick is the musical host. He plays a rock/pop/country/alt set of covers.

If you enjoyed your time in our village we hope you'll tell your friends and family as return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

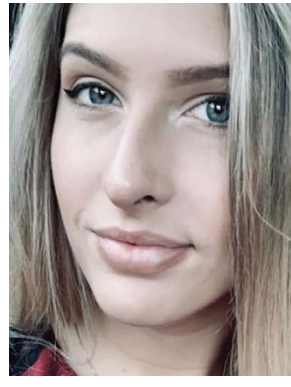
Beat on the Street:

"Where Was the Strangest Place You've taken Shelter from a Storm?"

By Chad Neal



Lisa I.- Tommy O's apartment on Monroe Street, I can't remember the year but it was a mini blizzard. We had a blast!



Kalyssa T.-During a water rafting trip at Zoar valley, there was a crazy thunder and lighting storm passing over us so we were instructed to get out of the water and huddle underneath our rafts on the river bank for over an hour! What an experience!

Weather sure is fascinating. We get all kinds here in Western New York. Alas, none too characteristic of the devastating deluges and tempests we see on the news. However we can get some doozies that are newsworthy and can be deadly, especially the winter storms we have been known to succumb to. The summer months doused with humidity will bring some black clouds and sharp bright lightning storms that will flood anything in it's path. And even though now we are all our own meteorologists, some can sneak in out of nowhere as a cold cell drops and condensates the air and the static electricity starts to hum, then the cloudburst opens up drenching anything not dried in. Running for cover and finding safety is instinct. Sometimes though once you're wet, you're wet and enjoying it can be therapeutic, though it's not too comfortable. Where was the strangest place you've taken shelter from a storm?



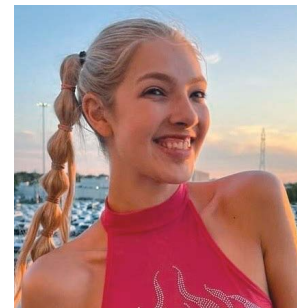
Ryan S.- During a hitchhiking excursion I slept in the display sheds in the Home Depot parking lot in Great Falls Montana.



Joren L.- The cabin up at Spruce Lake, Magnolia took her first steps and then a huge thunder/hail storm rolled in.



Amy M.- On a Gondola in Telluride during an epic storm, nursing one year old baby Cyrene M at a Widespread Panic show!



Ariah T.- At a music festival weather got dangerous so they closed the festival down and we had to take shelter in the hotel across the street in their fitness center, and then they called the cops on all us for being there!

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Wine

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Wine making depends on soil quality; you know where the good soil is by what you can grow. Different soils lend themselves to different vintages of wine. Places like NAPA Valley, with its diverse climate, 68 square miles tucked between the Mayacamas Range to the west and the Vaca Mountains on the east is an obvious choice. So too the Finger Lakes in central New York.

On the coast of Lake Erie generally, and in Chautauqua County between Dunkirk and Ripley specifically, the soil is prime for the concord grape, and the wine you can make from it.

The Lake Erie wine region is a hidden gem in American viticulture. Spanning parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York, hugging the coast of the great lake, it's distinguished by its unique climate, soil composition, and geographical location, creating an ideal environment for wine production. The concord grape, with its deep root system thrives here. Lake Erie keeps the local weather from extreme fluctuations (though you would be hard pressed to convince local snow-belt survivors of that), which allows for a longer growing season and relatively stable conditions for the concord grape.

In recognition of the importance, and economic impact of this region as a wine mecca, the Grape Heritage Foundation constructed The Grape Discovery Center in February 2010.

"We consider ourselves the educational and



The Grape Discovery Center is located at 8305 US-20 in Westfield, NY 14787, They can be reached by calling (716) 326-2003 or visit their Facebook page.

historical center of the Lake Erie grape corridor," says Deb Howser. "There are thirty-thousand acres of vineyards in a hundred-fifty miles along the lake." Deb is the manager of the Discovery Center. "Here we have representations of most of the products from those vineyards. We are able to sell quite a few of the wines from New York State, and we showcase those from Pennsylvania."

The Center is an inauspicious building, located slightly off the beaten path on Route 20 off New York State 90 between Westfield and Ripley, N.Y. From the roadside it's an unassuming building, but a revelation inside. It features a tasting bar with wines from the area, an exhibit room, interactive learning displays, and a souvenir shop with apparel, food, and art from local artisans.

The economic impact of the industry is undeniable. With a worldwide distribution of the products from the area, the grape district supports almost 2,000 jobs. The total economic impact is \$340 million, which includes sales generated by juice processors, growers, wine production, and other

businesses from whom the vineyards purchase. About \$54 million is paid out in wages from over 800 producers on those 30,000 acres of vineyards. Total sales approaches \$210 million, with \$17.5 from wine production. Some 35,000 tourists visit annually. The center is celebrating its ten-year anniversary.

A premier event for the center is the Westfield Grape and Wine Festival, held at Moore Park in Westfield, N.Y., coming September 7th and 8th. This is the second year of the festival, that has something for the whole family all centered around the grape. "There are grape pies and ice cream as well as the wines and juice." Howser says. "We'll have vineyard tours and feature antique equipment."

Most recently the Center has housed brewing operations for Ghostfish Brewing Company. The Seattle based company has one of the premier gluten free craft beers on the market. The Center will be selling that unique product soon. Meanwhile, there's plenty of wine.

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level: ★ ★ ★ ★ ☆

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

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Heron

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home to everyday life. "We teach about forest bathing and mindfulness, not only as a method to build deeper appreciation for nature and the world around us, but to take home as something to incorporate into everyday life. People might not have an hour every day to forest bathe or even have access to nature; but they might be able to take what they've learned here and go on a 10-minute reflective walk, or sip tea for 5 minutes more mindfully."

This August 31 and September 1 the activities will be similar to past Nature & Wellness Weekends, including horse drawn wagon rides around The Heron with mindful moments guided by Jodi Gray, a forest bathing experience and feather bundle workshop with Diane Clark, an open flow movement workshop with



Jessica Frombach, dark sky viewing and stargazing with Domenic Rocco, a hands-on-foraging discussion with Harold Reynolds, and a mindful tea time and nature sharing circle with Isa. All ages welcome for all of the activities with supervision of a parent/guardian.

Isa's favorite thing about the weekend is gathering the community in nature. "It's so beautiful to have people come out with the desire to connect with nature on a deeper level. It's an intimate gathering

and the energy is lovely; it can be transformational and we hope guests will return again and invite other to join them. We hope the community will think of The Heron when they are seeking a nature and wellness retreat.

The Heron plans to host these wellness retreats monthly during the May-October Season. For more information visit https://theheron.org/ and visit at 2361 Wait Corners Road, Panama, NY call (716) 761- 7190 or email isa.theheron@gmail.com.

Celtic

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music. "It's incredible to be able to make something out of nothing. To create a song from nothing; to create music where there once wasn't any. As a musician and a songwriter, my goal is to take the listener to

different places, to convey feelings and thoughts through music that can't be explained through words alone. It's incredible to be able to reach such a wide variety of people, and form a connection through music. It's universal. Music is powerful and it can connect us on common ground, helping us focus on our similarities rather than our differences. We really are all more alike than we

are different."

For more information visit https://www.tuathadea.net/ and follow on Facebook @ Tuatha Dea listen on YouTube and other streaming platforms. For tickets to their concert at the Jamestown Regional Celtic Festival on August 23rd at 5pm and Sunday August 24th at 930am visit https://www.96thhighlanders.com/festival.html

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Gooseneck



STORY FROM COVER

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

You may be one of the many people in the area who find the large, noisy, and extremely messy Canada Goose population that has made its home in WNY a bit annoying. They are gorgeous and fascinating – just NIMBY (“not in my back yard”), right? However, if you like to watch big water birds in a setting ideal for the birds, you will want to visit Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary in Delevan this month and meet the geese, swans and other feathered animals who have been hand-raised and pampered by their keepers (parents), Rosemary and Milt Miner. Schoolteachers turned bird protectors, the Miners found their calling in 1983 when three wild ducks visited their Holland, NY property. After one got snatched by an owl, Milt Miner moved quickly to protect the remaining two by building a duck house and then getting them companions. OOPS! By the end of the year, they had 100 ducks! They found a market for the ducks to go to new homes, but then Milt had a friend who was moving and needed a home for 13 exotic geese. It was Rosemary’s birthday so the “what to get her” dilemma was resolved. Once again, before long, their pond was overgrown with 175 geese and ducks. Moving from their Holland location to a larger property in Delevan and building a home designed to support the massive nets covering the sanctuary ponds, they found a home.

Aside from collecting eggs, solo, after being dropped off on the Alaskan tundra with only an egg basket and bear gun to protect all 100 ponds of her, Rosemary and Milt added bar-headed geese to

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary has 60 bar-heads on the property who spend their days eating pounds of lettuce/grass/grain and producing babies which Rosemary sells across the US. Bar-heads are one of the world’s highest-flying birds, having been seen over Mount Everest (27,825 ft). Most commercial aircraft fly at about 30,000 (5.7 miles high) to 42,000 feet.

their growing family. (Ask her to tell the funny story.) They have 60 bar-heads on the property who spend their days eating pounds of lettuce/grass/grain and producing babies which Rosemary sells across the US. Bar-heads are one of the world’s highest flying birds, having been seen over Mount Everest (27,825 ft). Most commercial aircraft fly at about 30,000 (5.7 miles high) to 42,000 feet.

This past year they sold 100 bar-heads. Buyers must buy them in pairs and, by law, they are pinioned (wings “clipped”). At 10 days or so they are shipped off to eager buyers who have ponds or large parcels of land and want the beauty of feathered wildlife around them. According to Rosemary, people treat them as pets, which is good because Rosemary teats them like her kids. She even names them (Softie, Cutie, etc.) and plays with them, providing duck toys, blankets, and a beautiful, heated nesting box until such time as they can be sent off. The new “parents” build protective areas for them to live in, keeping them safe from predators. She tells of a woman who has a bird living in her home with her small puppy. They are best buddies; they play and eat together and follow her wherever she goes. A man out west mows the lawn with his bar-head

perched on his shoulder.

When you visit the Gooseneck Waterfowl Sanctuary, be sure to ask the Miners about their bar-headed goose adoption program and ask to meet my adoptee, Ariel. Interested in owning a pair of your own? (\$150 a pair plus shipping). Speak to the Miners when you visit on the only day of the year they are open to the public, which is Sunday, August 25, from 12-4pm. Consider the price of admission well spent. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 12, kiddoes under 3 are free.

This event is not to be missed. This is the largest covered waterfowl sanctuary in the world. You will tour and learn much about the 700 endangered residents (78 species) on the property as well as the 1000 koi fish (some 8 years old) who live year-round in the largest of the four ponds - three are in a lower section. Wear good walking shoes (it’s 1.5 acres – some downhill), bring a raincoat (just in case). You can buy soda, water, and food from Lil’s Diner on the grounds (wings, fingers, fries, giant cookies). Music provided by Rustic Rambler with Gene Hilts on the steel guitar. You might want to bring your dancing shoes too! P.S. Take a photo with the Big Yellow Duck for your memory books. 5067 Townline Road in Delevan.

Dowling

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art,” Dowling recollects. Upon moving back to the area, Dowling “realized there was no place locally for artists to show their work,” as well as a pervasive attitude that there was no market for art in Western New York. She began dreaming of “a gallery where [she could] feature regional work year-round,” and in 1983 Portage Hill Art Gallery opened at its current location in Westfield, New York. Dowling is a mixed-media artist, working in mediums as diverse as painting, ceramics, and fiber. Over the course of her career, even the materials she’s used have been influenced by her choice to live rurally. When she first moved to the region she lived in a cabin without electricity or running water, constraints that “limited what mediums [she] could work on,” and led her to focus on two-dimensional media, including stitched and quilted art. Over the years, as she’s benefited from modern plumbing, she’s created a clay studio and printmaking

studio to support her work.

Of the evolution of her work over the past fifty years, Dowling says, “Over time I have come to trust myself more, trust my instincts more as an artist. And I’ve always sort of played in and out of abstraction, but I am feeling more comfortable now doing pieces that are just abstract. I think over time I’m becoming more narrative in my work.” Many of the pieces in the retrospective are paintings inspired by nature, with Dowling confirms as an ongoing inspiration. Some are figurative, some abstract, many a mixture of the two, and most make vibrant use of color and texture. “I love texture and use it,” Dowling reflects, “so it’s not surprising that both clay and printmaking would galvanize me”.

Dowling is prolific - “the more marks you make on paper, the better you get at it,” she laughs - and quick to mention her numerous awards, grants, and features in art magazines. “One of my goals” in putting on the retrospective, Dowling says, “is to convey to people that you can live out here in the boonies and still get some recognition. I want to encourage artists to go for it. Yeah, it’ll be harder. You’ll have

to spend more time on the internet looking for opportunities,” but the payoff, for Dowling, is well worth it.

As part of the exhibition at the Octagon Gallery, Dowling will give a talk on “how you can use art to build a community and be a tourism driver,” which she hopes not only “art people” but “people that do economic development” will be interested in attending. ‘Art as an economic driver’, while often effective, is also generally seen as one of the first steps in gentrification, the process whereby wealthy newcomers move to a previously affordable area, gradually pricing longtime residents out of their homes and communities. As Chautauqua County becomes more artistically active, this is a tension that all of us artists in the area will need to grapple with. Dowling’s local roots, commercial success, and decades of experience building her own career and artistic communities in the county, place her at the center of this difficult conversation. Showcasing her life and career as an example of what is possible in rural areas seems to be at least as important to her as displaying her work itself; after all, the two have been inseparable.

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NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION GOOD VIBEZ WELLNESS, LLC Articles of Organization of GOOD VIBEZ WELLNESS, LLC were filed with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State on April 15, 2024, Office Location: Cattaraugus County. The principal business location is located at 22 Washington Street, Ellicottville NY 14731. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The New York Secretary of State shall mail process to the LLC at the address of its principal office. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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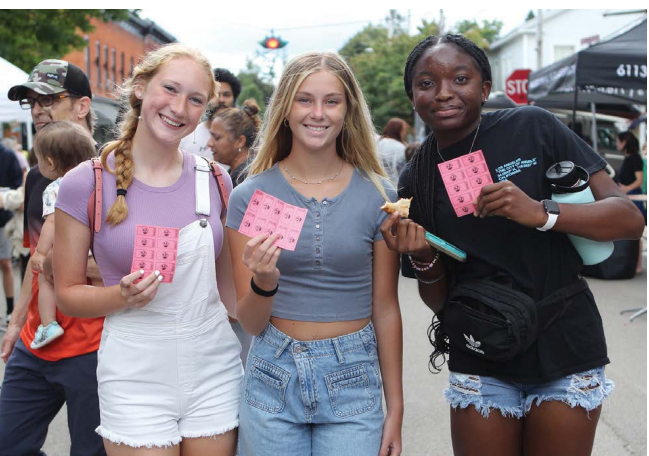
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- Healthy Choice: West Rose (Whipped Hummus w/Pickled Local Veggies & Crispy Chic Peas)

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SENECA ALLEGANY RESORT & CASINO



THUNDER MOUNTAIN Buffet

CRAB LEGS FEAST

Add 1 lb. of Crab Legs to Your Meal for Only \$15!

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS IN AUGUST



LABOR DAY WEEKEND BRUNCH

Indulge in endless sweet & savory dishes for a marvelous meal!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1



WIN UP TO \$2,000 IN CASH & FREE SLOT PLAY EVERY HOUR!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS IN AUGUST

Hourly Drawings • 3 PM – 7 PM

Each hourly winner receives \$500 CASH and then will play putt-putt for a chance at more wins up to \$1,500 Free Slot Play!