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Falconer, NY
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Saturday, September 7 • 10am
Fredonia, NY
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Saturday, August 7 • 10am
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Forestville NY
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Sat/Sun, September 7-8 • 10am
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- WEEKEND CHAIRLIFT RIDES AT HOLIDAY VALLEY**
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- PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL SHOW AT RTPI**
Saturday, September 14 • 12pm
Jamestown, NY
- PUMPKINVILLE'S 2024**
Saturday, September 14 • 9am
Great Valley, NY

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Bemus Point Fall Festival

Annual Family Event, Next Weekend Sept. 13-15



BY DARLENE BRACE

Along the eastern shores of Chautauqua Lake, the quaint village of Bemus Point will be celebrating the changing of the seasons with its annual Fall Festival on September 13th-15th.

This is an all-ages community festival with plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

The streets of the village will become a thriving street market with over seventy-five vendors

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Borderland Music & Art Fest

Festival Beyond Boundaries, Sept. 13-15 in E. Aurora



BY KATE BARTLETT

Borderland Music and Arts Festival is celebrating its 6th year September 13-15th at scenic Knox Farm State Park in East Aurora. This three-day music and cultural festival

celebrates the rich history and renaissance of the region in one of the most historic and picturesque parks in the area. This year's line-up includes The Black Crowes, Caamp, Marcus

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Merritt Winery's Septemberfest

This Weekend's Event is Packed with Family Fun



Live music is one of the main highlights of this festival. On Saturday, the popular WNY band Black Widow (above, left) will take the stage. They will entertain the crowd with their rock and roll and pop music that will get you moving to the beat from 3:30pm-6:30pm. At this year's Septemberfest, there will be a variety of activities for children. There will be a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist both days.

BY DARLENE BRACE

It's almost the end of the summer season, which means that it's time to celebrate the changing of the seasons at Merritt Winery's Annual Septemberfest. Merritt Winery is located at 2264 King Road Forestville, New

York. Since Merritt Winery opened their doors, this will be the 42nd year that they have been hosting their annual Septemberfest. This year's Septemberfest will be held on this Saturday, September 7th

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Business: Boardroom Snowboard Shop

Celebrating 40 Years in the Family Business



The Boardroom is located at 6113 Route 219, Ellicottville. Look for the big gray building with red trim between Ellicottville and Holiday Valley Road with "Greetings from Ellicottville" painted on its side by the talented Jon Daly of Brave Buffalo. Timkey thought it would be a fun photo-op for visitors and he confirms that people stop all the time.

CAROL FISHER-LINN

Happy 40th Birthday, Boardroom Snowboard Shop! Time flies when you are having fun!

Mike and Jodie Timkey opened the doors of Barnyard Ski Rental in 1982-83 in a vintage barn on the old Ray

Dineen farm (which become part of Holiday Valley), hence "Barnyard Ski Rental." Alas, that first year, the barn burned to the ground, clearing the way for a brand-new building on the exact spot. So, forty years ago, in 1984, they started again.

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Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

Ellicottville's Rock 'n' Roll Weekend

Village is Filled with Music & Fun, Sept. 13-15 ... pg. 3



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The Holiday Shoppe, "Three Store 'Brick Block'"

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Peek'n Peak Resort

Golf Digest Rates Course 4.5 Stars



Peek'n Peak Resort is located at 1405 Old Rd, Clymer, NY 14724 and has been on the PGA Tour several times.

BY BILL BURK

Go to the top of Findlay Lake on the farthest western border of Chautauqua County, locals will recognize the destination, they know this place. Drive south past the small bucolic lake, it'll feel like you're nearing the edge of civilization. Right before you get to the middle of nowhere, you'll run into the Peek'n Peak Resort.

In the distance you'll first see the ski slopes carved into the hillside; wide runs slotted between thick woods. As you get closer you can make out the ski lifts and condos that frame the slopes. Driving past the ski lodge and chairlifts, you climb the hills through a series of switchbacks. At the top of the small mountain, you'll notice lush flats. This is the Peek'n Peak resort golf course. An ad for the resort reads, "Nestled in the

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The Fleetwood Mac Experience

Main Stage E'VL Rock 'n Roll Weekend



The group originated over 11 years ago with founders Matt Hake and Stacey Rybarczyk (pictured). They will be in EVL next weekend.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Fleetwood Mac Experience brings the complete live experience of one of America's most beloved bands to stage, performing on stages across the country for over 11 years. An evening with The Fleetwood Mac Experience brings listeners back to the classic concert era when rock music ruled the stage, and will be playing a free show at the Ellicottville Rock & Roll weekend at the EVL Winery Main Stage on Saturday, September 14th at 1pm.

The group originated over 11 years ago with founders Stacey Rybarczyk and Matt Hake. The couple played in a local rock band and noticed the crowds' response to Fleetwood Mac songs. "We couldn't help but notice the songs were crowd favorites," recalls Stacey. "We added more

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LEWIS BLACK @ NATIONAL COMEDY CTR: SEPTEMBER 6, 2024 : JAMESTOWN, NY

Publisher's Word

"Get Out Your Calendars, the Festivals are Still Lining Up!"



Okay, last weekend was jammed packed with Labor Day Festivities but we haven't slowed down the pace a bit, September

is packed with outdoor fun and we have only just begun to compile all the information for you. This weekend brings you not only Merritt Estate Winery's September Forestville, September 7&8 (see story on cover) but also Fredonia's Red, White & Blues Festival; both events celebrate the wine, music and people of our region. Next weekend continues to roll out the good times September 13-15 with the annual Bemus Point Fall Festival, East Aurora's Borderland Festival and Ellicottville's Rock N' Roll Weekend - of course to keep the town on its toes, Ellicottville is going to

bring on the fun again the following weekend with their Lacrosse Festival, September 20-22. As we all know, we live in a very cool niche of this region and there is always a smiling face, helping hand, dancing feet and a party to be had. If you know of an event we have missed, make sure to drop us a line, we are always happy to share the good news and it's easy; simply go online to www.thevillager.com and click on general submissions. *Until next week, enjoy the read and the ride! Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer.*

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Becker Farms Educational Tours

Teachers & Students Welcomed to Kick Off Season Sept. 9

Gasport, NY – Becker Farms is again offering Group Educational Tours to educators, students, and families starting September 9th and for the entire Fall season.

Becker Farms Educational Tours offers enhanced, outdoor learning to groups of all ages ranging from day care and elementary, to high-school and collegiate levels. Activities include an educational lesson with Cornell Graduate and Owner Melinda Vizcarra on where your food comes from, a hayride to the apple orchard and pumpkin patch – for picking, and access to the Farm Animal Exhibit and playground.

Celebrating 130 years since German immigrant, Julius Becker, acquired the original 100-acre farm in Gasport, NY, the now 340-acre farm offers both U-PICK and pre-picked fruits, vegetables, grapes, a large children's area with farm animals, a winery, a brew house, and two event spaces for weddings and other events. The original house now functions as a store selling produce, baked goods, jams, jellies, and other items.

"We are excited to welcome school groups to our 130-year-old family



farm and to provide them with a hands-on agricultural picking experience that's educational, and teaches students where their food comes from," says Amanda Vizcarra, 5th generation family member and Hospitality Director. Private group educational tickets are \$12/per student, with a group maximum of 100 students, and \$120 minimum reservation. Your 90-minute tour can be aligned with New York State standards in Science, Math, Social Studies and Language Arts. For tickets and details, visit them online at backerfarms.com.

Becker Farms & Vizcarra Vineyards, now in its 130th year, is a 5th Generation family owned

340 acre working fruit and vegetable farm that sells most of their products directly to the public. Their mission is to provide families with the opportunity to visit the countryside and embrace what Mother Nature provides us among family and friends. For the past 130 years Becker Farms has harvested its own fruits and vegetables to provide fresh produce and a wide variety of value-added products such as hand-made pies, jams, cookies, cider, fudge and wines.

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Summer Reading Program

Ellicottville Memorial Library Learning Activity a Success

The Summer Reading Program has come to a close, but hopefully the fun memories will remain. We had 96 kids who participated in the program whose theme this year was "Adventure Begins at Your Library". A special thanks to the Bob McCarthy Foundation for providing funding to the library to hire a summer intern for the past 13 years. This year's intern, Cameron Kaleta did an amazing job for us this summer creating programs and activities, as well as contests, puzzles

and minute to win it games for the kids.

Each year the kids are asked to read a minimum of 15 minutes a day for five weeks. Each week, depending on the minutes read, the kids get tickets to try and win some awesome prizes. This year's prizes included a tent, a fishing pole, Legos, a soccer ball, Sky High passes, a stomp rocket, a sand kit and more. We also had weekly programs based on the week's individual themes such as make your own terrarium made possible

by the Elisa B. Hughey Foundation, wilderness survival instruction, sand art and a yoga class to name a few. All the kids who completed the entire five weeks got to select a book of their choice which they could take home and keep.

This summer at the library was definitely full of adventure and we are so grateful to everyone who helped to make it a success. Can't wait for next year and a new theme – "Color Our World"!

Chili Cook-Off at Madigan's

Rotary Club of E'Ville Fund-Raiser, September 28

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville invites everyone in our community to join us for an evening of food and fun on Saturday, September 28th at Madigan's Restaurant Upstairs 4pm to 7pm. in Ellicottville. This fund-raising event will feature an

online auction of amazing, some one-of-a-kind items (Springville Country Club, Penn Hills Country Club, Cutco, Buffalo Sabres, local artists, etc.), onsite basket raffle, 50/50, music, chili tasting and good times. Pay \$10 to taste as many as you

wish, and freshly made bread donated by the Ellicottville Bake Shop. Want to enter your famous family recipe? Contact the Ellicottville Rotary through their FB page, or call Rotary President, John Weismantel at 716-228-7288.

Classic Cars and Rock Stars

Rock 'n' Roll Weekend Revs Up w/Live Music and Car Show



Each year the headlining act takes the Winery of Ellicottville Main Stage on Monroe Street. This year's headlining act is The Fleetwood Mac Experience on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 1pm. (See cover story.)

ELLICOTTVILLE - The roar of engines and a full bill of rock performances are about to collide in an electrifying fusion of vintage vibes and musical bliss. This year's Rock 'n' Roll Weekend in Ellicottville, September 13-15th, will not only showcase some of the best bands in the region but will also boast an extraordinary classic and custom car show that promises to take event-goers on a nostalgic ride into the past.

Taking place in Ellicottville's unique 4-block downtown business district, the festival will welcome over 20 live performances indoors and out, including headlining act, The Fleetwood Mac Experience (see story, cover), on Saturday, Sept. 14th at 1pm on the Winery of Ellicottville Main Stage, Monroe Street.

While the music will undoubtedly draw in

crowds all on its own, Sunday's classic car show is perhaps the heart of the 3-day festival. This year's display promises to deliver an array of iconic automobiles that have their own stories to tell. Over 200 classic Cadillacs, vintage Mustangs, and sleek Corvettes - just to name a few - will line the village streets. Adding to the entertainment, Terry Buchwald's Elvis Show will kick off at 1:30pm at the Village Gazebo.

"Rock N' Roll weekend has been an annual event in our community for over two decades now," said Barb Pump, executive assistant at the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "It's the perfect fall getaway that the whole family can enjoy. You can park the car and access all the activities on foot. There's entertainment around every corner!"

Car enthusiasts and festival-goers alike will have the chance to admire these rolling masterpieces,

many of which have been lovingly maintained or restored to their former glory. The car show will feature several categories and will be judged by a panel of classic car experts, adding a competitive edge to the display and encouraging car owners to bring their A-game.

Beyond the engines and the electric guitar solos, the festival is a celebration of the cultural tapestry that rock 'n' roll and classic cars represent. Families, friends, and fans of all ages will find something to enjoy - whether it be the main attractions themselves, or the abundance of unique shopping and dining surrounding it all. To learn more about this year's Rock n' Roll Weekend and other events produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, and to view the music schedule and available accommodations, go to ellicottvilleny.com or call 800-349-9099.

Permit Parking w/Map for Rock N' Oldies Weekend in EVL



Rock N Roll weekend is September 13 to 15. As in past years we will close route 219 through downtown Ellicottville on September 15th from 5am to 7pm for our car show and provide a detour.

This year, with Elizabeth Street closed due to construction, we have adjusted our east and west route 242 detour route. Attached is a map of the new route. We also encourage visitors to use our new Village parking lot on Mill Street just past Martha Street.

EA2EVL Fondo

Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail Fund-Raiser, October 5

Following three sold out events, the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT) has opened registration for the 2024 EA2EVL Fondo. Over the last three years this ride has raised \$150,000 to continue to open, build, improve and maintain the 27-mile ECRT Trail that runs from Orchard Park to Ashford, NY. The trail association is making so much progress because of YOUR SUPPORT!

5 RIDE FACTS: Here's what you need to know:
#1 - Date: This year, the 42-mile charity bike ride will be held on Saturday,

October 5th.
#2 - Same Route: How could you forget! The fondo—or non-competitive bike ride—starts at 42 North Brewing in East Aurora and goes down Route 240, heading west on Rt 242 into Ellicottville.
#3 - Party On: EA2EVL ends with a celebration—music, food, drinks—at the Holiday Valley Resort.
#4 - Fundraising Awards: Your registration gets you into the event, access to our course and rest stop amenities. We're asking each rider to fund-

raise for the ECRT Trail: A \$100 donation earns you an event t-shirt and tickets for food/drink at the party.
 If you raise \$500 or more, you get an EA2EVL event jersey, plus all of the above.
 Our top fundraiser gets all of the above PLUS gets to wear the yellow jersey and a \$500 gift certificate from Tom's Pro Bike!!
#5 - Register Today: Sign up today, raise some money for ECRT, and enjoy the party and a great fall ride! To register go to runsignup.com.

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Ellicottville History:

The Holiday Shoppe, 13 Washington St.

Let's Meet the Middle of the Three-Store "Brick Block"



1912 newspaper clipping of Smallman's Drug and Medicines Store. It closed in 1971 but it continued to fill drop-off prescriptions in this location now called the Holiday Shoppe - no pharmacy existed in that shop. In 2000 Brigid Ward ran the new Holiday Shoppe, no longer a pharmacy but a lovely store filled with gifts and cards. Dina DiPasquale then purchased that middle of the Brick Block and expanded her restaurant, Dina's into that space, offering up a different kind of "medicine" to her clientele.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

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

Every new community that sprang up in the new world seemed to center around a church and public buildings. But there were other businesses that a village/town couldn't do without. I speak here of drug stores. Let's travel back in time when two-thirds of Americans lived on farms or in rural villages. Think about this - Ellicottville is all about skiing but the skiing all started on hilly farmland. The Dineen, Murphy, and Fox families all probably thought they were dreaming when offered good money for their rocky farmland. If the land wasn't being farmed, it was filled with fruit tree orchards. Did these early settlers have indoor plumbing? Nope. Electricity? It was 1896 when the first AC powerline was activated, transmitting power from Niagara Falls to Buffalo, NY. Ellicottville was settled in 1817. They had kerosene lamps. Roads? Well, they had the old Chautauqua Road from Franklinville over Bryant Hill, through what is now Washington Street then up Fish Hill toward Mayville. When it was first cleared in the 1820's it was initially only wide enough for one person on a horse. They had plank roads to ease passage through otherwise muddy trails. Furnaces? They heated themselves three times with each piece of wood they brought into the home for the sooty wood burning stoves - once when the tree was cut, once when it was dragged from the source into the home and finally, once when it was set afire in the trusty old wood

stove.

Work was difficult in those early days as the settlers built our growing community, one felled tree at a time. Accidents were very common. The country doctor was left to do everything from delivering babies, mending broken bones, and treating serious diseases. TB, cholera, typhoid, malaria, and diphtheria were all fairly common. Their classic black doctor's bag may have carried various bloodletting tools (commonly believed to cure many ills) but vaccines were rare. Today lab tests are matter of course. Those days they simply were not available. Country docs even had to do surgeries in the home if a patient could not get to a city hospital. As it happens today on the internet, the good folk back then fell prey to the flimflam medicine salesmen who sold magical elixirs that cured everything from snake bites to rheumatism. Without many medicines, the docs often had to let their patients use these phony medicines and gave prescriptions for rest, broth, gruel, or hot drinks. Most medicines were applied topically or dissolved in liquids. The doctors themselves prepared these medicines until pharmacies became more prevalent. Oh, yes, and opium was ubiquitous, used for diarrhea and other ills. Recreational smokers sought opium for euphoria and relaxation, while parents soothed restless and teething babies with opiate-laced syrups. Health care was wild in those early days.

Thankfully, in 1852, a man named Elihu S. Stewart built his share of the

Brick Block (the middle one) specifically to house a drug store. It remained thus throughout the building ownership going through various hands - in 1871 it was leased by Seth and Truman Hinman. In 1876, Thomas Aldrich and Francis Hinman took the building over. Herman Drown bought it in 1883, followed by Paul H. Drown purchasing it in 1907. In 1908, Dr. Albert Smallman purchased the building and operated the store until 1929, keeping his medical offices in the back, when Ward Winship took over the operation. In 1932 he was joined by Lewis Winship, and in 1941 Graham Smith leased the building and ran the pharmacy until 1969. This was when Bill and Marge Little, pharmacists from Springville, bought the building calling it the "Little Pharmacy." It closed in 1971 but it continued to fill drop-off prescriptions in this location now called the Holiday Shoppe - no pharmacy existed in that shop. In 1979 Steve Ward joined the Littles and re-opened Ellicottville Pharmacy and in 1980, Steve became sole owner. In 1985 Woody Klein became Steve's partner and in 2006 the pharmacy moved to its new location on Route 219. In 2000 Brigid Ward ran the new Holiday Shoppe, no longer a pharmacy but a lovely store filled with gifts and cards. Dina DiPasquale then purchased that middle of the Brick Block and expanded her restaurant, Dina's into that space, offering up a different kind of "medicine" to her clientele.

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Up Close and Personal: Chef James Stark

Fresh Chef, Inspired Cuisine at Edna's @ Holiday Valley

By KATE BARTLETT



James Stark recently joined the Holiday Valley team as lead chef at Edna's at the Tamarack. Bringing his expansive culinary experience and service expertise, James is well-equipped to take on Edna's, giving it a refreshing, inspired menu, while still offering the outstanding ambiance and year-round slope-side views.

James began his career in the service industry serving burgers and hot dogs at University Hots in Downtown Buffalo. He enjoyed his time in the service industry, but decided to further his experience in a different role, working with a different chef at Craving. He has since worked at various restaurants in the Buffalo scene including Margherita, pepperoni, Toutant, Dobutsu, Tempo, Lucky Day Whisky Bar, Lombardo's and head chef at Resurgence Brewing. Most recently, James worked with the Grange group at the Hamburg location, West Rose in Ellicottville, and was on the opening team for Wayland Brewing in Orchard Park. He is thrilled to be serving the Ellicottville community at Edna's at the Tamarack Club.

James officially signed on this past July, and has since introduced a fresh, pizza dough using quality ingredients. "Edna's already has a great pizza oven," says James. "I saw the opportunity to create fresh pizza dough, using wholesome, quality ingredients. Now, our pizzas are simply delicious." The pizza menu will rotate throughout the seasons, but has included Margherita, pepperoni, veggie and Buffalo. Edna's will continue to offer their delicious comfort foods, their roasted half chicken, steak fries, seafood and sandwiches. James plans to introduce more menu options as the season unfolds, focusing on providing fresh, delicious, satisfying foods that people expect at Edna's. "We already have such a great venue here; the views can't be beat. We hope to make Edna's a year-round destination; a place people come for the food, the views and the people, no matter the season."

James enjoys the service industry, and feels honored to have the opportunity to make people happy. "I get to serve people good food, and make them happy. That's pretty awesome." He enjoys traveling, and gains inspiration for his cooking during his travels. "I always try to have at least

one good meal anytime I travel. I appreciate the craft of cooking, as well as the experience it bodes." James' favorite cuisines include Japanese (especially Ramen), classic French and southern food, but nothing beats his mom's meatloaf.

While James has a large repertoire of cuisines, one of his specialties is shrimp and grits, which he hopes to soon introduce at Edna's. He describes it as a saucy shrimp dish, with a kick. "I use Iberico Chorizo (a hard Spanish, spicy salami), tomato butter and coarse polenta, the good kind that takes forever to cook. The end result is worth the time and effort; it's simply delicious."

Stop in to visit James and the rest of the team at Edna's at the Tamarack at Holiday Valley, open year-round with a seasonal, rotating menu. For more info www.holidayvalley.com/dining/ednas-tamarack-club/.

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Boardroom

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A young Samantha and Spencer Timkey on the front porch of the newly renovated building, circa '98

Timing was perfect. The 80's and 90's ushered in a period of growth for Ellicottville that basically put it on the map. With Holiday Valley launching itself in January 1958, the dream was that people would come from all over to enjoy these hills. In Edna Northrup's book, *For the Love of Skiing*, (p.19) she noted, "Even then meteorologists knew that Ellicottville was the place for skiing." HoliMont joined the action in 1961, cutting its first trail. And the rest is history. Skiing became the heartbeat of Ellicottville as it grew like topsy over the following years.

At the same time skiing was coming into its own in Ellicottville, two men named Sherman Poppen and Tom Sims developed early snowboard prototypes in the mid-60's. The sport was inspired by surfing, skateboarding, and skiing, eventually forming its unique identity. Because it is so new, its origins can be tracked back, much unlike snow skiing which was probably around when the cavemen lived in this hilly region. (Note: It was 6000 BCE when the first archeological evidence of skis appeared in Russia.)

Poppen wanted to find a way for his daughters to enjoy the snow, so he attached two skis together with a rope, turning them into one board. This allowed them to stand up on the single plank, hold on to the rope, and control it (somewhat) as it slid down the snow. His wife named it "Snurfer" combining surfing and

snow. That was the first known snowboard of sorts – but it needed refining. Along came Tom Sims, who generally gets the credit for creating the first modern boards that provided increased performance and capabilities in the snow. Jake Burton Carpenter appeared on the snowboard scene in 1977, founding Burton Snowboards. This is the first company to offer bindings to keep a rider's feet better attached to the board – marking a giant leap forward in performance.

Snowboarding was still considered a fringe activity. It wasn't until the 90's that snowboarding really took off. So, the ski rental shop changed its personality in 1991 when a friend of Mike Timkey asked if he would take a flyer on a few snowboards. He did, bringing in two for retail and four to rent. They embraced this new fringe culture and they have not turned back. Two kids later and whole bunch of new faces, today they are the area's only snowboard-specific retail shop, while still offering both daily and seasonal ski and snowboard rentals. The move to snowboard sales/rentals stemmed from the number of ski shops that were springing up all over Ellicottville. Today, son Spencer runs the place

much as his parents did, making customers feel right at home as they walk over sleeping beagles or kids toys. They offer a wide range of snowboarding products, including hardgoods, outerwear, helmets and goggles; as well as a full-service shop in addition to everything you need before you set foot on the snow.

Today, Timkey is on board at The Boardroom with his entire staff to guide customers into purchasing/renting the equipment they need, not the equipment they want to sell them. Go to boardsandpowder.com and see what their customers say about them and their attentive service.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Timkey thought he would do something else with his degree, yet he learned exactly what he needed to know to efficiently run The Boardroom. Taking the lessons learned from his parents, he understands exceptional customer service, a unique product offering, and a dedication to snowboarding is what will continue to separate The Boardroom from other shops and the Internet. As one of his customers has been known to say, they take care of people "one handshake at a time."

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Jennifer Brazill is owner and founder of Borderland Music + Arts Festival. She is also the owner of Rail Rider Jamboree which she started at Holiday Valley in 2021. Jennifer got her start working in the music industry with the Dave Matthews Band over 20 years ago, and has been working in the industry since (visit <https://www.jenniferbrazill.com> for more information).

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King, Dark Star Orchestra, The Wailers and Sierra Hull along with many others. (See full lineup at <https://borderlandfestival.com/lineup>.)

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Jennifer worked several music festivals out West, and was inspired to start one in her hometown of East Aurora upon moving back. The first Borderland was held in 2018 as a two-day, grassroots boutique music and arts festival cultivating community and sustainability. While the festival has grown over the past 6 years, it has maintained these core values. The festival has been held at Knox Farm State Park since its

inception, taking over 15 acres of beautiful space with 2 stages, an artisan craft village, kids area, food court, bars and more. "It's such a beautiful space that is family friendly, yet feels like you have walked into a Woodstock vibe circa 2022."

Borderland historically features a mix of national, regional and local artists. This year's festival features more bands than in previous years, and attendance continues to grow as the festival gains popularity. Nationally known bands include The Black Crows, Caamp, Marcus King, The Wailers and Sierra Hull along with many others. The Black Crows play pure, bare-boned, electrified Rock 'n Roll. No gloss, no glitter, just rhythm and blues at its very best - gritty, loud, and in your face. Caamp, a 'Lumineer-esque' group that met as students at Ohio University in Athens, have been writing and singing in tender love songs tinged with melancholy and determination since they met 10 years ago. Marcus King brings the southern country rock, with accolades of touring with Chris Stapleton. The Wailers iconic

reggae band brings their timeless sound to stage on Saturday in celebration of Bob Marley. Sierra Hull is a trailblazer in country bluegrass music, widely regarded to be a master of her instrument as well as a two-time Grammy Nominated artist and songwriter. Sierra is also the 6x recipient of IBMA's Mandolin Player of the Year, the first woman to ever receive this distinction.

Local band Folkface will be returning for their 6th year. The band plays folk music in tribute to John Prine, renown folk artist circa the Joni Mitchell era. "Folkface has made it to every Borderland festival, and we're proud to have them again. They're probably one of, if not the hardest working bands in Western New York and we're thrilled to have them here again. Their energy is incredible." Many other national and regional bands will take the stages over the three-days. While last year's vibe was niche in Jam music, this year's festival is more layered and broader genre. "We have a really well-rounded line-up representing a

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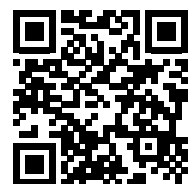
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lining Main Street from 10am-5pm each day. It will begin near the Bemus Point Golf and Tap House and continue down Main Street all the way to Lakeside Drive. You can stroll at your leisure finding a variety of artisan vendors selling artworks, home decor, candles, jewelry, clothing, accessories, and much more.

Also, on Main Street, there will be a Book Sale on Saturday from 10am-3pm at the Bemus Point Library. It will be outside weather permitting. They have plenty of books for adults and children. People wanting books can give a reasonable donation. The library will accept books until September 11th.

As part of the festival, many area merchants are having a Draw-a-Leaf discount. When checking out at participating stores, customers draw a leaf, revealing a discount, ranging from 5% to 50% off their purchase. Some of the participating stores include Bemus Point Pottery, G.I. Threads, Lakeside Arts and Furniture, Petals & Twigs Gifts, Skillman's, The Ugly Peacock, and Treasures on Main.

If you work up an appetite, there will be a plenty of food vendors at a food court area next to the Tap House. You will find an array of delicious foods and treats. While in the food court area, you may want to venture over to the Bemus Point Golf and Tap House. They will be featuring a beer tent with a nice selection of beer for you to choose from as well as having the live music throughout the festival. Also, many other Bemus Point restaurants



On Albutus Avenue near the fire hall, there will be a free petting zoo on Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm as well as face painting at Lakeside Arts and Furniture. Just down the street, the Bemus Point Historical Society will have an open house where you can explore the exhibits and learn about Bemus Point's fascinating history. For a special treat, you can also take a ride on the ferry as it is the last week of the ferry running this season.

are on board with the fall theme and may include seasonal food and drink specials throughout the festival. Many of these venues will be having live music as well. With your favorite Bemus restaurants participating, you are sure to find whatever dining you are in the mood for.

There will be plenty of activities for kids to enjoy. To get your children in the fall spirit, children can show their creative talents at the Village Casino's pumpkin painting activity. On Albutus Avenue near the fire hall, there will be a free petting zoo on Saturday and Sunday from 11am-4pm as well as face painting at Lakeside Arts and Furniture. Just down the street, the Bemus Point Historical Society will have an open house where you can explore the exhibits and learn about Bemus Point's fascinating history.

Another fun activity taking place during this festival is the Classic Car and Motorcycle Cruise-In. The cruise-in will take place on Saturday the 14th at the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House. This is open to any type



of vehicle, so shine up that ride and bring it there for all to admire. If you don't have a car that you want to show, come as a spectator and enjoy seeing all of the amazing classic cars and motorcycles.

It should be noted that parking is free in the village, but because of the number of attendees expected, you may have to park a bit of a distance away. Miss Joanie will be providing rides around the village in her golf cart limousine. You can flag her down or call 716-338-5085 if you need a ride. For a special treat, you can also take a ride on the ferry as it is the last week of the ferry running this season.

The Bemus Point Business Association and the Village of Bemus Point have coordinated this great Fall Festival. This year they are launching "Bemus Gives Back" by partnering with United Ways of Chautauqua County. Through this partnership, they are encouraging the community to support the United Way by making donations at participating

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from 12pm-10pm and Sunday, September 8th from 12pm-6:30pm. The festival is an all-ages event that will feature fun activities for the whole family, and admission and parking are free.

Live music is one of the main highlights of this festival. The weekend will kick off on Saturday with live music by Learning to Fly: A Tom Petty Tribute Band, playing from 12pm-3pm. Next, the popular WNY band Black Widow will take the stage. They will entertain the crowd with their rock and roll and pop music that will get you moving to the beat from 3:30pm-6:30pm.

The festival's headlining band, Kiss This, will perform from 7pm-10pm. Kiss This is WNY's premier Kiss tribute band. They will be wearing the makeup and costumes just like the authentic Kiss we all have grown to love. They will sing many of Kiss' greatest hits like *Rock and Roll All Night, I Was Made for Loving You, Shout It Out Loud*, and many more. It will be a great show you don't want to miss!

The live music continues Sunday afternoon with Nashville North. They will be rocking the stage with their country rock music from 12pm-3pm. The weekend will conclude with Rusty Nickel, and they take the stage at 3:30pm, playing rock and country covers.

Besides live music, there will be a Classic Car Cruise-In that will take place from 12pm-6pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Participants that bring a car for the cruise-in will receive a \$5 coupon to spend on



food and beverage at the festival. Shine up your ride and come display it for all to see and join in the fun.

By now you and your family will have worked up and appetite. Stop by and grab a Chiavetta's chicken BBQ dinner, featuring potato salad and macaroni salad. There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches French fries, and garbage plates available. For dessert, try some of their apple crisp to top off your meal. Yum!

There will be over twenty local craft and boutique vendors that will be set up for you to browse and shop throughout the festival. They will be selling crafts, homemade soaps, jewelry, candles, gourmet popcorn and other treats, home décor, and other specialty items. You can browse through the vendors and maybe find something unique for yourself or a gift for a friend, while supporting local vendors.

At this year's Septemberfest, there will be a variety of activities for children. There will be a bounce house, face painting, and a balloon artist both days. The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department will also be there with a couple of firetrucks each day. Children will be able to explore the firetrucks and talk to the firemen that are there, which is super exciting!

While you are at the festival, you are invited to

go in the winery store. There you can do a wine tasting and/or purchase wine by the glass or bottle. Merritt Winery has 27 award winning wines that they produce and sell. They have white and red wines, as well as some specialty wines. They will be serving their Sangria and XTC wine slushes that have become one of their customer's favorites. They also serve some draft beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

Parking at the festival is free but donations are encouraged. Merritt Winery has chosen to contribute these donations that are collected to the Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department. These donations will help purchase equipment needed for their new ambulance

Every year in September you will be invited to attend Merritt Winery's Septemberfest. Locals and visitors from across New York, PA, and other locations come and enjoy this festival. There's a lot of great live music and other activities, so come and join in the fun and see what Merritt Winery's Septemberfest is all about. You can find more Septemberfest information on Merritt Winery's Facebook page or go to merrittstatewinery.com/septemberfest. See you there!



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Musical #8: "Funny Girl"

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

showcases the character's determination, and is presented spectacularly in the movie. Brice is shown singing it as she runs for a train, while she's riding on the train, and then while she's riding in a taxi. She's rushing to a dock in New York City hoping to leave with the man she loves on a voyage to Europe, but as she reaches the song's climax, she unfortunately finds that his ship has just sailed. Undaunted, she instantly arranges to have a tugboat take her to it, and as it moves, she's shown triumphantly finishing her song, belting it out from the prow! When she first arrives at the dock, thinking she's about to see him, she exuberantly sings "Hey, Mr. Arnstein, here I ammmmm!" The man Fanny loved was "Nicky" Arnstein, whom she eventually married and divorced and no, I am not related to him. His real name was Julius Wilfred Arndstein. "Nicky" was a nickname derived from a nickel-plated bicycle he rode in his childhood. Many of the fictionalized parts of the musical and movie depict him as primarily a professional gambler. In real life, he was mainly a criminal, who wound up serving time in both Sing Sing and Leavenworth. When Brice and Arnstein's son-in-law, Ray Stark, decided to produce the musical "Funny Girl" (he produced the movie, too), Arnstein (by then long-divorced from Brice) insisted that he fictionalize many aspects of his life. Another song presented

spectacularly in the movie, "His Love Makes Me Beautiful", showcases both a spectacle like those the Follies was famous for and Brice's comedic talents. As women in wedding outfits parade around her on stage singing about brides, Brice adds a hilarious touch to her wedding dress costume by stuffing a cushion into it, giving a whole new meaning to the "love" they're singing about. (No, this didn't actually happen.) In some episodes of the TV show "Glee", high school student Rachel Berry (played by Lea Michele) sings several songs from "Funny Girl" and dreams of starring in it on Broadway. Sue Sylvester, one of the school's gym teachers (played by Jane Lynch) is always mean to her. When the musical returned to Broadway in 2022, seven years after the show ended, it so happened that Jane Lynch got a part in it (playing Brice's mother). But even though someone else (Beanie Feldstein) was cast as the lead, fans of "Glee" pleaded for Michele to be cast "so Rachel could finally realize her dream" and they eventually got their wish. Michele and Lynch never appeared together on stage because Lynch was replaced two days before Michele joined the cast. Fun Fact: During the heyday of radio programs, Fanny Brice starred in a very popular one for years, playing a precocious little girl character she created named Baby Snooks.

Family Fun Festivals and Live Music

BY DARLENE BRACE

Area schools are back in session and the fall season is upon us. The weather is still pleasant and there's still a lot of entertainment to check out in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday September 5- It's Karaoke Night at Pearl City Hops starting at 7pm. Come and pick out your favorite song to sing, or just be a spectator in the crowd. Either way, it sure to be a fun night.

It's **trivia night at Labyrinth** in downtown Jamestown. Get your team together and show what you know. Maybe you and your team will be the big winners. The fun starts at 7pm.

Friday September 6- Presented by the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, Lewis Black will be performing at the Reg Lenna Friday night. He is a Grammy Award winning stand-up comedian and actor touring on his final world tour. He is known as the "King of Rant" and performs on Comedy Central's The Daily Show. Come check him out and he will have you laughing the night away starting at 7pm.

Jon Sky performs at The Spot on the Lake near the Dunkirk City Pier starting at 6pm. Enjoy their rock and pop music as they get you moving into the beat in your seats or maybe dance the night away.

Only Human will perform in Bemus Point at **The Fish** starting at 7pm. It may be toward the end of the summer season, but The Fish will still be rocking the docks.

Every First Friday of a month **DJ Giulia** will be playing the tunes at **Shawbucks** in downtown

Jamestown. Come to dance with your friends every First Friday starting at 9pm.

At the **Brazil Lounge** in Jamestown, Music on the Stoop continues with **Nick Slagle**. Nick plays some favorite cover tunes spanning 5 decades as well as his Folk/Americana inspired originals starting at 5:30pm.

In **Fredonia, the Red, White, and Blues Festival** takes place on **September 6th and 7th**, celebrating the local wine industry and blues style music. There will be some live music and a variety of vendors in Barker Common. Headliner **Miller and The Other Sinners** will perform at Barker Common at 3pm on Saturday afternoon. Many other bands will perform at local restaurants and bars throughout the festival. Check out festivalsfredonianyc.com for a complete schedule of live music performances.

Saturday September 7- Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back **Miranda Wilcox** to their stage. Miranda is a singer/songwriter who plays an eclectic list of cover tunes and originals. Enjoy the music while sipping on your favorite beverage.

The music at **The Fish** continues as they host **Last Call**. Last Call plays a variety of classic tunes from the 70's through today's hits. They will be rocking the dock starting at 7pm.

September 7th and 8th- The first Jamestown Dance Festival will be taking place at the **Reg Lenna**. This dance festival will feature a variety of dance forms and performances by award-winning dance companies. In addition, they will create an educational and cultural experience by offering

workshops, dance film screenings, and panel discussions. For tickets and more information, go to reglenna.com.

The **Lucille Ball Little Theater** in Jamestown will be presenting the performance of **Rock of Ages**. This rock and roll fairytale is set in the late 1980's and will feature music by bands such as Journey, Bon Jovi, Styx, Whitesnake and more. The show is at **7pm Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm**, with more performances the following week as well. For tickets go to [https://www.lbltj.com](http://www.lbltj.com).

Merritt Winery in Forestville is having its annual **Septemberfest** on September 7th- 8th, starting at 12pm each day. Live music is one of the highlights of this festival. On Saturday afternoon, **Learning to Fly: A Tom Petty Tribute** band will perform at noon. Then WNY's **Black Widow** will perform 3:30pm. Later that night, headliner **Kiss This**, a premier Kiss tribute band, will perform at 7pm. On Sunday, the live music continues with **Nashville North** and **Rusty Nickel**, playing country/rock music. The festival includes a **classic cruise-in car show**, kids' activities, and lots of food and artisan vendors. Check online at merrittstateswinery.com for a complete schedule of activities.

This weekend is sure to be a great weekend with a variety of entertainment. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz at their L.A. home. The home was nicknamed 'Desilu' which later was their production company's name as well.

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What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Fall is fast approaching and soon we'll be abase with colors so ride a bike, go for a hike or take a stroll through town and then go listen to some music. Let's see who's playing where?

THURSDAY
We kick off the weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. This week's musical host is Brian Hanna and friends. Brian plays a rock/ pop/folk/ country set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music features Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. They play 60-70's covers and originals heavily influenced by the British Invasion. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY
Balloons is back with Three of a Kind from 6:30-10pm. This trio play blues/ rock covers and originals. The back bar will host David Froese from 10-1am. He plays country covers and originals. Dj Kage will provide the juice so you can let loose on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/blues/pop/ folk/country set of covers you'll know the words to. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30 sat-sun.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Exposer from 9-2am. He'll lay 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 very talented Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/ blues/ folk/country set of covers and originals. Strange Kind of Sunshine takes the stage from 8-12am. According to their page they play rock and blues covers. Check out the Carriagehouse Sidebar for some craft cocktails made from high end spirits.

We return to Balloons with West of the Mark from 4:30-10pm. This band plays modern country from the 90's till today. The back bar will host Melissa Sauers from 10-1am. She plays an acoustic rock/ folk/pop set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

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

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is first up again with Meet the Bacons from 4-7pm. This duo plays an Americana/ folk/country/rock set of covers.

Villaggio will be opening at 12:30 for the opening Bills game and will continue the fun with their weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh made pasta with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime prepared

the way you like. Chris Maloney will provide the musical accompaniment from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/ pop/folk/ country set of covers.

MONDAY
Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. Fifty cent wings with a nice selection of craft beer to wash them down with is a local's favorite. This week the musical host is The Chillbillys. Smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies is their claim to fame.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Michael David from 7-10pm. He plays a country/bluegrass/rock set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

TUESDAY
Tuesday The Gun Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty and guest will play folk and blues covers from the 60-70's.

WEDNESDAY
If it's Wednesday then we're at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday which is how we've ended our weekend for over 40 years. \$1 wings and 37 beers on tap and Brian Rick providing the music. Brian plays a rock/pop/ folk/country set of covers. If they've been doing it for forty years it's obviously a local's favorite.

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

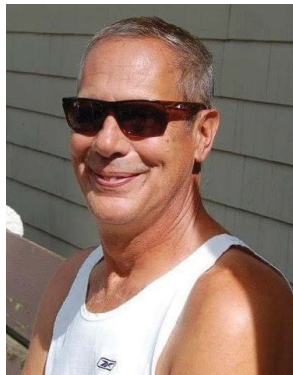
Beat on the Street:

"Where Was the Worst Place You've Been Lost?"

By Chad Neal



Billy F.- King of Prussia Mall circa 1983. Got separated from my mom. Found my way back to the car and climbed up on the roof of the station wagon. Until my mom found me. Oh growing up in the 80s!

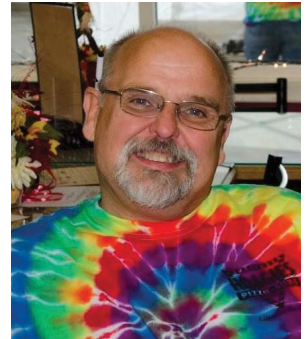


Scott O.- Bitterroot Mountains, Idaho '84 - had to do a 3+ hour power hike to get to the road before dark...!

Orientation is something we learn as an infant. We learn balance, and familiarity; it was "mom's" comfort that made us feel safe, though we only had two worries then - loud noises and falling. A small child doesn't know what lost is until they are taught. Exploration is the main objective of a new life form, so searching for sustenance and knowledge input. It was instinct. That fear instilled in us by our guardians when they can't find us leaves a mark. So the first time you have that feeling that you'll never be home again was initiated the first time you were scolded by that ugly face of worry on that guardian's face when they couldn't find you. The panic look is dreary, but the look of relief is well, relieving. Until you are found or find yourself the panic chemical flows through the grey matter and gets the heart pumping. Survival instinct is inflamed. Where was the worst place you've been lost?



Bobby O.- Disney World 1987- with my sisters. I was 14, and they were 13 and 9. Summer Vacation . That place was jammed packed. We left and made it to the car, but were locked out. Mom and Dad didn't find us for hours.



Dan K.- A maze in Niagara Falls, Canada. My wife dragged me into it and I couldn't find my way out!



Brett M.- NYC before GPS and affordable cell phones... what the heck does "uptown" mean?



Gina K.- Washington DC with my brother Greg K. We could not figure out how to get back on the highway. We went over it, under it and somehow around it... no entrance.

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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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1	2	8						
5	7		3					9
	3	9	7	4				
	9		3	4				6
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			4			3	1	6
		3	9		6			8

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:

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



For you golf enthusiasts, the Peek Upper Course features bent-grass greens and fairways, rolling hills, deep sand bunkers, panoramic views and mature woods that offer professional playing conditions. It's rated 4 ½ stars by Golf Digest.

Peak

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picturesque town of Findley Lake, New York, Peek 'n Peak Golf Course stands as a picture of the evolution of recreational facilities in the region. The Peek 'n Peak Golf Course is a testament to the art of golf course design. It offers a diverse range of challenges and experiences. The Upper Course winds through rolling hills and dense woodlands, requiring precision and strategic shot-making.

The "Upper Course" is the premier golf experience in the area. It's difficult to build a golf course where at least a few holes aren't played side-by-side, sharing a common border between fairways, the limits of most golf courses on low flat land. At The Peek Upper every hole has a distinctive character, carved out of the hilly terrain, dirt moved, and grass mowed to isolate your experience with views of the countryside; forest, farms, and pastures squared off by country roads that stretch to the horizon. You feel like you're the only player on the course from hole to hole.

The PGA Tour (Professional Golfers Association) came and played for several years, the course providing enough challenge and pedigree to host a Web.com event, first from 2002-2007, then for another run from 2016-2019. Popular players like Zach Johnson, Brandt Snedeker, Bill Haas, two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson, and PGA Championship winner Jason Dufner have competed right here in Findley Lake on the championship-caliber, par-72 course. For you golf enthusiasts, the Peek Upper Course features bent-grass greens and fairways, rolling hills, deep sand bunkers, panoramic views and mature woods that offer professional playing conditions. It's rated 4 ½ stars by Golf Digest.

Nature abhors encroachment. Golf courses are a prime example of man trying to impose a manufactured ecosphere onto an environment that wants nothing to do with order. Grass wants to grow; golf courses need it cut low. Water wants to sink and soak into low spots; golf course need it moved out of

the way. Flora needs room to advance; golf courses need open space. Fauna needs to feed; golf courses need plants to remain uneaten.

While the layout and pedigree of the property will always be intact (you simply cannot recreate the hills and trees and sweeping landscape and views on most other sites), after the Web.com tour left, the course seemed to take a step back in quality. The edges frayed with minor, but noticeable neglect. Fairways weren't mowed quite as tight, hybrid and unwelcome types of grass invaded the greens, bunkers had washout, burn-out brown spots started to show up on the course. Nature worked to reclaim the acreage.

On the course, water stations went unfilled, restrooms shut down or went un-serviced, bunker rakes and ball washers got old.

It showed in the hospitality at the course as well. Food service was limited. The on-course cart might run out of your favorite beverage. Players never really knew what to expect in the clubhouse or the kitchen. That can be the kiss of business death for a resort looking to earn five stars.

But lately the old magic is back at the Peek Upper. Course conditions have come back to the elite level, tight fairways, greens are plush and fair. Rough spots have been smoothed over. Tee boxes are immaculate. The pro shop restaurant-bar Woods'nWedges is open for business with fresh salads, hearty sandwiches, craft beers, and a fully stocked bar. The golf experience is once again the best in Chautauqua County.

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Borderland

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variety of musical genres. There's really something for everyone."

Last year was the first three-day Borderland, and it was a huge success. "The three-day festival was very well received," remarks Jennifer. "We had a great turnout on Friday, and learned that people are more into partying harder Friday and Saturday, and winding down Sunday around sunset."

This year will feature an expanded sober area and mocktail section, with lawn games and an expanded footprint from last year. Various activities including ax throwing and paintball will be on site. The kids' area will feature face painting, alpacas and band camp as in previous years. Free Yoga will be offered on both Saturday and Sunday at 10AM. More food vendors will be available this year to accommodate the anticipated larger crowds. "We try to find unique food trucks from all over, offering a wide range of food options," says Jennifer.

While many things make Borderland unique, the venue is perhaps the most noteworthy, setting Borderland apart from any other festival. "I've had so many artists and festival-goers comment on the venue, and how incredible this place is, and I 100% agree. The open grasslands, hayfields and pastures with the backdrop of a 100-year-old horse barn; it's just incredible, there's nothing quite like it." Guests are free to explore the acreage of trails woodlands and ponds at their leisure during the event.

Another thing that sets Borderland apart is the energy of the crowd. "We're proud to have cultivated a family-friendly vibe at Borderland. People attend with a happy mindset and tend to be welcoming and kind to each other. The atmosphere is generally kind and respectful, and we're hopeful to keep that going."

As always, Borderland has a heavy focus on sustainability and will be a plastic free site. Not only are there separate receptacles for compost and recycling, but the Borderland green team sorts the trash to find any food scraps that could be composted, or anything that can be recycled. All food scraps from the festival

are sent to Farmer's Pirate to be composted and offer free water stations for water refills (instead of disposable plastic bottles) and sell stainless steel cups with a \$1 off beer incentives to try and limit single use waste. "We do it because it's the right thing to do, but we also hope to spread the message that we need to tread lightly and leave no trace."

In addition to the three-day festival, Borderland will be hosting a kick-off party on Thursday evening at Wayland Brewing in Orchard Park. This event will feature prizes and giveaways while playing the Bills game on the big screen. "We're really excited to be partnering with Wayland. It's going to be a fun event and they're such great people to work with."

Tickets and full schedule are available online <https://borderlandfestival.com/> with a variety of options available including 3-day tickets, single-day, VIP Passes, and RV/Camping options. Explore and sample music from festival artists on their website and follow on social media for updates @borderlandfestival.

Bemus Pt.

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venues where you see signs and tent cards with QR codes. The United Way will also have a booth set up at the festival where you can find out more information on how your donations stay in Chautauqua County assisting our community.

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Experience

STORY FROM COVER

and more Fleetwood Mac songs to the set list and noticed our shows gaining momentum.” They decided to do an entire show dedicated to the “Rumours” album and had a great turnout.

From there, Stacey and Matt officially formed a group of 5 musicians, practiced for 5 months and played their first show as The Fleetwood Mac Experience in August 2013. While the group has changed slightly over the years, the core sound and energy has stayed the same. “A couple of members have come and gone, but we’re actually back to our original group and we’re thrilled.”

The group currently consists of Stacey Rybarczyk as Stevie Nicks on vocals, Matt Hake as Lindsey on guitar Lizzie ‘McVie’ on keyboard, Ryan Gaines on drums and Mario Nobilio on Bass. While Mario is from Nashville and Lizzie is from NYC, the other three members all have Western New York roots. “We have such a good time playing together,” says Stacey. “Our energy is upbeat, energetic and the crowd can really feel our musical chemistry. We feed off each other, including the crowd. When they’re having a good time, we’re having a good time too.”

Stacey loves watching the crowd sing along to their favorite lyrics, sparking their memories and reliving their favorite songs. “It’s such a blessing to be keeping this music alive,” says Stacey. “It unites generations and it’s emotional; we see everyone singing along from our youngest fans to the oldest, some even in their 80’s. So many people know all the lyrics, and the energy from the crowd conveys to us on stage.”



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While most shows are energetic, the band also plays more intimate, mellow shows in their ‘Storyteller’ series. During these concerts, the band brings listeners into the world of Fleetwood Mac on a more personal level, sharing stories behind the lyrics of the iconic ‘Rumours’ album from 1977, helping fans appreciate the music on a deeper level.

Stacey and Matt have not only studied the music of Fleetwood Mac, but also their gestures and body language. “We hope it makes for a more authentic show,” says Matt. “We mimic the movements and hand gestures of Stevie and Lindsey during certain songs, and we hope this creates a more realistic performance.”

While it’s hard to pick a favorite song, Stacey and Matt agree a crowd favorite to be Silver Springs. “The crowd always loves this song. We don’t use any backtracks or harmonizers; our shows are 100% live and it shows through this song. We don’t fake what’s on stage; the chemistry between us is real.” Stacey and Matt have officially been a couple for many years, and even before they

were ‘official’, audience members noticed their chemistry and assumed they were together. “Our shows are powerful, and the crowd can feel the energy between us. It’s authentic, and it helps us portray the chemistry between Stevie and Lindsey.”

The Fleetwood Mac Experience tours cities around the country and even on the Carnegie Theatre Stage in Pittsburgh. “It’s an honor to play there,” says Matt. “The energy of the crowd is just incredible and we always have a great time in Pittsburgh.” The band played Ellicottville Rock ‘n Roll weekend in 2015, and enjoys the intimacy of the festival. “While we enjoy playing large shows, we appreciate the smaller events on a different level. It’s one thing to play in front of a huge crowd, but it has a different meaning to play just a few feet away. We enjoy the intimacy of the smaller gatherings; it’s special on a different level and we strive to keep that energy in our hearts.”

Come see their performance at the Ellicottville Rock ‘n Roll weekend on Saturday, Sep. 15th at 1pm at the EVL Winery Main Stage.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE PLANNING BOARD- LEGAL NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Planning Board of the Village of Ellicottville, adopted August 13, 2024, the said Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Park Side Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 10 day of September, 2024 at 5:30 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an application by Judy Majury for Historic District Review and Architectural Design Review at 20 Adams Street (SBL 55.035-4-2) to allow the demolition of an existing 300 square foot deck and construct a new 435 square foot deck.

Further information is available for review at the Engineering Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

NOTICE - A PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD TOWN HALL AT 7691 TOAD HOLLOW ROAD, LITTLE VALLEY, NY. The Town Board of the Town of Mansfield shall be present as will the Little Valley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and the Town Board of the Town of Little Valley. The hearing shall hear all persons interested in the extension of the Little Valley Fire District into the Mansfield Fire Protection District, and entertain public comment and discussion on whether to extend the Little Valley Fire District into a portion of the Town of Mansfield. The object and purposes for which the expansion of the Little Valley Fire District (ie: the effect) is proposed is to ease the burden on the town of contracting for fire protection for the fire protection district, to consolidate limited fire protection resources, to save financial resources, and to increase the efficiency of fire protection provided throughout the affected portion of the town of Mansfield.

The territory in the town of Mansfield in which the Little Valley Fire District will be expanded may be examined on the town’s website and in the office of the town clerk in both the town of Mansfield and the town of Little Valley.

A special meeting of the town of Little Valley town board, Little Valley Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and town of Mansfield town board will be held immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing(s).

NOTICE FOR THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD - A PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2024 AT 7:00PM AT THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD TOWN HALL AT 7691 TOAD HOLLOW ROAD, LITTLE VALLEY, NY. The Town Board of the Town of Mansfield shall be present as will the Ellicottville Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners and the Town Board of the Town of Ellicottville. The hearing shall hear all persons interested in the extension of the Ellicottville Fire District into the Mansfield Fire Protection District, and entertain public comment and discussion on whether to extend the Ellicottville Fire District into a portion of the Town of Mansfield. The object and purposes for which the expansion of the Ellicottville Fire District (ie: the effect) is proposed is to ease the burden on the town of contracting for fire protection for the fire protection district, to consolidate limited fire protection resources, to save financial resources, and to increase the efficiency of fire protection provided throughout the affected portion of the town of Mansfield. Please note that the properties located within the town of Mansfield’s expanded territory will become the sponsor of a Length of Service Award Program already maintained by the Ellicottville Fire District. The estimated annual cost of the service award program sponsored by the Ellicottville Fire District is \$8,000. All persons interested may be heard.

The territory in the town of Mansfield in which the Ellicottville Fire District will be expanded may be examined on the town’s website and in the office of the town clerk in both the town of Mansfield and the town of Ellicottville. Only those registered voters owning property in the affected territory within the town of Mansfield may vote on the above proposition.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - Please take notice that on the 15th day October, 2024, at the Town of Mansfield town Hall, located at 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley, NY, the town board of the Town of Mansfield will hold a public hearing which shall commence at 7:00pm to consider the following resolution: **THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD PROPOSES TO DISSOLVE THE MANSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AS REQUIRED FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE ELLICOTTVILLE FIRE DISTRICT AND THE LITTLE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT INTO ALL OF THE (FORMER) MANSFIELD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.** The proposed dissolution shall become effective upon the effective date of the expansions of the above two districts after the conclusion of the public hearing. Two additional public hearings will be held taking comment on expansion of the two fire districts into the Town of Mansfield, The Town Board may meet immediately following the public hearing to vote on the dissolution.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY OF DISSOLUTION PLAN- The Town Board proposes to dissolve the Mansfield Fire Protection District as part of the process of expanding the Ellicottville Fire District and the Little Valley Fire District into the entire portion of the (former) Mansfield Fire Protection District, which will protect the residents of the Fire Protection district. The Fire Protection District has no assets, liabilities or employees and there are no costs related to the dissolution other than attorney’s fees of up to \$9,500. The dissolution will only happen if the town expands the above fire districts into the (former) fire protection district. The residents of the Mansfield Fire Protection District Area will continue to be provided fire protection by the Little Valley and Ellicottville Fire Departments. The Town of Mansfield will hold a public hearing on the proposed plan on the 15th day of October, 2024, at the Mansfield Town Hall, located at 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley, NY which shall commence at 7:00PM to take comment from interested persons and the proposed dissolution to become effective at the same time that the fire district expansions become effective. The proposed dissolution plan may be examined at the Town of Mansfield Town Hall at 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley NY

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The Town is accepting cover letters and resumes. Send to the attention of Scot Brumagin, PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or by email Scot.brumagin@evlengineering.com. The full job description is available at: www.ellicottvillegov.com.

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