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Area Events

ROCK N' ROLL WEEKEND 2024
Friday, September 13-15 • 1pm
Ellicottville, NY

FALCONER FARMER'S MARKET
Friday, September 13 • 12pm
Falconer, NY

MOVIES AT THE REG TWISTER
Wednesday, September 13 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

FREEDOM RACES
Fri/Sat, September 13-14 • 6pm
Freedom, NY

NIGHT LIGHTS AT GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
Sat/Sun, September 13-14 • 10am
East Otto, NY

BEMUS POINT FALL FEST
Fri-Sunday, September 13-15 • 10am
Bemus Point NY

GLOW IN THE DARK GOLF TOURN. AT THE BEMUS PT GOLF CLUB
Friday, September 13 • 7pm
Bemus Point, NY

PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL SHOW AT RTPI
Saturday, September 14 • 12pm
Jamestown, NY

WEEKEND CHAIRLIFT RIDES AT HOLIDAY VALLEY
Sat/Sun, September 14-15 • 11am
Ellicottville, NY

FREDONIA FARMER'S MARKET
Saturday, September 14 • 10am
Fredonia, NY

PUMPKINVILLE'S 2024
Saturday, September 14 • 9am
Great Valley, NY

JAMESTOWN PUBLIC MARKET
Saturday, August 14 • 10am
Jamestown, NY

KBR TRIATHLON KAYAK, BIKE, RUN
Saturday, September 14 • 10am
Cassadaga, NY

MOVIES AT THE REG THE FABULOUS FOUR
Wednesday, September 18 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

THIRD THURSDAY JAMESTOWN
Thursday, September 19 • 6pm
Jamestown, NY

ART RECEPTION: THOUGHTS OF HOME AT CHQ ART GALLERY
Thursday, September 19 • 5:30pm
Jamestown, NY

NIGHT LIGHTS AT GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK
Sat/Sun, September 19-21 • 10pm
East Otto, NY

ALEGANY RIVER SKATE PARK GRAND OPENING
Thursday, September 21 • 1pm
Allegheny, NY

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HoliTrot 5K Trail Run

Fall Festival Weekend, Sun. Oct. 13, at HoliMont



All participants will ride the chairlift to the top of the hill, offering stunning views of the fall foliage. The event kicks off at 10am with kids run around Saddle Pond.

By KATE BARTLETT

For the first time this year, The Ellicottville Fall Festival will feature a 5K trail run at HoliMont on Sunday, October 13th.

Celebrate the beautiful foliage and the fall season by getting active in the great outdoors in one of the area's most scenic

SEE "HOLITROT" PG. 10

Music Is Art Festival

Annual Celebration in Buffalo Next Weekend



This September 21st marks the 22nd annual Music is Art Festival (MIA) in downtown Buffalo. MIA attracts thousands of people to WNY as the festival aims to showcase art in numerous forms. As always, the festival is free to attend and will feature many family-friendly attractions including a Kids' Village, Instrument Zoo and a variety of food and beverage vendors. (SEE STORY, "MUSIC", PG. 6.)

Steelbound Dominated WingFest

Local Brewery & Distillery Wins Several Awards



Steelbound Brewery & Distillery won a record of four awards at the National WingFest in Buffalo including 1st place for Best Craft Brewery Wing.

By KATE BARTLETT

Steelbound Brewery & Distillery has recently collected an array of accolades both locally and nationally for their food and beverages. They won a record of four awards at the National WingFest in Buffalo, as well as the top prize of best cocktail at the American Distilling Institute Awards, a very prestigious award in the liquor industry.

Steelbound is also opening their fourth location in Las Vegas this week, and recently opened their Williamsville location this past month.

The original location of Steelbound is located at 6600 US-219 in Ellicottville and has been crafting original food and beverages for over five years. Owner and founder

SEE "STEELBOUND" PG. 7

Empty Bowl Project: Pottery for Purpose

Mudslingers Pottery Supports County Food Access



A 2022 study by Feeding America found that 15% of Chautauqua County's residents were food insecure, the third highest percentage of any county in New York. This year, Chautauqua County will host two Empty Bowls fundraisers: November 23rd in Fredonia, at the Wheelock School Gym, and December 7th in Jamestown, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

By MILES HILTON

Ron Nasca makes an impression. The owner of Mudslingers Pottery sports a striking white beard, a bandanna wrapped around his head, and a business card that reads "we play dirty". He's unmistakable in every crowd he moves through - including last Friday's opening reception of the Mudslingers Ceramics

Exhibition at the Darwin R. Barker library in Fredonia.

The exhibit, which runs through October 30th, spreads throughout the library's stacks, display cases, and walls. Pieces range from the sculptural and decorative to the sturdy and utilitarian. The twenty featured potters share a connection with Mudslingers Pottery, as well as

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Edition...

Ellicottville's Rock 'n' Roll Weekend

Village is Filled with Music & Fun, This Weekend



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. (SEE FULL SCHEDULE, PAGE 6.)

"Building" History in Ellicottville ... pg. 4

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

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Basil and Bones Fall Festival

Activities for Whole Family, Sept. 22



Basil and Bones is located at 2061 Foote Ave ext., Jamestown, NY 14701.

By DARLENE BRACE

Summer has come to an end and the changing of the seasons is now upon us. If you are looking for something fun to do on a beautiful autumn day, just head south of Jamestown to 2061 Foote Avenue Extension. There you will find that Basil and Bones will be celebrating with its Second Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 22, from 12-6pm. This fun fall festival will have a variety of activities for young and old alike.

One of the main attractions of this fall festival is that it has a lot of free, fun activities for children to participate in. There will be a pumpkin party from 12-6pm, with hundreds of free pumpkins and paint (while supplies lasts) for the kids to get creative with. This will also include face painting from 2-5pm. Children can enjoy a petting zoo all afternoon. To top that off, Marty's Bubblegum

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"Rock of Ages" in Jamestown

Broadway Musical this Weekend



Remaining shows at Lucille Ball Little Theater, 18 E. Second Street, Jamestown: September 13 & 14, 7pm, and Sunday, September 15, 2pm. For more information visit: <https://www.lbtj.com/>. (Photo from playbill.com)

By BILL BURK

If you don't own a Fogmaster 5,000, after you see the hit the show "Rock of Ages", playing at the Lucille Ball Little Theater in Jamestown, you are going to want one.

"Rock of Ages" is a Broadway musical from 2009 adapted for Little Theater by director Jim Foley. It's cuted as a peyote button with enough rough edges to make an adult blush (it's rated PG13, probably not for the young, but they won't get the music or nostalgic references anyways).

The irreverence and tone start with curtain-up, the stage built like a dive bar with recognizable 80's

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Publisher's Word

"This Season Abounds with Festivities!"

cool classic cars and the overall EVL vibe; it's not one to miss! While you are there, take a ride over to Pumpkinville in Great Valley for their grand opening weekend. If you are in Chautauqua County, check out the Bemus Point Fall Festival, they have a great line up of artisan vendors and the merchants have coordinated fun and prizes for you to explore as well. There are bands to be heard and experiences to be enjoyed. You will read all about them on these pages.

spending some time with us during your weekend. We enjoy putting these pages together for you more than you know. If you have an idea you would like to share with our readers, please contact us directly: it's as simple as going online to www.thevillager.com and click on the general submissions tab, you can also email info@thevillager.com or 716-699-2058, we look forward to learning more!

Until next week, enjoy the read! Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer



From Chautauqua to Cattaraugus and into Allegany Counties, everyone is bursting with Fall Festivities. What are you in the mood for? Ellicottville's Rock N' Roll Weekend never disappoints from great live music,

As always, thank you for

Happy Birthday

Rebecca Shaw... September 14th

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Jackson Bacon... September 26th • Robbie Knab... September 28th

Email us your birthday greetings: info@thevillager.com

Pumpkinville Carves 56th Season

Family Fun on the Farm Opens Again September 14th



hard to make sure all of our visitors can have fun and make memories that last a lifetime."

The activities are open every day, Monday through Sunday, and require a valid pass that can be purchased in advance online. There is never a cost to access the front farm market, food areas, and retail shop with gifts, crafts, souvenirs, toys, etc. Pumpkinville is open through October 31, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm, and closing October 31 at 5pm. Visit <https://pumpkinville.com/> for details and to purchase season or day passes.

About Pumpkinville: Pumpkinville is a 225-acre family farm open daily mid-September through October 31 featuring pumpkins, squash, gourds, and corn available for guests to pick and purchase. Their mission is to provide families a Great Day in Great Valley by providing a full day of seasonal activity to keep everyone in the family entertained. Fall attractions include a full range of kids' activities in the barnyard, pumpkin patch, train area, and storyland, plus the cider mill apple pressing, weekend Chicken BBQ, and farm fresh food, fall-themed gift shop, gourmet foods and maple products. New attractions and special events are devised every year to give families a familiar but always unique annual tradition.

Pumpkinville is located just minutes away from Ellicottville at 4844 Sugartown Road, Great Valley, NY 14741. Pumpkinville.com

Great Valley, NY – 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.

Pumpkinville attractions include the Pumpkinville Express Train, Pumpkin Jumpin' Pillow, Corn Maze, Goat Mountain, Gem Mining, where bags of sand turn up gems inside, the Birds and Bees, where guests can hold baby chicks and see bees making honey, and a Hayride. The Fun Zone contains the Happy Horse Carousel, Giant Slide, the Pumpkinville Feed Mill Obstacle Course, Paintball, Apple Blaster and Candy Cannon. The Pumpkinville Grill offers a variety of food options and is known for its donuts, cider slushies, and chicken BBQ on weekends.

New this season is the

Corn Barn where kids can play and use their imagination with all kinds of digging toys to move 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.

"Since 1968 Pumpkinville has been welcoming families to come take in the joys of New York's beautiful fall season," says Diane Pawlowski, co-owner of Pumpkinville with her husband Dan. "As a family-run farm, and the oldest pumpkin farm in New York State, we work

Summer at the Nannen Arboretum in EVL

2024 Improvements Include Trees, Paint, Art & More

ELLICOTTVILLE- The Nannen Arboretum at 28 Parkside in Ellicottville has seen many improvements and opportunities this summer. New trees, new vine trellises, new paint, and new public art await visitors.

A yellowwood, red maple, black gum, and sycamore will be providing beautiful shapes, colors, and textures as they mature. Four wisteria vines have new homes on beautifully designed and structurally sound fences. The equipment shed has been repaired and repainted barn red. The Pollinator Garden grows in front of the shed and provides nectar and homes for our

area butterflies, bees, and other pollinating creatures.

Oversized wings painted on exterior walls in Nashville, Tennessee provided inspiration for a public art piece. It is located on the red shed. Monarch wings, bees, and plants have been painted as a mural. Children can easily stand in front of the wings and become a butterfly. What a perfect photo opportunity! Education has always been a top priority at the arboretum. At the Pollinator Garden, visitors will see the plants that provide nectar for butterflies including: Annuals • Perennials • Cosmos • Liatris • Zinnia • Spiderwort • Tithonia • Chives • Sunflowers

- Coreopsis
- Verbena
- Phlox
- Alyssum
- Turtlehead
- Salvia
- Aster
- Joe Pye weed
- Yarrow
- Beebalm
- Baptisia
- Sage
- Black-eyed Susan

Many milkweed plants can also be found there. It is the ONLY plant on which monarchs will lay their eggs, and the developing caterpillars will eat! Their black, white, and yellow striped caterpillars then form a chrysalis. Finally, a beautiful monarch is born.

Please visit the Nannen Arboretum daily dawn to dusk, all free of charge. A quarter mile paved path provides easy access to the trees and specialized areas. Enjoy!

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0 TOAD HOLLOW ROAD, MANSFIELD | \$437,000 | MLS #B1547805

If you love the great outdoors, this exceptional 83.35-acre paradise is a must-see! Offering an abundance of deer, turkey, bear, and small game, a 4-acre stocked pond, and a 20'x14' primitive cabin! A well maintained gravel road runs throughout. 10 minutes from Ellicottville via Maples Rd.

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Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival

Bringing Team Spirit to Ellicottville, September 21-22



From the youngest novices to seasoned veterans, players will have the chance to showcase their skills, make new friends, and enjoy the thrill of the game, then saunter into town to take in the vibe of our bustling business district.

ELLICOTTVILLE-A full weekend of exhilarating sportsmanship is set to take place September 21st and 22nd when Ellicottville hosts the highly anticipated Lacrosse Festival. This two-day event promises to bring together lacrosse players of all ages and skill levels from across the Northeast region for a series of friendly competition and lots of fun.

Organized by Ryan Powell of Powell Lacrosse, Summit Lacrosse Ventures, and the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, the Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival is more than just a series of games - it's a celebration of the sport and a unique opportunity for families to experience everything our town has to offer. From the youngest novices to seasoned veterans, players will have the chance to showcase their skills, make new friends, and enjoy the thrill of the game, then saunter into town to take in the vibe of our bustling business district.

"Families accompanying players will find plenty to keep them entertained throughout the weekend," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Our town is ready to roll out the red carpet with an array of activities, dining options, and shopping experiences. Whether you're interested in exploring our many boutiques, sipping on craft beer or wine, or simply enjoying the local sights, there's something for everyone. And with Pumpkinville opening, HoliMont's Mountain Bike Park, Sky High Adventure Park and the chairlift rides still running, and golfing, hiking and biking all around us, families may find it challenging to fit in all that there is to discover!"

Up to 40 teams are expected to travel to Ellicottville to play on fields that located in Ellicottville's Village Park (Parkside Drive) and the Chamber fields across from the Inn at Holiday Valley (Route 219 & Holiday Valley Road). The event schedule offers not only competitive matches

for athletes, but also a high-energy showcase for spectators. The community is encouraged to venture out to the playing fields, take in the action, and show their support.

"We are thrilled to bring the Lacrosse Festival back to Ellicottville for its seventh year," said McFadden. "It's a wonderful chance for our town to come together and celebrate the sport of lacrosse while welcoming visitors from near and far." Interested in participating in this year's tournament? Register a team in any of the following divisions: Boys Youth Grades 5/6, Boys Youth Grades 7/8, High School JV Grades 9/10, High School Varsity Grades 9-12, Men's Open 21+, and Men's Grand Masters 45+. Team registrations will be capped at 12 teams per division and filled on a first come, first served basis.

For more information about this year's Ellicottville Lacrosse Festival, including registration, event schedules and accommodation options, visit ellicottvillenyc.com or call 800-349-9099



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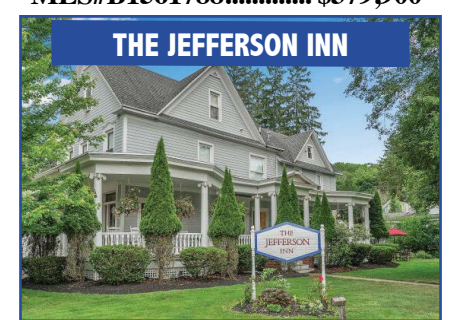
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Where Do You Want To Be This Year? I Will Help You Get There.

“EV Play Place” Highlight

Scrambled Scales – Activity Panel



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 activity panels, specifically the Scrambled Scales Activity Panel.

approximately 2x3 foot area featuring a row of chimes with a secured striker for each. If you swing the strikers in order down the chime line you can play the song “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.” However, you can swing the strikers in any order to create musical fun! This instrument is intended for children 2-12 years of age.

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A visit to the playground can be more than an excursion for physical exercise it can also be an opportunity for discovery. In the case of the Scrambled Scales Activity Panel, it's a chance to play an instrument and produce a song the child likely already knows. This can inspire further musical curiosity and creativity in our youth. The sounds produced are soothing, calming, and enjoyable, creating a multisensory experience. The Scrambled Scales Activity Panel along with others are

targeted to help those with visual impairments. These children will rely more heavily on their other senses to navigate the world around them, such as auditory and tactile cues. Music and sound activities help visually impaired individuals develop spatial awareness and, in this case, can help with orientation and navigation around the playground. Other panels that will be included are the Disco Party Activity Panel, which provides tactile and visual stimulation through its reflective surfaces and smooth textures, and the Living Art Activity Panel that allows a multi-sensory art experience through textured surfaces, raised patterns, or sculptural features. Purposeful design choices of these activity panels allow the exhilaration of discovery to include all the children of our community.

FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

We are actively working on fundraising. The Scrambled Scales Activity Panel will cost \$3,065. Disco Party and Living Art are \$3,605 and \$3,119 respectively. 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.instagram.com/ellicottvilleplayground). Find more information at <https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground>

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NIGHT LIGHTS occurs on 15 evenings, spread out over five weeks. The final evening is Saturday, October 19, 2024. The event dates are:
 Week 1: Fri. September 20 to Sat. September 21, 2024
 Week 2: Thurs. September 26 to Sat. September 27, 2024
 Week 3: Thurs. October 3 to Sat. October 5, 2024
 Week 4: Thurs. October 10 to Sun. October 13, 2024
 Week 5: Thurs. October 17 to Sat. October 19, 2024

Admission will be \$14 adults, \$9 children 12 to 7, and free for six and under. Night Lights can be canceled due to heavy rain. Ticket info can be found at EventBrite.com

SitlerHQ is the creative producer of NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park. The award-winning lighting and event company also produced the NIGHT LIGHTS at the Gardens (Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens), NIGHT LIGHTS at The Heron (Sherman, NY), and NIGHT LIGHTS at Nannen Arboretum (Ellicottville, NY). They created their first NIGHT LIGHTS show in 2009.

Over 250 sculptures reside at the 300-acre Griffis Sculpture Park, making it the United States largest sculpture park. The 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.

Artistic performers and artists to enhance the NIGHT LIGHTS experience this autumn.

(East Otto, NY) The local artistic community will be in the spotlight, when NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park returns for its 12th consecutive autumn. The amazing sculpture park will be illuminated in colorful theatrical lighting when NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park returns on Friday, September 20, 2024. A portion of the legendary park's landscape and sculptures are seen in a whole different light.

New to NIGHT LIGHTS this year will be artistic performers and artists on each night. Local musicians, painters, storytellers, LED hoopers, instrumentalists, poets and more will be displaying their talents throughout the NIGHT LIGHTS trail system. The artist's appearances are made possible through a grant from Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. A schedule of the appearing artists will be released shortly.

"We are very excited to feature a diverse array of artists each evening," said Nila Griffis, executive director of the Griffis

Sculpture Park. "Our visitors will discover the artists on their walk through the lights. It will provide an upclose experience with the arts and also add to the adventure of attending NIGHT LIGHTS."

NIGHT LIGHTS continues to be an annual autumn tradition in Western New York." NIGHT LIGHTS blends creative lighting, sculpture, sound, and nature to deliver an unforgettable outdoor experience. At NIGHT LIGHTS, guests are able to venture on an unguided walk through a portion of the Mill Valley Rd site of the sculpture park, where the trails and sculptures will interact with creative lighting – creating a truly unique experience. The walk is about .7 miles and is on an up-and-back nature trail that goes through forests and fields. Some of the Griffis Sculpture Park's favorite sculptures, such as the Praying Mantis, The Bathers, The Mushrooms and more are bathed in light.

Guests are encouraged to dress for outdoor conditions and bring flashlights for a few darker sections of the trail. NIGHT LIGHTS will close on evenings of excessive rain. Weather announcements are made on the sculpture park's

EA2EVL Fondo

Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail Fund Raiser, Oct, 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-com-

petitive 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 fundraise 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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RIP Chris "Moose" Brown

Friends Fondly Remember the "Larger than Life" Man



Moose was known to be the life of any party and probably had more Rolling Stones memorabilia than did the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. (Pictured left to right: Todd Lindell, Vicki Emke, Dick Emke, Vicky Brown and Chris "Moose" Brown at The Depot celebrating another good time!

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

It hurts my heart to be asked to write a tribute for a young man so dearly loved by his family, his community, his friends, and those who benefitted from his kind heart and his sense of humor, both of which he shared in abundance. "Moose" Brown died on Thursday morning, September 5, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

At 64, (born 8/7/1960 in Oakville, Ontario, Canada) Chris aka "Moose" lived life to its fullest. Married for 44 years to the former Victoria (Vicky) Eckley, who survives, he was the son of the late "King" Ken Brown and Betty Anderson Brown. Surviving besides his wife are his twin

daughters, Isabella and Gwendolyn Brown, his sister, Kimberley Brown, and his step-mom, MJ Brown.

Moose and Vicky owned and operated The Ski Depot in the Village and then later The Ellicottville Depot Restaurant. The Depot became a gathering spot for winter sports enthusiasts (and Bills games) from near and far. His old friend who knew him in Canada, Antwan Clayton, said this of Chris. "Moose" was larger than life." Niki Klein said the same words, adding what great fun he was, and how he always was the welcoming face of The Depot Restaurant.

Jane and Dennis Eshbaugh had this to say: "Ellicottville is special and unique, full of colorful characters. Moose was definitely one of those characters. He made the Depot into

Freestyle Central and he and Vicky were supportive of Freestyle skiers and their free spirit lifestyle. Moose and Vicky were not afraid to be unique – upside down Christmas trees, so many interesting items in their restaurant. Great place to play "I spy with my little eyes!" But didn't always play by the rules.

Moose was the top cheerleader of the Rat Pack (freestyle skiers in the 80's - 90's. He encouraged people like Jillian Vogtli and Alex Wilson. He was part of the mystique of Greg Stump Productions and he introduced Glenn Plake to Ellicottville." The Eshbaugh's echoed what so many said about Moose. First and foremost, even through their sadness, people had to smile when talking about this amiable

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Music

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By KATE BARTLETT

Founded by Buffalo native Robby Takac (pictured, above) of the multi-platinum band Goo Goo Dolls, Music is Art, a 501c3 non-for-profit that aims to promote music and the arts through various programs in the Buffalo area throughout the year. The festival was founded as a way to celebrate music and the arts 22 years ago, and has grown to be one of the biggest Music and Arts festivals in the region. "We originally began the festival to help prop up underground artists and musicians within the community," recalls Robby. "It has grown to be so much more."

The first festival had 2 stages and about a dozen artists. This year MIA will showcase over 200 local bands and musicians on 17 stages/performance areas. The festival will feature various forms of art including sculptures, DJs, painters, roller skaters, wrestlers, dancers and more. "We are so proud

to host such a variety of unbelievably talented local artists and musicians. We aim to promote the creativity in various forms and give the community an outlet to display their particular brand," says Robby. "It's about getting the community together in celebration of expression and the arts."

MIA has a new location this year on the Outer Harbor. "We are really excited to be on the waterfront this year; it's going to be beautiful. We have over 17 acres to spread out. It's great to see the Buffalo Waterfront having a revival and we're proud to be a part of it." The skatepark will return this year, along with BMX bikers. Groups will lead tours along the waterfront, showcasing art along the way. "We've loved all our venues throughout the years, but got comfortable in certain locations. The AKG and Silos were great, but hosting in this vast space has made us rethink and reinvent certain aspects of the festival. It's invigorating in a way, almost an art form of itself."

Almost all of the bands are local talent. "We're proud to say that 99% of the musicians and artists are from our Western New York Community. We love showcasing the abundant local talent", says Robby. Some highlights include Blackbird, Johnny Hart and The Mess, Uncle Ben's Remedy, Sons of Luther, PA Line, Grace Greenan, Chris Trapper, Elliot Hunt, Zuri Ableby, and Robby Takac himself.

Festival goers can expect live music of every kind including rock, hip hop, electronic, jazz, country,

singer-songwriter, jam bands, and traditional vocalists. "The music journeys into artforms and environments that span from the most traditional to the most Avant Garde. It's so much more than art and music; it's about the creative community as a whole."

Music is Art also promotes many year-round programs and initiatives including the new alliance academy and instrument donation and placement program. "We've placed over half a million dollars worth of instruments in the hands of students in the area over the past 20 years. It's an incredible program that gives students the opportunity to literally get their hands on music and get involved in the arts." MIA also hosts year-round events featuring local artists at venues in the area, showcasing some of the abundant local talent.

Robby is grateful for an amazing staff of hardworking individuals who make this festival possible. "Hat's off to an amazing team of volunteers, musicians and attendees to make this festival what it is. We have such an incredible volunteer base and a small, tight-knit hardworking staff. It's going to be another great year."

As always, the Music is Art festival is free and family-friendly and will take place on Saturday, September 21 from 11am-11pm. For full event schedule visit www.musicisart.org/FESTIVAL and follow on social media for event updates.

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Steelbound

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Bill Bursee is very proud of their recent awards, and feels humbled yet honored at the same time. "Our chefs and bartenders are some of the best and most hardworking in the industry, and this comes well deserved," says Bill. "Chef Om, our head chef in Ellicottville, makes incredible sauces, and is an expert with spices and flavorful recipes."

This year marks the third year that Steelbound has participated in WingFest, winning noteworthy awards each and every year. Their first year, 2022, Steelbound won 1st place for Best Overall Wing and 2nd place in 2023, winning 3 total awards both years. This year, Steelbound collected a record four awards, including 1st place for Best Craft Brewery Wing. "Wining amongst the local breweries was special on a different level," remarks Bill. "To be standing on stage with our fellow restaurateurs in the area, being recognized for the best wing, was something I'm truly proud of."

Steelbound also won Second Place for Best Sriracha Wing with their Flying Goose Wing, Second Place for Best Creative Sweet Wing Sauce and Third Place for Best Dry Rub. "This is a testament to the hard work, creativity, and passion of our entire team," says Bill. "From our innovative brewers to our talented kitchen staff, everyone played a crucial role in this success."

As a smaller, locally owned and operated restaurant, the Steelbound owners and chefs personally attend

each and every festival they participate in. "This is passion driven; we're out there making the wings, stirring the sauces and preparing the food for these festivals. It's hard work, but we love it."

Drew Czera, the Wing King and founder of WingFest noted the stiff competition this year along with the large crowd. "We had a great turnout despite the weather and there was a lot of friendly competition between the participants," says Drew. "Steelbound really hit it out of the park. Their wings were a big hit with the judges."

While the wings are not currently available on the menu, Steelbound has plans to incorporate them soon. "We're planning to introduce a large wing menu so these wings will be regularly available at our restaurants," says Bill. "The community has spoken, and we will be making them a part of our menu at all locations." Steelbound has also won several awards for their Sweet Chili & Garlic Sauce which will soon be made commercially.

The days before WingFest, Bill attended the American Distilling Institute Awards in Baltimore, Maryland, where Steelbound won the top prize for best cocktail amongst hundreds of participants from around the country. Their Blueballs Blueberry Cocktail took home the prestigious award of Best in Class and Gold Medal in the ready-to-drink category, beating out many well-known companies including High Noon. The cocktail is made in the bar at every Steelbound location, but is also available canned. "This award really put Steelbound on the map for liquor," commends Bill. Steelbound recently



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celebrated their soft opening to their Williamsville location, Steelbound on Main, (5195 Main Street) connected to the Mosey Hotel. This menu features many Steelbound favorites, but includes a few more upscale items along with an Indian Fusion influence.

Bill is grateful to his hardworking team, and the community for this recognition. "We're so thankful for these awards and Steelbound is looking forward to celebrating more milestones with the community in the coming months." For more information visit <https://www.steelbounddevl.com> and follow on social media @ Steelbound Brewing & Distilling on Facebook and @steelboundofficial on Instagram.

Mudslingers

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involvement in Chautauqua County's Empty Bowls Project, a pottery-based fundraiser for local food access programs.

The need for such fundraisers has never been so great. According to Linnea Carlson, Community Food Systems Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, "food insecurity is a major concern for our county; more than 24% of Chautauqua residents report as being food insecure. For many their only option is to visit a food pantry, or soup kitchen, when food at home runs out." A 2022 study by Feeding America found that 15% of Chautauqua County's residents were food insecure, the third highest percentage of any county in New York.

Begun in Michigan in the early 1990's, Empty Bowls is an international fundraising blueprint with many local iterations. Local potters and ceramics studios donate bowls, which are either sold to raise funds or given away at a ticketed meal. This year, Chautauqua County will host two Empty Bowls fundraisers: November 23rd in Fredonia, at the Wheelock School Gym, and December 7th in Jamestown, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

"This is our 15th year doing Empty Bowls in this area," says Nasca, who claims that in that time the project has raised \$381,000 for local food access programs. "All the money goes to feed the hungry, and that's important. And the money has to stay in the area where it's raised." Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector of St. Luke's Church in Jamestown, says that the money raised at the



A selection of the type of bowls donated to Empty Bowls fundraisers each year.

Jamestown fundraiser, about \$30,000 in the past two years, funds one of St. Luke's projects, a Mobile Market which traverses the county in the summer selling local produce to rural residents. While the Mobile Market importantly accepts SNAP/EBT benefits and offers produce "right at wholesale [prices] or below," according to Fodor, it's only free offering in 2024, a free box of local produce, is funded through Carlson's Grow Chautauqua program at CCE. Empty Bowls funds maintenance and staff costs for the Mobile Market.

In the North County, a "designated fund for [food access organization] Feed More" receives funds raised.

Mudslingers Pottery, which Nasca started in 2001, is a community hub for regional pottery. The studio is crammed with ceramics, most of it made by Nasca. A half-dozen pottery wheels, used for teaching, are squeezed between shelves of finished items, racks of raw clay, and bookshelves supporting an impressive craft library. There is no meaningful separation between showroom and classroom, storage and workspace. Nasca focuses on "functional, simple folk pottery," but cultivates his range as a potter and artist

as part of his teaching practice. "I have to be able to do everything that [the students] want to do. So when they say, well can I make this? I say well yeah, sure you can. And then we figure out how to do it."

He encourages this range through Empty Bowls, pitching it to his students as an annual opportunity to "try something new." "Empty Bowls at Mudslingers is a creative process," says Nasca, and this sound pedagogical strategy undoubtedly contributes to the success of the fundraiser as well. By ensuring that every student "does something different" with the bowls they donate, Nasca choreographs a fundraiser full of such a variety of pottery that visitors can't help but find a few pieces they love.

Laurie Zebracki has studied on-and-off with Nasca since 2002, a tutelage so successful that for a time she ran her own pottery studio. She says that Empty Bowls "brings everyone together. It gives us a common goal as potters," as well as a creative outlet. "We're going to make more [pottery] than

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Basil



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Another highlight of this festival will be the live music entertainment. Music by Charity Nuse and Sara Rafalowski will kick off the festival, and they will be performing from 12-3pm. This talented duo plays a versatile mix of Americana, folk, blues, country, and rock that has entertained audiences for years. Then from 3:30-6:30pm, another talented local duo, OsbornNash will be performing. They play original music as well as some selected covers, all having a country, Americana, rock, and jazzy folk flare. Come and listen to the afternoon's great music by all of these talented musicians. DJ Carmello will also be playing some music off and on throughout the festival.

When you have worked up an appetite, Basil and Bones will be providing a

variety of foods, such as their delicious BBQ menu, pizza, smothered fries, Italian sausage, burgers, and much more. To satisfy your sweet tooth, there will be fresh baked goods, fried dough, apple pie, and cannoli. The Cups and Cones Ice Cream Truck will be there serving whatever ice cream treats you are hungry for. Pepsi products as well as beer and wine will be available. Basil and Bones will also be making their very own wine slushes. What would a festival be without all of these great foods, treats, and beverages!

There will be plenty of vendors set up on the grounds. Last year, this festival had over fifty vendors that participated, and this year they are expecting the same or more. There are many artisan vendors selling a variety of items such as artworks, candles, jewelry, home décor, clothing, accessories, specialty items, and a whole lot more. You can browse around the vendors at your leisure and maybe find that special gift for a loved

one or something nice for yourself.

You may not be able to park super close to the event, and it is encouraged that you park in the field parking lot. Miss Joanie will be providing free rides in her golf cart limousine to transport you and your group from the parking lot to the event area. It should also be noted that pets are allowed, but please no outside food or beverages.

If you have any questions or want more information about the Basil and Bones Fall Festival, you can call 716-488-7590. You can also find updated festival information on their Facebook page.

The Basil and Bones Fall Festival is a great free event that has a variety of activities and there is a little bit of something for everyone. Come and enjoy the live music, kids' activities, browse the vendors, and indulge in some delicious food and drinks. It will be a great way to spend a beautiful early fall summer-like day with your family and friends. Enjoy!

Theater

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memorabilia (some old basements and attics were raided for this impressive design), and the obligatory theater instructions include, and, I paraphrase here, "texting during a play makes you look like an -expletive-deleted-, and if you have one of those ear things, just leave, you flat out don't belong here."

The show is set in the 1980s and centers around a rock-and-roll bar in Los Angeles. The plot lines are cliché, familiar fare; boy meets girl, boy loses girl in the most naïve, forehead-slapping way, boy wins girl back. There's good (manifested as Rock and Roll culture) versus evil (greed and progress). There's the past (father) rubbing against the new generation (son), with the inevitable reconciliation in the end (father sees the error of his old-fashioned ways). There's a bad guy who wins early but gets his predictable comeuppance.

It's a feel-good story as a vehicle to listen to some classic 80's rock and roll, to sing along to some of the most fun, sincere music in rock history, and re-live

the good ol' days if you're of a certain age (meaning old enough to have had big hair and wear a mesh shirt in public).

Act one sets the tone, the narrative, the antagonists and the heroes. Act two moves at a hectic clip to reconcile the plot arcs. A comedic, crooning narrator (energetically played by Micheal Correy sporting an over-the-top mullet and jean jacket) guides the action and the songs, breaking the fourth wall so much that it feels like the stage extends into the first row. He's Foley's raunchy, triple-entendre rock star wannabe Puck, who sets the scenes, moves the plot, and hilariously tells the audience when to expect Jazz Hands (trust me on this one).

The backing band is tight and skilled. They play throughout the production, and you can't wait for them to intro their next song (complimentary air guitars in every seat). Almost everyone in this cast has the pipes to pull off a full-on rock and roll tribute concert. Some of those classic 80's rock high notes from big-hair bands are held pitch-perfect, enough to make a throat sore. The two leads, Jackie Bieleta as Sherrie (an incandescent presence, the eye seeks her out even

in scenes where she isn't featured) and Titus Miller as Drew (endearing with weighty range) have special harmonic integrity in their duets. The ensemble scenes are raucous and busy with the back-up band providing a constant stream of quality, a cover band you'd pay to see.

You can wonder if the music informs the plot, or the other way around. If the Song "We Built This City on Rock and Roll" (Starship, 1985) fits the genre, do you set the play on Sunset Strip? *Maybe.*

If a theme is rebellious protesting against "the man", do you feature the anthem "We're Not Gonna Take It" (Twisted Sister, 1984)? *Also, maybe.*

If the classic "Oh Sherrie" (Steve Perry, 1984) is instantly recognizable by the vast majority of humans on earth, do you name your main character Sherrie? Do you make her a small-time girl, living in a lonely world, and cast a city boy from south Detroit. (Journey, Don't Stop Believin', 1981)? *I know I would.*

If you have any interest in Livin' On A Prayer (Bon Jovi, 1986) in Paradise City (Guns and Roses, 1987), best go to "Rock of Ages". Worth every minute of your time.

Family Fun Festivals and Live Music

BY DARLENE BRACE

Goldirocks playing classic hits from the 60's and 70's starting at 5:30pm.

The changing of the seasons as summer ends and fall begins is a beautiful time in Western New York. Check out what's happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday September 12 - Karl and Mark's Revolution will perform at the **Good Time Saloon** in Jamestown. They will play older classic favorites, and they start at 7pm.

It's **Trivia Night at Brazil Lounge** in downtown Jamestown starting at 7pm. Get your team and put your heads together to figure out the answers. Maybe your team will be the big winners.

Friday September 13 - Customer Appreciation Nights continue at **Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing** in Westfield. **Matthew Crays** will perform blues, jazz, and folk music starting at 5pm. There will be drink specials and the **Over the Rainbow** food truck will provide food to purchase.

In nearby Cattaraugus County, WNY'S favorite band, **Black Widow**, will be performing at **Hideaway Restaurant** in Steamburg. They play a fun mix of rock and pop music and will be starting at 6:30pm. They are sure to get you moving to the beat in your seats or maybe up on the dance floor.

At **Brazil Lounge**, Music on the Stoop takes place starting at 5:30pm. Join **Campfire Junkie** on the patio where they will be playing some originals with a Midwest country vibe and some select covers.

As part of the **Bemus Point Fall Fest**, **The Bemus Point Golf and Tap House** will host

in Clymer will host the **Dual Identity Trio**. They will play in the main lodge building at the **Bistro 210** starting at 9:30pm.

The **3rd annual Music Fest** is taking place at **The Cooler Bar and Grill** in Sherman. There will be live music all day starting with **Tito and Vince** from 2pm-4pm followed by **Dean Wells** from 4:30-5:30pm. Then **Derek Davis** will entertain the crowd from 5:30-6:30pm. Next, **Brain Chase** plays from 6:30pm-8pm. The **Honky Tonk Heros** will conclude the festival and get the crowd moving from 8pm-11pm. It is sure to be a great day of music that you don't want to miss.

The **Seneca Allegheny Casino's River Bar** is pleased to host **Hazzard County**. Starting at 7pm, they will play a whole lot of country tunes that is sure to get you up moving.

Saturday September 14 - Music on the Stoop at Brazil continues with **Davis & Eng**. This talented duo will perform blues, swing, folk, rock, and country music on the patio starting at 5:30pm.

The **Southern Tier Distilling Company** will be hosting **Vinny and the Mudflaps**. They play classic and modern rock as well as pop and a little bit of country, starting at 6pm. The **Mystic Smoke BBQ** truck will be there starting at 5pm.

Lily Dale will be having a festival starting at 11am. They will be having readings, raffles, vendors, food, and live music at 2pm. The **Lilydale Fire Company** is having a cookout from 11am-1pm at the fire hall. For updated information go to <https://www.lilydaleassembly.org/arts-crafts-funfest>

In Portland, come and celebrate with **21 Brix Winery** for their 13th birthday. They are having games and giveaways as well as great food and of course wine. **Smokin 45** will be entertaining the crowd with their country rock tunes from 1pm-4pm.

Then **Midnight Recovery** will be rocking the **Brix** starting at 5pm. **Peek n Peak Resort**

Bemus Point's Annual Fall Festival is September 13th-15th, with over 75 vendors from 10am-5pm each day. Many merchants are having a Draw-a-Leaf discount, with 5% to 50% off. A food court area will be near the Bemus Point Golf and Tap House, where there will be live music throughout the weekend, and a classic Car Cruise-In on Saturday only. The Village Casino is having a pumpkin painting activity. There will be a free petting zoo near the fire hall both days from 11am-4pm, as well as face painting at Lakeside Arts and Furniture. Go to Visit Bemus Point on Facebook for updated information.

With family fall festivals beginning and with lots of live music, this will be a fun weekend to get out and about and enjoy some of the late summer weather. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is first up with Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Brian plays a country/pop/ rock set of covers. Live-N-Kick-in takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays rock covers from the 70's till today. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

We're back at Madigans for The Johnny Bauer Duo from 4-7pm. They play a country/blues/rock/ roots set of covers. Dj Persia will play some jams so you can shake your gams from 9-2am.

The Taqueria hosts SON from 6-9pm. This duo plays a blues/r&b/ funk/set of covers and originals while you dine on Evl's only Tex-Mex menu.

Balloons is back with Grosh from 6:30-10pm. This very popular Buffalo band plays a rock/pop/ metal set of originals and covers. The back bar will host Conner Brien from 10-1am. Conner plays acoustic rock covers. Dj Lyfe will lay down the sauce so you can dance like o boss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Villaggio joins the party with Michael Hund and the Classic Rock Allstars from 7-11pm. This former member of Ted Nugent's band is a R&R HOF'er. Try the chicken Marsala, my favorite.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is back with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/ country/blues set of covers featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

If you're tired of looking at cars take a drive to Ellicottville Distillery for

We return to Villaggio for their weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order pasta, with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime made the way you like it. Chris Maloney will provide the entertainment from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/ folk/country set of covers.

MONDAY
Monday is Strings and Wings Night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers to wash them down. This week's hosts are Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. These two very talented musicians play a blues/rock /country set of covers and originals.

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

TUESDAY
Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This group of seasoned local musicians plays a roots/ country/ bluegrass set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

WEDNESDAY
We've ended the seven day weekend the same way for the last 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm.

SEE "SHAKIN'", PG. 10

Beat on the Street: "What Time Period Would You Time Travel To?"

By Chad Neal

Even though it is strictly fiction as of now, in our reality, traveling through a dimension we were taught to know of as time is a reverie everyone has dreamed about. In philosophical terms we can debate whether this existence is real, or a computer program - but, we all seem to have our own stories about it. And our stories have bad parts most of us wish we could change, that is where the idea of time travel comes from. "If I could just go back and move that bed over two inches I wouldn't have stubbed my toe." That is a meager example of course, but that is the idea. Some though, would like to observe the happenings we were taught about and see for ourselves what it was really like. It's amazing all of the history from little tidbits of esoteric memories to world changing events that are part of the human existence. What time period would you time travel to?



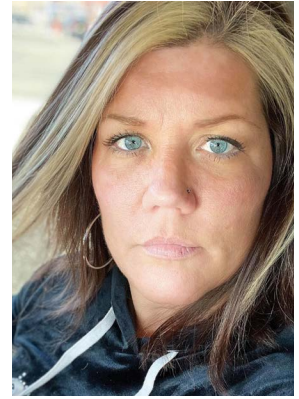
Don P.- I think I'd like to go to the late 40s but stay through the 50s. I would like to find my parents just to see what they were like as teens.



Heather H.- 1920s lots of new and exciting things happening!



Lisa I.- Back to the 70's please, Good music that meant something!!



Elizabeth A.- Definitely to the late 1800s/ early 1900s, to better understand our ethnic family lineage that was more recently discovered.



Brad H.- 50s and civil war era!



Jay P.- To the end to read the last chapter and then to the beginning to help write the first!

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Mudslingers

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we're ever going to use," says Zebracki, and Empty Bowls is an opportunity to "try new things." For Rev. Fodor, Nasca, and the area potters, the community fostered by the Empty Bowls fundraiser is its most important aspect. "There's no better way to connect with people than around a table," says Fodor, "there's a sense of real community and real partnership and solidarity created from" the project. For the 24% of county residents who report food insecurity, however, the project's success is measured in full stomachs, pantries, and tables.



Ron Nasca makes an impression. The owner of Mudslingers Pottery sports a striking white beard, a bandanna wrapped around his head, and a business card that reads "we play dirty". He's unmistakable in every crowd he moves through - including last Friday's opening reception of the Mudslingers Ceramics Exhibition at the Darwin R. Barker library in Fredonia.

FOOD DRIVE

Please help us collect non-perishable food items for the Great Valley - Ellicottville food pantries. This helps serve many families within our community. Thank you for all your help!

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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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!**

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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landscapes. The event is designed for runners of all ages and abilities, making it a great family-friendly activity. Event planners Kristen Sciara and Travis Widger were inspired to incorporate a trail run into the Fall Festival weekend after the success of the EVGV Trail Run this past May. "We had such a great response from the community that we decided it would be great to do it again in the fall," says Kristen. The HoliTrot 5K Trail Run is a great opportunity to get active and enjoy the surroundings during Fall Festival weekend. "We decided to do it on Sunday morning, as it gives runners the chance to get out and get active before the festivities continue on Sunday. It fits well into the weekend's events," says Travis. All participants will ride the chairlift to the top of the hill, offering stunning views of the fall foliage.

The event kicks off at 10am with kids run around Saddle Pond. "We really wanted to include a kids run, as it's a great way to get the whole family involved," remarks Kristen. "It's a fun and exciting race, starting with the chairlift, it offers beautiful views, and it's not too intense. Our goal is for everyone to have fun and be active together." After the kids run, the 5K will commence from the same spot atop the hill near Saddle Pond. The route mimics the EVGV Trailsquatch Run, along the mountain bike trails, across Sasquatch and Boundary line then down Ridge Runner and One Trail finishing near the Exhibition lift. The event is designed to be all inclusive, for all ages and ability level. Whether you're an experienced runner or just looking for a fun way to enjoy the fall season, this event is for you!" Participants will receive a Race Beanie, beverage (for kids and adults) and a selection of delicious soups from Dina's at the Mont. Awards will be given for the top 3 overall winners for each gender and the top 3 teams. Afterparty will take place at the finish line, in celebration of a job well done with DJ and drinks in good company. Spectators can join in the fun at the top and bottom of the hill, and are welcome to ride the chairlift to the top for \$10. Chairlift cost is included in race registration for participants. Kristen and Travis hope to make this an annual event, keeping with the momentum and positive vibes from the EGVG Trail Run in May. "It's a great opportunity to see great views and enjoy the trials. We've got a great trail planned, runners can just come along and enjoy it," says Travis. The route will be checked to ensure safety and stability, with slight changes as needed based on weather related trail conditions. "No matter what, it'll be a great time." For more information visit www.holimont.com events and follow on Social Media for updates.

Brown

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big guy. They said, "He could bring the party any time any day, but when it was a big party, he was all in." They mentioned the early days of the Birdwalk Regatta which he supported and often hosted and then had to one-up the race one year with a Mud Rally. Of course, Mike Neno reminds us that we can't forget the Bartender Races that needed and got his support. Everyone who knew him knew what a huge Rolling Stones fan he was and how far he would go to find a way to see them perform even if he was on the other side of the country, (maybe even having to 'mea culpa' to Vicky after the fact). The source of this story shall remain anonymous, but Vegas to Ellicottville by way of Baltimore sounds like his M.O. John Weismantel said that he probably had more Rolling Stones memorabilia than

did the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Ski movies were pretty standard fare at the Depot but so were old fashioned family movies. The Eshbaugh's mentioned a home video that their kids loved - it had a guy skiing down a racecourse with his pants dropped. The Depot had a pretty good formula, say the Eshbaughs. It was the Friday and Saturday home of skiing families then after 9pm it turned into a party bar. But family or party - it was a great formula for running a business, not to mention the great pizza. There is no visitation. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date and will be announced so friends and family can gather and celebrate his larger-than-life existence. Other random comments about Moose: Kyle Benish - "(he was the) center of a party - always a smile". Andy Minier: "There were few people in this community that truly can be considered local legends. Moose was at the top of that mountain." Jay Sagurney: "Always smiled, gave a thumbs up when we crossed paths. Joany Bund: "A generous and caring man." (Jillian Vogtli can attest to that. Check out her FB tribute.) "Very good to his family; popular with locals; an inspiration to many." Shanel Kierz just simply enjoyed his company. Alison Neal said they were first employers, baby sat the girls, loved learning, playing and laughing with them. Katie Worster commented about how he was great creating community. She observed that his customers were loyal to him because they all felt valued by him. Joe Meyers commented that he was full of life, and Tara Bowen makes us all smile when she told this tale: "Moose was an avid singer/dancer toward the end of his shifts at the Depot." Listen. Surely, we can still hear him singing. We could say Rest in Peace, but perhaps we need to say, Rest in Joy and laughter as you sing and dance your way through heaven's pearly gates. (See complete obituary, page 11.)

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Shakin'

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Brian Rick provides the musical background. If we've been doing it for 40 years it's obviously a locals favorite. We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and that you come back often but whenever you are PMEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!! All you have to do is listen.

~ Christopher "Moose" Brown

1960-2024, Beloved Husband, Father and Friend



Christopher "Moose" Brown, 64, of Great Valley, NY passed away Thursday morning, September 5, 2024 at home with his family by his side.

Born August 7, 1960 in Oakville, Ontario, Canada, he was the son of the late and great Kenneth and Betty Anderson Brown. He was married for 44 years to the former Victoria Eckley, who survives.

Moose was a graduate of Perdue High School, Class of 1979, which "Started Him Up" on the path of living a life as sweet as "Brown Sugar" and as lively as "Wild Horses".

The devoted husband and father, along with his wife

owned and operated The Ski Depot and The Ellicottville Depot Restaurant, the latter of which continues to be a beloved staple of the tight-knit ski and snowboard town.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends in tandem an avid skier, a devoted Rolling Stones fan, a passionate fisherman, and a local comedian who effortlessly grasped the role of being the life of the party. Moose will be deeply missed by his friends, family, and all who knew him but those who love him will forever remember and cherish the moments that were shared and the memories that will last a lifetime.

Surviving besides his wife are: his twin daughters, Isabella and Gwendolyn Brown, and his sister, Kimberley Brown.

There will be no visitation.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the convenience of the family and will be announced.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the O'Rourke & O'Rourke Inc Funeral Home, 25 River Street, Salamanca, NY.

If you'd like to share a favorite Moose story, of which we know there are many, please write to izzybrown@gmail.com and gwenbrown@gmail.com.

E-condolences can be sent to orourke.orourkefh@gmail.com or posted to [facebook.com/onofh](https://www.facebook.com/onofh).

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Deanna Bowen, East Otto Town Clerk

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING- TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 9 of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, and pursuant to a resolution of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Ellicottville, adopted September 5, 2024, the said Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 3 day of October, 2024 at 6:00 P.M., to hear all interested parties regarding an appeal by Daniel and Angela Hamister, requesting a variance to allow the construction of a residential addition less than required distance from the side property line, located at 6225 Sunset Road (SBL 55.041-1-38).

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

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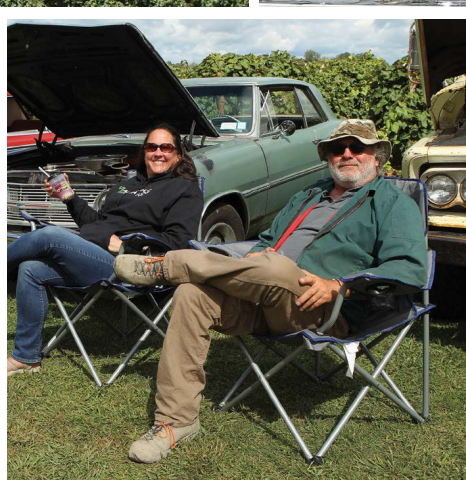
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