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## Ellicottville's Fall Fest., Oct. 12-13

Embrace the Autumn Spirit at 48th Annual Event



Communities everywhere are gearing up for the change of seasons, evident in the trees which have already begun to turn vibrant shades of orange, red, and gold. In Ellicottville, a tradition that brings people together to celebrate autumn's

beauty and the excitement of the upcoming winter is the annual Fall Festival, set for October 12-13th. Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, Fall Fest is the

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## Peek'n Peak's Annual Fall Fest

36th Annual Celebration, 2 Weekends in Oct.



By DARLENE BRACE

Are you looking for some fun activities for you and your family to enjoy on a beautiful autumn weekend? If so, head on out to the Peek'n Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. Enjoy the kaleidoscope of

colors surrounding the resort, as they get the resort grounds ready for their 36th annual Fall Festival. This year's fun festival will be on the weekends of October 12th-13th as well as

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## Local Sculptor Eric Jones

Food Network Champ & World Record Holder



By KATE BARTLETT

Local artist and nationally awarded sculptor scheduled to give classes at Pumkinville just outside of Ellicottville throughout this season.

Olean native Eric Jones is a nationally recognized sculpting artist and most-booked caricature artist in upstate New York. In his 21 years as a professional, he has drawn over 300,000 people at live events, and more than 100,000 digitally from photos. He is

the Food Network Champion for his pumpkin carving skills on Halloween Wars and Outrageous Pumpkins, and has sculpted various snow and sand artwork for the Buffalo Bills, his non-profit Sculpting for Smiles LLC, and many local businesses.

Eric has been an artist for as long as he can remember. "I have memories of sculpting and sketching from as young as 3 or 4 years old," recalls Eric. "I just thought it was something everybody did. It wasn't until I grew older that I realized I was any good at it." Eric studied art at Alfred University and then began a career as a caricature artist for many years. "I've attended so many festivals and live drawing events and I've loved every minute of it," says Eric. "I love the improv and making people smile with my art."

As an artist, Eric has always thrived by challenging himself, so he began to explore different

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## Rediscovering BFLO: Resurgence Brewing

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Resurgence will be celebrating Oktoberfest all month. The taproom is located at 55 Chicago Street in Buffalo. For more information and upcoming events visit [www.resurgencebrewing.com](http://www.resurgencebrewing.com), follow on social media for updates.

By KATE BARTLETT

Resurgence Brewing is one of Buffalo's most unique and experiential craft breweries. Opening their doors in 2014, the brewery aims to provide an immersive experience in a fun, creative environment. Now located in the Old First Ward district, Resurgence has

not only contributed to the revival of craft beer in the area, but also help revitalize this neighborhood.

Owner, founder, and Buffalo native Jeff Ware had dreams of opening a brewery since he began home brewing with his brother in college. "My brother

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## Sneak Peek

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Daff's Doors for Years to Come



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## Star Buds Dispensary in Bflo.

EVL Business Owners Open New Venture



Pictured, left to right, Management team at Star Buds: Kim Pitillo, General Manager; Nick Pitillo, Owner; Dexter Chow-Yuk, Assistant General Manager.

By CHAD NEAL

High Times magazine awarded Star Buds in Colorado and now there is a local branch opening near you. Star Buds opened in 2013 in the Rocky Mountain State and now starting in October other high end and quality cannabis products will be available in Buffalo at Star Buds dispensary, owned by Nick Pitillo and Ed Gurbacki - who also own Osteria 166in Buffalo and Villaggio in Ellicottville. These two successful entrepreneurs have secured a New York State license to peddle cannabis and all the products that come from the marijuana plant. Star Buds has stores in a handful of states and Jamaica and now one in Buffalo

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## Grosh Plays EVL Fall Fest

Local Rock Band with Raw Talent



By KATE BARTLETT

Grosh is one of Buffalo's most up-and-coming rock bands and frequently plays the stages of Ellicottville. Awarded "Best Local Original Music Act" by Buffalo Spree, Grosh is a genre-blending powerhouse that effortlessly blends rock, blues, and funk into a unique sound like none other. With their much-anticipated album soon to be released, Grosh will take the stage on both Friday and Saturday at Fall Fest in Ellicottville next weekend.

Grosh began about 7 years ago when guitarist Grace Lougen and Josh English started playing together as a duo. Both were involved in other endeavors, but joined together as a sort of passion project. Grosh came from their names put together (Grace + Josh = Grosh). "We had so much fun playing together that is started to become something real," recalls Grace.

One of the duo's first gigs was an opening set

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# Publisher's Word

*"Fall is a time of Rediscovery!"*



area. Just in time, our writer Kate Bartlett is introducing a new column, "Rediscovering Buffalo". She will take you through the city and reintroduce you to hidden gems and new venues to explore for yourselves. What better business to spotlight for the inaugural column than "Resurgence Buffalo". Resurgence Buffalo, as you will read on the cover, is a brewery celebrating the revival of not only the craft of brewing, but the rebirth of the city of Buffalo itself.

We have an abundance of Fall festivities to explore as you will read on the pages of this paper. Many more are in store and we will tell you all about them, just keep reading!

As the seasons change, we rediscover the bounty and nature of our

and steadfast businesses and community members in our area. We are so proud of where we live and love what we do; it makes it easy for us. I hope you enjoy reading as much as we enjoy assembling these pages for you each week. As always, if you have a community member or business you believe would be appreciated by our readership, please drop us a line, we always love to pass on a good word.

*Until next week, yours in writing - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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## Rotary Club of Ellicottville

### Successful Chili Cook-off Fundraiser last Sat. at Madigan's

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

As is its style, things were rocking Saturday afternoon (September 28<sup>th</sup>) at Madigan's Restaurant in Ellicottville. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville and their hungry guests gathered at Madigan's upstairs to hold their biggest fundraiser of the year, a Chili Cookoff! Approximately 150 attendees had fun at what has been reported to be one of the best fun events of the year in Ellicottville. Music was provided by Tom Dietrick. Laughter and the tempting smell of chili filled the air.

The Club is delighted to report that it met its financial goal through a combination of over 40 baskets for the basket raffle generously donated by local businesses, individuals, companies, etc., an incredible amount of 50/50 tickets sold, (half of which the winner returned to the Club), an amazing online auction with 24 auction items and chili tasting sales, which almost every attendee participated in. Online auction items included a signed Sabres jersey, a two-hour paint party from Michelle Cappizzi for up to 4 people who corroborate to create one 36" x 28" x 1.5" artwork, and items from Springville Country Club, Penn Hills Country Club, artwork by Robin Zefers Clark, Cutco, Holiday Valley, and more.

Anticipating six to ten entrants for the chili contest, we were blown away with 17 participants! Winners based on the judges tasting were - first place, Asa Moss with an amazing maple candied bacon chili, second place Marissa Kent, and third place Rick Chatham. Scott Pilarski earned the unique, one-of-a-kind "People's Choice" award crafted by artist and Rotarian Darlene Allen. Gratitude and



congratulations go out to the outstanding team of Ellicottville Rotarians who made this happen.

As much work as this event was, it would have gone nowhere without the incredible generosity of those who donated time, baked goods, every beautiful, well-thought-out gift basket, item from a store, gift card, service, etc. Rotary's most heartfelt thanks go to the family and team at Madigan's who generously provided the space to hold this event, and who were there to help at every turn. A BIG thanks for the generosity of those who contributed to the online auction items which ranged in value from several hundred dollars to well over \$1000 staggered the mind. In this world filled with so much political chaos and distrust, the evening at Madigan's spotlighted the good heartedness of people; the desire to help others. The members of the Rotary Club of Ellicottville are humbly grateful to all who played even the smallest role. Every person had an important place to be that night, from those working and those contributing and

especially, those who carved time of out of their busy lives on a Saturday afternoon to participate in an event created to help others. It truly does take a village. This fundraiser provides funds for the Rotary Club of Ellicottville to support the new inclusive playground, high school scholarships, the Youth Halloween Party, Great Valley Food Pantry, the upcoming community Thanksgiving dinner Alley Katz, and our youth in need.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville is always grateful for any contributions to help us support needs in our community. You can do so at any time in several ways. Contribute to our fund by mailing a check to Post Office Box 56, Ellicottville NY 14731. PS: Rotary Club of Ellicottville is always looking for generous spirited, like-minded individuals who are interested in joining our club and participating in our endeavors. Join us! Our next meeting is Thursday, October 3, 6pm at the American Legion Post 569, 6500 Maples Road. Join us.

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# Ellicottville Memorial Library

## New Local Artist Display: Rose Brawn's Abstract Work

The Ellicottville Memorial Library is proud to have hosted many local artists over the years in the gallery area of our library. For the next few months, we have artist Rose Brawn's artwork on display. Rose Brawn is an abstract expressionist who creates vibrant paintings and intricate collages. Her artistic journey began with a simple circle, a form that highlights the rich colors and textures of her work. However, she sought to convey a deeper message about our life journeys. By tearing the paper and reassembling it, she symbolizes the process of healing and wholeness. Her art celebrates people's stories, honoring both the



hardships and triumphs we all experience.

The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maples Road in Ellicottville, NY.

Hours are 10am-5pm daily, except Sunday. Evening hours are 5-8pm Tuesday and Wednesday. Stop by and check out her unique pieces of art!

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## Paranormal Investigators

### Present Haunted Objects Live at Reg Lenna in Jamestown

Paranormal investigators bring Haunted Objects live to Reg Lenna Center for The Arts on October 11.

Two of the world's only full-time paranormal investigators - Dana and Greg Newkirk - will uncover the true stories behind the world's most haunted objects next Friday, October 11 at 7:30pm on-stage at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts. Haunted Objects Live is an interactive presentation touring the nation this fall.

During this presentation, the Newkirks will take the audience on a journey through history, folklore, and true-life accounts of encounters with objects that seem to possess a life of their own. Included in Haunted Objects Live are untold truths about famous cursed objects like the Crying Boy Painting, the Dybbuk Box - rumored to imprison a demon, and the curse of the Catskills Crone. The audience will have the opportunity to help the Newkirks create



a new haunted artifact, live and in person, with just the power of the mind.

Dana and Greg Newkirk are the creators of The Haunted Objects Podcast, and have appeared on Amazon Prime's Hellier and Travel Channel's Kindred Spirits. The couple also own and operate the Newkirk Museum of the Paranormal - one of the world's largest collections of historical, haunted and supernaturally significant artifacts.

Tickets for Haunted Objects Live range from \$30 to \$46.50. A Meet

and Greet Experience upgrade - including a photo opportunity with the Newkirks and induction into their Sacred Order of the Haunted Object - is also available. Reg Lenna Center for The Arts programming is made possible by support from New York State Council on the Arts.

Reg Lenna Center for The Arts box office is open 12-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tickets are also on sale in-person one hour before movies and events, by phone (716) 484-7070, and at reglenna.com

## Haunted Library Fundraiser Returns

### Journey Down Prendergast Library's Yellow Brick Road

On Saturday, October 26th, the Prendergast Library will host the 3rd Annual Haunted Library Tour. This year, attendees will journey along the Yellow Brick Road and meet various characters from the Land of Oz.

"We decided to do something a little different this year," said Anne Greene, Executive Director of the Prendergast Library. "Everyone knows the story of the Wizard of Oz, so we're doing a take on it based on the book rather than the movie."

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is a 1900 children's novel by author L. Frank Baum. The book sold three million copies when it entered the public domain in 1956. The book was reprinted with the title The Wizard of Oz, the title of the successful 1902 Broadway musical adaptation and the 1939 live-action film. Baum wrote an additional thirteen Oz Books, sequels to the first story. You can purchase

a ticket at the library's front desk for \$5. Buying tickets ahead of time is encouraged. Tours will have 25 spots and run every half hour starting at 2pm, with the last tour beginning at 7:30pm. Ticketholders should arrive 10 - 15 minutes before the start of their tour time, as there is no guarantee late arrivals will be able to join a later tour. Cider and donuts will be available at the event. Library staff will provide simple craft activities that keep kids and adults busy while waiting for their tour.

Greene said about the event's popularity, "We sell out every year. It is a wonderful event that people seem to love! Our staff has much fun putting it together. Taking books and bringing characters to life is another way to promote literacy in our community." Thank you to Fessenden Laumer & DeAngelo for sponsoring this fun and educational event.

The Prendergast Library will be closed on Saturday, October 26th for the Haunted Library. Any checked-out materials can



**Wednesday Addams at the Haunted Library event at the Prendergast Library in 2023**

be returned to the library's outdoor book drop on Friday, October 25th, after 7pm until Monday, October 28th, before 9am. Materials returned in the drop box will be backdated to Friday, October 25th.

For more information, contact the library at 716-484-7135. Stop in and get a ticket during library open hours. The Prendergast Library is open Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm and Saturdays, 10am-4pm.



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# 17-19 Washington Street

Daff's Doors Open and On the Local Scene for Years to Come

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

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

Time goes by. Things change, yet some things remain constant. Almost 150 years ago when a new building in Ellicottville sprung up next to the Brick Block (which is now Dina's and Purple Doorknob) America was about to celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary (1876). Today, as America revs up to celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> (2026) the vibe and culture of Ellicottville has surpassed anyone's imagination when folks gathered in James Cotter Dry Goods Store at 17 Washington Street. What is now known as Daff's was the place locals went, in 1876, to buy boots, hats, caps, as well as wines, liquors and groceries. Next door, attached like cojoined twins at 19 Washington Street, stylish men's attire was offered to Ellicottville's gentlemen in the Two Tailor Shops owned by twin brothers, Lorenzo L. and Alonzo L. Razy. Stylish apparel still fills the racks and shelves at (circa 1997) Daff Dry Goods presently owned by Laura Solly. Although garments are no longer handmade locally, Daff presents only the finest brands of casual wear: Patagonia, Pendleton, Brighton, Royal Robbins, Tentree, and Blundstone. They continue the clothier/dry goods tradition begun in 1876 by offering home goods, keepsakes, apparel,



and hats/ caps for men, women, and children of all ages. In 1876 President of our then 38 states, Ulysses S. Grant, oversaw Reconstruction and pushed through the 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment. That year, Edward D. Northrup became an attorney in the U. S. Supreme Court and was elected Ellicottville Town Supervisor, H.L. McCoy was Town Clerk, and St. John's Episcopal Church was seeking a rector. The same year Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone, Heinz ketchup was invented, Budweiser pale ale was first marketed, Mark Twain's Adventures of Tom Sawyer was published, somebody tried to rob Lincoln's tomb, Wyatt Earp was working in Dodge City, and Wild Bill Kickok was killed in Deadwood, Dakota. Meanwhile life moved on in Ellicottville NY and if you walked into the left side of the store on 17-19

Washington Street, in 1926 to 1939, you were there checking off your shopping list at Craig's Variety Store. In the 1930's, you'd go right into Mr. Law's barber shop for a shave and a haircut and in 1933 to 1941 Drs. Dell Ames and James Hughey greeted you, syringe in hand to extract that offending tooth. Switching gears entirely, in 1941, you now shopped there for meats and groceries at Paoletto's Meat Market, which then became, in 1947 to 1957, Danahy-Faxon's grocery store. From 1939 to 1957 you opened the left door to access the United State Post office and got the daily rundown from Postmaster O'Connor. Dr. Walrath owned the building and you climbed to his office upstairs to see him. On the left 7<sup>th</sup> grade students used the building for classes from 1957 to

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## EVL Fall Fest Music Spotlight: Mayday Buffalo

Local Buffalo 90's Band Plays at Ellicottville Brewing Co.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Mayday Buffalo is one of Western New York's premier party bands, playing an eclectic mix of 90's favorites. Formed in 2007, the band has become a local favorite, playing various stages in the area, and opening for nationally renowned acts. Mayday Buffalo hosts The World's Largest 90's Party in Rochester and Buffalo, and will be playing a free show in Ellicottville at EBC on Fall Fest Weekend on October 12.

Mick Wolcott has been into music ever since he discovered his grandfather's guitar when he was a freshman in high school. "I was up in his attic and came across his guitar," recalls Mick. "I started playing on it, just messing around, and my mom encouraged me to take lessons. I have been playing music ever since."

Mick played in various bands throughout his school, most regularly the band Freon. About a year after the band broke up, Mick's co-worker needed a band for his summer party. Mick contacted two of his bandmates and the trio formed the band Mayday just in time for the party, with just enough material for the two-hour set. They chose the name Mayday as a bit of an homage to Brad May's famous overtime goal, but also because they thought the name sounded good and was easy to remember. Since then, Mayday has played hundreds of gigs in the area and has opened for national acts including Brand New, Rise Against and Framing Hanley while earning the title as "Buffalo's Best Rock Band."

The bands original lineup has changed over the years, but currently consists of Mick Wolcott, Loren Kelley on guitar, bassist Jay Crowe and drummer Joe Thomas. Over the years, Mayday played various genres of music, and discovered the crowd's



See Mayday live at Fall Fest at their free concert at Ellicottville Brewing Company on Monroe Street, Saturday, October 12th 8pm on the Big Stage. The vibe is energetic and fun and the band dresses the part, complete with eye-catching 90's outfits.

reaction to 90's music. "We couldn't help but notice that crowds loved when we played 90's songs," recalls Mick. "We decided to make 90's music our primary focus, and the popularity of the band has increased ever since."

Mick describes their concerts as a high-energy party atmosphere. The vibe is energetic and fun and the band dresses the part, complete with eye-catching 90's outfits. "We have a lot of fun on stage," says Mick. "When we get into the music, the crowd follows suit. The energy is contagious. The songs are upbeat and we love when the crowd sings along."

In addition to playing various festivals, charity events, weddings, private parties and theatres, Mayday Buffalo hosts an annual World's Largest 90's party in Buffalo and Rochester. "This event is always a sell-out. It is our main event and we look forward to it every year." Their next event will be this spring at the Towne Ballroom.

Born in the 80's, Mike loves reliving the music of his child hood on stage. "90's music is so nostalgic to me. It's upbeat, fun, and there's a wide variety to choose from." While Mick has no particular favorite song, he enjoys dramatic

mood changes during the show and surprising the crowd. "It's fun watching everyone's reaction when we play a Backstreet Boys upbeat sing-a-long song followed by hard rock song by Metallica or Rage Against the Machine. It makes for a great show and adds an element of surprise."

This October will be Mayday Buffalo's first time playing at Fall Fest, and the band is looking forward to the experience. "We've heard such great things about Ellicottville, and we can't wait to experience Fall Fest, and play a great show."

Mick's favorite thing about performing is watching the crowd's reaction, and helping them have a great time. "The best compliment I can receive is when someone tells me they had fun at our show. It's amazing to see so many people enjoying '90s songs right along with us."

For more information visit www.maydayandbuffalo.com and follow on social media for updates on events. See Mayday live at Fall Fest at their free concert at Ellicottville Brewing Company on Monroe Street, Saturday, October 12th 8pm on the Big Stage.





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largest gathering on the Chamber's event calendar, welcoming 10,000+ visitors in one single weekend!

From the downtown business district to the tops of the ski hills, the weekend packs a full schedule of activities, live music, and spectacular fall foliage views spanning as far as the eye can see.

Approximately 200 vendors will set up in the streets downtown for one of the largest arts & crafts shows in the region. From handcrafted jewelry to beautifully painted ceramics, attendees can browse unique creations that embody the spirit of autumn.

"Many vendors incorporate seasonal themes, offering items like hand-knit scarves, pumpkin spice candles, and festive decorations that capture the essence of the fall season," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "And since we're in Bills country, you can expect a number of vendors offering Bills apparel and merchandise as well."

Add in a full outdoor food court along with the flavors of Ellicottville's already-established restaurants, and you will without a doubt, satisfy your taste buds. "In addition to all the food, our local craft breweries, distilleries and wineries will be featuring seasonal drink specials," added Brian. "A taste of pumpkin

ale or spiced cider can be the perfect way to toast to the changing season. Our local coffee shops and bakeries have wonderful fall menus, too - the perfect pick-me-up to keep you motoring through the weekend!"

This year's Fall Festival in Ellicottville will welcome special guest Eric Jones. You may recognize his name as a finalist in Food Network's Halloween Wars. Eric is also a winner of Food Network's Outrageous Pumpkins, and recently claimed the Guinness World Record for carving the largest Jack-o-lantern! Eric will be set up in the middle of downtown Ellicottville on the Sunday of Fall Festival, showcasing his pumpkin carving skills live for the public to witness.

"We've featured the works of Eric Jones here in Ellicottville in past years with his snow sculptures, and we're excited to bring him back this year for something a little different," said Barb Pump, executive assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Kids and adults alike will enjoy watching his pumpkin carving demonstrations. He'll carve as many as he can, and towards the end of the afternoon, we'll auction off all of his works, with proceeds donated to the Ellicottville Playground project to raise money to build a new, inclusive playground in Ellicottville's Village Park." (Eric will also be scheduled regularly throughout the season in neighboring Great Valley, see cover story 'Eric Jones' by Kate Bartlett.)

For those looking for more adventure during Fall Fest, head to Holiday Valley

and enjoy another round of fun! The resort will be offering chairlift rides to the top of the mountain, where leaf peeping and live entertainment await. HoliMont will also offer chairlift rides to the top of Expo, plus the HoliMont Bike Park will operate its final weekend of lift access for the season. And just down the road from Ellicottville, Pumpkinville is one of the largest pumpkin patches in the region which also boasts a corn maze, beer garden, its very own cider mill, a cow train, and plenty of fun games and activities for the whole family.

At its heart, the Fall Festival is a celebration of community. The festival also serves as a platform for local organizations and charities, fostering a spirit of giving back. Look for information booths and donation drives throughout the weekend as you saunter through the village. For more information about this year's Fall Festival, go to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com)

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# Grosh

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at Dinosaur BBQ. "We were hired as a rock duo playing original music, so Josh and I worked fast writing 14 original songs for the one-hour gig. It was a lot of fun and we still play a lot of these songs to this day."

Megan Brown joined on vocals and Dylan Hund on bass, and in 2018 Grosh evolved into a 4-piece rock band playing venues across Western New York. All established musicians, the band members were well respected in the musical community and well-received by the crowds. Their following has grown steadily over the years, and they'll soon be releasing a new album in October 2024.

The members of Grosh are eagerly awaiting the release of their third album, "Start Again", anticipated to be released soon. Working under the guidance of Tim Lefebvre, Grosh traveled to Sonic Ranch Studios in El Paso, Texas to dedicate themselves solely to writing and recording this album. "It was an incredible opportunity and we're so grateful for this experience," says Grace. "We're so excited to release this album. It has so many great songs, and it was such an incredible journey creating the album; we can't wait to share it."

Grosh plays mostly original music, but caters to the crowd throwing in the occasional cover song. "Live shows are our



**Grosh began about 7 years ago when guitarist Grace Lougen and Josh English started playing together as a duo. Both were involved in other endeavors, but joined together as a sort of passion project. Grosh came from their names put together (Grace + Josh = Grosh).**

strength. We love playing in front of a crowd and jamming out together. We feed off each other's talent on stage, as well as the crowds energy. Our shows are high energy. We love to pull people into the moment, helping them lose themselves in the music."

Grosh enjoys playing in Ellicottville, as it affords the small-town feel, accompanied with the opportunity to play for new faces frequently. "We just love Ellicottville," says Grace. "Everyone is so warm and welcoming, it's great so see familiar faces and grab a beer before a show. But at the same time, the year-round tourism affords us to opportunity to play for new crowds frequently. It's such a great town."

Grace comments on the level of trust amongst the Grosh members. "We all really respect each other as musicians, and there's a certain element of trust between us during our shows," says Grace. "When you play live shows

together, you have to trust your band members and their talent. We work great together and we're friends outside of playing, and I think that's something really special."

Grosh is also unique in their ability to collaborate together in songwriting, as well as during live performances. "It's unique and special to find such talented musicians that work well together. We all bring something to the table, we respect each other, and make really awesome music together."

For more information on Grosh and to sample their music, visit [groshband.com/home](http://groshband.com/home) and follow on social media. Catch Grosh on Fall Fest weekend at one of their free shows in Ellicottville on Friday, October 11 at EBC Tap + Bottle Taqueria at 8pm and Saturday, October 12 at Balloons at 3pm at the Fall Fest Tent. Follow *The Villager* online events calendar for more of Grosh's upcoming shows in and around Ellicottville throughout the seasons.

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# Sculptor

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mediums and creative outlets. He began carving faces in pumpkins, and his friend encouraged him to enter the Food Networks Halloween Wars. In 2020, Eric won Halloween Wars with his unique pumpkin carving creations, and he went on to compete on the Food Networks' Outrageous Pumpkins in 2022, which he also won first place. "It was the most exhilarating experience in my professional career," recalls Eric. "Absolutely nothing compares to the opportunity to compete alongside some of the best in the business. I work best under pressure, so I thrive in this type of environment. It pushed my limits and made me become a better artist. The adrenaline and energy were incredible." Eric is currently featured on the All-Stars Halloween Wars, which airs on Sunday evenings on the Food Network.

Eric enjoys creating from materials that were never intended to be an art form. While exploring different mediums, he began creating snow sculptures and became well-known for his Buffalo Bills creations. His giant sculpture of Stefan Digs and Josh Allen went viral in 2022, and he has created many others since. "We have an abundance of snow in this area, so I'm rarely at a loss for material during the winter months," laughs Eric. During the summer, he began creating sand sculptures, his most difficult material to work with. "I enjoy challenging myself; the sand can be difficult to work with but it pushes



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me as an artist." In 2023, Eric became the Guinness World Record holder for carving the world's largest jack o' lantern.

Eric prefers that his creations are not permanent; they're temporary. The snow melts, pumpkins rot and sand falls away, leaving only the memory of his art. "I prefer my art to be impermanent. I'm mostly interested in the process, not the product. It's also a driving factor for my fundraising efforts; there's a sense of urgency for my creations for various causes."

Wanting to give back to the community, Eric founded Sculpting for Smiles, a 503cB non-profit that helps children and their families affected by serious medical conditions. Eric meets with these families and listens to what passions the children have, finds out what they love, then carves a unique sculpture in hopes of bringing a

smile. "It's a small gesture, but it's something I can do for these kids and their families." Eric has also increased awareness of certain medical conditions by posting these creations on his social media platforms, inspiring other agencies to donate. He has also collaborated with Hope Rise Pink Pumpkin Project and others to raise funds in the community.

This season, Eric will be offering pumpkin carving classes and demonstrations at Pumpkinville in Great Valley, just outside of Ellicottville. Guided by Eric, guests will work at their own pace to create their own pumpkin sculpture during these fun, engaging classes. "These classes are going to be a blast," Eric says. "I love teaching kids and adults, helping them create something unique. It's also a lot of fun. I love interacting with everyone

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Owner, founder, and Buffalo native Jeff Ware had dreams of opening a brewery since he began home brewing with his brother in college. He worked for Sam Adams in New York City where he learned the sales side of beer, while furthering his experience in the craft beer industry. He met his wife Erin at Sam Adams, and they would frequent beer gardens in New York City, enjoying the experience and discussing their plans to bring something like this to the Buffalo region.

# Resurgence

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and I were big into beer," says Jeff. "We really began to appreciate craft brewing at Macgregor's Taproom in Rochester when I was attending RIT. We sampled beers from around the world, and really enjoyed the beer culture."

As Jeff got more involved in his hobby of craft beer, he decided to quit his job and devote himself fully to the craft beer culture. He worked for Sam Adams in New York City where he learned the sales side of beer, while furthering his experience in the craft beer industry. He met his wife Erin at Sam Adams, and they would frequent beer gardens in New York City, enjoying the experience and discussing their plans to bring something like this to the Buffalo region.

In 2012, Jeff and Erin moved back to Buffalo with plans to open an experiential brewery with unique craft beer flavors; a fresh approach

for the area. They wanted it to be fun and creative, a melting pot of their favorite experiences. In 2014 they opened the doors to Resurgence and sold their first pints from their original location at 1250 Niagara Street. Resurgence is dedicated to making great, consistent, creative beers and providing a great experience. They aim to be family friendly and work hard while having fun.

The name Resurgence speaks to the revival of both beer in the craft industry, as well as the rebirth of the city of Buffalo itself. "We noticed a palpable change when we moved back to the city of Buffalo from New York City. There was a renewed sense of pride in the area, and investment in what our great city has to offer. We also sought to invest in Buffalo, and the revival of craft beer in the area. In the 1800's Buffalo was a brewing behemoth. With Resurgence, we wanted to be a part of bringing Buffalo from a 'rust belt' city into a vibrant destination for craft brewing and tourism alike."

In recent years, Resurgence outgrew its space on Niagara Street, and recently moved to their second location at 55 Chicago Street in the Old First Ward in 2019. This old historic Irish neighborhood is in the shadows of the grain elevators, and is undergoing a revival in recent years. "We had our eye on this building for a while as it had been vacant for 25 years. We loved the location in the Old First Ward and wanted to invest in the neighborhood, and be part of its revitalization." The building had served as EB Holmes Machine Shop as a production facility manufacturing equipment for coopers to make barrels. True to their name, Resurgence breathed life into this old building, and has helped make put this district back on the map.

Resurgence believes in quality. Much of the beer is experimental, but they hold themselves to the

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# Peek

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October 19th- 20th. Each day of the festival will be bustling with activities for young and old alike from 10am-5pm. This is an all-ages event, and general admission and parking are free. There may be additional costs for some of the activities.

This year's Peek'n Peak Fall Festival will include over 100 arts and crafts vendors for you to enjoy. Some will be set up inside the ski lodge, and some will be outside on the surrounding grounds. You're invited to browse through aisles of vendors that will have a large variety of items such as woodworking, paintings, pottery, photography, and other types of art. There will also be seasonal items, clothing and accessories, jewelry, candles, and much more.

There are some events that will be happening each day of the Fall Festival. Entertainment will begin each morning with DJ Felix who will be playing music starting at 10am. You will also find strolling magicians, frisbee dog shows, carriage and pony rides, and pumpkin cannons throughout all of the days of the festival. The Kid's Zone will be open all day during the four-day festival. There will be interactive children's activities as well as face painting, balloon artists, train rides, kids' crafts and more. Peek'n Peak's thrilling Mountain Adventures will still be operating during the weekends of the Fall Festival. If you want to experience any of these thrill-seeking attractions, you can buy tickets at the Sugar Shack.



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One for the highlights of last year's festival was the Jungle Terry Animal Show. It was such a big hit that he and his animals are returning this year to put on even more shows. The Jungle Terry Show will be held on October 12th, 13th, and 20th, with no show on October 19th. The shows will be at 1pm and then again at 3pm each day, near the Gazebo Grill. Jungle Terry will fascinate onlookers as he brings in live animals and give an informational presentation about the animals. You may be able to touch the animals and have your pictures taken with them at the conclusion of the show. This is sure to be informative and entertaining for everyone.

For more entertainment, there will be live music performances each day, from 1pm-5pm, at the main lodge deck. On Saturday the 12th, premier cover band Crush will be kicking off the festival music with rock 'n' roll and pop music. Sunday will feature Darkwater Duo, that will be performing eclectic sets of music. On the following Saturday, October the 19th, Tiny Music will be rocking it out and get you moving to the beat. Concluding the festival's live music will be Juvenile Characteristics, playing a mix of originals

and cover music on October 20th. Come and listen to all of these amazing talented musicians.

For those of you interested in getting more physically active, you may be interested in a little friendly competition. There will be corn hole and volleyball tournaments on Saturday October 12th. Gather your team and join in the fun. Maybe your team will be the big winners.

On Saturday October 13th only, there will be a classic car show cruise-in, put on by Southern Tier Classic Chevy Club. It will be from 9am-3pm, near the beginner's hill. There is a \$10 registration fee per vehicle. Shine up your ride and bring your own vehicle to display for all to see, or just come enjoy the car show as a spectator.

After all this, you will surely work up an appetite and there will be plenty of food options for you and your group. Peek'n Peak will provide some of the food, but there will also be a wide array of food vendors serving a variety of food. Inside the main lodge building, you will find the Farmer's Market, providing farm fresh fruits and vegetables. When you are looking for a sweet treat,

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# Star Buds

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that will soon be open to the public. Star Buds is located at 396 Kenmore Ave. in Buffalo in a 1,600 square foot facility.

Pitillo and Gurbacki are hiring staff and seek knowledgeable bud-tenders as they have many different products to choose from for your heady delight. Choosing which vehicle to bring the satisfying THC into your body may be a tough decision as they offer many different kinds of flower (weed, bud, smoke, ganja, hoomoddy-foddy, grass). Strains which consist of indica, sativa and hybrids will be ready for the euphoria seeking connoisseur of the aromatic plant. Along with the smokeable marijuana they will offer high quality products like many kinds of edibles, vapes and cartridges, oils and waxes all of which will be presented and explained by the highly qualified associates working there.

They have a curated product list that features selections from many local companies including Bison Botanics, House of Sacco, Dent Neurological Institute, Lions Mane, and Rural Resurgence among others. And a drive thru window will be available for established clientele to receive orders they've placed online.

In a press release sent to the Villager Pitillo is quoted saying "This is an exciting new opportunity for us", noting that he has been pursuing licensing and the right location for the dispensary for the past three years. "We're thrilled with our location and what we will be able



**OPENING SOON!**



**Star Buds has stores in a handful of states and Jamaica and now one in Buffalo that will soon be open to the public. Star Buds is located at 396 Kenmore Ave. in Buffalo in a 1,600 square foot facility.**

to offer customers, in terms of both quality and convenience. Most of all, we're grateful and excited to open and continue serving the people of our community in another way."

Pitillo, who grew up in Ellicottville has over 40 years in the restaurant and hospitality industry as his parents owned a popular establishment - The Rusty Nail in his youth, and he was the first employee at Madigan's in 1981 when they opened. With that background and wisdom he is bringing the same culture and experienced-focused philosophy to Star Buds that he uses at his restaurants. In the press release Pitillo said, "from the day we opened Osteria 166 in 2013 and Villaggio in 2015, we have always been about making people feel welcome. I believe the quality of your products can speak for itself, but if your service doesn't match that same quality, you've missed your opportunity. We hope our hospitality and service approach helps set us apart."

Pitillo's partner Ed Gurbacki said, "There are a lot of people who are curious or don't know

much about the new legal cannabis industry, so they are intimidated to walk into a dispensary, we want them to feel at ease. Our team will be ready to answer all of their questions and help educate customers on what products best fit what they are looking for."

Pitillo's sister Kim will also be alongside him and Gurbacki as the General Manager of Star Buds and his longtime friend Dexter Chow-Yuk will be the assistant manager of the retail store. "Family, community and quality have always been the foundation of what we do," Pitillo said adding, "This is our home. We live here, we're investing here, and we want our local businesses, at the restaurants and at Star Buds to be successful in a way that serves and benefits our community."

An official date for the opening will be set soon and the official operating hours as they plan to be open seven days a week. For more information check out their website [www.starbuds.us/newyork](http://www.starbuds.us/newyork).

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## BROADWAY *in Brief*

### Musical #10: "Cabaret"

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

they enter the theatre, thanks to live pre-show entertainment.

In the '72 movie, the songs sung in the cabaret reflect both changes in Sally's life and outside events. One major difference between the '66 stage musical and the '72 movie is the songs were removed and added so every song in the movie would advance the plot. Another difference is a short-lived romance between a landlady and the owner of a fruit stand was eliminated while a romance was added involving a wealthy, naive girl and a man whose love for her puts him in danger.

The first song, "Willkommen" (which means "welcome" in German) is performed at the cabaret as the writer moves into the boarding house where Sally lives, where she welcomes him. They soon become friends and (in the play and movie versions) eventually lovers. A later song, "Maybe this Time", reflects her hope things will work out between them. In the play version, Sally is English and Clifford is American. But when Cy Feuer, the producer of the '72 movie, cast Liza Minnelli as Sally he reversed Brian and Sally's nationalities so she wouldn't have to perform the part with an English accent. Minnelli herself changed the hairstyle Sally has in most versions of her story, a blonde pageboy, to a brunette bob with pointed

sideburns, to reflect the look of a Hollywood actress of that era, Louise Brooks (who popularized bobbed hair). Although Minnelli won an Oscar for the role, ironically some critics complained she sang too well, since Sally is supposed to be a mediocre singer. In the 1993 production of "Cabaret" in London, Jane Horrocks more accurately portrayed her that way, by singing in an exaggerated, melodramatic style. When the production reached Broadway in 1995, Natasha Richardson played Sally and won a Tony.

In the movie, for a while, Brian (Michael York) lives a wilder life because of Sally, as he sees the outrageous shows at the cabaret (the Kit Kat Club) and has a wild weekend with her and a German Baron. However, as he gradually becomes aware the Nazis are gaining power, she refuses to acknowledge the danger they represent, even when Brian urges her to leave the country with him (and marry him). Even when the Nazis begin attacking and even killing people in the streets, she and the other cabaret performers continue to obliviously perform songs and dances that depict them in a joking way. In an interview, Isherwood said, "That's why they were so dangerous. People laughed at them, right up until the last moment".

## Family Fun Festivals and Live Music

By DARLENE BRACE

The leaves are changing color, and fall is fully upon us during this first weekend of October. Get out and about and see what fun is happening in Chautauqua County.

**Thursday October 3-** Are you feeling lucky? At the **Reg Lenna** in downtown Jamestown, they will be having a **Cash Bash fundraiser** starting at 5:30pm. You will have a chance of winning a \$3000 grand prize as well as eight other cash prizes. There will also be a wine pull, silent auction, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an evening of fun.

**Friday October 4 - Customer Appreciation Nights continue at Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing** in Westfield. Ron Fitch will perform his music starting at 5pm. There will be drink specials and food available to purchase.

**Big Inlet Brewing** welcomes back talented local musician **Adam McKillip** to the stage. Adam is a multi-instrumental soloist who will entertain the crowd while you enjoy your favorite beverage starting at 7pm.

**Saturday October 5- Backlog** will be rocking it out at the **Good Time Saloon** starting at 9pm. While listening to the music, you can play pool, throw darts, try your luck at quick draw, or dance the night away.

**The Lakewood Fall Festival** will be taking place on October 5th from 10am-6pm. There will be plenty of food, vendors, music, and activities. **Charity Nuse and Jeremy Bunce** will perform from 12pm-3pm. They play a fun mix of originals and covers,

ranging from country, Americana, blues, folk, and rock. **Group Ther-Happy** will also have live music starting with **Don Beck** from 3pm-6pm and Paul Hunter starting at 8pm.

**Travis Hapoldt** will be performing at **The Cooler Bar and Grill** in Sherman. Travis's will entertain you with his rich deep voice while singing some of your favorite classic tunes.

**Busti Tap House** will be hosting **Derek Davis**. Derek plays a wide variety of genres of music and will be starting at 6:30pm. You may want to make a reservation as they sometimes get quite busy.

**The Southern Tier Brewing Company** in Lakewood is having an all-day **Oktoberfest**. **The Captain Tom Trio** will perform from 4pm-7pm. The brewery will be featuring the release of their Oktoberfest Märzen and Hefeweizen beer and delicious German-inspired food will be available.

There is also an **Oktoberfest** on Saturday October 5 at the **CHQ Marketplace** which is in North Harmony near the town of Chautauqua. From 12pm-9pm, they have planned a day packed of Oktoberfest traditions. There will be a Steinhilfing competition and classic German foods will be available. There will be a costume contest and live music.

The shores of Lake Erie will be rocking for one more weekend at **Sunset Bay Beach**. Cabana Sams will be having the band **Swift Kick** at 7pm. Come and enjoy the sunset as they play some of your favorite classic tunes for their end of the season entertainment.

Come check out The

**Living Room Jam Band**, as they will be performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** starting at 5:30pm. They play Americana, folk blues, and country including covers and originals.

The annual **Panama Rocks Foliage Festival** will be taking place on **October 5th-6th** from 10am-5pm. There will be over seventy arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, unique demonstrations, and live music. **Davis & Eng** will perform at 10:30am and at 3pm both days. **Drew & Lena** will also perform on Saturday at 12:30pm. On Sunday afternoon, the talented duo called **SON** will perform. You can participate in Halloween costume contests for adults and children. Children can go trick or treating from vendor to vendor. There will also be face painting, make your own stuffed animal, and horse drawn wagon rides.

**Harvest View Greenhouses** in Fredonia is not just an ordinary greenhouse. It is currently having a **six week Fall Festival**, with an abundance of indoor and outdoor activities. They also have concessions and party spaces for private parties. There is live music on the weekends. This weekend, **Party McFly** will perform on Friday, and **Tito and Vince** will play on Sunday. The music starts at 1pm both days.

This week it is getting close to the peak for the colorful fall foliage and there is plenty of live music and fun festivals to entertain you. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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# What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Neither pandemics or Bills losses slows us down so let's see who's playing where?

**THURSDAY**

The weekend starts Thursday, at Balloons, for Burger-n-Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. This week's musical host is Mellisa Sauers from 6-9pm. She plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers and even throws in some clarinet, Dixieland style.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music is hosted by Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/roots/pop/folk set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm frisat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

**FRIDAY**

Balloons is first up again with The Pat Harrington Trio from 6:30-10pm. This group plays a blues/rock/country/pop set of covers and originals. The back bar will host Greg Zeis from 10-1am. Greg plays a rock/country/folk/roots set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will provide the sauce so you can dance like a boss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Kage rock-

in the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

**SATURDAY**

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock//pop/country/ folk set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Hazzard County takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays both kinds of music, country and western. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high-end spirits.

Balloons is back with 90 West from 6:30-10pm. They play old and new country covers. The back bar will host David Froese from 10-1am. He plays country covers and originals. Dj Snarski will rock the house sound puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with the return of Dj Kage playin some jams so you can move your gams from 9-2am.

**SUNDAY**

Villaggio will do its weekly AYCE Pasta Night but open early for the Bills game from 12:30-9pm. They'll have pizza and wing specials along with drink special's during the game. Chris Maloney will follow the

Bills victory with music till 8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt 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 with. This week's musical host is The Groove Bros from 6-9pm. This act plays a r&b/funk/blues/pop/jazz set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Monday offering is Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays old and new country and rock, southern rock covers. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

We've ended our week-end the same for 40+ years, at The Gun Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beers on tap makes for a locals favorite. Brian Rick is your musical host. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

If you enjoyed your time in our village tell your friends and family and come back often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

## Beat on the Street:

“What Phrase Do You Say the Most?”

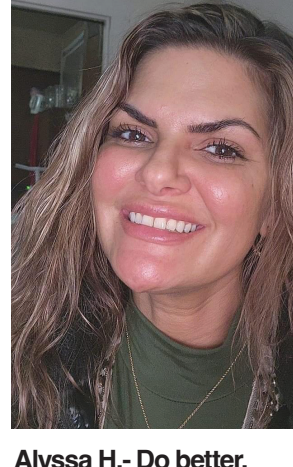
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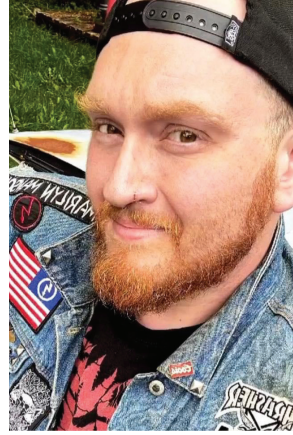
Shelby H.- Oh ya know, just livin' the dream.



John W.- Aye Yai Yai!



Alyssa H.- Do better.



Dan L.- That's the way she goes.



Nick P.- What made that a good idea?



Caylin M.- In due time.

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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!**

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

# Sculptor

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and sharing my awesome Dad jokes." He'll also be offering pumpkin carving demonstrations on certain dates, when guests are invited to watch as he creates unique intricate pumpkin creations live on site.

Eric is inspired by his inability to be complacent with his work. "I'm driven to constantly be better. I'm always looking for the next step to improve. I get bored when I'm not challenged so I'm always looking to push the limits and evolve as an artist. I'm always studying those who are better than me for inspiration and ways to improve."

Looking towards the next season, Eric is planning to increase the scale of his snow sculptures, making them even bigger and better than last year. He is continuing to offer various sculpting classes and working with the community to fundraise and support those in need.

While Eric has been approached to travel and create art in various cities, he has no plans to leave the area. "Western New York is my home, and I plan to stay here as long as I'm welcome! This is my town, my team, and these are my people. I love it here and my roots are firmly planted in WNY."

For more information visit <https://www.ericjonesstudios.com/>, follow on social media or email [info@ericjonesstudios.com](mailto:info@ericjonesstudios.com). Pumpkinville classes are still available at <https://pumpkinville.com/>.

Eric enjoys creating from materials that were never intended to be an art form. During the summer, he began creating sand sculptures, his most difficult material to work with. Eric prefers that his creations are not permanent; they're temporary. The snow melts, pumpkins rot and sand falls away, leaving only the memory of his art.

# Resurgence

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highest standards. "We're constantly perfecting our recipes until we're confident they're as good as they can be," says Jeff. "Traditional beer is making a comeback, so we are working on perfecting the nuances of traditional beer. We are always testing new things, keeping it original and the best quality."

As Resurgence is committed to creativity, some of their flavors lie outside the ordinary: Loganberry Wit, Vanilla Cappuccino Pumpkin Ale, Sponge Candy Stout, and Peanut Butter Porter.

Resurgence is also working on crafting ciders, and recently launched a Ghost Pepper Cider under their label Blackbridge Ciders. Another favorite is their Chicken Wing Beer, which is meant to be paired with Buffalo's Famous Wings. "It is an amazing beer; it coats the mouth and takes away the spice from the chicken wing. It is perfect for Buffalo. We love our wings and beer."

Resurgence is an experience. Guests can view the entire process of beer making while they sip on beer at bar or enjoy a meal in the dining room. "Resurgence is an immersive experience. We want our guests to feel a part of the process and understand where their beer is coming from."

Resurgence also offers full tours and guests are welcome to sample anything on site in the taproom.

Resurgence will be celebrating Oktoberfest all month, and according to Jeff, it is the perfect season for beer. "Fall is a great time of year to get cozy and enjoy a nice amber colored ale." Jeff invites readers to the taproom at 55 Chicago Street and experience Resurgence; a destination for locals and tourists alike.

For more information and upcoming events visit [www.resurgencebrewing.com](http://www.resurgencebrewing.com), follow on social media for updates.

# Peek

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you will find treats like funnel cakes and kettle corn as well as baked goods and other specialty treats

To find a complete schedule of events, go to [pknpk.com](http://pknpk.com). You will find that the annual Fall Festival at Peek'n Peak has a little bit of something for everyone. You can find lots of vendors, great food, live music, and a large variety of activities. Those that attend this festival say that it's an amazing festival that you don't want to miss. Go to Peek'n Peak for their Fall Festival, and you will have a great time.

You will also find strolling magicians, frisbee dog shows, carriage and pony rides, and pumpkin cannons throughout all of the days of the festival. The Kid's Zone will be open all day during the four-day festival. There will be interactive children's activities as well as face painting, balloon artists, train rides, kids' crafts and more.

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This notice is being posted in accordance with the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York: By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Ellicottville Joint Fire District.

Mary Schuster, District Treasurer Board of Fire Commissioners Ellicottville Joint Fire District PO BOX 1724, Ellicottville NY 14731.

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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](http://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 Planning Board, 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](mailto:greg.keyser@evlengineering.com).

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - 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.

A joint meeting of the town of Ellicottville, Ellicottville Fire District and town of Mansfield will be held immediately following the close of the public hearing(s).

However, the voters within the expanded portion of the Ellicottville Fire District in the town of Mansfield must vote on the proposition (but not those voters of the town of Ellicottville), and this resolution shall not become effective until then.

**DEMAND AND NOTICE PURSUANT TO NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS LAW § 15-304**

To: Eastern Gas & Oil, P.O. Box 731, Warren, Ohio 44481

Person Giving Notice: Joseph Kic and Mary Kunselman, c/o Evan F. Anderson, Esq. Hodgson Russ LLP

140 Pearl Street, Suite 100, Buffalo, New York 14202

Interest of Person Giving Notice: Joseph Kic and Mary Kunselman are the current owners of the premises affected by the lease referenced below.

Oil and Gas Lease: Oil and Gas Lease given by John P. Kic and Antonina Kio, husband and wife (the "Lessor"), of Town of Delevan, County of Cattaraugus and State of New York, to Eastern Gas & Oil, which Lease is dated October 11, 1973 and recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office in Liber 743 of Deeds at Page 185 on October 18, 1973, and which Lease had a primary term of ten (10) years from the date thereof (the "Lease"). The Lease was subsequently assigned by John Kapp and William Jones, d/b/a Eastern Gas and Oil to Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation by Assignment dated January 14, 1974, as recorded in the Cattaraugus County Clerk's Office in Liber 747 of Deeds at page 246 on March 8, 1974.

Premises Affected: A 90 acre or more parcel of real property in the Towns of Farmersville, County of Cattaraugus and State of New York which, in September 1973, was bounded on the North by lands of P. George and Swanson, on the East by lands of Swanson, on the South by lands of Strong, and on the West by lands of Guenther.

Date and Basis of Lease Termination: The Lease expired at the end of the primary term on October 11, 1973, as a result of there not having been any oil and gas development on the property affected by such Lease or on a unit which included a portion of the property affected by the Lease.

Demand: Pursuant to General Obligations Law § 15-304 the lessee of an oil and gas lease must provide a document in recordable form cancelling the lease of record within thirty (30) days of the lease expiration. Demand is made that you provide such a document to the Person Giving Notice, at the address set forth above, within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Demand.

If you fail to provide the document, in recordable form, cancelling the lease within the time specified, the lease will be terminated pursuant to the provisions of General Obligations Law § 15-304.

If You Believe the Lease Remains In Effect: If you believe that the lease referenced above has not terminated, you must file an affidavit to that effect in Cattaraugus County within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this Demand and Notice and must provide a copy of such affidavit to the Person Giving Notice within ten (10) days following the filing of such affidavit.

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## Daff

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1959. The next few years seem to be a mystery but new occupants on the right took the location from 1962-1982 where you could always find Peggy and Bob Harrison at the Ellicottville Real Estate and Insurance business. Dekdebrun's Ski Shop arrived on the right side in 1963 with the rise in popularity of snow skiing in Ellicottville. Greg handed the keys to

Hank Nuskowski in 1976 where Hank kept locals well supplied with their alcoholic needs, the church with wine for communion and the patrons regaled with his outrageous stories about his travels or fictional accounts he could weave so convincingly until 1996. Who didn't love Hank? Back on the left Billy Burrell opened a Burrell Cutlery Outlet Store for 10 years.

Finally, in 1997, two local businesswomen, Dina DiPasquale (Dina's) and Arleen Solly (Kazoo II) decided that they didn't have enough on their plates or not enough important

things to attend to, so they decided that they would start a new business selling clothing hats, shoes, and all things fun, combining both locations into one. They called it Daff - *Dina and Arleen Frying Fish*. In 2000, Laura Solly came home from college, started managing Daff and eventually bought out Dina, then Arleen in about 2003. It might sound a bit daffy but the business has flourished for all these years and hopefully, the calendar pages might stop flipping for a while, keeping both doors of Daff open and on the local scene for years to come.

## Welcome October!!

Start the new season right and start to write!  
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**JOB OPENING: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER, COMMERCIAL DRIVER, & HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR** - The Town of Ellicottville, NY is seeking to hire a Highway Department Laborer, Commercial Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator to fill a full-time position with the Highway Department. The position involves operating equipment and performing manual labor with regards to maintenance and oversight of the town roads. Applicants with a High School Diploma (or GED) and a NYS Commercial Driver License (Class B) will be considered.

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](mailto:Scot.brumagin@evlengineering.com). The full job description is available at: [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com).

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE.** When applying applicants must have a CDL Class B License, Dirt Work and Plowing Snow experience. Applications may be obtained by contacting Highway Superintendent Jeff Williams at Mansfield Highway Garage 7629 Maples Road, Little Valley 14755. Superintendent Williams can be reached by calling 716-699-2225 or Mobile Phone number: 716-801-2454. Preference to be given to a Town of Mansfield resident if equally qualified. By Order of Highway Superintendent Jeff Williams, Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk Dated: September 23, 2024.

Place Your Classified: [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com)

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