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BOB M'CARTHY IRISH CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 6 • 6pm
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Detecting Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

According to Nationalbreastcancer.org, 1 out of every 8 women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. In 2024 to date, an estimated 310,720 women and 2,800 men have been diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, as well as 56,500 new cases of non-invasive (in situ) breast cancer.

Please note – breast cancer in men flies under the radar and can be missed. Gentlemen, please look for any unusual signs, like lumps and swelling and don't be shy to talk to your doctor. The good news is there are currently over 4 million breast cancer survivors in the United States. Caught early, the 5-year survival rate is 99%.

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The Spirit Way Project

Local Author's Supernatural Investigations



The paranormal expert/examiner/medium/TV personality steps boldly into the house/barn/cellar/church, the one that locals say is haunted, the site that bumps in the night. An audio-visual crew follows diligently. They pack equipment designed to detect the undetectable, to record the mysteries within; a ghostly apparition, a supernatural aura, a sixth sense. And...CUT. PRINT.

By BILL BURK

masonwinfield.com). He's a lecturer, author, storyteller, scientist. He is not, by his own reckoning, a "ghost-hunter." If there's a profession that

Mason Winfield has a deep and abiding interest in the paranormal. It's been his life work (as evidenced by his vitae on his website www.masonwinfield.com).

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RocketCup Coffee Company

Revitalizing Communities throughout the World



Co-owner and co-founder Tom Cullen (pictured) believes strongly in the power of community. What started as a small online business with only one employee, MacKenzie Bush (now head of marketing and sales) has grown into a far-reaching business with 25+ employees with an impressive impact on the community. "The future is bright," says Tom. "We are excited to roll out our next project, working with Revolution Rail Co. from the Adirondacks to bring rail bikes to Cattaraugus County."

By KATE BARTLETT

RocketCup Coffee Company has been fostering their mission to revitalize communities since 2022. In addition to brewing and



roasting high-quality coffee, RocketCup INTRO With headquarters in the village of Cattaraugus and their second

SEE "ROCKETCUP" PG. 7

Rediscovering Buffalo: Mint Mojito Bar

Refreshing Vibes on Niagara Street



By KATE BARTLETT

Mint Mojito Bar has been serving fresh craft cocktails on Niagara Street in Buffalo since 2022. A celebration of all things bright and fresh, Mint is a place for people to gather and enjoy each other's company as much as their inspired food and drinks.

Owners and founders Alison Clancy and Chris Mendez have an extensive history in the hospitality industry, and always dreamed of opening

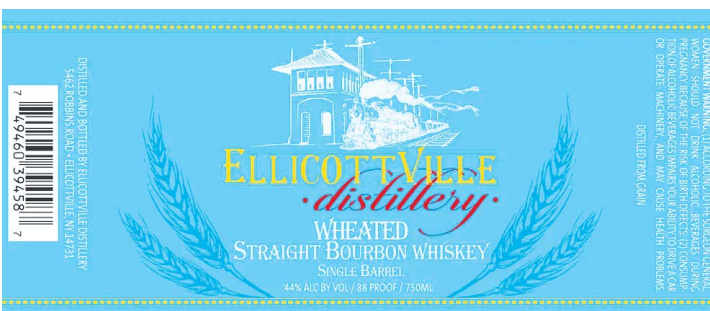
their own restaurant/bar in their hometown of Buffalo. During a trip to Mexico, they became inspired by the refreshing rum and agave spirits (especially mojitos), and decided to bring these quality drinks to Buffalo. "We knew we wanted to keep it smaller and manageable, offering quality, well-crafted drinks and food menu," says Alison.

Mint offers high quality craft cocktails, focusing on

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Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

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EVL Distillery Releases New Wheated Bourbon



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Remembering Bob Pero ... Pg. 10

Ellicottville's Quintessential Bartender

Bob Pero, a Lackawanna native, found his way to Ellicottville in 1971. He and a partner first bought the old Rusty Nail Restaurant and Bar in Limestone, re-naming it Molly Hatchet's. After a run there, he found his way to Tips Up Restaurant in the early eighties. And there he stayed for most of his bartending career. Bob retired several years ago, after a short stint at The Silver Fox.

Hog Shed Studio Pottery

Holiday Open Studio, Nov. 2-3, in Otto, NY



Over the past 40 years, Elliott has developed a distinctive style that her return customers have grown to love, each piece handmade and unique. The open studio provides an intimate opportunity for customers to come inside the studio, visit with Elliott and learn about her craft.

By KATE BARTLETT

Hog Shed Studio Pottery will host their Holiday Open Studio on Saturday and Sunday November 2-3rd from 10am-5pm at their location at 8420 Maples Road (Cr #13) in Otto, NY. Elliott and Michael Hutten have been creating pottery on their property here for over 40 years, nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of Amish Country in Cattaraugus County.

Elliott has dedicated herself to creating pottery as her primary employment since the 1982. She describes the process as rewarding and therapeutic, using her hands to create original work from clay.

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Day Trippin': Finger Lakes

Autumn Excursion Not to Be Missed



PHOTOS & ARTICLE BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Now is a perfect time to visit the beautiful Finger Lakes in New York to enjoy the magnificent vistas of fall foliage everywhere, as well as local sights and attractions. The Finger Lakes Region has fourteen counties, including Elmira, Geneseo, Naples, Corning, Ithaca, Rochester and Syracuse. My travel companion and I first visited Hammondsport (which, in 2012, won the title of "America's Coolest Small Town", thanks to a contest held by Budget Travel magazine). The view of Keuka Lake and the surrounding hillsides full of fall foliage from Depot Park (on the southern shore of the lake) was breathtaking (pictured). The park itself is picturesque, thanks to the old depot building on the shore, and the general charm of the small townhouses and buildings all around. It is currently decorated with whimsical Halloween decorations such as pumpkins painted with funny

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FARM TO TABLE DINNER: NOVEMBER 2, 2024 : JAMESTOWN, NY

Publisher's Word

"Bounty Overflows"



In preparing each week's edition of The Villager and the annual Ellicottville Phone Directory, it's obvious how excited the people in our community are to be here. There are so many new businesses opening up and residents

moving to our area. It's bold proof that we live in an area of hard workers, team builders, believers and friends. Take a look through these pages of the number of developments, events, and interesting people doing great things. Rest assured you are indeed in a wonderful part of this world. As always, if you have something to share with our readers, please let us know; we'd love to bring it to our community. Write to info@thevillager.com

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Halloween Festivities

Family Fun in Western New York this Weekend

BY DARLENE BRACE

Halloween will soon be here, full of costumes, parties, and lots of candy. There are plenty of Halloween festivities to choose from in Western New York.

Thursday October 24 -The Lakewood Library, located at 12 West Summit Street, is brewing up their Halloween Party from 5pm-6:30pm. They will be having thrilling storytelling, crafty crafts, facepainting, and lots of trick or treat candy as well as some fun surprises.

Halloween Party from 5:30pm-9:30pm. There will be a DJ playing tunes for a dance party and there will be a costume contest. It will also include a haunted house, pumpkin painting, games, and a photo booth. The bar will be open for adult beverages as well as some food and desserts to purchase. Tickets to enter are \$5 a person and each child will get a gift bag. You may want to bring an extra bag to collect candy and prizes.

The **City of Jamestown** will be having its **3rd Annual Halloween Riverwalk Trick or Treat Trail** on October 26, from 5pm-7pm. There will be free hayrides and plenty of candy. The trail goes from the Riverwalk's Panzarella Park to the Washington Street Bridge area. If you have any questions, you can call the Parks Department at (716) 483-7523.

Haunted Wooden Maze, the Gothic Chamber, and more. The Nightmare Hayrides will be October 25-27, from 7:30-9:30p. This may be a little scary, so be there if you dare.

Sunday October 27- Just outside of Jamestown, the Fluvanna Fall Fest will be held from 12pm-4pm at **Killa Kookies & Kream** at 3423 Fluvanna Avenue. This festival will include trick-or-treating, a petting zoo, a food court, live entertainment, vendors, a costume contest, fire trucks, games, and more.

Wednesday October 30th -The Chautauqua Safety Village in Ashville will be having its annual **Halloween Party** on Wednesday from 4pm-7:30pm. There is a \$5 admission for anyone over the age of 2 years old. With your admission, you and your family can go trick or treating throughout the village buildings and stroll through the kid friendly funhouse. There will also be a bounce house, games, crafts, and other Halloween activities.

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Friday October 25 - The City of Olean is having a Halloween Party from 6pm-7:30pm for children 12 and under. The party will be held at 921 N. Union Street in Olean (formerly St John's School). There will be pizza, a costume contest, prizes, and of course lots of candy.

October 25 & 26 - Enter the Haunted House and Terrifying Walk in the Woods if you dare. This is an all-ages free event located at 851 West Road in **Cherry Creek**. They will be there to scare you rain or shine from 7pm-10pm.

The **Ellicottville Memorial Library** will be having their **3rd annual Escape the Haunted Library**. It will take place from 6pm-8:30pm on October 25th and 26th. Teams up to five people are encouraged. This event is free to attend, but you must make a reservation by calling (716) 699-2842.

The second annual **Halloween in the Park** will be taking place at **Princeton Place in Orchard Park**. There will be a craft station, face painting, hayrides, a costume contest, tarot card readings, and trick or treating at participating businesses. It will also include a variety of food trucks and vendors including apple cider slushes, kettle corn, BBQ, sandwiches, subs, donuts, and much more.

Are you up to some spine-tingling excitement with a little Halloween scare. If so, check out the **Nightmare Hayride** located at 6319 Sommerville Valley Road in **Ellicottville**. Experience the twenty-five-minute tractor drawn hayride down the haunted path with live creatures that will give you quite a fright. You can also go through the

Thursday October 31 - The Ellicottville Rotary Club is Pairing with St. John's Lutheran Church for the Trunk or Treat event from 4:30-7:30pm. Bring a truck, dress up the kids and enjoy the games and prizes at 6360 Rt. 242 in Ellicottville.

Wow! What a lot of fun Halloween festivities are going to be happening. Pick out your costume and be ready for lots of fun as you head out to enjoy all the fun that the Halloween season brings us. Have fun, be safe, and have a Happy Halloween!

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Saturday October 26- Hop aboard the **Halloween Train Ride at the New York & Lake Erie Railroad**, at 50 Commercial Street in Gowanda. Your two hour round-trip train ride will go from Gowanda to South Dayton and back. The train ride admission includes a costume contest, a candy counting contest, refreshments to purchase, and lots of spooky fun.

The **Village Casino** in Bemus Point is having their first **Family Fun**



ECS Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Thursday, Oct, 31 Downtown Ellicottville

Students from ECS will be visiting the Ellicottville Business District on Halloween - Thursday, October 31st. Approximately 250 students from ECS will be Trick-Or-Treating on Washington and Monroe Streets in the business district on Thursday, October 31st at Noon. Make sure to welcome them and remind your neighbors that they are coming!

NOTE: The school has notified us that there are kids with nut allergies. Please take that into consideration when you are picking out your treat!

EVL/Salamanca "Cantata" Choir

Rehearsals to begin for December 15 Concert



On Sunday, October 20th, the "Cantata" Choir began rehearsing for this year's production which will take place on Sunday, December 15th at 3pm in the Riverside Chapel on Broad Street in Salamanca, and 7pm in the Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville, N.Y. The title of the Cantata is "A Blest Messiah Born" by Larry Shackley. This work tells the Christmas Story Through Timeless Carols. There is even a song for a children's

choir. When we performed this cantata in 2012, the "Friendly Beasts" sung by the children was a big hit. Contact our director, Annette Ieda, if you have a talented child who would enjoy being in this ensemble.

The rehearsals for the adult group will begin at the Riverside Chapel and alternate each week between Salamanca and The First Church of Ellicottville on Elizabeth Street. The rehearsals will be from 1:15 to 3pm weekly from Oct. 20 until Dec.

8th. If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining us, please call or text Annette Ieda, the director, 716-912-3512 for more information.

This is a volunteer group which gathers annually to enrich our Christmas Season by presenting the story of Jesus' Birth through song and narration. Please mark your calendar and save the date of December 15th, 2024 to attend the free concerts, and the refreshments following each presentation.

EVL Halloween Half

Annual Fun-Run in Ellicottville, Saturday, October 26

The EVL Halloween Half will be a fun filled Halloween-themed event on Saturday October 26, 2024. The event will feature a Half Marathon and a 5k. Runners of all abilities are encouraged to join! Grab your friends, pick out your costumes and get ready to run! The EVL Halloween Half is going to be one of the most fun Half Marathons you will ever participate in!

Special rates for early registration. Don't miss out, register for the EVL Half now at evlhalf.com.

The EVL Half begins and ends in the charming village of Ellicottville, NY. Running in the EVL Half Marathon will take you on 13.1 miles of beautiful countryside roads.

The Half will start at 11am on Monroe Street, NY in the Village of Ellicottville on Saturday, October 26, 2024!

The race isn't only fun, it will also benefit many charity partners - The Ellicottville Sport Boosters - a group dedicated to getting local children involved in athletics, as well as

the local food pantry. Participants are invited to run in costume and enjoy other Halloween related activities but this is by no means mandatory.

If you love running, wearing costumes, meeting other people, and having a great time, the EVL Half is for you! Participants are invited to run in costume and enjoy other Halloween related activities but this is by no means mandatory. Get started by registering so you can start thinking about finding a costume that won't chafe.

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Fall Feast Collab Private Dinner Event

Ellicottville Distillery Releases New Wheated Bourbon



Chef Billy McClain will be preparing the meals for the lucky guests of this private outdoor affair, and only 40 tickets are being sold. The bill of fare consists of an appetizer of Philly Cheese Steak Egg Rolls, the starter is a Wild Rice Soup with the Main Course of Crispy Chicken Monte Carlo with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasoned Vegetable Medley. The dessert is made with a favorite from Bryan's shelves, (his Maple Bourbon Cream) called Bourbon Cream Pots De Creme. All served under the pavilion at the Distillery.

BY CHAD NEAL

Outside of Ellicottville's quaint village there are quite a few places that aren't as well known as the establishments downtown. One of those enterprises is Ellicottville Distillery. Owners Bryan and Renee Scharf opened their business at 5462 Robbins Road (4 miles east of town on off Rte. 242) right in Ashford Junction in 2016. Off the beaten path it may be a bit difficult to see without GPS, Ellicottville Distillery is a hidden gem in the countryside on a beautiful property, neighbor to a grand forested hillside and the head waters of the Great Valley Creek, next door to another new business in Ellicottville, Bigfoot Park Golf. Bryan is the master distiller and already has awards on his lapel for his bourbon. He just released a six-year barrel and has more in stock for future aged casking events. This weekend he is releasing his newest recipe, the Wheated Bourbon, with a four-course gourmet dinner and spirit pairing event called Fall Feast along with Chef Billy McClain.

The event is this Saturday October 26 starting with a cocktail hour at 2pm and entrees beginning at 3pm. The \$70 cost per person includes the gourmet meal and two hand crafted cocktails made from the Ellicottville Spirits Scharf handcrafted himself. Chef Billy McClain will be preparing the meals for the lucky guests of this private outdoor affair, and only 40 tickets are being sold. The bill of fare consists of an appetizer of Philly Cheese Steak Egg Rolls, the starter is a Wild Rice Soup with the Main Course of Crispy

Chicken Monte Carlo with Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Seasoned Vegetable Medley. The dessert is made with a favorite from Bryan's shelves, (his Maple Bourbon Cream) called Bourbon Cream Pots De Creme. All served under the pavilion at the Distillery.

Another great reason to check this event out is the newest recipe Scharf has concocted and bottled. His Wheated Bourbon that was made similar to his traditional bourbon, (with 50% corn or more and a mixture of wheat or barley grains) but the wheated version has much more wheat than his traditional to give a different taste and feel. Bourbon connoisseurs have the nose and taste for such fine whiskeys, and Scharf will have his regular bourbon as well to compare. A fine new product added to his repertoire. The release is at 4pm with live music by Tina Williams.

The Feast put on by Make a Difference, a private dine and catering LLC, is going to be a grand part of this event. Billy McClain started this venture because of his love for making food and sharing it with whoever wants to dig in. McClain's catch phrase for his company is "whenever possible, make a difference" and that is what he strives to do. *The Villager* caught up with the fine food creator and asked him some questions about himself and his forté. McClain said, "I've been cheffing for over 30 years. I have not had any formal training, and I don't want to disrespect chefs that have had the training. I started out barbecuing and I have had a catering business for several years."

He told *The Villager* he wants to "expand his culinary reach" as he has cooked quite a few different types of cuisines. "I like to see what I can put together." One of his favorite types of cuisine is Jamaican. "Jerk chicken, ox tails and then the next day make an ox tail pizza!"

Asked about his passion McClain said, "To make a difference in this world or at least my neck of the world through food." He went on to explain, "I have a group of friends and we call ourselves the Griddle Gang. We will set our griddles up and do breakfast or lunch or dinner for anybody that wants it at no cost, and we hope to feed a lot of young kids so they can see the random act of kindness." This experience has also influenced other volunteers to the table, he added.

"Whatever I am putting on a plate for a customer, I will put the same care into any random act of kindness we do. People love food and if I can take their minds off whatever may be going on in their life, and they are enjoying what I serve them, I feel like I made a difference."

Being the veteran chef he is, McClain said due to a limited kitchen at the Ellicottville Distillery he came up with the menu for the equipment he will bring with him. "I also tried to think of what I have made that people enjoyed. It will be a nice ambiance, decorated nice and I have had some people in the background working hard to help this event go well. The Fall Feast Collab is just a play on words to keep the fall fest theme going."

Scharf and McClain met at the Distillery tasting room and discovered commonality. After pouring bourbon for McClain, and discussing the ideas Scharf offered the venue. With excitement in his words McClain finished saying, "My new venture is about meeting new people and trying to give them an experience through food that makes a difference in their day."

A full day of food, entertainment and the release of the new Wheated Bourbon will be special for all who attend. For more information and to order tickets you can call McClain at 716-307-2659 or the Ellicottville Distillery at 716-597-6121.

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"Here in my studio, I can sit quietly at the potter's wheel, shaping clay into a bowl or mug, knowing that it will eventually find its way into someone's home. It is a simple thing, but it brings me joy to know that my customers enjoy using these pieces. Somehow, a little piece of me goes out into the world along with my work!"

Over the past 40 years, Elliott has developed a distinctive style that her return customers have grown to love, each piece handmade and unique. The open studio provides an intimate opportunity for customers to come inside the studio, visit with Elliott and learn about her craft.

The delightful workshop on their property in Otto houses Elliott's studio, along with the beautifully designed showroom of handcrafted stoneware pottery. It's simply beautiful in any season, but November is a great time to visit. Crisp mornings in between fall and winter, with the smell of frost in the air makes the warmth



Elliott and Michael Hutten have been creating pottery on their property here for over 40 years, nestled in the beautiful rolling hills of Amish Country in Cattaraugus County.

of her studio all the more inviting. From dinnerware, casserole dishes, mugs and cups to ornaments and vases, there is something for everyone in this gallery on the farm. All functional pieces are lead-free, along with dishwasher, oven and microwave safe.

Elliott finds great satisfaction in creating pieces for everyday enjoyment, and loves seeing repeat customers. "I've had many people return over the years to tell me how much someone else has loved their gift of pottery. That gives me great personal satisfaction."

Michael describes his wife's pottery as well-crafted and distinct.

"Elliott devotes time and dedication to each piece, working by hand until each piece is up to her standards." The studio boasts a wide selection of functional stoneware and wood-fired pottery as well as a limited number of seasonal ornamental pieces, including festive holiday trees, pumpkins and ornaments. All make wonderful gifts or additions to any personal collection.

While it may seem simple, the production process is quite labor intensive and time consuming. From clay to table can take several

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Holiday Valley 2024/25

Exciting New Season: Upgrades & Events



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By JESSICA MILLER
 Holiday Valley (6557 Holiday Valley Rd), Ellicottville's famous ski resort, is gearing up for an exciting winter season with notable upgrades and a packed event schedule. After a fun-filled summer of activities, the resort has been hard at work improving its infrastructure to enhance the experience for guests. With a focus on snowmaking technology, renovations to their accommodations, and a diverse lineup of events, Holiday Valley promises an unforgettable season on and off the slopes.

several snowmaking lines, a move that will allow the system to operate even more effectively. To meet increased demand, the resort added more snowmaking guns to an upper section of the popular Mardi Gras slope, ensuring optimal conditions for skiers. Additionally, snowmaking capacity has been expanded to the School Haus East section, a beginner area where the Snowsports Team is planning exciting new programs to help beginners hone their skills.

of activities for visitors to enjoy throughout the winter. Highlights include the 20th annual Beer & Wine Festival on November 9, the scheduled opening of the ski and snowboard season on November 29 (weather permitting), and Demo Day on December 14, where guests can test the latest gear.

New Year's Eve will be celebrated with a party and fireworks display, followed by Canadian Friendship Week from January 6-10, a tradition that celebrates the close relationship between the resort and its Canadian visitors. February brings popular events such as the Penguin Paddle on February 22 and the Your Turn Women's Clinic with Lisa Ballard on February 24-25. March will feature events like Winter Carnival, Boardroom Banked, and the always-anticipated Pondsiskimming event to close out the event season on March 22. The planned last day of skiing/riding is April 6.

Beyond the improvements to the snowmaking system, Holiday Valley has also focused on enhancing the guest experience in other ways. Renovations have been ongoing throughout the summer at both The Inn and the Tamarack Club, with updated rooms expected to be completed by the end of next summer. These upgrades will provide guests with even more comfortable and modern accommodations when they visit the resort.

Holiday Valley is also known for its lively event schedule, and this season is no exception. Starting on November 8 with the "Crawl Outta Fall" event, the resort will offer a series

With all the improvements and events planned, Holiday Valley is ready to offer an exceptional winter experience. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a first-time snowboarder, there's something for everyone this season at Holiday Valley.

Holiday Valley Beer and Wine

Festival Sip, Savor, and Celebrate, Sat. Nov. 9, 2024



Get ready to raise your glass and indulge in the ultimate celebration of craft beverages at the Holiday Valley Beer and Wine Festival 2024! Join the fun on November 8th and 9th for a weekend brimming with exceptional brews, fine wines, and unforgettable fun. Nestled in the picturesque beauty of Ellicottville, NY, this festival is the perfect blend of amazing flavors, live entertainment, and scenic views.

There will be two sessions held on Saturday: First Session is from 1-4pm and the Second Session is from 5-8pm at the Main Lodge. For more information go to holidayvalley.com

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Also, while you are in Ellicottville this weekend there are many fun Halloween Events and Activities to enjoy like the EVL Half Marathon & 5 K Run, Pumpkinville, Nightmare Hayrides on Sommerville Street and the Thriller Dancers - Back from the Dead who will be performing on Saturday night at 8pm at Villaggio on Monroe Street in the Village of Ellicottville.

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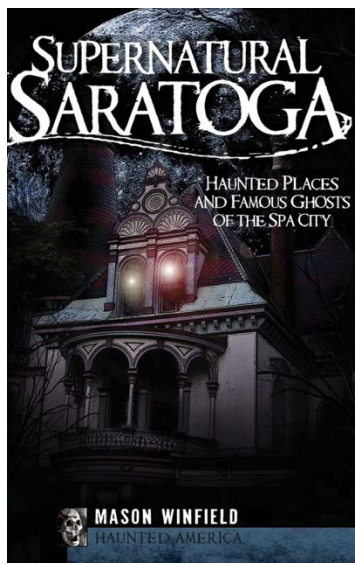


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Winfield lives in East Aurora, and understands the newer supernatural phenomenon in Western, New York. Along with his partner, and co-founder of The Spirit Way project, Algonquin Elder Michael Bastine, who Winfield calls one of the best teachers in the world on the subject of native supernatural history, the goal is to broaden the scope of their studies to the ancient world. He already has over a dozen books published covering his work throughout the States.

Spirit

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informs and directs his attention and talents, it's probably best described as "Truth Seeker". He believes it's time for the industry to innovate, to broaden its influence. "If there's a possible way to the truth, you have to take it, don't you?" he says.

To accomplish this, Winfield seeks to employ a field of multidisciplinary professionals, people different in cultural and thematic sensibilities, to explore ancient spaces, areas of the northeastern United States that have universally experienced what he calls "EHE", Exceptional Human Experiences. "Why do people say they see the things in the places they do?" Winfield asks.

It's a query he hopes to answer with The Spirit Way Project.

Designed like the popular European group The Dragon Project,

The Spirit Way uses the resources of scientific and paranormal disciplines to research the undeniably interesting and real world of EHE.

Winfield says, "The reality-TV paranormal industry typically studies buildings no more than a century-old—as though haunted sites are sensational and rare, no more original ones can be found, and paranormal sightings occur only indoors. It also barrages us with two perspectives, either intuitive-psychic—insights or surveillance ghost-hunting, as though using electronic and digital instruments as a glorified Ouija board is some objective avenue to the truth—and no other avenues of insight are available."

Differentiating from the television shows you might have seen, The Spirit Way is basically a two-fold approach to supernatural investigation; using ancient resources to identify sites of EHE that have survived and inspired humans for centuries (think Native American history and

collective consciousness), and to coordinate with any and every discipline to develop a coherent and multi-faceted theory of those experiences. So far, the group has employed:

- A Feng-Shui Master, an Algonquin Elder, an African-American psychic medium, an author/researcher/paranormalist, a psychologist, two master dowers, local scholars, historians, anthropologists, geologists, First Nations leaders, aerial surveillance experts, and team of paranormal investigators.

The goal of the team is to examine sites of reported Exceptional Human Experiences through the disciplines of geometry, shape (symbolic form), geology (earth-energies), archaeo-astronomy (an awareness of sunrises, moonrises, equinoxes, and solstices), and alignments across broad stretches of landscape to suggest codes if not messages.

"It's been a challenge. There are no upstate surveys of supernatural

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The food menu has a South American influence with a variety of empanadas that also rotate seasonally. The cocktail menu typically features about 7 different cocktails, 3 mojitos and 4 craft cocktails which rotate seasonally. All drinks are carefully curated and well-crafted using locally sourced ingredients when possible. Currently, Mint's fall mojitos include pomegranate ginger, matcha green tea and pear fennel mojito.

Mojito Bar

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agave, tequila and rum spirits. While they focus on the liquor portfolio, they are most familiar with, they do offer a full bar with beer and wine available as well. The cocktail menu typically features about 7 different cocktails, 3 mojitos and 4 craft cocktails which rotate seasonally. All drinks are carefully curated and well-crafted using locally sourced ingredients when possible. Currently, Mint's fall mojitos include pomegranate ginger, matcha green tea and pear fennel mojito. "We put a lot of time into designing our cocktail menu, but we have a lot of fun with it too."

The food menu has a South American influence with a variety of empanadas that also rotate seasonally. "We are proud to have Chef Leon Gunn create all our dishes in house, including our sauces. He is well-experienced, and has worked in New York City and Chicago; we love having him on our team."

Current fall features include a chicken Empanada prepared with Jerk Chicken, with house made jerk spice and caramelized onion. All desserts are also made in house including Spiced Chocolate Mousse and Key Lime Mousse.

The vibe at Mint is clean and refreshing, comprised of simple décor in a beautifully designed open space. "We fell in love with the building and wanted to capitalize on its unique features, like the exposed brick and natural light," says Alison. "We added some light wood accents and plants, keeping it minimal so the focus is on the food, drinks, and company."

While the space is best suited for 40-50 people, Mint frequently hosts parties and events including birthdays, anniversaries, and bridal/baby showers. "We get creative with our space and love hosting events; it's an honor to be a part of these special occasions," says Alison.

"I love to entertain," says Alison. "We wanted a space for people to come and relax, enjoying each

other's company as well as the food and drink. The space is inviting and calm and it seems to set the vibe for some really great nights of conversation and good energy."

Alison and Chris are looking forward to being a part of the revitalization on Niagara Street. "It's been building up over the years," explains Alison. "It's great to see so many small businesses move to this area and we support them every chance we can. We source our espresso from Gold Lion Coffee down the street and host floral classes with our neighbors at Wildroot Floral. We're a tight-knit community and it's been wonderful to watch it grow; we're excited for the next chapter." In the next few months, Britesmith Brewing will open a second location on Niagara Street, contributing to the revival of this area.

For more information visit www.mintmojitobar.co and follow on Instagram and Facebook. They are located at 1225 Niagara Street in Buffalo, NY 14213.

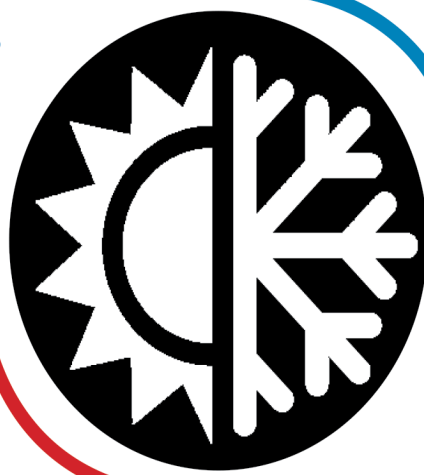
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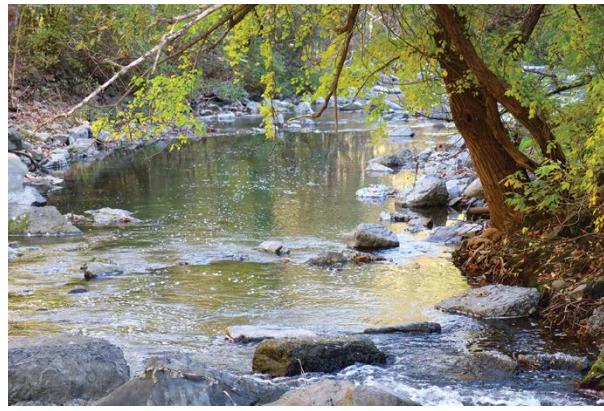
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RocketCup

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café location in Olean, RocketCup is excited to launch their Roastery and speakeasy, just steps away from their original location.

Co-owner and co-founder Tom Cullen believes strongly in the power of community. "We founded RocketCup with the mission of revitalization, and we're proud that this vision has taken roots," says Tom. "The community has warmly embraced our mission, and we're honored to watch fellow small businesses thrive around us."

One year ago, RocketCup launched their first café in the village of Cattaraugus, located at 18 N Main St. Earlier this year on Memorial Day weekend, they unveiled their second café in Olean on the corner of State and Union. Most recently, on October 4, RocketCup opened doors to their one-of-a-kind roastery, speakeasy, and beer garden, right below their original location in Cattaraugus.

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immersive experience in which guests not only take part in roasting coffee beans, but have the opportunity to blend their own 'brand' of coffee. "It's a one-of-a-kind experience; there's really nothing like it in the area," says Tom. After watching the beans roast and rotate in an industrial drum, the beans are poured out, releasing an intoxicating aroma. Guests then taste all three premium coffees from Brazil, Columbia, and Honduras, and have the opportunity to create their own blend to take home.

Their new Roastery is located in a historic building, directly attached to a Speakeasy. "This site is true to our mission of revitalization and restoration in the community," says Tom. Once a printing press, the site dates back to the 1800's, but has been historically refurbished with stone walls, timber beams along the ceiling and an iconic copper bar. The Speakeasy menu includes craft beer and cocktails, along with an additional specialty coffee focused cocktail menu. "Our food menu is a bit more elaborate than our cafes," remarks Tom. "While we still boast (arguably) the best breakfast sandwich around, we also have other farm to table seasonal items and gourmet flatbreads."

believes in roasting the highest quality coffee beans, harvesting from some of the best farms in the world. Currently, the beans are sourced from Brazil, Columbia, and Honduras, using a highly selective process. "We focus on specialty coffee," says Tom. "We use only the highest-grade coffee, and I believe this truly sets us apart." All RocketCup coffee is above 80% grade, while most coffee shops average around 30%. While this specialty coffee is more time and labor intensive, Tom believes it is well worth the extra effort. "Our coffee offers a more elevated experience, almost like the craft beer movement of coffee."

In its early years/months, RocketCup fueled the community by gifting \$1,000 grants to community projects. In recent months, the business began to switch focus, noticing the opportunity to have a greater impact by pulling people and businesses into the café. "We support our fellow businesses wholeheartedly, and seek opportunities to help them thrive. Our bagels and breads are made locally at Stoll Family Farm, and we source most of our ingredients from local farms. We provide space for our community to gather, over coffee, and cultivate our common

RocketCup firmly SEE "ROCKETCUP" PG. 11

Later that day we hiked on the Keuka Lake Outlet Trail, which is easily walkable, and offers a lot of beautiful scenery. We enjoyed seeing the foliage and falls there while sharing the trail with a group of bicyclists and there was plenty of room for everyone. At dinnertime, we ate at a popular restaurant called Parker's Grille & Tap House. The fun decor includes interesting posters and items such as a lamp with a fringed shade whose base is a lady's leg in a fish-net stocking, like the one in Jean Shepherd's popular tale, "A Christmas Story".

Finger Lakes

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faces, a life-size skeleton in a cloak, and a giant spider on the gazebo.

All around Penn Yan (a name derived from Pennsylvania Yankee) there are interesting wineries to visit, and we briefly visited a few. Penn Yan is at the north end of the east branch of Keuka Lake. Another good place to visit in that area is the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, dedicated to the motorcycle and aviation pioneer.

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The next day, we hiked up all the steep, narrow stone steps alongside the rushing stream and gorgeous waterfalls at

Stony Brook State Park. The trail there includes a series of steep stone stairways that require effort to climb, and are tricky to walk on when they're wet (which they were when we were there) but the views along the way are well worth the effort it takes to reach them. In certain places, the ledges alongside the water are very narrow, and you really have to watch your step (as signs at the beginning of the trail warn walkers to do). There, the most colorful fall foliage was up at the peaks of the rocky walls around us. Before we left the park, we explored some of the rest of the park, which includes an interesting old shelter with a large fireplace.



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Musical #13: "Hamilton"

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

the song "Satisfied", the performer raps nineteen words in three seconds! Along with speeding up the pace in general, "Hamilton" also slows down time (in the scene where the main character gets shot in a duel) and at one point even rewinds it. Surprisingly, despite all the speed, the length of the performance is about three hours.

"Hamilton" premiered Off-Broadway in 2015, opened on Broadway the same year, and won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, plus eleven Tony awards including Best Musical, and eight Drama Desk Awards including Outstanding Musical. It took seven years to compose, and the working title during that time was "The Hamilton Mixtape". The awards won by the original star, and writer of the music, lyrics and book, Lin-Manuel Miranda (who was inspired by Ron Chernow's 2004 book "Alexander Hamilton") include Tonys for Best Book of a Musical and Best Original Score, two Emmys and two Laurence Olivier awards. For writing the songs for two Disney animated movies, "Moana" and "Encanto", he was twice nominated for Oscars. The cast recording spent ten weeks on the top of Billboard's Top Rap Albums chart, and it won the Grammy for Best

Musical Theater Album. A filmed version with the original Broadway cast was released by Disney-plus in 2020.

One of the most striking things about the musical is the way it depicts how the people of the United States succeed in escaping the rule of a tyrant. The tyrant in the musical is King George the Third, who is gradually going insane. The lyrics he sings, to threaten the subjects freeing themselves from his rule include, "Remember you belong to me./When push comes to shove./I will send a fully-armed battalion to remind you of my love." He was originally played by Jonathon Groff, who was on the TV show "Glee" and performed the voice of Kristoff in the "Frozen" animated movies.

Fun Fact: On a TV talk show, Miranda mentioned that after Hamilton fled St. Croix, the place he grew up, because of a hurricane, he wrote a letter about it that was published in a paper and inspired relief efforts to restore the island. (In gratitude for his help, people collected money that allowed him to go to the colonies and get an education.) He then said that, in 2019, a hurricane hit Puerto Rico, the place he grew up, so he had "Hamilton" performed there, to raise money for relief efforts.

Family Fun Festivals and Live Music

BY DARLENE BRACE

Even though Halloween is still days away, most of the Halloween parties and events are happening this weekend. Check out the monstrously fun weekend that's happening in Chautauqua County.

Friday October 25- The Roger Tory Peterson Institute continues their **Art After Five** events from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Talented duo **SON** will perform eclectic music to entertain the crowd. Your admission includes light bites by **Elegant Edibles**, a complimentary drink, and access to the current exhibitions.

Customer Appreciation Nights continue at **Five and 20 Brewing and Spirits in Westfield**. There will be \$2 off draft beers and some cocktails will be priced at \$5.20 from 5pm-8pm. Talented musician **Matt Texter** will entertain the crowd with his Americana and roots music.

The Reg Lenna in Jamestown presents the cult classic **The Rocky Horror Picture Show**, starting at 10pm. This film is an interactive horror, comedy, and musical that is sure to entertain the crowd. You can buy your admission tickets online through reglenna.com or at the door.

14 Main above the Seer-Zurh House in Bemus Point will host a Halloween party at 7pm complete with costume contest, prizes and giveaways. The DJ will be spinning the tunes to keep you updated and in the groove all evening! Check them out!

Saturday October 26-Southern Tier Brewing is having their **King-O-Ween Halloween Party** starting at 11am with \$1 off all Pumpking beers

all day. There will be a DJ spinning the spooky tunes to entertain the crowd and a costume party at 4pm.

In Bemus Point, **EBC Chautauqua** will be having **Screams and Queens**, which includes a Halloween Party and Drag Show. The evening will begin around 8pm, with music and tarot readings. The restaurant and bar will open and available. The drag show is at 10pm and there's a costume parade and contest at midnight. This will be a fun and intriguing evening that you don't want to miss. Go to eventbrite.com for tickets.

Big Inlet Brewing is having their **Halloween Bash** starting at 5:30pm. **OsbornNash** will be singing some old favorite tunes as well as some original music.

When it's the last Saturday of the month, **21 Brix** in Portland continues its music series called **Beat the Brix**. **Tito and Vince** will play an eclectic evening of music starting at 7pm. Admission is free and there will be some food options available.

There will be an **Adult Halloween Party at the Ellington Rod and Gun**, located at 1045 Hagerdon Hill Rd. It's open to the public. There will be a costume contest with **Bottoms Up** starting at 8:30pm.

Party McFly will be performing at the **Dunkirk Conservative Club** located at 1 North Mullet Street in Dunkirk. They will be playing fun party tunes that will get you dancing from 8pm-11pm.

The **Apollo Canna Company** located at 380 Parkway Drive in Salamanca is having a **Halloween Party**. DJ Slim will get the party started, playing tunes from 3:30pm-

5:30pm. **Hellz Bellz: AD/DC tribute band** will perform from 6pm-9pm. There will be a costume contest, give aways, and food trucks.

Join in the fun at the **Halloween Party at the Trillium Lodge** in Cherry Creek, starting at 9pm. **Midnight Recovery** will perform their classic rock and country hits.

Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood will be hosting **Jesse and Erika**. While having a delicious meal from Group's menu, enjoy listening to this talented duo playing from 8pm-11pm.

Paul Hunter will be playing at the **Cooler Bar and Grill** in Sherman. Paul will play his version of some of your favorite rock tunes starting at 7pm.

October 25th- 27th- Peck'n' Peak Resort in Clymer is having its first **Halloweekend** event. On Friday night, there will be a karaoke contest and drink specials. DJ Felix will be playing the tunes and getting you up dancing from 9pm-12:30am. Saturday night will feature their **Halloween Bash** at the **Bistro 210** from 9pm-1am. There will be a costume contest, and the band **Crush** will be rocking the Peek. On Sunday, they will have a Halloween brunch and a trick or treat scavenger hunt for kids.

Merritt Estate Winery in Forestville is brewing up a fun **Hallowine Weekend**. They will share some wine and candy pairings including chocolates and other sweet treats that will be accompanied by various wines. and there will be a chance to win prizes.

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What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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Madigans is a player with Dj Persia playin some crunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This duo plays a roots/folk/country/rock set of covers and originals. Two Guys Drinking Beer will take the stage from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/blues/folk/ set of covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some drinks made with high end spirits.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Impact from 6:30-10pm. They tell me that play rock/dance covers from the 70-90's. The back bar will feature the very popular Chillbillys from 10-1am. Dj will be rockin the sound booth from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with the return of Dj Persia from 9-2am layin down the sauce so you can dance like a boss. Check out the pool tables and dart board for some competition.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is back and so are The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Do a little day drinking and get your game

face on for the Bills game.

Villaggio will host its usual AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm but will open early for the Bills game and there will be no music.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft bees to wash them down and music provided by Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/ pop/folk/country/blues set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Monday offering is Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays country/rock/folk/grunge set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap and that late kitchen.

WEDNESDAY

We've ended the weekend the same way for over 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. This week they bring back Joe Wagner and Company. Joe plays a folk/country/rock/ pop/country rock set of covers.

We hope you had a marvelous time in our village and that you tell your friends and family and return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

“What was the Best Birthday Present You got as a Kid?”

BY CHAD NEAL

When we learned as very young children that a certain day means we get attention and presents, we kept that one in our memory banks but good. And also seeing other kids getting that treatment often gave us our first bouts of jealousy and envy, then we were taught about such things by our loving and doting parents. As we grew and knew our birthdays were coming up we were asked or just put it out there what we wanted. Some got what they asked for, some got a cheap version, and some got something completely different. Yet, sometimes those completely different ones were great. Something thoughtful and cool. Something that made the other kids envious. What was the best birthday present you got as a kid?



Pat M.- AAA card, starting annually at age 16 - still is in the birthday present medley each & every year. You don't realize the value of it, until you do... (I hope this inspires others to do so!)

Dan L.- My very first guitar, which led to my addiction to playing and collecting over the next 18 years of my life to present!

Alex S.- Red Ryder BB gun! You'll shoot your eye out kid!



Kristen H.- A Mickey Mouse watch. This was the one and only year I actually got what I asked for as a kid.

Tammy E.- A Swatch watch that all of my friends chipped in on buying for me!

Storm W.- Call me crazy.... I was a huge Chucky fan growing up as a kid....So definitely my Chucky doll, hands down!

Submit your ideas to thevillager.com/submit-materials/

CHQ.

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Sunday October 27- Big Inlet Brewing continues Sunday afternoon jam sessions with Bill Ward at 2pm. Bill never disappoints the crowd with his renditions of some of your favorite tunes.

Derek Davis is a talented musician

that will perform at the Hideaway in Steamburg. Derek plays eclectic music sets of various genres and generations of music, and he will be performing from 4pm-7pm.

Some Halloween parties are the weekend after Halloween, one of which is the Halloween Party at EBC in Little Valley. Their Halloween Party is Saturday November 2nd. It will include a cocktail party from 7pm-8pm,

with the Dueling Pianos performance from 8pm-11pm. Wear your costume to be judged for the costume contest and maybe you will win a prize.

Halloween is always such a fun time to go out and see all the costumes and spookiness about. Check out next weekend's issue that will have the fun things happening in Chautauqua County during the first weekend of November.

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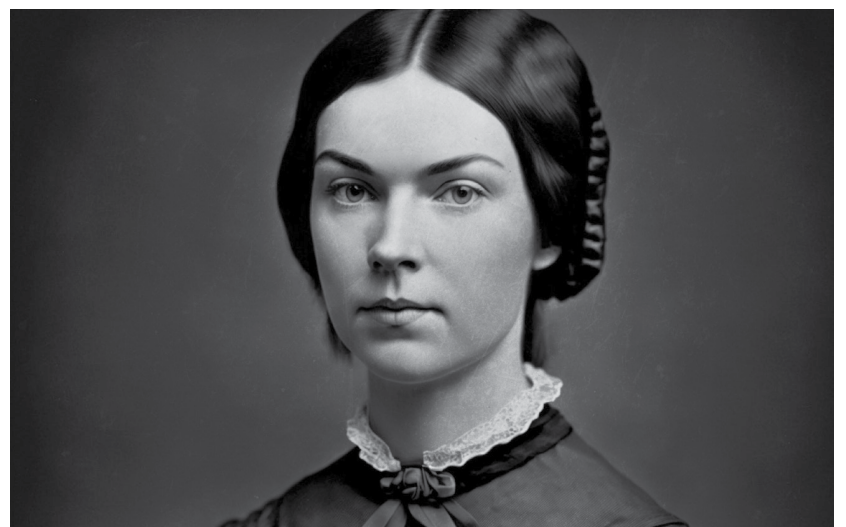


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Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History



Emily Dickinson was born in Amherst, Massachusetts on December 10th, 1830. She would remain in Amherst her entire life, spending her last few years reclusively, seeing only close family and a few friends. During this period, and before her seclusion, Dickinson wrote many poems, of which only two were published while she was living. Lavinia Dickinson, Emily's sister, gathered Emily's poems after her death and began having them published in various selections beginning in 1890. Dickinson's work includes almost 1800 poems, along with many vibrantly written letters.

Remembering Bob Pero

Ellicottville's Quintessential Bartender



Bob never strayed far from his triangle of Ellicottville, Great Valley and Salamanca, but he had to make a road trip to Lackawanna for a "best bartender of the year" award, which he accepted with an "aw shucks" attitude. Pictured with some of his leading ladies (left to right): Holly Watson, Carol Erickson, Dr. Bob, Patti Crist and Cathleen Pritchard at Tips Up Cafe.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Bob Pero, a Lackawanna native, found his way to Ellicottville in 1971. He and a partner first bought the old Rusty Nail Restaurant and Bar in Limestone, re-naming it Molly Hatchet's. After a run there, he found his way to Tips Up Restaurant in the early eighties. And there he stayed for most of his bartending career. Bob retired several years ago, after a short stint at The Silver Fox. He made his home in Great valley and left this earthly plain on Thursday, October 17, leaving behind two siblings, Gary Pero (Lorene) and Toni Lynn Sojda (Kevin), nieces and nephews and many bereft friends in Ellicottville.

Not a man of a many words, perhaps even a bit cantankerous (according to some who loved him dearly), he generally got his point across by the things he did. Our Villager editor, Jeanine Zimmer knew him, as did so many in the community. Here's what she had to say when I asked why everyone loved him so: "He was a gentle giant. He did come across gruff, but when you knew him, you loved him and he loved you back. And when he liked you, he liked you - and you got that soft smile that just made you feel special."

Carol and Brian Erickson, regulars at Tips Up where the Lackawanna boy first found local fame in Ellicottville in the early 80's, were great fans of the man who cracked them up every time he rolled his eyes in response to, well, almost anything. The couple were part of a group of regulars who included Chief John Murphy and his wife Joanne, who always had their special seats where Joanne would drink her coffee while the others imbibed in their favorites that Bob knew exactly how to prepare. There was Pete Seeley, Paul Hoak, Patti Crist and the next door gang from Ye Olde Towne and Country Realty, Brian and Dona McFadden, and others. They all had their spots, much like "Cheers"

"where everybody knows your name," and they were there to watch "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" and unwind and enjoy each other's company. Perhaps Bob's M.O. of not trying to be the star of the show, was exactly the glue that held everyone together. Some bartenders are natural performers and entertain their guests. Not so with Bob. He didn't try to steal the spotlight, yet he was dependable and steady as Big Ben and fastidious to almost an extreme.

Todd Lindell who knew him from almost the first minute he set foot into Ellicottville tells how neat he was. He related how, if a spill occurred, time stood still until Bob completely cleaned it up, removing any signs of a mishap. He was reputedly neat as a pin, with knife-creased trousers and crisp clean shirts at any given time. Probably a throwback to his years in the armed forces which is how he became fast friends with Dick Emke and his wife Vicky since both men were Marines and celebrated the U.S. Marine birthday every November together at Tips Up and the Fox. Semper Fi!

Because of his quirky personality, the gals who came regularly loved to get him a little crazy asking for their own special glasses, and heaven forbid anyone should ask for a blender drink. He was a consummate bartender and knew the magic of mixology, so much so that Carol Erickson dubbed him "Dr. Bob." She tells the story that she and her husband, Brian, would find their way into Tips Up after work, likely frustrated and

grumpy after a tough day at the office. With just a few of Bob's elixirs and rolled-eye non-comments, they were magically transformed into happy people. Carol told him he provided better medicine than any doctor and henceforth, Bob Pero became officially known to everyone in the Tips Up circle at "Dr. Bob."

If you were a regular, you likely found your drink freshly prepared (and perfectly so), waiting for you as you walked in and planted yourself on your seat. To his credit, this eye-rolling guy never took pleasure in anyone's misfortune; he'd do anything for anyone says Lindell, and everyone loved him, much as television viewers love Don Knotts (Barney Fife) on the Andy Griffith Show, or the beloved Muppet, Oscar.

He never strayed far from his triangle of Ellicottville, Great Valley and Salamanca, but he had to make a road trip to Lackawanna for a "best bartender of the year" award, which he accepted with an "aw shucks" attitude. He loved to golf but was always conscious of his work schedule and would pass on an event if it conflicted rather than miss work. He was truly devoted to his profession.

Carol Erickson shared a funny story about Bob dealing with a young child who appeared at the bar and literally had to reach on tippy toe to place his glass with a kiddy cocktail on the bar. When tall, thin Bob leaned way over, asking if he could help him, the kid admonished that "this is the worse kiddy cocktail I've ever had." Now, Bob was not particularly fond of kids so you can imagine how that went. Carol laughingly agreed: her grandsons, who visited often with them, declared them the worst, giving top billing to The Silver Fox and the Birdwalk. Well, I guess he just couldn't win them all! But he left this world a true winner, winning the hearts and love of the people he faithfully tended and befriended. RIP, Dr. Bob.



Bob surrounded by more of his boundless beauties at the Silver Fox. Pictured (left to right): Patti Crist, Beverly Washburn, Dona "Rochelle" McFadden, and Jeanine Zimmer.

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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Last Week's Puzzle:

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Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"

The Blue Fugates were a family from Eastern Kentucky, notably recognized for their blue skin, a genetic condition passed down over generations. The origin of the blue skin trait traces back to a French orphan named Martin Fugate, who settled in Eastern Kentucky in 1820. Many of his descendants had blue skin due to genetic mutations from intermarriage among isolated Appalachian families. Dr. Madison Cawein, in the 1960s, identified the cause of the blue skin as methemoglobinemia, resulting from an enzyme deficiency

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE ON 2025 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Ellicottville for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk of Ellicottville where it is available for inspection by any interested person.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Ellicottville will have a public hearing at 4:00pm on the 6th of November, 2024 at the Town Hall, 1 W. Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY and that any person may be heard for or against any item contained. Pursuant to Section 113 of the Town Law the proposed salaries are as follows:

- Supervisor, \$35,000.00 • Deputy Supervisor, \$ 8,543.00
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- Town Justice, \$15,000.00

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- Robyn A. George, Town Clerk

~ Pero, Robert W. "Bob" ~
October 7, 1946 – October 17, 2024

Of Great Valley, entered into rest October 17, 2024. Loving son of the late Frank and Viola Pero; dear brother of Gary (Lorene) Pero and Toni Lynn (Kevin) Sojda; cherished uncle of Morgen (Scott Brusaw) Pero, Kelly (Hannah) Pero, Kelsey Sojda, Kyle (Joseph) Wackowski and the late Ryan Sojda; adored great-uncle of Greyson Ryan Wackowski. Mr. Pero was a proud veteran of the US Marine Corps. Funeral Services were held at Lombardo Funeral Home (Southtowns Chapel.) Inurnment Lakeside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Robert's name to ConnectLife.
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RocketCup

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mission of revitalization.” What started as a small online business with only one employee, MacKenzie Bush (now

head of marketing and sales) has grown into a far-reaching business with 25+ employees with an impressive impact on the community. “The future is bright,” says Tom. “We are excited to roll out our next project, working with Revolution Rail Co. from

the Adirondacks to bring rail bikes to Cattaraugus County.”

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Cancer

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“Awareness of the facts and statistics surrounding breast cancer in the United States is key in empowering individuals to make informed decisions about their health.” But the best defense against an unwelcome late-stage diagnosis is early detection through personal breast exams and mammography.

At mdanderson.org, we are told that, “although it can be alarming to get a call from your doctor, saying you need to come back for additional tests or scans after a routine mammogram, only about 5-10% of mammogram callbacks result in a breast cancer diagnosis.” Remember, the purpose of any screening protocol is to make sure nothing is missed.

According to the Mayo Clinic, “signs and symptoms of breast cancer may include any of these: A breast lump or thickened area of skin that feels different from the surrounding tissue. A nipple that looks flattened or turns inward. Changes in the color of the breast skin. In people with white skin, the breast skin may look pink or red. In people with brown and Black skin, the breast skin may look darker than the other skin on the chest or it may look red or purple. Change in the size, shape, or appearance of a breast.

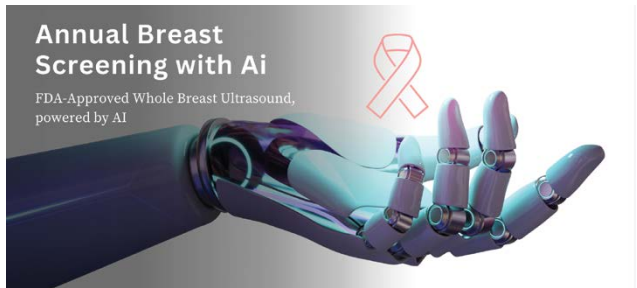
Changes to the skin over the breast, such as skin that looks dimpled or looks like an orange peel. Peeling, scaling, crusting, or flaking of the skin on the breast.” If any of these changes appear, DO NOT WAIT until your next mammogram. Call your doctor immediately.

It is critically important that you remain informed and up to date about any of the latest findings about detecting or treating breast cancer. Particularly so if a woman or man has dense breast tissue. Sometimes, more than a general mammogram is required to penetrate the tissue clearly. “The vast majority of breast cancers are found this way, which is why the mammogram is the gold standard,” says Dr. Kelli Ha, a breast radiologist at Houston Methodist. “But ultrasound can also play an important role in breast cancer screening and breast cancer detection ... breast ultrasound uses sonic waves to visualize breast tissue,” says Dr. Ha. Again, dense breast tissue is generally why sonic waves are recommended. Or, a high risk of breast cancer (for example, strong family history), to evaluate an abnormal finding seen on a screening mammogram or to guide a breast biopsy or evaluate a breast infection.

Currently, women are being offered yet another alternative, or backup choice to the mammogram – AI. From the Susan G. Komen site, we learn this – “Across the country, some breast imaging clinics are

beginning to offer women the option of adding an AI-assisted reading to their mammograms (often for an additional cost – presently there is no billing code for insurance companies so clinics will ask you to pay an extra \$40 to \$100 for the AI service). While mammogram images are traditionally double read by two radiologists, this new option replaces one of the readings by a radiologist using AI software.” According to the National Cancer Institute, mammograms correctly identify about 87% of breast cancers present at the time of screening. Again, I share this from Komen, “... as a second set of eyes, AI software could help radiologists read more screenings. AI software also has the potential to detect abnormalities faster.”

Surely, every one of us knows someone (family member or friend) who is the 1 in 8 women who will get cancer in their lifetime. Those with family members ought to be doubly alert and at a young age learn about self-examination, long before mammograms are recommended. Be smart. Be alert and don't become a fatal statistic.



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Spirit

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events; national, but not local. All anyone can agree on is that these monuments had sacred function—and that, like Stonehenge and the Great Pyramid and a worldwide league of others, they are paranormal sites. In their proximity, people report exceptional experiences. Just like a haunted house—though vastly grander and more profound—these

ancient American sacred sites get a lot of ghost stories.”

Winfield lives in East Aurora, and understands the newer supernatural phenomenon in Western, New York. Along with his partner, and co-founder of The Spirit Way project, Algonquin Elder Michael Bastine, who Winfield calls one of the best teachers in the world on the subject of native supernatural history, the goal is to broaden the scope of their studies to the ancient world.

“The ancient monuments of the British Isles have

been preserved and studied,” Winfield says, “We want to start a new model of north American haunted sites, ancient places, not buildings, hut rather the outdoor sites, real study from different perspectives.”

The Spirit Way will start with a program of fifteen YouTube episodes in New York State.

Winfield concludes, “There is more to the paranormal. The Spirit Way Project (SWP) believes it's time for a revolution. We think the public thirsts it.”

Hog Shed

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weeks. Each piece is fired in the kiln twice, with a glazing process in between. Elliott mixes her own glazes, and personally applies each coat. As a former oil painter, she especially appreciates the glazing process. “I believe that my brushwork is what makes my work unique.” The final firing reaches 2400 degrees Fahrenheit, resulting in a vitrified, nonporous, high-quality finished product. All of her pieces are lead-free and 100% safe for use with food.

While Elliott remains passionate about her craft, she has begun to phase into semi-retirement as



Hog Shed Studio Pottery will host their Holiday Open Studio on Saturday and Sunday November 2-3rd from 10am-5pm at their location at 8420 Maples Road (Cr #13) in Otto, NY.

she no longer participates in art shows nor accepts special orders. The open studio provides customers the unique opportunity to purchase Elliott's work in a relaxed holiday setting.

Elliott and Michael invite everyone to their open studio on Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday,

November 3rd from 10am-5pm. For more information call 716-244-2967 visit www.hogshedpottery.com and follow on Facebook. If you are unable to make the Open Studio event, Hog Shed Studio Pottery is open by appointment or by chance. Look for their “open” flag at the roadside.

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