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MOVIES AT THE REG BETWEEN THE TEMPLES Saturday, November 9 • 7pm Jamestown, NY

HARVEST WEEKEND @ MERRITT WINERY Fri/Sat/Sun, November 8-10 • 10am Portville, NY

KARAOKE FRIDAYS AT SHAWBUCKS Friday, November 8 • 9pm Jamestown, NY

PUDDLES PITY PARTY IN CONCERT Friday, November 8 • 7:30pm Lakewood, NY

JAYHAWKS HOCKEY AT NORTHWEST ARENA FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8 • 7:00pm Jamestown, NY

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Welcome to HV Beer & Wine Fest

Exploring some Fun Facts as You Test Your Pallet



Known to the ancient Egyptians since before 3,000 B.C.E., wine was very popular, and at least six kinds were produced. An expensive drink, it was mostly confined to the upper classes. (reddit.com)

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Whoever thought that making some wines could involve Wasps, Meteorites and Tomatoes?

With the anticipated wine and beer festival this weekend in Ellicottville, this writer thought it might be fun to discover unusual tidbits about wines, and the processes by which some of

them are made. Fortunately for us, craft beers are ubiquitous since EBC came on the scene and we are so fortunate to be able to learn so much about the beer making process from our craft brewers. But wines can be so mysterious. And who doesn't love a good glass of wine? It was

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Lake Erie Wine Country

Harvest Weekends Celebrate Autumn in CHQ.



Harvest Celebration Weekends is their annual event to celebrate the bountiful grape growing season along Lake Erie. Tickets include a food and wine sample pairing at each winery, additional wine tasting, online access to all recipes at the tastings, and a \$10 voucher to use at participating wineries.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Lake Erie Wine Country again invites guests to enjoy autumn, paired with wine and hors d'oeuvres, at one of the many participating wineries in Chautauqua County November 8-10. Enjoy authentic, handcrafted wines

paired with unique food samplings at each of the 20 member wineries.

Nestled along the shoreline of Lake Erie, lies 53 miles of unique wineries and gorgeous vineyards waiting to be experienced. The Lake Erie

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Rediscovering Buffalo: The Barrel Factory

Historic Distillery, Event Space & Restaurant



BY KATE BARTLETT

The Barrel Factory in the Old First Ward District of Buffalo has been a destination for the last 10 years for weddings, events, spirit tastings and dining. They also offer 7 loft style apartments. Built in 1903 on the legendary Buffalo River, the building was originally renovated to serve as a Distillery, but has evolved into

so much more.

Steve Bystran and his wife Andrea (Andi) are owners and founders of The Barrel Factory Distillery, and undertook the renovations of The Barrel Factory as it is today. "The goal was to create a craft distillery," explains Steve. "We originally had no intention of purchasing

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Music Spotlight: XOXO Pop Band

Buffalo Party Band @ HV Beer and Wine Festival



XOXO Pop Band will be playing the Holiday Valley Beer and Wine Festival on Saturday, November 9th for the second year in a row with 2 shows (1pm & 5pm). "We had a blast last year," says Garrett. "It's a fun vibe, everyone is just there to have a great time, and we love setting the scene for a fun afternoon."

BY KATE BARTLETT

Holiday Valley's much anticipated Beer and Wine Festival is quickly approaching, November 8-9th along the picturesque

slopes of Ellicottville. This celebration of craft beverages, exceptional brews, and fine wines offers the unique opportunity to

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Sneak Peek

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Holiday Valley Beer and Wine ... Pg. 5

Photos from Last Year's Popular Event



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.

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Showcase Spotlight: Puddles Pity Party

AGT Winner Live at Reg Lenna this Friday



Michael Geier, better known as his Pagliacci-inspired clown alter ego Puddles Pity Party, is an American singer and entertainer based in Atlanta, Georgia. Geier now performs almost exclusively as Puddles, and he also refers to Puddles in third person when speaking about the character. - Wikipedia.org

BY KATE BARTLETT

America's Got Talent (AGT) winner Puddles Pity Party will perform at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown this Friday, November 8th at 7:30pm. This 7-foot sad clown has stunned audiences across the globe with his golden voice singing standards, pop hits and more. Puddles' act is a unique form of entertainment combining melancholy with his powerful voice, creating a theatrical performance to remember. During season 12 (2017) of AGT, Puddles Pity Party introduced himself to the world as a

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SOLT Café and Spa

Indulge and Feed your Mind, Body, & Soul



The café offers a nice selection of soups, sandwiches, and salads including vegetarian and gluten free options and a selection of baked goods. Keep in mind, you don't have to be using the spa services to enjoy the bar and café. There is plenty of seating to enjoy lounging in the café, or you can call and get take-out.

BY DARLENE BRACE

Kristie and Kurt Schwab are local residents, and for the past 23 years they have owned and operated Panache Hair Salon and Day Spa, located at 525 West Third Street in Jamestown. At Panache, they provide services including haircuts and styling, as well as treatments for skin, nails, eyebrows, facials, body treatments, scrubs, and wraps. They enjoy serving the community, and it's been a very successful business. Eventually the Schwabs considered expanding

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Publisher's Word

"GROWING with the Flow..."



enjoyed doing this for almost 2 decades now and we are continuing to expand our distribution and scope. We often put a call out for participation and now, I am asking to be heard even louder. We have welcomed many new writers and interns and we have room for more. We have added distribution locations as well, if you are a business owner and would like to have *The Villager* available at your location, please let us know. Also, if you are a new person in our community, and the vast list of events happening. We have

Phone Directory, call our offices today; deadline is November 15, 2024.

Exciting things are taking place in this corner of WNY and these pages can attest to that! You will always find something to do when *The Villager* is next to you! That being said, if you have a story or an event to share, please contact our offices by calling 716-699-2058 or email info@thevillager.com. **Until next week, enjoy the read and the ride. Yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

Each week we love bringing you success stories of local businesses, accomplishments of people in our community, and the vast list of events happening. We have

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(Pictured: above, left) One of their most popular treatments is their Float Therapy, that features a small room filled with eleven inches of skin temperature water containing 1500lbs of salt. This salt water allows you to lay back and float effortlessly in the dimly lit or darkened room for your ultimate relaxation. (Pictured: above, right) The Contrast Room invites you to sit in the 100+ degree sauna and get all warm and toasty, and then dip into a pool of cold water ranging from 44 to 58 degrees, depending on your tolerance level. Alternating between the infrared sauna and the cold water is good for improving circulation, reduces aches and inflammation, and helps strengthen your immune system.

SOLT

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their business to provide more services. When the building next door was for sale, they decided to purchase it for their expansion. They renovated the building, with some heated tile floors and a passageway that enables going from one building to the other without going outside. After renovating, the SOLT Spa opened in March of 2024, and the café opened in April. SOLT Café and Spa features services that are one of a kind in the Jamestown area. It has a classy, serene, and relaxing atmosphere throughout and has separate entrances for the spa and the café. The spa door is to the right where you enter a waiting room, and you can feel the relaxing vibe as soon as you enter.

One of their most popular treatments is their Float Therapy, that features a small room filled with eleven inches of skin temperature water containing 1500lbs of salt. This salt water allows you to lay back and float effortlessly in the dimly lit or darkened room for your ultimate relaxation. You can have the door closed or open and can enjoy music or float in silence. Soon you will float away your stress, anxiety, and pain.

Another relaxing hydrotherapeutic therapy is the Vichy Shower, which includes a choice of a skin nourishing scrub or wrap. Then as you lay on a table, a rain-like shower falls onto your body that uses

pressure and temperature for complete relaxation and restoration. The Vichy Shower is great therapy to melt away the tension of your day and improves circulation. Downstairs you can enjoy Halotherapy in their Salt Cave. As you walk in, you see relaxing loungers set up in a circle in front of a fireplace. The salt cave uses Himalayan salt and can be enjoyed alone or with a small group. In the cave, a halo generator produces micro sized salt particles that are dispersed into the air. Salt cave therapy is great for improving respiratory health, gives stress relief, and helps with skin issues.

Back upstairs, enter the Contrast Room, where you can sit in the 100+ degree sauna and get all warm and toasty, and then dip into a pool of cold water ranging from 44 to 58 degrees, depending on your tolerance level. Alternating between the infrared sauna and the cold water is good for improving circulation, reduces aches and inflammation, and helps strengthen your immune system.

For those less adventurous, but wanting a relaxing experience, there are two touchless massage chairs that feature heated massages. Many clients start or end in them when indulging in other services.

These types of services are not typical to spas in the Jamestown area and are mostly found in bigger cities. This was one of the reason the Schwabts decided to incorporate these services at their spa business. Even in bigger cities, most spas specialize in one or two of these

modalities, but at SOLT, you can enjoy several modalities all under one roof.

In addition to these great therapeutic services, they have added a sophisticated yet cozy café and a full-service bar. The bar has a nice selection of beer, wine, and alcohol as well as nonalcoholic beverages. While in the spa, you can have a beverage of your choice delivered to you by the staff while enjoying some of the treatment services, or they can have food and/or drinks waiting for you when you are finished.

The café offers a nice selection of soups, sandwiches, and salads including vegetarian and gluten free options and a selection of baked goods. Keep in mind, you don't have to be using the spa services to enjoy the bar and café. There is plenty of seating to enjoy lounging in the café, or you can call and get take-out.

The café and/or spa can also be rented for private parties. You can have your party custom built to provide the different amenities and types of services that you desire. They also have gift cards available that would make a great Christmas gift for a loved one who wants to have a serene spa experience.

You can enjoy this relaxing spa alone, with a partner, or in a small group. The spa hours are Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10am-5pm and Wednesday and Thursdays 12pm-8pm. For pricing and detailed information of all their services, visit soltcafespa.com, their Facebook page, or call (716) 484-3355.

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Roswell Park Mobile Lung Cancer Screening

Unit Coming to Holiday Valley This November



WHAT: Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's Eddy, a mobile lung cancer screening unit, is coming to Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY, this November, offering screenings for eligible individuals. Open to the eligible public, Eddy aims to raise awareness about lung cancer and highlights the importance of early detection with educational resources available.

WHEN: Tues. Nov. 19 – Thu. Nov. 21, 2024, 8am-4pm

WHERE: Holiday Valley Resort, 6557 Holiday Valley Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731

screening is quick, painless, and easy; the CT scan takes just 30 seconds, with only a few seconds of breath-holding, and uses significantly less radiation than other imaging tests. To confirm eligibility and schedule an appointment, people should contact 1-800-Roswell or visit www.roswellpark.org/eddy. Day of contact at Holiday Valley Resort: Penny Krotz: 716-699-3907

From the world's first chemotherapy research to the PSA prostate cancer biomarker, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center generates innovations that shape how cancer is detected, treated and prevented worldwide. Driven to eliminate cancer's grip on humanity, the Roswell Park team of 4,000 makes compassionate, patient-centered cancer care and services accessible across New York State and beyond. Founded in 1898, Roswell Park was among the first three cancer centers nationwide to become a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center and is the only one to hold this designation in Upstate New York. To learn more about Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Roswell Park Care Network, visit www.roswellpark.org, call 1-800-ROSWELL (1-800-767-9355) or email ASKRoswell@RoswellPark.org.

raise awareness about lung cancer early detection.

More than 36% of New York State residents living in counties with the highest rates of lung cancer deaths must drive at least an hour to access a low-dose CT scan. That's why Roswell Park's Eddy, the mobile lung cancer early detection clinic, is coming to the Ellicottville community to provide lung cancer screenings for eligible individuals. Screening on EDDY is recommended for people with a 20-year history of heavy smoking, between the ages of 50 and 79, who have smoked within the last 15 years. Individuals who have a history of lung, esophagus, head, or neck cancer may also qualify for screening. The lung cancer

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month, a time to spotlight the importance of early detection and the impact of this disease. Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in both men and women, causing more deaths than colorectal, pancreatic and breast cancers combined. With only 24% of lung tumors diagnosed at early stages, it's clear that raising awareness and promoting screening is essential. In honor of this important month, Roswell Park's Eddy, or Early Detection Driven to You, mobile lung cancer screening unit will be at Holiday Valley this November to provide screenings for eligible individuals and



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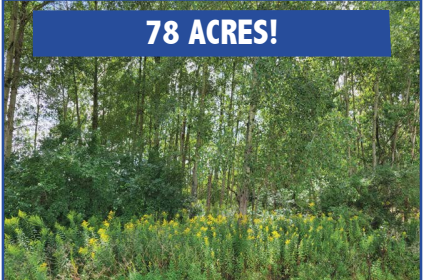
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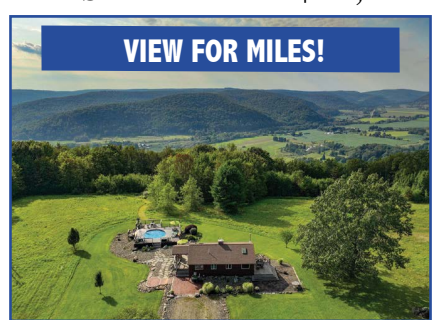
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Volunteers Needed in Catt. County

Letter from Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging

Letter to the Editor- Throughout Cattaraugus County our communities are enhanced because of volunteers. The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) hosted through the Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging has been a constant presence since 1974. RSVP is funded in part through AmeriCorps Seniors, New York State Office for the Aging and through local county support. As part of a larger volunteer effort through AmeriCorps Seniors, our local volunteers are a part of a nation-wide network of over 200,000 volunteers at over 30,550 volunteer stations.

through the Veterans Van Service which provides transportation to the Buffalo and Bath VA Medical Centers. Volunteers serve at HomeCare and Hospice, Olean Senior Center, Pfeiffer Nature Center and Enchanted Mountains Village. The largest portion of our volunteers serve the Home Delivered Meal program in the following areas; Allegany, Cattaraugus/Little Valley, Delevan, Ellicottville, Franklinville, Gowanda, Olean, Portville, Randolph, Salamanca, South Dayton and West Valley. While all of our volunteers play a vital role in the community, the Home Delivered Meal volunteers serve an important role in not only providing our frail, elderly homebound and disabled nutritious meals, but serve as a daily social connection and point of contact. These connections are vital to the health and welfare of our homebound individuals as they may not have family or friends to assist them, and our volunteers are able to monitor for health and safety concerns.

Additionally, many retired folks feel the need to return to work to make ends meet as prices are higher overall in the economy. This means that some of the areas that we serve run the risk of having to reduce services or place people on waiting lists.

We are excited to announce that during the month of November, the RSVP will be engaged in a Volunteer Recruitment Campaign. Current volunteers can bring a friend to their station and if the friend(s) enroll as a volunteer, both get entered into a drawing for a first, second and third prize. The volunteer station that recruits the most volunteers will be rewarded with a pizza party and an Acrylic Dry Erase Board with Light. If you are interested in volunteering at a station or would like more information about volunteering opportunities and you enroll as a volunteer, you will be entered into the drawing as well.

For more information call Ellen Herner, the RSVP Director at the Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging at 716-373-8032. We just celebrated our 50th Anniversary with our volunteers. We would love to be able to share our next milestones with YOU!

Ellen L Herner, RSVP Director, Olean

Locally, our RSVP force consists of over 350 volunteers throughout the county at 26 stations. Last year our volunteers served 27,109 hours which translates into a value of over \$900,000. Volunteers are a vital and vibrant part of our communities. Volunteers serve in a wide variety of stations. We currently have volunteers placed at Canticle Farm in Allegany, the I-86 rest stop outside of Allegany and the SPCA in Olean. Our volunteers serve at food pantries in Olean, Dayton, Franklinville, West Valley and The Bridge at Bona's. Our veterans serve other veterans

While our program remains strong, the need for volunteers is ever growing. There are some common issues that contribute to lower-than-normal volunteer engagement including higher gas prices and residual fears over Covid.

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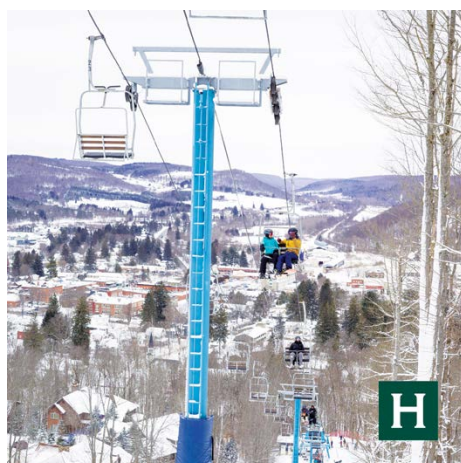


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Offering Elevated Snowmaking, Events, Memberships & More



BY JESSICA MILLER

HoliMont Ski Club, located in Ellicottville, New York, has been a cherished winter destination for over 60 years. HoliMont began 50/50 US to Canadian members, and the membership still is 50/50 today. Known for its family-friendly vibe, no lift lines, and high-quality slopes, HoliMont continues to attract winter sports enthusiasts from across the region. The 2025 season is set to be particularly exciting, with infrastructure improvements, engaging events, and flexible membership options that promise to elevate the skiing experience for all members.

ENHANCED SNOW PRODUCTION FOR 2025

HoliMont is making significant upgrades to its snow production capabilities for the upcoming season. The club has replaced 4,000 feet of piping and updated its electrical and water systems, enabling 1,800 horsepower of snowmaking capacity. This enhancement ensures that the club can maintain excellent snow conditions, even during low snowfall periods. These improvements reflect HoliMont's dedication to offering reliable, fresh snow throughout the season, whether for beginners or seasoned skiers.

EXCITING EVENTS FOR ALL SKIERS

HoliMont's event calendar is filled with activities for skiers of all ages. One highlight is the annual Christmas Camp, held from December 27 to December 30, offering families and individual skiers a chance to improve their skills in a festive environment.

Additionally, HoliMont hosts special Ladies' and Men's Days for those looking to refine their techniques and socialize.

Ladies' Day is scheduled for January 29, 2025, and Men's Day follows on February 7, with both events running from 9am-4:30pm. These events provide a unique opportunity to connect with other skiers and enjoy a day dedicated to skiing and camaraderie. HoliMont's full calendar of events is available on its website, ensuring there's always something exciting to look forward to throughout the season.

FLEXIBLE MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

HoliMont's membership options are designed to cater to a range of lifestyles and skiing preferences. The Trial Membership is a popular choice for newcomers, offering access to the club's amenities without an initiation fee and a 50% discount on seasonal snowsports programs. The trial membership for the winter is a super opportunity to try out HoliMont before making the commitment for full membership. The Trial Membership also includes a credit towards a Full Membership for those who wish to join permanently.

For those seeking a more comprehensive experience, the Full Membership includes a one-time initiation fee. Flexible payment plans are available, including a 5% discount for full payment. Members pay monthly dues, making Full Membership an appealing option for families committed to a year-round, premium club experience.

Full membership at HoliMont includes a variety of benefits that extend beyond the winter season. Members enjoy season passes for the entire family, seven-day slope access without blackout dates, and exclusive access to mountain biking trails, an 18-hole disc golf course, paddleboarding, and kayaking in the warmer months. First-time

members receive a 50% discount on seasonal programs, making it easy to take advantage of the Snowsports School's lessons and clinics.

Additional benefits include discounted room rentals for private events, voting rights within the club, and access to reciprocal programs with other clubs. These perks create a well-rounded membership experience that encourages long-lasting connections and memorable moments on and off the slopes.

DINA'S ON THE MONT: A CULINARY HIGHLIGHT

Adding to the HoliMont experience is Dina's on the Mont, an on-site café and catering service. Open throughout the ski season, Dina's offers a variety of dining options, from hearty breakfasts to après-ski dinners. This versatile café is ideal for casual meals or more formal gatherings, making it a perfect spot for members to unwind and enjoy quality food with friends and family after a day of skiing.

A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

Over the past six decades, HoliMont has built a strong reputation, with alumni who have competed in high-level events, including the Olympics. This legacy of excellence and community spirit has made HoliMont one of the most respected ski clubs in the region.

As the 2025 season approaches, HoliMont Ski Club is prepared to deliver a memorable experience for all its members. With upgraded snowmaking, engaging events, flexible memberships, and exceptional amenities, the club is set for another season of adventure, community, and unforgettable skiing experiences.

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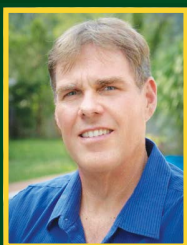
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3rd Annual EVL Turkey Trot

5K Fun Run to Benefit New All-Inclusive Playground

BY CHAD NEAL

One of Ellicottville's work out gurus is putting together his third annual Turkey Trot here in Ellicottville on Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 28th at 8am. Brad Poole, owner of Warrior Fitness and Wellness is sponsoring the yearly social jog through town and he is excited.

The 5K marked course goes around the village and after the short trot on that holiday morning there will be snacks and drinks for the participants. Medals will be given out after as well. Poole told *The Villager*, "It's just a fun run/walk to get the community together to celebrate." With the addition of it also benefitting the new all-inclusive playground. "The Ellicottville Playground" Poole said, "is a non-profit organization that is raising funds for a new, inclusive playground in the village. It is spearheaded by a group of younger mothers in our village who are looking to bring a positive change for the community." Registration can be the



day of or pre-register on Warrior Fitness Facebook page. It's \$20 per person and kids 12 & under are free. The race starts at 8am so be there at 7:30am to register the day of. Since it's a fun day, Poole said that strollers and leashed pets are welcome as well and turkey costumes are encouraged. They also encourage participants to bring a non-perishable food item to help the local food pantry.

The Villager asked Poole about his Turkey Trot and learned he started it in 2022 and had 50 runners/walkers the first go round. Last year there more than

triple with the group expanding to 160 runners/walkers. Asked about prizes for winners, Poole explained it was a fun run and every finisher will get a medal for a keepsake. I'm betting most of the first fifty runners will be collecting their third one this year. Poole described the course as "fairly flat, besides the slight quarter mile incline heading towards the fire hall and past the soccer fields. The course will be marked and easy to follow. We will start and finish at Warrior Fitness (5A Park Ave in

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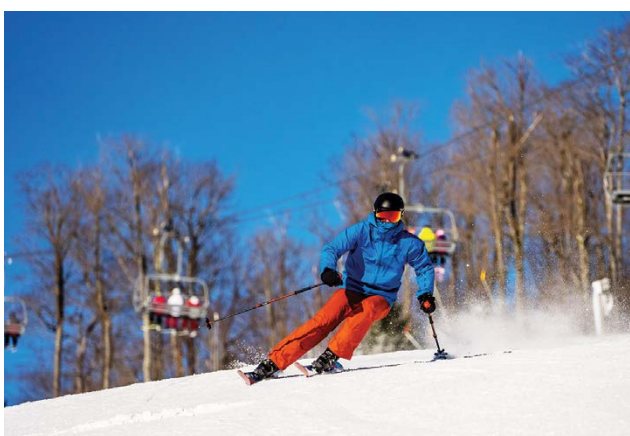
Holiday Valley's Stellar Rankings

2025 SKI Magazine Reader Survey Awards

It's officially that time of year. Winter is right around the corner and dreams of carving down snow covered slopes is on the mind of every snow enthusiast. It's also the time of year where SKI Magazine releases its annual Reader Survey Awards. Once again, Holiday Valley has made the list! Placing #11 among all resorts in the East, Holiday Valley remains one of only two New York resorts to make the prestigious top 20 list. And it's the only resort in Western New York to receive such a high honor, reinforcing its reputation as a prime choice for families, skiing enthusiasts, and people looking to make the most of winter. In fact, in SKI Magazine's Top 10 Resorts in the East for Quick Trips category, Holiday Valley came in at #1. Out of the Top 20, Holiday Valley ranked #2 in the "Likelihood to Return" category.

Why Skiers Say Holiday Valley Stands Out

SKI Magazine readers consistently praised Holiday Valley for its lift infrastructure, welcoming staff, and comprehensive family amenities, making it a fantastic choice for both beginners and seasoned skiers. Not only does



Holiday Valley provide 60 trails, three base lodges, and 13 lifts for ample ski time, but it also offers a variety of experiences that make it easy to see why it ranks among the East's best. Here's a look at the resort features that helped Holiday Valley secure its place in this year's survey. Family-Friendly Atmosphere and Unmatched Guest Service. One of the reasons families love Holiday Valley is its truly welcoming atmosphere. Located in the charming town of Ellicottville, often called the Aspen of the East, the resort combines a fantastic community feel with a variety of activities that cater to guests of all ages. Whether it's the skiing and snowboarding options, the mountain coaster, tubing park, or the family-friendly après-ski experiences, Holiday Valley's team works to create memorable

moments with attentive service and a warm, relaxed atmosphere.

Snow, Slopes, and Service:

A Winning Combination
In addition to the family-oriented amenities, Holiday Valley consistently receives high marks for its ski town vibes and grooming. This season, SKI Magazine readers pointed out the excellent work by the snow-making and grooming teams who ensure the trails are always in peak condition, regardless of the weather. The attention to detail and commitment to high standards make a noticeable difference for skiers and snowboarders, who can enjoy reliable conditions on a well-maintained mountain. More Than Just Skiing: Après Entertainment. For those looking to make

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Numerous discoveries followed, and then, there is the biblical story in Genesis which mentions the production of wine by Noah after The Great Flood. (Hmmm, something about him getting soused and discovered unconscious on the floor by his sons. Egad!)

So, wine making has a long and colorful history. It also has oddities in today's world as discovered in a 2014 article – 10 strange stories about wine by Nolan Moore and Jamie Frater. Take wasps, for instance: they love grapes. In summer a fungus (a yeast key in making wine, beer, and bread) grows on the grapes. The starter for wine needs this fungus but it dies in winter. Enter wasps – wasps eat their fill in summer; they feed the mush to their larvae, passing the fungi to their babies. When they mature, they reintroduce the fungi to the vineyards and start the process all over. So, next time you see a wasp in a vineyard, leave it be.

Music affects our appreciation of wine: a researcher discovered that music truly impacts how you perceive wine. Listening to dominant, operatic music leads participants to describe their wine as “powerful and heavy,” while listening to light music, they rate the very same wine as “zingy and refreshing.” What’s your background music doing to the taste of your wine?

In 2012 someone slowly aged some wine with a 6000-year-old spacerock, giving the meteorite wine a purported livelier taste. Our Canadian (Quebec) friends offer a fermented tomato wine named Omerto (omerto.com), there are non-grape fruits and grains used for wines – like rice,

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XOXO

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sample a diverse array of drinks from 34 of the best breweries and wineries in the region.

XOXO Pop Band will be playing Holiday Valley Beer and Wine Festival for the second year in a row on Saturday, November 9th at 1pm and 5pm. The Buffalo based party band sets the scene for a fun afternoon with high-energy music, playing top-40 dance and pop/rock songs.

XOXO was formed in 2017 as a party band, playing all the top-40 hits of a DJ, but with the elevated experience of live entertainment. “We wanted to add some modernity to the cover band scene,” explains Garrett Shea, XOXO Music Director. “We wanted to create music to set a party vibe and get the crowd dancing.”

While the band specializes in Top 40 pop, rock and dance music, they still offer a diverse catalog ranging from The Beatles to Blink 182 and Beyonce. “We’re all inclusive and want to play something for everyone,”

explains Garrett. “We’re continuously adding more songs to our repertoire in order to be more diverse, ensuring all guests hear their favorite songs. We want to keep the party dancing all night long, no matter the size or style of the event.”

The band currently is comprised of 5 members: Nick Barnhard on bass/vocals, Alex Chambers on drums, Steve Mattucci on guitar, Garrett Shea on vocals/keyboards/guitar and Jessica Schreiber on vocals.

Over the years, XOXO has stayed true to its core values, to create a party style atmosphere ensuring the crowd has a good time. They frequent weddings, Galas and other events, playing with their 5-piece band, acoustic duo, trio, or with a horn section, if requested. Although they’re a Buffalo based band, they’ve traveled to Boston, Denver, San Diego and Tampa for events and weddings.

XOXO delivers a more personable experience than a DJ, along with the entertainment value. “There’s nothing quite like a live performance,” says Garrett. “We add our own twists to popular songs, and really try to engage the crowd, getting everyone up and dancing.

We’re high energy, and we want the crowd to feel that. The crowd is a part of our show; we feed off each other. If the crowd is into it, we know it’ll be a great show.”

Garrett finds music therapeutic, and hopes to help people have fun and escape the stresses of everyday life, if even for just a few hours. “I’m in my element when I’m on stage,” says Garrett. “Our performances are high-energy and we love entertaining. We hope to help convey the power of music, and create a fun atmosphere, where our crowd can escape and have a good time.”

In the upcoming months, XOXO will be playing various weddings and private events, along with a Kidz Bop concert in Buffalo on November 17th. “It’s our first time trying this out, but we know it’s going to be a great time,” says Garrett. “Our singer, Jessica, has 3 kids who love party music, so we figured why not create an event that’s fun for kids and their parents alike.”

For more information visit www.xoxopopband.com email info@xoxopopband.com and follow on social media for upcoming events.

Libations

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one of our old national founders, Ben Franklin, who once said that wine is “constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy.”

Think about it. For consumption, wine was probably the safest and certainly the most beloved beverage throughout history. For centuries, the purity of drinking water was always questionable – wine was a safer bet. You find wine mentioned everywhere from Christian rituals (the real reason most young kids can’t wait to make their communion?) and pagan rituals consumed as a symbol of fertility, immortality, and divinity across the ancient Near East and Mediterranean. Today, wine is served in living rooms, patios, neighborhood mom and pop bars and in ritzy restaurants around the globe. How can something not be good when wine production

dates back over 8,000 years and is still with us?

“How did it all start?”, you may wonder. Modern archeology still isn’t sure about the first cultivation of grapevines for wine use, but the theory goes that early human-like creatures climbed trees to pick sweet berries and likely collected them in a container. Without Tupperware or steel pots, they may have used pottery jars to hold their fruit. If the leftovers sat out and began fermenting, the sweet juices would eventually change character and taste, turning into a form of wine. According to this theory, Wikipedia tells us that things changed around 10,000–8000 BC with the transition from a nomadic to a sedentary style of living, which led to agriculture and wine domestication. This seemed to happen all over the globe from China, Egypt, Georgia (the Country), Iran, Greece, and Sicily with the earliest traces of constant production in Armenia. Dated to c.4100 BC, the Armenian site contained a wine press, fermentation vats, jars, and cups.

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Barrel

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and reconstructing an old building.” After speaking with numerous developers, Steve and Andi were having a difficult time finding a good fit. “Things just weren’t working out,” says Steve. “So, we decided to explore other options.”

In 2013, Steve came across The Barrel Factory, located at 65 Vandalia Street in the Old First Ward district of Buffalo. The building was nearly vacant, but not for sale. He saw potential in the space, and worked hard to obtain ownership. After some negotiation, he acquired the property, and began reconstruction in 2014. His vision was to create a craft distillery, and worked with a planning team to create a space that best utilized the 45,000 available square feet. They paid special attention to recycling and reusing any available materials, preserving its beauty and history as much as possible. Now, 10 years after purchasing the property, and over 100 years after it was built, The Barrel Factory currently houses a Distillery, with 3 unique event spaces, Tasting Room, restaurant, catering kitchen, and 7 loft style apartments.

The Barrel Factory was built in 1903 near the legendary Buffalo River. The large, multi-level brick structure was home for many decades to Quaker City Cooperage Co., manufacturers of wooden slack barrels used for grain, malt, apples and more. The original maple floors are still in use in the event center, and the building’s red bricks that were made on site have been preserved and refurbished into the building’s façade/exterior.



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When the cooperage closed, the property was used for various light industrial and packaging companies. The Distillery first opened their doors in 2016, with a fully operational distillery, tasting room and bar. Currently, the Distillery produces 2 vodkas (loganberry and plain, both made solely from corn grown in Western New York), 2 gins, 1 whiskey, and 3 types of rum. The in-house bar is fully stocked with their liquors, craft cocktails and offering tastings on site. Their products are sold at 25 local liquor stores and shipping will soon be available around the country.

The Barrel Factory has a full restaurant on site, with a separate catering kitchen upstairs for weddings and events. The menu features dishes utilizing the spirits made on site, and also Western New York favorites like Fish Fry, Whiskey Braised Brisket and Chicken Piccata. The atmosphere is inviting and warm, charming and historic. The Barrel Factory has become a popular event venue, especially for weddings and corporate events. The large, loft style space can accommodate up to 250 for seated events and creates a unique, historic vibe of industrial elegance. “Our space really shines for events,” says Steve. “Our hospitality team does a great job of using our unique open space, creating an enchanted setting for any wedding or special event. There’s a story behind this building, and we invite others to make it a part of their story too.” The team also hosts various corporate events, as the space holds 379 with efficient setup for screens, projectors and meeting space.

The Loft apartments at

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Lake Erie Wine Country is located in the largest grape-growing region east of the Rockies. It extends roughly 50 miles along the shore of Lake Erie, from Silver Creek, NY (Chautauqua County) to Harborcreek, PA (Erie County) and is home to over 20 wineries. These wineries produce an abundant and diverse list of wines from very dry to sweet, from classic Riesling and Pinot Noir to fruity American, from port and sherry to world-class ice wine.

Harvest

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Wine Region is unique in that it covers 2 states with a unique growing season environment for wine. The location near Lake Erie grants a longer fall and a later spring, making the grapes harvested here exclusive to the region. The region is the largest concord grape producer in New York State, producing about 2/3 of the state’s grapes overall.

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Each year the present two harvest weekends, the first harvest weekend

this year was held last weekend, November 1-3, with the second weekend this upcoming November 8-10. “Harvest Celebration Weekends is our annual event to celebrate our bountiful grape growing season,” says Lauri Lewis, Marketing Assistant for Lake Erie Wine Country. “It is our most attended event of the year. This year, over 615 presale tickets were sold for weekend #1 and over 515 presale tickets sold for weekend #2.”

The Harvest Weekend was started 15 years ago to encourage visitors to visit the region in celebration of the harvest season. “Our wineries are very proud of their harvest and happy to spend time with guests,” says Lauri. “We hear from people that travel from Cleveland, OH, Pittsburgh, PA, and Buffalo, NY as an event they come to year after year.”

Tickets include a food and wine sample pairing at each winery, additional wine tasting, online access to all recipes at the tastings, and a \$10 voucher to use at participating wineries. Two-day and three-day options are available, and designated drivers may

participate free of charge (includes food samples and non-alcoholic drinks). The event runs Friday 12-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 10am-4pm.

Upon purchase, guests select a host winery (there are 7 Host wineries to choose), to pick up tickets and begin their tour. From there, guests provide their own transportation and create their own itinerary, visiting any participating winery in any order.

Participating wineries for both weekends include: 6 Mile Cellars, 21 Brix Winery, Arrowhead, Arundel, Cellar 54, Courtyard, Driftwood, Heritage Wine Cellars, Johnson Estate Winery, KingView Meadhouse & Winery, Lakeview Wine Cellars, Liberty Vineyards & Winery, Mazza Five & 20 Spirits & Brewing, Mazza Vineyards, Noble Winery, Presque Isle Shore Cellars, South Shore Wine Company, Sparkling Ponds Winery, Willow Creek Winery, and Yori Wine Cellars & Brewing.

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in Brief

Musical #14: "Mame"

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Mame".) The 1955 novel was on the New York Times' bestseller list for over two years. The author, whose real name was Edward Everett Tanner the Third, was the first writer to have three books on that list at the same time. The 1966 musical starred Angela Lansbury and Bea Arthur, as Mame's best friend, actress Vera Charles. Both of them, and Frankie Michaels, who played Mame's nephew, won Tonys for their roles. The play version starred Rosalind Russell, who also played Mame in the 1958 movie, and the 1974 movie starred Lucille Ball.

The character of Mame was inspired by Tanner's aunt, Marion, whose home in Greenwich Village, which she shared with her husband Lingard Loud, was a meeting place for artists. The songs in "Mame" are upbeat and memorable. "It's Today", includes the lyrics (written by Jerry Herman): "It may not be anyone's birthday/ and it's far from the first of the year/ (but) this very minute has history in it/ we're here!".

There are some differences between the novel and the movies. In the novel, Mame sends her secretary Agnes Gooch on a date. Afterwards, because she drank too much, she can't remember what happened but finds

she's pregnant. When the man involved abandons her, Mame helpfully finds her a husband. In the 1958 movie, Agnes (played by Peggy Cass) learns from a telegram that the father will return, and that they were married during their date. In the novel, after Mame marries, her husband dies on the day of their housewarming, but in the movies, he dies on a trip while they're mountain-climbing. The same actor, Willard Waterman, played Patrick's prospective father-in-law, Claude Upson, in the 1958 movie and the trustee in the Broadway musical.

Although Tanner was one of the most widely read authors in the mid-50's and early 60's, he spent the millions he made and wound up working as a butler for several households, under a different name. One of his employers, who didn't know his true identity, was Ray Kroc, who bought the McDonald's company from the McDonald's brothers (although for years he claimed he founded it).

Fun Fact: One of Tanner's novels was turned into a Broadway musical, "Little Me" by Neil Simon, in which Sid Caesar played multiple parts using multiple accents. Final Fun Fact: Mame mentions she's from Buffalo.

Family Fun Festivals and Live Music

BY DARLENE BRACE

The leaves have mostly all fallen now, its noticeably colder, and it gets dark earlier. Don't let that stop you from going out to see what entertainment is happening this weekend in Chautauqua County.

Friday November 8th - In Westfield, **Customer Appreciation Nights** continue at **Five and 20 Brewing and Spirits**. There will be \$2 off draft beers and some cocktails will be priced at \$5.20 from 5pm-8pm. Talented soloist **Jesse James Weston** will be the entertainment for the evening.

Derek Davis is returning to **Big Inlet Brewing**. Derek plays an eclectic set of music ranging in genres. Enjoy a cold beverage while listening to this talented performer, starting at 6pm.

Busti Tap House is happy to welcome back **Darkwater Duo**. These talented musicians play a mix of covers and originals that span generations and genres of music. Come enjoy a delicious meal and be entertained by the music that starts at 7pm.

The Reg Lenna in downtown Jamestown is excited to host **Puddles Pity Party**. This 7-foot melancholy clown has a powerful yet hauntingly serene voice who will perform his versions of popular music of various genres. Puddles was on Season 12 of America's Got Talent back in 2017, and he has been mesmerizing audiences ever since. He is now on tour performing in cities across the country. This incredible show starts at 7:30pm. You can buy tickets on reglenna.com.

The **Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Program** is kicking off

their 2024-2025 season with an **Instructor Recital**. Their team of talented instructors are putting on a free show from 7pm-9pm. Let's join them to start off their season and show support for this local music and arts education program.

The Fray will be performing at **The Seneca Allegheny Casino Event Center**, starting at 8pm. The Fray is known for hits like *Over My Head*, *You Found Me*, and *How to Save a Life*, and will likely play some hits from a new album called *The Fray is Back*. It's sure to be an amazing concert that you don't want to miss.

Saturday November 9th - Join the fun at **Harley Davidson in Falconer**, where they are having a special **Customer Appreciation Day** starting at 11am. Bring your appetite as they are featuring a chili cook off. They will also have a beer tent, give aways, and live music by country rock band **Smokin' 45**.

The talented duo, **Lenny and the Landshark** will be performing again at **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood. They play eclectic sets of music that always entertains the crowd, and they will start at 8pm.

The **Southern Tier Distillery** will host **Interstate Daydream**. Enjoy your favorite Southern Tier beverage as you listen to their fun mix of music starting at 5pm.

Donna the Buffalo returns to Jamestown, performing at the **Spire Theater** located at 317 East Third Street. Their music has a unique blend of Americana roots rock music that is influenced by many genres. Donna the Buffalo has become one of the most admired and popular bands

in the Americana music scene. **Charity Nuse and Jeremy Bunce** will be the opening act and get the audience warmed up. For tickets, go to donnathebuffalo.com and click on the tour tab at the top.

Starting at 8pm, **Tim Bartlett with the Swamp Yankees** will perform at **64 on the Rocks** in Fredonia. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a great meal while they are rocking it out in the village.

Erie's **Jesse James Weston** will be performing at the **Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman**. Enjoy this talented acoustic soloist as he plays his versions of popular cover music.

Acoustic Jukebox is performing at **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood starting at 8pm. Enjoy some delicious food from Group's menu as you listen to these talented musicians.

The Tavern on the Mall in Forestville is offering reservations for dinner and a show as **Midnight Recovery** will be performing from 8pm-11pm. If you want to make a reservation call (716) 965-9783. You can always just enjoy the show if you can't make it for dinner.

Merritt Winery in Forestville continues its **Harvest Weekend Celebration November 8th-10th** from 10am-6pm each day. They are featuring free samples of wine and chili to entice you. They are serving chili with garlic bread and are pairing it with Merlot.

That's another fun weekend of entertainment. I bet you can't wait to see what's happening in Chautauqua County next weekend.

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What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The leaves are gone and the air is crisp but the music is always happening in Evl so let's see who's playing where?

THURSDAY

We start our seven-day weekend at The Gin Mill with The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife act plays rock/pop/country/blues covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY

Balloons is first up with Crush, Crush, Crush from 6:30-10pm. This band plays modern rock and alternative music from the 2000's. The back bar will host Jared Roswell Hill from 10-11am Jared is a piano player and plays /pop/alt/country covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

The Gun Mill is back with Barnstorm from 8-12am. This WNY band plays new and classic country and some rock classics for a foot stomping good time. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Kage from 9-2am, playin some crunk so you can shake

your junk in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This duo plays an americana/folk/country/rock set of covers and originals for your listening pleasure. Live-n-Kick-in takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays classic rock covers that are very danceable. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

We return to Balloons for Christian Kramer and the Backwoods Revival from 6:30-10pm. They play classic and modern country for some two steppin. The back bar will host The Groove Bros from 10-1am these fellas play blues/r&b/funk/jazz covers for your listening pleasure. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth from 10-2am for you clubbers.

Madigans is back with Dj Delta, from 9-2am, layin down the sauce so you can dance like a boss. Check out the dart board and pool tables for some competition.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill will be open for the game and then The Chillbillys will play from 4-7pm. Grab some breakfast and some Bloody Mary's and watch the Bills corral the Colts.

Villaggio will host its weekly AYCE Pasta and

Prime Rib Special but it will open early for the game with pizza, wings and beer and drink specials. Grace Lougan will host the post-game celebration playing rock/pop/alt/folk covers and originals from 5:30-8:30om.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beer to wash them down with makes for a local's fave. This week's musical host is the ever-popular Chillbillys from 6-9pm.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Michael David from 7-19om. Michael plays a country/country rock/ bluegrass/grunge set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

TUESDAY, YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING TO DO. WEDNESDAY

If you're looking for a local's favorite then Wing, Wednesday at The Gin Mill is it. They've been hosting it for 40+ years. \$1 wings and 37 draft beers and this week Joe Wagner, who hosted it for 40 years, will be back. Joe plays a folk/pop/blues/country/country rock set of covers you'll know the words to.

We hope you had a great time in our village and return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"Where was the Worst Place Your Ride Broke Down?"

BY CHAD NEAL



Kevin R.- On the skyway in Buffalo. I was scared to death. Luckily a cop found me. It was before cell phones.

Brett M.- 30 Miles outside Sturgis!

Serena S.- Allegany river bc my ex & I tried crossing a body of water on old road & it was middle of the night and both phones dead. Thought we were gonna float away!



Claire Y.- On the On Ramp at the start of the 990 in evening rush hour. It's a curve, people don't move over, the shoulder was barely wide enough for my car, it was terrifying.

Brooks L.- Ran out of gas in the middle of the night about 40 miles from Plattsburgh. Nothing was open and my car had only am fm radio. The only radio station it was getting the morning dj did not show up so the guy leaving put "Get'n Jiggy With it" on continuous play for 2 hours. I listened to it on the roof of my car for 2 hours until the gas station opened.



Glenn H.- Windsor tunnel coming into Detroit on a Sunday morning in March 1979. 3 goalies en route to tryouts with Herb Brooks.

Trot

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Ellicottville).

The Turkey Trot is an event for all ages. "Bring your kids, strollers and pets" Poole explained. "We want to bring the community together and give thanks for the support over the past 4 years of

being in business. It is the season for giving and what better way to give than host a 5K event to bring people together and do something healthy."

Pre-registration on Facebook is easy, by clicking the post pinned at the top of the Warrior Fitness page. If you're not on social media and want to sign up early, you can call Brad at 716-

699-1100 and he will get you set up over the phone. Another fun healthy activity in Ellicottville and a good way to work your appetite up for the feast you may be having with friends and family later that day while watching the football game. We have a great ski season ahead of us! It's time to start the celebrations! Happy Holidays!

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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

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

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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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their visit a true vacation experience, the Village of Ellicottville's lively dining and nightlife scene adds even more vacation appeal. Local dining spots offer everything from cozy comfort food to elevated cuisine, while independently owned shops invite visitors to enjoy a bit of local culture. Ellicottville's friendly vibe, paired with Holiday Valley's dedication to excellent service, creates an ideal atmosphere for après-ski enjoyment.

Winter Adventures Beyond the Slopes
 While skiing is the primary draw, Holiday Valley offers more than just slopes. Kids and adults alike will enjoy the mountain coaster and snow tubing. The Ellicottville Oasis Spa, located in the ski-in/ski-out Tamarack Club gives adults the opportunity to



treat themselves after a fun day out on the slopes. These additional winter activities make it easy for families to have a variety of fun experiences together, creating memories that extend beyond the slopes.

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Libations

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and a few others, really too unrefined to mention. And then, of course, we always have the bootleg stuff still

made somewhere in them thar hills and, if you have money to burn the average bottle of Romaneec-Conti stands between \$900 and \$1000 (a case of vintage 1978 sold for \$476,280 in 1993).

I'll drink to that! Know why we clink glasses?

Instead of drinking out of a single pass-around vessel as was done in days gone by, we clink our glasses, maybe even slosh a bit into each other's glass proving we haven't poisoned your wine, and to prove we are all part of the group. Salut!



The Loft apartments at The Barrel Factory opened in 2017 offering some of the first flats in the Old First Ward District during its resurgence. "We knew this area was unique, and we decided to invest in it" says Steve. "These 7 apartments are never empty and have been in high demand ever since we started renting." Apartments include 1 or 2 bedrooms, some with a second story loft inside the apartment. All have an open floorplan and modern amenities.

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Barrel

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The Barrel Factory has played a critical role in the revival of the Old First Ward neighborhood. "We're proud to be a part of such a wonderful community," says Steve. "We live here ourselves and there's really something special here." For more information visit www.barrelfactory.com email events@barrelfactory.com and follow on social media.

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Puddles

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sad white-faced clown. He spoke no words, conveying voice only through song, powerful and unique. His operatic renditions of popular songs captivated the judges and audience alike, each performance creating the complete wow-factor. He advanced to the quarter-finals, where he was ultimately eliminated from the competition, but has been successfully making a career touring the globe ever since.

His shows include a mix of silent prop comedy, mime, and audience participation with songs interplayed throughout. Puddles has a depressed persona and refrains from speaking or giving interviews. However, he cooperated with *The Villager* providing the following responses to our questions, giving some insight into the depth of Puddles the Clown.

Villager (V): What is your background? Where did you go to school? What were younger years like?

Puddles (P): I guess you could say I went to the School of Hard Knocks. But I must confess, I played hooky a lot. Most of my time was spent singing and goofing on my PawPaw's shrimp boat. That's where I picked up my shrimp cocktail habit.

V: How would you introduce Puddles to our readers? How would you describe him?

P: I would say, "Oh hello, my name is Puddles. I'm an old song and dance man from way back. I love coffee, pie and a good cry. And Kevin Costner is awesome." I would say that if I was the talkin' type. But I don't really talk that much. And frankly, that bit about Kevin Costner goes without saying.

V: What is the inspiration behind Puddles?

P: Fellowship through music. And, of course, Kevin Costner.



Puddles is going to "hop on a bus with (his) pal Weird Al for his 'Bigger and Weirder Tour' this summer, playing 70 shows all over the US".

V: Puddles early years? Shows and style? How has it evolved through the years?

P: Back in the old days, I'd set up a little show in the frozen food section at my local Piggly Wiggly. I'd do some singing, maybe a juggle or two. I'd finish off the show with a big sing-along to "I Was Born Under a Wandering Star." The manager would pay me in frozen shrimp to support my ever-evolving shrimp cocktail habit. Simpler times then. Long before my doctor started advising me about high cholesterol.

V: What is your favorite thing about performing?

P: Meeting every single audience member at the show for my patent-pending "Puddles Cuddles" selfie op.

V: What makes Puddles unique?

P: The fact that a journalist is taking their valuable time to interview a silly goon like me. I love this country! But seriously, even though I may stand out in a crowd with my fancy dress, I'm just like everybody else. We're all the same, us humans. And we're all in this crazy world together.

V: What's next for Puddles?

P: I'm about to embark on a surreal transcontinental train odyssey! Armed only with my suitcase of oversized

handkerchiefs, The Oxford English Dictionary and a mysterious accordion that only plays in minor keys. I'll be boarding the legendary "Locomotive of Lost Laments," a train that's been missing since 1872. It only appears once a century to transport lucky entertainers across the wilderness.

Wait, that's the dream I had last night. In real life, I'll be finishing up my album of original tunes and getting ready for my shows in Alaska and the UK. Then I'll hop on the bus with my pal Weird Al for his Bigger and Weirder Tour this summer, playing 70 shows all over the US.

V: Anything else to add?

P: I'm pretty sure that last answer was my big finish. But I am looking forward to meeting the good people of Chautauqua County and hoping I'll have time to visit the National Comedy Center. Say, where is the best place in Jamestown for a nice cortado and perchance a piece of pie?

It's clear that Puddles doesn't break character, and he is dedicated to his act. For a night of unforgettable entertainment, see Puddles live at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown on Friday, November 8th at 7:30pm. Tickets available online <https://reglenna.com/upcoming> and at the door. Tickets have sold out all over the globe.

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23 SUMMIT DR., LLC NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF KARP PROPERTIES, LLC D/B/A 23 SUMMIT DR., LLC, A FOREIGN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ("LLC.") Application for Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on 9/27/2024. The LLC was organized in the State of Ohio on 2/24/2004. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC, 23 Summit Dr., Ellicottville, NY 14723. The principal office of the LLC in its state of organization is 3135 Euclid Ave., Cleveland Ohio 44155. Articles of Organization filed with the Ohio Secretary of State, 180 Civic Center, Columbus OH 43215. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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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. 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.

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