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When looking at the photos on the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua group, the majority of the current pictures are of all things in nature. Besides photos of nature, there are also pictures of buildings, statues, people, and events. This photo is promoting Mayville's Winter Festival this weekend and was taken by Patricia Kimball-Hellner.

BY DARLENE BRACE

We all know that Facebook is a social media platform that allows users to connect with each other in many different

ways. As you scroll through the Facebook site, there are some negative elements to Facebook at times, but most of the pages

SEE "SHOOT CHQ" PG. 7

Winter Music Jam Spotlight: Darkwater Duo

Acoustic Duo Plays Feb. 22 at Balloon's



Bradford, PA natives, Darkwater Duo will perform live at their free performance in Ellicottville at the Winter Music Jam on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:30pm at Balloons. (For the full schedule of next weekend's event, see page 7.)

BY KATE BARTLETT

Local band Darkwater Duo has been playing area stages for almost 10 years. Hailing from Bradford, PA, cousins Dave McGary and Dick Griesbaum have been creating music

together since they were 8 and 10 years old. Darkwater Duo has an acoustic vibe playing a variety of cover songs, with a few originals. They frequent the Ellicottville area, and will

SEE "DARKWATER" PG. 6

Eddy T Entertainment

Not just another "Nerd" Booking Music for the Region



Eddy Tabone, most popularly known in the NERD world as "Eugene" President, CEO and Drummer of NERDS Gone Wild, has most recently been serving the region with his talent and entertainment agency, Eddy T Entertainment.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Eddy Tabone Sr. has been a musician for over 38 years (probably most well-known with his group "Nerds Gone

Wild") and has most recently been serving the region with his talent and entertainment agency, Eddy T Entertainment. Through this service, he offers personalized entertainment consulting for any size event. With his many years of experience in this area's music industry, Eddy is your personal connection to the best entertainment in the area.

Born and raised in Western New York, Eddy created and plays in various bands including WNY Best in Buffalo Band: Nerds Gone Wild, Award Winning Classic Rock party band: Route 66, and the areas first Yacht Rock tribute: The Yachtfathers. He is excited to announce the recent launch of his new project: The Funkensteins. This 6-piece band offers a complete old school dance show experience,

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Inside Business: Watson's Chocolates

A Sweet WNY Family Tradition Since 1946



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Watson's Chocolates makes every day Valentine's Day....

Watson's Chocolates, around since 1946 got its start in the back room of a 1940's old-time soda fountain and luncheonette in Kenmore, N.Y. Two Watson families, Louis and Ellen and John and Mary started making chocolates by hand with cherished family recipes and using traditional methods.

Kind of sounds like the beginning of a Hallmark Valentine movie! Just picture them, in aprons and caps, in that circa 1900's kitchen stirring copper pots of Karo syrup and sugar and then adding the secret ingredients that made their gooey syrup into SPONGE CANDY!

Haven't you ever wondered how they get that stuff to puff with all those holes (like a sponge) in it? What's so amazing is that they made these candies in small batches and quickly put the fresh product on the shelves in their shop to sell, batch by batch. If you have never tried your hand at making sponge candy, I found some fun links on UTube that walk you through it. Watch some of these

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Edition...

Celebrating Presidents' Day, Feb. 17 ... Pg. 8

Some of the Great POTUS in American History



Some of the best POTUS come together in a dramatic way at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. Washington (#1) and Lincoln (#16) join Thomas Jefferson (#3) and Theodore Roosevelt (#26) on the mountain. Sculptor, Gutzon Borglum selected these four presidents because, from his perspective they represented the most important events in the history of the United States.

Ellicottville and James Niehues ... Pg. 4
The Picasso of Skiing's Brush Stroked Ellicottville

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Fredonia Spotlight: Chai's Chocolates

Celebrating 7 years of Sweetness



Chai's Chocolates is located at 53 West Main Street in Fredonia.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Chai's Chocolates in Fredonia is celebrating 7 years of sweet treats. Locally owned and operated by Michelle Andin, Chai's Chocolates offers a wide variety of delicious, quality chocolates and a diverse selection of baked goods that rotate weekly.

Michelle was inspired to open her own shop after discovering her love for baking and making chocolates for family gatherings. "I enjoyed creating birthday cakes and Easter chocolates for my family," explains Michelle. With 24 years of experience in Walmart, Michelle helped the store expand the bakery when it converted to a super Walmart. "It was great to be a part

SEE "CHAI'S" PAGE 3

Inside Business: Ecklof Bakery

Family Run Tradition Since 1956



When Chad Ecklof (pictured) graduated from high school in 1990, he immediately started working at the bakery full-time and has worked there ever since, except for the years that he was in the Navy. When his father Rick decided it was time to retire in 2019, Chad decided to follow in his family's footsteps and became the new and current owner.

BY DARLENE BRACE

Ecklof Bakery is a well-known business establishment in the Jamestown community. For those who may not be familiar, Ecklof Bakery is a full-line Swedish retail bakery that has stood the test of time, having been in the Jamestown area for over sixty years.

Ecklof Bakery is a family-run business. Dick Ecklof and his wife Carolyn first opened the bakery doors in 1956. Originally, the bakery was one of

SEE "ECKLOF" PAGE 7

Publisher's Word

"Great Lineup for the Long Weekend..."



things for you to do and to learn about. This weekend Mayville hosts the Winter Festival filled with family activities and The Harbor Hotel in Celoron will again host their iconic Fire & Ice Celebration; just a couple great ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. Next weekend Ellicottville boasts its Winter Music Jam and the Village will be filled with great music and lively spirits.

We have dug up some interesting facts on some of our POTUS through the years; it's an interesting read, check out Carol Fisher-Linn's article on page 8.

Enjoy this long weekend with your friends and family and appreciate having them where you are right now. You sure did pick a great place to be and a great publication to help you on your journeys! We have highlighted some fun

It is President's Day Weekend and there are many reasons to celebrate the great opportunities we have where we live.

If you have an idea you would like to share with our readers, please send it our way; we are always looking for creative ways for people to spend their days: info@thevillager.com. Until next week, enjoy the read, the ride and your Valentine! *Yours in writing - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Recognized for Flight Training Excellence by National Association



BY DAVE HINZ, PRESIDENT / CHIEF FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR

JAMESTOWN, NY – Great Lakes Flight Center has been recognized for its high standard of accomplishment in flight training by The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the world's largest aviation association. Great Lakes Flight Center has been awarded a spot on the Flight Training Experience Awards as a Distinguished Flight School, a title given to high scoring flight training providers from the 2025 Flight Training Experience Review. The Flight Training Experience Awards was created to highlight the best flight training the industry has to offer. "Having a friendly and family-like atmosphere has

always been a hallmark of excellent instructors and flight schools, but this year there was also a strong trend of describing some truly amazing ways that instructors and schools went above and beyond to serve their customers," said AOPA Foundation Sr. Director Flight Training Education Chris Moser. "We are extremely proud to receive the AOPA Distinguished Flight School Award for 2025!" said Great Lakes Flight Center President / Chief Flight Instructor Dave Hinz. "All of our instructors work hard to tailor each lesson specifically to each individual student and make flight training fun and safe. We're humbled that our students and pilots have recognized our efforts through their survey responses, and we're

looking forward to another great year of flying. We think it's awesome to have a nationally recognized flight school right here in Western New York and based out of both of our county airports - Chautauqua County / Jamestown Airport (KJHW) and Chautauqua County / Dunkirk Airport (KDKK)!" The 2025 awards were drawn from flight students and pilots who voluntarily reviewed their flight training experience this past fall through an AOPA online customer feedback process. Learn more: www.aopa.org/FTawards. Information about flight training with Great Lakes Flight Center is available at www.greatlakesflightctr.com or by calling (716) 906-8119.

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For the third year in a row, panel of industry experts and editors at USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice Awards has chosen the National Buffalo Wing Festival as a nominee for Best Speciality Food Festival. Last year the Wingfest placed 4th.

The winners are determined by an online vote. Voting ends on Monday, March 3 at noon. The 10 winning festivals will be announced on Wednesday, March 12.

Rules allow the public to vote online each day. You can find the link to vote on 10best.usatoday.com or at Buffalowing.com.

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Festivals are nominated by an expert panel of travel and food experts as the best across the United States that celebrate specific foods, often local specialties grown or produced in the region. And these themed events promise attendees good food, good times, and plenty of opportunities to indulge.

The National Buffalo Wing Festival going into its 24th year has become a top local tourism attraction, seeing attendees from 46 different states and 24 countries last year. The festival which has also served up over 5 million chicken wings and has raised over \$500,000 for local charities will be held at Sahlen Field, Labor Day weekend, August 30th - 31st.

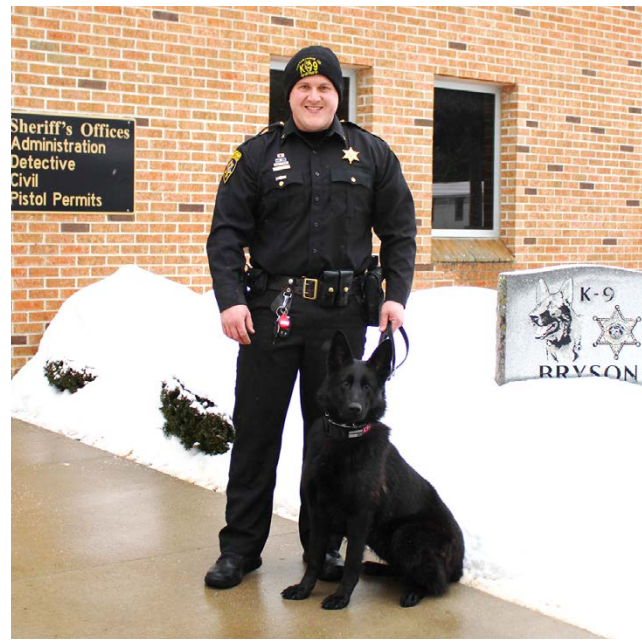
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Catt. Co.'s New Road Patrol Canine

Seneca Nation Donates to Sheriff K-9 Unit

Cattaraugus County Sheriff Eric Butler along with the Seneca Nation of Indians President J.C. Seneca announce the deputizing of their newest road patrol canine, Lex. In December 2024 the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office partnered with the Seneca Nation in support of a new K-9 unit to patrol our communities. Lex a 1 1/2 year old German Shepard, started training with her handler, Deputy Justin Grimm in December 2024. This past week the K-9 team hit the streets to begin their career patrolling the County. Lex is a dual-purpose patrol dog trained and certified in Narcotics detection, tracking, article searches, and suspect apprehension. Sheriff Butler and Deputy Grimm agreed to name Lex after our former Senior Emergency Services Dispatcher Timothy



Lexer who tragically passed away in July of 2024. Deputy Grimm and K-9 Lex are honored to carry on the legacy of such a great man and co-worker. The Sheriff would like to thank the Seneca Nation of Indians for their

generous donation to help fund the new K-9 team, the Forestville Animal Hospital for veterinarian services, Purina for the dog food, and an anonymous donor who provided a housing enclosure for K-9 Lex.

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Chai's

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of that process. I learned a lot and started to really imagine owning my own store."

Originally from Dunkirk, Michelle spent many years scouting sites for her store in a variety of locations. She worked with the Small Business Association and found her current site at 53 West Main Street in Fredonia. "I loved the location," says Michelle. "I had my eye on it for years; it felt like it was meant to be." Michelle is the sole owner and proprietor of the shop with no employees. "It's just me!" laughs Michelle. She named the shop "Chai's Chocolates" after her eldest daughter, Chaila who they call Chai.

Michelle carries an assortment of quality chocolates made in house including truffles, chocolate covered pretzels, chocolate covered cashews, toffee,

chocolate covered gummy bears and more. The shops also has two bakery cases with a rotating assortment of house made desserts including cheesecakes, brownies, cake slices, cookies and more. During the summer months, Michelle also serves gelato and slushies; specialty drinks are served year-round including frappes and boba lemonades.

Michelle loves creating seasonal items to celebrate the holidays. Chai's sells a variety of chocolates and treats for all holidays, especially Valentine's Day, Easter and Christmas. The shop also accepts custom orders for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, and more. "I especially enjoy creating specialty items," says Michelle. "It's an honor to help my customers celebrate special occasions."

Many of Michelle's recipes have been passed down through generations in her family; she has several recipes from her mother and grandmother. She enjoys trying new

recipes and perfecting her favorites. Over the years, customer favorites include her cheesecakes, of which she now has 50 flavors sold by the slice (or cake by custom order).

Chai's Chocolates started small, with only one 4-foot case and 2 small tables. Now, 7 years later, the shop has two 72-inch bakery cases and a larger seating area to accommodate guests. She has many regular customers, and has helped many celebrate special occasions over the years. Michelle recently started offering freshly made Belgian waffles on Sunday mornings, which is quickly becoming a community favorite.

Michelle enjoys being a part of the Fredonia community. "I know almost everyone who comes into the shop by name," says Michelle. "It's a great small-town feel and I love being a part of this community." For more information follow on Facebook @ Chai's Chocolates, visit the shop at 53 West Main Street or call (716) 785-6009.



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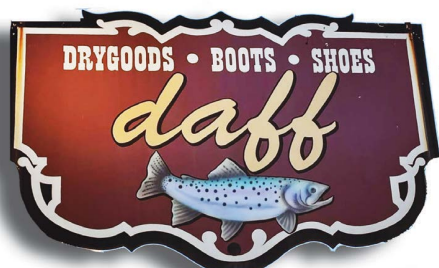
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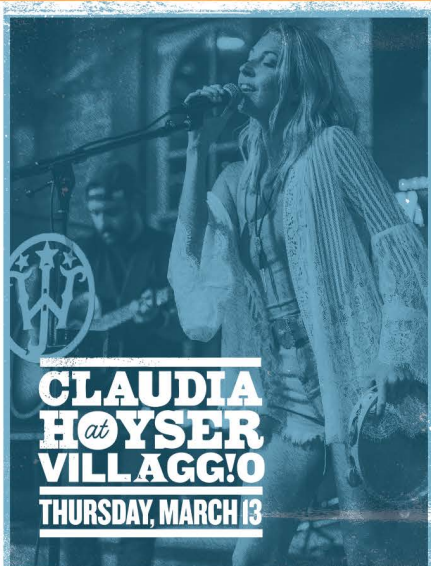
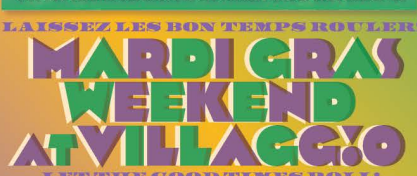
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Ellicottville and James Niehues

The Picasso of Skiing's Brush Stoked Ellicottville



During his illustrious 30-year career, James Niehues has painted over 430 maps spanning ski re-sorts on five continents. He has created maps or prints for ski areas as close as Ellicottville's Holi-day Valley and as distant as Telluride CO, Whistler/Blackcomb BC, Valle Nevado in Chile, and Coronet Peak in New Zealand. Before the trade wars kicked in, he even did a map for a resort in China!

By DAN BALKIN

Among skiers in our region, it is not unusual for chairlift conversations to make sidebars into discussing planned ski trips for the current winter. If one is headed to a renowned ski resort, there is a good chance you will pick up a trail map painted by James Niehues. James who? As the article title indicates, he is known as the Picasso of Skiing. That is only one of his aliases. He is so well regarded in the world of artistic, hand painted ski maps, that he is also known as the "The Picasso of the Piste," "Rembrandt of the Snow," "Michelangelo of the Snow," "Rembrandt of the Ski Trail," "Monet of the Mountain," and, just in case you thought it would roll on, "Norman Rockwell of Ski Resorts." Whew! As we will see, he has fairly earned these accolades.

His maps have been used by millions of people. The proof? During his illustrious 30-year career, James Niehues has painted over 430 maps spanning ski resorts on five continents. He has created maps or prints for ski areas as close as Ellicottville's Holiday Valley and as distant as Telluride CO, Whistler/Blackcomb BC, Valle Nevado in Chile, and Coronet Peak in New Zealand. Before the trade wars kicked in, he even did a map for a resort in China! James Niehues painted his first trail map in 1988. He had a mundane 9-5 job and would wake up as early as 2am to paint his earliest maps. As we can gather from his resume, however, his artistic gifts soon earned him the right to paint during daylight hours. There was a three-step formula that guided his

extraordinary success: First, he would fly over ski areas at about 2,000 feet and take panoramic pictures / Then, to add another important perspective, he would swoop in at about 500 feet over the base area and take close-up shots. Second, during the pencil sketching phase he would masterfully "manipulate the mountain" in a realistic way so that all the slopes can be seen in one dimension. The larger the ski area, the more complex it is to create a one-dimensional image that encompasses all the trails from a single perspective. Think about a massive ski area with trails in different valleys and compass directions; his genius was that he could capture it all on a map that looked accurate and realistic. Challenging? Absolutely – but it was not work for James Niehues, it was a labor of love. Third, using his pencil sketches as a template, he created strikingly original watercolor paintings of the trail layout for each area. Each painting was then mass produced as

either a frameable print or the folded ski map found at a lift ticket counter. One of the most fascinating aspects of his artistry was the way he captured the vast forests encompassing ski areas with his brush strokes and made them look alive and realistic. If you are intrigued and would like to look at or purchase a print of a famous ski area you have visited or frequent (including Holiday Valley), you can google jamesniehues.com and see a remarkable collection of worldwide trail maps. There is a celebrated story, that when Picasso first viewed the famous prehistoric animal paintings in the caves at Lascaux, France, he said "We have learned nothing in 12,000 years!" Meaning? Our prehistoric ancestors had already captured humankind's unique gift for finding something sacred, enduring, and beautiful in art. Imagine if our fur-clad ancestors knew about ski area maps...



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EVGV Trail Enters Design Phase

Trail Experts Give Exciting Updates for the Community

A Public Forum is being held on the Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail on Thursday, February 27 at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive in Ellicottville, NY 14731 from 6-8pm.

The proposed 80-mi Southern Tier Trail, which encompasses the planned EVGV Trail, will connect tourists and residents of more than 20 WNY towns, cities, and villages including Ellicottville and Great Valley and will run approximately 52 miles through Cattaraugus County's scenic destinations. The Trail begins with a connection to the Shoreline Trail in Buffalo, the Southern Tier Trail adjoining with the 90-mi Genesee Valley Greenway which forms a regional loop with the Empire State Trail. Join us on February 27th, to hear from Trail experts describing the

positive impact the trail will have in terms of health and wellness, tourism and safety in our community, and economic development opportunities. This is a very exciting step in a long planning process of the EVGV Trail. We are thrilled to share the developments!

SPEAKERS:
Kate O' Stricker – Senior Development Specialist, Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Tourism: In her role as Senior Development Specialist, Kate has worked closely with both the EVGV Trail, Trail advocates and Government Leaders to secure Federal Funding to complete the Design and Alignment of the Southern Tier Trail. She will discuss the positive Economic and Tourism impacts of the Trail in our community.

Justin Booth-GoBIKE Justin as served Director of GoBike which is an organization dedicated to bike and pedestrian safety and access in communities. He and his team has a proven track record of success in our neighboring communities creating safe walking and biking spaces. Justin is a strong advocate of both the Southern Tier Trail and the EVGV Trail along with contracting with Cattaraugus County as the public engagement contractor for the Southern Tier Trail.

Carl Schoenthal: As President of the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway he initiated an effort to strengthen relationships between the trail organization and the adjacent towns, villages and counties.

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Holiday Valley's 2nd Annual Uppenovr

Start at Holiday Valley Over to HoliMont Return to HV



The Second Annual Uppenovr is an uphill/downhill race (or not a race) that starts at Holiday Valley, goes up, over and down HoliMont, back up HoliMont over and back down to Holiday Valley. It's a fundraiser for Roswell Park Cancer Hospital and Team Holiday Valley's Empire State Ride. Use any equipment that attaches to your feet, like touring skis, cross country skis or snowshoes. Or just come for the party on the Champagne Sundeck with music, raffles, hot dogs, beer and an amazing auction featuring one-of-kind items. Good times for all and all for a good cause! The event will take place Saturday, March 15 at 3pm. Register at Eventbrite.com.

Holiday Valley's Penguin Paddle, 2/22

Annual Event for the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program

The Penguin Paddle is one of the most beloved and anticipated events at Holiday Valley, drawing families and fun-lovers together for a great cause. This all-day celebration is the primary fundraiser for the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP), helping individuals with disabilities experience the joy of skiing.

Held slope-side at the Yodeler Lodge, the Penguin Paddle is unlike anything you've experienced. Why the name? Because

every February, hundreds of participants—young and old—slip into helmets and oversized black garbage bags to belly-slide down the lower Yodeler ski slope, just like penguins. It's a hilarious, heartwarming spectacle that combines fun and philanthropy in equal measure.

The event features more than just the famous races. Enjoy a delicious buffet cookout lunch, try your luck with the raffle, and browse a silent auction packed with over 150 items. From

gift baskets and ski gear to home decor and gift cards to Ellicottville's favorite local restaurants, there's something for everyone.

Stay up to date with event details by following @LounsburyAdaptive on Facebook and Instagram. Whether you're sliding down the slopes or cheering from the sidelines, join us to support this incredible program and make memories you'll treasure all winter long!

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Eddie T

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playing crowd favorites from the 70's, 2000's, R&B and Top 40 hits. "I saw the opportunity for a band like this in the area," explains Eddy. "The Funkensteins get the crowd singing and dancing, perfect for any party, wedding, nightclub or corporate event."

His 36 years of experience in the beer industry furthered his expertise in customer service and helped him make connections with venues and coordinate music bookings in the area. "It was a natural progression," explains Eddy. "Bands would reach out to me to ask for venue recommendations, and venues would reach out to me looking for bands. I've built strong relationships in this industry, and I'm fortunate to be able to help serve the community in this way."

He officially launched Eddy T Entertainment LLC in 2018 offering a customized, personalized booking service for music needs for weddings, nightclubs and special events. Eddy offers 1:1 consultation to help people find what best meets their needs. "I enjoy talking with my clients to find out what type of entertainment they're



Eddy is excited to announce the recent launch of his new project: The Funkensteins. This 6-piece band offers a complete old school dance show experience, playing crowd favorites from the 70's, 2000's, R&B and Top 40 hits.

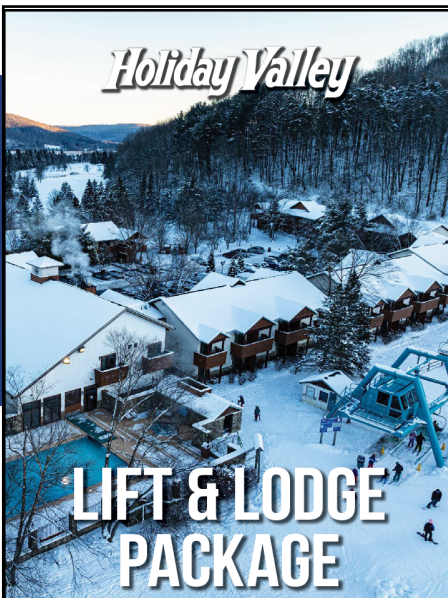
looking for. I'm very in-tune to the industry and can find whatever best creates the vibe we're looking for. I'm your guy if you want 80's, 90's, country, pop ... you name it, I can find it."

Everyone is out to have a good time. It's a laid-back family-friendly vibe and I love booking bands for

the area. Everyone loves playing here."

Eddy enjoys serving the community in this way: delivering premier entertainment. "It's my passion," explains Eddy. "Music is such an important part of any event. It's important to me to help local musicians, and help clients find the best band to meet their needs."

Nerds Gone Mild (a trio version of Nerds Gone Wild) will be playing at Balloons in Ellicottville on February 16, with a handful of shows coming to Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties. For more information, email Eddy at eddytabonesr@gmail.com call (716) 609-4036 and follow on social media @ Eddy T Entertainment.



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Watson's Chocolates, around since 1946 got its start in the back room of a 1940's old-time soda fountain and luncheonette in Kenmore, N.Y. Two Watson families, Louis and Ellen and John and Mary started making chocolates by hand with cherished family recipes and using traditional methods. (Pictured: Sisters-in-law Mary & Ellen Watson at the candy counter, Kenmore NY.) Four generations later, they now boast 8 stores in WNY. Find them in Ellicottville on 27 Washington Street (pictured, photo/Nadine Saviano), WatsonsChocolates.com, 716-699-2805, and on Instagram and Facebook.

Watson's

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and you will be in wonder at the patience they had to handmake this and their other delicious candies and treats. Oh, yes, and if you try the recipe following the video, you too, will not be able to chew it without pulling fillings out. Making top-shelf sponge is an art form which the Watson family has more than mastered, making them the BEST in the 716 area. They sell 44 tons every year. Handmade! Go to their Instagram account and find many videos showing how they make sponge, and how they create the fabulously hand-decorated pieces for various holidays.

Years went by and demand grew. So did their families. Lou and Ellen's son, Jim, joined the business and by 1987 decided to focus only on chocolates. Along came the next generation and, in 1993, Jim's daughter,

Whitney, added her talents. Four generations later, the product line was expanded, five more stores were opened, and now there are eight.

From the Watson's website, an article found there, written by Jim Watson, tells how he, his wife Holly and Watson's Chocolates got here. Of course, it involved skiing at a time when Ellicottville was poised to "pop! In 1985. At the Gin Mill one day, he was struck with an idea. As he left the Gin Mill, he noticed an empty storefront right next door. He called a pal to ask about available spots and tuned out he owned that store. Serendipity! They rented it, eventually moved across the street to their present location, and continued to operate one of the most reliable businesses in Ellicottville. I say "reliable" because, as Manager Barb (Teelak) Toth says, "We are consistent. We are open every day 363 days a year. Our hours and our products are constant. Our ingredients are the highest quality."

She went on to say how, when she started twenty-two years ago, winter was still their peak season but these days, things are very consistent, with their top three holidays being Easter, Valentine's Day and Christmas. Asked if things will change, Barb replied, "It's not something we do. We like tried and true and that's what we offer."

Walk into Watsons and you will be struck with the friendly, busy vibe. Even when things are slow, I have gone in and the friendly staff are wrapping, filling and doing whatever it takes to keep things ready for the next customer. We regulars have our punch cards in the drawer to earn our bonus candy, and they are all too eager to help in any way they can. They have added odd things like gummy worms (outsourced) to round out their selections, but most of us who go there regularly are there for the handmade sponge, fudge, Charlie Chaplin (my fave), and for a simple yet elegant way to give a

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Darkwater

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be playing at Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam on Saturday the 22nd.

Dave and Dick grew up together in Bradford and always enjoyed making music together. "We've been creating music since we were eight-years old," recalls Dave. "We'd put on Superbowl shows for our parents. We didn't have real instruments at first, so we used whatever we could find for drums and were masters on the air guitar."

Eventually, the cousins acquired instruments: Dave on drums and Dick on guitar and vocals. The pair grew up on grunge, influenced by Nirvana and Bush and watching MTV. "We were intrigued and influenced by the grunge movement and style," recalls Dave. They played in various bands throughout middle and high school, creating original music. "We dabbled in nu metal, but played mostly grunge and rock. We were very much influenced by area bands at that time. We were fortunate to get together and collaborate on

shows, giving us inspiration and helping us explore our style moving forward as a young band."

Dave moved to North Carolina for a few years, but upon returning, the pair created Darkwater Duo in 2015. Their full five-piece band, Darkwater Duo & Company, puts on a more electric show will full sound featuring bass, keyboards and drums. The name pays homage to their hometown of Bradford, which is an oil town, with a creative edge. As a duo, Darkwater played various stages in the area with an acoustic feel with guitars and vocals, but they also craved a fuller sound. They added a drummer, bassist and keyboardist for a big dynamic sound, forming Darkwater Duo & Company.

Darkwater Duo and Darkwater & Co play various venues across Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania. The band recently played the Groundhogs Day festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on February 2. "It was quite the scene," laughs Dave. "Over 1,000 people gathered for the pre party event. It was a great time."

Both Dave and Dick play in other bands, giving them various creative outlets. Dave plays guitar in The Violent formerly known as Red Sun Rising, a rock band based in Nashville, TN. They've had several #1 singles on the active rock radio charts and were billboards top 10 mainstream artist of the year in 2016. Dave also plays drums in a local nu metal, cover band called Turbo and an original metal band called STRANGERS out of Pittsburgh, PA. Dick plays in The Anxiety Effect, a metal core band out of Bradford, PA.

Darkwater Duo has frequented Ellicottville stages and enjoys performing in the area. "Ellicottville is great," says Dave. "It has that small "big city" feel and everyone is just out having a good time. It's a smaller, more intimate setting when we perform at Balloons, and we love that."

Dave's favorite thing about performing is getting the crowd involved

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There are many photos of animals, birds, landscapes, forests, and sunsets, to name a few. Although it has populated mostly nature photos, it is not limited to that. People are encouraged to go out in Chautauqua County and shoot photos of just about anything and it is looked upon as an art form. These photos were taken by Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua page founder, Chad Ecklof.

Ecklof Bakery, located at 832 Foote Avenue in Jamestown, is the home of the "pink striped cookies" and much more. It has been a time-honored family run business in the Jamestown community for decades. Part of Ecklof Bakery's continued legacy is their well-known signature item of the pink striped cookies. When the business first opened, the Ecklofs handed out a free cookie to all the children who came in with their parents. When you're in Jamestown, put Ecklof Bakery on your list of places to go, as it is the perfect destination to indulge in tasty bread, sweet treats, and delectable breakfasts and lunches.

Shoot CHQ

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and groups people create are positive and build a sense of community that captivates our attention and curiosity. A group page on Facebook that will captivate your attention is called Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua. This group is a page on Facebook where any photographer can share their photographs of anything in beautiful Chautauqua county.

Then in 2016, he created the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua Facebook group because he wanted to create an outlet for people to express themselves with freelance photography. Chad and the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua page encourages people to go out in Chautauqua County and explore their creativity by using their cameras to promote their creative vision. Some of the people who contribute photos in this group are professionally trained while others just like to take fun and interesting pictures with their phone.

that are in question, Chad and other moderators of the group will look into it and make sure nothing is offensive to others.

To join the page is simple. When you visit the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua group page, there are a few policies that people must agree to when they join the page. For example, one of the policies is that the photos that are posted must be created by the person who is posting them. Another policy is that you should not use someone else's photos for any reason unless you have their permission. The rest of the policies have to do with being considerate of others and it lists a few topics that are not allowed. Besides that, you can join the group and post whatever type of photos that you desire.

At this point, the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua group page has over 16,000 members. Only about one hundred of those members consistently contribute photos. The majority of the members are people who like to view the pictures from Chautauqua County that are populated on the site.

Chad said, "When I receive feedback regarding Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua, "SHOOT CHQ", Pg. 10

Ecklof

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three separate businesses located in the area that is now the Foote Avenue Plaza and included Tasty Corners, and Rockman's Grocery. Eventually, the plaza was constructed, and Ecklof Bakery was located in the plaza where it remained for many years. Following Dick's death in 1968, Carolyn continued to own and operate the bakery until she retired in 1976, at which time her son Rick took over.

In 2004, Ecklof Bakery left the plaza to move to its current location at 832 Foote Avenue. This relocation allowed the bakery to expand its operations and included the addition of a deli area. Rick continued to operate the business for many years. While growing up, Rick's sons, Chad and Devin, worked alongside their father. When Chad graduated from high school in 1990, he immediately started working at the bakery full-time and has worked there ever since, except for the years that he was in the Navy. When Rick decided it was time to

retire in 2019, Chad decided to follow in his family's footsteps and became the new and current owner.

Part of Ecklof Bakery's continued legacy is their well-known signature item of the pink striped cookies. When the business first opened, the Ecklofs handed out a free cookie to all the children who came in with their parents. Originally, they were called ice cream bars and are made of vanilla shortbread with a single pink stripe running down the middle. When returning to the bakery, children would often say, "Mom can I get a pink striped cookie?" and eventually that became the name. Through the years, the bakery has continued to make countless dozens of the pink striped cookies each week. To this day, children still receive a free pink striped cookie when they visit the bakery, making it a cherished tradition that people in the community treasure.

Although the pink striped cookies are their signature item, the bakery features much more. They always have at least eight breads available, and their best-selling bread is their Swedish rye bread. There's always a variety of cookies.

They also make about a dozen different types of doughnuts as well as cinnamon rolls, cupcakes, brownies, and many more delicious treats. To be able to make all these baked goods, the bakers at Ecklof Bakery start working at 4am, six days a week and make everything from scratch with no preservatives. Large batches of baked goods are made, frozen, and then taken out to be sold.

The bakery also includes a deli area including two rows of small booths as well as a counter seating to allow for full service eat-in breakfasts and lunches. Their breakfasts include a variety of omelets, sausage and gravy, breakfast bowls, burritos, and more. Their best-selling breakfasts are their breakfast burritos and their homemade cinnamon swirl French toast. Their lunch menu consists of subs, sandwiches, stuffed butter bits, soups, and salads. Make sure to try one of their amazing best-selling paninis or their Korv burgers served on rye bread.

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Ellicottville's Winter Music Jam 2025

Content correct as of print date 2/13/25.
Check back next week for updated schedule.

February 21-23 Music Line Up

Friday, February 21

6pm: Skipdog @ The Ratchet Hatchet
8pm: 2 Guys Drinkin' Beer @ Gin Mill

Saturday, February 22

2pm: Brian Rick @ Gin Mill
3pm: Trevor from the PA Line Band @ Holiday Valley (T-Bar)
5:30pm: Cody Klink @ The Ratchet Hatchet
6pm: Tom Dietrich @ Cygaro Cigar Club & Lounge
6:30pm: Darkwater Duo @ Balloons Restaurant
7pm: Interstate Daydream @ Mill St. Sports Pub
8pm: Hazzard County @ Gin Mill
10pm: The Chillbillys @ Balloons Restaurant

Sunday, February 23

2pm: Fritz the Kat @ Mill St. Sports Pub
2pm: Meet the Bacons @ Gin Mill

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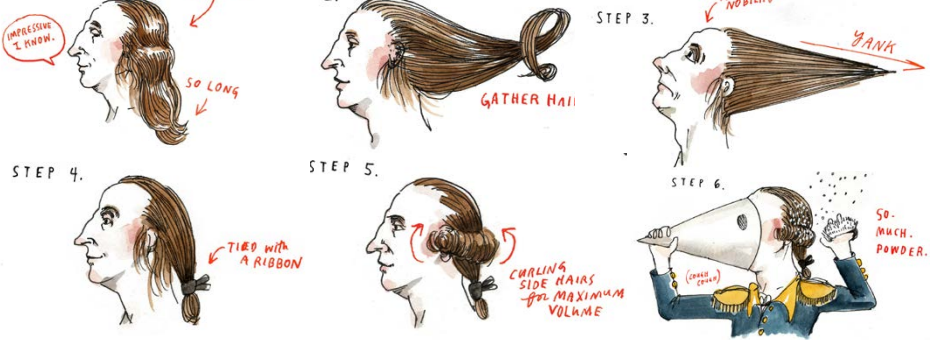
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Chautauqua County Events

Mark Your Calendar: Presidents' Day, February 17

Celebrating some of the Great POTUS in American History



Revealing George Washington's mysterious hair: All the men of stature in Washington's day wore powdered wigs, so one would think he did as well. Most pictures show our first President as a white-haired gent. On the contrary, his hair was reddish brown. He powdered his hair (all of which was his, ponytail and all). If you are at all interested in how these gentlemen powdered their hair in those days, look up an amusing National Geographic article June 9, 2015 by Robert Krulwich – George Washington's Oh-So-Mysterious Hair. Illustrations by Wendy MacNaughton.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

When I was a child in school, we celebrated both George Washington's Birthday (February 22, 1732) and Abraham Lincoln's (February 12, 1809). Washington's Birthday was celebrated on February 22 from 1879 until 1970 as an official Federal holiday, giving Americans the day off. Presidents Day is now celebrated on the third Monday in February, thanks to the 1968 Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

Here are something interesting facts about President George Washington's birthday. Our very first president was actually born on February 11. At the time of his birth (1732), we were still using the Julian calendar which was 11 days behind the modern Gregorian calendar we now use. Wikipedia states that "Since February 11, 1732 on the Julian calendar was February 22, 1732 on the Gregorian, and he {Washington} was alive at the time the change was made, Washington changed his

birth date to February 22, 1732, to match the new calendar."

Can you guess what food is traditionally associated with the holiday? Let me give you a hint... "I cannot tell a lie..." (cherry pie). The quote is, of course, attributed to young George Washington, but, as with many tall tales, this story was created by a bookseller who wrote what might have been the first biography about Washington – after he died in 1799. Anything to sell a book....

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President Lincoln, on the other hand, didn't seem to care a bit if he was tousled looking, even intentionally

running his fingers through his hair when a photographer kept trying to preen him at a photo shoot.

While Washington was a striking figure and an excellent dancer, poor Lincoln was anything but. Judith St. George in her book, *So You want to be President* says this of poor Lincoln: "Abraham Lincoln wasn't much of a dancer. 'Miss Todd, I should like to dance with you like in the worst way,' he told his future wife. Miss Todd later said to a friend, 'He certainly did.'"

These two Presidents come together in a dramatic way at the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota. Washington (#1) and Lincoln (#16) join Thomas Jefferson (#3) and Theodore Roosevelt (#26) on the mountain. Sculptor, Gutzon Borglum selected these four presidents because, from his perspective they represented the most important events in the history of the United States. Washington "was the father of the new country and laid the foundation of American democracy." Because of

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By DARLENE BRACE

There's plenty of entertainment this weekend to explore with your sweetheart for Valentine's Day. Check out to see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday, February 13 - Miranda Wilcox will return to the **Busti Tap House**. Miranda is a talented singer-songwriter who plays a mix of genres and generations of music as well as some originals. Enjoy a delicious meal while listening to great music starting at 6pm.

Friday, February 14 – Enjoy listening to your favorite disco tunes at the **Disco Night at Demetris** in Dunkirk. They are giving a cash prize for the best 70s look, so come dressed in your best 70s outfit. The fun starts at 8 pm, so be ready to put on your "Boogie Shoes" and "Shake your Groove Thing" because "You Should be Dancing" the night away.

In Cherry Creek, the **Another Round Bar and Grill** will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a **Karaoke Night**. DJ Payne will be spinning the tunes starting at 6pm. Join in the fun by singing your favorite song or maybe serenade your sweetheart.

Near the shores of Lake Erie, go to **Cuevas Pub and Grill** in Dunkirk for a **Valentine's Day Stand-up Comedy Show**. The show starts at 7pm, as several comedians entertain you with their comedy routines.

Two Towns will be performing from 5:30pm-7:30pm at **Music for Your Mouth** in Mayville. You can call (716) 224-1035 to make a dinner reservation. Enjoy these talented musicians while

you have a delicious meal from their awesome menu.

Movies at The Reg continue at the Reg Lenna in downtown Jamestown. This Friday night, **Wicked** will be playing starting at 7pm, starring Cynthia Erivo and award-winning Ariana Grande. As the story unfolds, Elphaba, who is misunderstood because of her green skin, discovers her true power. You can purchase tickets at the box office or online up to two hours before showtime at reglenna.com.

Surprise Guise will perform at **The Tap Room** in Westfield starting at 9pm. Spend Valentine's Day drinking your favorite beverage while listening to these talented musicians.

Saturday, February 15 - If you're looking for a foot-stomping, hands clapping, and dance-the-night-away kind of night, head on out to **MJ's Tavern** in Randolph to listen to **Smokin 45** as part of their Valentine's Day Sucks Party. They play rousing renditions of country and rock music starting at 9pm.

Tyler McClain is playing at the **Southern Tier Brewing Company** in Lakewood at 5pm. Come have your favorite Southern Tier beverage while listening to Tyler play a fun mix of music.

Jess and the Mess will be rocking the Village of Fredonia at **64 on the Rocks** starting at 8pm. They play a mix of oldies through today's hits, so there's sure to be a little something for everyone to enjoy.

The **Mayville Winter Festival** is this Saturday and Sunday and will

include face painting, kids zone activities, an antique roadshow, and more. The festival will culminate with fireworks on Saturday at 8pm. For a complete list of events, visit Mayville Winter Festival on Facebook.

Also in Mayville, **The Sings Café** has a full lineup of live music this weekend. On Friday night, owner **Rebecca Magnuson** will perform from 5:30pm-7pm, and then **Osborn Nash** will play from 7pm-9pm. On Saturday there is a **Karaoke Contest** from 3pm-6pm, followed by a performance from the talented singer-songwriter **Miranda Wilcox**. Culminating the weekend will be **Black Widow**, who will perform their acoustic set lists of rock and country on Sunday from 12pm-2pm.

The River Bar at the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** has a fun lineup of live music this weekend. On Friday night the **Twilight Band** will be performing. Then on Saturday night, **Pedro and the Smooth Cats** will take the stage. On both nights, the music is from 7pm-11pm.

The **Compass Bar and Grille** in Clymer will be hosting **Lucky Dog** on Friday night. They mostly play older rock music and will start at 8pm. Then on Saturday, **Juvenile Characteristics** will be performing originals and a few selected covers starting at 9pm.

There was plenty of live music to go out and enjoy with your sweetheart this Valentine's Day weekend. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The skiing has been outstanding and so has the music to let's see who's playing where.

THURSDAY
The weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger, Brew and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer with house made chips. Trivia starts at 7 and there's cash prizes for first through third place.

The Gin Mill hosts The Chillbillys, Thursday from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/country/folk/ pop/blues set of covers and originals featuring some smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY
Edna's at the Tamarack hosts The Dirt Turtles from 4-7pm. This duo plays a folk/country/blues set of originals and covers to accompany your dinner with a fantastic view of the slopes.

We're back at Balloons for We Speak Canadian from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/pop/alt set of covers. Don't let the language barrier scare you. The back bar will host Michael Nowak from 10-1am. He plays a rock/pop/country/alt set of covers. Di Lyfe will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is back with Hintz of Thunder from 8-12am. This band plays a classic, modern country set. Try the late kitchen open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Kage

puttin the funk in the frunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill gets the worm with the return off The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Grab a late lunch or early dinner. West hits the stage from 8-12am. This trio plays a rock /pop/folk/blues/country set of covers and a few corny jokes. Enjoy some drinks in the main lodge with your ski boots on.

The T-Bar is up next with Henry's Summer Kitchenette from 4-7pm. This duo plays a rock/country/rockabilly set of covers and a few corny jokes. Enjoy some drinks in the main lodge with your ski boots on.

We return to Balloons for West of the Mark on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This band plays modern country from the 90's till today. The back bar hosts Jim Ronan from 10-1am. Jim plays a rock /pop/folk/blues set of covers. Dj Kage rocks the sound booth squeezin out the juice so you can really cut loose from 10-2am.

Madigans is a player with Dj Delta layin down the sauce so you can shake it like a boss from 9-2am. Check out the dart board or the two pool tables or just chill by the wood stove.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill continues its seven days of music with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a rock/folk/americana/mod set of covers and originals.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta and prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime cooked the way you like it? This week's musical host is Greg Zeis from

5:30-8:30pm. Greg plays a classic rock/country/folk set of covers and originals.

Balloons makes a rare Sunday appearance with Nerds Gone Mild from 6:30-10pm. This acoustic trio plays a 80-90's pop/rock/punk set of covers.

MONDAY
Monday is Strings and Wings from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a great selection of beers to wash em down with and this week's musical host is Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. These guys play a blues/country/pop/rock/folk set of covers and originals with some stunning guitar work.

The Gin Mill's Monday music residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and modern country and rock and southern rock covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

TUESDAY
The Gin Mill's Tuesday musical guests are The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This pick-up group, comprised of local musicians from various bands, have been jamming together for about 11 years. They play a roots, bluegrass, country, folk set of covers. Try the Gin Mill burger if you're hungry.

WEDNESDAY
We end our weekend as we have for over 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and 37 different drafts and Brian Rick as your musical host. Brian plays a country/pop/ folk/rock set of covers and gets better every week.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and you return family with family and friends often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What Would You Name the Movie About Your Life?"

By CHAD NEAL

Life is mysterious in quite a few ways. Everyone of us who has lived and are living has a story about our lives. We've all had an adventure of some sort and we have all held emotions in our hearts. Though there is evil out there, it also seems none of us would play the devil in our own tale. Many folk believe their life isn't at all interesting, alas someone out there would be intrigued by it. Looking back at all of the fun times, the scary times, the great times, the mistakes and the cringy moments that haunt us there are plenty of stories if told right that would keep many people's attention and also have them discussing it with their own interpretation. And if it's real good someone would make it into a motion picture. Figuring out the mystery of our lives could be the plot of that film. What would you name the movie about your life?



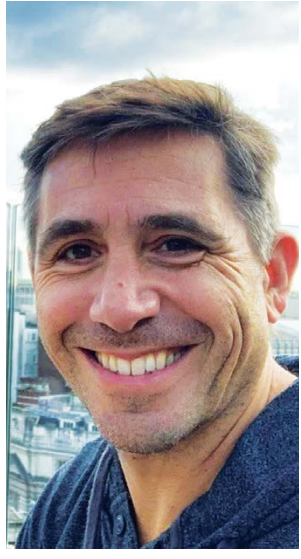
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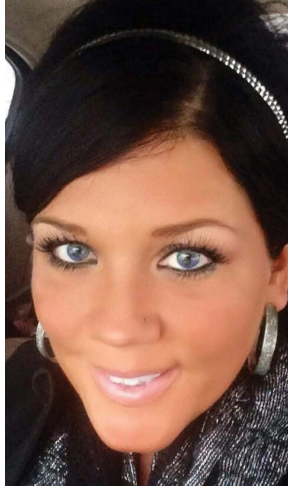
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Trail

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implemented practical strategies to foster partnerships within the region to boost visitation, enhance user experience, stimulate local economies, and enhance the overall quality of life. Carl will share his experience and economic development statistics to assist our community as we build the trail.

Paula Jones: Paula Jones represents the Parks & Trails New

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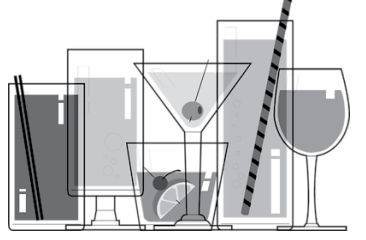
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Watson's

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very special gift, always hand-wrapped if we wish. Their appreciation of their customers is palpable,

genuine and smart. Don't know if smiles and 'thank you's' are part of the business plan, but whatever they do, it works.

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Darkwater

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something special when there's music in the air. It's a different vibe. When the crowd is singing along, you know you've done your job. It's an incredible feeling."

Dave and Dick are in the process of writing more original songs for the band, and are looking forward to their busy performing schedule in the coming months. They are incredibly grateful for the continued support in area communities. "We're so fortunate to have such a buzz right now. We love doing what we do,

and we couldn't do it without this following. Thank you to everyone who supports us."

For more information, follow on social media @darkwaterduo and see them live at their free performance in Ellicottville at the Winter Music Jam on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:30pm at Balloons.

Shoot CHQ

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a lot of it is from people who have moved away from the area. They say that they really enjoy seeing all the photographs of things that are of interest in Chautauqua County. They love seeing pictures

that remind them of home, and it makes them still feel connected to the community here."

Many people are unaware of the Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua group page, and Chad hopes that this article will bring about awareness of this group page. He hopes that it will encourage more people

to visit the group page and that they become members who contribute pictures as well as view them. So, the next time you are on Facebook, check out Shoot 'n Share Chautauqua and enjoy all the amazing photos of the sights of our beautiful county that have been posted by its members.

Ecklof

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You can also buy meats and cheeses at the deli counter as similar items you would find in the big grocery stores. Chad

stated, "With the rise in prices across the board, we still try to keep our prices lower than the big grocery stores. We strive to have the best quality products at the possible best prices and our customers in the community really appreciate that."

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7am-5:30pm Monday through Friday and closes its doors at 4:45pm on Saturdays. The deli stops serving lunches at 1:45pm. For more information, you can go to Ecklof Bakery on Facebook or call 716-488-1516 to ask questions or to place an order.

Presidents

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his importance, Borglum chose Washington to be the most prominent figure on the mountain and represent the birth of the United States. Lincoln was chosen to represent the preservation of the United States. Borglum believed that it was Lincoln's firm conviction that slavery must be abolished. He chose Jefferson, the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, because it inspires democracies around the world. He also recognized that

Jefferson's Louisiana purchase doubled the size of our country, adding all or part of fifteen present-day states. Borglum chose Jefferson to represent the growth of the United States. Theodore Roosevelt was chosen for the leadership he provided in America's rapid growth going into the 20th Century. He was the president who was instrumental in building the Panama Canal linking east to west. He also was a "trust buster" working to end large corporate monopolies and ensuring the rights of the common working man. To Borglum, Theodore Roosevelt represented the development of the United

States. Presidents are known for many things: laying the foundation of American democracy, preserving the United States, growing America or ensuring the rights of the common working man. We had a president for 31 days (WHH), one called the man who could have been on Rushmore (WMcK), The Really BIG President (WHT), The Great Communicator (RR), One known for dropping the Bomb (HST), War Hero to President (DDE), and now we have the 47th. In four years, we will know how he will be remembered. Happy President's Day!

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~ Jerrine Brunn Neff ~ 1948-2025 ~ Beloved Trailblazer in Ellicottville



Jerrine Brunn Neff, age 76, passed away on February 8th under the care of Hospice. She was the loving partner of Al Winzenried. Jerrine spent her childhood in Niagara Falls, NY and raised her family in Williamsville, NY. Her studies at Utica College of Syracuse University led to her career as a Technologist at Praxair Inc. In later years she followed her adventurous heart to Loveland, Colorado. Jerrine was an intrepid trailblazer. She was the founding member of Friezurbunzoff Ski Club where she skied, snowboarded, and hosted many memorable parties at the bottom of Holiday Valley's Chute run. She was also one of the original members and an avid supporter of the Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA), where she not only mountain-biked, but also helped organize festivals and swaps; as well as catering for the hungry bikers at Raccoon Rally and National Trails Days. After long days playing in the mountains, Jerrine loved to retreat to the rustic cabin she built with Al in Ellicottville, NY. There they spent hours entertaining friends around the campfire. Her sense of humor shined when she donned costumes for local events like Pond Skimming and The Great Valley "Regatta." If you were around Jerrine, you were sure to be smiling. She will be remembered as a friend to all, someone who lived every day to the fullest and encouraged others to do the same. She was the loving daughter of the late John & Jean Brunn. Sister to Judy Dudley (George Dudley) and the late James Brunn. Additionally, she is survived by her devoted partner, Al Winzenried; her children, Jason Neff and Jeremy Neff; her nieces and nephews; Al's children, Dax Winzenried (Ashley Winzenried) and Ryan Winzenried (Danielle Winzenried); and their grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association WNY Chapter or the Hospice Foundation of WNY.

Views from HoliMont: Men's Day

Last Friday's Benefit for the Phoenix Adaptive Program

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PUBLIC NOTICES

The Town of East Otto is accepting bids for the following repairs to the historical museum building. Bids will be accepted until Monday May 12, 2025, and will be opened at the May 13, 2025, board meeting at 6:30 PM. Bids may be submitted to the East Otto Town Clerk at 9393 Bowen Rd., East Otto NY 14729. Bids should be clearly marked "Bids for Museum Project". Please include the following in the bid:
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 -Sill plate at door to be replaced as necessary. Work to be completed by September 30, 2026. The town of East Otto reserves the right to reject any and all bids and rebid as necessary.
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~Daniel Gerard Kruszynski~

Beloved Ellicottville Student, Friend, Brother & Son ~ 2009-2025

Daniel Gerard Kruszynski, 15, of Ellicottville, NY, died unexpectedly Monday evening, February 10, 2025 at home. Daniel was a fan of garage sales and was always looking for the perfect bargain. He unexpectedly died Monday evening, February 10, 2025 at home. He also enjoyed building with Legos and other things.

Born October 8, 2009 in Buffalo, NY, he was the son of Daniel and Carla Becker Kruszynski, Ellicottville, NY. He was a freshman at Ellicottville Central School.

Daniel enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, snowboarding, swimming, and being out on the water at Rushford Lake. He played soccer, ran track and threw discus, and played the trumpet in band. He was a member of the unified bowling team, a member of the chorus, participated in musicals and plays, and competed in Quiz Bowl. He was a member of the Ellicottville Central School. He was the son of Daniel and Carla Becker Kruszynski, Ellicottville, NY. He was a freshman at Ellicottville Central School.

Surviving besides his parents are: his brother, Jackson Kruszynski, Ellicottville, NY; his sister, Cayda Kruszynski, Ellicottville, NY; his maternal grandparents, Gerard and Mary Ellen Jackson Becker, Ellicottville, NY; his paternal grandmother, Rebecca Swihart Kruszynski, Great Valley, NY; his beloved dog, Inky; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was predeceased by his paternal grandfather, Daniel W. Kruszynski.

Friends may call at the O'Rourke & O'Rourke Inc. Funeral Home, 25

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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at Holy Name of Mary RC Church (time to be announced). with Rev. Tim Koester, Pastor of the Lakeshore Catholic Faith Community, as celebrant.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Daniel G. Kruszynski Memorial Fund, c/o CCSE Federal Credit Union 417 Broad Street, Salamanca, NY 14779.

E-condolences can be sent to orourke. orourkefh@gmail.com or posted to facebook.com/onofh.



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Julie Andrews playing catcher while Lucille ball bats in a charity softball game in Central Park, New York city, 1961



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Creekside Village Townhouse at Base of HoliMont Has it All Waiting for You!



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Who says you can't have it all? This townhouse has been bumped out on two levels for gracious living and sleeping spaces for 1695 square feet. You can walk up the short hill to the Exhibition chairlift and HoliMont chalet, or take the sidewalk into the village for your favorite Ellicottville dining and shopping experiences. The entry-level greets you with an organized mud/ski room area, numerous cubbies for all your family and guests, and heated floors to warm those apres ski toes. This level also holds a laundry & supply closet, a family room area to furnish as you please, two bedrooms, one shared bath with a heated floor, and one primary bedroom/ bath ensuite for three bedrooms and two full baths. Walk upstairs where the value of the bump out shows - the second-level living space opens up into a great room with tongue-and-groove cathedral ceilings, a massive stone gas fireplace, a large kitchen with a half bath off the side, and a large dining room surrounded by windows on two sides to take in the wooded area and creek behind the development. This is one of the few units with a natural gas upgrade on both levels with in-floor heat in the mudroom and baths. Enjoy the ease of townhouse living with chalet-style space!



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