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## Area Events

**HOLIDAY VALLEY'S POND SKIMMING 2025**  
Saturday, March 22,  
Ellicottville, NY

**AUDUBON LIGHTS**  
Saturday, March 28 • 8pm  
Jamestown, NY

**ART After 5 AT RTPI**  
Saturday March 28 • 7pm  
RTPI, Jamestown, NY

**THE GREAT WIDE OPEN - TRIBUTE TO TOM PETTY**  
Saturday, March 29 • 7pm  
Gowanda, NY

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Saturday, March 29 • 8pm  
Little Valley, NY

**SOUTHERN TIER SYMPATHY PRESENTS**  
**ATLANTIC BRASS QUINTET**  
Saturday, April 11, • 7:30pm  
St Bonaventure, NY

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Saturday, March 23 • Big Inlet  
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Saturday, May 10  
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**KARAOKE FRIDAYS**  
Friday, March 28 • 9pm  
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**FREDONIA'S FARMERS MAEKET**  
Saturday, March 22

**THE YOUNG DUBLINERS**  
Saturday, March 22 • 7:30pm  
Reg Lenna • Jamestown, NY

**WINTERS FARMERS MARKET**  
March 22 • April 19  
Jamestown, NY

**MOVIES AT THE REG "Becoming Led Zeppelin"**  
Wednesday March 26 • 7pm  
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## The New Season has Sprung

Enjoy the Bounty's of Spring, March 20 - June 20



**Holiday Valley is shooting for the final day of skiing AND the first day of golf on April 6 and the Mountain Coaster opens May 24. HoliMont Bike Park opens late May through October.**

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

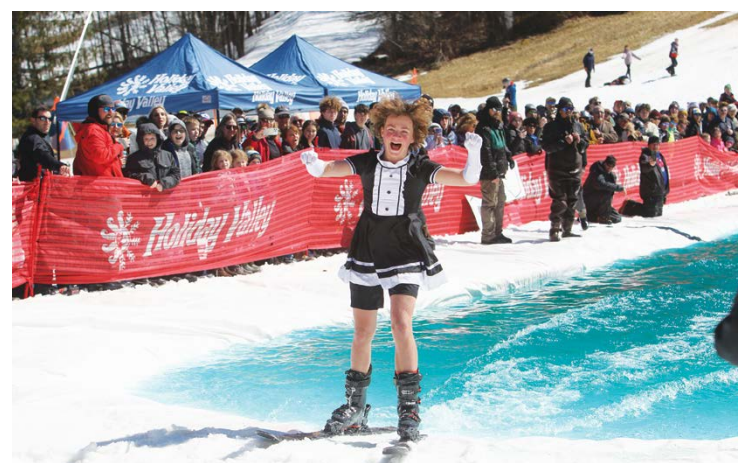
Astronomical spring (tied to the position of the sun and the earth) begins March 20 this year although meteorological spring (better for record-keeping) always starts March 1st. No matter how you look at it, spring

is here. Yes, winters are long in our area. We like to say, "we have two seasons – 9 months of winter and the rest of the year." This writer recalls a few snowy mother's days (from WKBW - Buffalo - 11% of

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## Pond Skimming at Holiday Valley

This Saturday, Send out the Season with a Splash



Get ready for a splash of fun at Holiday Valley's annual Pond Skimming at the base of Yodeler this Saturday, March 22 from 1-3pm. This family-friendly extravaganza marks the grand finale of our winter season, promising laughter and excitement for all ages.

Participant Registration: Aspiring skimmers can sign up in person on the day of the

event. Participation is limited to the first 50 entrants, so arrive early to secure your spot. Registration will start at 11am at Yodeler.

Costume Encouragement: While not mandatory, participants are encouraged to don creative costumes to add flair to their skimming attempts.

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## Letchworth State Park

Enjoy the Mystic End of the Season All to Yourself



**A gravity fed fountain freezes over in single-digit Upstate New York temps at Letchworth State Park. January 2025**

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

*Catching the last of winter at Letchworth State Park is a great time to sightsee and hike in your own private oasis...*

Turn on the TV, fire up social media and you will find that the news is littered with chaos and

unrest, putting many nervous residents on high alert. Even volcanoes are getting into the act with Mount Spurr in Alaska threatening to erupt and Hawaii's Kilauea volcano and Guatemala's Volcano

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## The Young Dubliners

Leading Celtic Rock Band Performs at Reg Lenna



**Young Dubliners pictured left to right: Justin Pecot, David Ingraham, Keith Roberts, Chas Waltz, and Ethan Jones.**

BY DARLENE BRACE

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown invites you to an incredible, unique, and energetic concert performance by the Young Dubliners this Saturday, March 22nd, starting at 7:30pm. The Young

Dubliners are a vibrant Celtic rock band known for their fusion of traditional Celtic music with distinctive rock elements. Their lyrics often draw from Celtic history and folklore, creating a captivating

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## Sneak Peek

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**Saturday's Rivalry Between Holiday Valley & HoliMont**



The event raised \$10,000 for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center via Team Holiday Valley's Empire State Ride Team. Funds support groundbreaking cancer research, exclusive clinical trials, innovative technology and compassionate patient care programs.

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## Winter Farmers Market

Bright Spot in Winter for Jamestown



**There will be two more winter markets this season, on March 22 and April 19, both in the undercroft of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown. The summer farmers market will resume on 3rd street on June 7, concurrent with the Jamestown Pride Festival.**

BY MILES HILTON

This winter, Jamestown residents have had access to something new: once-a-month winter farmers markets, organized by the Jamestown Farmers Market, of the sort residents are used to seeing on 3rd street every Saturday in the spring, summer, and fall. Hosted in the undercroft of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, which also serves as the umbrella organization for Jamestown Farmers Market, the monthly winter market hosts food and craft vendors, live music, and prepared food. Like the summer market, visitors can use their SNAP/EBT benefits when they shop.

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## Group Ther-Happy

Craft Pizza Bar in the Heart of Lakewood



DARLENE BRACE

It has been almost a year since Jeremy Mescall and Erica Simpson purchased Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood from the previous owner, Michelle Turner, who had opened the establishment in 2018. Located at 103 Chautauqua Avenue, Group Ther-Happy is a successful craft pizza bar and tavern that has become an integral part of the community, flourishing in the heart of the Village of Lakewood.

When Michelle decided to retire from the restaurant last year, it created an exciting opportunity for Jeremy and Erica. Both Jeremy and Erica are from the area, so they have strong ties to the community. Jeremy has been involved in the restaurant business for many years, which provided them with valuable insight. He had been working at Group Ther-Happy as the bartending manager before taking on his new role as co-owner with Erica, when they officially became the owners in May 2024.

Jeremy and Erica were familiar with Group Ther-Happy's operations, and it was a smooth transition to new ownership. They maintained the restaurant's beloved vibe while adding their touch. They preserved Michelle's foundation and kept

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*"Spring has Sprung!"*

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New blooms in the beds, birds in the sky and sunlight to make the day last longer. We live in a beautiful place to appreciate all seasons and this is awakening anew. Welcome to a new day and a new season. Take this time to reflect on your adventurous winter and to imagine the possibilities to come. It's time to spring clean and make room for the next chapter that awaits – reflect, contemplate and foresee where you want to be once summer hits. It's always fast in coming and passes by all too quickly; enjoy every moment. If you know of events coming up that our readers would appreciate, please share them with us so we can pass along the news. As always, we look forward to hearing from you and your ideas and it's easy! Simply log on to thevillager.com and click the "General Submissions" tab. We look forward to hearing from you. Until next week, enjoy the read and the ride!

*Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

**Happy Birthday**

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**Village of Ellicottville Trustee Voting Results**

Totals for all Ballots - Total Cast: 73 Total Voters: 73  
Trustee (Vote for up to two) (4-year term) for Village of Ellicottville - Cattaraugus County (2)

Sean Lowes (REP)	:59
Chad Neal (REP)	:53
Caitlin H. Croft (CMF)	:24
Write-in	:1
Total Votes	:137
Number of Overvotes	:0
Number of Undervotes	:9
Number of Double Votes	:0

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**Ellicottville Rotary Update**



**Catching up with President John Weismantel**

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

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Nationally we work together to eradicate polio, promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support initiatives to fight human trafficking, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies, protect the environment and assist in disaster relief.

In conversation with Rotary Club of Ellicottville President, John Weismantel, he states that he is grateful for and deeply indebted to our many private donors and groups/ organizations who support the work that Rotary does. These very generous donations, many from anonymous donors, are what make the Ellicottville Rotary Wheel go around. Our fundraisers generously support our work but we hope that by holding these events, we can give back to the donors and the community by providing a few nights of fun and entertainment. Weismantel goes on to express excitement at the almost exponential growth of our club in less than 18 months. In fact, our club has been recognized for the best growth in our entire District and are thrilled to say that our membership continues to move forward on its growth trajectory.

**WHAT IS ROTARY?**  
Founded in 1905, Rotary International is the largest Service Organization of its kind in the world. It is the highest rated charity in the world for percent of proceeds. There are 1.4

and work closely with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce during the Mardi Gras Parade, Taste of Ellicottville, LaCrosse Tournament and Christmas Tree lighting. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville is always ready to help any family in need. Plans for the future include eyeglasses for the needy, drug and substance abuse training, suicide prevention initiative, new computer of community library and student youth exchange program.

Rotary Club of Ellicottville is here to help students, youth and families in need in the Ellicottville area. We desire to keep Ellicottville a safe and beautiful community for all to enjoy. If you are a service-minded person, why not sit in on a meeting or two and see if the Rotary Club of Ellicottville can help you answer your call to service. We'd love to have you join us. We meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6pm at the Mill Street Sports Bar. Our next meeting is Thursday, March 20. If you would like to join our family of donors, checks can be made out to Rotary Club of Ellicottville and mailed to Rotary Club of Ellicottville, PO Box 56, Ellicottville 14731, or go online to https://cattfoundation.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list

In search bar type in Rotary Club of Ellicottville and you will be on your way to helping our club help others.

**Ellicottville Historical Society**

**Looking for Volunteers to Enhance Programming**

The Ellicottville Historical society is putting together a group of Society supporters to plan historical society museum improvements, options for expansions to the historical society museum to create more/appropriate storage for historical items, funding options for improvements and expansion, etc. No specific experience is required to get involved in the group but we would welcome those with building improvement, repair or restoration experience. Please comment here if you would like to be involved. We will reach out with a private message to get your email address to help coordinate meetings of the Building Planning Group. If you or an acquaintance would like to participate in the group, please let the historical society know at sararae77@roadrunner.com. She will collect the email addresses to schedule the first meeting. Thank you for your help.

# Seed to Supper Program

## Cornell Cooperative Extension Teaches Sustainable Living

Ellicottville, NY – Seed to Supper Program (S2S) – starts April 8th, 2025, with sessions to be held at Salamanca High School Cafeteria – Open to the Public

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a variety of gardening experience.

The courses highlight practical, low-cost techniques for building, planning, planting, maintaining, and celebrating the harvest of a successful vegetable garden. Sessions will cover vegetable gardening fundamentals such as soil preparation, garden planning, planting, maintenance and harvest. All participants receive a free guidebook. Programs are appropriate for any type of home or community gardening including container gardening, raised beds or traditional garden spaces. Classes are for adult participants. There will be activities for younger members of the families to be involved with and participate in during



class time.  
 Dates: Tuesday evenings weekly – April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and May 6th, 13th  
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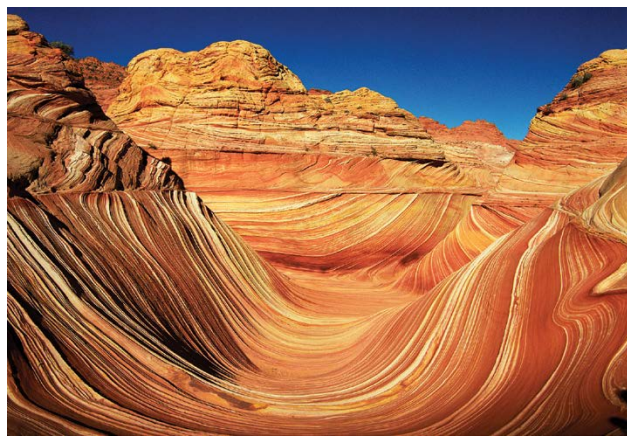
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## “Beautifully Wild Images”

### Springville Art’s Café Exhibit Opens March 27

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The new exhibit at Springville’s Art’s Café features impressive images of nature taken by David Lawrence Reade, photographer and author, which are some of the most popular of those he sells at art festivals. All of his artwork at the Café is available for sale, and this June he will be exhibiting and selling his images at the 68th Allentown Arts Festival in Buffalo, N.Y. The festival will take place Saturday, June 14th and Sunday, June 15th, from 11am-6pm. His images at the Café include spectacular views from mountaintops in the Adirondacks, scenic spots in the Canadian Rockies, a snowy scene in Allegany State Park and other beautifully wild sights. Each one has an interesting tale of adventure behind it. “I have been in love with nature ever since my father started taking me on hikes when I was a kid”, said David. “So it’s only natural that I love sharing my knowledge of nature with people through my images and books”. The exhibit of museum-quality gallery wraps is entitled, “Where’d You Take That?”, because it’s the question festival visitors ask him most often.



“The Wave” taken by David Lawrence Reade.

a difficult hike to reach it. To add to the difficulty of capturing its beauty is the fact that, due to its fragile nature and its fame, visiting there is limited to a few people a day, who must first enter a lottery for the chance to visit it. But David got there! About its origin, he commented, “This incredible sandstone formation was shaped by erosion. First by water, and more recently, by wind.”. His image of it is available at the Café as a 36” by 56” triptych (three panels).

Regarding his popular panoramic image of the Buffalo skyline, which he took from a boat, entitled “Queen City Skyline”, David commented, “Luckily I had brought along my infrared-modified camera to capture the city skyline and those incredible clouds”. The piece in the exhibit is 19” tall and 44” wide. About his image “Nature’s Fireworks”, taken at Inlet in the Adirondacks, David said, “I joined several dozen other hikers who gathered at the top of Rocky Mountain for the sunset, but as soon as the sun dropped below the horizon, most of them left. I was rewarded for staying with this photo.” It’s 30” tall by 45” wide. He captioned “Lone Pine”, taken at Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies, with “A mile hike in along Beauty Creek leads the intrepid hiker to striking Stanley Falls”. It’s 36” by 24”.

David’s best-selling book “Beyond Buffalo! A Photographic Guide to the Secret Natural Wonders of Our Region” sold over 10,000 copies, enough to qualify for the New York Times bestseller list, and he also created two other popular photo books, “The Four Seasons of Letchworth: A Celebration of the Grand Canyon of the East” and “Western New York Wild: Celebrating Our Rich Natural Heritage”.

If you wish you could visit photogenic places with David there to guide you, now is your chance to join those now signing up for his “Off the Beaten Track Photography and Hiking Adventures”. On April 19th, he will be guiding a group through “Fantastic Franklin Gulf”, from 8am-2pm. On May 3rd, he will be taking people to see “The Scenic Sights of Sprague Brook”, also from 8am-2pm, while on May 17th he will be leading a group “Exploring Ancient Allegany”, from 7am-6pm. The first two excursions are \$75, and the last is \$95. For more information, go to [springvillearts.org/events](http://springvillearts.org/events)

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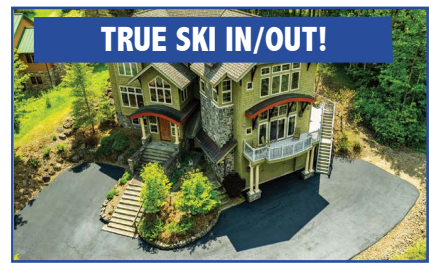
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# Heroic HoliMonter Art Hilger

The WWII 10th Mountain Division's "Climb to Glory"



10th Mountain Reunion in 1972. Art Hilger is to the far right.

BY DAN BALKIN

It was 1942, in the midst of WWII, and young Art Hilger's toes must have been tingling from the cold. He and his 10th Mountain Division comrades-in-arms had already served against the Japanese in the Pacific. His best friend and fellow soldier, Tom Cochran, a forerunner of the famous Cochran ski racing family from Vermont, had been killed by a Japanese landmine on their previous deployment. The 10th Mountain Division had returned stateside to do some final high altitude alpine training to prepare for their next mission: help defeat Hitler's Axis Powers in Europe. Art and his fellow soldiers / mountaineers trained at Camp Hale, a now deactivated army base near Vail, Co. They were all expert skiers and as part of their training had slept outside on a mountain. It snowed that night, and when Art awoke in the morning, he clawed at the snow and reached the surface. His friends were not there. Thinking he had overslept, he shouldered his gear, strapped on his skis, and skied down to the nearest village. Art, however, was the early riser. His fellow soldiers were all still buried beneath the night's snow, and as they awoke, they saw Art's ski tracks and followed them.

The 10th Mountain Division was the brainchild of Minnie Dole, the founder of the National Ski Patrol. Despite initial and prolonged resistance, Minnie persuaded WWII Army Chief of Staff General George Marshall to form a U.S. Mountain Division. Minnie had studied the role of mountain troops in WWI, and knew that when combat ascended to the mountains, trained mountain troops were invaluable. Camp Hale in Colorado was created,

and as the prior sleeping outdoors in the winter story emphasizes, the training was very arduous. On being sent to Europe, Art Hilger and his fellow 10th Mountain Division servicemen lived up to their motto, "Climb to Glory." By 1944, the Allies had opened numerous war fronts against the Nazis and the Axis Powers. One of the fronts in which the U.S. and our allies were advancing was in Mussolini's Italy (Mussolini created the template for fascism, which Hitler copied). The Germans, to bolster Italian defenses, had formed a daunting string of interconnected fortifications in the Apennine Mountains known as "The Gothic Line." The German's thought the Gothic Line was impregnable because their fortifications were perched atop tall sheer cliffs. The 10th Mountain Division saw it differently. Under the cover of night, Art Hilger and his fellow mountain soldiers scaled a formidable cliff known as Riva Ridge. Had they been detected by the Germans, death would have been inevitable as they were exposed and defenseless on the ascent. Fortunately, the daring assault plan worked. On February 19th, 1945, our Greatest Generation Troops stealthily assembled on top of Riva Ridge, burst upon the surprised German defenders, and captured one of their key fortifications. The epic Battle of Riva Ridge raged on for two more weeks as the 10th Mountain Division stubbornly fended off German counterattacks. The Germans eventually retreated, and another route leading our troops into the heart of Nazi Germany was established.

Art's son, reflecting on his dad's wartime service, and helping inform this article, wrote these two

beautiful lines: "My dad wrote my mother almost every day he was away, so I have boxes of inadvertent history. It reads like a love story set in the most turbulent times when oceans were wider and death was close."

When WWII ended, Art's daring and grit were undiminished. In 1962, when HoliMont was still a big gamble, Art decided to join the club as a charter member and doubled down on his bet by building the first chalet in the HoliHuts, the club's original development. It was a wise wager. Art's Granddaughter Molly and her family are club members and still use their family's beautiful chalet. Someone once said about WWII, "It did not really matter what we expected from life, but rather what life expected from us." Art Hilger and members of the Greatest Generation nobly fulfilled life's expectations.



Art Hilger's 6-year-old great grandson Jake, who still enjoys that first HoliHut his grandfather built in 1962, wearing his WWII 10th Mountain Division uniform.

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# Uppenovr Event Winner for Roswell

Last Saturday's Fun Rivalry Between Holiday Valley & HoliMont



By JANE ESHBAUGH

Holiday Valley hosted the second annual Uppenovr event on Saturday, March 15. The Uppenovr is a fun rivalry involving Holiday Valley and HoliMont skiers. Even though the resort closed at 2pm for lightning, it reopened just in time for the start of the Uppenovr at 3. Racers (and many social participants) started at the Yodeler Lodge, climbed up to visit the hydration/Fireball stop at Spruce Lake, then crossed over to HoliMont, down Sunset and back up, across to Spruce and back down to the Yodeler Lodge. Hand turned walnut bowls were awarded to the fastest male and fastest female. Dan Hurley from Holiday Valley won with a time of 43 minutes, 9 seconds. The fastest female was Kris Knauss from HoliMont with a time of 49 minutes, 41 seconds. The traveling trophy, awarded by comparing

the top 3 Holiday Valley skiers to the top 3 HoliMont skiers, proudly hangs for the second year in the Yodeler bar.

78 people registered for the event and many more attended the silent auction and basket raffle. There were several hotly contested silent auction items including Anne Northrup's airplane ride around Ellicottville and the mountain-top al fresco summer picnic for 8 guests by chef James Stark from Edna's. Basket raffle items were donated by local merchants including the Boardroom, Watsons, E'ville Spirits, the Silver Fox, Sugartown Alpaca Farms, the Lincoln Boutique Motel, 42 North Brewing, and Aldrich Aerial Photography.

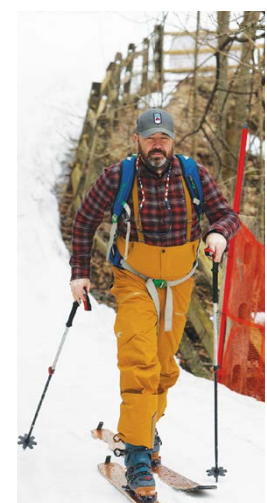
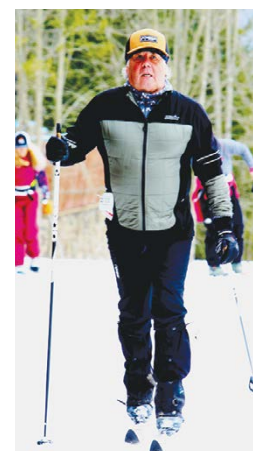
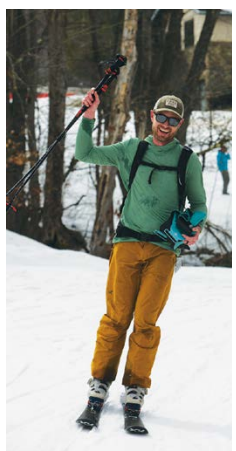
Holiday Valley extends many thanks to the event sponsors. At the gold level is Bill Loecher and West Herr, Silver level is the City Garage, and bronze level are Fitzpatrick and Weller, the Ellicottville Pharmacy,

Mud, Sweat n' Gears and Top Seedz Crackers. Special thanks to the Bob McCarthy Foundation for help with accounting.

The event raised \$10,000 for Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center via Team Holiday Valley's Empire State Ride Team. Funds support groundbreaking cancer research, exclusive clinical trials, innovativetechnology and compassionate patient care programs. One area in which Roswell Park sees an enormous amount of promise is cellular therapies. This branch of immunotherapy uses specially treated patient's cells to help their immune system identify and specifically attack cancer cells. In many cases these treatments allow patients to move away from treatments like chemotherapies which can have harsh side effects. Holiday Valley is proud to support this important research which will benefit cancer patients and their families.



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WNY residents need go no further than Letchworth State Park in Castile to see an active volcano that they can approach with no fear of fiery devastation. Photo ops at the very base present no threats to life and limb (as our writer Carol Fisher-Linn demonstrates here). What you can still view if you don't tarry is Letchworth's famous ice volcano at the legendary Glen Iris Inn. Located in WNY, about 45 miles southwest of Rochester, Letchworth State Park is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East." Straddling the Genesee River for 17 miles the park encompasses more than 14,000 acres of deep river canyon and dense woodlands. In 2015, Letchworth won the USA TODAY Readers' Choice Award for Best State Park in the United States! Letchworth came out on top of the 19 other state parks nominated for the contest, chosen from more than 6,000 parks across the nation.

For non-skiers or indoor folk, Lucky Day Homestead is holding some spring classes. March 27 and 29th: learn to make cheese, butter and buttermilk biscuits or enjoy a forage hike. They are also offering upcoming Felt hat burning and decorating classes, April 19th at 1pm and May 23rd at 1pm. Call ahead, 716-353-0193. Lucky Day Homestead is located 10 min north of Ellicottville. Book a group gathering in your rental or home or join a workshop at the homestead.

## Spring

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the time a trace of snow has fallen on Mother's Day and it's almost in 10-year increments! 1983 and 1984 were back-to-back and then again in 1996, followed by another couple close together in 2010 and 2013. The pattern would suggest we're due for another trace amount of snow on Mother's Day). So, if it gets to be Mom's Day (May 11 this year) and snow is pretty much gone, it's a sure sign spring is here.

But, for ski enthusiasts, the good news is that Holiday Valley is shooting for the final day of skiing AND the first day of golf on April 6. They continue to ski Monday through Friday, 9am-4:30pm, Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am-4:30pm. HoliMont has their fingers crossed and are shooting for a final ski day (weather permitting) on

April 13, Monday through Friday, 9:30am-4:20pm and Saturday and Sunday, 8am-4:20pm, with a Pond Skim (also weather permitting) tossed in on April 5th. Find that waterproof costume!

Before you begin to frown too much, remember that the HoliMont Bike Park opens late May through October. And they even offer beginner friendly trails for new riders. The park provides comprehensive amenities to enhance your experience, including bike rentals, repair services, bike lifts (in summer), and rest areas. Holiday Valley provides direct access to 35 miles of exceptional cross-country trails in McCarty State Forest right at their doorstep. For those looking for a lift, take your biking to new heights with their Lift-Serviced Mountain Biking, but you must wait until June 29.

At Holiday Valley, you can enjoy the Sky High Mountain Coaster beginning May 24 on weekends until summer's daily hours. The six-minute ride has a vertical rise of

283 feet. (By comparison, the Statue of Liberty on its pedestal is 305 feet tall and a Giant Sequoia is about 250 feet.) I'd say that's an intimidating run.

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In Chautauqua County, enjoy the Audubon Lights at Audubon Community Nature Center 1600 Riverside Road, Jamestown, beginning March 21 8-10pm, Fridays and Saturdays to April 5. Reservations appreciated (\$12) but walk-ins are welcome. Forest and ponds glow with lasers and spotlights along a luminary-lit trail to a fire, drinks, popcorn, other foods for sale, and live entertainment.

Have breakfast with the bunny at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, 10 Dunham Ave, Celeron, on March 30, 9-11am. Reservations

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## Letchworth

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of Fire already spewing lava in fiery displays. But WNY residents need go no further than Letchworth State Park in Castile to see an active volcano that they can approach with no fear of fiery devastation. Photo ops at the very base present no threats to life and limb. What you can still view if you don't tarry is Letchworth's famous ice volcano at the legendary Glen Iris Inn. Located in WNY, about 45 miles southwest of Rochester, Letchworth State Park is known as the "Grand Canyon of the East." Straddling the Genesee River for 17 miles the park encompasses more than 14,000 acres of deep river canyon and dense woodlands.

A trip to the park last week yielded photos of the still sputtering "volcano" in its final icy spurts as the weather warms and moves toward spring. Although the park is not up to full speed, there is plenty to do and see, including the ice volcano, and the many magnificent falls. The Inn is closed and some roads

and trails are closed due to winter conditions until May 1, yet we observed visitors enjoying walking the scenic trails and enjoying the views of the 17-mile (14,000 acre) park with its deep river canyon and dense woodlands. This park is truly one of those local places that must go on your Bucket List along with Niagara Falls, another display of Mother Nature's majesty located within an easy driving distance of Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties.

Restrooms are available during this off-season (hours and days vary) at the Visitor Center, Nature Center, Dam Overlook, Highbanks Camping office and Recreation area, etc. Pack a lunch and eat out in nature, or head 4 miles into Perry to the Charcoal Corral, or into Mt. Morris to Brians USA Diner or any of the other popular eating spots in the area. Leashed pets are allowed but check the app for the regulations before bringing them.

The biggest thing you want to do while in the park is simply enjoy the breathtaking views of the Genesee River roaring through the gorge and over the three major waterfalls - Letchworth features one

of the state's highest seasonal waterfalls: Inspiration Falls, which only flows during heavy rain, and has a 350 foot drop. By comparison, Niagara Falls is 188 feet high. And, of course, see the ice volcano. If you are a hiker, you have a choice of 66 hiking trails. Trails are also available (depending on the season) for horseback riding, biking, snowmobiling and X-Country skiing. Coming soon is whitewater rafting season (the season is short and morphs into kayaking for the summer with lower water levels) offering five and one-half miles of spectacular scenery, the fun rapids and opportunities to observe the wildlife that inhabits the park. The park is home to beavers, deer, eagles, hawks, raccoons, black bear, endangered rattlesnakes, and river otters.

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month and April is National Autism Acceptance month. It is a perfect time to explore the ANT (Autism Nature Trail) which is a first-

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## Dubliners

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rhythmic experience for the audience. The Young Dubliners are currently on a national tour for most of the year, and Jamestown is fortunate to be included in their schedule of appearances.

With over 30 years of experience, they have established themselves as one of the world's leading Celtic rock bands. Over the years, The Young Dubliners have created this blend of Celtic and rock music, delivering energetic performances to audiences across the United States, Ireland, and beyond. They have toured for years as headliners and as openers for artists such as Collective Soul, Jethro Tull, and more.

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In 1995, the band was offered a full album deal and began touring in the United States and Ireland. From 1995 to 2013, they released nine albums. As they prepared to record their 10th album around 2018, a few band members decided to retire, so the 10th album was put on hold for the time being. Band members Keith Roberts (vocals and guitar), Chas Waltz (violin, keys, and vocals), and Dave Ingraham (drums), stayed on with the band, and then Justin Pecot (guitar and vocals), and Ethan Jones (bass guitar) joined the band. The five of them have been performing together for the past six years.

When Ethan and Justin joined the band, the band continued to perform, but it took some time for them to fully integrate and get prepared for recording again. Then, the Covid pandemic hit, which was very hard on the band, as they were unable to perform and had no income.

Consequently, the new album was put on hold again. However, the band resumed writing new material in 2021 and has been recording since then. They have released a couple of singles, and

hopefully, they will release their full album sometime this year.

Their last few albums have been funded through crowdfunding. Crowdfunding occurs when fans contribute financially to support the recording of an album. Fans can make donations, pre-order the album, and purchase merchandise, all of which go towards funding the album's production.

The Young Dubliners are scheduled to play in many large cities across the country, but they are also interested in getting into small towns like Jamestown. Keith stated that he feels there are many amazing small towns on the East Coast that they want to bring their music to so that the fans don't have to drive to big cities to see them perform. He also said that they enjoy playing at small venues like the Reg Lenna, which has charm and is more intimate, and sometimes they get to meet some of the locals after the show.

Keith wants people to know, "We are extremely grateful for the fan base that we have acquired and grateful to have been able to perform as long as we have. Touring and recording as long as we have, we are encouraged to play some of our old familiar tunes and excited that we also have new music to share. We can't wait to come

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Group Ther-Happy is the perfect year-round spot for delicious food and fun entertainment. Inside, you'll find a cozy mix of seating options. There is bar seating for about 20 people if you prefer to relax at the bar. You can also choose to gather around high-top tables or dine at one of the comfy lower tables. The atmosphere is friendly, chic, and energetic but gives a vibe that still feels relaxing. One of the restaurant's highlights is the spacious outdoor patio, which is a real treat when the weather is nice.

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most of the menu and staff. They are grateful for their incredible team, as they feel it is one of the reasons for their success in providing quality food and service.

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One of the restaurant's highlights is the spacious outdoor patio, which is a real treat when the weather is nice. It opens in the spring, gets quite busy through summer, and continues to be open into the fall. There is plenty of shade from umbrellas to keep you cool on those hot sunny days. On the patio

with the music playing, it practically gives you a vacation getaway vibe that almost makes you forget that you are still in New York. The patio is now open for the 2025 season, weather permitting.

In late fall and winter, it transforms into a warm haven, perfect for both small get-togethers and larger gatherings. Additionally, they host Buffalo Bill's Nights with drink and food specials as well as an NFL package that allows them to air any game that is being televised. Several televisions provide the community with viewing of local and national sporting events. Along with this, they have Wing Night every Thursday and often have Trivia nights to give customers something to do during the colder months.

Group Ther-Happy offers a delicious and diverse menu. Their craft pizzas range from classic favorites to specialty flavors, including Hawaiian and chicken wing pizza, or you can even build your own. In addition to amazing pizzas, they serve a variety of tasty sandwiches, wings,

entrees, and appetizers. A crowd favorite is the giant pretzel, which you can enjoy plain or add toppings like bacon and cheese.

At the bar, they have a fantastic selection of craft beers, domestic beers, and beer on tap, as well as a variety of wines from sweet to dry. If you're in the mood for something mixed, they also serve refreshing margaritas, mojitos, and classic cocktails.

Group Ther-Happy has live music year-round on Saturday evenings and occasionally on other nights. During the summer, they also have live entertainment on Sunday evenings from 5-8pm. All year round, they support local musicians. They also bring in entertainers from Erie, Buffalo, Warren, and beyond.

Group Ther-Happy is a well-established part of the community. They have been actively involved by participating in events like Christmas

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Dr. Woloszyn grew up in Poland where he graduated from the Medical University of Gdansk in 2002. He completed his internal medicine residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. He has been proudly practicing since since in 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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## Market



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order issued January 20th, 2025 which orders federal agencies to review existing grants and "terminate or modify" them based on ambiguous criteria, the Market is unsure if the promised grant will be delivered.

Weith is optimistic about the continued financial health of the Jamestown Farmers Market, saying that the USDA grant is only a portion of the market's diversified annual income, and "backup budgets" have been made to account for any possible reversal of the grant award. "We're able to continue doing this work," says Weith, "all the programs that have existed, our mobile market, our farmers market, Monday Night Cafe, our CSA program, all of those programs are going to continue," while new programs and marketing, among other costs, may be cut.

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For this year's summer farmers market, Weith hopes to offer more hot food vendors and food trucks, as well as craft vendors selling pottery or other kitchen goods. While the market has a long track record of partnering with other Jamestown events and festivals, such as the Scandinavian Folk Festival and the Lucille Ball Comedy Festival, this year may bring even more. The summer market will also extend its season, beginning the first week of June and ending in a pre-Thanksgiving market, giving community members the chance to fill their Thanksgiving tables with local food. "We're really diving into a lot of our programming this year to make it a more welcoming experience and improve the availability of products," says Weith, "and, most importantly, the access to healthy and fresh food."

There will be two more winter markets this season, on March 22 and April 19, both in the undercroft of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown. The summer farmers market will resume on 3rd street on June 7, concurrent with the Jamestown Pride Festival.

## Chautauqua County Events

By Darlene Brace

It's been a long winter this year, but it's finally going to officially be spring this Thursday, March 20. Get rid of those winter blues and boots, enjoy the first weekend of spring, and see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

**Thursday, March 20th** - It's **Trivia Night at Southern Tier Brewing** from 6pm-9pm. Bring your family and friends and put your heads together to answer as many questions as you can. Maybe you and your team will be the big winners.

It's also **Trivia Night at Pearl City Hops** in the Double Tree Hotel in downtown Jamestown. It will be hosted by Star Sirch Productions, and it's free to play. Grab your team and show what you know, and maybe your team will win the big prize. The fun starts at 7pm.

**Singer/songwriter Miranda Wilcox** returns to perform at the **Busti Tap House** at 6pm. Her music includes a mix of some of her own originals as well as hits from various genres and generations. Enjoy the music from this talented musician while you indulge in a great meal from the Tap House menu.

The new hotspot in Fredonia is called **Monster Beach Brewing, (formerly EBC)** and they are having **Open Mic Night**, starting at 6pm. Whether you want to sing, play an instrument, read poetry, or tell jokes, come join the fun, as all acts are welcome.

**Friday, March 21st** - **Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing** in Westfield continues its Customer Appreciation Night this Friday. Entertainment will be provided by **Jay Baumgardner** starting

at 5pm. Jay is a singer/songwriter who specializes in a blend of Americana fused with rock, folk, and alternative country music. Light snacks will be available to purchase.

**Darkwater Duo & Company** will be performing at the **Lakewood Legion**. They play a fun mix of rock, pop, and country that is sure to get the crowd up on the dance floor. The doors open at 6pm, and the music will start at 7pm. You may want to get there early if you want a seat.

**Saturday, March 22nd** - **Tyler McClain** returns to **Group Therapy** in Lakewood. Tyler plays a little bit of everything so there's something for everyone to enjoy. Enjoy a delicious meal or appetizer while listening to this talented musician starting at 8pm.

**MJ's Tavern** in Randolph welcomes the long-awaited return of **We Speak Canadian**. This band plays their versions of popular rock, pop, and country tunes. They are a high-energy band who has developed quite a following and are sure to be a crowd pleaser, starting at 9pm.

**Big Inlet Brewing** in Mayville welcomes back **Lana and Dustin of Black Widow** to their stage. They will be singing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set lists starting at 5:30pm. Come sip on your favorite Big Inlet beverage while listening to this talented duo.

Enjoy dinner and a show at **She Sings Café** in Mayville. They welcome **Mark Wilson** to their stage at 5:30pm. Mark is an acoustic singer and guitarist who specializes in folk music, soft rock,

and love songs that will entertain you during your dinner.

The **Reg Lenna** in downtown Jamestown is excited to have the **Young Dubliners** take the stage. The Young Dubliners are on a coast-to-coast national tour, and this area is fortunate to have them perform their energetic, unique Celtic Rock music. This concert is sure to get the crowd moving in their seats. Read more about them on the cover story of this week's edition and get your tickets at the Reg Lenna box office.

Also in downtown Jamestown, **Shawbucks** is excited to announce the return of **Smokin' 45** to their stage. They will be rocking it out with their country/rock music. The band starts at 10pm, but you might want to get there early if you want to get a seat as this band always packs people in.

Just a few blocks away, the **Wine Cellar** will also be rocking it out in Jamestown as **Old Fish** returns to perform at 10pm. They play a mix of originals and covers from oldies to some of today's hits. Kallie Williams will also be joining them to add to the entertainment for the evening.

**Sunday, March 23rd** - The Busti Tap House welcomes back **Tyler McClain**. Tyler will entertain the crowd with a variety of music for you to enjoy while having a delicious meal from the Tap House menu.

There was plenty to do during this first weekend of the spring season. By next week, it will already be the last weekend of March. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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By, MOUTHSAYTONGUE

A sure sign that spring has sprung is pond skimming at The Valley this Saturday but there's always music so let's see who's playing where.

THURSDAY

The seven-day week starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burder, Brew and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer with house made chips. Trivia starts at 7:00pm and there's cash prizes for third-first place.

The Gin Mill's Thursday night musical guests are Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. This duo plays rock and pop covers and originals influenced by the British invasion of the 70's. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

The Mill St Sports Pub will host Ade Adu from 7-10pm. He plays a multi genre set of acoustic covers. Check out the late-night menu.

FRIDAY

We're back at Balloons for DoubleShot from 6:30-10pm. This band plays rock/pop/hip-hop/disco dance covers. The back bar will host Connor Brien from 10-1am. He plays contemporary rock covers. Dj Kage will provide the thump, thump, for your bump, bump on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/country/folk/ blues set of covers that are very danceable. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

Pour Taproom joins

the party with Greg Samson from 8-11pm. Greg plays a multi genre acoustic set of covers. This is Evl's newest eatery and features, you pour by the ounce, taps.

Last but not least, Madigans is a player with Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/country/ folk/blues set of covers and originals. Wasted Whiskey takes the stage from 8-11pm. This band plays modern country that pushes the rock boundary.

Balloons is back with Invisible Touch from 6:30-10pm. This band plays contemporary 80's pop and rock. The back bar will host Greg Zeis from 191am. Greg plays a folk/rock/pop/cont set of covers with a little bit of looping. Dj Lyfe will provide the sauce so you can shake it like a boss from 10-2am.

Pour Taproom is back with Midnight Kings from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk/mod set of covers. I haven't eaten here yet but I hear the food is good.

Mill St Sports Pub is back with the Jay McDonnell Trio from 8-11pm. They play acoustic rock featuring vocal harmonies like Eagles/CSNY/Jackson Browne etc.

Madigans returns and so does Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll serve up the juice so you can really cut loose. Check out the dart board and pool tables for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY

Back at The Gun Mill The Chillbillys will perform from 2-5pm. Word is Dave Lehr will be joining them all weekend while Tiffany's hand heals up. Dave is a very talented pedal steel player as well as guitar luthier. He made their guitars.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta and Prine Rib Night from 5-9pm. This week's musical guests are Grace Lougan and David Michael Miller from 5:30-8:30pm. This will be a songwriter/guitar clinic and I'm looking forward to it.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers to wash em down. Your musical host is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/pop/folk/alt/country set of covers and originals.

Mill St Sports Pub hosts their weekly Trivia Night from 7-9pm. Grab a Ruben Sammy and a craft beer and compete for cash vouchers for first-third place.

TUESDAY

The Gin Mill's Tuesday musical guests are the Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty is a Buffalo Music HOF'er and plays a folk/blues set of covers from the 60-70's.

WEDNESDAY

We've ended the seven-day weekend the same way for 40+ years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10 pm. Brien Rick is your host. He plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We hope you had a wonderful time in our village and return often with family, and friends but wherever you are, PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE Music!!!!

Beat on the Street:

"What's Your Favorite Memory of Your Childhood Home?"

By CHAD NEAL

I grew up in a small hamlet in the countryside in the same home my entire childhood. If more than four cars passed by in a few minutes time we thought it was a parade. If I didn't know better I would think it was planned for just myself and the crew of kids that grew up there along with me. Many memories are filed away from those couple decades in that home and hamlet that molded my life and I long to revisit a lot of them. It seems a lot of my reality revolves around the childhood recollections stemming from that isolated spot. There wasn't too much going on ever, but if there was anything remotely exciting everyone knew. The years growing up really make cause for the pining I have for the more carefree days of yore. What's your favorite memory of your childhood home?



Jennifer B.- The animals on the farm and all our friends hanging out at our house!



Amy H.- Family dinners around the table, laughing no cell phones.



Veronica W.- We had 2 sets of stairs so tag and hide and seek were always the best!



Heather H.- I lived on a dead end street, and all the kids in my neighborhood were close in age. We played a lot of out door games camped in each others yard, and I didn't have to come home till my father would ring the bell, that was heard from around



Colby J.- We had an old school bus abandoned back in the woods that the neighborhood kids all used to hang out in and not do anything shady..... Lol



Josh V.- Self reliance and ingenuity.

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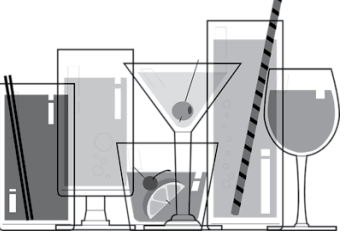
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## ★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

**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!**

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

## Skimming

**CONT. FROM COVER**

Spectator Fun: Even if you're not skimming, join the crowd to cheer on the brave participants as they glide (or splash) across the pond. It's a spectacle you won't want to miss!

Whether you're taking the plunge or cheering from the sidelines, Pond Skimming at Holiday Valley offers unforgettable fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars and join us for this splash-tacular celebration! For more information visit: [www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com).



## Spring

**CONT. FROM COVER**

Required: 716.489.2800. The Athenaeum Hotel at Chautauqua Institution reopens in the spring. On May 19 through 25th, they are holding a genuine Cannes Film Festival! Kid you not! <https://www.chq.org/event/chq-travels-cannes-film-festival/>

Jamestown theaters and Farmer's Markets start opening up, egg hunts are all over our neighborhoods, and Chautauqua Institution opens near the end of June. Lily Dale Assembly continues to hold their off-season, Zoom events covering topics like UFO's, intuition, tarot, astrology, grief work, energy healing and more through to their mid-June opening date. You can book an appointment with a medium all year long. Visit [www.Lilydaleassembly.org](http://www.Lilydaleassembly.org)

All over NYS enjoy NYS Maple Weekends March 22-



**Never waste a moment in Ellicottville: when the slopes are beginning to close and the golf course is beginning to open, you have the opportunity to enjoy both in one day. That day this year is Sunday, April 6. Pack your clubs and your skis - it's always an epic day at Holiday Valley!**

23 and March 29-30. Check online first to see who is participating - <https://www.mapleweekend.com>. Pick one or two and plan to have a delicious, fun-filled outing: watch sugar making, taste real maple syrup, and many farms offer pancakes with their own sweet syrup. And don't forget to enjoy the snowdrops, tulips and daffodils poking up their cheery heads after the winter gloom. And watch for the forest trees to start showing off their blooms. Indeed, it is the season of rebirth and new growth. Get out in the sunshine, take a walk, breathe in the spring air and welcome this new season with open arms. Look for robins and bluebirds. They are back! Happy Spring!

## Letchworth

**CONT. FROM PG. 6**

of-its-kind experience for people on the spectrum. Designed with the input of world-famous speaker, animal and autism activist, Dr. Temple Grandin, the accessible mile-long trail hosts eight different sensory stations for individuals and families of individuals to experience and explore

to Jamestown to give the community a memorable performance at the Reg Lenna."

To find more information on this time-honored Celtic

nature. See their calendar for events starting in May. <https://autismnaturetrail.com/calendar/>

While there, the Humphrey Nature Center offers year-round environmental education opportunities for the public and groups. In 2015, Letchworth won the USA TODAY Readers' Choice Award for Best State Park in the United States! Letchworth came out on top of the 19 other state parks nominated for the contest, chosen from more than 6,000 parks across the nation.

Download the NYS Parks Explorer App from the app store before visiting. Favorite Letchworth State Park in the app to receive updates and be sure to download the interactive trail map. The map will use your phone's GPS to tell you where you are within Letchworth State Park.

rock band, you can visit [youngdubliners.com](http://youngdubliners.com). You can also listen to several of their tunes on youtube.com. If you're interested in buying tickets for the Jamestown performance, go to [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com) or call the Reg Lenna's box office at 716-484-7070.

Don't miss the opportunity to see this incredible and unique band that has been entertaining audiences for over 30 years. Purchase your tickets now for the March 22nd concert event before they sell out! It promises to be a fun night, and you might find yourself moving to the beat and dancing to the great sounds of the Young Dubliners.

## Dubliners

**CONT. FROM PG. 7**

in the Village, hosting outdoor movie nights, and other events. They remain actively involved in the summer and fall festivals in Lakewood and are especially excited about the upcoming Rock the Lake live music series that will be at Lakeside Park this summer, which is expected

to draw more visitors to their restaurant and the rest of the village.

Group Ther-Happy is a popular spot in Lakewood, open from 11am-10pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and stays open until 12am on Friday and Saturday, with the kitchen closing at 9pm each night. It offers a fun and comfortable atmosphere for great meals and fun entertainment year-round. For the menu and updates on live music and specials, visit [groupherhappy.com](http://groupherhappy.com), check their Facebook page, or call (716) 526-1067. If you haven't been to Group Ther-Happy yet, you're missing out. Make sure to visit sometime soon and see what it's all about. The restaurant is located at 103 Chautauqua Avenue in Lakewood, NY. You can reach them by calling (716) 526-1067 and you can see more detail on their website: [www.groupherhappy.com](http://www.groupherhappy.com) and on their Facebook page.

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# ~ Walter J. Holland, 90 ~

Born Manchester, England 1934 ~ Passed Olean, NY 2025



Wally was born into hardscrabble circumstances in Manchester, England in 1934. After World War II began, and along with it the Blitz, he was sent at age 5 to live in a small village in Lancashire, a place he had never heard of, with people he had never met. He made the best of it, and spoke of his years there as some of the best of his life. His mother died before his eyes when he was 10. At 15, he was kicked out of school (we don't know why).

Some may have taken this unpromising opening act and settled into a life of drudgery: not Wally Holland, he chose instead a life of adventure. He chose to live life on his own terms. He traveled the globe, hobnobbed with the rich and famous (his definition of famous was, however, broad), saw, and was seen. He also chose to talk about the things he experienced to everyone he met; if you did meet him, you can attest to this. This is also a final opportunity on his behalf to plug his book, Dear God, What's On the Second Floor?, available on Amazon. He chose to literally print the legend.

He did these things with a profound sense of gratitude and joy. Wally always felt that he was lucky to have experienced the wonders that life has to offer, and he spoke of that gratitude often. He took people in with an open heart. He was kind and generous, more of spirit than with cash. That being said, he would have given you the shirt off his back but, thankfully for the viewing public, he was never asked to do that.

Along the way, he left what at the time had been a life at sea, married, and had two sons. Fate or something like it eventually brought him to Ellicottville, another place he had never heard of, in which he knew no one, but which he made his own, and which he loved to his dying day.

It would be impossible not to mention his love of soccer; the only thing that could drag him away from watching a Manchester United game was to referee. For over 25 years, he refereed games across the Southern Tier, sharing his love of the game with hundreds of local kids, touching thousands of lives. He would have most liked to be remembered for that.

He is survived by his children, four grandchildren, and the many beautiful memories he created with his family and friends.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Holy Name of Mary R.C. Church, 22 Jefferson Street, Ellicottville, NY on Monday, March 24 at 5pm, followed by a gathering at Dina's, to which you are cordially invited

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

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

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## LLC FILINGS

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE TREE GIANT LLC** were filed with the New York State Office of the Secretary of State on August 31, 2024. Office location: Cattaraugus County. The principal business location is located at 11431 Bolton Rd., Springville, NY 14141. The LLC designates the following as its registered agent upon whom process against it may be served within the state of New York: United States Corporation Agents Inc. 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Assist residents and municipalities with the care or removal of trees and other flora or any lawful purpose.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731, on the 3 day of April, 2025 at 6:00 PM, to hear all interested parties regarding an application by Joel Tanner, for area variances from the setback requirements, at **1A Bella Vista Drive** (SBL 55.011-2-17.6), to construct a single-family detached dwelling less than the minimum distance from the front and rear property lines.

Further information is available for review at the Planning Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The application may also be viewed on the Town website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons who wish to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting.

Written comments may be mailed to the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 600, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com. By Order of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING-NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing Pursuant to the Mansfield Subdivision Regulations Article III, Section 2.E. HoliMont requests Planning Board approval for a proposed Minor Subdivision of the property 7051 Rt. 242. Said Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday April 15th at 7 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. - Margaret Puszcz, Planning Board Chair

**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: -Removal and disposal of the cement pad at the front of the building -Removal and replacement of rotted sections of the beam along the front of the Building -Replacement of supports along the front of the building to level the floor at the front of the building. Replacement of the cement pad with ADA compliant ramp with a landing at the entrance door and railings as required. Materials to be pressure treated and weather resistant. Railings to be painted white. -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. - By order of the Town Board, Town of East Otto - Deanna Bowen Town Clerk

**BOND RESOLUTION - EXHIBIT A - VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on February 18, 2025, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York, adopted a resolution amending the bond resolution adopted by said Board of Trustees on December 28, 2023, which bond resolution, as amended, is entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Village of Ellicottville, New York, adopted December 28, 2023 and amended February 18, 2025, authorizing the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$240,000 to finance the Village's share of the cost of construction of a new downtown parking lot, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$1,040,000, appropriating Village funds in the amount of \$240,000 for the Village's share of said cost, and stating that the \$800,000 balance of said cost shall be funded by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency, "an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING the Village of Ellicottville, New York to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$240,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, to finance the Village's share of cost of construction of a new downtown parking lot;

SECOND: STATING that the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,040,000; APPROPRIATING Village funds in the amount of \$240,000 for the Village's share of said cost; STATING that the \$800,000 balance of said cost shall be funded by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency; and STATING that the plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$240,000 to finance the Village's share of said cost and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Village; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, or the renewals thereof; and

SIXTH: STATING the conditions under which the validity of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof may be contested; and

SEVENTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to a permissivereferendum.

DATED: February 18, 2025. --Amy Hayward, Village Clerk

### (NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF RESOLUTION FOR PUBLICATION)

NOTICE The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on February 18, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution. -- Amy Hayward Village Clerk

**BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 28, 2023 AND AMENDED FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

**IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$285,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT DOWNTOWN STREETLIGHTS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$285,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE.**

The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is the acquisition and installation of replacement downtown streetlights, at the estimated maximum cost of \$285,000. The period of probable usefulness is five (5) years. The maximum amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$285,000.

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Ellicottville, Village Hall, One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that pursuant to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731, on the 1 day of April, 2025, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding an application by Jacob Flitton, for an Area Variance from rear yard setback requirement, at 7 Van Buren Place (SBL 55.027-2-1.4), to construct a new deck less than the minimum distance from the rear property line.

Further information is available for review at the Planning Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The application may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting.

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Further information is available for review at the Planning Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The application may also be viewed on the Town website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. Persons who wish to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting.

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Operating since 1979, The Ellicottville Depot will officially be closing its doors at the end of the 2025 ski season. Thank you for your patronage and love!

We would like to thank the many staff that have joined us over the decades in creating the Depot Family, who kept the place rockin' n' rollin', the pizzas cooking, and the drinks flowing. We are grateful for Carl Matthews and Mike Nickolson who dreamed up, bucked up and opened up The Ellicottville Depot restaurant, before passing the torch to Moose and Vicky. Thank you to the skiers, families, and locals that helped make the Depot a community staple, and a haven after a cold day on the hill. Thank you to the strangers that stopped in and became long time friends, who always kept creating new memories with us.

As Moose would say, "It was good to see you, and good to be seen".

- Vicky, Izzy, Gwen and Moose Brown

