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**SIGNS OF SPRING EVENING WALK AT ALLEGANY STATE PARK**  
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Little Valley, NY

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## North Shore Arts Alliance

### Annual Spring Art Trail, Memorial Day Weekend



This spring, 30 artists will be showcasing their art in their studios or hub locations throughout Chautauqua County. (Pictured LTR, artwork by Janet Mandel and Melissa Meyers.

By KATE BARTLETT

This Memorial Day weekend, May 24th-25th, marks the North Shore Arts Alliance's 17th annual spring Art Trail. This unique event is held twice per year, once in the fall (Saturday/Sunday of Labor Day Weekend) and once in the spring (Saturday/Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend) and is designed to showcase creativity in a variety of indoor

and outdoor spaces throughout Chautauqua County. This year's trail promises to be bigger and more immersive, celebrating the rich diversity of local and highly skilled artisans while providing a platform for artists to connect with new audiences.

The Art Trail was created in 2008 as an opportunity for

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## 2025 Ohi:yo' Art Market

### Celebrating Native Resilience through Art, May 3



## Ohi:yo' ART MARKET

This is more than just an art market—it's an immersive cultural celebration designed to foster appreciation for Indigenous traditions while embracing modern innovation in the arts.

By JESSICA MILLER

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 3, 2025, as the Seneca-Iroquois National

Museum Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center proudly presents the second annual

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## Buffalo Zoo Celebrates 150 Years

### Year Full of Activities Planned to Highlight Attraction



The Buffalo Zoo has pioneered innovative exhibit design elements, such as the roof of its "M&T Rainforest Falls Building". This roof enables the creatures in the building to experience more natural light, and the breakthrough inspired other zoos to do the same with some of their exhibits.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This year the Buffalo Zoo is celebrating its 150th anniversary, and there are many special events scheduled throughout the year. On April Saturday, 26th, from 10am-

3pm, visitors can join in the fun at "Party for the Planet", which includes Animal Ambassador\* meet and greets, talks by animal keepers and more. The "Buffalo Birthday

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## Twilight Tour of Mansions

### Explore Buffalo Showcases Historic Delaware Ave.



Cellino Law at the Knox Mansion: Explore Buffalo is excited to welcome Blessed Sacrament Church, rectory (the former Knox mansion), and carriage house, to the Twilight Tour for the first time in 2025. The second floor of the Knox Mansion, home to Cellino Law, will be open along with the basement ballroom.

By KATE BARTLETT

Join Explore Buffalo for an exclusive opportunity to tour inside the historic mansions on

Delaware Avenue on June 11. The Twilight Tour of Mansions offers the opportunity to step

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## Come to the Table Fundraiser

### How You Can Help Stop Child Abuse



By DARLENE BRACE

You are invited to attend the 17th annual "Come to the Table" fundraising event at The Chautauqua Suites, located at 215 West Lake Road in Mayville on Thursday, May 8th. This unique fundraising event supports Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Chautauqua County, and will include refreshments, music, basket raffles, and a variety of auctions.

When the doors open at 5pm, guests are invited to mingle while enjoying the cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Attendees will have the opportunity to browse the tablescapes that will be featured in the live auction, which

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### Music Spotlight: The Massacoustics

### Nashville Based Band @ Gin Mill in May



By KATE BARTLETT

Nashville based band The Massacoustics will be playing in Ellicottville at the Gin Mill on Thursday, May 22 at 8pm. Brothers Andrew and Matthew Thompson have performed their own brand of writer rock all over the world, and are excited to return to the Ellicottville area.

Andrew and Matthew have been making music together for over 26 years. Growing up in Massachusetts, Andrew recalls being introduced to music at a young age and playing in bands with friends through junior and high school.

Matt moved, with his brother, to Nashville, Tennessee for college at Belmont University, a school known for their music-based programs.

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EASTER BUNNY AT CHAUTAUQUA MALL: APRIL 18-19, 2025 : • LAKEWOOD, NY



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*“Enjoying the Here and Now, or the There and Now...”*

for granted, times goes by but all too fast!

Those of us who are weathering through the weather here in WNY are all too familiar with how quiet it gets this time each year. Although the weather can be a bit unpredictable, the regular appearance of sunny skies is sure to come, along with an influx of golfers, joggers, paddle boarders and hikers. All these “green grassers” depend on nice weather to enjoy their activities, and eventually Father Time will indeed triumph over Mother Nature. Happens

every time.

Take this “quiet time” to refresh, review all your favorite attentions and upcoming annual events, and plan ahead accordingly; as they say, prevents poor performance – and boredom.

If you have an event you want to share with us, please contact us directly: (716) 699-2058, or simply logon to [www.thevillagerny.com](http://www.thevillagerny.com) and hit general submissions, it's that easy. We always enjoy to spread a good word. Yours in writing – **Jeanine Caprino Zimmer**

## Happy Birthday

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## Griffis Summer Music Fest. in August

**Smilo & the Ghost Headline at Sculpture Park in E. Otto, NY**

Griffis Sculpture Park will host their annual summer festival on Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 12-6pm. The festival is a memorable day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. Since 2013, the festival has become one of Western New York's most beloved summer events calendar. It has become a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park. The festival will be held at the Mill Valley Road section of the park.

The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service and more. Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased on eventbrite.com.

“Festivals have been part of the Griffis Sculpture Park's history since the very beginning,” said Nila Griffis, executive director of the park. “Our summer festival is always a beautiful day to enjoy art, music and nature, while also supporting the park. Funds raised from the concert help the foundation maintain our

**Smilo & the Ghost is a rockin' folk-bluegrass band from Erie, PA.**

massive park.”

Headlining the 2025 edition of the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is Smilo & the Ghost, a rockin' folk-bluegrass band from Erie, PA. They are rising regional stars that are getting attention in other parts of the county, sharing the stage with Dan + Shay, Railroad Earth, 10,000 Maniacs and more. Smilo and the Ghost combine songs meant for singing and dancing with charismatic, high-energy performing on stage.

Also performing at the festival; Olmsted Dub System (reggae), JGB Shibuki (Japanese taiko drum group), Tsavo Highway (jam/indie rock), Benjamin Perello (singer/songwriter) and Patricia Griffis (singer).

The Griffis Sculpture Park stage is at the top of the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Patrons are allowed to bring chairs and coolers. There is a school bus shuttle that takes attendees to the concert site.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is owned and operated by the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which also owns the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, NY. The mission of the Ashford Hollow Foundation is to promote the visual and performing arts as well as construct a dynamic relationship between the arts and education in Western New York to better its young people and the greater community.

## 2nd Annual Pipes & Ale Ceilidh

**96th Highlanders Presents, May 3 at CHQ. Suites in Celoron**

The 96th Highlanders Pipe & Drums would like to invite you to our 2nd annual Pipes & Ale Ceilidh to be held once again at the Chautauqua Suite Mayville, NY May 3, 2025. Complete information can be found at [www.96thhighlanders.com](http://www.96thhighlanders.com) by clicking on the

Pipes & Ale Button.

The event is celebrated with great food and music (of course). There is also a Basket Raffle and a 50/50.

If you order online now, you will receive a promotional 15% off your total with promo code FO 2025. The offer ends April 28, 2025.

Reserved tables are available to those purchasing 10 tickets or more online.

Tickets are limited, so don't delay in ordering tickets and rooms as soon as you can. Chautauqua Suites Room rate is \$149.99 plus tax.

## Gangstagrass at the Reg Lenna

**CFA Presents Fusion of County and Hip-Hop**

America's Got Talent competitors Gangstagrass to perform at Reg Lenna Center for The Arts Saturday, April 26 at 7:30pm.

Gangstagrass is a multi-racial collective of musicians who demolish every preconception you have about country music and hip-hop music. These string pickers and MCs create a shared cultural space for dialogue and connection between folks that usually never intersect. The boundaries are gone and Gangstagrass is out there doing things nobody thought would work but when you hear it you know, down in your soul, that it does work. Gangstagrass is here to

help us party together with an irresistible blend of America's rural and urban music traditions.

Gangstagrass' Rench, MC's Dolio the Sleuth and R-SON the Voice of Reason, Joshua Jimmerson and Sleeve mix America's rural and urban music traditions featuring rapping, fiddle, banjo, guitar and vocal harmonies. They were quarterfinalists on America's Got Talent. Their Emmy-nominated song “Long Hard Times to Come” was featured in the opening titles to the FX crime drama Justified. Gangstagrass has shared music festival stages with John Oates, Beausoleil, The Travelin' McCourys,

Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Eric Bibb and more.

Tickets for the concert range from \$27.50 and \$38.50 and are on sale at the Reg Lenna Center for The Arts box office (116. E. 3rd St. – (716) 484-7070) Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12-5pm and from 6-8pm before movie showings on April 18 and April 23. Tickets are available online 24/7 at [reglenna.com](http://reglenna.com). The Reg Lenna Center for The Arts' programs are made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT EBC: MAY 1, 2025: • LITTLE VALLEY, NY



Celebrating Changes & Opening Early in 2025

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

In a conversation with Ellen Siriani Frank, Ellicottville Town Historian, she expressed great enthusiasm for things that are happening with the Museum and the Historical Society for the coming year.

By popular demand, the Historical Museum will be opening in May, rather than June this year. Last year, the museum played host to over 1300 visitors, always with the request for more hours. This year, the museum will be open every Saturday and Sunday, May 3 to September 28, 1-4pm. Siriani Frank suggested that folks who love history or enjoy meeting new people might wish to volunteer to take a few hours in that new schedule. It's great fun to see where visitors come from and why some make repeat visits. If interested call Ellen Siriani Frank at (716) 474-8528 or (716) 699-2276.

Since skiing is such an integral part of what makes Ellicottville the fabulous year-round destination that it is, visitors will find a brand-new display on Skiing in Ellicottville this coming year. With Herculean physical effort of many willing hands, things have been shifted around a bit, to accommodate a gifted antique roll top executive-type desk from



The Ellicottville Historical Society is located on Washington Street in Ellicottville, NY.

Fitzpatrick and Weller. It was likely used by Frank Fitzpatrick and/or his brother-in-law, William Weller who founded Fitz and Weller to produce shoe last blocks. Founded in 1895 in Ellicottville, NY, Fitzpatrick and Weller provided shoemakers around the world (including Queen Elizabeth's shoemaker when she was a young woman) with finished wooden lasts (foot shapes) on which shoes were constructed. F&W remains to this day a multi-national supplier in hardwood lumber and wood component industries. The vintage desk is a very fitting piece that illustrates the huge role the lumber industry played in Ellicottville's growth.

Sara Nuszowski is pursuing a grant to get a start at doing much needed repairs to the circa 1853 building. Some rehab work was done in 1987 but the beautiful historic building is showing age. Issues like the

need to rehab the antique door, lighting, insulation (and lack thereof) issues causing the museum to be closed in the colder months, structural issues throughout, the possibility of creating more space for storage without taking away from the public space presently utilized, consideration for removing the dropped ceiling (and what would they find?) and lack of handicap accessibility are some of the many issues facing that glorious old building. Storage is a particularly frustrating issue because the lack of it forces them to decline irreplaceable donations. Ideally, strictly from this writer's point of view, the Historical Society needs a generous donor with deep pockets offering to resolve their storage dilemma with a well-secured, environmentally controlled space designed or upgraded

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"I Love My Park Day", May 3

Spring Clean-Up at Long Point State Park, Bemus Point NY



Join Long Point State Park on Lake Chautauqua for our "I Love My Park Day" event sponsored by the New York Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Parks & Trails New York. This service event is a great opportunity to give back to the community by participating in various

projects around the park. Service projects for this year include painting, planting flowers, beach cleanup, and more. Let's continue to enhance our beautiful parks to enjoy now and for future generations!

This event will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The day starts with check in/registration at 9am at the

picnic pavilion. Projects will begin at 9:30am and runs until lunch at 12pm. Please keep the weather in mind and dress appropriately. Interested? Please register for this event at <https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day>. For more information contact at (716) 386-2722 or (716) 354-6232.

Community Barn Dance, Machias, NY

Enchanted Evening Contras & Lucky Day Homestead present

Come out and find out what all the excitement is about, Wednesday, May 7 from 6:30-9:30pm in Machias, NY! Barn dances are becoming more and more popular all over the country – the revival of old-fashioned community dances!

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you can dance!

Though the event is free, they ask a donation to the band and caller. They will pass the basket for them if you are able to donate...

Refreshments and food will be available. Call (716) 353-0193 for more information.

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](mailto:sararae77@roadrunner.com). She will collect the email addresses to schedule the first meeting. Thank you for your help.

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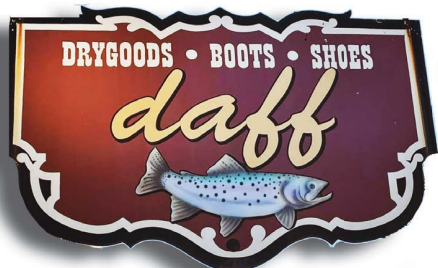
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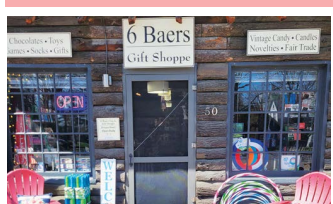


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### End of the Season Spring Pondskimming Fun Last Saturday

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# Holiday Valley Celebrates Season

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## Celebrating Earth Day

Volunteer at Audubon Saturday, April 19

Jamestown, N.Y. – First held in 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection, April 22nd’s Earth Day now includes a wide range of events that involves a billion people in more than 193 countries.

You are invited to celebrate Earth Day 2025 locally by joining Audubon Community Nature Center staff and other volunteers Saturday morning, April 19, to work on projects to maintain and improve the Nature Center building and grounds.

This family-friendly event has something for all ages and abilities.

After registering between 9- 9:15am, you can select your group to take on different projects, like sprucing up the gardens, cleaning, grounds work, and more.

Work parties tackle their jobs between 9:30am and noon. After all your labor, you can stick around and celebrate your accomplishments with lunch.

Participants are encouraged to wear clothes that can get dirty,



With tasks for all ages and abilities, volunteering at Audubon Community Nature Center on Saturday, April 19, is a great way to celebrate the upcoming Earth Day.

dress for the weather – the event happens rain or shine – and bring work gloves if you have them.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration ahead of time helps with the planning: Call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org/events. The program is free, but you will need to click through check-out to complete your registration.

If there are other volunteer projects you would like to tackle – like caring for Audubon’s many animals,

teaming with the education staff, helping with clerical tasks, gardening or lending a hand at events – you can contact Volunteer Coordinator Sharon Tefft at (716) 569-2345 or STefft@AudubonCNC.org.

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check

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## Massacoustics

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“Ironically, we went to school on track scholarships,” laughs Matt. “We literally couldn’t run from home fast enough. We were excited to further our experience in the music world.”

They officially formed The Massacoustics in 2000, an acoustic duo with Andrew on guitar and lead vocals and Matt on drums, bass and vocals. Matt describes their sounds as Americana and Country Rock, writing all original music, with an occasional cover during live shows. Living in Nashville, they’ve been influenced by all types of music, fully immersing themselves in music city. “It’s been great to play with so many different bands in the area,” says Matt. “We’ve gained valuable experiences and our sound has evolved as we hear and play with

different musicians.”

The Massacoustics typically play about 8 shows per year, taking their time easing into the music scene, learning along the way. They’ve enjoyed playing in various locations across America, and return to their favorite venues frequently, like Key West. “We love playing winters in Key West,” says Matt. “We’ve played 1-2 shows here every year for the past several years. We play at the Key West Theatre; it’s a great experience with a great energy. Quite the different crowd that the bar scene. It’s great for a change of pace.”

Over the years, The Massacoustics have built quite the repertoire of songs, creating 4-5 albums. Currently, they’re releasing new songs on Spotify, and their music can be streamed on Apple Music. They’ve been inspired by The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Paul Simon, but also by recent artists including Jimmy Johnson

and Chris Stapleton. “It’s great to hear new artists putting out such great music,” says Matt. “We’re inspired by great music and new sounds like Jason Isbell and Billy Strings.” While their music has evolved over the years, they’ve stayed true to their roots. “We have our own unique sound,” says Matt. “Even if we try to play a Bob Dylan song, it comes out like Matt and Andy playing Bob Dylan. We can’t help putting our own sound to our music.”

Matt and Andy are looking forward to returning to Ellicottville, as they’ve enjoyed playing here in the past. “It’s been a while, and we’re looking forward to coming back. It’s such a beautiful, relaxing town with a great energy. We’re hoping to make in an annual visit.”

For more information visit themassacoustics.net and follow on Facebook and Instagram. Experience their music live on Thursday, May 22 at 8pm at the Gin Mill.

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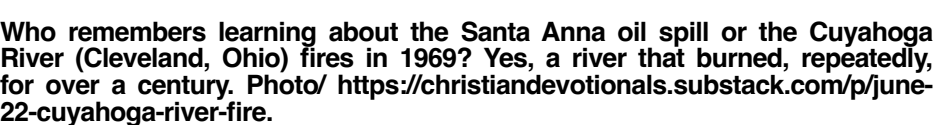
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"Buffalove Community Day", on July 19th, will showcase local vendors. The big event on July 26th is "Art Gone Wild", which includes performing artists, art demonstrations, hands-on activities, art auctions, and more. "Zoomagination", the popular, colorful display highlighting Asian culture that features many larger-than-life animal figures will take place in August and September. The animals will include dinosaurs, North American animals, and mythical animals,

The zoo animals most popular with visitors include the snow leopard, giraffes, gorillas, tiger, ocelot, sea lions, and

The Buffalo Zoo is on 23 and a half acres of beautiful Delaware Park, located at 300 Parkside Avenue, in Buffalo, NY. It is open almost every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving and Christmas, from 10am-4pm. The Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System offers an Adventure Pass that allows (up to) two adults and two children visiting the Buffalo Zoo together to pay only for the adults' tickets. To use it, you must call ahead, to (716) 995-6156, pay for the

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Explore Buffalo has been offering this Twilight Tour for several years in efforts of supporting their mission – to encourage visitors and locals to explore and rediscover our great city. “It’s the perfect opportunity to appreciate these incredible buildings, along with the architecture of this time”, says Brad Hahn, Executive Director of Explore Buffalo. “These tours offer a glimpse into the history of the Gilded Age at what life was like back during these times for these people.”

Most of the mansions on Delaware that are included on this tour were built during the late 1800's-early 1900's and represent the way Buffalo's wealthy citizens lived. "The mansions were

Participating locations include the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site; the Clement Mansion, home to the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra; Cellino Law at the Knox Mansion; OWM Integrative Wellness at the Foster Mansion; and the Himalayan Institute, plus Westminster Presbyterian Church and Temple Beth Zion. Explore Buffalo is excited to welcome Blessed Sacrament Church, rectory (the former Knox mansion), and carriage house, to the Twilight Tour for the first time in 2025. The second floor of the Knox Mansion, home to Cellino Law, will be open along with the basement ballroom.

Most of these buildings are not typically open to the public, nor are they open all on the same evening. "It's a great opportunity to view these spaces, and it's incredibly convenient. Everything is located

While some buildings have changed quite a bit, others have remained mostly representative of how they originated. The Clement Mansion has only had 3 owners in its history and has therefore maintained most of its original design and structure. Others, however, like the Foster Mansion, have changed owners several times, with various purposes and are now a blend of historic details and modern updates. “It’s interesting to see how each has changed, or not changed, yet remained reflective of its time.”

Tickets start at \$40 and include admission to all mansions at a self-

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**Pictured, Ellen Siriani Frank, Ellicottville Historian at the donated Fitzpatrick & Weller vintage roll top desk in the museum.**

## Museum

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to meet standards and requirements for the preservation, protection, and accessibility of the museum's collection. Obviously, with the limits on this historic building, this space could be elsewhere in the village. As my mother always told me, you don't know if you don't ask.

The Society is looking for people who would be willing to share their ability, expertise or enthusiasm and become

a member of the Building Committee. If you are interested, please contact Sara Nuskowski at (716) 534-6741 or sararae77@roadrunner.com for more information.

Ellicottville Historical Society 2025 programs:

- Meetings are held at the Ellicottville Memorial Library 6944 Maples Road - first Wednesday of each month from May to October - 7pm. There will be a brief Business Meeting before the presenters.

The list of presenters: Wednesday, May 7- Lance White Eagle on "The History of Indigenous

Leaders."

Wednesday, June 4- Vince from Chautauqua County Curiosities.

Wednesday, July 2- Ellen Siriani Frank on Revisit to Battle of Lexington and Concord. The Battles that started the American Revolution.

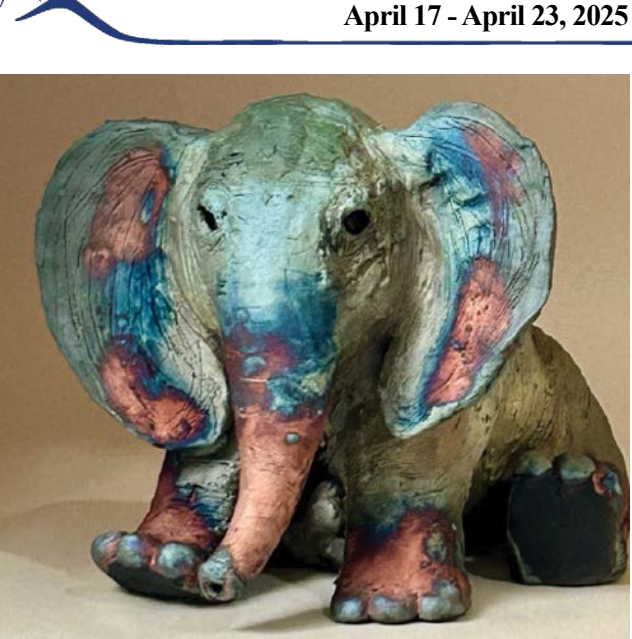
Wednesday August 6- Don Dwyer on "Songs and Stories of the Erie Canal"

Wednesday, September 3, Amanda Woomer from Spook Eats.

Wednesday, October 1- Marina Blair from Illusion Tours.

All meetings are free, open to anyone interested.

- Ellicottville Historical Walking Tours continue: Saturday, May 31, Saturday, June 21, Saturday July 5 and Saturday August 16. Meet at the Gazebo at pm. See and hear stories of the founding persons of Ellicottville. 1.5 to 2 hour walk. Cost is \$10 per person, cash or check made out to Ellicottville Historical Society. The funds from these walks support the fine work of the Historical Society and the maintenance of the building. Go often. Be generous. Ghost tours will be offered in the fall. Stay tuned.



**Artwork by Marcia Merrins, ceramic artist and president of the North Shore Arts Alliance.**

## Trail

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artists to showcase their art in their studios. Since its inception 17 years ago, the Art Trail has gained momentum and grows bigger every year. "It started strictly as a studio trail on the north end of the county" says Melissa Meyers, Vice President of the North Shore Arts Alliance and Co-Chair of the Art Trail event. "We've grown to include art galleries in Chautauqua County, and 3 years ago we began placing hubs with 2 or more artists in non-traditional spaces in order to bring the event more into the eye of the public."

This spring, 30 artists will be showcasing their art in their studios or hub locations throughout Chautauqua County. "We have a great variety of artists that will be showcased at various locations," says Melissa. "It's a great opportunity to get out and support the artists, while offering a unique glimpse inside some unique and inspiring spaces."

The types of featured artwork run the gamut, including pottery, clay

artists, painting, jewelry, fabric, photography, woodworking, mixed media, wildlife, unique 3-D wooden art puzzles and more. The artists will be set up at various locations around Chautauqua County, including in front of the library and at the Bemus Point Market on Main Street in Bemus Point, 21 Brix in Portland, The Janet Mandel Studio in Kennedy (a must-see according to Melissa) and the Sheep Barn (another must-see) in Mayville. "It's such a unique opportunity to see inside these artists' studios, and speak with them about their art. Not only are the spaces themselves inspirational; but guests have the opportunity to speak with the artists about their creations. It's an incredible opportunity to make a connection with an artist; we've seen many individuals especially young people become inspired after experiencing art in this way."

While driving the trail can be completed in one day, guests are encouraged to take their time at each location, and connect with the art and artists. The North Shore Arts Alliance has put together an interactive map

(available online at [www.nsaachautauqua.org/art-trail.html](http://www.nsaachautauqua.org/art-trail.html)) to help research and plan ahead. Guests can view each location on the map, click on a pin to see which artists are featured, and learn more about each artist and their type of art by clicking on the link to the artists websites. "We've found this to help guests plan the best route, as well as learn what type of art is of interest to them," says Melissa. "It's also a great tool to learn about local artists in the area."

Passport cards will be available for guests to have stamped at each location, with the chance to win a gift card that will be redeemable with any participating artisan. "It's a fun way to get people involved, and encourage them to visit more locations," says Melissa. "We'll have several prizes available and guests need not visit all locations to enter the drawing."

The Art Trail attracts visitors from far and wide, including Pittsburgh, Ohio, Colorado, Maryland, Buffalo and more; however, the majority of attendees are Chautauqua County residents. The event is free and open to the public, rain or shine. For more information visit <https://nsaachautauqua.org/> and follow on Facebook/northshorearts for updates.

The Art Trail is a community-driven initiative, run by North Shore Arts Alliance, an all-volunteer non-profit organization. The trail brings together artists, art lovers and nature enthusiasts in an immersive experience that celebrates the beauty of both art and the environment of our beautiful Chautauqua Co..

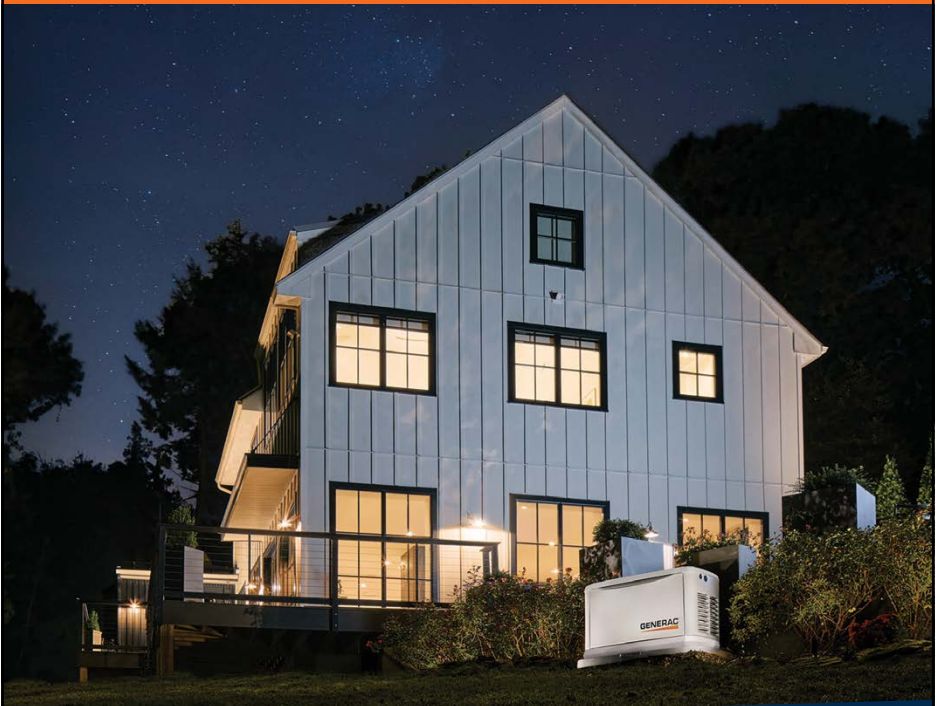
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# Bill Boarisson’s Epic Journey

## Story of a Lost Boar and His Saving Misfit Sanctuary (Part II)

BY STEPHANIE  
CONNORS RIVERA

**EXCERPT FROM PART I**  
Jason Potalivo recalls the moment in February of 2024 when he received the photos of an emaciated pig being held at an animal auction rescue.

Bracing freezing temperatures that morning, both Jason and Megan Potalivo, co-owners of Mountain Misfits Animal Sanctuary, went to have a look and stumbled upon a scared boar that looked like he was not going to live much longer.

Billy Boarisson, named after Jim Morrison, was a very scared and timid male potbelly boar, used as an Amish breeding pig who had been confined in a stall, but had lived around horses his entire life. (The familiarity he had with horses will come to play an important role later in the story.)

Being informed that 16-year old Boarisson had a love for horses, it almost cost the relationship Jason and his Sanctuary had with his neighbors, owners of an Equestrian business.

That’s when Jason’s close friend and neighbor, Joel Daniels transitioned his pony named Whisper to their Sanctuary. That changed everything.....

**PART II**  
“Whisper is definitely Boarisson’s girlfriend,” Jason said. “Whisper showers Boarisson with kisses on the top of his head, while he looks up at her, trying to communicate with all sorts of sounds,” Jason said. “They are always together.”

Four months later, Boarisson grew

accustomed to the Sanctuary with Whisper as his loyal companion. At that point, Boarisson trusted his owners enough to be touched, receive belly rubs and follow them around.

But things took a turn for the worse when Jason and team discovered Boarisson had an injury to his scrotal area, causing massive swelling. Unaware of what caused it, the Sanctuary was faced with either confronting Cancer, Hernia, or a disease that would involve putting Boarisson down. More than likely, Boarisson would need to undergo surgery at Cornell University’s Hospital for Animals in Ithaca, New York.

To determine what Boarisson had, his blood would need to be drawn on site before any further examinations could be completed to keep costs down. “It can be extremely difficult to perform a blood draw on a pig without sedation, especially one with Boarisson’s history and large tusks,” Jason said.

While options ran thin, Jason and Megan contacted veterinarian Dr. Amy Stuart from Springville Veterinary Services to lend a hand. “Dr. Amy has worked closely with many of our animals before, and was graciously willing to attempt a blood draw on site for Boarisson,” Jason said. “She always had the utmost respect for our Animal Sanctuary, and we knew with her knowledge and experience, she would provide excellent care for Boarisson. With Dr. Amy’s assistance, we were able to get the procedure done on site and the results that Cornell required,” Jason said.

Seven days later, cheers rained through the halls of the Animal Sanctuary when Jason and Megan received the news that Boarisson’s blood results were positive. With one hurdle completed, Boarisson still needed to undergo a vasectomy at Cornell. “It is very risky for pigs to be put under anesthesia, and many do not wake up because of complications such as swollen airways,” Jason said. “We had to weigh our options, knowing that Boarisson had a 50/50 chance of survival due to

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Billy Boarisson with his girlfriend Whisper, the gentle pony.

# Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

## April (Snow) Showers Won’t Rain on Our Parade!

BY DARLENE BRACE

It’s Easter weekend and many of us will have friends and family from out of town that will be home for the holiday weekend. It might be fun to take them out to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

**Friday, April 18th-Friday is Customer Appreciation Night at Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing** in Westfield. There will be \$2 off draft beer and other drink specials. This week’s entertainment will be **Jerod Eggleston** who will start performing at 5pm.

**Ellicottville Brewing Company on Chautauqua** in Bemus Point is having its opening day for the 2025 season. It will be open from 4pm-9pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner overlooking Chautauqua Lake while listening to live music with the talented duo of **Erika and Jesse** from 6pm-9 pm.

**The Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown welcomes **Lenny and the Landshark** to perform from 6-9pm. This talented duo plays an eclectic set of tunes spanning generations and genres of music.

**Big Inlet Brewing** welcomes back **Big Bay Allen** to perform on their stage starting at 6pm. Big Bay Allen plays acoustic blues music. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the music while sipping on your favorite Big Inlet beverage. On Saturday night, **Oliver Burdo** takes the stage to perform his blues and folk music at 5:30pm.

**Saturday April 19th - Brazil Lounge** in downtown Jamestown

will welcome back the talented **Miranda Wilcox** to perform for their happy hour starting at 5pm. Miranda Wilcox is a super talented singer/songwriter who sings her favorite cover songs and some original tunes. You will be amazed at the talent of this young performer.

The **13th Annual Adult Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at **21 Brix Winery** in Portland. This event will be filled with lots of fun, egg hunting, prizes, and music by the **Sweet Jane Band**. All the fun starts at 11:30am.

As part of their third annual **4/20 Fest**, the **Apollo Cana Company** in Salamanca is excited to host the **Charity Nuse Trio** from 2-5pm. Then a Sublime tribute band called **Kung Fu Grip** will perform from 6-9pm. Coyote Food Truck will be there as well as other vendors, and there will be door prizes.

**Southern Tier Brewing** will be hosting **Tyler Smilo** starting at 6pm. Bring your friends and family to enjoy the music. Across the street at **Southern Tier Distillery**, **Lenny and the Landshark** will be performing at 5pm. They play a fun mix ranging in generations and genres of music that is sure to please the crowd.

**Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood welcomes back **Karl and Mark’s Revolution** to perform starting at 8pm. Enjoy a delicious appetizer or entree from Group’s amazing menu while listening to this talented duo sing their favorite older classics.

**Wicked Warrens** in downtown Jamestown is excited to present

**Smackdab** to their stage, as they celebrate Jonny J’s birthday. This venue is one of Jamestown’s newer hotspots for live entertainment, and the show starts at 9pm. Smackdab is a premier funk and soul band that always draws quite a crowd so get there early if you want a seat.

Also in downtown Jamestown, **Shawbucks** will be hosting **Hyde and Seek** starting at 10pm. You might want to get there early to get a seat as it probably will be a busy night.

**Black Widow (Duo)** will be performing at the **Cooler Bar and Grill** in Sherman. They will play their acoustic versions of their pop and rock setlist starting at 8pm.

The **River Bar** in the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** has an exciting lineup of live entertainment this weekend. On Friday night, the **Iron Eyes** experience will perform. Then on Saturday night, **The Twilight Band** will take the stage. The music starts at 7pm both nights.

The **Nickel Plate Depot** in Brockton will be having **White Bronco** perform starting at 9pm. They play a mix of 90s rock, alternative music, and other tunes that most bands don’t play. You are in for quite a treat if you come on out to see this band.

There was quite a variety of live music this weekend. By next weekend it will be the last weekend in April already. Check out next week’s issue to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

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# What’s Shakin’ in EVL

## Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

If April showers bring may flowers it’s going to be a hell of a wildflower season. Music is always in the air so let’s see who’s playing where.

### THURSDAY

Our never-ending weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger, Brew and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with cash vouchers for first-third place.

The Gin Mill hosts Tyler and Jim, Thursday, from 8-11pm. This duo plays originals and covers influenced by the British Invasion of the 60-70’s. Sample some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

### FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Bear the Bronze from 6:30-10pm. This band plays an alternative rock set from the 90-2000’s that are very danceable. Dj KT Stylez will provide the juice so you can really cut loose on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We’re Back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers that’ll have you on your feet. Check out the kitchen open till 9pm sun-wed and 10 pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill gets the worm with Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Wasted Whiskey takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a country/rock set of covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

Balloons returns with The Chillbillies (full band) from 6:30-10pm. This group plays a rock/pop/country/blues set of covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez is back rockin the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Kage from 9-2am layin down the sauce so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington. Check out the dart board and pool tables.

### SUNDAY

Villaggio hosts its Easter edition of AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta, made to order with the toppings of your choice or savory prime prepared the way you like it. This weeks music is provided by Grace Lougan from 5:30-8:30pm. Grace plays a rock/pop/blues/jazz set of covers and originals.

### MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a fine selection of craft beers to wash em down with. The very pop-

ular Pat and Owen will host from 6:30-9:30pm. This duo plays a blues/folk/pop/ country set of covers and originals featuring some of the finest guitar picking on the planet.

The Gin Mill’s Monday night residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and modern country and rock and southern rock covers and originals. Don’t forget those 37 beers on tap.

The Mill St Sports Pub brings back Asian Monday now with Trivia from 4-10pm. Poke bowls and Asian inspired entrees. Trivia starts at 7pm and there are cash vouchers for first-third place.

### TUESDAY

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF’er plays a blues, folk set of covers and is usually joined by a musical guest.

### WEDNESDAY

We’ve ended the seven-day weekend the same way for the last 40+ yeas with Wing, Wednesday at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. The musical host is Brian Rick. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers. This is obviously a locals favorite.

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

# Beat on the Street:

“What Fictional Character Do You Relate to Best?”

By CHAD NEAL



Beth N.- As a child: Laura Ingalls; as an adolescent: Carrie ~Stephen King; as a New Mom: Nemo; at present: Oriana Price ~Barbara Kingsolver: The Poisonwood Bible



Dan L.- The Hulk, we’re like twins except he’s green.



Darryl W.- Red Forman ....Hands down!



Jennifer T.- The tree in the book The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein.



Wes M.- Homer Simpson!



Brady P.- The Beast...

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# ★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

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

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:**

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

# Market

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Ohi:yo' Art Market at the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino Event Center, located at 777 Seneca Allegany Boulevard in Salamanca, NY. Running from 10am-5pm, this vibrant and free community event celebrates Native American artistry, creativity, and cultural resilience.

Following the resounding success of its inaugural launch in 2024, the Ohi:yo' Art Market returns bigger and more dynamic than ever. Held in partnership with the Visitor Economy Management Office, this year's market showcases an exciting range of Native artists representing nations across the United States and Canada. Expect to encounter an awe-inspiring selection of fine arts, beadwork, pottery, photography, jewelry, sculpture, basketry, weaving, quillwork, and more.

The heart of the Ohi:yo' Art Market is a juried art competition that precedes the event, where selected works by top Native artists will be on display and available for purchase. This is more than just an art market—it's an immersive cultural celebration designed to foster appreciation for Indigenous traditions while embracing modern innovation in the arts.

A highlight of this year's event is the Dwaḥšōnih makerspace, returning for its second year. This interactive learning space invites attendees of all ages to connect directly with cultural arts practitioners. Through hands-on activities, visitors will gain deeper insight into traditional Native practices.


Highlights include:

- Basket Weaving with Tonia Galban and Holly John, featuring a sunflower weaving project
- Cornhusk Braiding with Bernadette Scott and Mason Jones
- Cordage Making with Marissa Manitowabi, who will introduce visitors to traditional fibers
- Cultural Cooking with Andrea Spako, serving up delicious foods featuring beans and oněō'gě:n (Seneca/Haudenosaunee white corn, pronounced "oh-nay-oh gan")
- Clay Work with potter Cami Jones, especially geared towards kids
- Hide Preparation with Jodi Maracle
- Language & Plant Activities in the infant space hosted by Courtlyn Jones and Cheryl Graham
- Visual Arts experiences with Lauren Jimerson and Ionawiienhawi Sargent.

Because the Dwaḥšōnih space is constantly evolving based on the people and energy present, no two years are ever the same—making it a truly unique and spontaneous experience each time.

Another can't-miss feature of this year's market is a special film screening of "Seeds," written by and starring the immensely talented Kaniehtio Horn, known for her standout roles as Deer Lady in Reservation Dogs and appearances in Letterkenny. "Seeds" follows Ziggy (played by Horn), who lands her first influencer gig with a seed and fertilizer company, only to be called back to her rez where she discovers a deeper purpose and begins a powerful journey to protect her community's legacy.

Horn will be present at the screening to share her insights and creative journey. This free screening is expected to draw a large crowd, and seating is limited, so be sure to reserve



**Andrea Spako will lead Art Market attendees in Seneca culinary arts preparation using oneogen (Seneca/Haudenosaunee white corn) and beans. Artists promise to immerse the senses in some highlights of indigenous arts.**

your spot in advance by registering through this form. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Throughout the day, attendees will also enjoy traditional Native social song and dance, as well as delicious Indigenous foods, making this a full sensory celebration of heritage, art, and community.

Whether you are a seasoned collector of Native art or simply looking for a meaningful way to spend your day, the Ohi:yo' Art Market offers something for everyone.

The event is free and open to the public, making it an accessible and enriching experience for families, students, artists, and cultural enthusiasts alike. Join in celebrating the power of Native voices, traditions, and creativity at the 2025 Ohi:yo' Art Market—a day of connection, education, and inspiration.

For more information, stay connected with the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum and Visitor Economy Management Office.

# Zoo

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buffalozoo.org the Monday of the week you wish to go and bring your e-ticket with you. (This week is already "sold out".) The prices for zoo memberships, the most economical way to visit the zoo, depend on the size of your family. Every adult membership is \$50, while seniors' memberships cost \$36. The first two children's memberships are \$30 each, and each additional child's membership costs \$25. For more information, go to buffalozoo.org, or call (716) 837-3900.

(\*Animal Ambassadors are animals that participate in shows and programs, at the zoo and other places, to educate people about them.)



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# Mansions

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guided pace. Guests are invited to start at one of two tour check-in locations: Blessed Sacrament Church (north end of the tour) or Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site (south end of the tour). Here, guests pick up a map of the participation locations

and visit the locations in any order at their own pace. Docents inside each location will share history and answer questions, offering interesting facts and little-known pieces of information.

Tickets are available with start times of 5pm, 5:30pm, 6pm, and 6:30pm. Tour locations open at 5pm and close at 9pm. In general, Explore Buffalos advises to plan about two

hours to go through all the locations. The total distance between the ends of the tour is 0.9 miles, making it easily accessible for most abilities. The Twilight Tour of Mansions proceeds rain or shine: dress for the weather, and comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

For more information call: 716-245-3032 or visit: explorebuffalo.org/events.

# Audubon

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in on the live birds of prey, and hike over five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

The three-story Nature Center building houses interactive displays, a collection of live animals including the Hellbender exhibit, the 2024 Nature Photography Contest winners, and the Blue Heron Gift Shop. Visitors are welcome Mondays

through Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and Sundays, 1 - 4:30 p.m. Nature Center members and SNAP/EBT cardholders have free building admission daily. Building admission is also free every Sunday for non-Nature Center members.

To learn more about Audubon and its many programs, call (716) 569-2345, find Audubon Community Nature Center on Facebook, or visit AudubonCNC.org. Check out AudubonCNC.org/about for a quick fly-by visit. Monday, June

30 is the deadline for submitting or voting on entries in the 2025 Nature Photography Contest at GoGoPhotoContest.com/ACNCPhotoContest2025.

**Audubon Community Nature Center builds and nurtures connections between people and nature by providing positive outdoor experiences, opportunities to learn about and understand the natural world, and knowledge to act in environmentally responsible ways.**




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is the event’s highlight. Tablescapes are judged during the event and awarded the most artistic, whimsical, elegant, and original. Guests will have the opportunity to vote on their favorite table design which will be awarded a people’s choice award. Local artisans, volunteers, and other community members create and donate tablescapes. The tablescapes are beautifully themed and include a complete table setting for at least four people. The themed tables may feature additional decor like flowers, candles, or artwork and may include items such as gift certificates, sports memorabilia, and vacation packages. The table designers can include whatever items they want, and everything on the table is included. There will be music performed by some of the Jamestown High School Chamber Orchestra students. It will also feature basket raffles, a silent auction, and a service auction. The service auction provides guests with the opportunity to donate to special programs that are part of CASA,

which include life books, summer camp programs, and support for CASA volunteer advocacy. At 6:30pm, the live auction will begin. The auction will be led by auctioneer Andrew Campbell, who has conducted the auction for this event for several years in the past. It is exciting to see the action or participate in the live auction bidding. CASA is a non-profit organization that recruits, trains, and supports volunteers who advocate for children who have been neglected or abused and are in the foster care system. These volunteer advocates play a crucial role in finding permanent homes for these children, ensuring they have someone in their corner. They also help facilitate sibling visits, address educational and medical needs, and provide essential support to the child’s foster family. The proceeds from this event will directly contribute to these important efforts. This event, along with other fundraising initiatives, enables CASA to provide advocacy and services for these deserving children. Kelly Fiorella, CASA’s Fund Development Coordinator said, “The community support that we receive year after year allows our organization to continue to provide advocacy

for these underserved youth. We can’t thank our sponsors, table designers, donors, and guests enough for continuing to believe in our mission and the children we advocate for. Because of our community support system and our compassionate CASA volunteers, we are able to make sure every foster child we serve has a brighter future!” For more information about CASA, the event, or to make any type of donation, please contact Kelly Fiorella at kfiorellacasa@gmail.com. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased in advance by emailing Kelly or from any staff or board member. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the event. Please consider joining CASA for the “Come to the Table” event on May 8th. It promises to be a fun community gathering featuring an enjoyable evening of food, drinks, and entertainment, along with the opportunity to engage in a worthwhile cause that supports children during difficult times. Come have some fun and be a part of helping to make a difference in these children’s lives. For more information about CASA of Chautauqua County or Come to the Table visit chautauquacasa.com.



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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: -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*

**REQUEST FOR BIDS: CATTARAUGUS COMMUNITY ACTION** is requesting proposals for the installation of (16) single zone, ductless heat pump systems at Ellicottville Terrace Apartments, 6490 Pine Tree Village Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Bid packages can be requested by e-mail, call or text to cfuller@ccaction.org or 716-244-7007 on or before April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 1 day of May, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear all interested parties regarding an application by CTH Tuition LLC for area variances from setback and building height requirements to construct a single-family detached dwelling at 4 Sno-Way (55.011-2-48). 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](http://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](mailto:greg.keyser@evlengineering.com). By Order of the Town of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals.

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL -** (Pursuant to Section 506 and 526 of the Real Property Tax Law). Notice is hereby given that as of May 1, 2025, the Assessor for the town of Mansfield, County of Cattaraugus, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year. The Tentative Assessment Roll is available online May 1 at [www.CattCo.org/Assessment-Rolls](http://www.CattCo.org/Assessment-Rolls). A certified copy of the Tentative Assessment Roll was filed in the office of the town clerk on May 1, 2025 where the same will remain open to public inspections. The assessor or a representative will be in attendance with the Tentative Assessment roll at the Cattaraugus County Real Property Office, 207 Rock City Street, Little Valley on: Saturday, May 3, 2025 9:00 am – 1:00 pm • Monday, May 5, 2025 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm • Tuesday, May 6, 2025 10:00 am – 3:00 pm • Wednesday, May 7, 2025 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The Board of Assessment Review will meet on June 3, 2025 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Town Hall, 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Mansfield to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments on the application of any persons believing him/herself to be aggrieved. Application for filing complaint is available online, at the Town Hall or the County Assessor’s Office, 207 Rock City St., Little Valley (former Little Valley School).

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD - TOWN BOARD MEETING, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the next meeting of the Town Board has been changed to April 28, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville 7691 Toad Hollow Road. By Order of Supervisor Carl Calarco, Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk

## LLC FILINGS

**NOTICE OF FILING OF ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION WHISPER MOUNTAIN RANCH BOARDING LLC, DBA WHISPER MOUNTAIN RANCH BOARDING A** of O NY DOS 4/4/25 Cattaraugus County Brad Binger-man NY SOS Agent whose legal process may be served. 5098 Humphrey Rd Great Valley NY 14741.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF FUNLUT PROPERTIES LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on January 28, 2024. Office location: Cattaraugus County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to 1304 E State St, Olean, NY 14760. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF HOBBY HOUSE OLEAN LLC.** Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on March 20, 2025. Office location: Cattaraugus County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent for service of process. The Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any such process to 1304 E State St, Olean, NY 14760. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful business activity.

**NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYEFISHIN LLC -** Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 28, 2027. Office location: Cattaraugus County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Thomas Both, 641 Queen Street, Olean, NY 14760. Email: [thomas.both@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.both@gmail.com). Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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## ~ Kathy S. Weishan ~ 1946-2025 ~

Beloved Community Member in Ellicottville, NY & Harlingen, TX



Ellicottville - Kathy S. Weishan, 78, of Harlingen, TX, formerly of Ellicottville, passed away Saturday, April 12, 2025 at her home in Harlingen. She was born on September 30, 1946 in Salamanca, daughter of the late Lynford “Lynn” and June (Day) Weishan. For 34 years, she taught middle school in Harlingen, TX, until her retirement. She was a member of the Scottish Society of South Texas as well as a life member of the Texas State Teachers Association. In Ellicottville, Kathy was a member of the United Church of Ellicottville and helped with the Ellicottville Food Pantry. She was also a member of the Great Valley Senior Citizens, and the Ellicottville Historical Society, as history and genealogy, in particular, were hobbies of hers.

Kathy is survived by a brother, Brian Weishan of Great Valley, and two sisters; Joanna Weishan of Sterling Heights, MI, and Bonnie Weishan of Greenville, SC, as well as a nephew, Derek (Katie Harrington) Weishan of Great Valley. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 11am at the Sunset Hill Cemetery in Ellicottville. Memorials may be made to the Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Service, or the Ellicottville Food Pantry. Arrangements are under the direction of Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 411 Rock City St. in Little Valley, where online condolences may be made at [www.mentleyfuneral-home.com](http://www.mentleyfuneral-home.com).



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