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- 1891 FREDONIA OPERA HOUSE 5K RUN & WALK**
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Friday April 25 • 7pm
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Thursday May 1 • 6:30pm
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- 2025 HAPPY HALF MARATHON, 5K & BEER MILE**
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- JAMESTOWN WINTER FARMERS MARKET**
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Celebrating Arbor Day, April 25

An International Movement to Preserve Our Land



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Arbor Day, the April day that's all about the importance of trees, is more important than ever now because we have lost more forest land in the last fifty years than ever before. In 2023, nine million acres of forest vanished due to wildfires and other effects of climate change, and deforestation. One local group helping to add more of the beauty

and benefits of trees to this area is Green Springville. If you live in Springville and you have a yard, you can request a free tree AND free planting from it.

Thanks to over two dozen volunteers, generous donations from Schichtel's Nursery (one of the largest wholesale nurseries in the greater Buffalo area) and Timberbuilt (which

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Lucky Day Homestead

Spring and Summer Offerings at an Oasis in Machias

By KATE BARTLETT



Emily Tingle is the owner and founder of Lucky Day Homestead, located at 5111 Roszyk Hill Road in Machias. She aims to offer a space for guests to freely learn about living simply off the land, and local farms. Through her classes, she educates guests hoping to help them gain the confidence to

grow in their own family gardens, forage, keep medicinal herbs, preserve, sew, cook, bake, and learn pyrography (wood burning or felt hat burning). She strives to offer a space to share without judgment of asking any question.

Emily grew up just outside of Ellicottville in a town called Ashford. Both of her families were rather well known in the farming industry, as well as entrepreneurs and contractors throughout the 60's-90's. "I suppose the lifestyle appealed to me growing up," says Emily. "My grandmother would cook and garden, processing a majority

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Celebrating Small Businesses

Empowering the Dream of Entrepreneurship



We are excited to report to you that the NYS award winner, Melissa Baideme, is the owner of C.K. Natural Fruit Juice LLC. from Westfield, NY. They are a food and beverage manufacturer and wholesale distributor of Concord, Niagara, and Catawba Grape Juice Concentrates, Tart Cherry Juice Concentrate, as well as Concord Grape Vinaigrette and various other sauces and food products..

By CAROL FISHER LINN

Small Business Week is May 4-10, 2025 and has been taking place for more than 60 years. In Ellicottville, Bemus

Point, Mayville and all small towns across America, our communities are often supported and thriving thanks

"ENTREPRENEUR" PG. 10

WNY Downtown Revitalization

Village of Cattaraugus Receives \$10M Grant



In recent years, the Village of Cattaraugus has seen a renaissance in new businesses including Jenny Lee's Feed Mill, Rocket Cup Coffee, Restyle Hair Salon, Perky's Market and Brick Street Sandwich Shop. Photo/ Bryan Daniels

By STEVE RAWLINGS

Three WNY Villages Win State Funding Grants.

In a major boost for local development, Governor Huchel's office announced

three Western New York villages have been awarded a combined \$19 million in state funding through New York's Downtown Revitalization

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Sneak Peek

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Jon Stewart, Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers



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Holiday Valley Wedding Expo.... Pg. 5

Experts Help You Plan Your Dream Wedding

Saturday, May 17, marks the return of the Holiday Valley Wedding Expo from 10am-2pm.

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Alpine Bistro Expands Menu

Sister Co.'s in EVL Retain Liquor License



Learning that John Rounds, owner of Adventure Bound on the Fly and Ellicottville Coffee Company was retiring, the Hogans acquired the sprawling 4500 Square foot space at 16 Washington Street, and kept the Ellicottville Coffee Company, which offers an artisanal coffee shop experience with an authentic outdoor store heritage.

By CAROL FISHER LINN

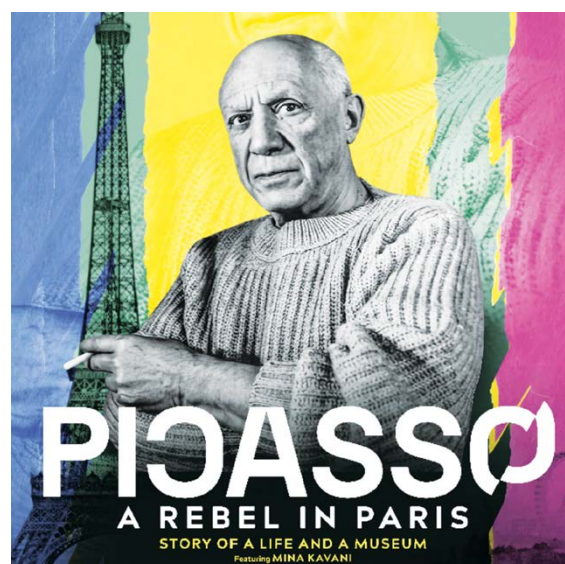
Alpine Bistro will soon offer an Irish coffee or glass of wine. Also: Look forward to a bloody Mary with your croissant at Evl Bake Shop.

Corey and Jennifer Hogan have come a long way from the day they purposefully wandered the streets of Ellicottville looking to determine what kind of business was lacking and how they could fill the niche. They settled on a bake shop, Evl Bake Shop (EBS), decidedly different from

SEE "BISTRO" PAGE 6

Arts in the Afternoon

Fredonia Opera House PAC Series



A Rebel in Paris, which will be shown on Saturday, May 10 at 1pm. This documentary chronicles Picasso's life and artistic journey in Paris, highlighting his transformation from a struggling artist to his rise to fame.

By DARLENE BRACE

Fredonia is fortunate to be home to the historic Fredonia Opera House, a charming theater that first opened its doors in 1891. Since then, it has been a vibrant hub for the performing arts, showcasing an array of spectacular operas, plays, concerts, and various other events. The Fredonia Opera House is located in the heart of downtown Fredonia, at

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I hope you got a few weeks of rest in because the new season is just around the corner! It's time to brush off the cobwebs, put out the lawn chairs, pot the flowers, unpack the summer clothes, put in the dock, plan out your bbq's and mark your calendars for the summer ahead. There

We live in a unique area that attracts tourists nationwide and is called home to some of the most humble and unique people you could wish to find. If you are here just for today, for a long stay or everyday, you are in a good place indeed; enjoy

every moment of it.

If you have a story you would like to share with our readers please drop us a line, we always love to promote great things in our area. You can reach us by calling (716) 699-2058, emailing info@thevillager.com or simply jump onto our website www.thevillager.com and click on 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

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Third Thursday Jamestown

Annual May - September Concert Series Line-Up Announced

Damone Jackson Outcome will bring their funky improvisational tunes to August 21st's Third Thursday.

Entering its 14th year, Third Thursday Jamestown announces 2025 series schedule. A new pre-concert event “Jumpstart to Third Thursday” added to highlight downtown businesses. Live music and entertainment will fill downtown Jamestown with the return of “Third Thursdays Jamestown.” Every third Thursday in the months of May-September, will feature a free event at Winter Garden Plaza (313 North Main Street) from 6-9pm.

Since 2012, the series has been an entertaining summer tradition that adds to Jamestown's rich music and arts history. The 2025 series will feature regional and local music acts, as well as a return theatrical performance from Madness Most Discreet.

Third Thursday Jamestown is made possible by Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, Gebbie Foundation, Live CHQ, MegaSound and

SitlerHQ.

Third Thursday Jamestown takes place on the Winter Garden Plaza. Attendees can view the performances by standing, sitting benches or bringing lawn chairs. The Wine Cellar's patio is open for Third Thursday events, where patrons can enjoy a beverage while watching the performances.

In case of rain, the events will be moved to Jamestown Skate Products at 207 Pine Street.

New to Third Thursday Jamestown is the “Jumpstart to Third Thursday” pre-event supported by the CHQ Chamber. From 4:30-6:30pm, downtown businesses will be offering special promotions, unique in-store experiences, sidewalk sales and more. It will be a fun experience for Third Thursday attendees and the community can partake in leading up to the Winter Garden Plaza event. Third Thursday Jamestown 2025 schedule:

2025 • Madness Most Discreet, performances 6 and 8pm.

Spring 2025 Production of Moonlight Revels: A Radical Reimagining of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Madness Most Discreet (Jamestown) will perform “Moonlight Revels,” an immersive adaptation of William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's. This bold new work continues the company's mission to make Shakespeare's plays radically accessible and available to all. A show not to be missed.

Thursday, June 19, 2025 • Tsavo Highway, St. Vith and Jade Giambrone, performance 6-9m.

Tsavo Highway (Buffalo) are quickly gaining recognition in the Western NY indie rock and jam scene. The band's engaging live performances and strong songwriting skills will immediately make new

Thursday, May 15, SEE “THURSDAY” PG. 10

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Jon Stewart, Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers, Aug 7-10

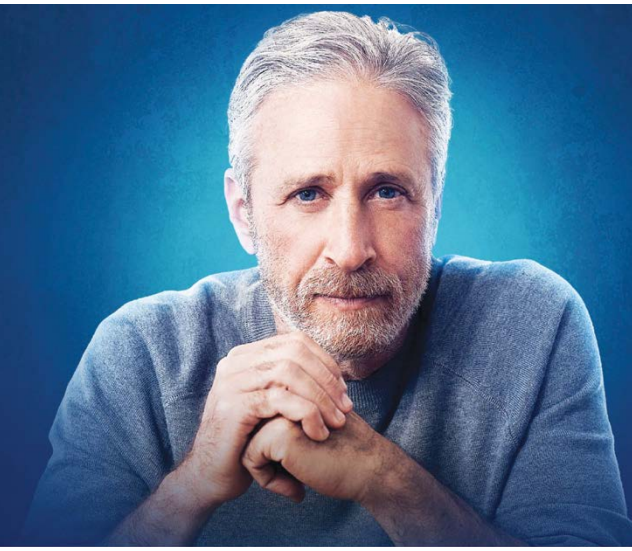
The National Comedy Center, the nation’s museum and cultural institution dedicated to comedy, recently announced Jon Stewart, Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers, SNL’s Mikey Day & head writer Streeter Seidell are among the comedic performers to descend on Jamestown, New York for its annual comedy festival.

“An Evening with Jon Stewart” will take place on Saturday, August 9, with Stewart bringing his incisive stand-up comedy to the stage. On Sunday, August 10, a Stand-Up Showcase to be followed by a Rock ‘n’ Blues concert featuring Bill Murray and His Blood Brothers will fill the arena with an evening of comedy and music — a live blues and classic rock performance along with stand-up by some of today’s top talent from around the country.

“Jon Stewart is one of the most influential comedic voices of our time — providing his signature social commentary at a pace responsive to the news cycle, while deeply thoughtful about our shared humanity,” said Journey Gunderson, National Comedy Center Executive Director.

“I’ve said comedy is an iterative business and a grind; and that the best amongst us just keep at it. I’m glad there’s a museum and national archive that strives to honor that, and I look forward to seeing how the National Comedy Center tells the story of this great art form that survives every moment,” said Jon Stewart.

“Bill Murray entered our comedy consciousness in 1977 and never left,” Gunderson added. “Whether you encountered his genius as a sketch comedian on SNL or came to know him through films considered ‘required reading’ in many households including mine, from Caddy Shack to Stripes to Ghostbusters to Groundhog Day to What About Bob and more, he’s left an indelible



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mark and an incomparable legacy. We’re thrilled to have him headline an incredible evening of music while he shares the spotlight with his phenomenal Blood Brothers band.”

The festival lineup will also feature Saturday Night Live cast member and writer Mikey Day and head writer Streeter Seidell, who will join the National Comedy Center for an on-stage dialogue curated for comedy’s national archive, offering an inside look at the ground-breaking show as the festival honors SNL’s 50th anniversary and explores its lasting impact on comedy. Seidell and Day’s visit also commemorates the “Washington’s Dream” sketch cue cards being accessioned into the National Comedy Center’s museum.

“It’s an incredible honor to be invited to the National Comedy Center, along with my friend and writing partner, Mikey Day, to talk about the craft of comedy. And an even greater honor to have some of our work preserved in the Center’s archive alongside that of our heroes. That honestly seems like a mistake on the Center’s part but we’re going to roll with it until they realize their error,” stated Streeter Seidell.

Tickets for “An Evening with Jon Stewart” and “Stand-Up Showcase Featuring Music by Bill Murray & His Blood Brothers” will go on pre-sale for National Comedy

Center members Friday, April 25 at 10 am ET through Thursday, May 1. Tickets go on sale to the general public Friday, May 2 at 10 am ET, at ComedyCenter.org. Both events will take place at the Northwest Arena in Jamestown, NY.

Tickets will also go on sale for the SNL on-stage dialogue event, as well as Late Night comedy shows, Lucy legacy events and more — all part of a festival that celebrates comedy’s contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country, while honoring comedy’s great heritage.

“Our festival will pay tribute to the best of comedy’s past and present with performances from the nation’s best stand-ups, block parties with live music, Lucy celebration events — over 50 live events over four days,” stated Malachi Livermore, Vice President, Programming and Guest Experiences.

To become a National Comedy Center Member in order to gain first access to available seats during the pre-sale ticket window, visit ComedyCenter.org/membership or call the National Comedy Center at 716.484.2222. Memberships start at \$75 and provide year-round benefits including a “season pass” for visiting the award-winning National Comedy Center in Jamestown, New York.

WNY Fun Fact: Eden, NY
Home of the Giant Kazoo, Kazoo Factory and Museum



The Kazoo Factory, Museum, & Gift Shop in Eden, New York, is home to the Giant Kazoo, a playful and oversized tribute to the humble musical instrument.

This site is not only a working kazoo factory but a museum that celebrates the history and cultural significance of kazoos.

Established in 1916, it is the first metal kazoo factory in the United States and remains the only one of its kind in North America.

The museum showcases a fascinating collection of kazoos, including antique designs, unique shapes, and even commemorative kazoos that mark historical events like the end of Prohibition.

Visitors can learn about the manufacturing process and even create their own kazoo during a tour. The Giant Kazoo itself serves as a whimsical landmark, embodying the quirky charm of this musical instrument.

This site is a delightful blend of history, craftsmanship, and humor perfect for anyone who appreciates unique landmarks.

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.

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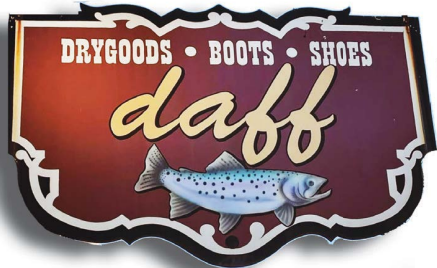
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Arbor Day

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sells energy-efficient timber frame homes), and the help of Springville Moose Lodge 1249, during last year's 1st Annual Green Springville "Tree the Village" Arbor Day planting, over 100 families received one or more of a dozen different trees. Trees were also planted on the Springville-Griffith Institute campus. The choices included small trees (Hawthorn, Serviceberry, Crabapple, and Flowering Apple), medium trees (American Linden and Tupelo), large trees (Red Oak, Scarlet Oak, Sugar Maple, Red Maple and Swamp White Oak) and one jumbo tree (White Oak).

The 2nd Annual "Tree the Village" Day planting day for residents who requested trees is Saturday, April 26th, in honor of Arbor Day and Earth Day. At least 100 trees will be planted in the village. To learn more about Green Springville, be put on the waiting list for a tree, or to offer help as a volunteer, go to greenspringville.org, or look at its Facebook page.

Arbor Day 2025 is officially Friday, April 25th, but many states celebrate it on different days depending on their planting seasons. Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraskan Journalist who later became the United States Secretary of Agriculture, originated the day in Nebraska in 1872, and by 1920, 45 states and territories were celebrating it. Nowadays all fifty do, and there are celebrations around the world.

On Friday, April 25th,

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On Friday, April 25th, between 6-8pm, bikers and walkers will celebrate Arbor Day on the Pat McGee Trail in Allegany State Park. They'll begin by gathering in the parking lot of Little Valley's Ellicottville Brewing Company (202 2nd Street), then the bikers will bike two miles south towards Salamanca, while the walkers will walk one mile north towards Cattaraugus to the Wetlands to see birds. For questions or to use bikes, contact the Environmental Education Recreation Department at (716) 379-6939.

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Fun Fact: In 2019, Team

Trees was formed when YouTube creators Mr. Beast and Mark Rober joined with the Arbor Day Foundation to raise 20 million dollars to plant 20 million trees. This was accomplished in just eight weeks, setting the record for the biggest Youtube collaboration fundraiser! More than 800,000 people from 200 countries and territories donated, and as of April 15th, close to 25 million dollars has been raised. For more information about trees and Arbor Day, go to Arborday.org.

Northwest Arena Reaches Goal

TheZone in Jamestown Offers Interactive Sports & STEAM

After more than five years of planning and preparation, TheZone, an innovative and interactive indoor sports and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) children's play experience, is officially on its way to becoming a reality! The arena is thrilled to announce they have successfully reached their capital goal, marking a major milestone in their mission to bring educational and leisure experiences to families across the region.

Designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and active play, TheZone will immerse children in hands-on exhibits that blend the excitement of sports with the wonders of STEAM learning. From interactive physics-based sports challenges to high-tech engineering stations and artistic explorations, TheZone will provide a dynamic environment where kids can learn through movement, experimentation, and free play!

"We believe that learning should be an adventure, and TheZone will be a place where children of all ages and abilities can explore, innovate, and challenge themselves in new and exciting ways," said John Kinder, Program Director



John Kinder-Program Director for TheZone

of TheZone. "Reaching our capital goal is a testament to the incredible support from our community, partners, and donors who share our vision for a world-class experience."

TheZone is now entering the next phase of development, including finalizing construction plans, exhibit design, and community engagement

initiatives. The Zone is projected to open its doors in early 2026, offering families unparalleled opportunities on our mission to INSPIRE all kids to DREAM and GROW!

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Holiday Valley Wedding Expo

Let the Experts Help You Plan Your Dream Wedding, May 17



By KATE BARTLETT

Saturday, May 17, marks the return of the Holiday Valley Wedding Expo from 10am-2pm. This event offers the unique opportunity for those planning a wedding to meet with over 25 wedding experts and connect with top wedding experts to plan every detail to make any wedding day perfect. The event is free, open to the public, and no re-registration is required.

The purpose of the expo is to allow people to easily meet with an array of wedding experts, from photographers to florists, to bakeries and bridal boutiques who are available for consultation and information about packages available for any wedding. Guests can sip craft cocktails and savor delicious hors d'oeuvres while they get inspired by the latest wedding trends. "The Wedding Expo will help attendees start to really map out what they want their wedding to look like," says Dash Hegeman, Marketing Director at Holiday Valley. "By coming to spend some time with the vendors and the Holiday Valley staff, people will be able to meet a lot of professionals who can help them plan their perfect day."

Prior to the show, guests are invited to take a scenic chairlift on the Mardi Gras 6 from 10-10:30am to the top of the resort to take in the stunning scenery at Holiday Valley. "It's such a spectacular view," says Dash. "We

invite everyone to come take in the views, and see why Holiday Valley is the perfect place to host your dream hilltop wedding."

While Holiday Valley has hosted Wedding Expo's in the past, it has not been an annual event. "Holiday Valley has fantastic facilities for people to hold the wedding of their dreams," says Dash. "We are excited to be able to host an event that not only showcases those areas but also allows guests to meet some top-notch vendors and suppliers from this area."

According to Dash, the location of this event makes it unique. "Holiday Valley has multiple locations where people can host their wedding, and one of them is a picturesque ceremony at the top of the slopes. Here, guests can take a scenic chairlift ride to the top in order to really make the moment a memorable one. Guests will be able to speak with our experienced Holiday Valley staff to answer any questions about

hosting their wedding here on our property."

The Holiday Valley team is looking forward to hosting as many couples as possible on May 17. "We invite everyone to come out so that they can start to dream about what a fantastic wedding they could have here at Holiday Valley. There plenty of options in Western New York where people can get married, but to be able to do so surrounded by the scenic slopes of Holiday Valley, completely immersed in a beautiful, natural landscape is just one of the many things that help make Holiday Valley special."

Additionally, one lucky couple will win a private, romantic, three-course dinner from the Holiday Valley Food & Beverage Team. Each Vendor at the show will also be raffling off a special item or offering booking discounts at the show.

For more information, visit holidayvalley.com or follow on social media for updates.



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Bistro

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Ellicottville's popular and appealing Cupcaked Bakery. Their focus is on European styled specialty artisan breads, Danish, croissants, sticky buns and morning buns to go, or to sit and enjoy with a cup of Rocket coffee. Going from basically, "our daily bread", they then launched into breakfasts and lunches at EBS.

Learning that John Rounds, owner of Adventure Bound on the Fly and Ellicottville Coffee. Company was retiring, the Hogans acquired the sprawling 4500 Square foot space at 16 Washington Street, and kept the Ellicottville Coffee Company, which offers an artisanal coffee shop experience with an authentic outdoor store heritage. They then proceeded to create an area that accommodates

retail (the freshest bags of Ellicottville Coffee Company beans are available for purchase in store or they ship), hand-crafted espresso drinks, a simple cup of coffee or tea, freshly made baked goods, and foods like salads, sandwiches, soups, etc. While renovating the space, they proceeded toward their goal to make Alpine Bistro a family-friendly place where there would be something for everyone. They added a fireplace and lounge area, board games (and frozen hot chocolate) for kids, comfortable seating, and now a liquor license, to facilitate the development of a friendly spot where families and the community would be comfortable visiting and staying a spell.

Being propelled by the instinct that "something is missing," the Hogans, their Marketing director, Bo Sunshine, and their team put their heads together and thought "community center." They decided to

offer a quiet, uninterrupted spot with the invigorating smell of roasted beans and the soothing background sounds of folks coming and going, for perhaps a budding Hemingway, who was known to arrive at café with notebooks, pencils and a pencil sharpener, or J.K. Rowling who stated, "It's no secret that the best place to write, in my opinion, is in a café." Bring your laptop, start that novel and make yourself and Alpine Bistro as famous as Rowling's Elephant House or Hemingway's Parisian Café or Sloppy Joe's in Key West. After all, Ellicottville does bring an amazing variety of people to our little one-square mile of earth having become that spot that attracts famous folk. FYI: We have hosted six astronauts including Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom, artists like Eric Clapton (before the string of artists

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The homestead is home to a Farm Stand that is filled with fresh, locally made baked goods, meats, cheeses, tallow lotions, tinctures, honey, maple syrup, antiques, and more. "It's a great variety of locally sourced goods, all at one location," says Emily. The Stand is open Wednesday through Sunday 8am -7pm, accepting cash and Venmo.

Lucky Day

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of the food for the family until I was a teenager, we ate from the farm or locally," Emily bought the homestead 15 years ago. "It needed a lot of work, but was very close to family, which was important to me having young children of my own. It was exactly the life I wanted to give my family."

When Emily started hosting classes at the homestead, the basic inspiration was to provide a space for guests to freely learn about living simply off the land. "My hope is the homestead offers a connection with nature, a renewed respect for a simple life, and confidence to live it. I strive to help create joyous memories that stay with my guests, encouraging them to return and incorporate these practices into their daily lives."

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Stand is open Wednesday through Sunday 8am -7pm, accepting cash and Venmo.

Recently, Emily transitioned the barn into it into a venue. "Having the barn space was always a goal," says Emily. "I'm proud to have been able to turn this into a reality." The barn hosts small gatherings, bridal and baby showers, birthdays, anniversaries, intimate weddings and more. The barn also hosts unique special events including barn dances, music nights and homestead classes. "Locals are asking for more events at the barn; they've been a huge success."

The Homestead also offers an Airbnb for rent, providing guests the opportunity to retreat for a quiet getaway close to nature. "It's a great getaway for couples, or anyone looking for a natural retreat," says Emily. The Airbnb offers an optional door-step delivered breakfast to enjoy over the gardens and the 30 acres of rolling hills and moraine forest.

Emily also offers private chef services, bringing the flavors of local farms to your table. "We work with our clients to build a menu from seasonal and locally gathered foods," says Emily. "We bring

these fresh ingredients to your home or rental to cook a meal for any gathering. This service is available for 10- 80 people throughout the Ellicottville area, as a class style gathering or a non-disruptive meal service."

This summer, the homestead is offering a variety of fun events in the renovated hay barn, and still has space on weekends for private gatherings. "We have a local artist coming once a month to give paint classes and we also have a spiritual medium coming throughout the summer."

Each month on the last Friday at 1pm, the homestead is offering a forage walk, during which Emily identifies and educates about many herbs and wild plants that can be utilized for various purposes.

The first Barn Dance will take place on May 7, offering a square dance mixed with line dancing for all ages and skill levels. "All are welcome to join in the fun," says Emily. The Chillbillies and friends will performing at the homestead for a free night of music on

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MOVIES AT THE REG”BOB TREVINO LIKES IT”: APRIL. 30, 2025: • JAMESTOWN, NY



In Angola, the re-opening of the historic Angola Theater — first opened in 1924 and closed since 2020 — will anchor efforts to breathe new life into the downtown area. Mayor Thomas Whelan hailed the funding as a vital tool to support small communities and local progress.

Grant

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Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward programs. The Village of Cattaraugus was awarded \$10 million in funding as the Western New York winner of the eighth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, and the Villages of Westfield and Angola will each receive \$4.5 million as the Western New York winners of the third round of NY Forward.

“Our state’s downtowns unite friends and families, and these investments will only help reshape neighborhoods to become more vibrant destinations for shopping, dining and living,” Governor Hochul said. “Through our Pro-Housing Communities Program, affordable housing opportunities will open up in neighborhoods

across Western New York and local economies will thrive from these opportunities.”

To qualify for funding through New York’s DRI or NY Forward programs, municipalities must be certified under Governor Hochul’s Pro-Housing Communities initiative. The program allocates up to \$650 million annually, with an additional \$110.5 million proposed this year for infrastructure and technical assistance. So far, 287 communities have been certified.

The Village of Cattaraugus emerged as the standout, securing the \$10 million grant. “The Village of Cattaraugus is deeply honored to receive the Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant, a transformative investment in our community’s future. This funding will enable us to revitalize our infrastructure, support local businesses, and enhance the overall quality of life for our residents and visitors,”

said Cattaraugus Mayor Anthony Nagel. “We extend our sincere gratitude to Governor Hochul for recognizing the potential of our village and making this significant investment. With this grant, we are committed to preserving our heritage while fostering a stronger, more vibrant future for generations to come.”

In a statement released to the community, Mayor Nagel outlined the following projects:

- **Water Infrastructure Project:** Upgrading the existing water infrastructure as well as securing additional reliable water sources for the village.
 - **Modernization & Efficiency:** Investments in technology and communications to streamline the operations and processes in the village office and Department of Public services.
 - **Local Law & Code Review:** With the communities input, a review of existing village laws and codes, ensuring they meet the current needs of the community and residents.
 - **Bridge Repair:** Working with the Town of New Albion, to look at solutions for restoring the Waverly Street Bridge, vital to emergency services and commerce.
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Westfield also plans to revitalize its village core, aiming to bolster local commerce and community life through strategic development.

Opera House

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9 Church Street within the Village Hall building. This nonprofit organization offers a captivating range of programs that cater to all tastes, making it a must-visit destination for art lovers and entertainment seekers alike.

This spring and summer, the opera house will host a series called Arts in the Afternoon, which includes several types of programs. One program is the showing of live performances from the Metropolitan Opera House in NYC (The Met), featuring operas that are taking place in New York City and will be shown live at the Fredonia Opera House. These Live at the Met performances are scheduled for Saturdays at 1pm and usually last around three hours. The Arts in the Afternoon series is sponsored by Doctor James M. and Marcia Merrins, and Live at the Met is sponsored by Daniel Kaufman and Timothy W. Beaver.

The Live at the Met productions remarkably showcase some of the world’s biggest names in opera. Many of the performances include well-known traditional operas that opera enthusiasts love and are familiar with, but they also include a selection of contemporary operas. These more modern works often address current social issues and feature music styles aimed at appealing to a younger and more diverse audience.

The next Live at the Met presentation will be on Saturday, May 3, featuring Le Nozze di Figaro, which translates to “The Marriage of Figaro.” This timeless comedy, with music by Mozart, is filled with love triangles, disguises, and



The Fredonia Opera House is located in the heart of downtown Fredonia, at 9 Church Street within the Village Hall building. This nonprofit organization offers a captivating range of programs that cater to all tastes, making it a must-visit destination for art lovers and entertainment seekers alike. For more information visit fredopera.org or call (716) 679-0891.

trickery that will have you laughing in your seats while enjoying Mozart’s amazing music.

Similar to the Live at the Met, there are productions called National Theatre Live that take place in London, UK. These productions are recorded live, but because of the time difference, they are shown at a later time. The next National Theatre Live will be The Importance of Being Earnest, shown September 13th.

In addition, part of Arts in the Afternoon is called Art and Architecture on Screen. These documentary-style films explore a variety of topics, including art exhibitions and galleries from around the world. Each film typically runs for about 90 minutes and may focus on a specific artist, artistic era, or gallery. The next presentation in this series is Picasso: A Rebel in Paris, which will be shown on Saturday, May 10 at 1pm. This documentary chronicles Picasso’s life and artistic journey in Paris, highlighting his transformation from a

struggling artist to his rise to fame.

The Opera House will also be hosting a variety of Cinema Series movie nights this summer. One of the upcoming films is the Beatles movie Help, which will be screened to commemorate the 60th anniversary of its release. The film offers great music and slapstick, and it will be shown on July 25, 2025.

This summer, there will be some great concerts available. Cellist Jolyon Pegis will return for a special recital on August 29th at 7pm, and pianist Robert Frankenberry will accompany him.

Later this fall, there will be a concert featuring Broadway star Nick Adams on September 19th, followed by The Billy Joel Tribute Experience on October 17th. More details about these concerts and information about other events can be found on

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The Barn at Farrington Hollow accommodates twenty to twenty-five weddings each year, primarily during the beautiful wedding season from May to October. Their indoor-outdoor barn is perfect for larger celebrations, comfortably accommodating up to 250 guests.

BY DARLENE BRACE

Nestled in the eastern part of Chautauqua County, Farrington Hollow lies in a valley surrounded by rolling hills, forests, and streams, near the hamlet of Cherry Creek. This peaceful and secluded location features tranquil dirt roads and offers fresh air with scenic views, providing a perfect escape from the city.

Farrington Hollow is a warm, family-run business. The family is originally from the Buffalo area, and they've owned Farrington Hollow since 2014. Alissa, who is the Chief Operating Officer, lives on the grounds. She oversees all the operations of the farm, including the picturesque property, cozy cabins, fun venues, and of course, the goat and sheep that add to the charm!

The Barn at Farrington Hollow accommodates twenty to twenty-five weddings each year, primarily during the beautiful wedding season from May to October.

Their indoor-outdoor barn is perfect for larger celebrations, comfortably accommodating up to 250 guests. With stunning scenic backdrops for your event photos and a delightful blend of rustic and modern vibes, your special day will be unforgettable. They also have a kitchen area available to accommodate catering from outside vendors. If you're dreaming of a completely outdoor event, their pavilion and picturesque outdoor spaces are ready for you!

This beloved venue for weddings and private parties also provides on-site lodging for up to sixty people. You can choose from a variety of fully furnished accommodations, including a cozy trailer for two, family cabins that fit four to fourteen people, and cabin suites that are cozy and spacious for two people. Each space has its own unique charm and amenities to cater to your needs. Whether you're there for a wedding, a private party, or just a relaxing getaway, Farrington Hollow will help you create

beautiful memories in this amazing setting.

In addition to weddings, Farrington Hollow often supports community fundraisers and other social gatherings, within its relaxed atmosphere. On Sunday, April 27th, Farrington Hollow invites you to join them from 12-6pm, to show your support for the Lakeview Wildcats. This event is heartfelt in response to help give support to the 150 dedicated corrections officers who recently lost their jobs. This is a family-friendly event, so everyone is welcome!

It will be a fun day as DJ Vixxxen kicks things off from 12-2pm. Then the Swamp Yankees will perform their country and southern rock music from 2-5pm. DJ Vixxxen returns to keep the party going from 5-6pm. Other activities include basket raffles, a 50/50 raffle, a cornhole tournament, carriage rides, and a bounce house. You can enjoy a cash bar, food, and a bake sale. They are offering special discounts on lodging for that night, and a portion of the proceeds will go back to support the fundraiser. They are hoping for a good turnout from the community to show their support!

Farrington Hollow is also excited to announce "Nashville at the Hollow" on May 24th in their Barn, starting at 5pm for ages 16 and up. Enjoy an evening concert with 2-3 rising singer/songwriters from Nashville, performing acoustic music and new songs. This event will feature delicious Nashville-themed cocktails, tasty food for purchase from Super Duper Catering, plus some

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

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

BY DARLENE BRACE

The birds are chirping, everything is starting to bloom. Time is flying by, and it's already the last weekend in April. Let's see what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Friday, April 25th – Miranda Wilcox will be performing at the **Art After 5** event at the **Roger Tory Peterson Institute** in Jamestown at 5:30pm. With your admission ticket, you get 2 hours of live music, light bites, a free drink, and access to all the current exhibitions.

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. The entertainment this week will be Doug Phillips, who will start performing at 5pm.

EBC on Chautauqua is now open for our limited hours. **Justin Gray** will perform from 6pm to 9pm. Come and enjoy the music and a delicious meal while overlooking Chautauqua Lake.

Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back singer-songwriter **Campfire Junkie**. He will play a mix of tunes for you to enjoy while you sip on your favorite Big Inlet beverage.

Jamestown Community College Campus will have a **Jazz Fest** concert at the Robert Lee Scharmann Theater. The concert is free, open to the public, and starts at 7pm. A group of talented area musicians will perform and will feature a special performance by

some of the **Chautauqua County Student All-Stars**.

In Cherry Creek, **Another Round Bar and Grill** will be hosting **Ion Sky-Unplugged**. They will sing their acoustic versions of their pop and rock music setlist starting at 8pm.

Historic Hollywood Theater in Gowanda will be hosting **Brave Strangers**. This band is a Bob Seger tribute band that will be performing all your favorite Bob Seger tunes starting at 7pm. You can purchase tickets for this amazing show at gowandahollywoodtheater.com.

The River Bar in the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** has a fun lineup of live music this weekend. On Friday night, **Brother James** will be performing their older classic tunes. Then on Saturday night, **Second Hand News** will perform their Fleetwood Mac tribute music. The music starts at 7pm on both nights.

Saturday, April 26th - In downtown Jamestown, the **Reg Lenna** presents a unique concert by **Gangtagrass**. This band performs an entertaining fusion of bluegrass, country, and Hip Hop starting at 7:30pm. These multi-instrumentalists will amaze you with their unique sound. You can buy tickets at reglenna.com.

At the **Southern Tier Brewery**, **Lenny and the Landshark** will be performing at 5pm. This talented duo plays an eclectic music set. Enjoy the music while sipping on your favorite Southern Tier beverage.

In Lakewood, **Group Ther-Happy** welcomes **Brian Price** to perform. Enjoy a delicious appetizer or entree from Group's menu while listening to this talented musician.

In nearby Cattaraugus County, **MJ's Tavern** in Randolph will be rocking as they will host **Hyde and Seek**. The music will start at 9pm, and they will play a fun mix of some of your rock and pop favorites.

The **Grapes and Hops Festival** will be held at the **Northwest Arena** in Jamestown, featuring adult-only beverage tastings. There will be vendors, food, and a variety of beers, wines, ciders, seltzers, and non-alcoholic beverages. Live music by the **Midnight Growlers** begins around 1:30pm.

EBC on Chautauqua is excited to host **OsborneNash** who plays a variety of covers as well as original tunes. Some of their original music may be from their recently released album. They will perform from 7pm to 10pm.

Lana and Dustin from **Black Widow** will perform at **Big Inlet Brewing** in Mayville at 5:30pm. This talented duo plays their acoustic versions of their rock and pop set list, and they always put on a great show.

Wow, what a variety of entertainment there was this weekend. Next week it will be the first weekend of May. Read next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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Seeing how many people you could pack into a phone booth was what teens did before the internet (1959)."

What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Every year, at this time, I encourage people to get outdoors and enjoy the many activities that are available to those of us who live in the southern tier region. Allegheny State Park, Ietchworth and the miles and miles of hiking and biking trails that surround our village are at your disposal and when your done come into town, grab a bite and some beverages and hear some music. Let's see who's playing where.

THURSDAY

Our weekend begins on Thursday at Balloons for Burger, Brew and Trivia Night from 7-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of and burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm and there are cash vouchers for first-third place.

Thursday, The Gin Mill hosts The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/country/ folk/blues set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Try some of the 37 beers that are on tap.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with DoubleShot from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/ pop/disco/hip-hop set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth, squeezing out some juice so you can really cut loose, on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin

Mill for Rusty Nidkel from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/country set of covers and originals for dancing. If you like high-end spirits try the Carraige House Sidebar for some craft cocktails.

Madigans is a player with Dj Persia in the sound booth pumping out some sauce so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Watch Your Step takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays country/rock covers and originals. Check out the kitchen, open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm, thurs-sat. Open for breakfast from 9-11:30pm sat-sun.

We return to Balloons for The Bills Elvis and the Tailgaters from 6:30-10pm. This is their first time in Evl and they play rock-and-roll, and rockabilly. Dj Lyfe will blow up the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with the return of Dj Persia puttin the junk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

SUNDAY

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order, pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime prepared the way you like it. This week's musical guest is Greg Zeis from 5:30-8:30pm. He plays a rock/country/folk set of

covers and originals.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. For a limited time, 25 cent, wings are back. This week's music host is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/folk/country/alt set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mills Monday night residency is hosted by Drew Vic from 7-10pm. Drew plays a one-man band, rock/pop set of covers.

Mill St Sports Pub hosts its Asian Monday with Trivia from 4-10pm with Dj Dylan. Asian inspired entrees and specials. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for first-third place.

TUESDAY

The Gin Mill's Tuesday musical guests are The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. This band is made up of local musicians from various area groups who have been jamming together for the last ten years or so. They play a bluegrass/country/folk/ set of covers.

WEDNESDAY

If you're local you certainly know we end our seven-day weekend at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is the guest musician. Brian play's a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

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

Beat on the Street:

“What is Your Go To Karaoke Song?”

By CHAD NEAL

Karaoke is a fun way to listen to music that is loved. Stepping in front of the microphone at a function or bar and belting out some favorite songs in front of other people is a great way to embarrass yourself and have a grand old time. Some karaoke artists are out there seriously trying to sing that certain song as they know it, and there are others who just destroy the one they attempt to sing. Either way it takes guts to get up in front of others and sing. A lot of times there are those who want to do it, but need to have someone else go up with them to take some of the attention away from themselves. Being comfortable is key and having one or two or six friends trying to harmonize “Living on a Prayer” makes it memorable and fun, especially when booze is involved. A private sessions or in a full on packed club - singing karaoke is pleasing for those who enjoy singing. What is your go to karaoke song?



Campbell D.- Never gonna give you up with HEAVY audience participation, or an 80s/90s rap medley. Old songs for old people, cuz karaoke is not trending.



Macie B.- Goodbye Earl by The Chicks!



Jake E.- Tequila. And I never miss a verse!



Caleb M.- Only God Knows Why -Kid Rock!



Grace A.- Wannabe - Spice Girls & Proud Mary - Tina Turner!



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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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7	5	6	4	1			9	2
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution....**Good luck!**

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Entrepreneur

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to the many people who put themselves, and all they have on the line, bringing a new small business to the community. In many of those towns every week should be small business week. Without them, their dream and the courage to believe in themselves and their customers, we would all be shopping on E Bay, Amazon, or Walmart hoping to find the one-of-a-kind items we find in small business shops, the hand-made, locally produced, the artistic and uber creative pieces, the brilliant and exceptional choices of small business retailers, bringing to your communities the special, the unique and the necessary. Not to mention the convenience of heading to your local downtown to shop.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps power the American dream of entrepreneurship. As the leading voice for small businesses within the federal government, the SBA empowers job creators with the resources and support they need to start, grow, and expand their businesses or recover from a declared disaster.

"For more than 60 years, National Small Business Week has honored the risk takers, innovators and job creators who are the backbone of the American economy," SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler said. "I congratulate the more than 50 state and territory winners on their recognition and look forward to this week of education and appreciation for entrepreneurship – as we highlight the small business owners who fuel prosperity, growth, and opportunity in communities across our country."

We are excited to report to you that the NYS award winner, Melissa Baideme, is the owner of C.K. Natural Fruit Juice LLC. from Westfield, NY. They are a food and beverage manufacturer and wholesale distributor of Concord, Niagara, and Catawba Grape Juice Concentrates, Tart Cherry Juice Concentrate, as well as Concord Grape Vinaigrette and various other sauces and food products. Their most popular products are from



Impacting the community turned out to be the keys to her winning that award to represent NYS small businesses. Think about it. In her case, although she has few employees, what she does is provide a vehicle for the 71 farmers in the Growers' Co-op (pictured) to move their products across America. Her small business (@cknaturalfruitjuice) contributes to the well-being of those 71 farm businesses, their families, their employees, and to the communities they shop in.

various grape products which originate from the hard-working farm families (Growers' Co-op) of the Lake Erie Grape Belt. Growers' Co-Op was started in 1929 and is the processing facility that represents approximately 71 local farmers and over 3,000 acres of grapes in the Lake Erie Grape Region of New York and Pennsylvania which is the oldest and largest Concord Grape growing region in the world.

In speaking with Baideme, she told of an interesting life story that unraveled taking her from growing up on a beef farm in French Creek (near Peek n' Peak) to school in Lake Placid so she could ski race, then on to New Hampshire and, at age 30, coming back home and going into law enforcement. There, the twists of fate introduced her to future husband, Nathan, a native of Westfield and 4th generation grape farmer. Literally, through the grapevine, the simplified version is they heard about a business for sale – a woman was bottling and shipping juice, a lot of juice and needed to get out of the business due to health reasons. Baideme bought it.

She set out to learn all she could about the grape business. She learned as much as she could through the local grape farmers, took classes at Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to complete her training for her HACCP certificate (Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point),

developed a business plan and then reached out to Jamestown's SBDC (Small Business Development Center), an arm of the SBA. This is where the magic began to happen. With a solid business plan, they saw at SBDC that she was intent on making a success of her business and wanted to positively impact her community.

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Thursday

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fans in Jamestown. St. Vith (Finger Lakes) has strong ties to Chautauqua County and will be expressing their style of psychedelic indie rock. The evening will also feature a special set by local singer/songwriter Jade Giambrone (Jamestown).

Thursday, July 17, 2025 • Lazlo Hollyfeld and Smackdab, 6-9pm.

For many people, this night will be reminiscent of evenings at the beloved Mojo's bar and music venue in downtown Jamestown. The art rockers Lazlo Hollyfeld (Buffalo)

have an almost 25 year history with the furniture city. This show is so special, that hometown heroes Smackdab (Jamestown) are opening the show.

Thursday, August 21, 2025 • Damone Jackson Outcome and Elektra Kings, performance 6-9pm.

With an all-star lineup of musicians, The Damone Jackson Outcome (Buffalo) will be bringing their improvisational fusion band sound to Winter Garden Plaza. Led by award-winning percussionist Damone Jackson, this will be an amazing show. The kings of Instro Surf Spy Sci-Fi music, The Elektra Kings

(Jamestown) will get the crowd groovin' with their fun performance.

Thursday, September 18, 2025 • Charity Nuse Trio and Adrianna Noone Trio, 6-9pm.

This will be a powerhouse evening of female-led voices. The Charity Nuse Trio (Jamestown) will bring Charity's songs to life. We'll hear Charity's solo tunes, Big Leg Emma favs and everything else in-between. Adrianna Noone (Rochester) is bringing a few friends to show the Southern Tier her stuff. Adrianna has twice performed with music star Brandi Carlile.

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June 19, July 17 and August 28 from 6-9 pm. For both events food will be available for purchase, but guests are welcome to bring a blanket or lawn chair and favorite summer drink to enjoy an evening of music at the homestead.

The Mother's Day Luncheon and Garden Walk will take place on May 17 for an afternoon of lunch, tea and lemonade, dessert table and an array of fresh flower bouquets. Guests can enjoy a leisurely walk around the homestead main 4 acres, tour the garden, berry patch and growing orchard and learn about the upcoming events. Photographers from Creatives by Carley will be on site to take complimentary photos and offer mini sessions to guests. Special door prizes and games will be a new addition to this year's event.

Emily is incredibly grateful for the support she's received and



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Opera House

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the website fredopera.org or visit the Facebook page.

This year, the opera house is offering a variety

of amazing programs, with one of the main highlights being the "Arts in the Afternoon" series. Rick Davis, the executive director of the Opera House, stated, "Our Arts in the Afternoon series provides opportunities for patrons to experience

global events that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see. The variety of programs in the series offers something for everyone." Visit the website to explore the amazing programs, and you can find the ones that suit your interests!

Farrington

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exclusive merchandise. So don't forget to dust off your cowboy boots and hats and come dressed in your best Nashville outfit for a night filled with foot-stomping dancing and loads of fun. Ticket links are on their Facebook page, so grab yours soon! The names of the songwriters will be revealed before the show for an added thrill, so look for updates.

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Bistro

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who came for Summer Festival) and famous broadcast journalist Lowell Thomas, who, if he needed a cup of coffee while jotting down his famous literary observations, would have likely done so at the Sugar Bowl or Whitmer's. Today's creators now have Alpine Bistro.

The Hogans have added a 12-person table inviting larger groups or a quieter place for community meetings (just call to reserve 716.993.2478) with the bonus (in a few weeks) of lattes, lagers and other liquid libations. As the founders see it this is a place to settle in, to do your own thing, sit quietly with your laptop and be part of the

Ellicottville vibe.

The new liquor license, finalizing in a few weeks, gives the Hogans an opportunity to offer a fuller experience with the projected wine bar, coming very soon, and a possible bourbon bar at the lower level in the future. A bonus is another liquor license, which is in the works for their Ellicottville Bake Shop at Suite 5A, 5 East Washington Street, finalizing in about a month. Imagine, champagne and croissants in front of the fire. Who can resist? And, yes, the EBS will continue with their kid related programs as they have in the past.

In conversation with the Hogans and Bo Sunshine (isn't that a great name?) they are always open to suggestions, comments and feedback. Email them at manager@ellicottvillebakeshop.com.



Corey and Jennifer Hogan, owners of Ellicottville Bake Shop and Alpine Bistro in Ellicottville, NY are adding new flair to their menus.

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- By order of the Town Board, Town of East Otto - Deanna Bowen Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYEFISHIN LLC - Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 28, 2025. 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. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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FURNITURE REPAIR - Cosmetic and structural repairs for wood, upholstery and mechanisms. On-site or in-shop. Pumpkin Hollow Furniture can be reached by calling 716-604-6426.

LAWN MOWING – SPRING CLEANUPS – For prompt service and courteous service call Jim at (716) 450-5145.

FOR RENT

BRAND NEW LOWER LEVEL 1 BEDROOM, FULLY FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT WITH LONG TERM LEASE, 6 MINUTES TO THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE. All utilities included, off street parking, no smoking, no pets. \$1300/month. Call 716-801-2172

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: 520 square feet of Office space at 39 Mill St. in Ellicottville, NY available now. Rent is \$600 a month plus utilities and snowplowing. Call for details 716-699-4516 or 716-397-9527

HELP WANTED

HIRING A REPAIR & MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN (ELLICOTTVILLE) - We are seeking a reliable, full-time or part-time Repair & Maintenance Technician (30-40 hours/week) living near Ellicottville to join our team. You will be responsible for a wide range of maintenance and repair tasks across a growing portfolio of luxury vacation rental properties. If you have a strong work ethic, excellent problem-solving skills, and a passion for fixing things, we want to hear from you! \$25-\$30/hour; work schedule flexibility with infrequent on-call availability required (mostly Saturdays). Please submit your resume to hello@stayapres.com.

WESTERNNYGENERALCONTRACTORISSEEKINGANEXPERIENCED PROJECT MANAGER. Duties include the ability to manage commercial/industrial projects with a focus on Public Works and Infrastructure. Comfortable working atmosphere and competitive compensation package offered. Submit resume to Craig@clombardi@h-kservices.com.

COMMUNITY

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY CHURCH OF ELLICOTTVILLE IS HAVING A CHICKEN BBQ Friday, April 25, 2025 from 12-5pm or until sold out. Enjoy Carlson's Chicken (1/2 chicken), sweet potatoes, coleslaw, and roll & butter. \$18/pp, cash only. St. Paul's is located at 6360 Rt. 242 in Ellicottville.

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VISIT THE BEMUS POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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SUPPORT THE BEMUS POINT
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HOT DOG LUNCH + CHANCE TO WIN
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