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Celebrating Mother's Day, May 11

“Mothering Comes in Many Forms”



Mothers we looked at as role models: ultra fashionable Carol Brady of the Brady Bunch who always had a solution to any dilemma, and never had a hair out of place while doing it. It was an ideal but once I became a mother of three and step-mom of two, that ideal flew out the window.

BY CAROL FISHER LINN

Mother's Day is May 11th; who mothered you?

Mother! What a beautiful word! What a powerful word! As a wordsmith, I tend to get hung

up on words and their diverse meanings. As I prepared to write this, I thought about a lot of things – what does my own mother mean to me? Aside

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Cinco De Mayo Celebrations

Recognizing the Freedoms of a Country's Citizens



In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Puebla, with speeches, mariachi music, dancing, parades featuring brightly-colored floats, and a reenactment including thousands of locals. The celebrations all over the U.S., feature parades, performances, festivals, pinatas, pub crawls, fireworks, feasting and much more.

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

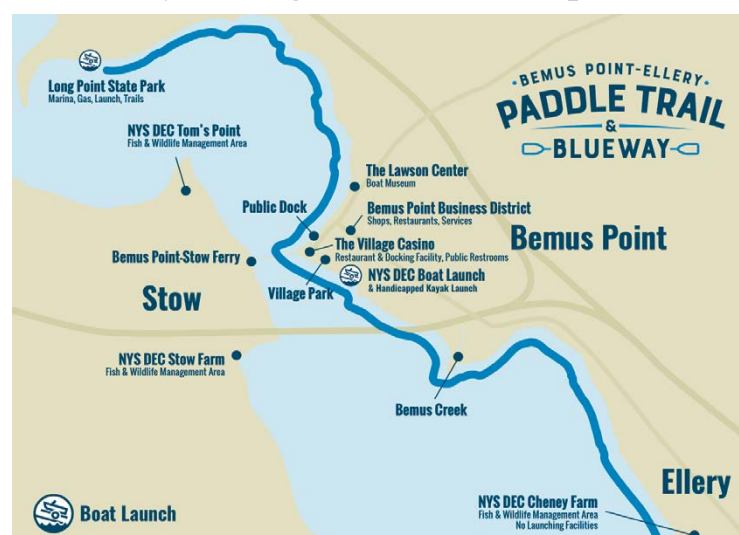
This weekend and on Monday, millions of Americans and people around the world will be celebrating a victory over

people who tried to take away the freedom of a country's citizens and install an emperor to rule over them. The battle

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Bemus Point-Ellery Paddle Trail

Blueway Coming Soon to Chautauqua Lake



The Bemus Point-Ellery Paddle Trail & Blueway provides a 5.5-mile virtual trail along the Chautauqua Lake shoreline starting near the Ellery/Ellicott town line and ending at Long Point State Park. The trail will be accessible via a QR code for paddlers to scan, providing a map and highlights of the area. The virtual trail will also provide a link to the Bemus Point Business Association, helping promote local businesses and suggestions for unique places to visit.

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So Last Season Vintage

New Shop in the Village of Ellicottville



BY KATE BARTLETT

So Last Season Vintage will open at 18 Washington street next Saturday, May 10, just in time for Mother's Day. Owner and founder Sydney Zuech is looking forward to being a part of the Ellicottville community

and has been planning this shop for many years.

As can be expected by its name, So Last Season Vintage will stock a variety of unique, vintage women's apparel and accessories. Sydney has an

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Bemus Is Blooming, May 3-4

Village-Wide Open House this Weekend



BY DARLENE BRACE

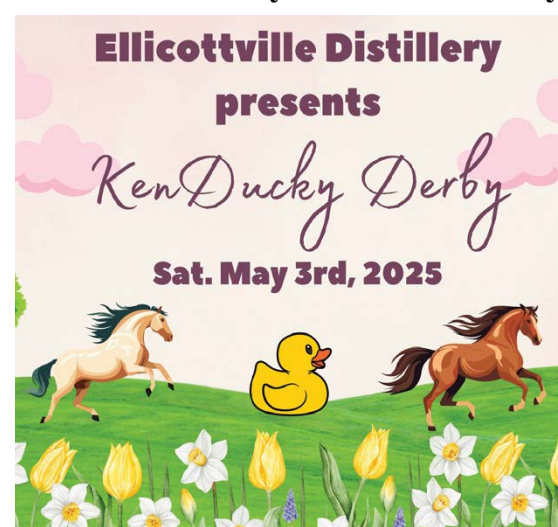
With sunny spring-like weather finally upon us, the Village of Bemus Point is excited to gear up for the 2025 season with their “Bemus is Blooming” weekend, taking place this weekend, May 3-4. This village-wide event marks the reopening of local businesses, including retail stores, restaurants, bars, and more. It celebrates the arrival of spring with delicious flavors and an open house theme throughout the village.

There's no better time to explore the charming shops that are brimming with exciting new offerings! Most of the shops in Bemus Point are ready with their new spring lines, and many

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KenDucky Derby

Ellicottville Distillery Event this Saturday



BY KATE BARTLETT

Saturday, May 3, marks the third annual KenDucky Derby at Ellicottville Distillery. The event will start at 2pm with live music from The Hick Ups from 3-6pm in their outdoor space behind the distillery. Food will be available for purchase from Big Daddy's Food Truck and specialty cocktails will include the signature Mint Julep and a leek cocktail.

Bryan Scharf, owner and founder of Ellicottville Distillery, started the KenDucky Derby three years ago after a visit to Kentucky. “The Kentucky Derby is such a big event in this area, for obvious reasons,” says Bryan. “The Derby and Bourbon go

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In years past we have made it for special for Moms and Daughters but this year we are extending the invitation to the Sons!

Creatives by Carley will be taking group mini sessions to capture the day.

The menu will be very special... array of meats, cheeses, breads and spreads, veggies and dips will greet guests when they arrive.



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I'd like to say "Happy Mother's Day" to everyone. To all of the mothers, all of the friends, all of the spouses, all of the teachers, guardians, big sisters, nurturers and counselors. As we learn in Carol Fisher-Linn's

Publisher's Word

"Mother's Day is just around the Corner"

cover article this week, Mother's Day can embrace everyone who has touched our lives in a positive way. Take time this weekend to plan something to show your appreciation next weekend. Many of us don't take enough time to thank those who believed in us, guided us, laughed with us and consoled us. This day is marked to encourage everyone to appreciate and reciprocate the love we have been afforded. It's never too soon to show how much you care! Take them out this weekend! If the derby hat doesn't fit, the sombrero is bound to! Whatever it is you do to enjoy, enjoy it responsibly because each year is a treasure and each day is a gift.

Until next week, enjoy the read and all the festivities our resort towns have lined up for you!

--Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

If you have something you would like to share with our readers, please drop us a line at 716-699-2058 or simply log on to www.thevillagerny.com and hit the general submission tab. We'd love to hear from you!

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Email us your birthday greetings: info@thevillagerny.com

Fitzpatrick & Weller Protects Environment

Catt. Co. IDA Supports Project with Tax Break

BY DAVE PARKER

Cattaraugus County IDA approves tax breaks for Ellicottville's Fitzpatrick & Weller.

At its March 25 meeting, the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) approved a tax break for Fitzpatrick & Weller, a long-standing, 4th-generation, family-owned business in Ellicottville, which is seeking to undertake a significant \$1.6 million investment. Fitzpatrick & Weller, located at 12 Mill Street, has applied for sales tax exemptions totaling \$80,000 to support this project, which involves installing advanced pollution control equipment on their wood-burning boilers to meet New York regulatory requirements.

Fitzpatrick & Weller, established in 1895 and headquartered in Ellicottville, is a major supplier in the hardwood lumber and wood components industry. The company is recognized for its high-quality products and skilled production, and is a significant local employer with 84 staff members. Fitzpatrick & Weller supplies a wide range of wood products, including strips, edge-glue panels, and CNC-machined parts, to various industries that use them in the production of furniture, kitchen cabinets, musical instruments, and other finished products. The company utilizes both locally sourced hardwoods, such as oak, maple, cherry, and walnut, as well as other varieties, including mahogany, European beech, and other exotic woods. As part of their operations, Fitzpatrick & Weller utilizes wood-fired boilers, and the approved project aims to reduce



the environmental impact of these operations and comply with New York environmental regulations. Greg Fitzpatrick, President of Fitzpatrick & Weller, presented the application to the CCIDA, seeking sales tax exemptions on approximately \$800,000 worth of equipment purchases to achieve the pollution control enhancements. The company has also pursued grants from the US Forest Service and the Empire Development agency to offset the project's costs. A key factor in this investment is the need to comply with increasingly stringent environmental regulations set by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). These regulations lower the allowable particulate matter emissions from wood-fired boilers, necessitating the installation of advanced pollution control technology. Fitzpatrick & Weller has long employed filtration systems to limit emissions from their plants, but to meet these more demanding regulations, plans are underway to install two electrostatic precipitators, highly efficient filtration devices that remove fine particles, such as ash and dust, from the exhaust gases of combustion processes.

A further factor in this application is the competitive landscape of the lumber market. Fitzpatrick & Weller faces competition from similar businesses in Pennsylvania

and Ohio, where environmental regulations regarding emissions from wood-burning boilers are less stringent and provide exemptions for existing businesses. This disparity in regulatory requirements puts Fitzpatrick & Weller and other New York-based lumber processors at a disadvantage, as these additional costs are not borne by their competitors outside of New York in an industry facing very thin operating margins. Additionally, the company's position in the global market is an evolving concern. Fitzpatrick & Weller generates approximately 5% of its revenue from sales to foreign countries. While the company is navigating the dynamic nature of U.S. tariff decisions, Greg Fitzpatrick noted that there are both positive and negative aspects to dealing with the changing U.S. and foreign economic policies, and he is preparing the company to address this challenging and uncertain period.

The CCIDA's decision to approve this tax break demonstrates its support for local businesses like Fitzpatrick & Weller, a vital local employer that has been a cornerstone of the Ellicottville community for over a century. The equipment purchase and installation are scheduled to begin in May 2025 and be completed in 2026.

TRASH & TREASURE SALE

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ellicottville • June 13 14, 2025

The annual Trash and Treasure Sale hosted by St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242 E. in Ellicottville, NY has become a favorite around town because of its size and scope of items. It will take place this year June 13 & 14, 2025.

St. Paul's parishioners have been most generous, bringing us great quality items. People each year rave about the treasures, and they love that almost everything has been donated.

St. Paul's takes in just about everything, including small furniture (although nothing too heavy, please), and as usual, NO TVs, NO BIG APPLIANCES, NO COMPUTERS OR PRINTERS, NO ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND.

Don't go hungry while you shop, because the famous Treasure Café will have an-other great menu including hot dogs (grilled to your liking), fresh potato salad, drinks, and homemade hot fudge sundaes.

Mark Your Calendars! You still have time to clean out your closets, garages, barns, attics, basements, and bedrooms, and tell your friends to do the same.

So, save the date and come out for the biggest Trash and Treasure sale in the county!

Friday, June 13th from 9am-4pm and Saturday, June 14th from 9am-3pm.

Donations of "good stuff" will gratefully be accepted. You may drop off your items beginning Mon-day, May 12th and ending Thursday, June 12th at the church Mon-day-Friday from 8 AM to Noon. Call St. Paul's church office at 716-699-2265 for more info.



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

Music Fest. Dedicated to Festival Co-founder, Dave Tidquist



THE HERON, SHERMAN, NY – The 32nd annual Great Blue Heron Music Festival continues their flight into a fourth decade of music, dance and community at the Heron Farm & Event Center over Independence holiday weekend: Friday, July 4th through Sunday, July 6th. Three dozen bands are scheduled to perform across four stages, including Andy Frasco & the UN, Beats Antique, Donna the Buffalo, The Rumble, Dustbowl Revival, Jimkata and Driftwood. The weekend also offers a wide range of activities including drum circles, healing arts and instrument workshops, dance lessons, food and craft vendors, local beer and wine, biking, hiking, swimming in a lifeguarded pond, and daily activities for kids and teens.

Weekend tickets are on sale now for two-, three- and four-day tickets with upgrades for RVs and tent camping next to your vehicle. One-day tickets are available for Saturday and Sunday. All tickets include free Red Lot parking and walk-in tent camping in the woods. Details at greatblueheron.com

Owner and founder Julie Rockcastle is dedicating this year's event to the festival co-founder and local music impresario David Tidquist, who passed away in November 2024. The Heron's main

stage has been officially christened as "David's Stage" and there will be a "Sharing of Stories & Songs" on Friday.

This year also marks the return of the Tiger Maple Stage, featuring daily musician-led instrument workshops, an evening Maple Jam that showcases regional songwriting talent (hosted by Tyler Wescott), and a midnight drum circle on Friday and Saturday. And recent enhancements to the Dragon Stage are sure to make the musical memories at this newest deep-in-the-woods venue even more magical this year.

Finger Lakes root-rock favorites Donna the Buffalo have long played the role of the Heron "house band," and will maintain that tradition with two big sets on the main stage and an all-night shindig in the dance tent as their alter-ego: Buffalo Zydeco. Making their Heron debut as headliners are LA's feel-good party masters Andy Frasco & the UN, San Francisco's experimental global fusion and electronic music group Beats Antique, American roots orchestra The Dustbowl Revival, and Grammy-nominated New Orleans band The Rumble featuring Big Chief Joseph Boudreaux Jr. They will be joined by the blazing newgrass of Virginia's Shadowgrass, the soulful pop of Tennessee's Florencia & the Feeling, Chicago-based groove-

fusion outfit Sneazy, and Cool Cool Cool: a fiery nine-piece funk band featuring former members of Turkuaz. Back by popular demand are the rollicking Americana of New England's Ryan Montbleau Band, the globally-inspired grooves of Ithaca's Sim Redmond Band and New Planets, the thrilling electro-rock of Jimkata, and Binghamton's beloved song-driven folk-rockers Driftwood.

While live music is the centerpiece, the festival offers plenty of activities for the whole family. Play music at an instrument workshop, practice wellness in the Revival Tent, or learn new steps with an instructor-led dance lesson. There is also a full slate of creative activities for both younger children and teens, a new space for the spirited drum circle, and a lifeguard-protected sandy beach on the spring-fed pond for a cool swim on a warm summer's day. And there is no need to cook, as there are many great options for prepared food and drink, including a coffee bar, plus local beer and wine.

For tickets and information about the Great Blue Heron Music Festival: www.greatblueheron.com

More info on the farm store, lodging, and gatherings at the Heron Farm & Event Center: theheron.org

Questions? Contact: Julie Rockcastle, Phone: 716-761-7190, Email: info@theheron.org

Villager on the Street

Jamestown Community Celebrates Life in Bemus Point



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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Annual Decorators' Show House

Junior League of Buffalo Displays George Urban Mansion

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Having grown up in the Buffalo area, casual drives into the higher-class areas provided us with many opportunities to ooh and ahhh, as we could only imagine what the inside of these ornate buildings looked like. It is only through current research that I find I attended high school (Villa Maria) on the grounds of what used to belong to the fabulous Urban estate, not realizing what was just up the road from our beautiful and spacious campus.

Until May 18, you are invited to ooh and ahhh over the 2025 featured home - George Urban Mansion, located at 280 Pine Ridge Road, Cheektowaga, which stands as an historic landmark on the remaining 1.4 acre lot reflecting the industrial and architectural legacy of Buffalo and Western New York (much of its original land was subsequently sold off for subdivisions and for Cheektowaga Town Park, along with the land the Felician nuns bought for their residence and school in 1920). Built in 1869, the 7,200 square foot mansion was the grand residence of George Urban Jr., a prominent businessman, inventor, and investor whose contributions to electric power generation, grain milling, horticulture, and animal husbandry helped shape the region's economic and technological advancements. The Urban Milling Company became one of the first electric-powered flour mills in the country, a revolutionary step that positioned Buffalo as a major player in grain processing.



Notably, George Urban had a great friendship with Thomas Edison and, with a bit of insider information, he had this house wired before electricity had officially been invented. Always one to rub shoulders with the famous, the George Urban home is also notably recognized as the site where Grover Cleveland's 1884 Presidential Campaign was launched.

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For a sneak-peek, the home in its prime, boasted grand columns, intricate woodwork, ornately decorated ceilings, a sprawling porch which was later converted into a ballroom.

Inside, the home features a large wooden staircase carved from trees on the estate, original chandeliers hung when electricity was added, pocket doors, eight fireplaces, impeccably maintained hardwood floors, and an elevator which once connected the floors. Outdoors, there were horse stables and a

pond. Today it features a crescent-shaped driveway, the site of many cherished family memories. The mansion has been modernized over the years including the 1980's additions of a large indoor swimming pool, sauna, and tennis courts. Today, the George Urban Mansion includes 7 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, a 6-car garage, and modern amenities. Despite the upgrades, it retains the craftsmanship of its original design, reflecting Buffalo's industrial history and the Urban family's influence.

The Junior League has designated the Urban property for this year's showcase not only to display the classic architecture of this home (oh, the woodwork!), but also the incredible talents of local interior designers, artists and craftsmen. Their decorators have

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Mother's Day

CONT. FROM COVER

from my own mom, who loved unconditionally, I wondered who are some mothers I would have used as role models? Growing up in the 50's (my favorite show was I Remember Mama starring Peggy Woods. Something about that Norwegian Mama always gave me a feel-good feeling. Of course, years later, there was ultra fashionable Carol Brady of the Brady Bunch who always had a solution to any dilemma, and never had a hair out of place while doing it. It was an ideal but once I became a mother of three and stepmom of two, that ideal flew out the window. A recent Hallmark movie I watched centered around a foster mom who raised a house full of girls and gave them all as much love and nurturing any child could need.

So that got me thinking about what mothering means. With Mother's Day around the corner, it occurred to me that I have several friends who deserve to be honored on this special day. They never live-birthed a child, yet they truly mothered a spouse's children as if they were their own. I did an informal telephone survey with a few friends asking what they felt mothering is. Do you have to be a natural mother to mother someone, I asked? It turned out that three of them never received any "mothering" from their own birth mothers, but rather had an aunt or grandmother or neighbor who validated them, guided them, and made them feel loved. The consensus seemed to be that what made these people feel "mothered" was knowing that their person was there to listen and understand, maybe even



Once I became a mother of three and stepmom of two, many ideals flew out the window. A recent Hallmark movie I watched centered around a foster mom who raised a house full of girls and gave them all as much love and nurturing any child could need.

try to solve a problem or be ready with a hug and tissue to dry tears. One used the term "maternal energy". She said it goes beyond strictly saying that a woman is mothering her child. My friend went on to say, "I can even feel it in nature at times. The rhythms, the seasons, the ebb and flow of the tides, the feeling when hugging a tree or grounding in bare feet on the grass."

Another friend in Connecticut trains skiers to teach the disabled to ski. She uses the concept of mothering to enlighten her trainees, reminding them to train their young charges as if they (the trainers) were moms training their own kids to become proficient ... yet independent. "Love on them, teach them - don't do for them," was her bottom line. That was her version of "mothering," to bring out the potential they didn't even know they had.

I had a dear male friend who died last year, but since I was 16, he always showed me his feminine side. A good friend, yes, but he always "mothered" me in that he held space for me, validated me, encouraged me, listened to me, never judged me and supported me. You know, not everyone has a good relationship with their mother but know that you

can always find someone who will be supportive of you, "mother" you, and love you with their whole heart.

I found myself wondering how "mothering" either from your own mom, or from others who have stepped in to fill that void has impacted your own ability to have successful relationships with others? Think of those important people in your life and be grateful for the modeling you received. Did it make you a better parent? Do you speak to your own children the way these nurturers spoke to you? Did you pass on the compassion and understanding and hugs they gave you?

Bottom line. Not everyone has a good relationship with their mother. The one thing I would remind is that you were not walking in her shoes at the time she was raising you. As an adult why not stop to consider, without judgement, what she may have been carrying during those years, or perhaps even carries to this day? With the spirit of my own mom's unconditional love perhaps look for a way to forgive and begin building a new bridge. Trust me, you'll be glad you did.

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Los Angeles offers numerous Cinco de Mayo celebrations, including festivals, events, and parties, many of which are family-friendly. Fiesta Broadway, known as one of the largest Cinco de Mayo celebrations in the world, takes place in downtown Los Angeles, featuring live music, traditional performances, and food.

Cinco de Mayo

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they celebrate took place on May 5th, 1862 in the Mexican State of Puebla, and the annual celebration is known as Cinco de Mayo (“Fifth of May” in Spanish, pronounced “Seen-koh deh My-oh”). The victory was an amazing achievement because underequipped and greatly outnumbered Mexican soldiers managed to defeat French troops who were then considered the best in the world. A few years later, France declared Archduke Maximilian to be the emperor of Mexico, but ultimately he was executed. In his book, “The Political Evolution of the Mexican People”, Justo Sierra suggested that if Mexico hadn’t defeated the French on May 5th, France might’ve helped the Confederate States of America to win the American Civil War. In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Puebla, with speeches, mariachi music, dancing, parades featuring brightly-colored floats, and a reenactment including thousands of

locals. The celebrations all over the U.S., feature parades, performances, festivals, pinatas, pub crawls, fireworks, feasting and much more. In the mid-twentieth century, Mexican immigrants gradually began changing the focus of the day to their heritage in general. In 2005 it was officially recognized by the United States Congress. People of Mexican descent mostly celebrate it by wearing traditional clothing, performing traditional dances and eating traditional foods while, as they do on St. Patrick’s Day, Americans from all backgrounds join in the fun. The most important thing to know about the original Cinco de Mayo celebrating is that it commemorates the courage of people who stood up against tyranny. In the 2013 movie, “Cinco de Mayo: La Batalla” (“Battle” in Spanish), a leader inspires soldiers to fight with the stirring words, “They want to take your homeland away. I am sick of those Mexicans who, because of fear, think victory is impossible. We have to dispel that defeatism that humiliates us as a nation. You have the opportunity of bringing

Mexico together”. Another important thing to know is that Mole Poblano, a dish often eaten on May 5th, deliciously includes chocolate and chilis served over chicken. The long list of ingredients also includes tomatoes, seeds, raisins, almonds and peanuts. Three great places to celebrate Cinco de Mayo locally and enjoy Mexican foods, drinks and atmosphere all the time, include the three locations of the Fiesta Bamba Mexican restaurant chain. The one in Springville is at 60 South Cascade Drive and its number is (716) 592-2033; Hamburg’s is at 6000 South Park Avenue and its number is (716) 202-4078, and Arcade’s is at 563 West Main Street, and its number is (585) 408-0046. All three will be featuring special things for Cinco de Mayo. In Hamburg, street tacos and special margaritas will be on the menu and, after 4pm, a mechanical bull will be available for riding. Fun Facts: The largest annual party in the U.S. is held in Los Angeles, on the closest Sunday to the fifth of May. Each year, over 81 million avocados are used for Cinco de Mayo, usually for guacamole.

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Vintage

and I'm so excited to be a part of it." She's always enjoyed antiques and thrifting, so a vintage shop was the perfect fit.

The name “So Last Season” struck Sydney as a catchy name, and an appropriate fit. “It reminds me of Legally Blonde, when Elle Woods says ‘That’s so last season.’ It’s fun and it also applies because even when styles are ‘last season’, they come back around.”

Sydney enjoys shopping for vintage pieces and has been adding to her collection from estate sales, thrift shopping, and personal references. “I love hunting for new pieces,” says Sydney. “I also get a lot of personal recommendations of people looking to sell. I’m always looking to buy, and encourage anyone interested in selling to reach out. You just never know where you’ll find your next piece!”

Sydney started her vintage shop online last year, and plans to continue selling both on line and in store. "It's great to be able to curate the look online," says Sydney. "But there's

nothing quite like shopping in store, being able to touch the clothing and try on different items, creating your own look.”

The shop has a Victorian vibe, with florals, wooden accents and ornate gold mirrors throughout. “I was going for a soft, feminine feel,” describes Sydney. “It’s always been my style and it fits the style of most of the clothing. It’s timeless.”

So Last Season Vintage will officially open its doors on Saturday, May 10, and Sydney is looking forward to participating in the many year-round events in the community. She's grateful for the support she's already begun to receive. "I already feel warmly welcomed," explains Sydney. "It's incredible to bring this vision to life, and I'm so grateful for the community support."

Sydney invites everyone to stop down to the shop at 18 Washington Street, or shop online at solastseasonvintage.com and follow on Social Media or message on Facebook if interested in selling any items.

Distillery

hand in hand. It seemed like a fun event to bring to the distillery. It's been a great success."

Rubber Ducks will be sold for \$10/duck with about 20 ducks per race in the creek located directly behind the distillery. "Our past events have seen about a half dozen races each year, but it totally depends on the crowd," says Bryan. "Everyone has a great time." Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Bryan has been distilling spirits for 18 years, and officially opened the Ellicottville Distillery 3 years ago. Located at 5462 Robbins Road, the Distillery offers a homegrown approach to the age-old practice of distilling. Bryan creates high-quality spirits and flavored liqueurs using only the finest locally sourced ingredients. Featured products include their two bourbons, American whisky, honey spirit, bourbon crème, apple shine, blueberry vodka and gin. The Distillery offers a tasting room and a variety of hand-crafted cocktails showcasing their house made products. The cocktail menu rotates seasonally, with summer cocktails coming soon.

The Distillery hosts a variety of events throughout the season on their picturesque property, with the rolling



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hills and valleys in the background. "We try to keep things interesting by trying different events to bring people out to the Distillery," says Bryan. "It's a chill, laid-back vibe here; everyone is welcome."

On Saturday, May 17, the Distillery will host a Jeep Day for "Go Topless Day." Guests are invited to drive their Jeeps out to the Distillery, kick back and relax and celebrate

the day with live music
in good company. The
summer brings a busy
schedule of events
including their annual
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Bemus
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are offering specials and discounts. As you walk around the village, you can pop into the variety of shops to explore and see all they have to offer. Some of the featured businesses include Skillmans, which is showcasing their new Spring 2025 collections and offering up to 75% off on some items from last year. Petals & Twigs Gifts and Children’s Shoppe is also having in-store discounts, while Bemus Point Pottery will welcome you with some spring sales, and customers will receive a free gift with their purchase. At Lakeside Arts & Furniture, you’ll find refurbished furniture, some local art, and Tuscan Take & Make kits. This is just a glimpse of the many shops involved in the “Bemus is Blooming” theme. In addition to shopping, there are a variety of activities for you and your family to enjoy. The Bemus Point Fire Department will have an open house on Saturday. They will serve hot dogs

with their signature sauce for lunch from 11am-3pm. They will be selling raffle tickets to raise funds for new gear, and you can buy a 5\$ ticket for a chance to win a \$250 grocery gift cards, which includes Wegmans, Tops, and Aldi. The Lawson Center will also be open both days from 11am-3pm, featuring their new line of branded merchandise. The Bemus Point Historical Society will be open on Saturday from 11am-3pm for those interested in Bemus Point history. Additionally, The Landing, adjacent to The Fish, is hosting an open house for people to explore the private club grounds, which features lakeside tables, fire pits, and cornhole for its members. For kids, Alpacaville is hosting “Paca Stories,” allowing children to get involved by planting their own flowers in “paca” soil. During the Bemus is Blooming weekend, you and your family may work up an appetite. Most of the restaurants will be open, and some may offer specials or unique activities. At the Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House, you can enjoy a busy weekend featuring Cinco de Mayo specials, as

well as the Derby, Divas, and Darlings Kentucky Derby Hat Party with mint juleps from 5-9pm. Additionally, there will be a Sunday Brunch from 10am-1pm. The Green Door is also celebrating Derby Day on Saturday at 4pm, followed by a Sunday Funday filled with fun and activities. Other popular eateries in Bemus Point, such as Lake Life Café, The Bemus Point Inn, Splash, The Village Casino, Ellicottville Brewing Company, 14 Main, Coppola’s Pizzeria, and others, will be serving delicious food and may have themed food and specials. With many tasty venues to choose from, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. What would a visit to Bemus be without satisfying that sweet tooth with a visit to the Bemus Market? There, you will have a hard time choosing which one or two of the 40 flavors of Perry’s Ice Cream to indulge in. Or maybe you want to check out The Happy Cow, which is Bemus Point’s new frozen yogurt shop that has its grand opening that weekend. Either of these venues will refresh and treat you with their cool and delicious desserts to enjoy on a beautiful spring day. As you can see, Bemus is Blooming!! The warming weather brings sunshine and cheerful vibes, making it the perfect time to enjoy everything Bemus Point has to offer. As a seasonal tourism destination on the banks of beautiful Chautauqua Lake, the community comes together to welcome spring and support all of its local businesses. For more information, you can go to visitbemuspoint.com or the individual business’s Facebook pages for updates.



The trail will promote environmental awareness and ecotourism.

Paddle Trail
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By KATE BARTLETT

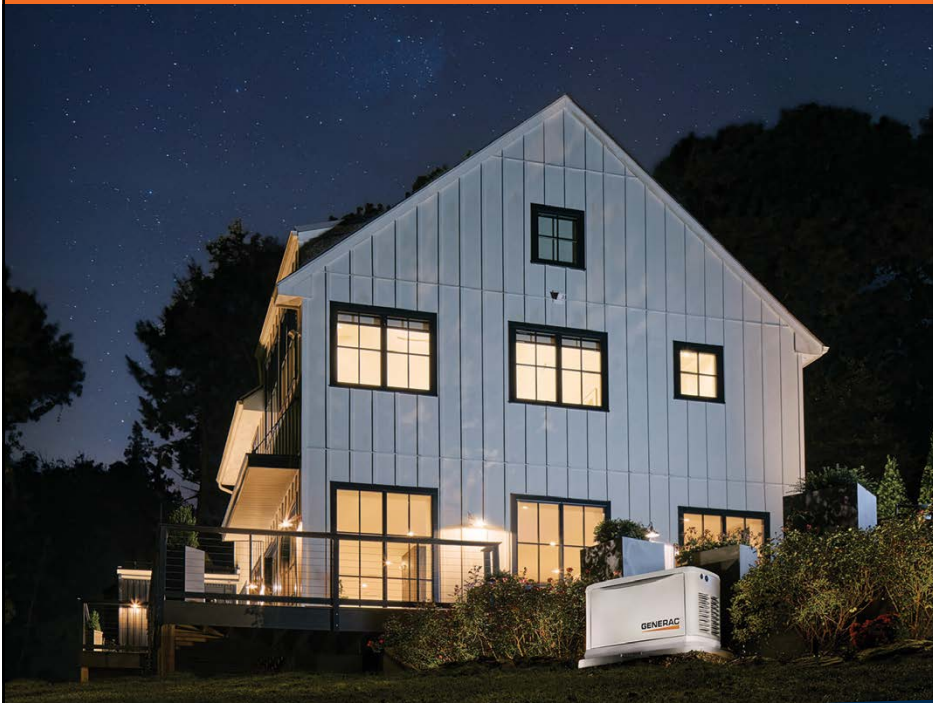
This Spring, visitors and locals alike can enjoy Chautauqua Lake utilizing the new the Bemus Point-Ellery Paddle Trail & Blueway. Developed by Mayor Jeff Molnar with generous funding from Chau-tauqua County’s bed tax/occupancy tax in-lake grant, this trail hopes to attract tourism to the area by facilitating and inspiring people to explore the lake by kayak or canoe. Jeff has enjoyed kayaking with his wife for many years, especially on Chautauqua Lake, and was looking at different ways to promote eco-tourism to the area. “It just seemed like a natural fit,” explains Jeff. “Our lake has so much to offer, and exploring by a paddle craft is a great way to enjoy it.” The Bemus Point-Ellery Paddle Trail & Blueway provides a 5.5-mile virtual trail along the Chautauqua Lake shoreline starting near the Ellery/Ellicott town line and ending at Long Point State Park. The trail will be accessible via a QR code for paddlers to scan, providing

a map and highlights of the area. “We have so many historical points of interest along the lake,” says Jeff. “This is a great way to highlight them as well as the launch accesses.” He’s also quick to point out that this is a virtual trail for all boaters’ use, with no in-lake markers, nor does it restrict any type of marine use. Jeff says “Intentionally, the trail dovetails perfectly with both the Village’s Strategic Plan and Chautauqua County’s Greenway Plan.” This project is a joint venture between the Village of Bemus Point and the Town of Ellery and wouldn’t have been possible without the generous funding from the Chautauqua County in-lake grant. “We’re incredibly grateful for this funding,” says Jeff. “It just wouldn’t be possible without this support.” The virtual trail will also provide a link to the Bemus Point Business Association, helping promote local businesses and suggestions for unique places to visit. “This is a great way to highlight the business in our area,” says Jeff. “We have so many wonderful and unique local shops, restaurants and establishments that are just waiting to be discovered.” Jeff is enthusiastic

about this venture and reports success in other communities in Erie County such as the Buffalo Blueway on the Buffalo River. “We’re hoping to promote environmental awareness and ecotourism as this Trail will encourage people to enjoy all our area has to offer in the great outdoors. It also promotes a healthy lifestyle, being active, and motivating people to enjoy the lake in a different way.” Along with this trail announcement, Jeff is excited to share the planned opening of a handicapped kayak/canoe launch at the NY DEC boat launch in the Village. “These long-awaited boat launch improvements, which also include new ramps and floating docks, are incredibly necessary. It helps make the lake more accessible to all. We’re grateful to the NYS DEC for their funding of this project, as well as to the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth, who provided a grant to the Village as a contribution towards these improvements, which enhance our community and our region.”

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Hogan's Hut General Store

Your One Stop Shop for Recreation on Chautauqua Lake



BY DARLENE BRACE

About ten miles northwest of Jamestown and across the Chautauqua County Veterans Memorial Bridge, you'll find the charming hamlet of Stow, NY, nestled on the western banks of Chautauqua Lake. If you're planning to spend some time at the beautiful lake this season, be sure to swing by Hogan's Hut at 3503 Old Bridge Rd in Stow. It's a favorite spot for locals and visitors alike, and it is known as a one-stop shop for everything you could need while enjoying your time at the lake. Hogan's Hut has been welcoming customers since Don and Elsie Hogan opened the doors in 1967, and it has been under current ownership with partners Michael and Dean Giarrizzo, along with Leah Stow, since 2003.

When you stop by Hogan's Hut, you'll discover a great selection of items typically found in a convenience store. This store is well-known for its comprehensive range of fishing supplies, perfect for a day on the lake. They offer a wide variety of fishing tackle and bait suitable for different species and fishing seasons. You'll find a large selection of all the

essentials for your tackle box, including lures, rods, hooks, bobbers, and fishing line. Everything you need for a successful fishing trip is right here!

They also offer fishing and hunting licenses as well as deer tags, making it very convenient for all your outdoor adventures. When you visit Hogan's Hut, just show them your state ID to apply for a fishing or hunting license. Then they will print it out for you, and you will walk away with it that day. There are different prices for residents and non-residents, so a current state ID is required.

Another highlight of this general store is the variety of food and beverages available. The store fea-

tures an assortment of snacks, as well as hot and cold sandwiches, wraps, and hoagies made to order. They also offer weekly lunch specials, which may include options like mac and cheese, soup of the day, or selected subs and wraps. Additionally, they have a selection of breakfast sandwiches that are considered some of the best around! Then, when you are looking for something to drink, they offer Green Mountain Coffee, and a large selection of other beverages, including beer from local breweries and other cold drinks.

Hogan's Hut is a small local business that values

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

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

BY DARLENE BRACE

Can believe you believe it's already the first weekend in May? Spring in fully upon us with the birds chirping and everything is in bloom. Check out what's happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday, May 1st - Shamus O'Donnell of Old Fish will be hosting **Open Jam Night** at the **Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown. You can play an instrument, sing, tell jokes, recite poetry, and more, as all forms of talent are encouraged.

Friday, May 2nd - Big Inlet Brewing welcomes **Kaylee Williams** to perform. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this talented musician while sipping on your favorite Big Inlet beverage.

Lenny and the Landshark return to the **Good Times Saloon** at 8pm. This talented duo plays a fun mix of music from various generations and genres, and they are sure to please any crowd.

Miranda Wilcox will be performing at **MJ's Tavern** in Randolph. Miranda is a super talented singer-songwriter. She has a great sound and plays an eclectic music set list that includes some favorite cover songs as well as her own originals, starting at 8pm.

It's **Customer Appreciation Night** at **Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing** in Westfield. Draft beer will be \$2 off, and there will be some other drink specials. This week's entertainment will be **Adam Gould**.

Saturday, May 3rd - Southern Tier Brewing will be hosting two great bands for their **Don't Call it a Comeback Party**. First, **Public Water Supply** will play from 1pm-4pm. Then **Darkwater Duo** will be rocking it out from 6pm-9pm. They will be having some of their fan-favorite beers return, and they will be serving specialty food items, including meatloaf and pulled pork.

The **Pipes and Ale Festival** will be taking place at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville from 6pm to 11pm. Come out and enjoy some Celtic music by **Step in Time** and **O'Ryan's Belt** during this fundraiser for the 96th Highlanders Pipes and Drums.

Derek Davis returns to **Big Inlet Brewing** at 5:30pm. This talented soloist plays a wide variety of music. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this talented musician.

The **Gowanda Historic Hollywood Theater** is presenting **Mr. Brightside- The Ultimate Killers Tributes Experience**. They will be playing The Killers' hits starting at 7pm. Get tickets at event-brite.com.

In Lakewood, **Charity Nuse and Matt Gronquist** will be performing at Group Therapy starting at 8pm. They play a mix of tunes featuring music styles of Americana, country, and folk music. Enjoy a delicious appetizer or entree from the Group's menu while enjoying this fun music.

The Village of Fredonia will be rocking as **Party McFly** performs at **64 on the Rocks**. This band plays fun party songs from the past to present that are sure to get you moving to the beat and out on the dance floor.

It's **Comedy Night** at the **Stockton Hotel**. **Chris Scriva** will be the headliner, and several comedians will be warming you up for the show. You will be laughing the night away starting at 8pm.

Midnight Recovery will perform at the **Cinco De Mayo Party** in Dunkirk at the **First Ward Falcons Club** at 8pm. This talented band plays a mix of classic rock and country tunes. This party is open to the public.

Wicked Warren's Jamestown is excited to have a band called **New Planets** on their stage. This talented band has its own unique sound of dance music starting at 8pm.

Sunday, May 4th - Miranda Wilcox returns to the stage at Wicked Warrens Jamestown, performing from 3pm-6pm. End your weekend enjoying some great food from Wicked's menu while listening to this super talented soloist singing some classic favorite covers as well as some of her own originals.

Next weekend it will be Mother's Day weekend. Maybe you and your mom want to get out and about and see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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On November 14, 1930, steelworkers at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel construction site ate lunch atop a girder high above New York City.

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The golf courses and hiking trails are greening up and there's music in the air so let's see who's playing where?

THURSDAY

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

The Gin Mill's Thursday music features The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/ pop/country/ blues set of covers and originals highlighted by smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY

We're back at Balloons for Vinny and the Mudflaps from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/ pop/punk/emo set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth from 10-2am playin some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill is back with Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/ blues/pop/country set of covers and originals. Check out their kitchen open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am.

Mill St Sports Pub joins the party with Pat and Owen from 8-11pm. This well known duo plays a blues/folk/country/ pop/

rock set of covers and originals. Check out their late-night menu.

Last but not least, Madigans, is a player with Dj Kage from 9-2am playin some thump, thump, for some bump, bump in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

First up is The Gin Mill with Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Have a late lunch or early dinner. Hazzard County takes the stage from 8-12am. They play old and new country. If you like high-end liquor, try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails.

We return to Balloons for Afraid of Human from 6:30-10pm. This band plays modern metal and hard rock covers and originals. Dj Lyfe will burn down the sound booth squeezing out the juice so you can really cut loose from 10-2am.

Madigans is a playah with Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll whip up some sauce so you can shake it like a boss till the wee hours.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird again with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays rock/folk/mod/americana style covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

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 rib cooked the way you like it. Cody Klink will provide the music from 5:30-8:30pm. Cody plays a singer, songwriter /country/ alt/r&b set of covers and

originals.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. Enjoy 50cent wing and a nice selection of craft beers. This weeks musical host is Jim Ronin from 6-9pm. Jim plays a rock/ pop/folk/ r&b set of covers.

Mondays are Asian and Trivia Night at Mill St Sports Pub from 4-10pm. Asian inspired entrees sushi, poke, whatever the chef feels like followed by trivia at 7pm with vouchers for first-third place.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and modern country and classic and southern rock covers and originals.

TUESDAY

Since it's the first Tuesday of the month then The Hick Ups are playing at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. This group of local musicians, from various local bands plays a bluegrass/ country/roots set of lively covers that are fun to listen to.

WEDNESDAY

We end our weekend like we have for the last 40+ years, at The Gin Mill, for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. The musical accompaniment will be provided by Brian Rick. He plays a rock/pop/folk/ country set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

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

Beat on the Street:

"Where is the Farthest You Traveled to See a Concert?"



Mark S.- Miami -Joe Robbie Stadium-Wings over America!



Jeanine Z.- London -Elton John.

Hitting the road with a few friends to go check out a live-band somewhere is a must for young adults. Seeing live music in itself is a euphoric experience, but trucking a good distance to see the makes it a more memorable adventure. The more intrepid one becomes the further they travel to enjoy the tunes they crave to hear. It starts with that first show that blows the mind and demands to be seen again. Sure, there may be extra-curricular substances that may have been used to enhance the affair, but the music is the draw. There are some that do nothing but follow music around, however they can do it. Where is the farthest you travelled to see a concert?



Amy M.- Dominican Republic to see Widespread Panic!



Ciara P.- Flew to Vancouver to see Taylor Swift in the last weekend of her Eras Tour!



Mat S.- Atlanta ? Or Memphis , or Soldier Field, not sure which is "further" Weir everywhere!



Joseph F.-Ellicottville to Louisville - Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson!

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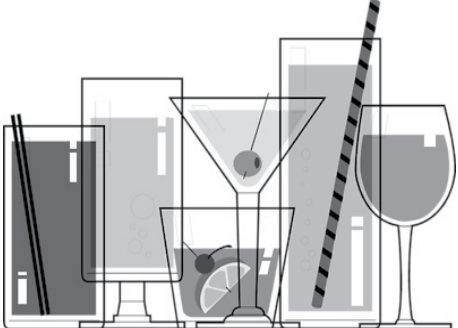
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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8	4	5			2	6	3	1
	3	7					5	
9				5	3	7	8	
	5	9	1		4		6	
4	2		9	7	6	5	1	3
	7	1	3	2			9	8
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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:

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

Show House

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transformed the George Urban Mansion into a stunning display of design and innovation, highlighting the unique character of each room while preserving its historical essence.

By visiting the Junior League of Buffalo Decorators' Show House, (<https://buffalo.jl.org/show-house/>) you are not only touring an incredible home but are also helping them to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people in Western New York. Since 1981, The Decorators' Show House has raised over \$5

Paddle Trail

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In the near future, Jeff hopes that the Blueway will continue around the entire lake, highlighting the many wildlife

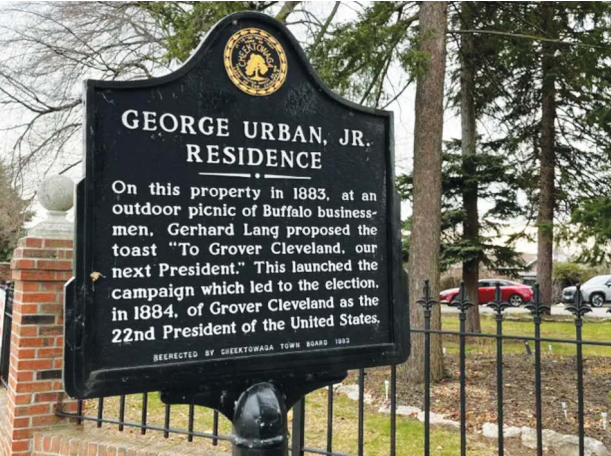
Hogan's Hut

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community support for other small local enterprises. In the store, you will find a variety of local products from businesses such as Whizz n Smash (flavored homemade peanut butter), Kim's Fudge, Cuba Cheese, and Maple Run Farm products, among others. They also offer items like locally made cups and tumblers, as well as spud bars for ice fishing, uniquely crafted by local blacksmith John Stow.

You will also find a few other noteworthy items. The store frequently stocks seasonal items and apparel and has a variety of custom-made Hogan's Hut merchandise. For those needing to refuel their vehicles, Hogan's Hut carries Keystone Gas and diesel fuel.

Next to the store, the owners have opened an ice cream shop called the Stow Scoop and Swirl Station. It features a walk-up window for ordering and includes outdoor seating. They offer soft serve ice cream as well as a variety of flavors from Perry's Ice Cream. The menu also includes milkshakes, flurries, sundaes, and dog-friendly desserts. Be on the lookout for the ice cream shop's opening for the 2025 season, as it is scheduled to open in early May.



Historical marker where Grover Cleveland launched his presidential campaign. Photo credit Susan Rose, WBEN

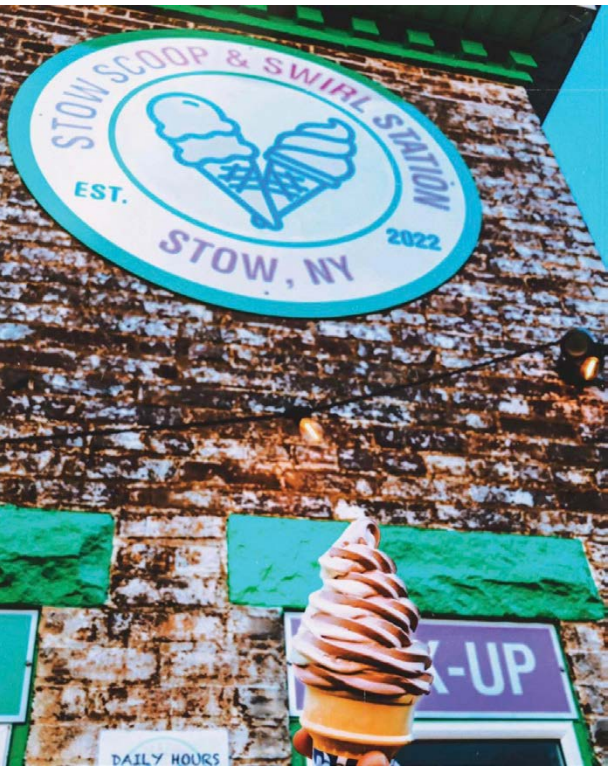
million to support various community projects and initiatives. Proceeds from the 2023 Show House have allowed the Tool Library to purchase its

new home at 2626 Main Street and grow programs that continue to build out Western New York's sharing and repairing economy.

management areas and historical points of interest like the old steamship routes of years past. "There's so many possibilities," says Jeff. "This opens the door to many outdoor adventures; it's going to be great for our community."

The Bemus Point-Ellery Paddle Trail & Blueway

maps will be available at local businesses including those who rent paddle craft as well as the Chautauqua County Visitor's Bureau, at the I-86 rest stops, and the Village of Bemus Point & the Town of Ellery (at their offices and on their web sites).



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While enjoying your time near Chautauqua Lake, whether you're fishing, boating, picnicking, or participating in any other activities, don't forget to stop by Hogan's Hut for all your supplies. They offer a great selection of fishing gear as well as a variety of food and drinks that will keep you com-ing back for more. It's no wonder Hogan's Hut is known as

the one-stop shop, and the locals often say, "Get your butt to Hogan's Hut!" Hogan's Hut is open every day from 6am-9pm, Sunday-Thursday, and stays open until 10pm on Friday and Saturday. If you'd like to learn more, go to hoganshut.com or visit their Facebook page for weekly lunch specials and more. See you at Hut!

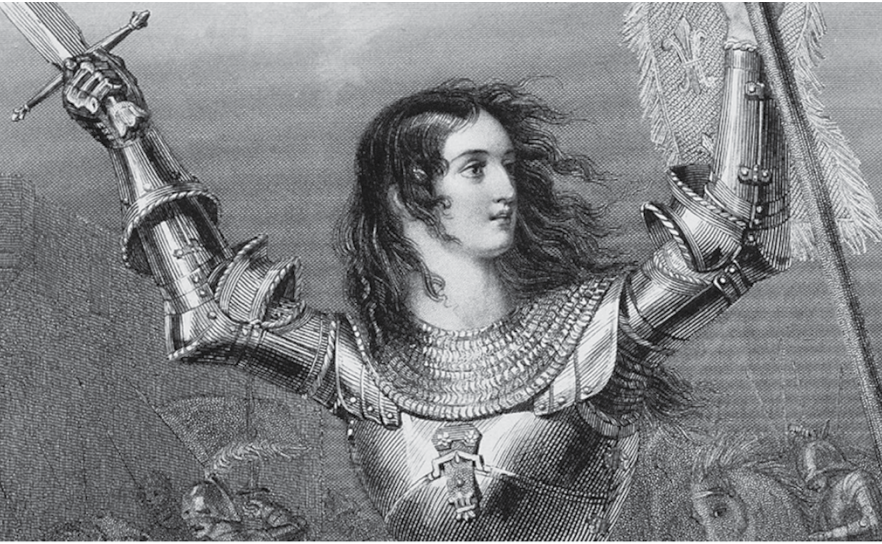
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Peek’n Peak to Host Celebrity Chef

Exclusive Farm-to-Table Bourbon & Wine Dinner, May 24

Peek’n Peak Resort will welcome Food Network Celebrity Chef Levatino Harris, best known for his appearances on Cutthroat Kitchen, for an exclusive Farm-to-Table Bourbon & Wine Dinner at Bistro 210 on Saturday, May 24. The ticketed event will feature a five-course meal crafted by Chef Harris, Bistro 210’s Chef Ryan Wilson, and the resort’s award-winning culinary team.

Each course will be paired with a signature bourbon cocktail or a fine wine, allowing guests to select their preferred pairing from a curated drink menu. Guests will enjoy a photo opportunity with Chef Levatino, live music by the Doug Phillips Duo, and a complimentary s’mores station. Tickets are \$150 per person, and capacity is limited. The event will begin at 6:30pm.

“I’m thrilled to bring my farm-to-table creations to Peek’n Peak and craft an unforgettable dining experience for guests,” said Chef Levatino Harris.

“This event is all about showcasing fresh, locally sourced ingredients with bold flavors, and I can’t wait to share that with the Peak community.”

“This is a fantastic opportunity for food lovers and our community to experience an incredible meal in a unique setting,” said Nick Scott Jr., vice president and owner of Scott Enterprises, which owns and operates Peek’n Peak. “We are honored to welcome Chef Harris to Peek’n Peak and look forward to a memorable evening celebrating great food, awesome drinks, and an unforgettable dining experience.”

Earlier in the day, Peek’n Peak will host a “Kickoff to Summer” pool party from noon to 4 p.m. with DJ Campbell and a full bar, offering guests a chance to enjoy daytime fun and a gourmet dining experience.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.pknpk.com/special-events/bourbon-and-wine.

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National Buffalo Wing Festival

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Tickets for the 24th annual National Buffalo Wing Festival are now on sale. Wingfest organizers and the Buffalo Bisons announced today with the purchase of a Wingfest pre-sale ticket you will receive a free general admission ticket valued at \$22 to a Bi-sons game during the May 13th to 18th homestand against the Worcester Red Sox. Tickets must be ordered by May 12th.

The festival is heading back to Sahlen Field, its original home in Downtown Buffalo on August 30th - 31st. WINGFEST general admission tickets are \$20 with kids 8 and under admitted free.

Tickets can be purchased through the festival website at Buffalowing.com.

“This is a true homecoming for the Wingfest. The return of this festival to its original location is a powerful reminder of how Buffalo continues to shine as a culinary destination and how much pride we take in our beloved wings.” The Buffalo Bison Baseball organization wanted to show our appreciation of this partnership with this unique FREE TICKET offer said Anthony Sprague, Buffalo Bisons GM.

The festival will continue its tradition of giving back to the local community. Since 2002, over \$500,000 has been donated back to

local charities. Last year 23,000 people attended, including people from 48 different states and 26 countries.

The 24th annual festival will take place Labor Day Weekend on August 30-31 in 2025 and will feature an incredible lineup of more than 20 local and national wing vendors, offering every-thing from classic buffalo wings to unique, creative takes on the iconic dish. As always, the National Buffalo Wing Festival will include live entertainment, family-friendly activities, and the much-anticipated US Chicken Wing Eating Championship.

More info is available at www.buffalowing.com

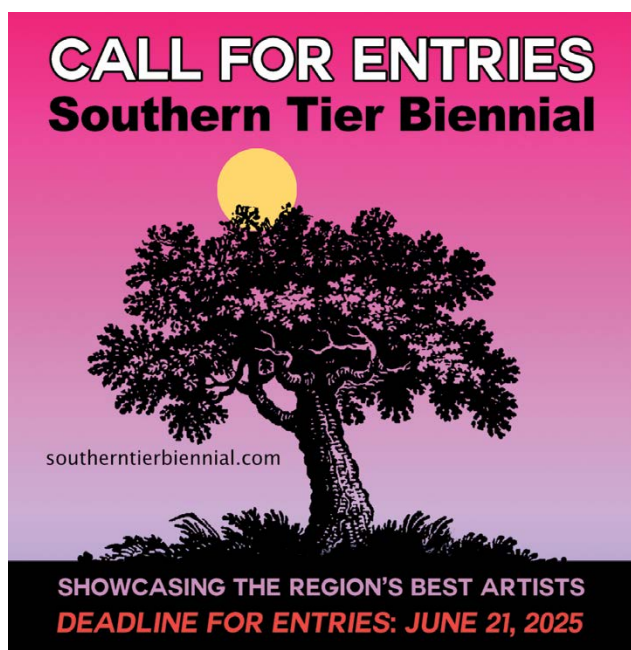
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Southern Tier Biennial 2025

Submissions are now open for the Southern Tier Biennial, a juried exhibition showcasing the exceptional talent of artists living and working in New York’s Southern Tier.

This Southern Tier Biennial is open to all artists aged 18 and older who currently reside in one of the following counties: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Steuben, Schuyler, Tioga, and Tompkins.

The Southern Tier Biennial celebrates contemporary art and provides a vital platform for regional artists to gain recognition and support. If you’re an artist living in the Southern Tier, they encourage you to consider submitting your work. <https://www.southerntierbiennial.com/>



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TOWN OF MANSFIELD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled a Public Hearing Pursuant to the Mansfield Subdivision Regulations Article III, Section 2(e). Joe Lyford requests Planning Board approval for a proposed Minor Subdivision of the property located at 6685 Hencoop Hollow Rd (Watson Hill). Said Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 7 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. **Margaret** Puszcz, Planning Board Chair

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE PLANNING BOARD LEGAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, The Planning Board will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731, on the 13 day of May, 2025 at 5:30 PM. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear all interested parties regarding an application by Ratchet Hatchet for a Special Use Permit and Architectural Design Review to expand an existing deck at 1-5 E Washington Street (55.036-1-21) for outdoor dining.

Further information is available for review at the Planning Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The application may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. People who wish to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

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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.

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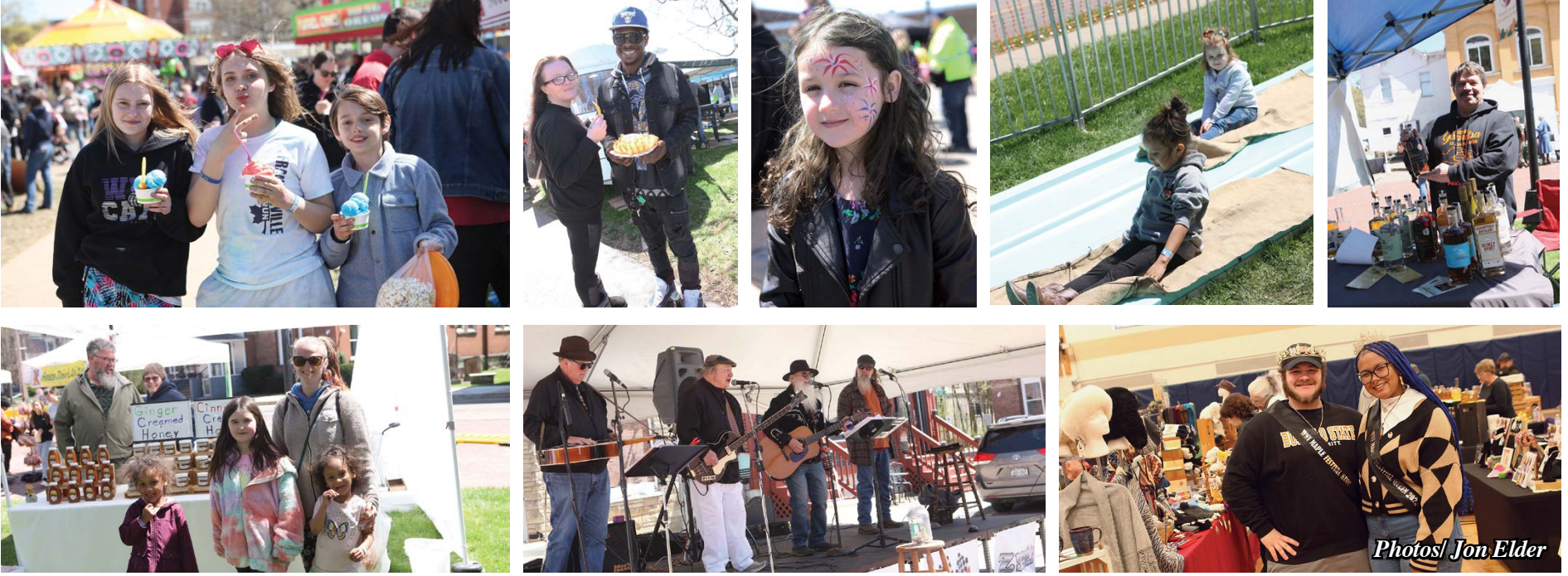
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