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Revitalizing The Hotel Lenhart

New Ownership and Renovation Plans



The new owners plan to create an upscale, year-round waterfront destination, increasing tourism to Bemus Point, and engaging the community in year-round events. While plans are awaiting approval by the Bemus Point Planning and Zoning Board, The Curry's anticipate re-opening next summer.

By KATE BARTLETT

The Hotel Lenhart, a major historic Chautauqua landmark in Bemus Point, is under new

ownership of William and Jill Curry (Bemus Point Holdings, LLC). After years of halted

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Holiday Valley \$5M Investment

Cattaraugus County IDA Supports Enhancements



By KATE BARTLETT

Holiday Valley is looking to invest over 5 million dollars in resort improvements with funding from the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency. This amount is significantly greater than years prior, but speaks to the resorts long-term commitment to invest in the area's economy.

According to Corey

Witkor, Executive Director for the CCIDA, the funding will go toward year-round improvements, including golf upgrades, third phase of upgrades to the Holiday Valley Inn, as well as snowmaking (snow guns, updating water lines, computer upgrades, and more). "Typically, Holiday Valley applies for around 2-3

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Healing For Heroes

Disabled Veterans Retreat in Bemus Point, NY



By KATE BARTLETT

Healing For Heroes is a 501c3 legally recognized non-for-profit organization that supports disabled Veterans and the Veteran community. Their Disabled Veterans Retreat and Wooded Oasis, Inc. provides a

free, retreat-style stay on their nearly 30-acre property in Bemus Point as well as meals, programming and activities focused on the outdoors and the healing powers of nature. Tom Nelsen, President

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Happy Half Marathon

5k & Beer Mile this Saturday in Ellicottville



By JONAH MANN

Nestled in the scenic embrace of Western New York, the charming village of Ellicottville is gearing up to host its annual

Happy Half Marathon this Saturday, May 10, 2025. This isn't just another race; it's an experience designed to inject

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Sneak Peek

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Music Spotlight: **Smilo and the Ghost .. pg. 8**
Erie Band Plays Griffis Sculpture Park Aug. 17



Founded in 2016, Erie PA based band Smilo and the Ghost has been playing festivals and venues in the area for over 9 years. They deliver hard-driving, old-time influenced folk-rock to crowds around the Northeast, and have opened for national acts including Dan + Shea and 10,000 Maniacs. The band will be playing at Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Music Festival on August 17.

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Season Planned with Concerts, Theatre & More

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ArtScape, Jamestown

Local Artists Create Outdoor Gallery



By DARLENE BRACE

It's an exciting public art initiative in which local artists have the opportunity to showcase their original artwork, which is recreated on colorful banners displayed throughout the downtown area. These vibrant banners give support to local artists while brightening our streets and bringing joy to everyone.

For ArtScape 2025, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation (JRC) is thrilled to collaborate again with the Chautauqua Art Gallery and the City of Jamestown's Parks Department. The program is open to anyone who lives in Chautauqua County or within 35 miles of Jamestown and wants to submit their art for this wonderful outdoor gallery project.

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Nature Oriented Day Trips

Celebrate Mom with Mother Nature

By CAROL FISHER-LINN



Cave of the Winds at Niagara Falls State Park.

Forget the Mother's Day Flowers and candy. Take mom on a day trip. Always check if fur-friends are welcome. Some places may not allow, especially nature preserves. • Niagara Falls from another angle. Niagara Falls is the dramatic apex of the free-flowing thundering waters of four of the Great Lakes into the Niagara River Gorge. But have you been to and experienced the Cave of the Winds at Niagara Falls State Park? Here is where you can walk UNDER the falls on the Hurricane Deck. Tickets can be purchased at the Cave of the Winds on Goat Island or the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Welcome Center. It is a timed attraction - reservations are required. An elevator takes you from the area between the American and Canadian Falls down to the level of the Niagara River at the base of the American Falls. A series of redwood decks and platforms allow sightseers to walk right up to the base of the

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RESERVATIONS



As you scroll through these pages you can't help but feel the great energy that is happening all around us. Ellicottville is supersizing again with more improvements to Holiday Valley (see

Publisher's Word

"We've Only just Begun...."

cover) and is giving you a great reason to Tee Off for a Cause (page 5). Bemus Point is once again revitalizing its business scape as The Hotel Lenhart is underway for renovations. Jamestown is ready to host its next ArtScape outdoor gallery (see cover). Also, there are many Mother's Day activities to embrace. Check out what our local stores and restaurants have prepared for you. And, if you wish to take her on an adventure, check out Carol Fisher-Linn's insider's guide to taking your mom out in nature this weekend (see cover). We have an abundance of artists and unique businesses featured and we've only just begun! As always, if you have an event, person or business you think should be featured, we would love to share it with our readers. It's easy! Simply go to www.thevillagerny.com and click the "General Submissions" tab and we would be happy to share the good news with you! *Until next week, enjoy the read. Yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Griffis Sculpture Park 2025 Line Up

Exciting Season Planned with Concerts, Theatre & More

By DOUG SITLER

Entering its 56th year in East Otto, NY, the Griffis Sculpture Park has a lot of exciting things planned for the 2025 season. The park features over 250 large-scale sculptures dispersed throughout the forests, fields and ponds of the 450-acre park. Larry Griffis, Jr's creation is considered as one of the United States' oldest and largest sculpture parks.

Scheduled for this season is the return of a major sculpture installation, new public bathrooms, Memory Cafe, the debut of a Sunday monthly music series, a theatrical performance, guided hikes, and more, as well the annual summer festival and NIGHT LIGHTS in autumn.

BRINGING BACK THE BATHERS!

One of the most beloved features of the park are the Larry Griffis Jr's "Bathers" sculptures, originally placed around the pond at the Mill Valley Road section of the park. The "Bathers" are 10 large female sculptures frolicking and posing in the water and on the banks of the pond. Due to a fundraising campaign, the "Bathers" are being repaired and will be reinstalled in the pond later this summer. New Bathrooms!!!

This new amenity offers modern, accessible restrooms and handwashing facilities—making visitors feel more comfortable than ever before. The new facility was made possible through support from New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan. Memory Cafe

There will be a launch of the Memory Café at Griffis Sculpture Park—a new, free program designed for individuals living with dementia or memory challenges and their care partners. Attendees will be able to join us outdoors for relaxed conversation, light activities, and creative experiences in a supportive setting. This isn't a support group—it's a social, stigma-free gathering to enjoy art, nature, and community. Griffis Sculpture Park Sunday Sound Series

Once a month on Sunday afternoons, a world beat vibes will be flowing through the park. The performances will be held outside the Gate House at the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Attendees are allowed to bring lawn chairs, blankets and small coolers. Performances scheduled are: June 8, Masti World Music Ensemble (Arabic jazz and world grooves). July 13, Mirage

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(Mediterranean-inspired jazz). August 10, Family FUNKtion and the Sitar Jams (sitar, deep funk and rock grooves). The Guerrilla Theatre Project 24-hour performance

The Guerrilla Theatre Project from Olean will arrive at the sculpture park on the evening of Friday, June 6th, then proceed to write three brand new one-act plays, audition performers, rehearse and perform the plays in 24 hours. On Saturday, June 7th, the performances will take place at 7pm at different locations at the Mill Valley Road section of the park.

Mason Winfield Haunted History Ghost Walk

On Saturday, June 21, the park will be hosting "The Shapeshifters Are Out!"—an entertaining, informative spoken-word performance presented by Mason Winfield, author, researcher, and storyteller. Storytelling may be humanity's oldest art, and "The Shapeshifters Are Out!" is a walking, storytelling tour throughout the park in the style of the old storytellers. Griffis Sculpture Park Drum Circles The drum circles are back! The park will feature three select Thursday nights this summer for a free drum circle, led by Steve Bell. The drum circles take place at 6:30pm at the Rohr Hill Road section of the park. The dates are: Thurs, June 19, Thurs, July 10, and Thurs, August 14th. Guided Hikes

On Saturday, July 19th, visitors can take a 90-minute walk around the Mill Valley Section of the sculpture park with Mark Griffis, son of park founder Larry Griffis. Hear stories about the creation of the sculpture park, Larry Griffis, Jr. and so much more. On Saturday, August 16, take a two-hour deep nature exploration of the Griffis Sculpture Park that is not seen by the public. A hike will proceed through

the sculpture areas, then proceed into the forested ravines of the park. The group will seek out a forgotten sculpture that has resided hidden in the woods for three decades. The hike will cover 2-miles of hiking, with a few hundred feet of elevation changes. Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival

The park will host their annual summer festival on Sunday, August 17, 2025 from 12-6pm. The festival is a memorable day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. Since 2013, the festival has become one of Western New York's most beloved summer events. It has become a major fundraiser for the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which owns and operates the sculpture park. The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service and more.

NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park

NIGHT LIGHTS at Griffis Sculpture Park returns for its 13th consecutive autumn. During NIGHT LIGHTS, the trails, forest and sculptures are illuminated with colorful lighting in the lower section of the Mill Valley Section of the park. The event takes place sixteen evenings from mid-September to mid-October.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is a private, non-profit that relies on admission fees, grants and programming to stay open. The park requests a \$5 admission fee per adult, \$3 for children 12 to 5 years old and seniors. Admission can be paid electronically on-site, on the park's website, or in-person at the Gift Shop on weekends. Some of the following events may have a higher admission price and will need to be purchased at Eventbrite.

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RTPI Presnts Porcelain Train, Friday, May 30



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material. Their music is available on all major streaming formats.

A ticket to this Art after 5 gets you 2 hours of live music, light bites provided by Elegant Edibles Catering and a complimentary beverage. In addition, you have access to all the current exhibitions, including Art that Matters to the Planet: Wild America, and The Art of Lisa McLaughlin.

The Southern Tier Brewing Company will be here, serving up a variety of their delicious craft beers. Not a beer drinker? No worries. Your drink ticket can also be used for a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverage from the RTPI bar.



The Roger Tory Peterson Institute is located at 311 Curtis Street ext, Jamestown, NY, United States, New York 14701. The show is Friday, May 30 from 5:30-7:30pm.

National Wild Turkey Foundation

Local Volunteers Host Women’s Event June 14



June 14 will be a day filled with education and fun in Chaffee. Knowledgeable instructors will teach activities including: • archery • mushrooms (mycology)• outdoor cooking • shotgun • crafting • gardening • self defense • bluebirds and houses and much more.

Springville, New York - All women are invited to the Women in the Outdoors Event for a day of fun outdoors including archery, mushrooms (mycology), outdoor cooking, shotgun, crafting, gardening, self-defense, and bluebirds at the Erie County Conservation Society, 13319 Miller Avenue, Chaffee, NY 14030, on June 14.

Mothers, daughters,

grandmothers, sisters and friends are welcome to sign up and learn a new skill; no experience is required. The Springville Strutters chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, headquartered in Springville, is hosting this event. Registration costs \$75 (18 years and up) or \$50 (12-17 years) and includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by June 1.

“Our chapter has hosted this event for 22 years, and we work to ensure everyone feels at ease,” said Becky Werchowski. “In a judgment-free zone, everyone can learn and have a good time. If someone hits a bull’s eye, everyone cheers. But if they miss the target, everyone cheers anyway. It’s a lot of fun.”

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The Cattaraugus County Cornell Cooperative Master Gardening volunteers will teach gardening. Local and state NWTf chapters host thousands of similar events

nationwide each year through their Education and Outreach programs.

Many families enjoy hunting together and pass traditions on from one generation to another. Hunting also is important for the health of our nation’s wildlife and habitat because hunters fund conservation.

For information about the Women in the Outdoors Event, contact Kris Bentson at 716-725-5589 and/or wito.springvillestrutters@gmail.com.

About the National Wild Turkey Federation

Since 1973, the National Wild Turkey Federation has invested over half a billion dollars into wildlife conservation and has conserved or enhanced over 21 million acres of critical wildlife habitat. The organization continues to drive wildlife conservation, forest resiliency and robust recreational opportunities across the U.S. by working across boundaries on a landscape scale. Today, the NWTf is investing heavily in wild turkey research to ensure the future of wild turkey populations and is working to secure Healthy Habitats and Healthy Harvests.

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Happy Half Marathon & 5k

Last Call for Sign Ups – www.happyhalfrun.com

It’s race week for this year’s Happy Half, 5k, and Southern Tier Beer Mile! There is still time to sign up for the Half Marathon, 5k, or the Beer Mile at Holiday Valley Resort on May 10th, simply go to happyhalfrun.com. You never know what the weather may bring in WNY but the forecast looks awesome for Saturday’s races! 70, sunny, and light winds make for a perfect race day! A scenic course with a fun after party make for a great day at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville. Don’t forget to check out the discount on accommodations at the resort, why not make a weekend of it in Ellicottville. See you on race day!

Southern Tier Brewing Beer Mile

May 10th after the Happy Half

Registration is OPEN, simply logon to happyhalfrun.com/beer-mile-3/ You have heard about it! 4 Beers - 1 Mile. Sounds so simple but it is not! Formerly run underground on college campuses, we have brought it out in the open so you can get an official time. Not up for a full mile? Sign up with a friend for a two-person team!



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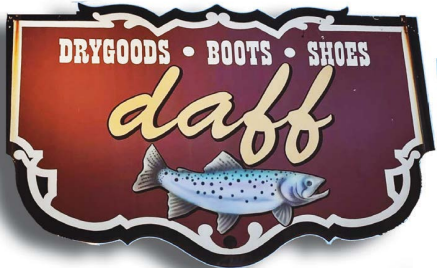
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Happy Half

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fun and exhilaration into the world of running. Organized by Endurance Factor, the Happy Half has quickly become a beloved event for seasoned runners, families, and those simply looking for an enjoyable outdoor adventure.

The heart of the event beats at the Holiday Valley Resort, a stunning location that serves as both the start and finish line for the Half Marathon and the accompanying 5K race. Imagine setting off with breathtaking mountain views as your backdrop, the crisp morning air invigorating your senses. The well-maintained courses wind through the picturesque landscapes surrounding Ellicottville, offering a delightful blend of challenge and beauty.

What truly sets the Happy Half apart is its commitment to its name. Participants can expect a high-energy atmosphere from start to finish. The organizers sprinkle in delightful surprises along the course, promising to bring a smile to every runner's face. It's a refreshing reminder that running can be as much about joy as it is about personal achievement.

Beyond the scenic routes and cheerful ambiance, the Happy Half provides all the essentials for a well-organized race. Chip timing ensures accurate results, and on-course support stations keep runners hydrated and energized. Upon crossing the finish line, participants are rewarded with awesome finisher medals – tangible mementos of their accomplishment – and super-soft race shirts that are as comfortable as they are stylish. Each runner also receives a goodie bag to celebrate their participation. The Happy Half isn't



For those looking for an extra dose of fun, the Happy Half also features a Beer Mile event. This unique race combines running with beer consumption, adding a lighthearted and entertaining twist to the day. Participants either individually or as part of a two-person relay team, drink a beer before each of the four 400-meter laps. It's a spectacle to behold and a true test of... coordination!

just for solo runners. It's a fantastic event for families looking for a fun activity together, couples seeking a healthy weekend getaway, or friends wanting to challenge themselves in a supportive environment. Ellicottville itself adds to the allure, offering discounted lodging at Holiday Valley, just steps from the starting line. This makes it easy to turn race day into a memorable weekend escape.

After conquering the miles, participants and their supporters can explore the charming village of Ellicottville. Its quaint shops and diverse restaurants offer plenty of opportunities to relax and refuel. Holiday Valley Resort also boasts various amenities, allowing everyone to unwind by the poolside or indulge in some spa time.

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Whether you're aiming for a personal best in the half marathon, enjoying a brisk 5K with loved ones, or daring to take on the Beer Mile, the Happy Half in Ellicottville promises a day filled with fun, fitness, and unforgettable memories. It's more than a race; it's a celebration of the joy of movement in a stunning setting. So, bring your smiles and get ready to run the happy miles! For an inside look on these races, including an interview with the director herself, continue to the article below, "A Look Inside the Happy Half Marathon".

For more information on how to join this event visit: happyhalfrun.com.

Smiles and Strides:

A Look Inside the Happy Half Marathon

By JONAH MANN

The Happy Half Marathon buzzes with an infectious energy, a joyful anticipation setting it apart from races solely focused on speed. This event, true to its name, prioritizes fun and aims to create a memorable experience for every participant. We spoke with the enthusiastic race director, Gwen Bush, to better understand the philosophy driving this increasingly popular event.

The core idea behind the Happy Half Marathon, as explained by Mrs. Bush, centers on enjoyment rather than intense competition. She highlighted how this philosophy is woven into the event, perhaps through on-course entertainment or uniquely themed aid stations. This emphasis on having a good time clearly appeals to many runners who might find the atmosphere of more traditional races daunting.

Mrs. Bush was quick to point out the distinctive elements that make the Happy Half stand out. These include things like themed costumes, musical entertainment along the course, a lively post-race celebration, and a generally family-friendly vibe. The overarching goal, she emphasized, is to cultivate an inclusive space where runners of all abilities feel welcomed and celebrated



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for their participation.

Organizing such a vibrant event comes with its own set of logistical considerations. Mrs. Bush discussed both the challenges and the rewards of putting together a "happy" race, mentioning the crucial role of enthusiastic volunteers and strong community involvement. It's evident that considerable thought and effort are invested in designing an experience that goes beyond just the 13.1-mile run itself.

Looking towards the future, Mrs. Bush shared her vision for the Happy Half Marathon. This might involve the introduction of new and exciting elements,

or strengthening the sense of community surrounding the event. However, the fundamental principle remains the same: to bring a significant amount of joy to the world of running.

For anyone thinking about joining a future Happy Half Marathon, the message is straightforward: be ready to smile, embrace the fun atmosphere, and savor the experience. It's a race where crossing the finish line is just one part of a much larger, and much happier, occasion.

For more information on how to join this event, visit https://happyhalfrun.com/.

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and individuals impacted by cancer. It's about turning our shared love of the game into something truly meaningful."

This year's Par for a Purpose promises more than just great golf. It's a chance to come together as a community, honor those who have battled cancer, and contribute to life-changing initiatives. Whether you're a scratch golfer or just swinging for fun, everyone is welcome to participate in this day of camaraderie, cause, and competition.

"Funds raised through events like this go directly toward supporting vital programs and services at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, Oishei Childrens Hospital, Camp Good Days, and Make-A-Wish WNY," said Pump. "It's about making a real difference in the lives of families facing cancer."

The tournament is limited to the first 144 registered players and will take place


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Not only does Holiday Valley attract visitors during the ski season, but year-round with their golf course, sky-high ropes adventure course and swimming at the resort. This funding will also support improvements at both the golf course and the inn, therefore continuing to encourage tourism year-round.

HV Invests

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million dollars in funding, so this is a significant increase,” says Corey. “This speaks to the continued investment of the resort in the long-term economy of our community.”

The CCIDA is a public benefit corporation that was created in 1971 to “retain, promote and assist private sector industrial and business developments, thereby advancing job opportunities and economic welfare to the people of Cattaraugus County.” The agency helps organizations take advantage of Industrial Revenue Bonding to obtain low-cost financing on eligible projects. In short, the CCIDA has helped Holiday Valley, among other organizations, reduce its development cost by receiving tax breaks and

other forms of government funding for the applied for projects.

This past ski season, Holiday Valley attracted over 500,000 skiers to their resort from areas from areas both around the country and internationally. “This is huge for our areas economy,” says Corey. “These visitors spend time in our community and patron our establishments. The spin off economy the resort brings to our area is huge.”

Even when the weather is suboptimal, Holiday Valley is actively seeking ways to improve their snow making abilities. “The team does an incredible job researching snow making and maintenance in order to capitalize on our winter months,” explains Corey. “Regardless of what mother nature gives us, Holiday Valley is doing a great job at optimizing their conditions, and this funding helps support those endeavors.”

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during the ski season, but year-round with their golf course, sky-high ropes adventure course and swimming at the resort. This funding will also support improvements at both the golf course and the inn, therefore continuing to encourage tourism year-round.

The majority of these projects will be completed by local tradespeople and suppliers. “We appreciate that Holiday Valley supports a local employment base. They hire locally and spend locally, keeping the money here. This is a large investment that will create a lot of jobs in the area.”

“We are happy to continue to support Holiday Valley. Their board and leadership have made an incredible impact on our community, and their continued investment in our long-term economy is invaluable. We are happy to help bring these projects to fruition.”

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Day Trip

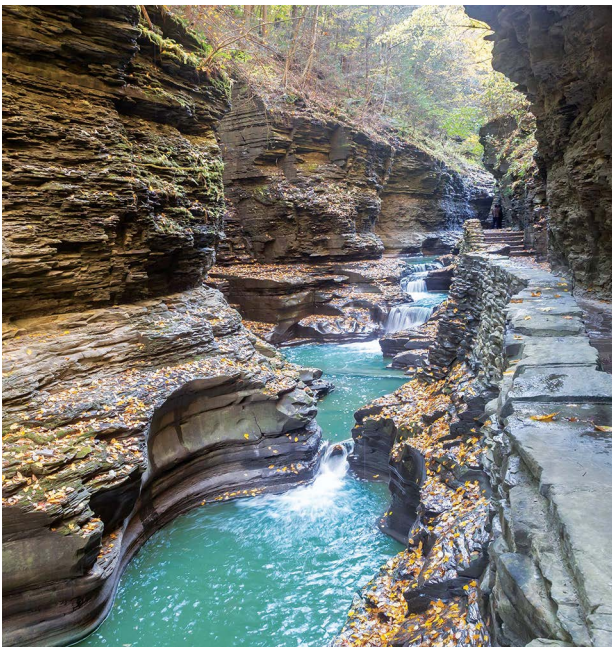
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Bridal Veil Falls with water crashing down right on them and flowing beneath the decking. Future Queen Elizabeth visited in early 50’s, so why not take your Queen Mum? PS: The Maid of the Mist tours are open for the season.

Bonus: Niagara Falls State Park is a Frederick Law Olmstead Park. Olmstead designed New York City’s Central Park, Buffalo’s Delaware Park and Buffalo’s park system. He believed that parks should be places of natural beauty, where “the masses could be renewed.” This philosophy was applied throughout Olmsted’s landscape design for Niagara Falls State Park, with an entire network of footpaths through wooded areas and along the banks of the Niagara River. Go to Buffaloparks.org and discover the many Buffalo tours available for the Olmstead Park system.

• Montezuma Wildlife Refuge – a globally renowned place for birding and wildlife photography. 3395 US Route 20 East, Seneca Falls, NY holds 10,000 acres plus 10,000 more acres of neighboring state land. The first NYS site for the restoration of bald eagles in the 1970’s. Plenty of trails to walk and a three-mile drive on Wildlife Drive to spot wildlife and eagles. There is a cellphone tour available. Visitor Center is open 8am-3pm. Best times to visit for sightings is dawn to midmorning or late afternoon to dark. They can be reached at (315) 568-5987

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Watkis Glen State Park in Watkins Glen, NY.

York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Visitor Center is open M-F 9 : 3 0 a m - 4 : 3 0 p m , Saturday, 1-4:30pm, closed Sundays and state holidays. However, trails are always open dawn to dusk, and restrooms are available 8am-8pm. (Reinsteinwoods.org)

PS: I was privileged to spend many childhood and teen year in The Woods with Dr. Reinstein and family. Worth the visit. Stay on the paths, no pets, and don’t disturb the old growth. It’s a protected nature sanctuary. They can be reached at (716) 683-5959.

Other day trips to consider:

• Erie County Botanical Gardens on 2655 South Park avenue in Buffalo. Open daily from 10am-4pm, these gardens are the product of landscaping architect Frederick Law Olmsted, glass-house architects Lord & Burnham, and botanist and plant-explorer John F. Cowell.


• Sonnenberg Gardens, Canandaigua, NY. Selected as one of “America’s Castles” by the Arts and Entertainment Network. This Victorian garden

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Veteran’s

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and CEO of Healing For Heroes, is a retired and disabled Veteran. After serving in the Marine Corps for many years and multiple deployments, Tom personally experienced the difficulties of returning to daily life after time in service. “Our Veterans deserve better care after serving our country,” says Tom. “I know first-hand how difficult it can be to return to daily life. Many of our Veterans need time to adjust and/or process what happened during their time in service; it is my hope that this space provides some sort of therapeutic retreat for our nation’s finest.”

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the intention to create a retreat for Veterans. His vision finally came to fruition in Spring 2023 when the property opened its doors to host their first service members. While the property was created with disabled veterans in mind, it is open to all women and men who have served our country, free of charge. Kelly Carpenter, VP of Healing For Heroes is also a disabled Veteran who served in the Marine Corps during OEF in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. He too is highly dedicated to the mission of serving and supporting Veterans at Healing For Heroes. “Our motto is Veterans helping Veterans,” says both Tom and Kelly.

The property consists of nearly 30 acres of wooded land with streams and meadows, providing many areas for quiet reflection. Miley’s Meadow, named

after Tom’s late service dog, provides a beautiful green space with rolling hills in the distance, surrounded by various trees including cherry, oak, pine and maple. “The property is stunning in any season, but Fall is especially spectacular with the changing colors of the leaves,” says Tom.

The 3-bedroom 2-bathroom lodge was recently renovated and now includes a walk-in shower with stone tile, as well as other amenities to enhance the retreat. During their stay, Veterans have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of programs including ATV trail riding, hiking, boating, fishing, hunting, equine therapy, meditation, yoga, reiki, massage therapy, Pilates and more. “We recognize

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Working alongside their family, they’ve assembled an experienced team that is ready to transform this property into an updated iconic landmark. The rendering includes two stair towers on each side replacing the fire escapes, an elevator penthouse and cupula. All which will be approved. More highlights to come, stay tuned to The Villager.

Hotel Lenhart

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operations and closure, the efforts to redevelop and reopen this iconic building are finally underway.

Bill and Jill first announced their intention to purchase the property (with Chautauqua Lake Hospitality) in early 2023 from long-time owners John, Deborah and Barbara Johnston. They were fortunate to receive funding from the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency as well as an additional \$1.9 million grant from the Empire State Development Consolidated Funding Application Program of NYS. The transaction to transfer ownership was completed Friday afternoon, May 2.

Bill and Jill are excited to finally see this process move forward, and are looking forward to being a part of the community through this endeavor. Working alongside their family, they’ve assembled an experienced team that is ready to transform this property into an updated iconic landmark. Bill has 45+ years of experience of designing and building in the Pittsburgh area, and Jill has been in the hospitality

industry for 40+ years. They’re joined by Abi Irti (marketing and sales), Nino Irti (bar manager) and Colin Curry (finance manager). Stuart Curry, Lindsay and Tilman Nadolsk and joining as advisory committee members.

Both Bill and Jill grew up in Pittsburgh, but spent many summers in the Chautauqua area. “We grew to love this area from a young age,” says Bill. “We have many fond memories here; Jill actually worked at the Chautauqua Institute as a waitress at the original St. Elmo. We’re looking forward to being more involved in the community through this project.” Both view this as a ‘last project’ of sorts. With retirement on the horizon, they’re focusing their energy and experience into The Hotel Lenhart. “We are excited to take this on, and bring our years of expertise into this project. Our intent is to pass it on to our children someday,” says Jill.

The Curry’s plan to renovate the property, giving it a fresh, updated look and feel, while maintaining it’s historic charm. “This is an iconic building,” says Jill. “We plan to keep the theme similar, but give it a modern touch and bring it up to code.” They plan to create

an upscale, year-round waterfront destination, increasing tourism to Bemus Point, and engaging the community in year-round events.

While plans are awaiting approval by the Bemus Point Planning and Zoning Board, The Curry’s anticipate re-opening next summer. Once plans are approved, they plan to have a hospitality tent outside the property for the public to view plans, and see what’s to come. “We welcome everyone to stop by and be a part of this exciting process,” says Jill. “We plan to keep everyone up to date as much as possible, and hope the community is as excited as we are.”

The three adjacent guest houses of the Hotel Lenhart will remain open for weekly rentals on a year-round basis beginning in the 2025 season. Each five-bedroom house provides spacious accommodations for families or groups to gather for any lake-side getaway or event. Each house includes dock access. “They’re perfect for weddings and other events with groups

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Music Spotlight: Smilo and the Ghost

Erie Band Plays Griffis Sculpture Park Aug. 17



The name “Smilo and the Ghost” is derived from Tyler’s last name and the way he creates songs. “I’ve always said that I’m not quite sure where my ideas for songs come from, or how they get written,” explains Tyler. “Sometimes, it just seems like they appear or that something comes over me, like a spirit or ghost of sorts.”

By KATE BARTLETT

Founded in 2016, Erie PA based band Smilo and the Ghost has been playing festivals and venues in the area for over 9 years. They deliver hard-driving, old-time influenced folk-rock to crowds around the Northeast, and have opened for national acts including Dan + Shea and 10,000 Maniacs. The band will be playing at Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Music Festival on August 17.

Tyler Smilo started playing guitar when he was 17 years old. “I had a knack for playing around the campfire,” recalls Tyler. “I started out just casually playing, but eventually it became more serious.” He began song-writing in his mid-20’s seeking to further his creative outlet. “Nowadays, I’m fanatically writing songs,” says Tyler.

Tyler gained experience playing with various bands in and around Erie, some touring nationally. In

2016, he met current fellow band members at what he describes as a ‘legendary open mic night.’ Tyler met Adam McKillip (mandolin, vocals), Jassen Wilber (bass guitar) and Dominick DeCecco (banjo, vocals) at The Crooked Eye in Erie, PA. “It was somewhat serendipitous,” says Tyler. “We four really hit it off, and decided to get together for a second open mic night. Everything just evolved organically from there.”

Tyler describes Adam, Jassen and Dominick as music theorists with incredible talent, and accolades that attest to this. Jassen has toured the world with American blues guitarist Bernard Allison, while Adam and Dominick have gained vast expertise in various bands and teaching lessons. “The timing was right, and we’re a great fit,” says Tyler. “I write the songs, and these guys help arrange them. I’ve learned a lot from them and we’ve grown together as a band throughout the years.”

Over the past 9 years,

Smilo and the Ghost has played at various venues in and around the Erie area, along with several festivals and events. “If you can name it, we’ve probably played there,” laughs Tyler. “We enjoy the small venues, the back corner bars, just as much as the large festivals. It’s a different vibe, but we appreciate both in their own respect.” They’ve played in festivals around Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Their debut album, Ghost Writers, was voted one of the Top Three Albums of 2018. The band will be playing at Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival on August 17.

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Celebrating Mother’s Day Weekend in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACE

This weekend is Mother’s Day weekend. Take your mom out for dinner and some live music to celebrate the holiday with her. Read on to see what fun entertainment awaits you and your mom this weekend in Chautauqua County.

Thursday, May 8th - At Sunset Bay in Irving, **Cabana Sam’s** will be hosting its 2025 season opening party. **Live and Kickin’** will play fun party music starting at 7pm. The live music continues Saturday night with **Midnight Recovery** performing rock and country music at 7pm. On Sunday, take your mom there for a delicious meal, as Moms eat for free. Next weekend, Sunset Bay Beach Club will be opening too, so look for info on that in next week’s issue.

The Jamestown Community College campus will host the **JCC Spring Jam**, organized by the music department and performed by the JCC Rock Ensemble. The event, directed by Bill Eckstrom, will take place at the Robert Lee Sharman Theatre from 7pm to 9pm and will feature a variety of music.

Friday, May 9th - It’s **Customer Appreciation Night at Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing** in Westfield. There will be \$2 off of draft beers and glasses of certain wines. This week’s entertainment is **Tim Wright**.

Big Inlet Brewing

welcomes back **Jason Mirek** to perform at 6pm. Come on out with friends and family to listen to this talented musician entertain the crowd.

Dean Wells will be performing at the **Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown. Dean is a talented soloist who will play some of your favorite classic rock tunes starting at 6pm.

It’s **Movie Night at the Reg Lenna** in downtown Jamestown with the showing of *The Friend*. This is a touching movie based on a bestselling novel that features the relationship between Iris, starring Naomi Watts, and her Great Dane that she inherits from a beloved friend. The *Friend* starts at 7pm, and you can get tickets at reglenna.com.

The River Bar at the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** has a fun lineup of live entertainment this weekend. On Friday night **Patty Park** will be performing and on Saturday night, Western New York’s 80s band **Nerds Gone Wild** will be performing. They are sure to get you moving to the beat and dancing on your feet.

Saturday, May 10th - **Miranda Wilcox** returns to **Big Inlet Brewing**. Miranda is a talented young musician who performs a variety of genres and generations of cover music as well as originals starting at 5:30pm.

The **Busti Scoop and Grange** will be having **Campfire Junkie** perform at 6pm. Come listen to this talented soloist play a

variety of music.

Southern Tier Brewery in Lakewood is hosting **Big Logic Duo** from 4pm to 8pm. Bring your family out and enjoy the music by this talented duo while sipping on your favorite Southern Tier beverage.

Wicked Warrens Jamestown is hosting Summer Jam, which will be a combo of an open jam session and a variety show that may include other types of talent. Come and enjoy some delicious food from Wicked’s menu while enjoying the show that starts at 9pm.

Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown invites **Hooligan’s Holiday** to the stage. They perform a mix of music from the 70s through today’s current hits, starting at 10pm.

Sunday, May 11th – Bring your mom and come celebrate Mother’s Day in style at **Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing** in Westfield. There will be drink specials and a special performance by two local favorites, **Bill Ward and Adam McKillip**. This fun music starts at 1pm.

Continue the party with Mom at **Southern Tier Brewery** in Lakewood. **Tyler McClain** will be performing a variety of music from 4pm-7pm.

What a fun Mother’s Day weekend, full of entertainment, relaxation, and fun for all the moms to enjoy. Check out next week’s issue to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

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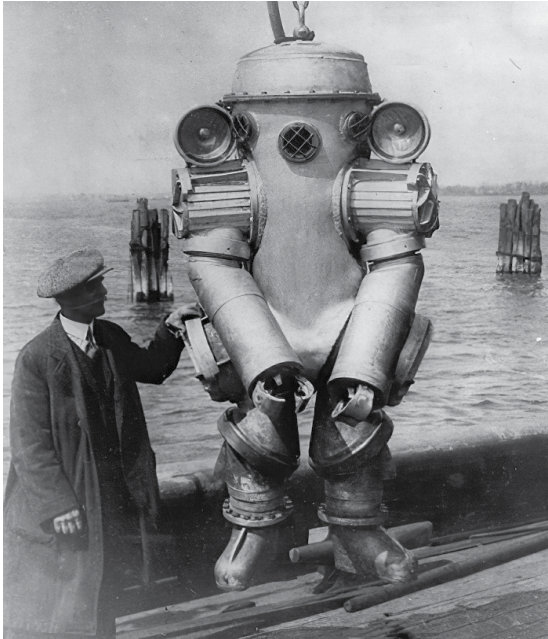
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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Maybe it'll stop raining in June, fortunately, there's plenty of music indoors. Let's see who's playing where?

THURSDAY

We start the never-ending weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burgers, Brews and Trivia from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with vouchers for first-third place.

The Gin Mill's Thursday music features Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a folk/bluegrass/roots/ country/rock set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are available on tap.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with The Major Thirds from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a rock/ pop/dance set of covers. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Mo Porter from 8-12am. This Buffalo band plays a rock/pop/alt/ oldies set of cover with an emphasis on the Doors. Check out the late kitchen open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

The Mill St Sports Pub is open from 4-2am hosting Tina Williams from 8-11pm. Tina plays a rock/ pop/country/alt set of covers and originals. This is a great place to watch all your sports with tv's galore.

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with Dj Persia from 9-2am, puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington. Check out the dart board and pool tables for you barroom athletes.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill's first out of the box with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This duo plays an Americana/ folk/country/rock set of covers and originals. Barnstorm takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays old and new country and rock covers. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with top shelf liquor.

We return to Balloons for The Prestige Worldwide Band from 6:30-10pm. This band plays rock covers from the 80-90's that is very danceable. Dj Kage will whip up some sauce so you can shake it like a boss from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia spinning the tunes from 9-2am. Squeezing out some juice so you can really cut loose. Plays stomp the bartender with those cocktails that require a blender and those little umbrellas.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird again with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband-and-wife act plays rock/pop/ folk/country/blues set of covers and originals featuring wicked guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Have an early dinner, late lunch or just do some day bringing.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order, pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime cooked to

your liking. This week's music is provided by Geno McManus from 5:30-8:30pm. Geno plays a rock/ pop set of covers. Mangia, mangia.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers to wash em down. This week's musical guest is Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. He plays a pop/ rock/alt/jazzy set of covers on the piano and vocals.

The Gin mill's Monday offering is Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a country/bluegrass/ rock/grunge set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Monday is Asian Night and Trivia at Mill St Sports Pub from 4-10pm. Asian inspired entrees with poke bowls or sushi, whatever the chef feels like. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for third-first place.

TUESDAY

Tuesday, The Gin Mill will host, The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF'er is joined by various musicians and plays blues and folk covers from the 60-70's.

If you know anything about the local music scene you know we end our week at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. That's how we've done it for 40+ years. The musical host is Brian Rick. He plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

We hope you enjoyed your time in Evl and that you return often with family and friends but whenever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUCSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

“What was the Last Compact Disc You Bought?”



Chris C.- Does Counting Crows August and Everything at a garage sale last summer count? \$1 for a solid disc



Brooks L.- NOFX - Punk in Drublic bought it last summer after my boat ate my copy i had on tape.

Obsolescence has been a conspiracy for many products that are on the market and ones that have been. One thing that will never be obsolete (knock wood) is music. The forms of recorded music we have started with the wax cylinder and worked its way up to compact discs in the hand held form. Now the music is all digitally recorded, remastered and rebooted. They still have the hand held versions of albums for sale, but it's not like the old days when we would go to a record store and buy vinyl, cassette tapes, 8-tracks, and/or CDs. The music the new generations have generally come from the internet, it's hard to comprehend how the artists and music corporations make their millions, but they still do somehow. Subscriptions to streaming music sites and direct purchase of the albums to download are the new ways to own albums. It definitely frees up space for storing them. What was the last compact disc you bought?



Brian C.- Tom Waits-Frank's Wild Years. I just bought it a couple weeks ago on discogs-thinking it was an LP, but it was a CD by mistake. *palm face!



Lakota L.- Merle Haggard -Anthology, and Metallica- Ride the Lightning this year for my truck!



Leanna P.- Viscous Cycle. Skynyrd. For the third time. Kids kept taking it. Still stuck in the CD player in the truck.



Lisa I.- Donna The Buffalo!

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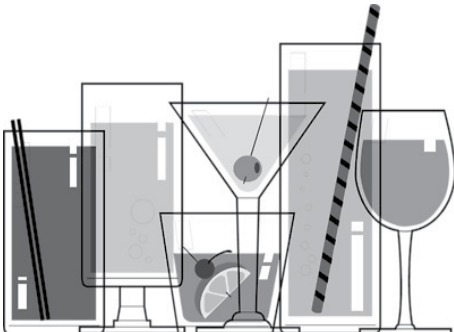
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

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

ArtScape

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Leslie Calimeri, the owner of the Chautauqua Art Gallery, stated, "We are excited to host the 3rd annual ArtScape program this year. The program has been well received by the community, and we look forward to continuing it as an exciting artistic event that engages the community in the appreciation of local art."

This year, the participating artists will include a mix of returning artists from previous years, as well as the addition of some newcomers. ArtScape is excited to announce a new youth category this year, inviting young artists under the age of eighteen to participate and share their creativity with the community.

Art submissions opened on December 1st, and the deadline was February 24th. This year, over three hundred wonderful pieces of artwork were submitted by talented artists. The artwork was judged anonymously by a panel of judges who are involved in the local art community. After careful consideration, sixty beautiful pieces of art were selected to be featured for the ArtScape banners. The artists were notified of their selection by mid-March.

The vibrant banners are created with replicas of the artwork displayed on them and are proudly displayed throughout the downtown area. The Jamestown City Park Department hangs these eye-catching banners on light posts in June, decorating the downtown streets. The banners will remain in place for the rest of the year.

On May 15th, there will be an opening reception to celebrate the artists and their artwork that have been chosen. This year's reception will take place at two locations. The first is the Chautauqua Gallery, located at 318 North Main Street, where opening remarks will be made, and it will then continue to the Pearl City Clay House at 220 East Second Street. You can visit both locations from 5pm to 7:30pm to enjoy the art and refreshments. The original pieces of artwork will be displayed at these locations until June 28th.

New this year, the ArtScape program will include several awards across different categories. While they are still finalizing the details about the prizes to be awarded, the winners can look forward to fun rewards like free art classes and memberships. Stay tuned for more information.

Frank Besse, the Executive Director of the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation, expressed enthusiasm for this year's ArtScape program, stating, "The JRC is excited about bringing in local talent to enhance the vibrancy of the downtown area and to support local artists. It's a fun opportunity for community engagement and great collaborations with the Chautauqua Art Gallery and the Jamestown Parks Department. We



Local artist Audrey Kay Dowling's banner downtown this year.
Photo/Susan Simmons.

would like to thank all the artists, sponsors, the Chautauqua Art Gallery, and the City of Jamestown Parks Department for their contributions in making this wonderful program possible."

ArtScape features an outdoor gallery experience in the heart of downtown Jamestown, showcasing the creativity of local artists of all ages and backgrounds. Art that is selected is reproduced on banners to be displayed in the downtown area. Park your car and take a stroll in downtown Jamestown this summer to enjoy the banners displayed throughout the area that enlighten and beautify the streets of downtown Jamestown.

For more information on the ArtScape program, you can go to jamestownrennaissance.org, and you can also visit the Facebook page of ArtScape Jamestown, Original Art Show and Artist Reception.

Smilo

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something comes over me, like a spirit or ghost of sorts."

Smilo and the Ghost plays an Americana country/rock sound with a blend of bluegrass inspired notes, but maintains a sound all their own. Tyler appreciates various styles of music, but resonates mostly with the styles of John Prime and Bob Dylan.

Tyler is inspired by the struggle of life, finding the beauty in it, and hoping to help others who may be experiencing similar things. "I've been clean from drugs and alcohol for almost 7 years," explains Tyler. "At times, I felt as though I felt life too deeply, and sought to escape these intense feelings through alcohol and drugs. I learned to harness these feelings and channel them into my songwriting. From my experiences, I have a massive well of deep feelings to write from, and I hope to help others through song. Music has been incredibly therapeutic for me, and I hope it can be helpful to others."

This spring and summer, the band is looking forward to continuing to play various festivals and venues in the area, along with launching their own annual music festival in Grove City, PA: Ghost Town on August 9 at Big Rail Brewing. "We are so excited to launch this festival," says Tyler. "We are thrilled to have an incredible lineup of regional and nationally renowned songwriters including Tommy Prime, Madison Hughes, Nicholas Jamerson, John Miller and more. It's all about great songs, good people and the kind of day you won't forget."

For more information visit smiloandtheghost.com, follow on social media. For tickets to see Smilo and the Ghost at Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Music Festival visit griffissculpturepark.org and for Ghost Town Music Festival visit simpletix.com.

Day Trip

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to one of these and a nice lunch afterward?

- Zoar Valley/Deer Lick Nature Sanctuary: due to its relatively undisturbed state and unique array of species, the Zoar Valley has been named the top conservation priority among Lake Erie's gorges.
- Nannen Arboretum, Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County flourishes with trees, herbs, flowers and a Japanese stone garden flourish at the Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County. (716) 699-2377
- Roger Tory Peterson Institute, Jamestown, Chautauqua County contains a butterfly garden, trails, wildlife art and nature photography abound on 27 acres at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown, Chautauqua County. 716-665-2473 Another pretty spot is the Jamestown Audubon Nature Center, a 600-acre nature sanctuary with 5 miles of nature trails and an interpretive building with nature exhibits. 716-569-2345.

Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History



Margaret Thatcher, 1925–2013
Margaret Thatcher was Britain's first female prime minister, who came to power at an unsettled time in the country's history, as it faced political disharmony and economic recession. Further trials, including the 1982 Falklands War and the conflict in Northern Ireland, helped to define her influential career.

Veteran's

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the therapeutic properties of these programs, as well as the camaraderie of being around fellow Veterans so we invite our guests to participate,” says Jennifer Nelsen, Secretary and Treasurer of Healing For Heroes. “We also respect their privacy and the power of solitude; everyone is different and we invite them to participate in as much or as little as they like.”

Tom recognizes the healing powers of nature. “I’ve always been a nature guy, but it wasn’t until after my time in service that I really realized the therapeutic benefits of the woods and connecting with nature,” says Tom. “Nature provides an incredible space to heal and it’s truly a grounding experience. I find peace and tranquility in the sounds, the smells and the solitude of being alone in the great outdoors. I always knew I wanted to create this space for Veterans to thoroughly enjoy themselves, relax, decompress, disconnect from the daily pressures of life, and enjoy the

camaraderie of being around other Veterans, that of which we all long for after separating from service. My intention for the retreat is for it to be fun and relaxing but also to provide healing for those who need it; as it can be critical to their recovery in returning from service. We aim to provide a safe space for Veterans to ground themselves. It’s peaceful, private and serene.”

Healing For Heroes has plans to renovate the two-story barn and cabins on the property in order to provide extra lodging to accommodate more veterans. They cannot achieve this without the support of the local communities and businesses both financially through donations and materials but also by volunteering time to help onsite. Currently, the property can host 3 single Veterans at a time, with hopes of accommodating 8+. They eventually would like to be able to accommodate families of Veterans as well once funding is secured.

Tom is grateful for all the support the organization has received thus far. “The Eagles Club has provided incredible support as annual, and

now monthly donors. “We’re grateful for the support we’ve received thus far. We’d consider ourselves in the infancy of our program, and we’re looking forward to helping many Veterans for many years to come.”

Anyone interested in supporting Healing For Heroes through financial donations and/or volunteer opportunities can contact us directly through Facebook at Healing For Heroes, email hfhbemuspoint@gmail.com or call (716) 602-5414, (716) 397-2632 or (415) 497-5840. Any Veteran interested in applying to take part in the retreat program or for more information on the Healing For Heroes Program in general can message us on Facebook or call any of the above mentioned phone numbers. “We encourage everyone to reach out for any assistance, as we aim to be a resource for all Veterans. We hope this is a step in the right direction to help those serving our country receive the care, recognition and respect they deserve.”

Healing For Heroes is actively seeking help with their website, as well as anyone interested in providing programming on site to Veterans.

Hotel Lenhart

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looking to stay close together,” says Jill.

The Hotel Lenhart is beautifully situated on Chautauqua Lake, with the front of the property allowing picturesque views of the sunset. It’s a classic landmark with rich history dating back 143 years ago.

Bill remarks that the new Hotel Lenhart will be a campus with a variety of attractions, including a chef’s table restaurant



and pairing center for wine tastings. “We’re looking forward to hosting many events here for locals and visitors alike,” says Bill. “We plan to have movies on the lawn and events

throughout the seasons.”

For more information, visit HotelLenhart.com follow on social media, email info@hotellenhart.com and follow The Villager for updates.

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LLC FILINGS

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

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

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF EYEFISHIN LLC - Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 28, 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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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWN OF MANSFIELD RESIDENTS BULKY TRASH PICK UP MONDAY MAY 19, 2025. PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS READY BY SUNDAY MAY 18, 2025. EACH ROAD WILL BE PICKED UP ONCE. LIMIT 10 ITEMS

WILL PICK UP: Dry Paint cans, Appliances: Stove, Dryer, Dishwasher, Furniture, Bulky Items **WILL NOT PICK UP:** Garbage, Batteries, Tires, Used Oil, Brush, Barbed Wire, Chemical, Hazardous Waste/Refrigerators, Automobiles, Dead Animals or Animal Waste, Construction Waste, Propane Cylinders, NO ELECTRONICS, De-humidifiers. People putting out trash for Town Pickup that is brought in from outside the Town of Mansfield may be Subject to Prosecution.

NOTICE - THE RESOLUTION, A SUMMARY OF WHICH IS PUBLISHED HEREWITH, HAS BEEN ADOPTED ON MARCH 31, 2025, and an abstract thereof has been published and posted as required by law and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of the notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Amy Hayward, Village Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 28, 2023 AND AMENDED MARCH 31, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,000 TO FINANCE THE VILLAGE’S SHARE OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,040,000, APPROPRIATING VILLAGE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$240,000 FOR THE VILLAGE’S SHARE OF SAID COST, AND STATING THAT THE \$800,000 BALANCE OF SAID COST SHALL BE FUNDED BY THE CATTARAUGUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is the construction of a new downtown parking lot at the estimated maximum cost of \$1,040,000, with \$800,000 of said cost to be funded by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development. The period of usefulness is ten (10) years.

The maximum amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$240,000.

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

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-Amy Hayward Village Clerk

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The object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is the acquisition and installation of replacement downtown streetlights, at the estimated maximum cost of \$285,000. The period of probable usefulness is five (5) years. The maximum amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$285,000. A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Ellicottville, Village Hall, One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York.

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING - VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES Please take notice that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2025 at 6PM. All speakers will have 3 minutes. ALL who attend will be able to speak. However, Please note, that only Village taxpayers, Village Residents and

/or Renters (renting and living in the Village) will have standing with the Board.

• The hearing is to provide Village Residents/Renters & Taxpayers with the opportunity to speak on the following items: • Proposed amendment to Section 11-12, Historic Preservation Appeals, in the Zoning Local Law • Proposal to over ride the NYS Tax Cap • Proposed 2025-26 Village Budget

Rules of Order for Public Hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is for the Board to receive opinions and questions from members of the public with respect to a specified topic/law, etc. Thus, those are asked to comply with the rules for conducting the hearing. Record of Attendance is required. Public attendees must sign in at the start of the meeting.

1. The chair will recognize the person(s) to speak. Please wait until recognized by the chair. 2. Comments should be limited to the topic of the hearing. Comments about other issues can be made during “public comment” of a regular meeting. 3. Comments should be prefaced with your name and address. You are asked to be clear and concise in your presentation out of consideration for other persons wishing to speak. 4. A hearing is not a debate between private parties or with the Board. Rather, it is a time for the board to hear viewpoints. Thus, you are asked to address the Village Board. You are asked not to address other members of the public. 5. The Board will attempt to answer questions but may have to delay response if information is not available.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE LEGAL NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that pursuant to the NYS Village Law §7-706 and Section 21 of the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville will hold a public hearing at the Ellicottville Town Hall, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731 on the 20 day of May, 2025 at 6:00 P.M., to consider a proposed amendment to Section 11-12, Historic Preservation Appeals, in the Zoning Local Law, as amended and adopted March 12, 2012.

The Village Board will hear all interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments at or prior to the public hearing. The proposed amendment is available for review at the Village Clerks office, 1 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prior to the public hearing, the amendment may be viewed on the Village website at www.Ellicottvillegov.com.

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LONESTAR

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GENTRY**
EDDIE MONTGOMERY
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

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7 PM**

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OUTDOOR LOT

**STEVE MILLER
BAND**

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