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Celebrating Memorial Day

Wear a Red Poppy this Decoration Day, May 26



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Beginning back in the 1900's, according to The American Legion, the significance of the red poppy flower arose during the Great War (WWI). The once bucolic fields around Flanders, Belgium, had been decimated by the bombardments of battle. Yet among the rubble and bloodshed, these brilliant beauties were able to bloom. Hence, the red poppy became a symbol of what was, for our lost veterans, the ultimate sacrifice.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Called "Decoration Day" into my adulthood, the day became "Memorial Day" in 1971. The first recognition of this day (as Decoration Day) was May

30, 1868 at Arlington Cemetery by Ohio Rep. James A. Garfield, a former general and future U. S. President (and several times Great+ grandfather-in-law

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New NFL League in Chautauqua

South County Flag Football at Southwestern



As a part of the NFL League Experience, The South County Flag Football League held a combine that mimicked the NFL's. It's been great working with the NFL," says Betsy Woleen, Community Relations and Marketing Director. "The process has been very smooth and organized. It's been exciting and we're ready to get our first season underway."

BY KATE BARTLETT

Chautauqua is home to the new South County NFL Flag Football team playing at Southwestern Central School in Lakewood. The team has 225

registered male and female players ranging from 1st-8th grade, with 18 teams in total. Betsy and Jordan Woleen were inspired to start an NFL Flag

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Enchanted Mountain Region

Spring into Summer; Plenty of Activities to Explore



Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto, NY offers a unique experience where art and nature come together in an open-air gallery complete with trails and events throughout the season (griffissculpturepark.org).

BY KATE BARTLETT

Spring into summer is a beautiful time of year in the Enchanted Mountain region. Visitors and locals alike can enjoy this area for various outdoor activities including hiking, biking, kayaking,

canoeing, exploring giant rock formations and sculptures, golfing, fishing, white water rafting, white water kayaking and more. The area offers motorsports to watch, mountain bike trails to explore, horseback

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May is National Bike Month

Buffalo Based GOBike's Initiatives



Join GOBike for their annual, iconic SkyRide on July 20. This year, they and Independent Health have worked to add the I-190 to the event for the first time ever. For more information, visit gobikebuffalo.org

BY KATE BARTLETT

May is Biking month and throughout Western New York, GOBike is raising awareness and advocating for active mobility options. Founded in 2010, GOBike works to ensure

public space belongs to all people and accommodates all types of mobility. Their education programs focus on road safety, they conduct their own infrastructure planning and

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Sneak Peek

Inside this Edition...

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Year of Heartfelt Progress for the Village Park



The winds of positive change are blowing through Ellicottville Village Park, carrying with them the promise of laughter, connection, and joyful play for all children. (Pictured: An initial creative rendering picturing "Mt Ellicottville" the general idea for the future Ellicottville Village Inclusive Playground.)

National Comedy Center New Exhibit

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias Cuts the Ribbon ... Pg. 7

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Special Event at Pine Junction, May 25

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BY DARLENE BRACE

Pine Junction is a charming restaurant venue located in the picturesque countryside near Sherman and Findley Lake. Surrounded by rolling hills, it sits in a lovely clearing with a warm and rustic atmosphere, with fresh air and sunshine filtering through the trees. Since owners Lonnie and Shirlee Pound opened their doors in 2006, it has become an increasingly popular destination for many. Because of its location, some folks say that half the fun is just the adventure of finding it!

The restaurant is open year-round and is a comfortable haven for snowmobilers during the winter months. Inside the restaurant, you'll discover two full bars and a spacious yet cozy dining area with a rustic wood design. It features plenty of seating options for both small and large

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New Short-Term Rental Law

Town of Ellicottville Adopts New Rules



BY DAVE PARKER

The regulatory landscape for short-term rentals (STRs) in the Town of Ellicottville has significantly changed with the formal adoption of Local Law 1-2025 on February 19, 2025. The new rules, which officially took effect approximately March 21, 2025 (30 days after filing with the New York Secretary of State), are designed to manage the burgeoning STR market, balancing tourism benefits with the preservation of community character and resident quality of life.

The journey to these new regulations involved considerable public input. A well-attended public hearing in late 2024 saw numerous residents and property owners voice diverse opinions, underscoring the community's deep engagement with the issue. Discussions highlighted concerns frequently associated with STR proliferation in popular destinations, including impacts on

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Publisher's Word

"Events are on the Rise; Much to be Grateful for..."

all the adventures and people that await you. The Chautauqua Art Trail is coming Memorial Day weekend which is just over a week away. Let us remember and be thankful for the freedoms so many have fought for. If it weren't for their courageous hearts, we wouldn't be blessed with such opportunities. Please take a moment of silence Monday, May 26 at 3pm to give your gratitude to their time in service for our country.

We are prepping for next week's Memorial Day edition. Our community has lined up an extensive calendar for you to share

in. If you haven't made your plans yet, mark your calendars now; Enjoy! There are many ways to make a plan for this season!

If you have an event or article idea you would like to share with our readers, please let us know! It's easy! Log on to www.thevillager.com and click "General Submissions" or give us a ring at (716) 699-2058; we look forward to sharing your ideas! Until next week, enjoy the read and the weekend!

Yours in writing -
Jeanine Caprino Zimmer
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Happy Birthday

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Cathy Pritchard... May 31st • Lauri Shults... May 31st

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214th Season Crossing The Narrows Bemus Point Stow Ferry Season's Maiden Voyage, May 23



Friday, May 23rd at 4pm you are welcomed to be a part of the history and join the first ride of the season.

Paint CHQ Apprenticeship Applications Training the Next Generation of Skilled Mural Artists



JAMESTOWN – Paint CHQ is proud to announce the launch of its Paint CHQ Apprenticeship Program, a hands-on initiative designed to equip individuals with the skills, knowledge, and real-world experience necessary to develop large-scale murals.

Local artists who are interested in learning more about how to install a mural may apply to participate in the Paint CHQ Mural Apprentice Program. The Paint CHQ Mural Apprentice Program will offer aspiring artists an opportunity to garner valuable experience installing large-scale mural. Applications are now open and will be accepted through June 1, 2025.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicant must be 18 or older, or have parental permission
- Applicant must reside in Chautauqua County, NY
- Applicant MUST be able to volunteer some hours to this apprentice program during Paint CHQ mural festival: September 7 – September 13, 2025

"This is an excellent resume builder for an aspiring muralist," said Alexandra Hall from A H Public Spaces Consulting, who's been brought in to oversee the Paint CHQ

initiative. "Apprentices will be paired with experienced muralists and asked to help assist in the mural installation during the mural festival. Apprentices may learn how to scale a design to fit a building, learn about different mediums, and expand their artist-network!"

Officially announced earlier this year, Paint CHQ is a new public art initiative intended to highlight and bring new interest to communities in Chautauqua County. The project is being coordinated by the Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG), in collaboration with the Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development. It will culminate with a County-wide festival the second week of September that involves the creation of large public murals in Dunkirk, Falconer, Sherman, and Westfield. As part of the initiative, Professional artists have been selected to create the artwork. Both the artists and the specific locations will be announced this summer.

The goals and purpose of Paint CHQ include highlighting community assets, embracing the value of public art investment, bringing visitors to Chautauqua

County communities, encouraging economic growth, building a foundation for more public art investment, and improving quality of place.

To sign up for the Apprenticeship Program or to learn more about the Paint CHQ Festival in September, visit ChooseCHQ.com/PaintCHQ. Inquiries about the program can also be sent via email to project coordinator Rebecca Wurster at WursterR@chqgov.com, or call 716-363-3620.

About CCPEG - The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) serves as the main convener of economic development partners and resources to advance key projects that achieve economic prosperity in Chautauqua County. It also serves as the catalyst and broker of resources for advancing economic prosperity efforts and is the central coordinating entity for the formation, retention, development, and attraction of quality jobs and advancements to the quality of life. It is an initiative of the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). For more information visit CHQPartnership.org.



Zonta Club Of Jamestown Donation Club Supports Girl Scouts of WNY with \$500 in Funding

Zontian Jodi Swindell presented a check for \$500 to Jina Costa at the Girl Scouts of Western New York. Zonta, whose mission is to build a better world for women and girls, proudly supports the work of the Girl Scouts for the young girls in our community. For more information about the Zonta Club of Jamestown go to www.zontajamestown.org.

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Rental

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neighborhood tranquility due to noise, parking congestion, and trash issues, as well as effects on the long-term housing market. The newly enacted law aims to provide a structured approach to these challenges.

Permit Now Mandatory for All Short-Term Rentals

A cornerstone of Local Law 1-2025 is the requirement for an annual Short-Term Rental Permit for any property rented within the Town for fewer than 30 consecutive days. This is a critical update for all STR operators. Property owners with existing short-term rentals established prior to the law's enactment must apply for this permit by approximately June 19, 2025 (90 days from the law's effective date), to work towards compliant operation. While the Town aims for all operators to meet this application deadline, it is understood that processing all applications may extend beyond this date. The Town encourages timely submission and anticipates exercising flexibility as it manages the initial influx of applications.

Key requirements for obtaining and maintaining an STR permit, detailed in the law and application materials on the Town's website (ellicottvillegov.com, under Planning & Zoning Documents), include:

- **Comprehensive Application:** Submission of detailed owner and operator contact information, proof of ownership, a site plan, a floor plan (showing bedrooms and emergency exits), and a dedicated parking plan

demonstrating sufficient off-street parking.

- **Designated Local Contact:** Designation of a local contact person available 24/7 who is capable of responding to the rental property within one hour to address any issues or complaints.

- **Safety Standards & Inspections:** Properties must pass an initial safety inspection by the Town's Building Official, with annual inspections required for permit renewal. This includes ensuring functioning smoke detectors (in each sleeping area and outside bedroom vicinities), carbon monoxide detectors (near sleeping areas and in rooms with fuel-burning appliances), and readily accessible fire extinguishers. All emergency egress routes must be clear.

- **Insurance Coverage:** Proof of liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.

- **Occupancy Limits:** Adherence to strict maximum occupancy limits, typically based on factors like septic system capacity and bedroom count. The law also sets limits for daytime guest numbers.

- **Operational Conduct:** Compliance with noise ordinances, proper trash and recycling disposal, and the display of the STR permit number on all advertisements.

- **Annual Fees:** An annual permit fee is required, with the structure set by Town Board resolution. The current fee is \$200 if the STR is the owner's primary residence and \$700 if it is a secondary residence. Enhanced Management and Enforcement

To support the administration of these new STR regulations, the Town of Ellicottville is leveraging specialized technology. As documented in the April 16, 2025, Town Board meeting agenda, funding of \$13,387.50 was approved

(contingent on attorney approval) for an agreement with Granicus Host Compliance for its short-term rental monitoring software. This system will aid in identifying STR properties, managing the permit process, overseeing compliance, and potentially supporting complaint resolution.

The Town's Code Enforcement Officer is tasked with upholding Local Law 1-2025. It is crucial for operators to understand that non-compliance can lead to significant enforcement actions. Violations of the ordinance, such as operating without a permit, exceeding occupancy limits, or failing to meet safety standards, can result in substantial penalties, including fines up to \$1,000 per instance for certain offenses. While the Code Enforcement Officer may opt to issue warnings in some situations, the law does not require an initial warning before penalties are applied. Enforcement actions are at the discretion of the Town and can be immediate, depending on the nature and severity of the violation. The Town also provides a Short-Term Rental Complaint Form on its website, allowing residents to formally report suspected violations.

This new legal framework underscores the Town of Ellicottville's commitment to fostering a balanced environment where STRs can exist harmoniously within the community. All property owners currently operating or considering operating short-term rentals are strongly advised to thoroughly review Local Law 1-2025 and contact the Town Clerk or Code Enforcement Officer for detailed guidance and to begin the permit application process without delay.



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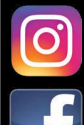
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Ellicottville Inclusive Playground

A Year of Heartfelt Progress for the Village Park (2024-2025)



Introducing the Rail Rider, often compared to a zip line, this swing attaches to an overhead rail that allows the riders to start from a launch pad and fly along the length of the track.

By JONAH MANN

The winds of positive change are blowing through Ellicottville Village Park, carrying with them the promise of laughter, connection, and joyful play for all children. What was once a traditional playground is now on the cusp of a vibrant transformation into an inclusive play space, thoughtfully designed to remove barriers and create an environment where kids of all abilities can learn, grow, and have fun side-by-side.

This initiative, spearheaded by a passionate group of local mothers, has captured the hearts of the Ellicottville community and beyond. With a resounding positive reception, the people of Ellicottville have embraced this lofty goal and rallied together to create a year of successful fundraising events to benefit the heart of our community, the Village Park. The past year

has been an extraordinary journey of community spirit and unwavering dedication all focused on bringing the vision of an inclusive playground to life. From the first Rummage Sale at the Nannen Arboretum in spring 2024 to the Rock City Fitness Class Weekend this past spring, the journey has been paved with countless acts of generosity. Support has been both regional with Give 716 Day and Cattaraugus Gives Day, as well as local with Ellicottville businesses stepping up to back this important cause.

Last summer brought a swing on the green, as the Bigfoot Park hosted a golf tournament that proudly designated the inclusive playground as its beneficiary. Golfers teed off with the knowledge that their participation would directly contribute to creating an accessible and engaging environment for Ellicottville's youngest residents. The thrill of

friendly competition took center stage with the first annual Pinewood Derby organized by Pat Morgan hosted at Madigans. Participants of all ages poured their creativity and engineering skills into crafting miniature race cars, and the cheers echoing from the track were amplified by the knowledge that the proceeds from this beloved event would directly benefit the playground.

The Autumn leaves brought the vibrant Fall Fest, orchestrated by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, also embraced the cause. A dedicated booth featured an enticing raffle, allowing festival-goers to contribute to the playground while enjoying the autumn festivities. This partnership highlighted the community-wide

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EVL-GV Trail Progress

Recent Fundraiser May 4 Added Momentum



By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Great plans are well underway for a sixteen-mile trail that will connect Ellicottville, Great Valley and Ashford Hollow, and extend to places such as the Holiday Valley Tubing

Park and Ellicottville Central School. It will be known as the Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail and the fund-raising committee behind its development is known as the EGVT Committee.

A fundraiser, The Second

Annual 5K TrailSquatch Trail Run, was held in Ellicottville on May 4th at HoliMont, America's largest private ski resort. The event at the all-season venue had a Star Wars theme, because “May the Fourth” sounds like the beginning of the well-known Star Wars line, “May the Force Be with You”. The photo promoting the run featured two people costumed like Sasquatches (legendary, giant, shaggy creatures), who resemble the alien “Star Wars” character Chewbacca.

From 10am-noon, the participants enjoyed the beautiful running trails, rides on the Expo Chairlift and the views from above.

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Holiday Valley Annual Donations

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Holiday Valley management conducted their annual donations on Thursday, May 8. \$11,500 was distributed to local youth programs and the Ellicottville Alley Katz beautification group. Funds were generated by the Holiday Valley Mountain Crew and Snowmakers at the Fall Festival chairlift rides and the Winter Carnival snowbar. Left to right: Dennis Eshbaugh, President of Holiday Valley with Dr. Kate Johnson Clark representing Ellicottville Youth Soccer, Todd Palmatier representing Little League Football, Joe Myers Holiday Valley IT Manager and representing Little League Baseball, Becky Kruszynski representing Great Valley Youth Program with Jim Curtis Director of Mountain Operations, Jane Eshbaugh Holiday Valley Marketing with Debbie Yantomasi representing Ellicottville Alley Katz.

Playground

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commitment to the project, weaving it into the fabric of local traditions. November saw the community lace up their running shoes for the Warrior Fitness Turkey Trot. Participants braved the crisp autumn air, knowing that their strides were contributing to a vital community asset. The energy and enthusiasm of the runners mirrored the growing excitement for the playground's completion. As winter settled in, the community found unique ways to support the project. Buffalo Bills Game Day Sundays hosted by Villaggio saw enthusiastic participation in raffles and 50/50 draws sponsored by Villaggio. Eight separate Sundays turned game-day excitement into tangible progress for the playground. Passion for the local team translated into collective support

for a shared community goal. The end of ski season brought the adrenaline-pumping Boardroom Banked organized by The Boardroom Snowboard Shop and hosted at Holiday Valley. This snowboard banked slalom race, drawing talented local athletes, proudly designated the inclusive playground as its beneficiary. With EBC generously sponsoring refreshments, the event showcased athletic prowess while fostering a strong sense of community support for inclusivity on the slopes and beyond. Looking back on the past year, the journey of funding the inclusive playground in Ellicottville Village Park has been a testament to the power of community collaboration fueled by the generosity and enthusiasm of residents and local organizations. The diverse and creative fundraising efforts, with only a subset mentioned here, have laid a strong foundation for a space where children of all abilities can play, learn, and grow together for years to come. The future



Fall Fest Booth with Ellicottville Playground Committee President Molly Timkey.

park opening will not just be the culmination of a construction project, but a celebration of a community that truly believes in inclusivity and the power of play for everyone. To donate directly, visit <https://unlimitedplay.org/inclusive-playgrounds/inclusive-playground-examples/ellicottville-new-york-playground>. There should be a "DONATE TO THIS PLAYGROUND" button or a similar option to make an online contribution.



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riding and is home to one of the largest old order Amish Communities in the state.

The Enchanted Mountains refers to all of Cattaraugus County, including Ellicottville and its surrounding attractions: Allegany State Park, New York’s largest state park offers miles of hiking trails, wildlife, scenic lakes and camping. Griffis Sculpture Park offers a unique experience where art and nature come together in an open-air gallery complete with trails and events throughout the season. Rock City Park and Little Rock City Park offer rock formations up to 3-stories high. Onoville Marina Park provides 90 miles of unspoiled shoreline. New York’s Amish Trail offers a simpler way of

life with over 200 Amish shops and rolling hills to discover. Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino provides a variety of entertainment and dining options, and nearby Seneca Iroquois National Museum gives a glimpse of Seneca-Iroquois culture.

This Spring, Brothers Osborne will perform at the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino on May 16 and Spring Along the Amish Trail is on May 17. “The Amish trail is open most days (excluding Sundays), but this is an event we feature in order to kick off the major Amish Trail tourism season,” says Samantha Hayes, Tourism Specialist for Cattaraugus County. “A lot of our English businesses offer additional discounts to visitors.” The 67th Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is on May 30, and Freedom Speedway kicks off with a season opener event on May 30 as well. For a full list of events visit EnchantedMountains.com/Events.

Samantha confirms that a new outdoor attraction is coming to the area, but is not able to release further information at this time. “We are very excited about this attraction, and will share more information as soon as we can!”

Samantha encourages visitors to explore the Enchanted Mountains. “It really is the perfect getaway, especially during the spring and summer months. Whether you’re looking for a new outdoor place to explore, paddle or camp, tasting fresh maple syrup, or wandering through sunlit woods, this is a place where you can breathe a little easier. It’s where memories are made. Pick your Enchanted Mountains adventure and start planning.” Formoreinformationvisit enchantedmountains.com, follow on social media, and look for upcoming articles in The Villager in print and online at thevillager.ny.com.



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engineering in partnership with local cities, towns, and villages, and they hope to create a transportation system that supports and protects everyone, whether travelling by bike, in a wheelchair, on foot or in a car.

Throughout the month of May, GObike is running a variety of workshops and events that are free and open to the public. Kevin Heffernan, Deputy Director of GObike, encourages everyone to get out on a bike this month, and is providing several opportunities to do so. “May is the perfect time to bike,” says Kevin. “We can help you get a bike in your hands, tuned up and ready to ride safely through the summer months.”

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GObike also works hard at providing bikes to those in need, with a volunteer night on Thursdays at 98 Colvin to work on bikes that will be donated to community groups for distribution to those in need. “We do this every Thursday throughout the year because our volunteers continue to come, eager to get their hands greasy to help give someone else the gift of mobility,” says Kevin.

The nonprofit works hard to construct and maintain safe roadways throughout Western New York. “We are always working towards a safer biking community through various modalities. We frequently run safety and bike maintenance education programs in schools and community organizations. We help plan and design safer trails, greenways, roads

and intersections, and advocate for improved traffic safety legislation.” GObike recently worked in the Dunkirk/Fredonia area on building out safe infrastructure, and is excited to be a part of the Southern tier Trail (STT) design and engineering efforts. “This trail is going to be a major asset to the area,” says Kevin. “This is an exciting phase to see come to fruition. Many people are familiar with feasibility studies. STT is one of the rare times these efforts graduate into design and engineering, with money in place for construction.”

Every Thursday, GObike will host a free, casual Bike Breakfast at various locations around Buffalo including Trinity Church Courtyard, Bicycle Bottle Shop, Fountain Plaza, Lexington Coop Market, and more. These gatherings are the perfect opportunity to mingle with fellow bikers, and help grow the biking community while

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Pine Junction
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groups, making it perfect for dinner gatherings of any size. The menu boasts a delicious variety of items, including BBQ ribs, Black Angus burgers, broasted chicken, pork chops, stir-fries, and chicken wings, among many others. Be sure to save room for their scrumptious homemade desserts!

This venue also features a spacious outdoor area that includes a large pavilion with a bar, a fire pit, and a grassy meadow. This beautiful setting is ideal for wedding ceremonies and receptions, as well as private parties and special events. The picturesque surroundings create a tranquil atmosphere, framed by forests and gardens, making it a lovely backdrop for photographs.

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Under the pavilion, there will also be live music performed by the premier country band Small Town Revolution. The band will play from 2-5pm, so don’t forget your dancing shoes.

The restaurant will be open and serving food from its menu. At the bars inside the restaurant and the pavilion bar, you find a variety of beer on tap, featuring craft beers and other drinks from local breweries like Bent Run, Hamburg Brewery, 1911 Distillery, and Southern Tier Brewing, to name a few. There will also be a full bar available and will include some special spring cocktails.

You will have the opportunity to check out the live chainsaw wood carving demonstration by Damian Skal. Watch as Damian creates stunning works of art with his chainsaw. He will be demonstrating his wood carving skills from the beginning of the event until the band starts playing. You’ll be able to purchase his beautifully carved artwork throughout the day. You don’t want to miss this!

While you browse the craft vendors and enjoy the live music, your children can play comfortably in this outdoor setting. There will be plenty of kid-oriented activities to keep them engaged, including temporary tattoos, face painting, tinsel hair wrapping, and 3D printing of plastic shapes. The spacious outdoor area is great for them to move around, dance, and have fun.

Pine Junction will be hosting other events throughout the summer and beyond. Be sure to mark your calendars for their Father’s Day Car Show on June 15th, taking place from 11am to 4pm. Additionally, the 5th Annual Don’t Tell Shirley Concert in the Pines will take place on July 23rd.

Pine Junction is located at 9757 Bailey Hill Rd in Sherman and is open from 11am-10pm, Wednesday through Sunday. It features delicious food and has fun events, and it’s the perfect venue for private gatherings, making it a popular destination year-round. For more information about the Drafts and Crafts festival, Pine Junction restaurant, and their venue rentals and events, please visit pinejunction.com or check their Facebook page for updates.

Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias Cuts the Ribbon
National Comedy Center Opens New Exhibit



Photos/Jon-Elder



The National Comedy Center opened its newest exhibit featuring Gabriel “Fluffy” Iglesias’ iconic 1959 VW Bus from his record-breaking Stadium Fluffy special with a ribbon-cutting last Thursday, May 8, with Gabriel Iglesias himself on hand to officially unveil the display. This vintage VW Bus from Iglesias’ personal collection, is a fan-favorite centerpiece of Iglesias’ historic Dodger Stadium performance, and is now on display for the first time as part of the Comedy Center’s museum experience in a new exhibit gallery.

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Music Spotlight: **Ieda Family Concert, May 30**

Ellicottville Family Continues Musical Tradition



Pictured here is eldest son, James Ieda, his wife Anneke and their children. son Martin and daughter Victoria who is off to Oberlin College in Ohio this fall. All violinists, they created a family string quartet and, during COVID, they entertained their neighbors with driveway concerts.

By CAROL FISHER LINN

Enjoy a free meal and classical music in the coziness of the Ieda family home.

What is it about music that can heal or sometimes just take your breath away? I hear “Imagine” by the Beatles and I truly want to weep. “Imagine all the people, living life in peace ...”. Being Polish, nothing gets my spirit flying more than hearing (I know I should mention Chopin here, but...) a polka played on an accordion. My favorite piece of classical music is The Moldau by Smetena – through the mastery and mystery of music, this Bohemian composer created the sounds and imagery of the flow of the Vltava River (German-Moldau) from its mountain source, trickling through the Bohemian forest then building up strength in the Czech countryside, and finally into the city of Prague. Ahh, music! The story Smetena told in notes

and chords, in clapping cymbals, thunderous drums and birdlike flutes would have taken a full chapter in a book where the writer might try to describe the timid trickling birth, the growing strength, the raging power and finally the calm, yet powerful movement as it merges with the Elbe River and ultimately finds its way to the North Sea. Those words seem clumsy and ineffective – the music is magic.

I like the way music makes me feel. I can feel the emotion behind each piece. It makes my heart feel full. In Ellicottville, we don’t often get an opportunity to enjoy an evening of the classics. When an opportunity presents itself, those persons who enjoy that music genre would be wise to take advantage.

With that introduction, everyone is invited to a free night of the classics with the Ieda Family at Annette Ieda’s home on 6932 Horn Hill Road. Many of you know Annette as the organist and musical director at Holy Name

of Mary Church, or if you were at my wedding (and many others in the community) you would have heard and seen her at the organ playing Pachelbel’s “Canon in D”) Vivaldi’s “Spring,” or Mendelssohn’s “Wedding March.” She may turn up at a nursing home with her harp, or at art gallery openings, church fundraisers, or even those at the local SPCA.

Ieda is a member of the Salamanca Euterpean Music Club, the oldest federated music club in NYS, founded in 1893 by eight musically gifted women in Salamanca, NY. Meeting three of four times a year at the Salamanca Senior Center; they continue to produce programs and continue to research and study all things music. Ieda’s concert is part of her commitment to her club and its generous scholarship support of young musicians pursuing their advanced degrees.

The Ieda Family will perform:
• Horn Quintet in Eb K. 407 by W. A. Mozart featuring Victoria Ieda on horn
• Cello Sonata in e minor by Johannes Brahms featuring Martin Ieda on cello
• Concerto No. 2 in d minor by Henryk Wieniawski featuring Victoria Ieda on violin

The family will perform two additional selections as a string quartet, including a folk tune arranged by the “Danish String Quartet.”

The Ieda family has been performing together on Horn Hill Road for over 10 years. Annette and Jim Ieda retired from teaching music and moved to Ellicottville

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Springing Into Spring in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACE

Now that it’s the middle of May, spring is in full bloom. Enjoy the spring-like weather and get out and about and see what’s happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday, May 15th - At the Winter Garden Plaza, located at 313 North Main Street in downtown Jamestown, the entertainment of the “**Third Thursdays**” returns from May to September at 6pm. Enjoy live music and other entertainment with drinks available from the Wine Cellar’s patio. This Thursday, **Madness Most Discreet** will present “Moonlight Revels,” an immersive adaptation of A Midsummer Night’s Dream, with performances at 6pm and 8pm.

Friday, May 16th - Big Sauce Trio will be performing at the **Southern Tier Brewery**, starting at 6pm. Enjoy a cold Southern Tier beverage as you listen to them play a fun mix of classic tunes that everyone knows and loves.

Friday is **Customer Appreciation Night at Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing** in Westfield. There will be \$2 off draft beer and other drink specials. The entertainment this week will be **Nick Slagle**, who will start performing at 5pm.

Wicked Warren’s Jamestown is one of the new hot spots for entertainment in the area. They will be hosting a

Dueling Pianos (18+) show at 7pm. This will be a fun evening of music that is inspired by the audience’s requests and participation. Join them for a delicious meal while watching this entertaining show.

At the **Route Five Event Center** on Lakeshore Drive in Dunkirk, Ion Sky’s lead singer, **Tara Graves**, will be performing in a Melissa Etheridge tribute band called Silent Legacy. The doors open at 7, and this unforgettable show starts at 8pm.

At **EBC** in Bemus Point, you can enjoy dinner or drinks overlooking the lake while listening to **Tim Britt** perform from 6pm-9pm. Watch the sunset over the lake while listening to this talented soloist.

Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back singer/songwriter **Michael Gerholdt** to perform at 6pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy your favorite beverage while listening to Michael play some familiar covers as well as some originals.

In Salamanca, the **Seneca Allegheny Casino’s Event Center** will host an exciting concert by **Brothers Osborne** at 7pm. The award-winning brothers John and JT will entertain the crowd as they play a mix of progressive yet classic country music. After the concert, continue to party at the casino’s River Bar, where **Brother James** will be entertaining the crowd until 11pm. Then on Saturday night, the

Tommy Z Band will play at the River Bar from 7pm-11pm.

Saturday, May 17th – In downtown Jamestown, **Shawbucks** welcomes back **We Speak Canadian** to their stage. They put their spin on popular rock and pop hits that will get the crowd moving to the beat. This band usually draws a crowd, and it’s sure to be a fun night out, starting at 10pm.

Tyler McClain returns to perform at **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood. Tyler plays a variety of genres of music that you will enjoy while eating a delicious entrée or appetizer from their amazing menu.

It’s **Public Day at Southern Tier Brewery and Distillery** in Lakewood. The brewery has live music all day, starting with **Brown Dog Acoustics** from 11am-2pm, **White Bronco** from 3pm-6pm, and **Smackdab** from 7pm-10pm. Across the street, the distillery will have **Kody and Herren** from 5pm-8pm.

The Hallow Society will be performing at the **Bull Frog** in Jamestown. These talented musicians will perform from 7pm-10pm, and they play mostly original music.

By next week, it will be Memorial Day weekend, which many consider the sign of the approaching summer. Check out next week’s issue to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

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Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

As we approach Memorial Day, the music scene will get busier but there's still plenty to choose from, let's see who's playing where.

THURSDAY

The seven-day week-end kicks off Thursday at Balloons with Burgers, Brews and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice on any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for first-third place.

Thursday, The Gin Mill hosts one of the area's most popular groups, The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife duo plays a rock/country/pop/ folk/blues set of covers and originals featuring soaring guitar solos and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY

Balloons returns with The Pat Harrington Trio from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a blues/rock/county/roots set of covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will rock the sound booth whipping up some sauce so you can shake it like a boss from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron have been entertaining folks in the southern tier for as long as I can remember. They play a rock/folk/pop/blues/country set of covers to get you moving. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Kage from 9-2am layin down

the crunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with The Campfire Junkie from 2-5pm. He plays classic and modern country/rock/prog/folk covers and originals. Live-n-Kickin takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays a rock/pop set of danceable covers. Try The Carriage House Side-bar for some craft cocktails made with high-end spirits.

On the other end of Monroe Street Balloons hosts Dad Vibes from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a hard rock/alt/ Nu-Metal set of covers. Dj KT Stylez returns to the sound booth for some thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

Madigans joins the party with the return of Dj Kage spreading the sauce so can dance like a boss from 9-2am. Check out the pool tables and dartboard for you barroom athletes.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with Kody and Heren from 2-5pm. This duo plays a folk /bluegrass/ americana set of covers and originals. Check out the kitchen open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Made to order pasta with your favorite toppings or succulent prime rib cooked the way you like. This week's musical host is Alexander James from 6:30-8:30pm. He plays a rock/pop/alt set

of covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a nice selection of craft beer to wash em down with. The music will be provided by Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. These two fellows play a blues/country/ folk/rock set of covers and originals.

MONDAY

The Gin Mill's Monday music is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and modern country and classic and southern rock and welcomes requests. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

Monday, Mill St Sports Pub hosts Asian Night with Trivia from 4-10pm. Asian entrees, Poke, or sushi. Whatever the chef is in the mood for. Trivia starts at 7pm and also awards cash vouchers for first-third place.

TUESDAY

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with The Hick Ups, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This group of local musicians, who have jammed together for over ten years, play a blue-grass/roots/ country set of covers.

WEDNESDAY

We end the seven-day weekend as we have for over 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beers on tap and Brian Rick providing the music. Brian plats a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

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

Beat on the Street:

“What was Your Favorite School Lunch?”



Cheri R.- Sloppy joes. Gingerbread cake with lemon glaze.



Melissa R.- Pizza burgers!!! I used to trade my sack lunches for them!

Some of us grew up with the stigma that cafeteria food was not good. Television and movies showed slop being plopped on a tray for students and inmates, but that's not how it really was. I was always first in line at lunch time and I ate all my food. I thought it was all good, and as we got older we had choices too. That lunch tray with the five places for the different foods, main entree, potato, vegetable, dessert and milk. Sometimes the dessert was applesauce and sometimes it was chocolate pudding. We had a choice of whole milk, 2% or chocolate and they always had burgers if you didn't want the scheduled lunch of the day. Some kids would get a burger and the "special", and just hold the burger under the tray so the cashier didn't see it. Growing kids needed more sustenance and rarely had extra cash. What was your favorite school lunch?



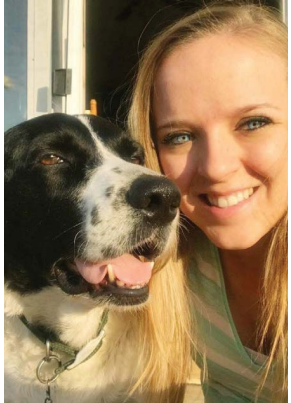
Travis H.- I liked everything that Mr. Carson made! I'd have to say that my favorites were either the beef stew on biscuits or the chicken on biscuits.



Jennifer L.- Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches!



James J.- Pizza Burgers or A spaghetti sandwich w/ the buttered bread... carbo loading!!



Jen H.- Little valley central used to make "Little Mac's" that mimicked the Big Mac-bangin!

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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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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:

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NFL

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Football team after sharing in their daughters' love for the sport. Both Payton (8) and Grace (10) have been playing flag football from a young age, and they found themselves driving great distances to support her. "Both girls played for the NFL team in Fredonia," says Betsy. "They loved the experience, so we decided to bring it to our hometown of Lakewood."

Jordan serves as Executive Director, Betsy as Community Relations and Marketing, and Patricia Eckwahl as Treasurer for the 501c3 non-profit South County Flag Football League. "We are looking to build up the team board, but decided to start small our first season," says Betsy. The team has 225 registered players for their first season, and the excitement is contagious.


The NFL has provided support and guidance throughout the start-up process, and has appointed a liaison for their first season. "It's been great working with the NFL," says Betsy. "The process has been very smooth and organized. It's been exciting and we're ready to get our first season underway."

As a part of the NFL League Experience, The South County Flag Football League held a combine that mimicked the NFL's. "It was an opportunity to get the players on the field, and it helped us see their skills and create fair teams." South County Flag will also hold a draft party when they announce the player's teams. "It's a fun process; it really builds the excitement and makes it more fun." Prize tables are at each event, awarding necessary equipment (gloves, turf tape, mouthguards) for players.

During the season, teams will play each other on the Southwestern Central School Fields, starting June 28th for 5 consecutive weekends. "The athletic complex is top-notch," says Betsy. "The games will be upbeat with a DJ, photographer, and excitement throughout the games. It's the full NFL experience with touchdown dances; players have been practicing their drip."

The League is grateful for the community support they've received thus far, especially the 22 community sponsors and dozens of coaches and volunteers. "We are overwhelmed by the support we've received, and we're looking forward to a great first season. "We invite everyone to come out to experience NFL Flag Football, says Betsy." Games are free and open to the public.

Formoreinformationand full schedule visit <https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/southcountyflag>.



Trail

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There were two categories: the Adult Open and the Open Junior Class, and over ninety participants came from areas all around. They included: Allegany, Buffalo, Bradford, Cheektowaga, Clarence center, Coudersport, Cuba, Ellicottville, Franklinville, Gowanda, Hamburg, Irving, Little Valley, Mayville, Olean, Perry, Randolph, and Springville. Each one received a trucker hat, medal and admission to the post-race party at the conclusion.

"The event was a great success, even with the weather!", said Kristen Sciarra, a board member of the EVGV Trail Committee. "We are so appreciative of HoliMont and all of our sponsors, for everything they do to make this event happen. We have a great group of Committee members as well, that volunteer their time not only to the event but also to moving the trail development forward."

The EVGT Trail is meant to showcase the beauty of Ellicottville and all summer and winter activities, and could be groomed for cross-country skiing, fat biking and anything non-motorized. Primarily it is intended to give bikers, runners and walkers a better option than having to travel on the sides of roads. The hazardous conditions along Highway 219 encountered by students biking or walking to Ellicottville Central School, and other travelers there, can be seen on the website <https://evgvtrail.org>. The progress of the EVGV Trail can be followed on Facebook. Part of the Southern Tier Trail, it is currently in the design phase. The Southern Tier Trail will connect the Erie-Catt Rail Trail in Ashford, looping down 52 miles through Cattaraugus County to the Genesee Valley Greenway in Hinsdale. It would also connect Ellicottville to the 750-mile Empire State Trail.

The EVGV Trail Committee is really excited about the progress we are making on the trail" said Kate O'Stricker, Senior Development Specialist for the Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism. "We are fortunate to be able to work with the Southern Tier Trail on the design. This is a huge step for us, towards construction". To donate online to the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation for the development of the trail, go to cattfoundation.fcsuite.com. The Southern Tier Trail grant is funding all of the alignment and design work for the EVGT System, and the committee has applied for more grants to build sections through Ellicottville's town park and arboretum. All donations will secure matching finds to help get grants.

GObike

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excited about going to school. We encourage everyone to start small, and keep safety in mind." Reach out to Daniel Clark, education manager, for tips on forming a bike to school day at daniel@gobikebuffalo.org.

GObike believes that biking improves mental health by getting outside and being active. "May is the perfect month to celebrate biking," says Kevin. "It's the right time to get set up for a good summer. Get those bikes tuned up, get out and ride! It's also a great time to assess if you really need your car to get places. Biking is great for your health and the environment."

Join GObike for their annual, iconic SkyRide on July 20. This year, they and Independent Health have worked to add the I-190 to the event for the first time ever. For more information, visit gobikebuffalo.org.

Ieda

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to teach snowboarding at Holiday Valley in 2002. After Jim died in 2019 and COVID hit in 2000 the performances stopped. Now, they are back. Both their sons' Christopher and James' families have performed with the Sr. Iedas at their annual Chamber Concert called "The Ieda Family Players." The adult children would play piano quartets (violin, viola, cello, and piano) with their parents and the young grandchildren would play solos. Now, with the third generation coming through the ranks (Imagine!), the grandchildren, now accomplished teenaged musicians, will be the solo featured artists, but the entire family will all be engaged in some group selections. All the members of this amazing musical family are skilled musicians, right down to the youngest. Their biographies are impressive but more importantly, they create the magic of music, and that's what this event is all about.

Did I tell you this is a potluck? The free event will take place on Friday evening, May 30 at 6932 Horn Hill Road, Ellicottville. The only requirement is that you call Annette Ieda at 716-912-3512 to reserve a spot. The potluck dinner will begin at 6pm and the concert will begin after dinner, at around 7-8pm. Admission is free.

***"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which it is impossible to be silent."* Victor Hugo**

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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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.

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.

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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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Memorial Day

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of Ellicottville’s Jenna Rogan Garfield). He gave a speech extolling Americans to honor their war dead. At the end, the more than 5,000 persons present went into the cemetery to pay homage to the thousands of graves in the newly established Arlington National Cemetery, many with flowers to decorate the graves. The amount of carnage in the Civil War was likely the cause for this acute awareness and need to pay homage. In all the previous conflicts fought by the U. S. casualties did not add up to the number lost in the Civil War.

The GAR (Grand Old Army of the Republic) adopted it as an official Day of Remembrance – honoring the Civil War’s dead with flags and flowers on the graves of Union soldiers. Research shows that the war victims in the south were also honored ... in Charleston, S. Carolina (5.1.1865) the recently freed black populous sponsored a 10,000 strong parade to honor 257 Union soldiers who had been buried in a mass grave at the Washington Racecourse, having died at the Confederate prison camp located there. These freed black people unearthed them all, reburied them with honor and placed flowers at their graves. Eventually, all states adopted Decoration Day resolutions. After later wars, “Decoration Day” became “Memorial Day,” honoring all our fallen military including the 2400 plus troops lost in the Afghan conflict which ended a mere four years ago.

The name may have changed, but the honoring with flowers has not. Beginning back in the 1900’s, according to The American Legion, the significance of the red poppy flower arose during the Great War (WWI). The once bucolic fields around Flanders, Belgium, had been decimated by the bombardments of battle. Yet among the rubble and bloodshed, these brilliant beauties were able to bloom. Hence, the red poppy became a symbol of what was, for our lost veterans, the ultimate



Soldier places flag for Memorial Day at Arlington Cemetery. Memorial Day Flag Etiquette: If you wish to place a small flag on a veteran’s grave, etiquette states that you place it one foot in front of the headstone, in the center. It should be removed after the holiday. Ask the cemetery director if someone there could remove it if you cannot return to do so.

sacrifice. In spring, 1915, a Lieutenant Colonel/battle surgeon John McCrae observed, first-hand what turned out to be the death of 87,000 Allied soldiers. Through all the carnage, he was struck by the red poppies that still blanketed the area. He was so touched that he wrote a poem, “In Flanders Fields,” speaking for those who had died. Later that year, it was published in a magazine and became the standout piece that emerged from World War I. By 1920 the first chapter of the American legion made the poppy its official flower in memory of those deceased warriors. Shortly after, the VFW began distributing them and then the American Legion did likewise. As the holiday approaches, you’ll notice these bright flowers everywhere: pinned onto clothing, tied onto rearview mirrors, or hanging in windows. Check with your local Legion and VFW auxiliary to see if they have them before Memorial day since the Friday before Memorial Day is National Poppy Day.

Did you know there is flag etiquette for Memorial

Day? Memorial Day has its own set of rules for flying your flag. According to the U.S. Department of Veterans, “On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff from sunrise until noon only, then raised briskly to the top of the staff until sunset, in honor of the nation’s battle heroes.” As for displaying the flag on your home, code says the union of the flag should be placed at the peak unless the flag is at half-staff. When it’s suspended from a rope extending from the building on a pole, the flag should be hoisted out from the building, union first.

If you wish to place a small flag on a veteran’s grave, etiquette states that you place it one foot in front of the headstone, in the center. It should be removed after the holiday. Ask the cemetery director if someone there could remove it if you cannot return to do so. Enjoy the holiday but please stop the festivities and take a moment at 3pm for sixty seconds of silence for our brave deceased veterans honoring them in the National Moment of Remembrance.

“In Flanders Fields”

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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Who was the first Rock and Roll Superstar? Elvis, of course!

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Kalpana Chawla (1962-2003)

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Happy Half Marathon - 5k & Beer Mile Last Saturday



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SENECA SPOTLIGHT

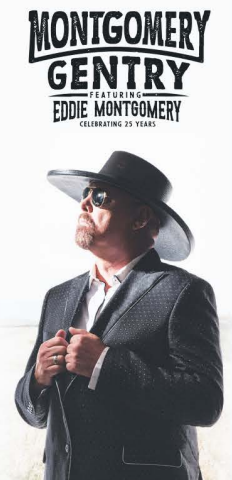

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