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The National Comedy Center

An Interactive Playground for Comedy Fans



By KATE BARTLETT

The National Comedy Center in Jamestown is stepping into their 7th full spring and summer season. Since opening in August 2018, the museum has grown each and every year, and has been named The Best Museum in the Country by *USA Today*, one of the World's Greatest Places by *TIME* Magazine, and most recently, the Best Museum in Western

New York by the *Buffalo News'* Best of 716 Awards. The museum continues to offer an immersive and interactive experience for comedy fans of all ages.

Gary Hahn, Vice President of Marketing and Communication for the National Comedy Center, says the cultural

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By DARLENE BRACE

In May of 2021, Pat Smeraldo and his wife Jill, along with Jim McElrath Jr, who are all educators in the community, founded a nonprofit organization called Collaborative Children's Solutions (CCS). Pat Smeraldo

serves as the President, Jill Smeraldo is the Treasurer, and Jim McGrath Jr. is the Vice President. This organization's primary mission is to collaborate with other local organizations to provide a variety of events,

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Riding for Roswell

Miracles of Roswell Park Cancer Center



Pictured: Debbie Stein, Dennis and Jane Eshbaugh at a benefit Ride for Roswell.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

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Ellicottville Farmers Market

Entering its Eighth Season in the Heart of E'Ville



By KATE BARTLETT

The Ellicottville Farmers Market is proudly entering its eighth season, continuing its mission to connect local farmers, artists, and small business owners with the Ellicottville community. The market takes place Fridays from 4-7pm on the lawn of the historic 1887 Building at 1 Washington Street. The 2025

season will begin on July 11 and run through August 29, the Friday before Labor Day weekend.

Founded in 2018 by Caitlin Croft and a small group of passionate community members, the market began as a modest gathering—just four weekends and a handful of local vendors. Over the years,

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The Ellicottville Distillery

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Going into their 9th year, The Ellicottville Distillery recently added a 1600-square-foot rick house which now houses over 150 barrels of aging spirits, the building grew by almost a third. What started with three bottled choices has now turned to ten.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Always something new at The Ellicottville Distillery. Did I mention you could find Bigfoot there?

Expect the unexpected in Ellicottville. One of the unexpected is a distillery out in the countryside. The Ellicottville Distillery, the first and longest running commercial distillery (in this century in Evl) harkens to one we found in exclusive Liepers Fork, outside of Nashville Tennessee. Found on a country road minutes from town, it reminded me of The Ellicottville

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The Bemus Point Inn

Owners Celebrate 16 Sweet Years



Some of the hardworking and dedicated staff at the Bemus Point Inn. Pictured, 1st row, ltr; Katie Reagle, Joan Miller, Amy Jo Catlett; Pictured, 2nd row, ltr: Danae Wilson, Alyssa Russo, Lindsay Coons, Laurie Miller, Danny Miller.

By DARLENE BRACE

The Bemus Point Inn proudly celebrates 16 years under the ownership of Dave and Laurie Miller, who took over this beloved local eatery on June 1, 2009. Originally established in 1946 by the Traynor and Winters families, "The Inn" has long been a staple in the Bemus Point community, and that tradition continues. Over the years, the Bemus Point Inn has undergone many changes, but its essence remains, featuring a welcoming

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Publisher’s Word

“Happy Memorial Day!”

your strong courage and efforts to serve our country. Thank you to the mothers and fathers who raised our men and women who serve. On this Holiday weekend please take time to remember what we are celebrating and why we have the opportunity to do so. We live in a great part of this country and the world, and our hardworking entrepreneurs, staff and communities have planned a lot of events for you to attend, just browse through these pages and keep a pen

and paper handy; we have a lot lined up for you. As always, if you have something you would like to share with our readers, please contact me directly at info@thevillager.com, call our offices: 716-699-2058, or simply go to www.thevillager.com and click the “General Submissions” tab, we are always looking forward to interesting news and events to share. Until next week, enjoy the read.
Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

Happy Birthday

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Rock the Lake Series

Summertime Concerts at Hartley Park in Lakewood

Lakewood Community Development Corporation (LCDC) is excited to announce Rock The Lake, a summertime concert series at Hartley Park in Lakewood, NY. LCDC is bringing the community together for an unforgettable summer of live music, lakefront fun - all for FREE!

Kicking off July 6, 2025, the series boasts four concerts throughout the summer, which will feature a dynamic lineup bringing something for everyone. Concertgoers can enjoy a relaxed, family-friendly atmosphere, from their boat or on the shore, with plenty of room to spread out, dance, and soak up the sun. Food trucks will also be on-site, providing local flavor. With Rock The Lake, LCDC is providing a space for neighbors to connect and the community to come enjoy the beautiful lakefront offered at Hartley Park.

Artist Lineup: • July 6 – Country Show with Sean Patrick McGraw & the James’s, also featuring The Dries from Nashville • July 27 – Hollywood Nights – Bob Seger Experience with opening act Interstate Daydream • August 10 – Rat Pack Show with a Barbra Streisand Tribute • August 24 – Brass Transit – Chicago Tribute with opening act Furious

Each concert will be held from 2-5pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and their best summer vibes. No tickets or registration are required. You can get more information on their website, <https://lccdn.org/>, or you can follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/lccdn>) and Instagram (@lccdnyny) to stay up to date on the show details and participate in our giveaways leading up to the show.

ABOUT THE LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:
The Lakewood Community Development Corporation is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Village of Lakewood, NY. LCDC



Lakewood’s Summer Soundtrack: Rock the Lake Concert Series

George played a key role in the 2004 Chautauque Avenue Renewal Project, along with many other infrastructure improvements, including the new playground at Hartley Park. Learn more about the LCDC at www.lccdn.org

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Skywalk Temporarily Closed

Landmark Full Reopening Expected Fall 2027

Kinzua Bridge State Park in McKean County is home to one of Pennsylvania’s most jaw-dropping landmarks, the Kinzua Skywalk. Once the tallest and longest railroad bridge in the world when it was built in 1882, the original viaduct stood 301 feet high and stretched more than 2,000 feet across the Kinzua Gorge. After a powerful tornado took out much of the bridge in 2003, the remains were transformed into something even more incredible: a glass-floored pedestrian skywalk that lets you stand at the edge of the broken span and look straight down into the gorge, with twisted steel towers still lying where they fell. It’s a wild blend of history, nature, and engineering, and standing out there gives you chills in the best way.

Right now, the Skywalk



is temporarily closed for major restoration, with crews working to reinforce and preserve the remaining structure. They’re adding steel, updating the railings and glass, and giving the whole thing a fresh life while keeping its epic feel intact. The full reopening is expected in fall 2027, but here’s the cool part: it will reopen briefly from

August 28 to October 31, 2025, just in time for peak fall foliage. Until then, the park’s visitor center is open year-round, and the surrounding trails still offer amazing views and that rugged, remote vibe the PA Wilds are known for. If you’ve never been, it’s absolutely worth the trip; part ghost structure, part sky-high adventure, and entirely unforgettable.

Cabana Sam’s Sunset Bay Grill & Beach Club



PHOTOS & ARTICLE
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Cabana Sam’s Sunset Bay Grill in Irving, NY, offers the best of both worlds: seats right at the beach, to enjoy the sun and scenery, plus tables with umbrellas for shade, and a menu and bar full of everyone’s favorite meals and beverages. There are weekly specials and events, and live music throughout the summer

season. This Saturday, May 24th at 8pm, the award-winning group Nerds Gone Wild, which won a Buffalo News’ Best of 716 Award, will add excitement to Memorial Day Weekend with their 80’s party music. There will be drink specials and prizes, and customers are encouraged to wear fad clothes from the 80’s. Besides burgers, seafood, steak, chicken, wraps and paninis, Cabana Sam’s offers exotic dishes such

as the Island Grouper Sandwich with Mango Mayo, Mango Grouper Salad, and the Smothered Grouper Platter. Monday nights offer “All You Can Eat”, and on Tuesday nights kids eat for one dollar from 4-9pm (with the purchase of an entree for an adult). Every Wednesday, ten wings are \$9.99 all day, while the Pasta Nights on Thursdays

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Come for the Music, Stay for the Magic, May 25



Join the Heron Tribe Sunday, May 25 for a joyful day of music, movement, and connection. This free, family-friendly event includes Nature & Wellness activities, Maypole decorating, drumming, dancing, and a cozy community potluck by the bonfire. Come for the day or stay with us for the whole Memorial Day weekend! This is a great opportunity to explore the land, meet our vibrant community, and learn how you can get involved behind the scenes.

Plus, catch a live set from St. Vith, a genre-blending indie rock band from the Finger Lakes, before they return to rock the GBH stage this summer! The Great Blue Heron Grounds are located at 2361 Waits Corners Road, Sherman, NY 14781. More information can be found at theheron.org.

Holiday Valley Mudslide
Annual Event, Saturday June 14



Why pay for a spa mud bath when you can earn your grime the hard way? Join us Saturday, June 14, for the Holiday Valley Mudslide...Western New York’s most delightfully dirty obstacle run. Choose your adventure: the 4.2-mile mostly downhill short course or the 6-mile long course. Either way, you’ll face 15 obstacles, scenic views, and enough mud to exfoliate your soul.

Ellicottville Annual Memorial Day Service

Sponsored by Ellicottville American Legion Post

11am, Monday, May 26, 2025 at The Gazebo. Speakers: Dale Dunkleman Mayor John Burrell and Maggie Fitzpatrick. Everyone is invited to gather afterwards for picnic food at the American Legion Post, 6500 Maples Road near the Ellicottville Park. *Red poppies can be picked up during May at the American Legion Post.

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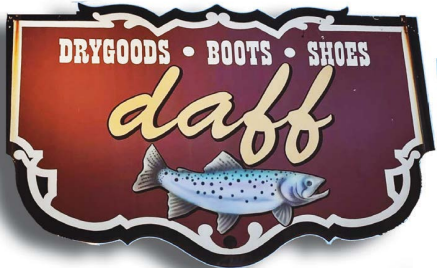
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Three Corners Bluegrass Festival

New Music Event to the Area in August



The headliner band is The Gibson Brothers, an upstate NY band who have been playing nationally for 30 years and have a huge following. The band has released 14 albums (available on Amazon). Their band has included Mike Barber, bass, who has played with the brothers since the beginning, as well as other outstanding musicians.

By KATE BARTLETT

New this year, the Three Corners Bluegrass Festival is a full day celebration of bluegrass music at the ANNEX in Chaffee on Sunday, August 10 from 10am-5pm.

The event location was previously Earl's Drive-In, an iconic restaurant and music venue owned and operated for 56 years by the late Earl Northrup, a lover of country, bluegrass and gospel music. Earl brought numerous artists to the music park such as Loretta Lynn, Boxcar Willie, Hank Williams and Bill Monroe, using the stage and pavilion he built for this purpose. Seven years ago, Jean Barnes helped initiate the Honeymoon Island Bluegrass Festival in Florida, and learning about the location history, became interested in a new festival at the location of Earl's Sunshine Music Park.

The ANNEX is an event and wedding venue on a nine-acre site on Route 16 in Chaffee, just north of the Cattaraugus/Erie County line. The festival is outside utilizing Earl's stage, a covered pavilion and lawn chair seating. The event is family-oriented with a Children's Area. Food and beverages will be available. The event is alcohol free. Guests are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs or blankets for a day of entertainment in this lovely setting. The name, Three Corners Bluegrass Festival, originates from the convergence of Erie, Wyoming, and Cattaraugus Counties.

The Three Corners Bluegrass Festival features 3 bands including 2 well-known NY bands, the Gibson Brothers, and Creek Bend Bluegrass Band, and Pythagoras, a student band from East Tennessee State University (ETSU).

The festival opens with

a performance by WNY Fiddle Kids, featuring Heather Pennington's fiddle students. "They are an incredibly talented group with an established fan base," explains Jean. "Their fall performance at the Sardinia Historical Museum filled the house!" The headliner band is The Gibson Brothers, an upstate NY band who have been playing nationally for 30 years and have a huge following. The band has released 14 albums (available on Amazon). Their band has included Mike Barber, bass, who has played with the brothers since the beginning, as well as other outstanding musicians.

The Gibson Brothers pair their lyrics with melodies that blend perfectly with the feeling of the words. "Both Leigh and Eric are deeply expressive singers, and powerful vocal soloists. When they sing together the effect is striking. The Gibsons' vocal blend is distinctive, instantly identifiable, and very much their own. They are known for their "brother harmony." The Gibson Brothers grew up on a family dairy farm near the Canadian Border in NY, and remain modest despite their great success. Their accolades include back-to-back International Bluegrass Music Association Entertainer of the Year awards.

Pythagoras are on tour this summer playing at various festivals around the country, including Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival in the Hudson Valley, and this festival in Chaffee. The band members are attending ETSU (East Tennessee State University) leading to a 4-year degree program in bluegrass.

Creek Bend Bluegrass Band is a Bluegrass band based in Buffalo, NY that has been serving up good, hot bluegrass music for

over thirty years. Led by Mark Panfil, his musical family and friends play in many locales in Western New York with fans and followers throughout the area. He also manages and promotes the Buffalo Bluegrass Youth Ensemble, encouraging future bluegrass musicians. Regional bluegrass happenings are posted on the calendar of BuffaloBluegrass.com, along with history of bluegrass in WNY.

The festival emphasizes the strengths of the farm country in the area and the special values placed on family and small-town values. "We are celebrating these values and emphasizing the qualities we are proud of. These values are associated with the kind of country style bluegrass whose lyrics touch our hearts and minds", including many of the Gibson Brothers songs.

Discussions last year of a potential festival at the tri-county location were supported by Sandy Pirdy at the Arcade Chamber. Sponsors for the event will help support the event, which will in turn benefit the community. The festival is managed by Three Corners Productions, a nonprofit 501©3. Proceeds will be used to support youth musical education in the tri-county area. Volunteers are sought to help publicize and organize the event in the tri-county area and help on the day of the event.

Jean encourages everyone to come out and enjoy the day. "Expect to have a nice time and go away with a good feeling and a bounce in your step. We hope the music from these talented bands will leave you looking forward to the next bluegrass festival."

For more information, visit ThreeCornersBluegrassFestival.com and follow on social media at Facebook Three Corners Bluegrass Festival | Chaffee NY - Facebook. Online tickets are available through Eventbrite.

Beach

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go from 4-9pm. Friday's Fish Frys are available all day, plus they're a dollar off before 5pm. Saturdays feature a two-for-one Prime Rib Special, and on Sundays, there's a brunch from 11:30am-2pm. Happy Hours are Monday-Wednesdays from 4-6pm, Thursdays from 4-9pm, Fridays from 4-6pm, and Saturdays from 2-4pm. Soft-serve ice cream desserts are

available at the outside counter, "Beaches and Cream".

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Cabana Sam's Sunset Bay Grill is located at

1028 South Shore in Irving, NY. For more information, go to sunsetbayusa.com, or call (716) 934-9953. The number of the Sunset Bay Beach Club, which shares the same address, is (716) 934-4847. Admission to the beach is \$5 for adults and free for children under ten. The beach is open daily from 10am-6pm, weather permitting, and lifeguards are there. From Memorial Day Weekend until Labor Day Weekend they are open from 11am-6pm. The sand is groomed every morning.

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Be a Part of the Art!



Pictured, Jane with the Holiday Valley ESR Team. The Empire State RIDE is a seven-day, 500+ Mile cycling adventure from New York City to Niagara Falls, July 27 to August 2. Each day's route will vary with the shortest ride day being 50-60 miles and the longest day at 100 miles. Riders cycle for an average of seven hours each day with rest stops about every 20 miles.

Ride

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that Roswell does is Jane Eshbaugh, retired Marketing Director at Holiday Valley (yet still involved part-time!). She is not alone. Jane is only one of many individuals in our community who have had to enter the Roswell Health System and fight the good fight. She is, again with the others, a bell ringer, a survivor of the dreaded “C” word. Jane wanted to share this following letter recounting her personal story and the way she found hope and a desire to fight on.

Here's part of what she has to say: “I’m still here and some say it’s a miracle. On April 1, 2022, I was told I have stage-four pancreatic cancer. Cancer sucks but pancreatic cancer really sucks. It’s very sneaky but luckily the doctors at Roswell are even sneakier (and smarter). Here it is, three years later and there is no evidence of disease in my scans thanks to chemo and immunotherapy and the watchful eye of Dr.

Since the Empire State Ride began in 2015, it has raised more than \$10 million for cancer research and clinical trials at the nation’s first cancer center dedicated to research: Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Fountzilas and the GI team. And thanks to my wonderful supportive family, friends and community. You all help me to remember to make the best of today and every day.”

“That’s why I’m riding in my 5th Empire State ride in 2025 to benefit Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and the research they conduct. I’m asking you to support my ride. Currently for every dollar donated Roswell receives an extra \$23 in external funding for cancer research. Follow this link and learn more about it.” <https://Empirestateride.com/fundraising-now-goes-23-times-further>

So, to better understand what the Empire State Ride (ESR) is that Jane has participated in even through aggressive treatment after they discovered her cancer, please read. (Jane and the Holiday Valley team had already participated for two

years before her diagnosis.) The event is a seven-day, 500+ Mile cycling adventure from New York City to Niagara Falls, July 27 to August 2. Each day's route will vary with the shortest ride day being 50-60 miles and the longest day at 100 miles. Riders cycle for an average of seven hours each day with rest stops about every 20 miles. See her video to see how this was accomplished with the help of her husband, Dennis, and the team (linked below). However, ESR is more than just a ride. Funds raised through this event are paving the way for the next generation of cancer care. Since ESR began in 2015, it has raised more than \$10 million for cancer research and clinical trials at the nation's first cancer center dedicated to research, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer

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Ride

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Center.

Jane continues in her note: “The fact that the ESR raises money for cancer research like immunotherapy means that I have directly benefitted from our fundraising. So, thank you all for helping me stay healthy and loving life. ALL donations are appreciated, no matter the amount. It all adds up to something greater than what any of us can accomplish on our own. Please join me to make a difference.

Read further why continued research is life-saving, particularly for Jane who had advanced pancreatic cancer : “It’s a very difficult cancer,” says Maurie Markman, MD, President of Medicine & Science, City of Hope

Cancer Centers Atlanta, Chicago and Phoenix. “The location of the pancreas, including being surrounded by a number of vital structures, makes pancreatic cancer difficult to both diagnose and treat surgically. Plus, pancreas cancers are, for a variety of reasons, quite resistant to most available systemic anti-cancer agents.” Remember Jane said the disease is very sneaky but in her case the doctors were smarter – and had advanced immunotherapy drugs at their disposal. She was fortunate and in the right place at the right time. Her brand of cancer is rarely found until it reaches stage 4. Most have no known traditional treatment. Surgery is often impossible. The tumors hide where chemo drugs can’t penetrate. But, as she said, her docs were smarter and they had life-saving drugs 50 miles from home instead of across the

country. So, if you are still wondering if you should support her Empire State Ride, hopefully this new knowledge will help you decide yes. After all, who’s to say who might be next to have to use the genius at Roswell to help them also ring the bell saying they won the battle – you can help them by supporting Jane and her team and ESR. Jane also reminds us that she rides in another ride, Ride for Roswell, a one-day, 100-mile ride on June 28th. Although she puts most of her fundraising efforts into fundraising for the Empire State Ride, she welcomes donations for either event, since they all go into the same pot for groundbreaking cancer research. www.rideforroswell.org Read about Jane’s cancer journey here: <https://empirestateride.com/adventure-cyclist-fights-pancreatic-cancer/>



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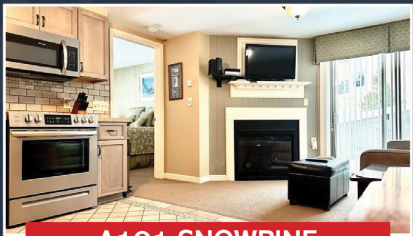


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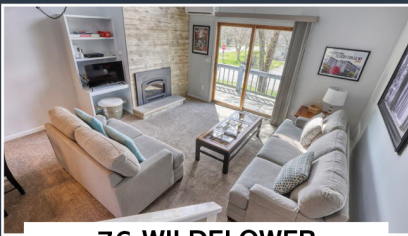
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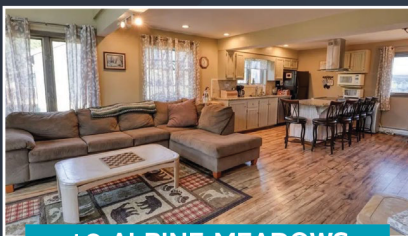
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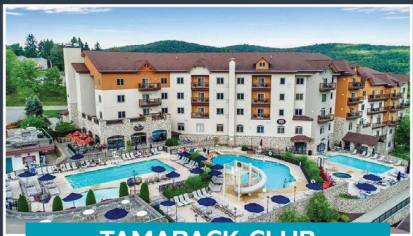
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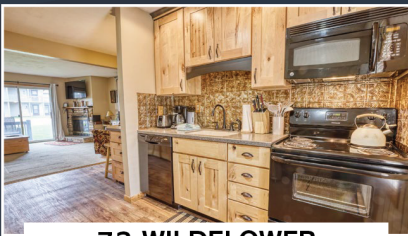
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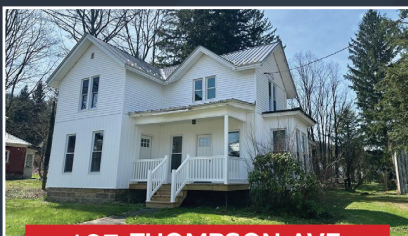
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The extensive Robbins Road property allowed The Ellicottville Distillery to lease some of the land to Ellicottville friend and native as well as contributor to The Villager, Chad Neal (pictured) to build his own dream – a Park Golf course which he calls Bigfoot Park Golf. Neal opened in 2024 with a grand opening on June 14th. The course, 18 holes, covers around six acres.

Distillery

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Distillery: away from the crowds and hustle, close to town, a bucolic setting amid the hills with wildflowers, sunflowers, rolling fields and a meandering creek.

The Ellicottville Distillery is located on 5462 Robbins Road off Route 242 heading into Ashford, a short four miles from the entrance to the village. Visitors will find a tasting room and full bar where guests can avail themselves to EBC beer, wine and the fine spirits made on the property by co-owner/distiller, Bryan Scharf. Co-owner and resident Agronomist,

Charlie Bares grows any crop they need suitable for making spirits: wheat, barley, corn, rye, etc. Using local land, Charlie manages the production of crops used in their products. Bryan then takes the freshly grown local grains, ferments them into an alcoholic mash and distills them using their custom-made German copper still. Their line of spirits, The Agronomist, represents their unique role

donation per week. It's a low-risk way for people to introduce their products to our community and see what resonates." There are no minimum week commitments, and vendors can sign up for one week or for the full season.

At its core, the market is about more than commerce—it's about connection. "My favorite part is watching people gather," Croft said. "Families visiting after work, kids running around the village, people meeting local producers. That's the soul of the market—bringing people together around fresh goods and local talent."

The Ellicottville Farmers Market will be held every Friday from July 11 through August 29, from 4-7pm, on the lawn of the 1887 Building at 1 Washington Street. The market will take place rain or shine.

local grains, ferments them into an alcoholic mash and distills them using their custom-made German copper still. Their line of spirits, The Agronomist, represents their unique role choices and now have ten. Their Agronomist brand can be found throughout the Southern Tier and into the Buffalo and Rochester areas. Scharf says he still enjoys selling one-on-one

Villager, Chad Neal to build his own dream – a Park Golf course which he calls Bigfoot Park Golf. Neal opened in 2024

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Pictured ltr: CCS TV Reporter Elora Watkins with Jay Sirianni (Brother of Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach) speaking on his brothers behalf at the 2025 Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Dinner. CCS TV cameraman Chase at the 2024 Jamestown NY Christmas in July game.

CCS-TV

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programs, and experiences that help children in the community reach their maximum potential. Many of these activities, such as the Christmas Jingle and Mingle Parade and Festival, and others have been organized in partnership with the City of Jamestown.

Another extension of CCS, launched in December 2023, is CCS-TV. The CCS team, along with their longtime friend and supporter, Justin Gould, who is a volunteer and former owner of WNY News Now as well as Chautauqua County's media information specialist, launched this new initiative. CCS-TV was created to engage Chautauqua County youth in responsible journalism, video production, and broadcasting.

CCS-TV is open to students aged 13 to 18 who live in Chautauqua County. They can get involved by joining CCS-TV's Community Kids Club, featuring adult volunteers as mentors. This club provides a dynamic platform for

young broadcasters to showcase their talents and gain practical experience through various projects, both small and large. Participants can conduct interviews with residents and produce a diverse range of programming, including news features, sports coverage, talk shows, game shows, and local special event broadcasts. CCS-TV is designed to empower young voices and inspire futures.

CCS-TV's broadcasting studio is located at 113 E. 2nd Street in downtown Jamestown, offering hands-on learning for these young broadcasters. Since its inception, the young broadcasters have conducted live coverage of events such as the Turn the River Green event for St. Patrick's Day, Christmas in July with the Tarp Skunks, and the Labor Day Festival last summer, as well as the Jamestown Holiday Parade in December.

Viewers can watch events live or view recorded live sessions later. These events are available for streaming on YouTube, Roku, Facebook, and the CCS-TV website. You can also access them through the CCS-TV mobile app, which you can download from the Apple App Store

or Google Play Store by searching for "CCS-TV." The app is compatible with both Apple and Android devices.

The popularity of the CCS-TV event broadcasting has truly begun to take off. In 2024, CCS-TV generated 159,000 views for the entire year. By May 2025, their viewership has already exceeded that number, surpassing 230,000 views. This remarkable growth reflects a surge in community engagement and support, with growing interest in the diverse programming that these young broadcasters are presenting.

Last year, one of the biggest events that CCS-TV covered was the Christmas in July celebration during the Tarp Skunks game at Diethrick Stadium. The event featured fireworks and was so successful last year that this year, CCS-TV will be broadcasting all 22 of the Tarp Skunks' home games throughout the season. The grand opening for this coverage will take place on May 29th, at the Tarp Skunk's first home game. Additionally, the Christmas in July event will be held again this year on

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The National Comedy Center will host their annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival August 7-10 --, a celebration of comedy's contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country. Over 50 live events will be presented over these four days including an evening with Jon Stewart (sold out), a stand-up showcase featuring music by Bill Murray and his Blood Brothers band, an on-stage discussion with Saturday Night Live head writer Streeter Seidell and cast member/writer Mikey Day (Inside Saturday Night Live), Comedy Late Night shows, Lucy-themed events, block parties, live music, and more.

Comedy

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institution continues to receive accolades from the media and from visitors because it's one of the most interactive and immersive museums in the country. "From day one, our mission was to create a museum experience as dynamic and personal as comedy itself. With our comedy profile technology, each guest enjoys a visit tailored to their unique sense of humor stored on a LaughBand -- whether it's observational stand-up, sketch, or satire. It's a choose-your-own-laugh adventure that makes every experience one of a kind."

While the museum continues to add exhibits, personalized experiences remain at the heart of every visit. Visitors can explore comedy's evolution on the 60-foot Comedy Continuum video wall, step

into the Stand-Up Lounge to hear legendary routines, or relax in the TV Living Room while enjoying classic sitcom moments. Guests can even take the spotlight themselves by performing stand-up on the Comedy Karaoke stage. The Johnny Carson Immersive Experience invites visitors to reflect on the legacy of the "King of Late Night," featuring Jimmy Fallon as the hologram host, while the Carl Reiner exhibit celebrates one of comedy's most influential creators and collaborators. For those 18 and older, the museum's Blue Room offers an uncensored look at comedy that pushes boundaries and sparks conversation.

Kids and teens can create their own cartoon characters and viral memes, step into classic movie and TV scenes using green screen technology or challenge a friend to a Laugh Battle to see who tells the best jokes, and more. It's no wonder that U.S. News & World Report named

the National Comedy Center a Top 25 Family Weekend Getaway in the country and Western New York Family Magazine praised the Center as a "Must See Destination... recommended for school-aged children and up."

From rare artifacts and behind-the-scenes stories to immersive exhibit experiences, the museum invites every guest to dive deep into the art of comedy in a way that matches their unique sense of humor. New artifacts on display include Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias' vintage VW Bus from his record-breaking Stadium Fluffy Netflix special, the first-ever comedy performance to sell out Dodger Stadium. Also featured is Joan Rivers' legendary file of 65,000 jokes, which impressively holds every joke she wrote across her fifty-year career,

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Mayville Depot Museum Grand Opening

Centennial Celebration, Saturday May 24

Saturday May 24, The Chautauqua Town Historical Society is hosting an open house, 1-5pm, at the Mayville Depot Museum, 16 Water Street, Mayville Lakeside Park. The event will celebrate the Centennial of the Mayville Depot, 1925-2025. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the afternoon.

The museum is open 1-5pm Fri-Sat-Sun, during the summer season, Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends. While admission to the Museum is free, modest donations are appreciated. Both annual and lifetime memberships to the Historical Society are also available. The annual membership is just \$5 per year. The Historical Society meets monthly from May to October with featured speakers in the Sid Compton Room of the Chautauqua Town Hall.

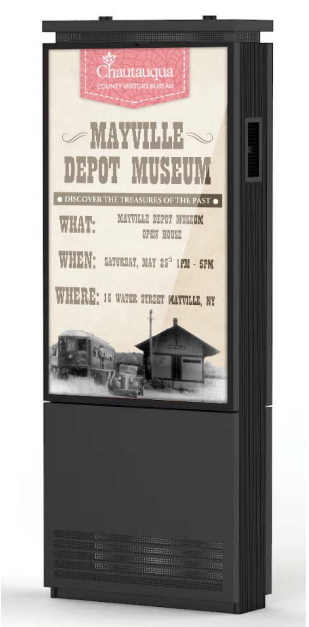
The event will also celebrate the successful completion of the funding drive for Phase Two of the Depot Museum's "modernization campaign". Phase Two will see an outdoor digital touchscreen video kiosk installed at the Depot. This will be a first for Chautauqua County, and will serve as information node for the entire Lake Chautauqua area. Many cities now have outdoor digital kiosks that become focal points of community interaction and socializing. Mayville's Depot kiosk promises to be just such an attraction. Looking for a restaurant, winery, lodging, entertainment, recreation, and maybe the biggest muskie in the lake? The kiosk will be the place to go! Funding for the outdoor kiosk came

from generous grants from the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, the Chautauqua County Progress for Economic Growth, and the Village of Mayville.

Completion of Phase One was celebrated last year at the season's opening. It saw the installation of fiber optic, broadband, and ethernet for WIFI and the digital display of a series of short videos on various Mayville historical topics, including a survey of historic buildings, historical markers, a tour of the Mayville Cemetery, the ice industry, and a selection from John Luensman's series "Chautauqua Lake, Past, Present, and Future." Phase One was funded through grants from local foundations, including The Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation's, DFT Communications, Lake Shore Savings Bank, and the Village of Mayville.

In addition to a continuous video show, the Museum's holdings will be on display. The Museum houses numerous artifacts related to former Mayville residents and businesses. Its archives also have selected holdings of genealogical material. The walls display numerous framed historical photos of local sites and artifacts. Whether a quick dip, or a serious immersion, a museum visit promises fascinating historical views and insights on Mayville, and its surrounding region.

A number of local businesses will be sponsoring the open house with contributed door prizes. These businesses include: 2 Ames; Andriaccio's Restaurant; Ashville General Store; Art Cloth & Craft; Bellini Lounge; Bemus Point Golf Club; The Best of Buffalo;



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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Memorable Memorial Day Line Up in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACE

Can you believe it's already Memorial Day weekend? There is a wide variety of live music during this long weekend. Check out what's happening in Chautauqua County during this holiday weekend.

Friday, May 23rd – Ion Sky will be performing at **Big Inlet Brewing** in Mayville. They play a fun mix of rock and pop tunes that are sure to please the crowd, starting at 6pm.

It's **Customer Appreciation Night at Five and 20 Spirits & Brewing** in Westfield. They will feature \$2 off draft beers and select wines as well as other drink specials. **Jesse James Weston** will be the night's entertainment, starting at 5pm.

Southern Tier Brewing Company will be hosting a performance by **Buffalo's Dirty Shirley** starting at 6pm. You and your group will enjoy some rock and roll while having your favorite Southern Tier beverage.

EBC in Bemus Point is the place to go to have a great meal while watching the sunset on the shores of Chautauqua Lake. At 6pm, **AJ Tetzlaff** will take the stage to entertain you with his classic sound.

The River Bar in the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** in Salamanca has live music this weekend. On Friday night, country band **West of the Mark** will take the stage. Then on Saturday night, the **Jeremy Keyes Band** will entertain the crowd. Both nights the bands begin at 7pm.

Saturday May 24th – Ion Sky will be rocking the **Beach House Bar and Grill** in Dunkirk from

7pm-10pm. Ion Sky plays an eclectic mix of rock and pop music spanning generations of music that will get you moving to the beat and dancing on your feet. Come check it out.

More live music continues at **Big Inlet Brewery** in Mayville on Saturday with **Smilo and the Ghost**. Tyler Smilo is a singer-songwriter leading the band in playing a blend of rock, folk, bluegrass, Americana, and country music described as "rockin' folk-bluegrass." Enjoy these talented musicians starting at 3pm.

At **Farrington Hollow** in Cherry Creek, enjoy an evening concert with **2-3 rising singer/songwriters from Nashville**, performing acoustic music and new songs. There will be Nashville-themed cocktails and food from Super Duper Catering. So come dressed in your best Nashville outfit for a night filled with foot-stomping dancing and loads of fun, starting at 5pm.

Southern Tier Brewing will be hosting a band called **Back and Forth**, which is a Foo Fighters tribute band. All of you Foo Fighters fans should come listen to this great music starting at 6pm.

The summer season has started at **Sunset Bay Beach Club** in Irving. Come out and enjoy an evening of 80's music with the popular Buffalo band **Nerds Gone Wild** and maybe dance the night away on the shores of Lake Erie, starting at 8pm.

Sunday May 25th – Cabana Sam's at Sunset Bay Beach in Irving is also in full swing for their summer season. **Ion Sky's Trio** will be performing its acoustic versions of

their rock and pop music starting at 6pm.

The **Drafts and Crafts Festival** will take place at **Pine Junction**, in between Sherman and Findley Lake, starting at 11am. This rustic venue's large pavilion out back will have craft vendors and a wood carving demonstration. It will include draft beers, a full bar, and music by **Small Town Revolution** at 2pm.

The **Village Casino** will be hosting popular local band the **Porcelain Bus Drivers** at 9pm. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the music by these talented musicians.

Southern Tire Brewing Company will host a performance by **Backlog**, who plays an eclectic music set of tunes ranging from oldies and music through the generations up until some of today's hits.

The **Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House** has a fun lineup of live music and activities for this Memorial Day weekend. On Friday night, **Qwister** is performing from 6pm-9pm. Then on Saturday, the live music continues with popular WNY band **Black Widow**, who will be playing their rock and pop tunes from 5pm-8pm. On Sunday, The **Volpe Brothers** will play from 4pm-7pm. The holiday weekend's live music concludes with **Randy and Jamie Duo** from 4pm-7pm.

What a fun holiday weekend of live music and entertainment! By next weekend, it will already be the first weekend in June, so check out what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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THURSDAY

We start the weekend at Balloons with Burgers, Brews and Trivia from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any domestic plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for third-first place.

The Gin Mill's Thursday musical offering is The Massacoustics from 8-11pm. This Nashville duo plays a roots rock/Americana/writers rock set of originals. They look like a band of interest and I'll be checking them out.

FRIDAY

Balloons is back with Only Humen from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF band plays a classic rock/dance set of covers. Dj Kage provide some thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors.

We're back at The Gin Mill for The Jay McDonnell Band from 8-2am. This group plays acoustic based rock, Petty, CSNY, Jackson Browne etc. Try the seven days a week kitchen, open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia from 9-2am puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

First up is The Gin

Mill with The Marty Peters Duo from 2-5pm. This duo plays a 60-70's folk/rock set of covers. West takes the stage from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/blues/folk/pop/country set of covers. If you like craft cocktails made with high-end spirits fry the Carriage House Sidebar.

We return to Balloons for Tommy Z from 6:30-9pm. Tommy tours the country and abroad playing blues and rock covers and originals. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead fires up the sound booth from 10-2am so you clubbers can dance like nobodies watching.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Kage who will play some grooves so you can bust-a-move from 9-2am. Check out the dart board and pool tables for some friendly competition.

SUNDAY

Have a late lunch or early dinner at The Gin Mill or just do some day drinking and The Chillbillys will provide the music. This husband-and-wife act play a rock/country/pop/blues/folk set of covers and originals featuring some soaring guitar riffs and some sweet vocal harmonies.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Pasta made fresh with your choice of sauce and topping or savory prime cooked the way you like li. This week's musical hosts are The Amazing Graces from 5:30-10pm. These singer, song writer, guitar slingin ladies play and sing covers and original to accompany your meal.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a great variety of sauces and a fine selection of craft beers to wash em down makes for a locals favorite. Your musical host this week is Tina Williams, from 6-9pm. Tina plays a rock/pop/alt/country/ folk set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Michael David from 7-10pm. He plays a country/bluegrass/rock set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers that are on tap.

Mill St Sports Pub hosts Asian and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. The chef will whip up some Asian entrees or sushi or poke. Whatever they're feeling. Trivia starts at 7pm and there's prizes for first-third place.

The Gin Mill makes its next to last appearance with the return of The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. If you're hungry try the Gin Mull burger, it's a monster.

WEDNESDAY

We've ended the weekend the same for 40+ years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beers on tap with Btran Rick as your musical host. Brian plays a rock/pop /folk/country set of covers.

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

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Alex S.- The coat racks in the department store.



Heather H.- Grandpa and grandma's house.. they lived next door!



Tara L.- Closet, underneath the stairs. They never found me.



Mark P.- The deep woods of Mansfield!



Brett M.- Anywhere I can still see them.



Sabrina- Yup the woods! So many days building myself houses in the trees!

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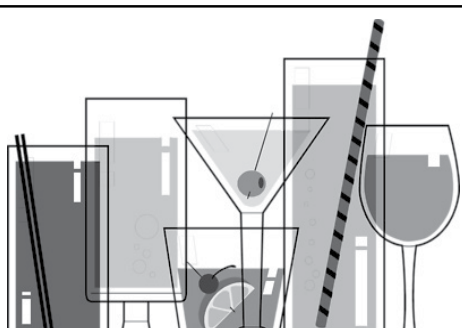
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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9		8	1			3	7	2
2	7		3			8		1
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	4		6	5	9		2	8
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution....**Good luck!**

Last Week's Puzzle:

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



Ribbon cutting March 2025 of the CCS TV Studio located at 113 East 2nd Street in Jamestown.

CCS-TV

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July 25, which will include fireworks, so keep an eye out for upcoming details about this fun family community event. CCS is involved in many

community events, which are listed on their website. If you want to find out more information about all the CCS events and the CCS-TV programming, go to ccsolutions716.com or visit its Facebook page. CCS has become a leader in the community, providing a variety of community events for the area's

children and families to enjoy, learn from, and be engaged with. Their CCS-TV broadcasts enable residents to view all these local events, and it enables the students involved in the broadcasting station to cultivate essential skills, collaborate with peers, and develop their potential as future broadcasters.



Guests can take the spotlight themselves by performing stand-up on the Comedy Karaoke stage.

Comedy

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offering a rare look inside one of the most influential comedic minds of all time. An expanded *Saturday Night Live* exhibit is also debuting this month, marking the iconic show's 50th anniversary. Highlights include the very first *SNL* script from October 11, 1975, and cue cards from the viral Nate Bargatze sketch "Washington's Dream," offering a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the legendary sketch comedy show.

The National Comedy Center will host their annual Lucille Ball Comedy Festival August 7-10 -- a celebration of

comedy's contemporary stars and rising talent from across the country. Over 50 live events will be presented over these four days including an evening with Jon Stewart (sold out), a stand-up showcase featuring music by Bill Murray and his Blood Brothers band, an on-stage discussion with *Saturday Night Live* head writer Streeter Seidell and cast member/writer Mikey Day, Comedy Late Night shows, Lucy-themed events, block parties, live music, and more. "The entire town really comes alive during the Comedy Festival," says Gary. "We're proud to host this annual event and looking forward to this year's incredible lineup." Details and tickets available at ComedyCenter.org/

Festival. Gary encourages both new and returning visitors to explore what's new at the National Comedy Center, and to revisit familiar favorites with fresh eyes. "No two visits are ever the same," says Gary. "The experience is customized to each guest's sense of humor, and there's so much comedy packed into every exhibit. It always feels fresh, whether it's a new exhibit, a rare artifact, or just catching a comedy bit that you didn't see the first time, there's always something new to discover. For more information, visit comedycenter.org and follow on social media.

Distillery

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with a grand opening on June 14th. The course, 18 holes, covers around six acres. No carts, so walking is the only option although people are welcome to bring their own, if they wish, says Neal. Seeming to have found himself on the leading edge, Neal says the sport of Park Golf is growing in the US and he is in the process of officially joining the IPGAA (International Park Golf Association of America). There must be something magical in the local water that Ellicottvillians seems to spark new ideas long before they take hold elsewhere. Neal refers to his course as a love child of traditional golf and mini golf. Sweet!

Fewer than 1000 yards in distance the course is a

short walk, and according to Neal, a less aggravating golf game. "It's pleasant," says the owner. A single player on a clear course can play it in half an hour; a group of six may take about two hours or longer depending on the fun and antics along the way. Of course, rules of courtesy apply, if others are waiting, even in this laid back environment. For this pre-season the cost is \$20 to golf as much as you want; in the beginning of June as Bigfoot Park Golf opens all week the price is \$20 for nine holes and \$30 for 18. Rental is included with the green fee, but members who have free play whenever, can rent equipment for \$7 or bring their own (only certified Park Golf clubs and balls can be used). Clubs and balls are also for sale in the caddie shack, along with water and Gatorade and some tee-shirts. When The Distillery is open, literally

next door, golfers can find adult beverages, soft drinks and snacks (chips, nuts...). Food trucks are generally on site during Distillery events. According to Neal, golfers are welcome to bring their own refreshments. Plan a picnic or bring dogs to cook on their equipment. Park benches have been added for relaxation. Consideration is being given to setting up disc-golf baskets around the property and Neal is offering sponsorships for the holes.

Bigfoot Park Golf is open for parties, benefits, reservations. 716-541-4059. Open weekends to June, then all week - daily 11am. An anniversary party is planned for Saturday, June 14 with hot dogs, burgers, sodas and beer – contests - \$20 special – Golf all day. Lots to do on Robbins Road!

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Letter: Bob McCarthy Foundation

Ellicottville Medical Loan Center Progresses to Support Community

Earlier this year, the Bob McCarthy Foundation started an agency fund with the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation.

This month, the Bob McCarthy Foundation received a grant of \$250 from the Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund. Always looking to increase support in the community, this grant was used to purchase five new knee scooters for the Medical Loan Center. Volunteers at the Medical Loan Center noticed that knee scooters had a larger demand than we could supply, either from Ellicottville or Olean.

Thanks to this grant and funding from other donors this year, we can now bridge this gap. The Bob McCarthy Foundation, in partnership with Interfaith Caregivers Inc., began operating The Medical Loan Center at 17 Mill Street, Ellicottville this past year. The Loan Center has been a success, having a positive impact on those in need of medical equipment and supplies.

“The partnership has exceeded our expectations,” says Loan Center Manager Jon Falk.

An exceptional volunteer group is in place to staff the facility, and with the expertise of Interfaith Caregivers who provide these services in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, the Ellicottville Medical Loan Center became operational quickly.

Julie Hall, Interfaith Caregivers, Inc. Executive Director, commented that servicing this wide area

through a single location in Olean was not optimal.

This expansion now provides better service to northern & western Cattaraugus County. All services offered through The Bob McCarthy/ Interfaith Caregivers Loan Centers are free of charge thanks to the generous contributions from our donors as we do not rely on any government funding.

Jon Falk and Jennette Kent, a volunteer registered nurse, have been visiting medical offices, county agencies and other facilities to spread the word about the Loan Centers which is driving the increase in clients.

Falk said “the word is getting out there” as we partner with various community service agencies to ensure we provide for those in need. You will see the Loan Center poster in many establishments and now agencies like Meals on Wheels & county nurses are informing their clients of our services.

The Ellicottville Loan Center location at 17 Mill Street, in the Village of Ellicottville and has a variety of equipment and supplies. Hospital beds, Hoyer lifts, wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, crutches, canes, shower chairs and bedside commodes are medical durables loaned through the centers. However, many medical supplies like urinary & ostomy supplies, bed pads, bandages, adult diapers, many more supplies are also provided at no cost due to our generous donors.



Currently we are open Thursday Morning 9 – noon (or by appointment call 716-860-2532) in Ellicottville for any medical equipment needs. All donations of equipment are inspected to ensure good working condition and sanitized before being loaned back out. We can also provide vision & hearing loss services for those in need.

Again, we thank the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation and the Connie and Sandy Wolfinger Fund for their support.

To donate or volunteer to help please contact the Bob McCarthy’s Foundation lead Jon Falk or any Bob McCarthy board member. www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com.

– *The Bob McCarthy Foundation Board of Directors:*

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Bemus Pt. Inn

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place where friends and families gather to enjoy delicious food, engaging conversation, and create cherished memories.

This restaurant is open all year round and is well-known for its generous portions, delicious homemade food, and fair prices. They recently introduced a new menu for 2025, featuring both traditional favorites and exciting new dishes, ensuring there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

Breakfast is now served all day, offering a wide range of breakfast combinations and sandwiches. For lunch, guests can choose from a large variety of salads, sandwiches, and burgers starting at 11am, and the lunch menu items are also available for dinner. Their tasty dinner offerings begin at 2pm, which include delicious entrees like Chicken Francaise, Chicken Parmesan, Sirloin Steak, Homemade Pasta, Lasagna, Honey Garlic Glazed Salmon, and both Broiled and Pan-Fried Haddock. When you are dining in or if you just want to relax on the patio, you can enjoy hot and cold beverages. This includes a selection of adult beverages such as beer, wine, and mimosas as well as coffee, teas, cappuccino, sodas, and more.

If you’re craving something sweet, you

should check out the scrumptious homemade treats made by 90-year-old Grandma Joan. She makes a variety of fruit and cream pies that are sure to delight you. Make sure you try one of their giant cinnamon rolls, which have earned them the reputation of having the sweetest buns in town.

At the Bemus Point Inn, you can enjoy a delicious meal in their spacious indoor area, which comfortably accommodates around one hundred guests. It features plenty of tables and cozy counter seating to choose from. If you prefer some fresh air, their lovely outdoor patio is the perfect spot, with space for up to fifty people. During the summer, you can decide between dining inside or enjoying yourself on the patio, which features fun games and toys for everyone, including cornhole! It’s a great place for families to gather and have a good time.

In the coming weeks, they plan to introduce Kids Night on Wednesdays, featuring special prices for children’s meals when they dine with their families. They also hope to add face painting and other fun activities. Keep looking for details to come on that.

Get ready for some extra summer fun at “The Inn.” They are excited to feature live music with a talented local acoustic band called Nu Juice. They will be playing every Sunday from 4-7pm during June, July, and August. Come on by, enjoy a tasty meal,

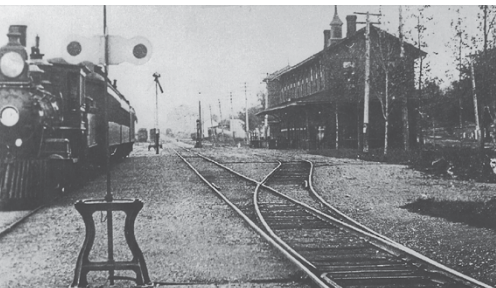
or choose from a variety of items on their menu, soaking up the great vibes while listening to these talented musicians.

“The Bemus Point Inn is part of what makes Bemus Point so special,” says Laurie. “It’s where people meet up with old friends and where families come together. We’ve become like family with so many of our customers. Also, we would like to give credit to the amazing team that makes dining with us such a great experience. We are so lucky and thankful to have such a hardworking, dedicated staff that is the heart of our business.”

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The Bemus Point Inn family, pictured ltr: Alex, Laurie, Dave, Joan and Danny Miller.



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