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Introducing the "Bemus Sky" Bar

Plans for Lenhart Hotel's Rooftop Bar, in Bemus Pt.



The original bar top from the Lamplighter bar will be relocated to the roof top bar area and an elevator will service the roof area. The public will have full access to the rooftop bar, including a four-season bar and cupola that will straddle the main staircase and can be seen from the first floor.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Lenhart Hotel in Bemus Point is moving forward with plans for a rooftop bar-- Bemus Sky. Plans were approved by the Bemus Point Planning and Zoning Board on Thursday, May 15, and the owners are excited to

get started on the next phase and share details with the public.

Upon completion, Bemus Sky will offer 360-degree views of the area including Chautauqua Lake and beautiful Bemus Point. The bar will be

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The New Huntley House Hotel

Ellicottville Wingate by Wyndham Rebrands



The Wingate by Wyndham is poised for a \$2 million transformation, blossoming into The Huntley House Hotel, a unique destination under the Ascend Collection by Choice Hotels.

BY JEFF PARKER

Historic charm and "Wilderness Chic" design is the new look for the popular Wyndham hotel nestled in the heart of ski country in downtown Ellicottville.

Ellicottville, New York, often feels like a scene plucked from a cherished painting, where the seasons sweep through the village in vibrant hues and a warm, small-town welcome

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Springville Art Crawl

June 7 Filled with Music, Art, Food & More



PHOTOS/ARTICLE
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Art Crawl in Springville, on Saturday, June 7th this year, from 3-8pm, has been an eagerly awaited annual event in Springville for over a decade. The fun includes a parade that features marching bands, art cars, floats, tractors, firetrucks

and more. "It continues Springville's Dairy Fest Community Parade tradition", said Anna Fitzpatrick, the Performing Arts Director of the Springville Center for the Arts. "A \$250 cash prize will be awarded for the float that best depicts this year's theme, 'Art

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Merritt Winery Celebration

Annual Strawberry Festival 2025, June 6-8



People come from all over New York State, Pennsylvania, and other locations to enjoy Merritt's wines and the Strawberry Festival. If you want more Strawberry Festival information, go to merrittstatewinery.com or their Facebook page. The winery is located at 2264 King Rd, Forestville, NY 14062.

BY DARLENE BRACE

As summer approaches, we welcome the arrival of delicious homegrown strawberries in Western New York. This also means it's time for Merritt Winery's Annual Strawberry

Festival, located at 2264 King Road in Forestville. Come and enjoy this fun-filled family event, a cherished community tradition since it opened its doors in 1976. This year's

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The project allowed them to add 12 additional bike carriers that brought them to their max capacity.

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Connecting People, Places and Time

The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry kicked off its 214th season this past Friday, May 23rd with its inaugural trip at 4pm across Chautauqua Lake.

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Celoron Ribfest, June 4-7

Great Food, Live Music & More



BY DARLENE BRACE

Now that Memorial Day is behind us, it's time to dive into the summer season by attending the annual Celoron Ribfest, the first big festival of the season! This year, the festivities are happening again at the beautiful Lucille Ball Memorial Park in Celoron from June 4th-7th. Get ready for some delicious, barbecued ribs and pulled pork dinners. Plus, there will be live music each day and loads of fun activities for everyone. It's a great way to kick off summer with friends and family.

Some of the favorite vendors at the Ribfest are back, including Pigfoot BBQ, After Hours BBQ, and Porky Chicks BBQ, bringing along their tasty fare. This year, they welcome Texas Outlaws BBQ as a newcomer! Each of these BBQ vendors offers a variety of ribs, pulled

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Griffis Memory Café

Sculpture Park Offers Support & Connection



Griffis Sculpture Park, renowned for its extensive collection of outdoor steel sculptures by both national and international artists, presents a unique opportunity to host a Memory Café that leverages the healing and stimulating effects of art and nature. The Memory Café will rotate through numerous activities including a guided experience of the sculptures led by knowledgeable docents, art-making workshops inspired by the sculptures, and nature walks." www.griffissculpturepark.org

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN


Alzheimer's is a malicious disease. People aged 65 and older survive an average of four to eight years after a diagnosis of Alzheimer's, yet some can live as long as 20 years with Alzheimer's. This reflects the slow, uncertain progression of the disease. A question then arises - who cares for these

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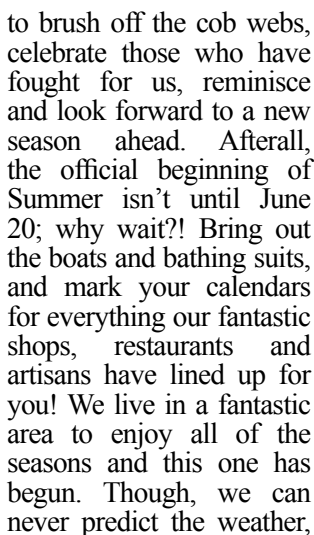




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we can foresee a great time! We have hand-selected a few great events for you to enjoy; let us know what we may have missed – we wouldn't want anyone to be left out. Event notices and article submissions are always encouraged and it's easy! Simply go to www.thevillagemyn.com and click on the "General Submissions" tab, we look forward to hearing from you!

*Until then, enjoy the read! Yours in writing,
Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Connecting People, Places and Time for 214 Years



BY KATE BARTLETT

The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry kicked off its 214th season this past Friday, May 23rd with its inaugural trip at 4pm across Chautauqua Lake. The seasonal schedule will run Fridays 4-9pm, Saturdays and Sunday 12-9pm (with special holiday week hours) on its 7 ½ minute trip across the lake. The ferry is also available for special events including book clubs, birthdays, garden clubs and even workout classes.

Jay Kuntz is co-president of The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry with Martha Anderson and has been involved as a volunteer since his retirement in 2016. "The Ferry is an incredible piece of history here in Chautauqua," says Jay. "We are dedicated to sharing its history with the

community, in turn helping deepen appreciation for it's significant to the area."

The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry spans 214 years of history. It originated when the county was formed. "One of the first orders of business was granting a license to Thomas Bemus to operate a ferry from Stow to Bemus," explains Jay. It operated as a family business for 130 years, then became a corporation in the 1800's. At the end of WWII, around 1945, the county took over operation of the Bemus Point-Stow Ferry until the bridge was built in 1982. "It had become indispensable to the county," says Jay. "The people in the area depended on it. It was part of our society and our history." A non-profit group, Chautauqua Historic Vessels, stepped up and took over operation of the Bemus Point-Stow Ferry after the I-86 bridge

opened. "John and Betty Lou Chaney were critical in keeping it running. They recognized its significance and were steadfast in keeping it in operation."

Currently, The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry is a non-profit run entirely by volunteers that operate and maintain this iconic piece of history. In addition to its regular schedule, it is available for mid-week bookings, providing a unique opportunity to view the lake and glimpse into its history. "Pound on the Ferry" regularly holds fitness classes on the water, and the ferry is frequently booked out for special events for reunions, birthday, and group gatherings like book club and garden club. "It's really makes any gathering special."

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James Prendergast Library Offering Fun Incentives



Are you Ready for Summer Reading? Pre-register this year with the Prendergast Library!

Summer is right around the corner and in anticipation, the James Prendergast Library is encouraging people to pre-register for the 2025 Summer Reading Program: Color Our World. The theme celebrates all forms of arts, artists, literacy, and community building.

Community members can pre-register for the program now through June 14th on the library's website at www.prendergastlibrary.org or at community outreach events that Prendergast staff are participating in. Visit the library's outreach tables to pre-register and ask questions at the following locations:

- Jamestown Farm Market Sprouts Tent: 10am-2pm, Saturday, June 7, Main and 3rd Street, Jamestown, NY
- Lincoln School (for families of Lincoln Elementary) screening of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Reg Lenna on June 13th and School Fun Fair on June 20th
- Jamestown Juneteenth Festival: Times TBT, Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, Jackson - Taylor (Chadakoin) Park, 10th and Washington Streets, Jamestown, NY

Pre-registration recipients are eligible for a scratch-off card that gives them access to additional prizes. They will receive these at outreach events, or can show their pre-registration confirmation to Prendergast Staff members at the library to receive their scratch-off card. Scratch-off cards can be redeemed for prizes at the Community Block Party on June 28th, when participants are also encouraged to pick up their Summer Reading packets. If you can't attend the Block Party, stop by the library after June 28th to get your prize and packet.

Participants of all ages can enroll for a Summer Reading packet that is assigned by age and contains information about the various activities that participants can engage in and prizes that can be earned by reading! Kids are invited to read at their own pace, earning beads for their brag tag necklaces. Teens have the chance to use their imaginations with journal prompts or book reviews that earn entries into prize drawings. Adults can read books and fill out their Bingo sheets for book sale coupons and entries into their own prize drawing. New this year: everyone has the chance to pick a team mascot and play our Library Land Game!

As participants register, they are asked to join a team which features a mascot

based on a famous artist. Team members receive a mascot pin and a Library Land Game Piece in their packet and will earn points for their team throughout the summer when they bring in their logs, journals, and Bingo sheets. Team points will be added to jars at the Front Desk so we can all see who is in the lead and might earn the coveted "Summer Reading Bragging Rights" for the year!

Everyone can play Library Land, no registration needed! Summer Reading participants get to roll the dice every time they are at the Library (once per visit) to advance their game piece on our life-size game board throughout the library's main floor. Special squares have prizes along the route! Every library user (no registration needed) who checks out books gets the chance to roll the dice to see if they win a bookmark or donate points to a Summer Reading team of their choice!

Stay tuned for summer programming calendars, and check the library's website and Facebook page for updated event and program information. The Prendergast Library is open Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm, and Saturdays, 10am-4pm. Contact information: James Prendergast Library, 509 Cherry Street, Jamestown, NY, 716-484-7135, www.prendergastlibrary.org

Zonta Club of Jamestown

Honors Four Women in Leadership

The Zonta Club of Jamestown proudly presented its prestigious Women in Leadership Awards to four exceptional local women — Ashley Lund, Momina DiBlasio, Lisa Lynde, and Beth Oakes during a celebration held on May 28, 2025, at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel.

These awards recognize women in the Jamestown area who demonstrate excellence in leadership, a commitment to service, and a dedication to empowering others, particularly women and girls. Each of this year's honorees exemplifies



(Pictured ltr: Ashley Lund, Beth Oakes, Lisa Lynde, and Momina DiBlasio)

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HoliMont Invests in Future

CCIDA Assists in Capital Improvements



Bike Carriers Waiting to go on Sunet Chairlift.

By KATE BARTLETT

This past Tuesday, May 20, HoliMont was approved for New York State tax abatement with assistance from the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) on over one million dollars in projects. These projects include purchasing improving

snowmaking and general resort improvements. Corey Wiktor, Executive Director for the CCIDA, is excited about these improvements, as they prove HoliMont's continued investment in the economy of the area. "HoliMont is a great attractor of tourism to the area," says Corey. "We are thrilled to work with them and help them with funding on projects that will make the user experience at this resort the best it can be."

Projects include purchasing a new PistenBully Groomer to maintain trails and slopes, improving snowmaking, replacing waterlines as well as general resort maintenance. "These improvements are necessary in helping HoliMont continue their top-notch programs and optimize the ski season," says Wiktor. "These are significant investments into the resort, which in turn is an investment in the economy of our area."

HoliMont is coming off a great 2024-2025 ski season, and these investments hope to help make the next season even better. "The resort is always looking to best maintain and optimize the conditions in order to maximize the winter months, no matter the weather," says Corey.

These projects will begin within the next few weeks and are anticipated to be completed for the 2025-2026 ski season.

The CCIDA is a public benefit corporation helps organizations reduce their development costs by receiving tax breaks and other forms of government funding for the applied for projects. Created in 1971, the agency helps organizations take advantage of Industrial Revenue Bonding to obtain low-cost financing on eligible projects.

For more information, visit HoliMont.org, cattcoida.com and follow on social media.

Ellicottville's Warrior Fitness Gym

Owner Unveils Exciting Renovations and Future Plans

By JONAH MANN

Warrior Fitness Gym in Ellicottville has undergone a significant transformation, with a completely revamped interior and ambitious plans for expansion. The recent renovations, completed in just one week, have been met with overwhelming positive feedback from members and the community.

Owner Bradley Poole expressed immense gratitude for the support received during the renovation period. "I had a lot of help putting it together and I can't thank those people enough. I pretty much lived at the gym during that week of renovations, but it's over and it's been rewarding hearing how everyone loves the new look," he stated.

The most notable change to the gym's interior is an "all black and white look" that is described as "super sharp," thanks to Aldrich Painting. A major flooring upgrade saw the replacement of old puzzle piece flooring with durable 5/8-inch rubber heavy-duty flooring, which has been a "game changer" for members' workouts. The layout of the gym has also been reconfigured, with the previous workout room now serving as the classroom area, and the former classroom area has been converted into a larger workout space, ideal for more people utilizing various circuits.

New equipment has been added, including spin bikes, Concept 2 row machines, a glute/ham machine, a longer and wider turf area, deadlifting platforms, and a large rig with four squat racks. Despite these significant upgrades, membership fees will remain unaffected, a decision made to show

appreciation for members' long-standing support.

"I feel as a business owner it's important to do things like this to keep your members satisfied," Poole explained. "Projects like these get them excited for a change, for something different, and it has paid off. We've had the same look for 4.5 years so it was time to mix it up. I have received nothing but great feedback and I'm thankful everyone is enjoying the new look. Also, if this draws in new members, well that's an added bonus."

Looking ahead, Warrior Fitness has exciting plans for the future. In the next decade, the gym hopes to expand its Ellicottville facility to include massage chairs, cold plunge tubs, a sauna, a juice bar, and similar amenities. There are also plans for an additional facility in Little Valley in the near future. The long-term vision is to establish more Warrior Fitness gyms in various locations, ensuring they are "state-of-the-art facilities that people want to come to."

Warrior Fitness is actively working to promote engagement. During the ski season, the gym offers seasonal memberships and virtual class options, catering to the large number of seasonal residents.



Pictured, before (above) and after photos of the gym. The most notable change to the gym's interior is an "all black and white look" that is described as "super sharp," thanks to Aldrich Painting. A major flooring upgrade saw the replacement of old puzzle piece flooring with durable 5/8-inch rubber heavy-duty flooring, which has been a "game changer" for members' workouts.



Alley Katz of Ellicottville

Village Beautification Group is Back at Work!



The Alley Katz are a group of volunteers that work to create a beautiful, scenic atmosphere on the streets in Ellicottville, NY! Learn more about the organization, how to get involved and what the group has been up to in next week's edition of The Villager. Donations are always appreciated: PO Box 1407, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

Memory

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people? Eighty-three percent of their care comes from family, friends, or unpaid caregivers. What is needed is a VILLAGE of care.

A page on alz.org presents these startling facts: An estimated 7.2 million Americans aged 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's in 2025. Seventy-four percent are age 75 or older. About 1 in 9 people aged 65 and older (11%) has Alzheimer's, mostly women, older Black Americans, and older Hispanics. But people younger than 65 (even at age 30) can develop Alzheimer's dementia.

Alzheimer's is deadly: One in 3 older Americans dies with Alzheimer's or another dementia. It kills more than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. It was the sixth-leading cause of death among people aged 65+ in 2022. Deaths from Alzheimer's have more than doubled between 2000 and 2022, while those from heart disease have decreased. At age 70, older Americans living with Alzheimer's are twice as likely to die before age 80 than those who do not have the disease.

As the size of the U.S. population aged 65 and older continues to grow, so too will the number and proportion of Americans with Alzheimer's or other dementias. By 2050, the number of people aged 65 and older with Alzheimer's may grow to a projected 12.7 million, barring the development of medical breakthroughs to prevent or cure Alzheimer's disease. So, where's the help?

A Memory Café is a gathering place offering support and connection, socialization opportunities, better health, and wellbeing to older adult participants and their caregivers in a welcoming environment. Occurring in a wide range of settings with diverse programming, Memory Cafés provide essential support to caregivers and their loved ones. Cafés have been shown to be

“The Memory Café at Griffis Sculpture Park is more than a program — it’s a welcoming space where art, nature, and community come together to support individuals living with memory loss and their care partners. We’re proud to offer a monthly gathering that encourages connection, creativity, and joy in one of the most peaceful and inspiring settings in Western New York.”
— Nila Griffis Lampman, Executive Director, Ashford Hollow Foundation


particularly helpful for those living with memory loss and other cognitive challenges. Cafés focus not on illness but on engagement in activities to improve memory and brain health, keeping older adult attendees mentally and socially active while at the same time providing a positive, supportive, bonding, and rejuvenating experience for caregivers of all ages. Memory cafés also provide caregivers with information, resources, referrals, respite and a network of support. Find more information on Memory Cafes at www.dfamerica.org.



Thanks to The Exhale Memory Café Collective, funded by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and Health Foundation for Western and Central New York, we now have access to several Memory Cafes in our region. Locally, from the Ashford Hollow website, we learn “The Ashford Hollow Foundation’s Memory Café at Griffis Park aims to create a supportive, engaging environment for individuals with memory loss and their caregivers, enhancing their quality of life through art, social interaction, and nature. Griffis Sculpture Park, renowned for its extensive collection of outdoor steel sculptures by both national and international artists, presents a unique opportunity to host a Memory Café that leverages the healing and stimulating effects of art and nature. The Memory Café will rotate through numerous activities including a guided experience of the sculptures led by knowledgeable docents, art-making workshops inspired by the sculptures,

and nature walks.” www.griffissculpturepark.org

Other entities sponsoring this program throughout the area are: • Artpark & Company - SENSING HERE & NOW, third Wednesdays of the month from 1:30-3:30 pm, www.artpark.net • Buffalo History Museum, www.buffalohistory.org; Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, www.sciencebuff.org • Burchfield Penny Art Center, first Wednesday of each month from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., burchfieldpenney.org. • Cradle Beach, Inc. www.cradlebeach.org; Frank Lloyd Wright’s Martin House and Graycliff, www.martinhouse.org • Hispanic Heritage Council of WNY – CAFÉ DE SOL, www.hispanicheritagewny.org • Jamestown’s National Comedy Center, www.comedycenter.org • Niagara Arts & Cultural Center www.thenacc.org • Reg Lenna Center for the Arts held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, www.reglenna.com.

Participants at the various venues offer a selection of opportunities involving music (some live), dance, nature activities, picnics, singalongs, movies, and games. Participants are encouraged to join or can simply observe. Topics and experiences include culture, family traditions and discussions, hands-on crafts, interactive tours including science and nature explorations, and even outdoor beach activities at Cradle Beach. At the National Comedy Center visitors can go back in time watching the antics of Johnny Carson. It’s a welcome addition of care for both persons with Alzheimer’s and their exhausted caregivers.

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(Pictured above, the original Wingate by Wyndam Hotel as it stands today, below a rendering of what it plans to become by this fall.) The decision to affiliate with Choice Hotels’ Ascend Collection was deliberate, driven by the desire for creative freedom. Walsh explained that “The Ascend Collection gave us the opportunity to really do anything we wanted with the hotel.” This allowed their own creative design to flourish, which was “very appealing as we wanted to incorporate specific items into the hotel” —a contrast to the brand uniformity required under their previous affiliation. This newfound independence is key to crafting a truly bespoke Ellicottville experience.

Hotel

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is always in store. Soon, a familiar local inn will embrace this enchanting spirit even more deeply. The Wingate by Wyndham is poised for a \$2 million transformation, blossoming into The Huntley House Hotel, a unique destination under the Ascend Collection by Choice Hotels. Guiding this exciting evolution is General Manager Amanda Walsh, who envisions a hotel that serves not only as a cozy retreat but also as a heartfelt tribute to Ellicottville’s rich past.

The current hotel, a comfortable haven since its opening on December 23, 2005, offers 84 rooms and 12 suites, alongside a fitness center, indoor pool, and whirlpool. With a dedicated team of eleven full-time and one part-time employee, the hotel anticipates growth before its redesign. Walsh notes that with the busy season approaching, “we will be looking to add to our housekeeping staff as well as our laundry staff”, a sure sign of the vibrant

future ahead.

The inspiration for The Huntley House Hotel is deeply woven into Ellicottville’s own narrative. Walsh shared that the team at Ellicott Hotels, which owns the property, felt a strong desire to incorporate elements of the area’s extensive history into the building’s new identity. Research into the past revealed the significant role the Huntley family played in shaping the Ellicottville community. They once owned a home known as “The Cattaraugus Mansion House,” affectionately nicknamed the “Huntley

House,” where they were known for their hospitality to travelers and locals alike. It’s this enduring legacy of warmth and community welcome that The Huntley House aims to rekindle, “creating a place guests want to be, while continuing to provide the type of service they have enjoyed in years past”.

The new aesthetic, dubbed “wilderness chic,” promises an atmosphere of rustic elegance and enveloping comfort. Imagine, as Walsh vividly describes, “A glass of wine

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Art Crawl

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Creepy Crawlies””. The parade starts at Heritage Park and continues down Main, North Buffalo and Franklin, and will take place from 4-4:30pm. Following the parade, there will be performances by the Soul2Sole Dance Studio, Galaxy All-Star Cheer, the Springville Jazz Orchestra, and Steve Bell’s Drum Circle. A dozen more musical acts will perform around Springville until the end of the event.

Each year, numerous Main Street businesses display art submitted for the Art Crawl for the duration of the event. This year, over fifty artists are participating, who collectively entered over 129 works of art, and the judges are Judy Wright, Ellen Owens and Karle Norman. “Your art doesn’t have to be perfect to be accepted for the Art Crawl”, said Judy Wright, a multi-talented artist who’s won many trophies and prizes and sings with the Springville Jazz Orchestra. “This year’s art includes a little bit of everything.”

The winner of “Best in Show” will be announced on the day of the Crawl. This year, my Fine Art photo at the Art Crawl is “Tranquillity”, a photo of golden sunlight illuminating cascading water.

There will be a SPARK! tent filled with kids’ art activities, and other activities for kids, including sidewalk chalk, face painting, tie dyeing and more. At the Art Bar, adults will be able to create their own craft item to take with them. The Literary Lounge will feature bookmark-making, interactive activities and book vendors. Other vendors, and artisans, will be on Mechanic and Franklin Street, and will offer a wide variety of creations, ranging from jewelry and woodwork to needle-felted items and metal sculptures. Other intriguing areas include the FiberArtZone, Installations and Choose Your Own Adventure. In the Bazaar section, vendors of art and art-related items can set up on Franklin Street any time between 1-3pm. Those interested will see signs indicating the boundaries of

the area. Since spaces are limited, it’s best to arrive as soon as possible.

There will be an after-party at the Springville Center for the Arts, located at 37 North Buffalo Street, from 7-11pm, where “The Art of Zoar Valley”, will be on display in the Olmsted Gallery. The exhibit includes five photos by David Lawrence Reade, photographer and author of the best-selling book, “Beyond Buffalo! A Photographic Guide to the Secret Natural Wonders of Our Region”, and two other photo books. There will be refreshments, and a cash bar, and guests will be entertained by musicians including the Wazmapolitans, Saranaide and the George Kane Quartet. Artists and their guests are admitted free. Tickets are required for entry.

The food trucks on hand for the Art Crawl will offer Yakisoba’s, Jake and the Fatman, and Coyote Cafe food. For more information about the Art Crawl, go to springvillearts.org or call (716) 592-9038.

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Jay loves hearing stories about people's experiences on the ferry. "I joke that it's the DeLorean of Chautauqua County," laughs Jay. "It can take you back in time, then bring you back to today."

Ferry

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says Jay. "Boat traffic is typically low during the week, so we have the flexibility to stay out on the water longer."

The Bemus Point-Stow Ferry has grown in popularity for school field trips. "We're hosting about 15 school groups this June," says Jay. "We love teaching students of all ages about the ferry and its significance to the area. It's a great opportunity for kids to experience and learn about the ferry."

The ferry is a

connector of people, places and time. "Since its inception in 1811, the Bemus Point-Stow Ferry has been connecting people across the lake, from Stow to Bemus as it was intended. But it also connects us as a community. It connects families over the years, sharing stories and generations. It has played such a vital role in our history here, connecting our people. It's a connector of technology, it's design changing with the times and advancements. Its connections are endless."

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Jay recognizes that the Bemus Point-Stow Ferry would not be what it is today without such a tremendous group of volunteers dedicated to its cause. "We truly have a remarkable group of over 45 volunteers who are committed and devoted to the ferry – keeping it running, sharing it's history and helping the community experience it now and for years to come."

For more information, visit thebemuspointstowferry.com and follow on social media for updated schedules.



Upon completion, Bemus Sky will offer 360-degree views of the area including Chautauqua Lake and beautiful Bemus Point.

Lenhart

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comprised of three main patios named for three prominent cities, as well as the area they point towards: 716 (Chautauqua/Buffalo), 216 (Cleveland) and 412 (Pittsburgh). The main focus will be the 360 panoramic views and the sky, offering specialty cocktails, champagne sunset toasts, wine and food pairings.

William and Jill Curry (Bemus Point Holdings, LLC) took ownership of this iconic property on May 2 of this year, and are excited to redevelop and reopen this historic building. They each bring many years of expertise in this industry, Bill with 45+ years of designing and building in the Pittsburgh area, and Jill with 40+ years in hospitality. "We are so very excited to get this project underway,"

says Bill. "We are looking forward to bringing this vision to reality." They're joined by Colin Curry (finance manager), Abi Iriti (marketing and sales), Nino Iriti (bar manager) and, Stuart Curry, Lindsay and Tilman Nadolski as advisory committee members.

Many years ago, under different ownership, The Hotel Lenhart suffered a large fire in the attic of the property, forever changing its appearance. When it was rebuilt, it was designed with a flat roof. Bill and Jill decided to utilize this space to build a rooftop space for their reimagined Hotel Lenhart, planned to reopen in approximately 1 year.

The original bar top from the Lamplighter bar will be relocated to the roof top bar area and an elevator will service the roof area. The public will have full access to the rooftop bar, including a four-season bar and cupola that will straddle the main staircase and can be

seen from the first floor.

Bill and Jill are dedicated to maintain the charm of this historic property. "We plan to renovate the property, giving it a fresh, updated look and feel, while maintaining its historic charm," says Jill. "We've put the rocking chairs away during renovations, but they will definitely return once we reopen!"

The public is invited to visit the hospitality tent located on the hotel's property for updates regarding the rooftop bar project, as well as the hotel property renovations. "We're very excited to share our plans with the public," says Jill. "We want to share our excitement with the public, and can't wait for everyone to join us in this new space."

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

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The Tree Peony Festival of Flowers, which showcases its extensive collection of Japanese and American tree peonies of pink, white, red and yellow, takes place annually in May and early June. The final days of this Spring's Festival are Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st.

PHOTOS AND ARTICLE
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Linwood Gardens is a magical place in Genesee Valley, where every year in warm weather, a limited number of visitors are privileged to enjoy its beautiful flowers and trees, landscaping and the antique decor in the house. The grounds are interesting to explore, and include several gardens, a chapel, and decorative elements such as a metal chair with a butterfly design. It was designed in the early 1900's, and still maintains the classic charm from that era. Pulitzer-Prize-winning poet William Carlos Williams and poet, novelist and playwright Langston Hughes were among its past visitors.

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place annually in May and early June. The final days of this Spring's Festival are Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st. As of May 26th, reservations are still available for sessions on June 1st, at 10am, noon and 2pm. The suggested donation for general admission is \$15, and visitors can wander the grounds at leisure. Treats including cookies, cupcakes and muffins will be available for sale in the house. On May 31st, at noon, the artist in residence Michael Anderson will talk about historic sculptures in the garden, and visitors can see the first phase of his own sculpture installation in the field below it. On Open Garden Days, including Thursday, June 19th, Saturday, July 12th and Saturday, July 26th, the suggested donation is \$20 per adult. Tap water and restrooms will be available, but visitors on those days must bring their own food (but not bring pets or

alcohol). Reservations are required for all visitors.

"For the last weekend of the Festival, it looks like the tree peony bloom time should be extended, with the Japanese and early hybrids slowly giving way to the mid-and-late season hybrids. The color palette will be shifting from white and pink to include more yellows, along with dark reds. The gardens will be beautiful!", said Clara Mulligan, the spokesperson for Linwood Gardens. "Open Gardens days are chances to visit during the summer, and early autumn, to experience the seasonal changes at Linwood Gardens.", she continued. "We expect to select a few more dates in the later summer."

Linwood Gardens is located amidst the farmlands of Genesee Valley, at 1912 York Road West in Linwood, New York. For more information, go to linwoodgardens.org, or go to facebook.com/LinwoodGardens.

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Memorable Memorial Day Line Up in Chautauqua County

BY DARLENE BRACE

By the end of this weekend, it will be the beginning of June already. Read on to see what is happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday May 29th - Lenny and the Landshark will be playing at the **Village Casino** in Bemus Point from 7pm-10pm. This talented duo plays an eclectic music set list that spans generations.

The Busti Tap House welcomes back the talented **Dark Water Duo** that will entertain the crowd starting at 6:30pm. They will be playing a mix of rock and country for your enjoyment.

The Jamestown Tarp Skunks baseball team has its **home opener** starting at 6:30pm, but you can join in the fun for a tailgate party before the game. At 5pm, the **Porcelain Bus Drivers** will be performing a variety of music for the crowd to enjoy. There will also be a food truck, a bounce house for kids, and the first 200 people in the door will receive a free t-shirt.

Friday May 30th-The Roger Tory Peterson Institute in Jamestown will be hosting its **Art After Five** event this Friday starting at 5:30pm. **The Porcelain Train** is a talented duo from the Buffalo area, that primarily plays Americana music. They will perform a mix of their own original songs and their version of covers. With your admission ticket, you get two hours of live entertainment, light bites by Elegant Edibles, a free drink, and entry to the current exhibits.

EBC in Bemus Point will be hosting **Ion Sky (unplugged)**. These talented musicians will

be playing their acoustic versions of rock and pop music starting at 6pm. Enjoy listening to great music while having a delicious meal as you watch the sunset over the lake.

At the **Brazil Lounge** in downtown Jamestown, the Music on the Stoop-Summer Patio Music Series continues with drink specials and live music. **Drew and Lena** will perform a mix of jazz/pop/fusion that you will surely enjoy.

In nearby Cattaraugus County, the **Harley Davidson in Gowanda** is launching **It Is Finally Friday Night-Rock and Rumble Summer Series Bike Night**. These bike nights will be held the last Friday of the month until September 26th and will feature great live music, delicious food, and a chance to mingle with other motorcycle enthusiasts in the community. **Grunge Box** will be performing this week from 5pm-8pm.

The River Bar in the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** in Salamanca has some great live music this weekend. On Friday night, WNY's popular band **Black Widow** returns, playing a mix of rock and pop. They always put on a great show and get people up dancing. Then on Saturday night, **Midnight Moonshine** will perform playing a mix of classic rock, country, and pop. Each night the bands begin at 7pm.

Saturday May 31st - The Village Casino in Bemus Point welcomes **Backlog** to perform on the stage starting at 8pm. Come in by land or by boat to enjoy something delicious food while you are listening to this talented band playing hits from across many

generations.

Big Inlet Brewing welcomes back the **Untouchables** to perform at 5pm. The Untouchables will play some of your favorite oldies from the 50s through many generations of music. Come with your family and friends and enjoy a cold beverage while listening to this fantastic band.

At the **Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown, **White Bronco** will be performing starting at 9pm. White Bronco is a 90s Rock/Alternative band who plays a lot the tune most bands don't play, so you are in for a unique and fun night.

Southern Tier Brewing Company in Lakewood will be hosting the return of the **Riff Riders** at 6pm. They will be singing the blues to entertain the crowd.

Keith Medley will be performing at **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood starting at 8pm. Enjoy an appetizer like their huge pretzel or a delicious entree while listening to this talented soloist. If the weather is nice, you can enjoy sitting outside on the patio.

In Portland, between Fredonia and Brocton, is **21 Brix Winery**, and on the last Saturday of the month they host a monthly **Beat the Brix music series**. **Midnight Recovery** will be rocking this winery with its mix of rock and country starting at 7pm. Come check it out.

Now that summer is underway, there is plenty of live music for you to enjoy with your family and friends. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The weatherman assures us there will be a summer so let’s stay positive and enjoy the music around town. Let’s see who’s playing where?

THURSDAY

We start the weekend on Thursday at Balloons for Burger, Brews and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice in any burger and any domestic beer with house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm and there’s prizes for first-third place.

The Gin Mill’s Thursday music is hosted by the very popular Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/folk/country/blues set of covers and originals featuring crisp guitar solos and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY

Balloons is first up with Backlog from 6:30-10pm. This trio plays tops 40 covers you can dance to. Dj Lyfe will rock the sound booth mixing up some sauce so you can shake it like a boss on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We’re back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Rom play a rock/pop/folk/country/ blues set of covers. Check out the menu served seven days a week till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30 sat-sun.

Madigans is a player with Dj Kage from 9-2am. He’ll squeeze the

juice so you can really cut loose in the window on Washington. Play stump the bartender with those foo, foo drinks that require the little umbrellas.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Michale David from 2-5pm. He plays a country/rock/bluegrass/grunge set of covers. Hintz of Thunder take the stage from 8-13am. This band plays a classic and modern country set with a little rock /pop thrown in. Try the Carriage House Sidebar if you like craft cocktails made with high-end spirits.

We return to Balloons for J. J. Vicars from 6:30-10pm. J. J. plays a rockabilly a /country/blues set of covers and originals. Dj KT Stylez will provide the thumpin for the bumpin from 10-1am.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia burning up the sound booth puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am. Check out the dart board or pool tables for some competition.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is first up again with Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Grab a late lunch or early dinner or just have some of their famous Bloody Mary’s.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasra Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh pasta with the toppings of your choice or succulent prime cooked how you like it. This week’s musical host is Greg Zeis from 5:30-8:30pm. Greg plays a rock/country/folk/alt/indie set of covers and originals.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft beers and this week’s host is Jim Ronin from 6-9pm. Jim plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

The Gin Mill’s Monday residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays old and modern country/rock/folk/ roots set of covers and originals. Try some of those 37 beers that are always on tap.

Mill St Sports Pub joins the Monday fun with Asian and Trivia night from opening till 10pm. The chef will whip up some Asian inspired entrees or sushi or both. Trivia starts at 7pm and there’s prizes for first-third place.

TUESDAY

The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This collection of local musicians from different bands have been playing together for about 10 years. They play a bluegrass/country/ roots set of covers.

WEDNESDAY

Last but not least, we end the week the way we have for the last 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beer to was em down makes for a locals favorite. Brian Rick is the featured act. He plays a rock/folk/country/pop set of covers.

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Beat on the Street:

“What’s Your Favorite Movie Plot Twist?”



Tim D.- Primal Fear... Edward Norton is Crazy Good!



Heidi D.- The Sixth Sense. That blew me away to find out that Bruce Willis was actually a ghost!

The excitement of movies keeps our attention locked, and we often are guided to think a certain way about what is happening and then out of nowhere we find out the good guy is actually the bad guy or the bad guy’s mother or an alien. It really makes the film more enjoyable in a sense and it is definitely a talking point. Trying not to give away the ending is hard as well when discussing it with a peer, especially if you can call the plot twist out before it is exposed. Reading into the storyline and observing the clues makes watching the flick a game of sorts. A lot of the mystery thrillers of old are the predecessors to the plot twists of today in any kind of movie. Even comedies sometimes have plot twists sometimes. What’s your favorite movie plot twist?



Kyle B.- Aspen Extreme. Was not expecting the drug problem with Dexter or the death scene!



Carrie B.- The Others. I don't want to give it away. But the children are not what they seem.



Brett M.- The Wizard was just a carny!



Twan- In the Scooby Doo Movie when it was the butler or the creepy fisherman!

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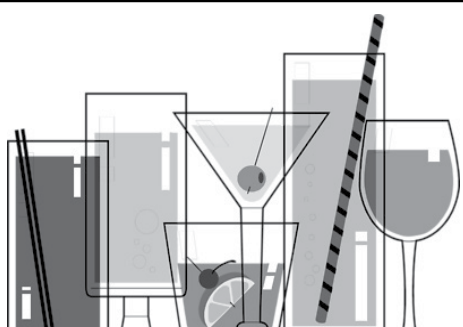
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This Week's Difficulty Level:
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1		9	8			6		
6	8		4	1	5	7	9	
3		4	7	6		2		
	2							
5	9		2				1	6
7	6	1	9		3		2	4
9		5		4		8	6	
8			5				3	
2		6	1			4		

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:

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

Hotel

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in your hand with big puffy snow falling around you while you sit next to the fireplace just after dark, your kids are warming up after a day of skiing in the outdoor pool that will be set to 104 degrees.” She further clarifies this vision, stating, “Wilderness Chic to us is the use of natural materials used to create a cozy place to relax after a full day of exploring Ellicottville.” The ultimate goal is to cultivate a serene escape, allowing guests—whether in town for skiing, the numerous festivals, family reunions, or special events like weddings—to “feel a sense of calm when they come to the hotel.”

Guests can anticipate significant enhancements designed to elevate their stay, particularly on the first floor. The current meeting room will be thoughtfully redesigned into a new breakfast area, while the existing breakfast space will be upgraded with plush, soft seating to create a more comfortable and inviting gathering spot. A new tap area, offering a selection of beer, seltzers, and wine, will provide a relaxing atmosphere for guests to unwind. The vision extends outdoors, with plans for a year-round outdoor pool and welcoming fire pits; the team is also exploring the addition of two infrared saunas. Every corner of the hotel will see renewal, with improvements to all rooms including new carpeting, wall coverings, bedding, and furniture, while hallways will also receive fresh carpeting, wall coverings, and lighting.

The decision to affiliate with Choice Hotels’ Ascend Collection was deliberate, driven by the desire for creative freedom. Walsh explained that “The Ascend Collection gave us the opportunity to really do anything we wanted with the hotel.” This allowed

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their own creative design to flourish, which was “very appealing as we wanted to incorporate specific items into the hotel” —a contrast to the brand uniformity required under their previous affiliation. This newfound independence is key to crafting a truly bespoke Ellicottville experience.

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destination where you can gather with friends and family, appealing to a diverse array of travelers, including families, couples, and those visiting for corporate purposes.

Even amidst this exciting new chapter, guests can expect the same unwavering dedication to service. Walsh confirms that the hotel will remain open during renovations, committed to providing the excellent service guests have come to know. A current special, the “Bike and Stay” package with Holimont, is available from May 29th through Fall Fest weekend, offering another way to experience the area’s charm.

As Ellicottville continues to enchant visitors with its unique blend of outdoor adventure and quintessential small-town warmth, The Huntley House Hotel is poised to become another beloved thread in its rich tapestry. It’s a story of thoughtful evolution, where local history is honored, and new memories are just waiting to be made.

For those eager to follow this transformation, more info. on the renovation, packages, or general updates can be found on their website through ellicottvillemingateinn.com or via their parent site at <https://ellicotthotels.com/>.

Zonta

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these values through their professional achievements, community involvement, and lasting impact.

Ashley Lund has been a trailblazer as the Assistant Director of Athletics at Jamestown Community College, where her leadership and advocacy have fostered inclusive opportunities and created positive change.

Momina DiBlasio is recognized for her innovative work and unwavering dedication

to the New Neighbor Coalition Program. Her passion for empowering others and building stronger communities has distinguished her as a compassionate and forward-thinking leader.

Lisa Lynde brought visionary leadership and tireless energy to her work at Chautauqua Region Community Foundation prior to her retirement earlier this year. She has inspired those around her with her integrity, perseverance, and commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Beth Oakes is a powerful advocate and leader at the Chautauqua County Child Advocacy Program, where


she and her staff bring healing, hope, and justice to children and their families. Her ability to drive impactful initiatives while uplifting those around her continues to inspire the broader community.

The Zonta Club of Jamestown remains committed to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of women who are making a difference locally and beyond. For more information about the Zonta Club of Jamestown and its mission, visit www.zontajamestown.org or reach out to the club at PO Box 913, Jamestown, N.Y., 14702

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Merritt

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festival will take place from June 6th to June 8th, and it will be packed with delicious food and great entertainment, where you can create some wonderful memories!

The festival kicks off at 5pm on Friday, and concessions will be serving delicious food that night and all weekend long. Enjoy a variety of tasty options, including chicken Caesar wraps, chicken sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, French fries, and a selection of side dishes, among other available options. Be sure not to fill up too much, as you'll want to save room for dessert. You won't be able to resist the scrumptious strawberry shortcake or strawberries dipped in chocolate!

Inside the wine store, wine tasting will be available, and you will have a variety of wines to choose from, ranging from sweet to dry. You can purchase any of the available wines by the glass or the bottle. There will also be a great selection of adult beverages, with at least six refreshing beers on tap and their wine slushes that have become very popular.

The entertainment starts when Uncle Ben's Remedy takes the stage, along with Ten Cent Howel, for an evening of live country rock music from 7-10pm. Just a heads-up, there won't be any vendors set up on Friday night, but you can enjoy the food and live music to kick off the festival.

On Saturday, the festival is open from 12-10pm and all the vendors and activities will be up and running. A variety of vendors will be set up on the grounds, selling crafts and novelty items, including homemade soaps, jewelry, home décor, gourmet popcorn, and other specialty treats.



The festival will feature a variety of fun activities, but unfortunately, it won't include the classic car cruise-in this year. Attendees who usually participate in the cruise-in are encouraged to attend the AGC cruise-in in Dunkirk during the first week of August. However, there's an exciting new addition of a mechanical bull ride that allows people of all ages to experience the thrill of trying to stay on for a ride as long as they can. It's sure to be a crowd-pleaser, whether you ride or simply just watch!

Saturday features a full day of live music. Dark Horse Run will kick things off from 12-3pm with a mix of rock and country. Next, popular WNY band Black Widow returns to the Strawberry Festival, performing from 3:30-6:30pm with their rock and pop tunes. The evening will close out with Strictly Hip from 7pm-10pm. You surely will enjoy this great music and maybe get you up there dancing.

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To keep the little ones busy, there will be children's activities available on Saturday and Sunday, including face painting, a bounce house, and a balloon artist as well as plenty of space for them to move around and enjoy some dancing.

On Sunday afternoon, the festival will be running from 12-6:30pm and all the

vendors, activities, and live music continue. From 12-3pm, WNY's party band Sequins will be playing old favorites from the 70s through today's hits. To conclude the festival's live music, Run Away Train will take the stage from 3:30-6:30pm, playing a variety of party rock and pop tunes.

Each year, the Merritts choose a local charity to collect donations for in place of charging admission or parking fees. This year's Strawberry Festival will be collecting donations on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County.

People come from all over New York State, Pennsylvania, and other locations to enjoy Merritt's wines and the Strawberry Festival. If you want more Strawberry Festival information, go to merrittstatewinery.com or their Facebook page. The winery is located at 2264 King Rd, Forestville, NY 14062.

The Merritt Strawberry Festival is always the first weekend in June and is a fun way to kick off the summer season. Your group will enjoy this festival's great live music, delicious foods and beverages, and of course, strawberry desserts. Come to the Merritt Strawberry Festival and see what it's all about.



your own lawn chairs to sit back and enjoy your meal in the beautiful lakeside surroundings.

Another highlight of this festival, besides the delicious food, is the live music performed each evening at the Desi Amaz Bandshell. On Wednesday night, the Dan Douglas Band will kick off the festival from 6-9pm, playing rock and country music. Thursday evening will feature A Strange Kind of Sunshine at 6pm, which will be performing old favorites as well as some newer tunes. Taylor Remaid will take the stage on Friday evening, delivering a fun mix of rock and pop music that will get people up dancing from 8-11pm. On Saturday afternoon, a DJ will play tunes from 4:30-7:30pm. Concluding the festival's live music will be the popular band Smokin' 45, which will have everyone foot stomping and moving and grooving to their unique blend of 'country music with a little bit of rock.'

Besides live music, the Ribfest includes other activities. On Saturday, there will be a cruise-in starting at 12pm, sponsored by Bailey's Towing Recovery. You can bring your special ride to show off or just enjoy browsing at all of the classic cars.

Your kids can have a great time exploring the new playground that just opened a few months ago, as well as the return of the Kidzone. The Kidzone features a bounce house and face painting, and

there will be train rides around the park on Friday and Saturday, provided by the Chautauqua Safety Village.

There will be a large area of craft and novelty vendors set up along the park walkways, and they will be selling a variety of goods such as crafts, art, unique clothing, jewelry, knick-knacks, hats, accessories, and other specialty items. Take your time browsing and shopping while listening to the band in the distance.

The Ribfest committee has organized an exciting community festival and fundraiser, featuring delicious food, a cruise-in, vendors, live music, and more. Proceeds from the Ribfest will support the Celoron Fire Department, the Celoron Moose, and other local nonprofits.

This year's festival will start daily at 3pm, offering tasty food and great entertainment. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the Celoron Ribfest and all it has to offer. For more information, visit celoronribfest.com.

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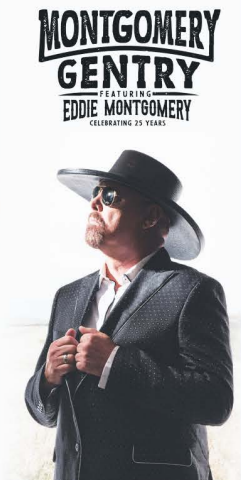

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