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One of the areas most famous spots is Taughannock Falls State Park, which is centered around Taughannock Falls, the tallest single-drop waterfall east of the Rocky Mountains. The Park affords views from the top of the falls, and after driving down through the park, guests can walk the approximately 1-mile path back to the base of the falls to take in the impressive sight over 215 feet in height. Even more impressive the cliffs in this area stretch upwards of 400 feet.

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Annual Holiday Valley Mudslide

Mud Run Event & Unofficial Kickoff to Summer



The 2025 Holiday Valley Mudslide will take place on Saturday, June 14 from 8:30am-3:30pm. The mudslide event has been taking place at Holiday Valley for over a decade. Over the years the course has been changed enough to keep things fresh for returning competitors.

By KATE BARTLETT/
 JONAH MANN

Saturday, June 14 marks the annual Holiday Valley Mudslide, a trail run where participants can choose to race on either a 4.2-mile or a 6-mile course that has

approximately 15 obstacles to navigate. Participants are challenged to tackle the course, sliding down mud, slacklining over pits of mud, climbing through mud...you get the

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Annual Yassou Festival, June 13 & 14

Immerse Yourself in Greek Culture for the Day



The Greek dances display some of the history and meaning behind them and it's always evident that the crowd is really enjoys seeing the younger members interpret the dances with such enthusiasm. This year the dancers will be dancing to live Bouzouki music by The Aegeans at 5pm and 8pm on Friday evening and Saturday at 1pm, 5pm, and 8pm.

By DARLENE BRACE

Are you hungry for a gyro or chicken souvlaki? Well, when it's Father's Day Weekend, Jamestown residents know that it's time for the annual Yassou Festival that takes place each June at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Francis Street. The

Greek community puts on a great event for anyone that wants to celebrate their Greek heritage with them. When you attend this festival, you will be immersed in the culture of the Greek community, including delicious food, music, and

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Welcome to Chautauqua Institution

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By CAROL FISHER LINN

Do you love Charleston or Savannah? Then you'll love The Chautauqua Institution.

If you are a local, you know that summertime is Chautauqua Institution season. If you are not from here, perhaps this article will give you a better idea of what it's

all about. Although many people visit to enjoy scheduled arts performances (nationally acclaimed performers like comedian Lewis Black or Jazz Ambassadors of the Army Field Band) or to hear well-known speakers on topics at all ends of the spectrum, they

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Working Together for Charity

Italian American Charity Golf Association



Joe Paternitti, former Chairman of the Italian American Charity Golf Association, pictured far right at Holiday Volley for the tournament last year. (See photos from last year's event, on back cover.)

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Celebrating Italian American heritage for 54 years and fighting cancer along the way...

"June 12, 13, 14 marks 54 years of antics, golf, fellowship, friendship, food and fund-raising, along with celebrating our Italian American heritage."

Former Chairman Joe Paternitti laughingly related that quick one-liner describing the purpose of the Italian American Charity Golf Association. Bottom line, the club was designed to bring individuals together with a common bond and do charitable works. That

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Bemus Point Market

A Chautauqua Lake Tradition



By KATE BARTLETT

The Bemus Point Market has been a local tradition on Chautauqua Lake for many years. It is one of the top sellers of Perry's 3-gallon Ice Cream in the area, carrying over 40 different flavors of premium ice cream. In addition to a wide selection of grocery items and large beer assortment, The Bemus Point Market now offers lunch and dinner take-out options including Bird Shack Chicken and Holy Guacamole Mexican Taco Bar.

The Bemus Point Market is a well-known local grocery market. It became popular for its Perry's ice cream selection, and people came from far and wide to sample a large variety of flavors. Greg Huber and family are currently the sole owners and proprietors of the market, as they took ownership of the property 2 years

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Gentner's Commission Market

Springville Auction Stands the Test of Time



There is always an eclectic assortment of items lined up for Gentner's Commission Market Auction. Gentner's is located at 341 West Main Street in Springville. They are open Wednesdays from 8am-9pm.

ARTICLE/PHOTOS BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Every Wednesday in warm weather, the very popular Gentner's Commission Market in Springville offers customers the excitement of outdoor auctions featuring ever-changing items ranging from furniture and antiques, to tools and whatever items happen to appear that week, and, auctions inside the barn, featuring animals. They range from rabbits to roosters, goats to geese and pigeons to parakeets. At one recent auction of assorted things, the items included children's bicycles, a manual typewriter and Christmas decorations. In Spring, Summer and early Autumn,

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“Celebrating Our Freedoms”

are indeed fortunate to live here, we have an abundance of freedoms. Sometimes it’s hard to see through the filters of the moment, but just of think how far we have come. Some of my best friends live on the Reservation, some live in Ohio, some Buffalo, some in Canada, some in places I can only dream of...We are one tribe. I firmly believe “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you”.

Speaking of, mark your calendar for Father’s Day, Sunday, June 15 and

take another moment to appreciate the people in your life and every opportunity you get to spend with them.

If you have something kind to share, please send it our way, we are always happy to share the good news. Simply go to www.thevillager.com and click on the “General Submissions” tab, we look forward to hearing from you!

Until next week, enjoy the read and the ride. Yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

Happy Birthday

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• Elliot Wilbur... August 13th • Byron Morgan... August 14th

Email us your birthday greetings: info@thevillager.com

Dunkirk Walleye Festival

2nd Annual Event at City Pier, June 6-8

The City of Dunkirk and Primitive Patriot Outdoors are proud to announce the second annual Dunkirk Walleye Festival taking place on June 6 through June 8 on the Dunkirk City Pier. The event is open to the public.

Professional walleye anglers will compete in the 5th Annual WNY Walleye Classic directed by Josh Larsen, tournament director, while the festival portion will be directed by Scott Mekus, Dunkirk Festivals event specialist.

The Primitive Patriot Outdoors WNY Walleye Classic will be the highlight of the festival consisting of 2 to 5 anglers weighing in their biggest six fish caught with top five pay outs and top three biggest fish prizes on Friday and Saturday.

Sponsored by Merrill Lynch - Ronald Viavada, Doc’s Tackle LLC, Lime Lake Marine & RV, Ahlstrom Schaeffer Electric, Century 21 - Daniel Terhune, Vexus, Smoker Craft Boats, Spike Dailey’s Irish Pub/Deli, Green Mountain Electric Supply, Primo Bait and Tackle, Soldier Solutions LLC, Shooter’s Warehouse, Demetri’s on the Lake and Monster Energy, the tournament consists of a Big Fish Friday event (June 6), the main event (June 7) and a kids’ day (June 8) with a tournament weather determinant make-up date on June 8.

The pier will be closed off to all traffic starting this Thursday, June 5 from 12 noon to Monday, June 9 late morning.

Last year, 45 teams were registered with over 250 anglers and over \$47,760 was given in prize money.

The mission statement is to bring the outdoor community together through hosted events and various media sources in hopes to give our area an amazing weekend focusing on Lake Erie’s most sought-after species, walleye.

For Big Fish Friday, teams leave from whatever harbor they



The open to the public Dunkirk Walleye Festival will take place June 6 through June 8 at the Dunkirk City Pier. Pictured left to right is last year’s 2024 champions Catch the Best (31.15 total fish weight) with Chuck Pohlman, Tim Duffy, and Tom Kinmartin along with Josh Larsen, Primitive Patriot Outdoors co-owner/WNY Walleye Classic tournament director.

wish, but must return to Dunkirk by boat with cooler drop off by 3:30pm and the weigh in show at 5pm. Scott Celani Band’s Tom Petty Tribute will provide musical entertainment from 7-10pm.

The main event starts Saturday with boat checks at 5:30am followed by the shotgun start at 7am where teams will all race off to their fishing location. The community is encouraged to come watch as the roar of 40 plus boats race off along the shores of Lake Erie.

Cooler drop off is by 3:30pm proceeded by the weigh in show at 5pm. The biggest fish are weighed last to enhance the buildup of excitement to announce the winners and overall champion that day.

The Committed band will play from 1-3pm. The West of the Mark will take the stage from 7-10pm to perform live 90’s country music.

Food, craft and fishing gear vendors will be on site both Friday and Saturday from 10am-6pm on both days with some staying open on Sunday from 10am-1pm depending on tournament demand.

A kids’ fishing clinic and tournament will take place Sunday, June 8 starting at 8am. Pro angler and National Walleye Tour Championship finalist,

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Mayor Burrell Receives 2nd Award from Organization

By CHAD NEAL

Ellicottville has been doing a lot of building and rearranging in the Village and it hasn't gone unnoticed by the New York Conference of Mayors. In 2019 Mayor Burrell was happy to accept The Local Government Achievement Award from NYCOM for "jointly working with the Town [of Ellicottville] to develop our own Engineering Department." This year at the conference in Bolton Landing, New York on Lake George at the Sagamore Resort he accepted another award for the work that was recently done in the village over the past year called "Dig Once".

Mayor John Burrell wrote an informative paragraph to share the accolade! "Once again the Village of Ellicottville is an award winner. The New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) at it's Annual Meeting presented the Local Government Achievement Award

for our "Dig Once" project. By working with the Town of Ellicottville we were able to have a completely new water distribution system on Elizabeth Street and a complete rebuild of the street (underground and surface storm water collection, new sub base gravel, sidewalks, curbing, driveway approaches and asphalt paving). This was accomplished with the Town and Village using the same engineering firm (B&L) and construction company (JD Northrup). From the time excavation started to the finished product, residences on the street were only inconvenienced for one year. This was an amazing feat for our community.



Pictured with Mayor Burrell is Barbara Van Epps to his right and NYCOM President for 2024-2025 Ruth Ann Loveless.

On behalf of the Village, I accepted this award from NYCOM Executive Director Barbara Van Epps and President Ruth Ann Loveless."

Mayor Burrell is very active with NYCOM as he is now on the Board of Executives. He helped to swear in the new president of NYCOM this year Mayor William Aiello of Olean who will hold the seat for the next year.

Through Grandpa's Lens: on Display in Ellicottville

Captivating Photography of John Karassik at Memorial Library

Ellicottville, NY — If you've ever admired a striking image of a bald eagle in flight, kids carving moguls on a snowy slope, or a firework bursting over a summer sky, chances are it came from the lens of John Karassik—known fondly around Ellicottville as simply, "Grandpa."

Now, a selection of Karassik's work is on display at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, offering visitors a chance to step into the world as seen through his eyes—one filled with movement, memory, and an unmistakable love of place.

Originally from Maplewood, New Jersey, Karassik discovered photography as a teenager when his grandfather gifted him an Ernst Leitz Wetzlar camera—a treasured item he still owns. In his early years, he experimented with black-and-white film in a homemade basement darkroom, a quiet start to what would become a lifelong creative passion.

His journey took him through Ohio Wesleyan University, where he played lacrosse, and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania for graduate studies. Along the way, he married his childhood sweetheart, June (who

sadly passed too early in 2014), and served in the U.S. Army, rising to the rank of Captain. It was during these chapters—helping to raise his two children, Katie and Jay—that his hobby steadily grew, particularly around the action and spirit of lacrosse.

In 1988, Karassik discovered Ellicottville and quickly fell in love with its natural charm. Within a year, he relocated his family to the town of Ellicottville and later founded Ellicottville Kitchen Equipment, a staple of the local business community. Today, both Katie and Jay continue to live and work in Ellicottville, carrying forward the family's deep connection to the community.

But it's behind the camera that Karassik carved out his true identity—capturing everything from his grandchildren's many antics to the town's vibrant outdoor life and its quiet natural moments.

With his trusted Nikon DSLR and a 200–500mm zoom lens in hand, Karassik now travels with his wife, Anne Golley Karassik, photographing wildlife, sports, sweeping landscapes, and always keeping an eye out for his favorite subject: eagles... His fireworks photography has become a local favorite, showcasing his evolving artistry and



technical skill.

Through July, the Ellicottville Memorial Library is showcasing a curated collection of Karassik's photography in its foyer.

All pieces are available for purchase, with 100% of proceeds benefiting the Zach Golley Memorial Fund, a cause close to his heart.

Whether you're a longtime admirer or discovering his work for the first time, don't miss this chance to experience Ellicottville through Grandpa's lens—rich in spirit, story, and beauty.

The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maples Rd, Ellicottville, NY 14731. They can be reached at 716-699-2842.



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Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Events

Guerilla Theatre Project “Play-in-a-Day”, Thursday June 5

The Guerilla Theatre Project based in Olean, is going to use the Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto as the location for their next “Play-in-a-Day” event. Starting at 6pm on Friday, June 5th, and spanning the next 24 hours, the theatre group will write plays, audition actors, rehearse and then perform their creation at 7pm on Saturday, June 6th.

The performances will take place at the 6902 Mill Valley Road location of the Griffis Sculpture Park. The scenes are going to be set amongst the paths and sculpture areas of the park. The event is free, but donations are greatly accepted.

The Guerrilla Theatre Project aims to deliver theatrical experiences that might not otherwise be seen across the

Southern Tier in new, original, and cutting-edge ways that are meant to inspire dialogue amongst theatrical enthusiasts and newcomers alike. This is your chance to take part in one of their performances.

“It is definitely a crazy 24 hours for all involved,” said Tristan DeFiore, from the Guerilla Theatre Project. “We start with auditions at 7pm where you have a one-minute speed audition and then the director and writer teams draft their actors and tell them right after auditions. Then the actors and directors go home and the writers stay all night and write their plays. At 7am the actors return and begin learning the plays that these writers write with their directors in a whirlwind day of learning lines and rehearsals! Then we end it all at 7pm with a

live performance of it all! It’s a wild and rewarding time that I am very happy to have been a part of and seen people really enjoy!”

DeFiore said that he hopes the audience walks away inspired by the raw creativity and immediacy of live theatre and are reminded that powerful stories can emerge from urgency, collaboration, and a lot of hard work. “Witnessing art made in real time is a truly special experience that we hope everyone enjoys,” said DeFiore.

Interested actors are encouraged to come to the park at 6pm on Friday June 5th to audition. If you are interested in writing or directing one of the plays, please contact Guerrilla Theatre Project via their facebook or by email.

Sunday Sound Series- Masti World Music Ensemble

Once a month on Sunday afternoon, world beat vibes flowing through these special performances. The performances will be held outside the Gate House at the park. Participants are allowed to bring lawn chairs, blankets and small coolers. These events are part of the regular admission fee on the day of the event.

Arabic jazz and world grooves. Masti World Music Ensemble is a collective of contemporary, creative musicians with a shared interest in music from the Middle East. Exotic instruments, Arabic melodies and rhythms guide the listener on a journey of global discovery. They will perform this Sunday, June 8 at 2pm.



About Griffis Sculpture Park: The 450 acre Ashford Hollow park, located eight miles outside of Ellicottville, is not only a tremendous regional attraction, but holds the distinction of being one of America’s largest and oldest sculpture parks.

The park features over 250 large scale sculptures dispersed through miles of hiking trails. Each sculpture was placed with the natural setting in mind, creating a truly unique experience between art and nature.

The park is actually split into two sections: Rohr Hill Road Site and Mill Valley Road Site. The Rohr Hill area is characterized by towering sculptures set in fields and woods just off the road. The Mill Valley Road Site features both a smooth walk area, as well miles of trails through a variety of terrain. Whether you have five minutes or five hours, one can always get a flavor of the park.

For a full list of events and more information visit: griffissculpturepark.org.

S. Tier Corporate Challenge, June 26

GOACC Presents Evening of Networking & Wellness



The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to announce registration is now open for the Fifteenth Annual Southern Tier Corporate Challenge, taking place on June 26 at 6 p.m. at JCC Olean Campus. This exciting event promises an evening full of wellness, fun, and community spirit, and last year’s event drew over 1,000 participants from all over the region. Afterwards is Olean’s “Largest Office Party,” where participants can celebrate their hard work with post-race grub from eight of our Member food trucks, beer from Wright Beverage, and more!

Thanks to Race Management Solutions and timing graciously sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, participants can expect a professionally timed 5K run, where runners can compete for awards (and bragging rights). Those who choose not to run can enjoy a leisurely stroll with friends and colleagues in the non-

timed 2.1-mile Fun Walk.

The GOACC is excited to once again bring member businesses, their employees, and the community together for the area’s favorite wellness event! And for the first time ever, we are opening the event to the public. Public participants who aren’t employed by a GOACC member business are able to register as individuals or on their own Community Team. Teams made up of employees of GOACC Member businesses are encouraged to enter the Corporate Division. Hybrid teams will also join the Community Division. Form your Corporate and Community teams today! Who doesn’t love an award and a little recognition? There will be overall Fastest Female and Fastest Male awards, Corporate and Community awards, and Most Spirited – so make sure you show your team pride!

Registration is open NOW and will remain open until the race

starts. To register, visit www.OleanNY.com/challenge. The GOACC will be doing early packet pickup for large teams again this year – more information on that process to come.

Early bird pricing, until June 24 at 5pm, is as follows:

- GOACC Member Pricing is \$26 per employee of GOACC Member Business
- Non-member pricing is \$31 per participant not employed by a GOACC Member Business
- Standard pricing, continuing from 5:01 p.m. on June 24 until the start of the race, is as follows:
- GOACC Member Pricing is \$30 per employee of GOACC Member Business
- Non-member pricing is \$35 per participant not employed by a GOACC Member Business

Participants will receive a \$12 food voucher and one free beer ticket (with proof of legal age) with

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Mudslide

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theme...no one finishes the course looking clean.

According to Dash Hegeman, Marketing Director at Holiday Valley, the mudslide event has been taking place at Holiday Valley for over a decade. “I believe it started around 2012 and it began when much more “extreme” mud runs were very popular,” says Dash. “Holiday Valley wanted to offer something that wasn’t so aggressive, where families and friends could come together to have a good time, stoke the competitive spirit a bit, and get really muddy! Over the years the course has been changed enough to keep things fresh for returning competitors. New features have been added and old ones retired. But the goal of the event has always been to make sure people are having fun and making great memories.”

The 2025 Holiday Valley Mudslide will take place on Saturday, June 14 from 8:30am-3:30pm. The 6-mile long course kicks off at 9:15am, with the 4.2-mile short course starting at 10:30am. Food service begins at 10am and beer tasting on the sun deck starts at 11am. Awards will be presented at 1pm.

The kids race kicks off at 1:15pm, with staggered start times for different age groups ranging from 10-years to 5-years and under.

Competitors are treated to food and drinks upon finishing their run but the Holiday Valley Food & Beverage team will be on-site to sell food to spectators. 42 North Brewery and Ellicottville Brewing Co. will also be



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at Yodeler to sample beer options for the 21+ crowd. “It really is a great day that is all about bringing people together to have fun and make long lasting memories,” says Dash.

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New features this year include a slight reroute of the long course in order to add a new challenge. “There’s also a new feature that every competitor will have to navigate right before they make their way up the lower part of Yodeler to slide down the mudslide obstacle to get to the finish line,” says Dash, also adding an element of surprise to the race.

The Mudslide has been considered Holiday Valley’s ‘unofficial kickoff of the summer event season’ and is a great time for both participants and spectators alike. “The Mudslide is always a fun event because of the variety of people who come to participate,” says Dash. “Runners are a very

wide range of ages, and they come from all over Western New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Canada. Some come for just the event, and others make a weekend out of it with our Mudslide Lodging Package, which allows them to stick around and experience all the great things that Ellicottville has to offer during the summer months.”

Dash stated that it’s the people that make this event one-of-a-kind. “It’s great to see such a diverse group of people for this event,” says Dash. “Some are our dedicated skiers and snowboarders, but others are experiencing Holiday Valley for the first time ever, which is always fun to see. Having such a wide range of people gather to encourage each other to do their best and to complete the run makes for an incredible event. It’s definitely one that I’d encourage everyone to experience. Plus, the prizes that we give out to the winners are handcrafted, one of a kind, trophies that people always enjoy winning.”

For more info. visit holidayvalley.com and follow @holidayvalley on social media. Prices increase after June 8th, and registration closes on June 13.

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vision has remained intact for all these years and helps a cause which will hopefully continue into perpetuity. Club members are getting younger, which brings a promise for more future fun and good works. This year, there will be 88 teams, 176 men, who come in from places across the country to play golf for a very special cause. The tournament is a merit thing where players must do the application process, donate money and volunteer to work the tournament, thereby earning points. It may take five years before a player earns the right to play in this tournament, and presently, there is a waiting list.

The tournament, currently played at Holiday Valley Golf Course, has become a family event with several generations of players participating. Current Chairman, Dave Munella had this to say about working with Holiday Valley all these years: “There are not enough words to describe what an incredible partner Holiday Valley has been for our organization. Much of our success can be directly contributed to what they do to help coordinate this event. Dennis Eshbaugh, President/GM, has demonstrated unwavering support. Kyle Benish Head Pro and Jay SaGurney, Course Superintendent do an amazing job getting the golf portion of it ready for 176 players. Our newest asset is Matt Campion, Food and Beverage. Along with his staff they will cater to hundreds of individuals



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during this time. The sheer magnitude to pull off this 3-day celebration as we like to say, would not be possible. We are forever grateful to be associated with these wonderful individuals. They are part of our team initiatives and goals to help raise money for Cancer Related Care in our community.”

Originally sending donations to the American Cancer Society, the club eventually reshaped itself. They decided that they wanted to keep that money local and had the perfect solution – WCA Hospital where they could direct funds locally and people could see how their donations were working in their own community. With their goal “Stamp out Cancer in our Lifetime,” there is much work still to be done. The American Cancer Society along with local Cancer Care programs at WCA and UPMC Chautauqua have benefitted significantly from the proceeds of their fund-raising efforts which last year helped them surpass 1.8 million dollars in (mainly small) donations firmly putting them on the

path towards their next milestone of 2 million dollars. To read more about their amazing work, please go to iacharitygolf.com.

But there is more. They now include a scholarship for a local student aspiring to the medical field, and a special \$2000 annual endowment for a family struggling with a cancer diagnosis. They have partnered with Star Hospice House through Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care, donating funds for a room and providing amenities needed for a more comfortable stay.

This is far from just a few days of antics. This tournament offers an opportunity for a dedicated group of people to join hands and hearts to help those living with cancer have better chances of fighting this disease in their hometown. And for those dying, their generous efforts make it possible for them to have quality of life for their last days.

Knowing nothing about golf but much about pulling off events of this

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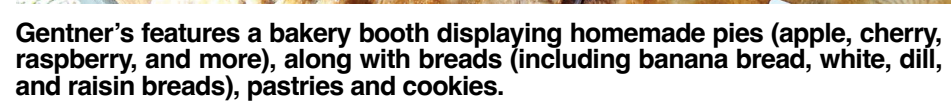
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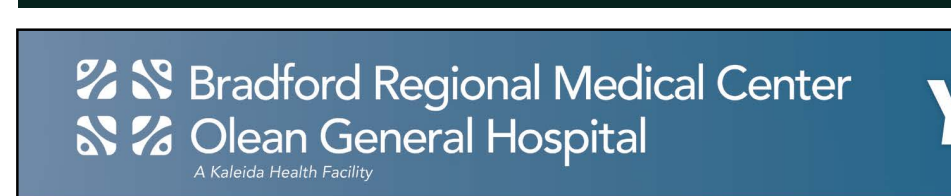


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Another reason for Gentner's great popularity during the warmer months are its many Farmer's Market booths, on both sides of the barn, full of seasonal fruits and vegetables ranging from cherries and berries, apples and plums, to potatoes and tomatoes (including cherry tomatoes). Not to mention its many Flea Market tables offering luxury items, such as jewelry and

The bargains on the racks and in the boxes include clothing and toys, kitchen and household items, and lots of other stuff. The animals available at the auctions also include sheep and lambs, calves, turkeys, ducks, guinea hens, quails, peacocks and peahens, and fertile eggs are available.

Gentner's is located at 341 West Main Street in Springville, and its hours on Wednesdays are 8am-9pm. Animals are accepted for auction beginning at 8am, and the auction starts at 2pm. For more information, visit their facebook page or call (716) 592-4062.



Market

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Greg spends the winter months in Vero Beach, Florida, but calls Chautauqua Lake home during the summer months. His daughter, Carrie, and son-in-law, Jason Yohe, help run the market year-round. "Jason is a beer man," says Greg. "He keeps the beer selection of the market well stocked. He is familiar with a wide variety of beer, and knows what people want." Greg's wife, Mary, also helps at the market, along with his grandkids, Ellery and Kyle, who have been ice cream scoopers for over 3 years. "It's a family business," says Greg. "We're not in it for the money; it's about making people happy."

Recently, The Bemus Point Market added a variety of take-out options to their selection. "We've always had the deli counter, but we wanted to add something new and different for our customers," says Greg. On May 19th, the market officially introduced Bird Shack Fried Chicken meals. This brand is well-known for their double breaded chicken, cooked

Greg listens to the community and takes notice of what would best meet their needs. "It's about helping people," says Greg. "We don't see ourselves as competition to other businesses. We're here to enhance the offerings in the area, bringing new food items and take out options."

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Yassou

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comradery. This year's Yassou Festival will be held Friday, June 13th from 11am-10pm, and Saturday, June 14th from 11am-9pm.

You can't miss the enormous tent that will be set up in front of the church. Inside the tent, there will be rows of tables and chairs that can accommodate hundreds of people. To the side of the seating area, food stations that will tempt you with the delicious Greek cuisine that is the highlight of the festival. The Greek food is all homemade by the members of the Greek community. Delicious souvlaki on a stick, gyro sandwiches, spanakopita, Greek hotdogs, and Greek salad are among the choices. Don't eat too much so you can indulge in some baklava, Rizogalo, cookies, and sweet breads for dessert.

Passed the seating area, there's a large space where the music and dance performances will take place. The Greek dances display some of the history and meaning behind them and it's always evident that the

crowd is really enjoying seeing the younger members interpret the dances with such enthusiasm. This year the dancers will be dancing to live Bouzouki music by The Aegeans at 5pm and 8pm on Friday evening and Saturday at 1pm, 5pm, and 8pm.

There will be a beer tent located in a smaller tent outside of the large tent. Here adults can socialize and enjoy a selection of adult beverages such as beer, wine and seltzers. As the evening goes on, this area becomes quite busy, and you are likely to see many people you know if you are from the Jamestown area.

The Yassou Festival takes place on the church grounds, where it first started in 1982 under the leadership of Father Nicholas Rafael. He was instrumental in organizing the first Yassou festival along with other community members that helped organize it. It has been an ongoing annual festival since then, (except for 2 years during the Covid pandemic).

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Alexis expressed her excitement, stating, "We look forward to welcoming the entire community to a big, fat Greek party in our front yard! The Yassou Festival gives our parish the opportunity to share our cultural heritage and faith while supporting St. Nicholas Church. Each year, we celebrate the joy of the Greek spirit and hospitality under the tent. We hope people enjoy being immersed in our cultural event and look forward to returning each year. Many of our children are involved in the festival and are inspired to carry on the tradition of Yassou in the future." She also extended her gratitude to the community of volunteers who assist with the festival each year, emphasizing that it takes teamwork to bring the festival together.

You can enjoy this festival where the admission is just \$3 per person, and kids under 12 get in for free. They are excited to share that wait times to enter and grab some delicious food are quicker and more efficient than before. If you can't stay for all the fun activities but still want to enjoy the tasty cuisine,

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The historic homes and gardens are worth the trip on their own. Chautauqua may be historic, but it is also cutting edge.

Chautauqua

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may be unaware of the variety of opportunities Chautauqua offers outside of the 4,400 seat outdoor, covered amphitheater, which, incidentally, holds the Massey organ, the largest outdoor pipe organ in the world (5640 pipes!). Chautauqua is so much more – it is not merely a place or a venue – it is a memorable experience.

Chautauqua's website provided this information: "Designated both a National Historic District because of the characteristics of Chautauqua, the place, it is also designated as a National Historic Landmark because of its contribution to American culture ... If the physical archetype for traditional neighborhood developments in the United States is colonial Charleston, Savannah, or Annapolis, the holistic prototype has always been Chautauqua ... Its appeal derives not from its historical quaintness, but from its relevance to life today."

The historic homes and

gardens are worth the trip on their own. Chautauqua may be historic, but it is also cutting edge. Founded in 1874 as a summer getaway dedicated to religious out-of-school vacation time learning for Sunday-school teachers, it has enlarged its focus exponentially. Many came by steamboat landing in the location of the Bell Tower and Palestine Park (another gem to be appreciated); today the Chautauqua Belle takes guests around the lake. 7500 visitors or permanent residents are on the grounds daily throughout the Chautauqua 9-week "season," 100,000 participate in scheduled events and, yearly, over 8,000 students enroll in the Chautauqua Summer Schools where they learn about art, music, dance, theater, writing skills and a wide variety of special interests in an incredibly beautiful 750-acre outdoor environment.

Music and a symphony orchestra joined the seasonal repertoire in 1920. The Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, founded in 1929, now performs thrice weekly with leading soloists in the Amphitheater,

Chautauqua's program center. Popular entertainers perform other evenings. The Chautauqua Opera Company also made its debut in 1929.

Chautauqua is intergenerational so there is something for everyone. As a recent visitor said in their review, "Where else can you go in the US that is so safe that you don't need to lock your doors or bikes up, even at night?" (Yes, it is a gated facility.) They then raved about "youth programs, lectures, concerts, plays, classes, park activities. ..."

In speaking with Emily Morris, Chief Brand Officer at Chautauqua, she said this: "you can bring a family of diverse interest and ages here. Attend a lecture, participate in youth programs for all ages, golf, play tennis, sail, swim, work out, and enjoy entertainment every single night at the amphitheater. Whatever you want, there is something for everyone, all ages. Frankly, we have an embarrassment

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The nearby Ithaca Farmers Market has cultivating earth and community since 1973. The market gains momentum every year, with 150 active members of local farmers, chefs and artisans within 30 miles of Ithaca. Their market is open Saturdays from April-December, and Sunday from May -November in the award-winning pavilion in a scenic park on Cayuga Lake.

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Memorable Memorial Day Line Up in Chautauqua County

BY DARLENE BRACE **West of Mark** will be delicious, barbecued

We are finally getting some summer like weather. It's time to get out and about and enjoy the live music of the summer season. Read on to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

Friday, June 6th - Ion Sky (unplugged) will be performing at **Grace & Abe's** in Westfield starting at 7pm. They will be playing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop setlists. Come enjoy a delicious meal while listening to these talented musicians.

Tyler McClain will return to **EBC in Bemus Point** where you can sit overlooking the lake and watch the sunset as Tyler plays eclectic music sets, starting at 7pm.

Miranda Wilcox will return to **Southern Tier Brewing Company** at 6pm. Miranda is a talented singer-songwriter who performs cover music from many generations as well as original tunes, starting at 6pm.

In downtown Jamestown, Music on the Stoop with continues at the **Brazil Lounge** patio. **Oldfish** will be playing a mix of covers and originals starting at 6pm.

Lenny and the Landshark return for another great performance at the **Good Time Saloon** in Jamestown starting at 8pm. They play a fun mix of genres of music, so there's a little something for everyone to enjoy.

As part of the **Walleye Festival at the Dunkirk Pier**, there will be vendors and live music. On Friday evening, there will be a **Tom Petty Tribute** band rocking the pier at 7pm. Then on Saturday evening

West of Mark will be playing country tunes to entertain the crowd.

Saturday, June 7th
- The **Southern Tier Brewing Company** in Lakewood will be having a day of live music to entertain the crowd. **Big Logic Duo** and **The Truth Serum** will play from 1pm to 4pm. They mix it up and play their versions of many of your favorites across the genres of music. Then **Tequila Sunrise**, will play familiar Eagles tunes from 6pm to 9pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy your favorite Southern Tier beverage while enjoying this fabulous entertainment.

Also happening in Lakewood, **Group Therapy** will be hosting the **Happy** will be hosting the **Michael Aarons Band** at 8pm. Come and enjoy a delicious meal or appetizer while listening to these talented musicians.

At the **Grandview** in Ellington, they are hosting **Hellz Bellz** that will perform at 5pm. They are an AD/DC tribute band that will have the place rocking. This is part of a fundraising Dice Run for the Tunnel for Towers Foundation, so besides music there will be food, basket raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

Silent Legacy, which is a Melissa Etheridge tribute band will take the stage at **Wicked Warrens** in downtown Jamestown from 6 pm-8pm. Tara Graves, who is the lead singer for local band Iron Sky, will perform as a vocalist with this band as well.

The **Celoron Rib Fest** will take place this week in Celoron, **Wednesday-Saturday**. Along with

delicious, barbecued food, there will be vendors, a cruise-in, a Kid Zone, and live music each evening. On Wednesday evening the **Dan Douglas Band** at 6pm, and on Thursday evening **A Strange Kind of Sunshine** will perform at 6pm. **Taylor Remain** will take the stage on Friday evening, playing a fun mix of rock and pop music from 8pm-11pm. On Saturday afternoon, a DJ will play tunes from 4:30pm-7:30pm. Saturday night, the popular band **Smokin' 45** will have everyone moving to their blend of country and rock music.

The **Merritt Winery Strawberry Festival** takes place this weekend as well, and it includes great food, wine, vendors, strawberry desserts, and live music. This festival starts Friday night with the country rock sounds of **Uncle Ben's Remedy** and **10 Cent Howell** performing at 7pm. On Saturday, the live music continues with **Dark Horse Run**, playing rock and country from 12pm-3pm. At 3:30pm, the popular WNY band **Black Widow** will be taking the stage. They play great sets of rock and pop music that will get you moving to the beat. At 7pm, **Strictly Hip** will finish the night's entertainment. On Sunday, party band **Sequins** plays from 12pm-3pm and **Run-Away Train** will close out the festival from 3:30pm-6:30pm.

This week was full of fun family festivals with plenty of live music. Check out next week's issue to see the entertainment for Father's Day weekend in Chautauqua County.

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What's Shakin' in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

THURSDAY

The weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons with Burgers, Brews and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of 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 entertainment is hosted by Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a country/bluegrass/folk/roots set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY

The Cabana Bar at The Valley hosts The Campfire Junkie from 5:30-8:30pm. He plays a country/folk/alt set of covers and originals. Enjoy cocktails in the twilight at the base of the slopes.

We're back at Balloons for Crush, Crush, Crush from 6:30-10pm. They play 2000's rock/alt/dance covers. Dj Kage will provide the thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers that you can dance to.

Check out the 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, serving up some sauce so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is first up with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This act plays a folk /country/rock/american set of covers and originals. Barnstorm takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays old and new country with a little rock thrown in. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high-end spirits.

Balloons is back with Innocent Bystander from 6:39-10pm. They play a classic & modern rock/country/dance set of covers. Dj KT Stylez will bring out the smiles rockin the sound booth from 10-2am.

Madigans is a player with Dj Kage cranking some crunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird again with one of my favorites, The Chillbillys, from 2-5pm. They play a rock/blues/country/ pop set of covers and originals. Try one, or two, of those fa-

mous Bloody Mary's.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order, pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime rib made how you like. The musical host this week is Grace Lougan from 5:30-8:30pm. Grace plays a rock/folk/pop/alt/ jazz 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 to wash em down and music provided by, none other than, The Chillbillys, from 6-9pm.

The Gin Mill's Monday night residency is hosted by Marty Peters and Company from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF'er plays blues and folk music from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

WEDNESDAY

We've been ending the seven-day weekend the same for 40 years with Wing, Wednesday, at The Gin Mill, from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is the musical host and plays a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and that you return often but whoever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

“What was the Greatest Thing You Ever Built?”



Darryl W.- A dragster out of Legos when I was 6 or 7.



Brady P.- My parents a house!



Bobby O.- My table stand. It's still in great shape and 40 years old!



Stefan H.-The Mountain coaster at Holiday Valley.



Josh O.- It's a toss up between an awesome family cabin with my in-laws, and my nerdy Star Wars collection.



Lisa T.- New group of people for my social life. Truly a blessing.

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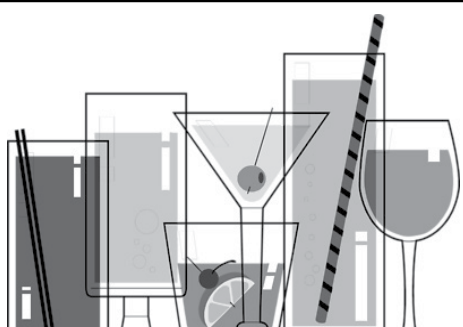
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

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

Charity

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magnitude, I asked Munella how it all comes together. Here is what he said: "I would be remiss if I didn't talk about one of the most important support networks for this tournament. I'm referring to the wives of the committee men as well as so many players. For example, I have been on the committee for 32 years. My wife has been through it with me the entire time. True they may get a mini vacation out of this, but they have helped in so many areas. Putting gift baskets together, selling raffle tickets, helping with food prep to name a few. Putting this tournament on really is a team effort. For that we are so grateful." "Grazie!"

Market

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Greg's favorite thing about the market is being a part of the Bemus Point community. "I really enjoy being a part of this town and living by the lake," says Greg. "People here are happy and relaxed. They truly embrace their small-town charm and lake life." Greg also appreciates being close to family. "It is an incredible community for my daughter to be raising her family. It's about being together."

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Challenge

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their official race bib, complimentary waters throughout the event and a 15% off coupon

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Smack Dab Hit the Spot

Band Rocked Apollo Canna Lounge in Salamanca, Last Sat.





Photos/Jon Elder










Walter's World

"Photos from the Weird"



Two men on a path in France 1930.

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no problem. All food is available to-go. Just let the people at the entrance know, and you won't need to pay to get in. For more information about the Yassou Festival, feel free to check them out on Facebook or visit www.yassoufestival.com. The Yassou Festival is such an amazing event that brings the community together. It's a delight to savor the tasty authentic Greek food, soak in the lively music, and watch the captivating performances from the Greek dancers. Come and immerse yourself in the vibrant Greek culture for the day, as there's so much to enjoy at the Yassou Festival!



Chautauqua

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of riches here. Yes, it does sound idyllic. We've been told there is almost too much to do." Chautauqua is truly an experience. Their historic, foundational pillars are everywhere. Try movement and meditation, take a Palestine Park tour, bring your animal for a blessing, participate in sacred song services or a piano program play-off, enjoy Puccini or a night at the symphony, enjoy the classic sounds of Bonnie Raitt, learn about the Delta Blues from Morgan Freeman (face it, he can say the alphabet and I'd want to be there to hear that soothing mesmerizing voice) or rock with Counting Crows. (Check out their incredible, jam-packed schedule online.) Or, just stroll through the grounds, eat a meal and wander through the galleries and shops. I close with another

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Ithaca

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Museum of the Earth, expansive Children's Garden or nearby Cayuga Nature Center with miles of trails to explore, including a six-story treehouse (TreeTops) and butterfly garden. Stewart Park, Robert Treman State Park and the Cornell Botanic Gardens also offer various opportunities to explore the great outdoors. Ithaca is an ideal getaway for all ages. Come find your flow, from waterfalls to wineries, arts and theatre. Ithaca offers outdoor recreation and family fun. They've been recognized for their sustainability efforts for



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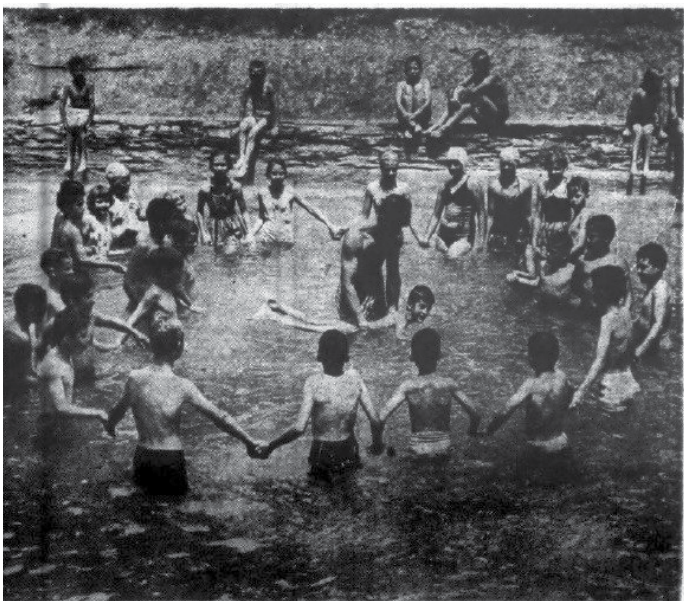
From Bryan's Brain



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