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Pitillo Family Expands Community

Osteria 166 Relocates & Collaborates



Osteria's new location at 674 Ellicott Street in Buffalo will be in collaboration with Ulrich's 1868, the oldest operating Tavern in Western New York.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Osteria 166 recently announced many exciting changes in the coming months to better serve the Buffalo communities. The

original restaurant location, at 166 Franklin Street, will operate until the end of March, then relocate near the Buffalo Medial Campus in collaboration with Ulrichs Tavern. Osteria also recently expanded to the North Towns with its catering business, Occasions by Osteria, establishing a catering and events center on Grand Island.

Owner and founder, Nick Pitillo, opened Osteria 166 in 2013 in downtown Buffalo, near The Statler and City Hall and serves a wide variety of popular Italian dishes, including pasta, pizza and house-cured meats for lunch and dinner. "We love our Buffalo community and decided to relocate in order to better serve our guests as well as our employees, several of which live downtown and on

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Renaissance of Warren, Pennsylvania

Local Businesses Revive Small Towns



Bent Run brewery opened on a hill north of town and began to build a following. More businesses followed, enhancing several local restaurants that were already staples: a florist, a wine bar, a boutique clothing store, a protein shake shop, a climbing wall center, gift shops, an ice cream shop, a wellness center. The city approved the placement of cast iron tables on the sidewalks for outside dining. Suddenly, Friday nights downtown were busy again.

BY DEAN WELLS

Warren, Pennsylvania was like most small towns in the 1970s—busy, filled with locally owned stores, a hub for the

community and surrounding rural county. The sidewalks were packed with shoppers. Going downtown was a social

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The Tap Room in Westfield

Family Owned Business for Over 50 Years



BY DARLENE BRACE

The Tap Room in Westfield is one of the area's amazing hotspots for excellent food, drinks, and entertainment. It has been a family-owned and operated business for decades. Recently, Josh Eppinger (pictured) took

over this family establishment, which has been a part of his family for generations. It all began with Josh's grandmother, who owned The Tap Room for eighteen years, followed by his father and stepmother, who owned and operated it for

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Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

Ice Harvesting on Chautauqua Lake Lifeline in the "Ice"-Day ... Pg. 8



Summer 1906 in Chautauqua County, ice was both frozen water and gold. It was refreshment and blood. It was confect and life. The rhythm of summer was tied to the ice route. Families budgeted for it, scheduled meals around it, relied on it to keep food safe. Same with restaurants, breweries and distilleries, the dairy industry, fishing, meat packing, and grocery stores. This catastrophe was man-made. The American Ice Company and its cartel control owned most of the ice supply and they saw a market to corner.

Interesting Facts about Skiing ... pg. 4

NY has the Most ski Resorts in U.S.

Worldwide ski resorts are concentrated in North America, The Alps, and Japan.

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Festivals Fredonia 2026

Creating Connections & Boosting Tourism



BY KATE
BARTLETT

Festivals Fredonia Inc, a nonprofit organization, hosts five core annual events in Fredonia, NY, aimed at boosting tourism, supporting local businesses, and enhancing community life. These events—

including the Festival Italia, Red, White & Blues, and others—attract nearly 20,000 visitors annually, celebrating local heritage, art, and culture.

Larry Fiorella has been involved with the organization for over 12 years, serving as president for 10. Despite announcing plans to step down at the end of 2025, he is still currently co-president with Isabella Pucci-Schaefer. Larry has been a key figure in promoting community, culture and tourism in the area. He became involved in 2014 seeking more community engagement. "I was at a point in my life where I had time to devote to the community," explains Larry. "I'm also a huge Blues fan, so I was excited to get involved with the annual Red, White and Blues Festival."

Originally from Jamestown, Larry now lives in Fredonia. He is passionate about promoting Fredonia, attracting visitors to the area, and creating opportunities for community engagement. "It's been a wonderful, enriching and rewarding process," explains Larry. "It's been great to see so many generous people with their time and money

SEE "FREDONIA" Pg. 11

Underground Railroad

WNY's Connection to Freeing Lives



In the 19th century, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties played important roles in the Underground Railroad. In Jamestown, Catherine Harris is remembered for helping freedom seekers on their journey north. She is memorialized with a statue of her likeness in Dow Park (SUNY, JCC). Photo/Jon Elder

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Commemorating Black History Month: Why men and women risked their lives to help others...

Slavery is monstrous, vile, inhumane. Webster defines it as "the state of a person held in forced servitude, ... or a condition of subjugation, and hard, grueling labor ... It signified the state of being entirely under the control of another, often referred to as bondage." The state of being entirely under the control of another ... Think about that. This abomination called slavery began in 1619 in the colonies. A ship from Africa arrived in Virginia, bringing 20+ enslaved human beings. To be clear, Spain and

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Publisher's Word:

Always More to Explore...

If you are in Ellicottville this weekend enjoying the skiing, live music, shopping and dining, be sure to mark your calendars for Mardi Gras & Winter Carnival Weekend, March 14 & 15, 2026. If you feel so inspired, sign up for the parade! It's easy to do and

you are encouraged to be a part of the show. You can sign up on the Ellicottville Chamber of website page: www.ellicottvilleny.com. You can also check out all of this weekend's line up in our weekly What's Shakin' column (page 8). If you are in Chautauqua County enjoying the read, be sure to put your eyes on Darlene Brace's articles highlighting a well-established Tap Room in Westfield (cover) and a few live music events in the county (page 7).

There has been a renaissance in many of the towns and villages in our area and Warren is to be added to that list; indulge in Dean Wells' feature on downtown Warren (cover). If you know of a new

business or a person in the area that deserves some recognition, please let us know, that is why we are here – to share your stories. You can reach us online anytime: www.thevillagerny.com with the "General Submissions" tab, or call our offices 716-699-2058.

I give a huge shout out to Pumpkin Hollow Furniture in Great Valley, NY. Owner, Mark Bukowiecki, does a great job on restoring furniture. I highly recommend his work (find him in the classifieds, page 11).

Until next week, enjoy the read, the food and the company. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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Villager on the Street

Send in Your Best Shot of The Villager: www.thevillagerny.com

Buffalo's legendary Hall of Fame Artist Tommy Z. caught up with The Villager before his performance during last weekend's Winter Jam in Ellicottville. Before the shows he likes to cruise the village and checked in from Dina's and Villaggio. Check him out if you haven't already: www.tommyzband.com.

Buffalo's Biggest Valentine

Family's Love Reaching Hearts and the News

The Bartlett Family of Orchard Park set out to create Buffalos Biggest Valentine for their 9-year-old daughter who is at Golisalo Children's Hospital. "We wanted to do something to make her day special and give her a memory besides all the medical," says her mother. The massive pink heart is on display in her hospital room window for all of Buffalo to see. "Not only did we want to brighten her day, but we are hoping to shine some love out for all of buffalo."

Catt. Co. Sports Hall of Fame

Cattaraugus County Hall Banquet set for March 28

The 21st Annual Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 28 at the Gowanda Moose Lodge beginning at 5pm. There will be ten individuals from across the county enshrined that evening. Locally, Salamanca native and longtime Ellicottville High School baseball coach Chris Mendell plus Franklinville's National champion track athlete Val Waldron Hedlund will be honored at the event. Tickets are \$35 and can be reserved by calling/texting Mark Benton, Banquet chairman at 716-770-8809. The deadline for ticket reservations is March 20.

Catt. Co. Sports Hall of Fame

Coach Mendell to be Inducted Saturday, March 28

Longtime Ellicottville High School football and baseball coach Chris Mendell will be inducted into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame during their 21st annual banquet on Saturday, March 28 at the Gowanda Moose Lodge beginning at 5 pm.

A 1988 graduate of Salamanca High School where he excelled for the Warriors on the gridiron and baseball diamond, Mendell went on to pitch

at Jamestown Community College and St. Bonaventure University. Following college graduation, he embarked on a long and successful career as a coach leading many Ellicottville High School sports teams to championships.

Tickets for the event are \$35 and must be reserved before March 20 by calling/texting Banquet Chairman Mark Benton at 716-770-8809 or email hidibenton@gmail.com.

Colleagues, friends and former teammates/players are encouraged to attend to support Chris's induction into the Hall of Fame.

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Colquhoun’s Ice Cream and Subs

Serving Chautauqua County in Two Locations

By KATE BARTLETT



Colquhoun’s Ice Cream and Subs is a popular, family-owned spot featuring over 300 unique homemade ice cream flavors and large, custom-made subs in Conewango Valley and Lakewood. Known for their friendly service, cozy atmosphere, and generous portions of food and frozen treats, Colquhoun’s pledges the best in personal customer satisfaction.

Gene and Tammy Colquhoun reside in Conewango Valley along the Amish Trail. Gene worked 33 years as a machinist and Tammy in various positions, but most recently at Gowanda Electronics, before leaving their careers to pursue a new adventure. “I wanted a new experience,” explains Gene. “I became inspired to purchase a soft serve ice cream machine and saw the opportunity to set up a business.” Gene learned how to make ice cream at home with his family, his wife Tammy and their children (Christopher, Sean and Tammy’s daughter Sarah). “We had a small ice cream party and started to learn the basics,” recalls Gene. “We started small and experimented with ice creams.” It wasn’t long before he purchased a hard ice cream machine. “We started sharing photos of our ice cream creations and people became interested.” The Colquhoun’s began selling ice cream from their home in Conewango in 2021, taking orders online for pick up in store. “We had a lot of orders from the Amish,

so we offered pints and ½ pints since the Amish don’t have refrigeration.” Their ice cream became popular, selling 50-60 pints per week, gaining attention on social media. Kim Carlson, owner of Pea Pod and Juniper Too fell in Lakewood became a regular customer and invited The Colquhoun’s to sell their ice cream in her shop. “We were flattered,” explains Gene. “When we first met Kim, she loved our ice cream so much that she swore she’d never eat regular ice cream again.” Kim wanted to help make this ice cream more accessible to the Lakewood community, and in November 2024, Gene and Tammy opened their second location here. Tammy and Gene have crafted over 300 ice cream varieties over the years, carrying around 30 flavors in shop during their busy summer months. “We love making ice cream,” says Gene. “If you can think it, we can make it.” They’re most known for their Scottish Toffee Coffee Ice Cream, a handmade favorite with a rich coffee base mixed with crunchy toffee pieces. They also love creating novelty ice creams and customer requests. Ice cream cakes and special orders are available upon

request. The Colquhoun’s business grew naturally, adding submarine sandwiches in March 2022. They’re well known for high-quality, generous portions with fresh ingredients made to order, with their most popular being the Ruben Sub. They also offer salads, soups, and wraps, and are one of the few places in the area offering ice cream during the winter months. Colquhoun’s is a family run business, with their sons being involved in the process over the years. “We’ve all had our part in the business, and we’re proud of it. Or motto is our family crest, “Si Je Puis” (If I Can) and it’s a promise to our customers. Gene welcomes new and returning customers, and enjoys visiting with customers. “We’re proud that our shop has become a community fixture where regulars stop by as much for the conversation as for our small-batch ice cream and fresh food.” Visit Colquhoun’s at their Lakewood location (48 Chautauqua Ave) and in Conewango Valley (5543 Route 62) follow on Facebook call 563-212-5472 email genecalhoun@rocketmail.com and visit their website Colquhounsicecream.com.



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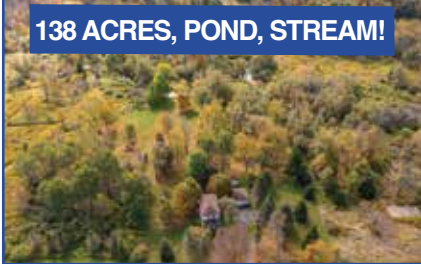
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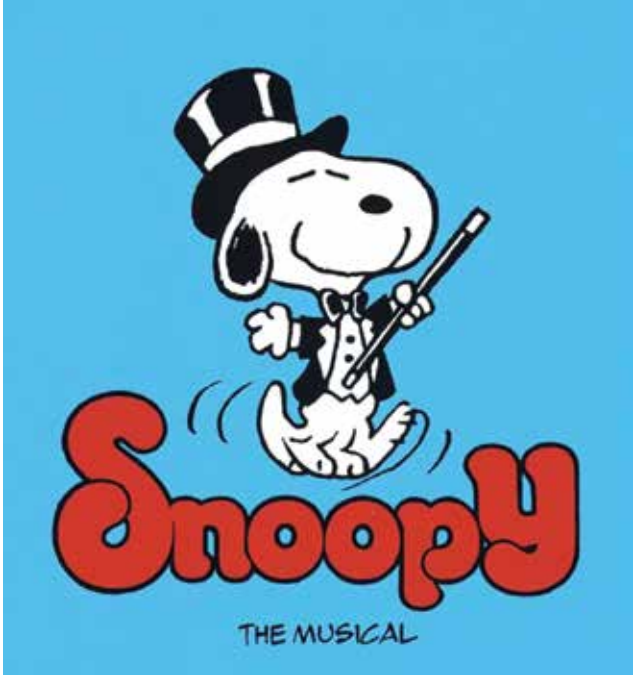
“Snoopy: the Musical” at ECS

Talent runs in families – The Story Behind the Production

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

“Snoopy!!! The Musical” features characters from Charles M. Schulz’s ever-popular comic strip “Peanuts” including the upbeat beagle, Snoopy; his owner, ever-depressed Charlie Brown; Peppermint Patty, who secretly loves Charlie; domineering Lucy, and others. It will be performed on March 13th and 14th by students at Ellicottville Central School. There are several family connections involved in the production. Snoopy and Charlie Brown are brothers Marshall and Timmy DeChane, and Peppermint Patty is Isabella Wilder, the daughter of director Jon Wilder, whose wife Crystal is the producer and costumer. Schroeder, who loves playing his piano, and the happily messy Pigpen, are fraternal twins Keegan and Carter Kaleta.

The rest of the very talented cast includes: Kaegan Bauer, who plays Lucy; Keira Baldwin, who plays Sally; Nicholas Wedvik, who plays Linus, and Allison Terhune, who plays Snoopy’s bird friend Woodstock. When Snoopy speaks or sings, only the audience hears him, not the other characters. In one of his songs, “The Great Writer”, he tries to start a novel, but can only think of random sentences like “While millions of people are starving, the King lives in luxury”, and ultimately gets a rejection letter. However, his basic enthusiasm is undiminished, and later he enthusiastically dances, with a hat and cane, to celebrate being named



“Head Beagle”. “The main impetus for doing this show is the spirit of acceptance and love”, said Jon Wilder. Charlie Brown is cheered up by the song, “Just One Person”, sung by the other characters, which includes the lyrics, “if just one person believes in you, then more people can believe in you, and maybe even you can believe in you, too”. “While they’re singing ‘Just One Person’, they all clasp hands in a circle of friends”, said Wilder. The song “Don’t Be Anything Less Than Everything You Can Be” encourages ambition, and “Friend” is about how to be a good friend. In “Clouds”, the kids look at clouds together and describe what each of them sees in their shapes. “Wouldn’t it be wonderful if everyone just believed in everyone else?”, continued Wilder.

20 of them. He was a director and conductor at the Lancaster Opera House from 2000 to 2011. The week after “Snoopy” is performed, he is conducting at an all-county festival. “I directed the cast members to develop their characters in different scenes by asking themselves, ‘What would you do in this situation?’”, he said. “They also developed them through dance and their confrontations with other characters. The bonds of the brothers come through in their ac-tions and character development”, he continued. “All the students are so invested in the musical and so good in it.” “Snoopy: The Musical” will be performed twice, on Friday, March 13th, and Saturday, March 14th, 2026, from 7 p.m. to 10. The tickets are \$10 per person, and available only at the door. The music was written by Larry Grossman and the lyrics by Hal Hackady. The school is located at 5873 Route 219, in Ellicottville, NY.

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HoliMont Report from the Resort

Some Facts About Skiing; NY has the Most ski Resorts in U.S.



Worldwide ski resorts are concentrated in North America, The Alps, and Japan.

By DAN BALKIN

The internet states there are about 6,000 – 6,100 ski resorts in the world. Fact or fiction? I lean toward fiction. Why? China, for instance, according to the China Ski Industry White Book (not on any bestseller list), claims to have 748 active ski resorts as of 2025. That would mean China has more ski resorts than any other nation on earth. What the White Book doesn't mention, however, is that this includes artificial slopes, indoor slopes, and many tiny hills about 100 feet high with only a beginner lift such as a magic carpet – one magic carpet. The number of real ski resorts in China? About 25. One more piece of perspective: China only has 16 resorts with four lifts or more. Please exhale – we still are ahead of the Chinese in skiing. What state in the U.S. has the most ski resorts? Colorado, Utah, perhaps even Vermont? Nope – it's New York. We have 52 ski resorts, the most in any state. Remarkably, in the 1980s, there were almost double that number – almost 100. What happened? Demographics. With less kids around, ski areas in our region that had unsteady revenue streams, such as Poverty Hill, Bluemont, and Wing Hollow, folded. Is it fact or fiction that the fastest anyone has ever skied is 153.53 mph? Fiction, because that's the record held by some incredibly fearless Italian woman

named Valentina Greggio. The fastest anyone has ever skied is a guy who clocked in only marginally faster at 158.76 mph. Crazy. Fact or fiction: is skiing, as evidenced by these speed records, the fastest non-motorized sport in the world? That's a fast fact. Is there a ski resort that makes snow when it can and operates sporadically in the northernmost reaches of Florida? No, but there is one in Alabama! It's called the Cloudmont Ski and Golf Resort, and as we can gather from their location, golf is their main source of revenue. Their hill is only about 150 feet tall and just opened for the season in early February when the polar vortex allowed them to spew out enough artificial snow. If we include this Alabama ski slope there are ski areas operating in 37 states. Many internet sites only list 36 states because Cloudmont operates very sporadically. Fact or fiction – Does Utah have 15 ski resorts? A surprising fact. One would imagine, given the popularity of Utah as a ski destination, and considering that Utah is the 11th largest state, there would be more. Utah fun fact: What under-the-radar but stunningly beautiful ski resort was named after a movie character? In 1969, Robert Redford purchased a ski resort and renamed it Sundance after his role in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid." Fact or fiction: Are the years 1090 -1153 important not only in the history of skiing, but of dog breeding? This is not

just a fact; it's a saintly fact. Those are the years that Bernard of Clairvaux – commonly now known as St. Bernard – spent over four decades doing missionary work in the Alps. He established hospices at dangerous, high-altitude mountain passes to protect travelers, hikers, and pilgrims. In 1923, Pope Pius the XI, an avid mountaineer, declared him the patron saint of skiers and mountain climbers. St. Bernard dogs – those saintly animals – were developed in the Western Alps, specifically at the great St. Bernard Hospice located on the Italian – Swiss border. Dogs were interbred with other large breeds to create the St. Bernard. Monks at the hospice used these dogs to assist them in finding lost travelers and pilgrims who were heading through the vast Great Saint Bernard Pass on their way to Rome. Fact or fiction, is the Great Saint Bernard Pass still open in 2026? Yes, but because of its remote location and heavy snowpack, it's only open a few months a year. Finally, where do HoliMont and Holiday Valley fit into the pecking order of U.S. ski resorts? The U.S. has nearly 500 ski resorts, and over half of them, like our local resorts, have a vertical drop of less than 1,000 feet – but even resorts with towering mountains don't have an Ellicottville. St. Bernard would tell us we are blessed.

CASA of CHQ Co. @ Harbor Hotel

New Venue for "Come to the Table Fundraiser" May, 14



"It's Time! To Support Local" a beautiful 2025 Come to the Table tablescape, designed by Jodi Jones and Susanne Salcido. This tablescape that was auctioned last year included support from downtown Jamestown businesses that included: Wicked Warren's, Uptown Kix, Parkside Auto, Café Glow, Brazil Lounge, Labyrinth Press Company, Merritt Winery, Faded Floral Boutique, LifeStyle Home Furnishings, Thomas North Massage Therapy, Active Lives Chiropractic, Chautauqua Float, The Aesthetic House, Dot's Gift Boutique and The Candle Company.

Join CASA of Chautauqua County at our 18th Annual Come to the Table 2026 fundraising event to support abused and neglected children in the pursuit of safe and permanent homes. The event will be held in-person at The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel in Celoron, NY on Thursday, May 14, 2026. Doors open at 5pm with the live table auction starting at 6:30pm. Local artisans and CASA supporters come together to design beautiful tablescapes that guests can bid on. These themed tables may include everything from gift certificates and sports memorabilia to vacations and local experiences. Guests will also be treated to live musical entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, a basket raffle and so much more.

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Report from Holiday Valley Resort

Longtime Team Members Elevated to Key Exec. & Board Roles



Max will take the stage headlining the Ellicottville Summer Music Festival on Sunday, July 5th.

Holiday Valley Resort today announced three significant leadership promotions, recognizing the experience, dedication, and long-term commitment of team members who have played instrumental roles in the resort’s continued growth and success.

BONNIE KOSCHIR
APPOINTED CHAIR OF
WIN-SUM SKI CORP.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bonnie Koschir has been appointed Chair of the Win-Sum Ski Corp Board of Directors. Koschir began her career at Holiday Valley in 1991 and has contributed to the resort’s development for more than three decades. She served as Vice President of Operations from 2005 through 2020, was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2019, and has served as Secretary of Win-Sum Ski Corp from 2014 through 2026.

Her extensive institutional knowledge and steady leadership position her well to guide the Board into the future.

Koschir succeeds John Northrup, who served on Holiday Valley’s Board of Directors for 48 years and as Chair from 2019 until his passing on December 5, 2025. His longstanding commitment to the resort and the Ellicottville community leaves a lasting legacy.

NIKI KLEIN PROMOTED
VICE PRESIDENT OF
RESORT SERVICES

Niki Klein has been promoted to Vice President of Resort Services. Klein joined Holiday Valley’s

Sales Department in 2011 and was promoted to Director of Resort Services in 2019.

In her expanded role, Klein oversees a broad portfolio of operations, including Sales and Marketing, Rentals, Retail, Facilities, Lodging, and summer attractions such as the Sky High Aerial Adventure Park. Her collaborative leadership style and focus on delivering a high-quality guest experience continue to strengthen the resort’s year-round offerings.

Kate Rauber Promoted
Vice President of
Skier Services and
Appointed Secretary of
Win-Sum Ski Corp.

Kate Rauber has been promoted to Vice President of Skier Services and appointed Secretary of Win-Sum Ski Corp. Rauber joined Holiday Valley in 2018 as Health and Safety Manager and was promoted to Director of Skier Services in 2019.

Her responsibilities include oversight of Ski Patrol, Guest Services, Snowsports, Food and Beverage, Lodging, and Special Projects. Rauber is widely recognized for her thoughtful leadership approach and strong emphasis on both guest satisfaction and employee engagement.

Leadership Rooted
in Ex-perience and
Commitment:

Holiday Valley President and General Manager Dennis Eshbaugh praised the appointments, noting their significance for the organization’s future.

“These promotions reflect Holiday Valley’s

commitment to recognizing talent from within and supporting the continued growth of our leadership team,” stated Eshbaugh. “Strong, on-site leadership is essential to the success of an independent resort like Holiday Valley. Being present and engaged allows us to truly listen to our guests and respond to their evolving needs. Bonnie, Niki, and Kate have not only demonstrated exceptional leadership, but they have also made Ellicottville their home, deepening their connection to our community and the guests we serve.”

These leadership transitions underscore Holiday Valley’s commitment to continuity, operational excellence, and investing in long-serving team members who understand the resort’s culture, values, and long-term vision.

About Holiday Valley Resort

Ranked #4 in the East in the 2025-26 SKI Magazine Readers Resort Rankings, Holiday Valley is Western New York’s largest year ‘round resort featuring 60 slopes and trails, 13 lifts, 3 base lodges, slope side lodging and dining, conference facilities, an 18 hole golf course, a tree top aerial adventure park, a mountain coaster and a summer pool complex.

Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville is on the web at www.holidayvalley.com.

Ellicottville is located on Route 219, just 50 miles (90 kms) south of Buffalo and less than three hours from Cleveland and Toronto.

Agricultural Literacy Week

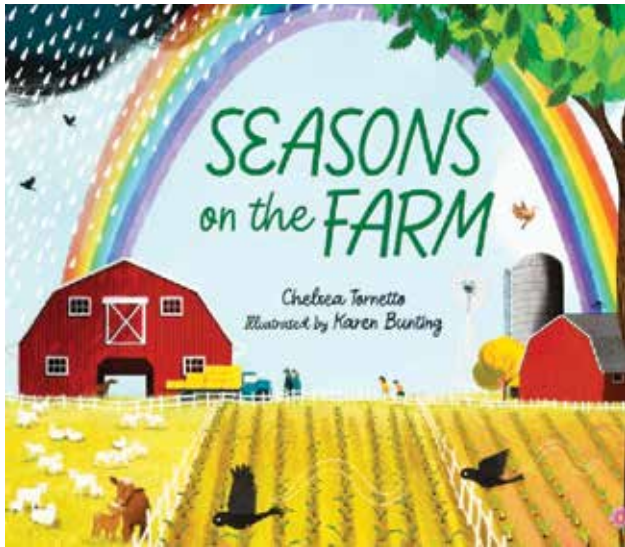
Cornell Cooperative Ext. Celebrates March 16-20

BY SOFIA RUSSO, AG.
PROGRAM COORDINATOR,
CCE-CHAUTAUQUA

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County’s Agriculture Program is excited to celebrate Agricultural Literacy Week, happening March 16th-20th, 2026. Agricultural Literacy Week is dedicated to connecting youth to agriculture and celebrating the people in the industry that produce healthy food, 365 days a year!

The program, offered statewide through New York Agriculture in the Classroom, is coordinated locally in Chautauqua County by Sofia Russo, CCE’s Agriculture Program Coordinator. Schools and libraries can register to have a volunteer read the selected agriculture-themed book and guide students through a hands-on, interactive activity connected to the story. After the session, the book is donated to the school or library for continued learning and enjoyment.

The book selected for the 2026 Agricultural Literacy Week program is Seasons on the Farm by Chelsea Tornetto. When selecting this book, the NYAIC Advisory Committee kept in mind



Cover of the 2026 Agricultural Literacy Week book, Seasons on the Farm by Chelsea Tornetto.

the depth of industries and diversity that New York agriculture encompasses. This year they chose to highlight both food production and its journey to the plate. This inside look at what spring, summer, fall, and winter look like on a family farm will connect students to their food and inspire them to dig deeper and celebrate those who work so hard to provide us with food each day.

The success of this program would not be possible without the generosity of donors and volunteers. Books and activity materials are supported by New York Agriculture in the Classroom and our generous local donors

from our community and area businesses. Donors are recognized with a bookplate in every book donated. CCE-Chautauqua is still in need of donations to successfully operate the 2026 Agricultural Literacy Week.

CCE Chautauqua is also looking for volunteers to read at schools. Coordinators will collaborate with volunteers to find a time and school that fits their schedule best and will provide all the materials needed for the reading. If you are interested in either donating or reading for the 2026 Agricultural Literacy week,

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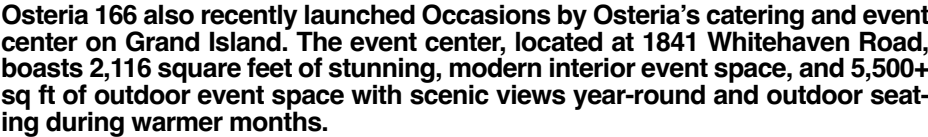
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PENGUIN PADDLE
FEB. 21 | 12-2PM
This is one of the most beloved events at Holiday Valley, bringing families & fun-lovers together for a great cause. This all-day fundraiser supports the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program and helps individuals with disabilities experience the joy of skiing.

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Nick is looking forward to hosting all types of events, including but not limited to corporate events, bridal and baby showers, celebrations of life, reunions, birthday parties and more. The menu offers a wide variety of options, not just Italian, including their best-selling chicken franchise and fillet mignon. "We still offer our famous meatballs, but we have a vast catering menu with something for everyone."

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Portugal had already been dealing in trade of human beings since the early 1500's but 1619 was when it officially happened on the land that would become the United States of America. Enslaved Africans were already present in Spanish-controlled Florida as far back as 1528. Slave trade. Human beings snatched from their homes, imprisoned and sent to unknown, faraway lands, likely never to see their home or loved ones again.

Human beings for sale to the highest bidder. Let that sink in.

Before 1793, slavery was in decline - due to low profitability of staple crops (tobacco, rice, indigo, cotton). The call for more slaves was declining. By 1804 most northern states had abolished slavery. Things changed in 1793 when a white Yale College graduate, Eli Whitney (not the same Eli Whitney from Cattaraugus, NY), took an existing crude tool and ideas from the slaves who used it, and created/patented a machine to remove cotton seeds, creating cleaner cotton. Unintentionally, the cotton gin reversed the decline of slavery by creating the now profitable product – cotton. This information from History in Charts, explains how “King Cotton,” aka “white gold,” became an extremely lucrative crop that could be exported to more profitable European markets. Cotton farmers needed more land which eventually led to laws to support industry like the Indian removal Act of 1830 making appropriated, previously Indian-owned land available for the cotton farmers to expand across the south. Alas, this avarice and disregard for human life became a critical factor that led



to the Civil War. Sadly, even the “business” of owning and selling human beings became profitable, regardless of the 1808 U.S. ban on foreign slave trade, with America’s slave populations increasing from about 900,000 in 1800 to 4 million human beings bought and sold in 1860.

These persons, with no individual or civil rights could not plan their own lives, vote, own property, or be guaranteed that their families would stay intact (they did not), were considered personal “real estate” passed down to the next generation like grandma’s old silver. The passage of the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 which imposed harsher penalties on those who helped slaves escape also incentivized the kidnapping of blacks, free or otherwise. Free blacks were already living in the north, so this new law set the northern states on the path of finding ways to protect these persons and get them to safety in Canada, even losing some of their own productive black community members. This forced northerners into action and thus many became abolitionists responsible

for the formation of the U.G.R.R. (Underground railroad) to move these runaways from the south through the American north.

Locally we can find reference to persons involved in this rescue operation across the state. In Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, hundreds of underground railroad individuals moved these runaways using the Allegheny River, Ischua Creek and numerous back roads or paths through towns like Olean, Ellicottville, Cadiz, Jamestown, Sherman, Versailles, Dunkirk, etc. A memoir written by a Chautauqua County U.G.R.R. conductor, Eber Petit, *The History of the Underground Railroad*, names persons and places of those who gave refuge, food, clothing and means of travel at great personal peril to themselves and their families. The Darwin Baker Museum in Fredonia and The McClurg Museum in Westfield both have displays accounting these events. The Fenton History Center in Jamestown

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The city approved the placement of cast iron tables on the sidewalks for outside dining (pictured at twig and vine, 344 Pennsylvania Ave. in Warren, PA).

Warren

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event.

When a local mall opened, it was like someone pulled the plug in a bathtub.

Retail stores in the downtown vanished overnight. What stores remained hung on or eventually closed. A holding pattern of stagnation became the new norm.

And then a strange thing happened.

A brewery opened on a hill north of town and began to build a following. It quickly outgrew its building and relocated to an empty factory along the Allegheny River at the edge of Warren’s business district.

A cigar shop opened along the main avenue. And then a second brewery with a wood-fired pizza oven,

More businesses followed, enhancing several local restaurants that were already staples: a florist, a wine bar, a boutique clothing store, a protein shake shop, a climbing wall center, gift shops, an ice cream shop, a wellness center. The city approved the placement of cast iron tables on the sidewalks for outside dining.

Suddenly, Friday nights downtown were busy again.

“Look at all the businesses that popped up. It kind of started with the breweries,” said Wendy McCain, owner of the Twig and Vine wine bar.

McCain opened her business downtown in April 2024.

“I think Bent Run (Brewing) really set the stage,” McCain said. “They cultivated their business before they came to Warren so when they opened, they already had a crowd.”

Bent Run Brewing owner Phil Caudill called the move to his company’s current location “a big leap of faith.” According to Caudill, the original plan was to put a sales counter in the city to accentuate Bent Run’s existing brewing facility outside of town.

“It didn’t need to be big. We just wanted to get our feet wet, see if there was any interest.”

Caudill found a space in the former Loranger’s Manufacturing facility that sat empty for years. He made a connection with a local developer, who agreed to build out the location to house a new brewery and restaurant.

“The building hadn’t been used in years,” Caudill said. “It was overgrown. It needed a ton of work and it was huge, but it was a decent location.”

The brewery already had a successful neighbor, Allegheny Outfitters, a long-time canoe and kayaking outfitting company.



Other new businesses arrived to add to a sudden sense of synergy.

“It’s really been a cross-pollination,” McCain said. “In the last few years, people have started taking that business risk. The only way to elevate Warren is to elevate its businesses. Having a vibrant downtown is crucial.”

“The wine bar was Wendy’s idea,” said Lincoln Sokolski.

Sokolski owns a local manufacturing company. He agreed to invest in McCain’s new business after she approached him with the idea. Lincoln and his wife, Salsa, also own a clothing boutique that recently relocated downtown—Salsa Soleil Butik.

“It was a new concept for this town, but I’ve seen it work elsewhere,” Sokolski said of the wine bar. “I questioned (McCain’s) building choice at first, but it really is a great location. We thought this block was the best one for us.”

Twig and Vine opened after a year-long massive renovation. McCain tore out the existing foyer and stairs, removed the second floor, stripped the walls down to the bare brick, sanded and sealed them. The results were a visually stunning interior.

“The idea was to be a little like Greenwich Village,” McCain said.

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Westfield

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thirty-two years.

Josh, a Westfield native, began working at The Tap Room after graduating from high school. He often took charge of booking live music for The Tap Room and for other local businesses, building valuable music connections for over 15 years. For the last seven years, he also worked as a mailman. In July 2025, after his dad and stepmom stepped down, he and his wife, Gabe, took over the ownership of The Tap Room.

Josh believes that The Tap Room is where people from all walks of life can come in and feel comfortable. The Tap Room has a cozy and casual vibe, seating around thirty people, with a total capacity of about seventy-five. Josh has a strong interest in beer, and he takes pride in offering a diverse selection of beer including beer from local breweries such as Southern Tier, Big Inlet Brewery, and Maza Beers, and it also includes a full bar.

Before Josh took over the restaurant, the bar didn’t offer consistent food service. Now, he works alongside his wife, and together they manage the kitchen while Josh focuses on the bar as well. Gabe handles much of the food preparation, creating special sauces and dishes.

The Tap Room offers a small high-quality menu, focusing on smash burgers made from eight ounces of fresh ground beef with a variety of toppings as well as a selection of large quesadillas. They feature weekly “kitchen specials” which are homemade dishes. Josh said, “I really enjoy the restaurant side of the business. Making people happy by serving



The Tap Room, located at 43 E. Main Street, is open weekdays from 3pm-2am. Food is served on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30-9pm, and lunches are offered on Fridays. On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, The Tap Room is open from 1pm-2am. .

them great food has become a real passion for me.”

The Tap Room features a fun jukebox that sets the mood each night, and typically the bar hosts live music once a month during the summer and twice a month in the winter. Many local musicians take the stage, mostly featuring soloists and acoustic bands. On February 28th, The Assembly will perform their unique blend of music starting at 9pm. Then on March 27th, The Tap Room will feature the Buffalo band Eberwine, led by guitarist Todd Eberwine, for an energetic rock jam session.

The Tap Room is also considered an unofficial Buffalo Bill’s bar, perfect for watching Bills games in Westfield. With eight TVs, including an 86-inch screen, you can catch all the action from anywhere in the bar. The bar features Bill’s memorabilia, including 30 jerseys on the ceiling and a 15-foot Bills logo. They often have fun tailgating parties and also promote Buffalo Saber’s games and other sports.

Josh enjoys offering a variety of activities to entertain his customers. You can play pool with friends or join their pool league on Monday nights at 6:30pm. He also hosts Karaoke Night about four times a year. Recently, Josh introduced a Music Bingo Night, which was a hit, and he plans to host it a couple of times each month, for a fun option for weeknight entertainment.

Looking ahead, this summer, Josh is planning to host more bands, including Loose Connections, which is a band from North Carolina that a friend of his is part of. He is also hoping to bring back an event that the bar used to have, called Rally in the Alley, which is a huge outdoor party.

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Zachary Fuller lives in Jamestown, NY. He has Blood Type A. You can contact William by using the form on kidneyconnection.org.

Ice Harvesting on Chautauqua Lake

Lifeline in Chautauqua County in the “Ice”- Day

By BILL BURK, PART II

It's Ice Time...

Listen for it, ear to the open window where a stifling breeze pushes muggy air into the room. The summer has been hot, and relief comes in doses, a seasonal shower, a dip in the lake, a rare storm from the north.

Ice time. There. The distinct roll of metal wagon wheels on brick. The start-stop jangle of the horse's halter, the pull of the wagon traces and harness, the clatter of hooves.

Ice time. Down the stairs, two at a time, careen off landings, ping-pong between railings, collide with other kids rushing to the street.

Ice time. If you got to the wagon first, you might get chips of ice to suck on, before the icemen, with Popeye forearms, and rounded biceps, hoist the dripping blocks onto their shoulders and march into your home, where they slide the blocks into the family icebox's top compartment. Fill the neighborhood with precious arctic chill. A foreman records payments, settles accounts.

It's summer 1906 in Chautauqua County. Ice was both frozen water and gold. It's refreshment and it's blood. It's confect and it's life.

The rhythm of summer was tied to the ice route. Families budgeted for it, scheduled meals around it, relied on it to keep food safe. Same with restaurants, breweries and distilleries, the dairy industry, fishing, meatpacking, and grocery stores.

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New York City. Ice is gold. Ice is blood. Ice is life.

New York City was in the throes of an Ice Famine. The population is sweltering, and there's no relief from the city's ice supply.

But the catastrophe was man-made. The American Ice Company and its cartel controlled most of the ice supply and they saw a market to corner. They doubled prices, halved payroll. Not a problem for families of influence, and profitable businesses that can raise prices of their own; restaurants, breweries and distilleries, grocery stores, but poor families and not-for-profit entities couldn't afford it. Milk supplies spoil, so dairy farmers working on tight margins go broke. Hospitals are forced to ration ice, postpone surgeries or operate in dangerously warm conditions. Infection rates raise. Vaccines spoil. Antitoxins lose potency. Outbreaks worsen. Heatstroke deaths increase, with elderly and chronically ill especially vulnerable.

Infant deaths surge. Newspapers call it a scandal. Politicians demand investigations, but it's too late for the summer of 1906 in New York City. The Ice Famine becomes a symbol of how essential ice has become to public health.

Southwestern, New York avoided this kind of tragedy because of the lake systems, and structural advantages.

By the early 1900s, Chautauqua Lake was a major ice harvesting center. Each winter twenty to forty-thousand tons of ice were cut from the lake and stored in massive, insulated icehouses (some of which were so well built they can keep ice for a full year). Individual homes near water supplies -ponds, creeks, and the lake itself- harvested their own ice, packed it in sawdust, and stored it in root cellars.

The area had multiple independent ice dealers, so no single monopoly could

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Celebrating the Season with Music in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACE

a great cause.

It sure has been cold out, but don't let this cold wintry weather keep you inside when there are fun things to do. Check out what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Friday February 20th – It's Open Mic Night at Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood. Hosted by local musician **Logan Alexander**, all types of music and talent are invited to join in the fun from 7-10pm. You can also sit back, relax, and enjoy some local talent.

Big Inlet Brewing in Mayville has a fun weekend of music planned. On Friday night, **Kris Meekins** will entertain the crowd from 6-9pm. Then on Saturday evening, **Ion Sky** will perform their acoustic versions of their pop and rock music that will get you moving to the beat at 5pm.

The **Seneca Allegheny Casino** will have live music at their River Bar this weekend. On Friday night, **High Horse** will be rocking the stage starting at 7pm. Then on Saturday night, **Nick Leduc** will perform from 7-11pm.

Saturday, February 21st- You can start your day off with a **Mini Golf Bar Crawl** that's taking place in downtown Jamestown. This is a **fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Jamestown** that supports the Jamestown community in many ways. The bars included in this bar crawl will be **Wicked Warrens** Jamestown, **Raven & Rune**, **Pearl City Hops**, **The Pub**, and **4 Below Haggy's Bar and Grill**. You can have some fun while supporting

Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown will have the band **Sirens Echo** take the stage. They play a fun mix of genres that is sure to have a little something for everyone starting at 10pm. The popular local band **Smokin' 45** will be performing at the **Celoron Legion**, just outside of Jamestown. This entertaining band plays mostly country and rock. You can play pool or darts while listening to this amazing band from 8pm-12am.

The **Southern Tier Distillery** in Lakewood is excited to host **The Assembly** from 4-7pm. Bring your family and friends and enjoy sipping on your favorite Southern Tier beverage while listening to this awesome trio.

The **Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House** is having a **Staying Alive Disco Night**. There will be a DJ playing your favorite disco tunes all night long., so get up and boogie and dance the night away from 6pm-9pm. There may be some drink specials and there will be prizes for the best dressed.

Osborne Nash will be performing at **Group Ther-Happy** in Lakewood from 8-11pm. This talented duo plays a mix of originals and cover music that is sure to please the crowd.

Peek n' Peak Resort in Clymer will have music all evening. Starting at the Sport's Bar, the **Small Town Rollers** will put their spin on well-known covers from 6:30-9:30pm. Then the **Jeff Fetterman Duo** will be performing their bluesy rock in the resort's

Bistro 210 starting at 9:30pm.

The **Cooler Bar and Grill** in Sherman will have **Tito** taking the stage. Bring your friends and listen to this fun music from starting at 7pm.

Be ready to line dance in your cowboy hat and boots as the **Grandview of Ellington** is excited for the return of **Tennessee Whiskey**. They will be performing country music 8-11pm.

Wicked Warrens Jamestown is hosting a **Country Line Dance Party**. DJ Felix will be playing your favorite country tunes. You can dance the night away while you enjoy listening to some boot scootin' good ole music from 7-10pm.

Angry Bird BBQ in Dunkirk is hosting live music by **White Bronco** performing a variety of music including some of your favorite 90s tunes. Come and enjoy some tasty BBQ while listening to these talented musicians from 8-11pm.

Sunday, February 22nd- Come to the **Busti Tap House** for a Sunday Funday afternoon. **Tyler McClain** will be performing a variety of music from 2-5pm. You will certainly have fun listening to this talented musician while you enjoy some great food from their amazing menu.

By next weekend, it will be the last weekend in February. Read next week's issue to see what fun things are happening in Chautauqua County next week.

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By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

So far it’s been a fantastic ski season and my favorite redheaded grandson has the ski bug. When you’re done on the slopes you have a plethora of dinner choices and then it’s music time. Let’s see who’s playing where?

THURSDAY
The seven-day weekend starts at **Balloons for Burgers-n-Brews & Trivia** from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer with house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for first-third place.

The Gin Mill’s Thursday entertainment is provided by **Jim and Tyler** from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/folk set of covers and originals that reflects the British Invasion of the 60-70’s. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY
We return to **Balloons for Reece** from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a country/ pop/rock set of covers and originals. **Dj KT Stylez** rocks the back bar from 10pm-1am and **Dj Kage** will play some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors till 2am.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Persia serving up some sauce so you can shake it

like a boss in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill gets the worm with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife. act plays a rock/pop/blues/folk /country set of covers and originals featuring some soaring guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Rusty Nickle takes the stage from 8-2am. This band plays classic to current country and rock and southern rock covers.

The T-Bar, at The Valley, is up next with Randy Andreano from 3-6om. Take a break from skiing and sip a sparkling beverage at the base of the slopes.

Balloons is back and so is Reese from 6:30-10pm. Dj Pipez will provide the thumpin for the bumpin in the back bar from 10-1am and Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the house sound till 2am.

Mill St Sports Pub hosts Tina Williams and Ed Croft from 8-11pm. This couple plays a rock/pop/county/alt/indie set of covers and originals. I recommend the Ruben sammys.

Madigans is a player with Dj Carson from 9-2am. Check out the dart board or pool tables for a little friendly competition.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill is first up again with Davey “O” from 2-5pm. Davey plays

a classic rock/bluegrass/ Americana/folk set of originals.

Villaggio hosts its AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order pasta with the sauce and toppings of your choice or savory prime prepared the way you like. This week’s musical guests are Grace Lougan and Dave Thurman from 5:30-8:30 pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/alt/ folk/ indie set of covers and originals.

MONDAY
We’re back at **The Gin Mill** for **Michael David** from 7-10pm. Michael plays a folk /country/ bluegrass/grunge set of covers and originals. Don’t forget those 37 beers on tap.

TUESDAY
Tuesday **The Gin Mill** hosts **Marty Peters** from 7-10om. This Buffalo Music HOF’er plays a blues/folk set of covers and originals from the 60-70’s.

WEDNESDAY
Last but not least, we’ve been ending our weekend the same for 40+ years at **The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday** from 7-10pm. **Brian Rick** is your host. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of originals and covers.

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

Beat on the Street:

“What is the Coolest Hotel You’ve Ever Stayed In”

By Chad Neal



Getting out and traveling is essential for a lot in life. Just to break monotony is a good reason. Now-a-days we book a lot of our travel online and finding a place to stay is pretty easy. Discovering the coolest place to stay on one’s own may take some work unless by chance you find a really memorable place while on vacation. There are some really bad places to stay and some really different and fun places to lay your head while getting out of town. The staff can really make a stay special and the atmosphere can too. A historical hotel or a strange themed hotel can make all the difference in ones slide show and story. From a seedy cabin to a ritzy top floor room, some places can be found to be extraordinary.

What is the coolest hotel you’ve ever stayed in?



Vanessa- Europa Hotel in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The Europa is the most bombed hotel in the world. It was bombed 33 times by the IRA during the Troubles from 1970 to1994.



Jolisa- The Curtis in Buffalo. Our favorite close by get away. Revolving bar. Rooftop bar with large fire pit. Beautiful rooms. Hot springs. Champagne upon arrival. And close to so much to do in downtown Buffalo.



Pat- I like the SoHo Grand in NYC it blends mid century modern with and ode to the 70’s - custom made furniture, woven walls & great artwork!



Ally- Baldi Hot Springs in Costa Rica for one of my birthdays, spent 2 days trying out all 25 thermal water pools there (not good for sunburns)!



Gregory- Opryland hotel near Nashville!



Jack- Casino suite in Springfield Mass.... Dr. Seuss themed room.

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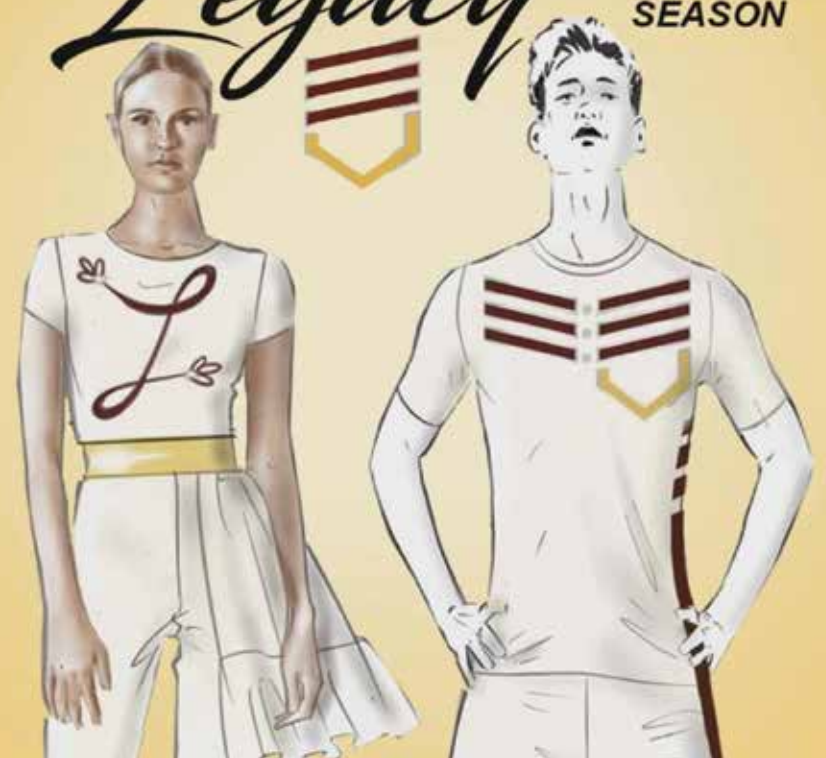
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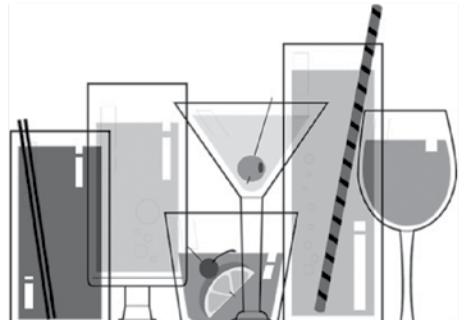
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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

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

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Pitillo

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center recently held an open house on February 7 and is currently open for business and available for events 7 days a week. On Easter Sunday, they'll host an Easter Egg hunt for the community and an Easter Brunch with multiple seatings.

For more information, visit Osteria166.com,

Slavery

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holds information about stationmaster, mixed-race Catherine Harris – likely the very first “colored person” in 1831 Jamestown. In 1835 she moved into a 16-foot Long House (which allegedly could hold up to 17 runaway in its attic!). She was one of the few blacks to maintain a station. Her bronze statue stands in Dow Park.

For U.G.R.R. information in Cattaraugus County please visit the County Museum in Machias NY,

occasionswny.com and follow on social media. Call (716) 858-3118 or contact Dave directly at Dan.R@occasionswny.com for events. You can also visit Nick and his family at Villaggio in Ellicottville, NY.

contact Della Moore, founder of the African American Center for Cultural Development, 215-704-6608, visit their display for Black History month at Tops Olean, or call Maggie Fredrickson, Village of Franklinville Historian at 716-353-0290.

Warren

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At the same time McCain was ripping her building apart, Salsa Sokolski moved her clothing boutique from a location outside the business district to a spot four doors down from the future wine bar.

“We wanted a more natural retail location,” Lincoln Sokolski said. “What we had was off the beaten path. (Since the move) business has increased tenfold. She renovated the place to be a great shopping experience.

“When you visit Ellicottville or any town that’s really happening, you see people on the streets. You see options and activities. We’re starting to have that.

Aaron Burdick, owner of the Arbor Coffee House, said he is witnessing the increase in retail synergy in Warren’s downtown since purchasing the business last summer. He said he recognizes the coffee shop’s roll as a community gathering place.

“It’s absolutely the number one thing I’m trying to promote. People come in and they engage with one another. We’re busier and we’re getting good feedback. I’m confident we can continue to grow bigger.”

“It’s been a very synergistic effort,” Warren Mayor David Wortman said of the recent growth in the downtown. “There’s a lot of foot traffic, a lot of reasons to be here. We’re



Wicked Warren's opened on a hill north of town (330 Pennsylvania Avenue) and began to build a following. It quickly outgrew its building and relocated to an empty factory along the Allegheny River at the edge of Warren's business district.

right along the Allegheny River—the three-time DCNR (Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources) ‘River of the Year.’ There’s canoeing, there’s kayaking.”

Wortman said a planned riverfront boat landing location should only enhance things further.

“I think it that’s a huge project that will be able to help the momentum to help keep bringing people to our downtown.”

Chautauqua IDA Approves Incentives

Reuse Hospital in Irving for New Behavioral Health Facility

A major redevelopment project involving the former TLC-Lakeshore Hospital in Irving, NY is ready to move forward. During its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27, the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved financial incentives for Main Rd Med Group, LLC to redevelop the former hospital into a health care facility which will provide behavioral health and addiction recovery services, as well as other medical offices and commercial/retail space. The hospital has been vacant since its closure in 2020.

The project includes the redevelopment and adaptive reuse of the 173,000 square-foot facility, which sits on 32.9 acres at 845 Main Rd. (Route 20) at a cost of just over \$42 Million. Main Rd Med Group recently acquired the property from Brooks-TLC and will lease the facility as a medical office building to New York Medical Center. Once the project is completed, it will provide an estimated 180 beds, making it a behavioral health center for Western New York. It is also expected to create an estimated 300 permanent healthcare-related jobs within three years of completion, along with 121 temporary construction jobs.

The project has been met with great anticipation and support by local, county, and state officials including Paul “PJ” Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive; Michael Faulk, Chautauqua County Chief Medical Officer; Carmelo Hernandez, Director of the Chautauqua County Department of Mental Health and



Social Services; James Quattrone, Chautauqua County Sheriff; George Borrello, former Chautauqua County Executive and current New York State Senator; and Andrew Molitor, New York State Assemblyman. It has also received support from the Seneca Nation of Indians via the Erie County Department of Mental Health, the Town of Hanover, and the Village of Silver Creek.

In order for the project to proceed, the CCIDA board on Tuesday approved a 15-year, adaptive reuse payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) incentive, along with a sales tax abatement and mortgage tax exemption. The PILOT will produce payments to the affected taxing jurisdiction, over the life of the project, in an amount of \$2,467,388.

“This is not only a significant economic development project for our county, but also a significant healthcare project for residents from across Chautauqua County and Western New York,” said Mark Geise, Deputy Chautauqua County Executive and CCIDA CEO. “Not only will this project fill a great need in

providing behavioral and mental health services, it will also bring a building back to life and provide much-needed healthcare-related jobs. The CCIDA is obviously happy to assist in making it a reality. They thank Kristine Morabito, CCIDA Project Manager, for her diligence and hard work in bringing this project across the finish line.”

“This project is about restoring access to essential behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services in a region that has gone without them for far too long,” said Ray Manning, CEO of New York Medical Center. “By redeveloping the former Lakeshore Hospital, we are establishing a modern, comprehensive treatment center that addresses mental health, addiction recovery, and related services for residents of Northern Chautauqua County and communities throughout Western New York.”

With the approval by the CCIDA Board, and pending the NYS Certificate of Need, the Main Rd Med project is estimated for completion by July 2028.

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Fredonia

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who want to support our community.”

Fredonia Festivals Inc. formed in 2009 with the intention of organizing resources in order to best support the community festivals and establish a nonprofit. When Larry got involved over 12 years ago, the board consisted of only four members. It has grown steadily over the years, and currently has 15 members. “We’ve evolved through the years and have grown to help best meet the needs of the community,” explains Larry.

The original four festivals included Fredonia History Days (formally known as Victorian Dazzle), Harvest Moon Cemetery Tours, Red White and Blues and Miracle on Main Street. Over the years, the organization has incorporated additional festivals in order to attract visitors to the area and provide a wider variety of events. “We’re proud to have an eclectic mix of festivals here in Fredonia,” remarks Larry. “We’ve been able to organize our resources to help these festivals grow and ultimately offer more to our community. It’s remarkable to have such a unique diversity of annual festivals offered in a small town of under 10,000 people.”

Festivals Fredonia currently puts on five annual festivals throughout the calendar year including: Fredonia Easter Festival • Festival Italia, Red • White and Blues • Harvest Moon Cemetery Tours and Miracle on Main Street. Many of the festivals aim to provide a family-fun event to commemorate holiday seasons while



The most renowned festival, Red, White and Blues, is celebrated the weekend after Labor Day, bringing the community together with music. This two-day music event begins on Friday, with an all-day ‘progressive music crawl’ at local establishments on Saturday. Guests make their way through Fredonia changing location about every hour with different live music at around 12 different venues. “We’re proud to have helped this event grow over the years. We now offer a VIP experience including the opportunity to meet musicians and relax in a more private atmosphere with food and drink.”

supporting local businesses in the community (Easter, Miracle on Main, Harvest Moon). Others celebrate the diversity and cultures in the Fredonia Area (Italia and Red, White & Blues). All commemorate the unique charm of Fredonia and gather the community together in celebration.

The organization recently added a new festival this year, The Ice Wine Festival, with hopes of continuing in future years on the third weekend in January.

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every hour with different live music at around 12 different venues. “We’re proud to have helped this event grow over the years. We now offer a VIP experience including the opportunity to meet musicians and relax in a more private atmosphere with food and drink.”

Larry is grateful for the community support for Fredonia Festivals throughout the years. “This community, all the volunteers and our sponsors have been imperative at helping our festivals grow; we couldn’t do it without everyone’s support. We invite everyone near and far to come out and experience one of our fun and interactive festivals and experience what Fredonia has to offer.”

For more information visit FestivalsFredoniaNY.org and follow on social media. Anyone looking to get involved can email festivalsfredoniany@gmail.com or call (716) 785-7123.

Westfield

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lively venue filled with delicious high-quality

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Ice Harvest

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control the supply, and reduced the risk of price manipulation or sudden shortages. A smaller population meant demand was the lighter touch on the market’s frozen surface.

In 1885 the Women’s Christian Association founds WCA Hospital in Jamestown. It built

an operating room by the early 1900s and is incorporated in 1907. That means WCA Hospital was fully dependent on natural ice. Most hospitals at the time use ice for cooling an operating room, preserving medicines and serums, keeping milk safe in the maternity ward, making ice baths for fever patients, and general food storage.

Chautauqua in 1906 had strong charitable networks and an overriding sense of civic responsibility.

The Women’s Christian Association had deep community ties, can mobilize donations or emergency deliveries quickly. The local hospital was never affected by monopolies that sold to the highest bidder. During the Ice Famine of 1906, where New York City’s medical system struggled because of an uncaring market, WCA Hospital thrived. WCA Hospital can always find ice somewhere, even in a warm year.

Agriculture

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contact Sofia Russo (716)-664-9502 ext.203, or visit the CCE Chautauqua Ag Literacy webpage.

In 2025’s Agricultural Literacy Week Celebration, approximately 60 volunteers read to over 3,600 students in Chautauqua County, leading them through a guided activity to help students learn about the growth of a pumpkin from

the seed to mature pumpkin with a paper lifecycle activity. CCE Chautauqua would like to thank all the volunteers that helped execute this program, and all the generous donors for donating for the 2025 Agricultural Literacy Week.

Ellicottville Historical Society

Looking for Volunteers to Enhance Programming

The Ellicottville Historical society is putting together a group of Society supporters to plan historical society museum improvements, options for expansions to the historical society museum to create more/ appropriate storage for

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If you would like to participate in the group, please let the historical society know at sararae77@roadrunner.com. She will collect the email addresses to schedule the first meeting. Thank you for your help.

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After a brief vacation, all four Beatles (now with Ringo in the mix) meet for dinner on Oct. 5, 1963, at the Star Steak House in London. Later that evening, they appeared on the British TV show Ready, Steady, Go

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