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CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DWYER VETERAN PEER-TO-PEER PROGRAM

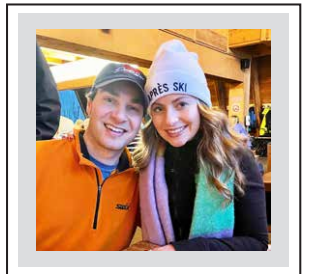
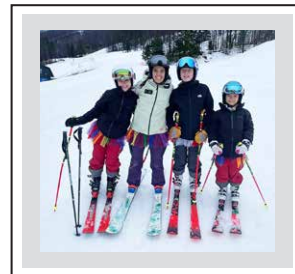
We're coming out of another fabulous holiday season. No matter what you celebrate, those few weeks at the end of the year are magical. It's the perfect time to be with loved ones and celebrate the new year to come. But why does this theme of togetherness have to come and go? Well, in Cattaraugus County, it certainly does, all while supporting those serving our country in the community. The Catt. County Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program provides veterans and their friends and families a space to come together to "fight isolation and loneliness," says Liz Conner, a Navy veteran & co-facilitator for the Dwyer Program in Cattaraugus County. [ellicottvilleNOW](http://ellicottvilleNOW.com) recently connected with her about how all this came to be back in 2012 ... page 07

BRANTLEY GILBERT'S "OFF THE RAILS" TOUR COMING TO SALAMANCA

The Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino Event Center will be hosting singer/songwriter Brantley Gilbert on Saturday, February 10th as his "Off The Rails Tour" makes a stop in Salamanca, NY. Coming onto the music scene when he headed to Nashville as a songwriter in 2007, he found himself playing local venues until he released his debut album in 2009 titled, *A Modern Day Prodigal Son*. Gilbert shares with [ellicottvilleNOW](http://ellicottvilleNOW.com) what he has learned while on tour, advice for the new, up and coming artists, if he has any new projects in the works, and if he has any messages for his fans coming out to see him ... page 11

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AMSOIL Snocross Championship

High Flying Action Returns to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino

BY COLLEEN EVANS

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TIMBERHUT AIDS IN RECOVERY

Local Cabin Company to Build Homes for a Sober Living Community



BY MARY WEISER

A few short years ago when Brooks Anderson founded TimberHut Cabin Company, the world was immersed in a global pandemic and unprecedented numbers of people fled their home offices (or dining room tables) for the great outdoors. From ski resorts to campsites, the need for more sustainable, comfortable spaces was evident, and Anderson knew he could create a product that would not only outlive the pandemic-induced trend but could revolutionize the outdoor industry.

TimberHut's custom luxury cabins, built locally in Great Valley, are being delivered all over the U.S. and beyond to winter resorts, glampgrounds, recovery retreats and individuals who want a beautiful, unique space to retreat from the world. Now, these cabins are a critical tool in aiding the recovery of those afflicted by drug and alcohol addiction in Buffalo's Lovejoy District.

Anderson recently partnered with Pastor Al Johnson of Spirit of Truth Urban Ministry, who is dedicated to helping people in his community recover from addiction through the most effective means possible. Anderson explained, "He has a connection through various life experiences and family experiences to help those afflicted by addiction, depression, and other mental illnesses. He approached us about 18 months ago about potentially helping develop a campus of sorts that would be run out of his organization, the Rebecca Rose and JA Hauser Recovery Sobriety Centers of WNY." This 501(c)3 non-profit organization owns multiple homes in Buffalo that house young women who are beginning their sobriety journey.

Anderson noted that the traditional halfway house can be far from ideal and often leads to relapse or recidivism. "There's a lot of chaos in a halfway house or group home - there's shared services, shared bathrooms and kitchens and living rooms. There's no real privacy, no area that you can call one's own, and it's got a lot of triggering mechanisms." Robinson and Anderson envision a "pocket community" comprised of 10 to 12 small deployable housing units designed and built by TimberHut. "These units will have certain design elements, aesthetic elements, and scientific elements that will all aid in a faster, more permanent recovery, and that extends from colors, textures, the use of light, and use of hot and cold sensory elements right down to certain ways to block EMFs (electromagnetic fields) or 5G signals that you and I are bombarded with every single day that really have no positive effect on the body."

Anderson noted that if these signals can be blocked out during certain times of the day - especially at night - individuals in recovery can achieve a level of wellness that is crucial to sobriety and recovery. Beyond cliché notions of "feng shui," Anderson said that design includes more than furniture arrangement and paint color. It's about waking up in an environment that is comfortable and safe. "All of these factors aid in everybody's wellness, and we're going to be building with that in mind," he explained. "Even the units we build for the resorts, they're all going to be developed in the frame of mind of wellness... It's where I want to take this, and I want to be able to bring this to as many people as possible if they're sick or not. I think everybody has a right to wellness."

Anderson said that the project is still in the design and development phase, as he, Robinson, and Erie County officials are working on the size and the number of people who will occupy these units (ideally a maximum of two each). He anticipates the units will be ready by the end of this summer.

"We have our plans to use this as a pilot project and develop similar communities in other places," said Anderson. "Our objective is to develop a system where the next one is going to go in Dunkirk where we have land available, in Jamestown where we have land available, and maybe even in Olean because they're right here." Anderson is enthusiastic about the possibilities of these pocket communities and added that "if we can develop this correctly and we develop the right system, we would love to take this nationwide. There are a lot of subsidies that are necessary, obviously, but I really think we have a shot at affecting positively the lives of many people."

Anderson noted that this is a very large-scale community effort and over the next few months, "We will be very active and looking to partner up either financially or logistically and looking for more people to be involved in this campaign."

Those who are interested in being involved can contact Anderson by email at brooks@timberhut.com. To learn more about TimberHut, located at 4580 Route 219 in Great Valley, visit www.timberhut.com or follow the company on social media.

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"Marc Martel is an amazing performer who constantly tours the world with his show, One Vision of Queen. Marc was chosen to be the frontman of One vision of Queen by Brian May and Roger Taylor of Queen. I can't wait to hear their many anthems played at Holiday Valley while sitting on a manicured fairway with the mountains as a backdrop," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "Google Marc Martel and see for yourself!"

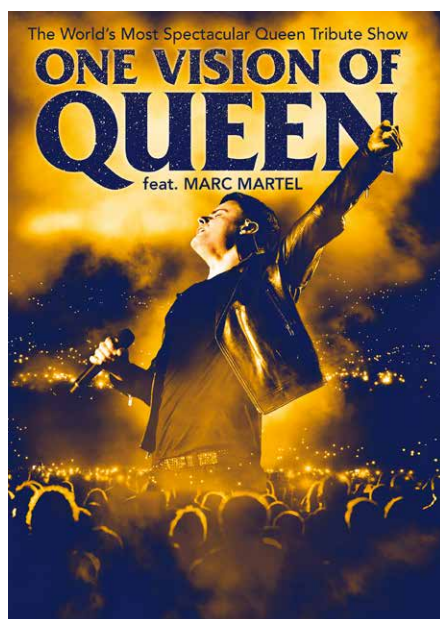
ABOUT THE BAND

Long before his YouTube videos went viral, spawning an appearance on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and a performance with the surviving members of Queen on *American Idol*, Marc Martel spent 13 years recording and touring the globe with Canadian rockers Downhere. Not only did the rock band visit 49 American states, but also toured throughout Europe and even Northern Africa, collecting worldwide acclaim and four Juno Awards in their native land.

All the while, the group was extolled for its sonic diversity while the Nashville transplant was regularly heralded as a world-class vocalist, often earning comparisons to the late great Freddie Mercury in tandem with building his own fervent fan base. While the idea of paying tribute to one of the world's most renowned and influential rock institutions never actually occurred to him when pounding the pavement with his own internationally signed act, in hindsight, it only made sense that Martel would someday be the perfect vehicle to propel One Vision Of Queen onto the road.

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"This show will definitely be one for all ages to enjoy," said Barb Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber. "My 10-year-old son, Grayde, watched a video of Marc Martel back in 2019 and said, 'Mom, the Chamber should bring him to Summer Music Festival!' So after meetings and discussions, it was voted upon that Marc Martel was a great choice for this event. We always strive to give the best experience to concert goers for this event and this year will be no different. We look forward to having another exciting Summer Music Festival!"



TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Tickets to One Vision of Queen feat. Marc Martel on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville are on sale now and can be purchased through the Chamber's website at ellicottvilleny.com or by calling 800-349-9099.

For additional details about this year's Summer Music Festival or to learn about other events and festivals planned in Ellicottville including the upcoming Winter Music Jam and Mardi Gras Parade, follow Ellicottville, NY on Facebook and @visitellicottville on Instagram. Plan your overnight stay; find a list of accommodations, shopping and dining at www.ellicottvilleny.com.

BE PREPARED

The Great North American Solar Eclipse is Coming!



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

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WHAT IS A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE?

Let's start here. A solar eclipse is a phenomena that occurs when the moon passes between the earth and the sun. In the case of a total eclipse, the moon's apparent diameter is larger than the sun's, blocking all sunlight and turning the day to darkness. Totality (or highest peak of moon blocking sun coverage) will occur in only a narrow path across the earth's surface while the surrounding regions (up to thousands of kilometers wide or 3,000 miles away) will be able to see a partial eclipse. (So if you are in one of the regions that gets to view the eclipse in all its glory, you're lucky!)

WHAT'S THE DESIGNATED PATH?

Okay, this is a lot. While researching the apparent path of the Great North American Eclipse, I found that the totality will be visible in a narrow strip of the Pacific Ocean, passing roughly 200 nautical miles north of the Marquesas Islands (French Polynesia) ascending in a northeasterly direction through Mexico, the U.S., Canada and finally ending in the Atlantic Ocean. Since we're in the U.S., that's the section I'll focus on, but if you want the full trajectory of the path, you can visit the wikipedia page.

In the United States, totality will be visible through the states of Texas (including parts of San Antonio, Austin, and Fort Worth and all of Arlington, Dallas, Killeen, Temple, Texarkana, Tyler and Waco), Oklahoma, Arkansas (including Morrilton/Petit Jean, Hot Springs, Searcy, Jonesboro, and Little Rock), Missouri, Illinois (including Carbondale, where it intersects the path of the 2017 eclipse), Kentucky, Indiana (including Bloomington, Evansville, Indianapolis, Anderson, Muncie, Terre Haute, and Vincennes), Ohio (including Akron, Dayton, Lima, Roundhead, Toledo, Oak Harbor, Cleveland, Warren, Newton Falls and Austintown), Michigan (extreme southeastern corner of Monroe County), Pennsylvania (including Erie), Upstate New York (including Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Rochester, Syracuse, the Adirondacks, Potsdam, and Plattsburgh), and northern Vermont (including Burlington), New Hampshire, and Maine, with the line of totality going almost directly over the state's highest point, Mount Katahdin.

For those of us here in Western New York, the timing we should be focused on, per NASA (eclipse path on page 14), is the Buffalo time slot. Partial eclipse is expected to begin at 2:04pm (EDT), totality to begin at 3:18pm (EDT), and maximum peak at 3:20pm (EDT). Totality is expected to end at 3:22pm (EDT) and the partial will end at 4:32pm (EDT).

FUN FACTS

The largest city entirely in the path of the eclipse will be Dallas, Texas. It will be the second total eclipse visible from the central United States in just 7 years, after the eclipse of August 21, 2017. Totality will pass through the town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, home of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon. The maximum number of eclipses (of any variety) is 5 per year. This will be the last total solar eclipse visible in the contiguous United States until August 23, 2044. (That's a long time to wait for a second viewing!)

WHY IS THIS ECLIPSE SO SPECIAL?

Obviously it's the first and last eclipse in so many years, so that should make it special enough for you, but April's solar eclipse is a little bit different. The last great American Eclipse in 2017 was when the sun's activity was approaching a minimum (it got a little burnt out and needed a break... *crickets*) and because of this, at the moment of totality, it was possible to look briefly at the convergence with naked eyes. This year's eclipse is happening when our sun is at the peak of its activity cycle. (So not only isn't this one even a little safe to look at without the proper viewing equipment, but it could also effect our communication/navigation satellites that orbit our planet or even mess with our power grid operations right here on the surface.)

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PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

Cattaraugus County Offers the Beauty of Friendship for Veterans



f Cattaraugus County Dwyer Veteran Program

By PATRICK FERRINO

We're coming out of another fabulous holiday season. No matter what you celebrate, those few weeks at the end of the year are magical. It's the perfect time to be with loved ones and celebrate the new year to come. The holiday season doesn't last forever, and my mom would say that's both a blessing and a curse. I begrudgingly trudged back to my college campus after a very merry Christmas. But why does this theme of togetherness have to come and go? Why can't those three weeks of love and support last all year round? Well, in Cattaraugus County, it certainly does, all while supporting those serving our country in the community.

The Cattaraugus County Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer Program provides veterans and their friends and families a space to come together to "fight isolation and loneliness," says Liz Conner, a Navy veteran and co-facilitator for the Dwyer Program in Cattaraugus County. This not only provides activity and togetherness for the whole community but also helps veterans combat PTSD and other mental illnesses developed from their time serving. I recently connected with Liz, and she told me how this all came about downstate back in 2012.

In Suffolk County, New York, Joseph P. Dwyer's parents noticed something. Being home on leave from combat, Dwyer's family noticed his deep struggle with his mental health and well-being. That was until his parents brought some of his 'battle buddies' around, or friends made while serving, and saw Dwyer begin to return to his normal self. When he finished serving, Dwyer returned to that dark place, demonstrating characteristics of PTSD and struggling with drug abuse.

That's when Joseph P. Dwyer's family pushed for Suffolk County to adopt the 'peer-to-peer' concept that had helped him so much in the past. Years later, the Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer program now exists in every county in New York.

The idea of veterans struggling with feelings of post-traumatic stress after serving in the military is not new, and Dwyer's family was able to identify a solution in connecting veterans with other veterans to help catalyze open communication and a space of "non-judgmental open communication," says Liz. She also proudly runs the women veterans' branch of the organization, focused on empowering female veterans using the same peer-to-peer values.

So, how exactly does the Dwyer program bring people together? In Cattaraugus County, fun-filled community events are the name of the game. This past year, they notably held a veteran's breakfast, an open skating event, and of course their monthly game night.

Upcoming is the annual wine walk being held in historic downtown Olean, NY in the Union Street/Lincoln Park areas, where guests can taste local flavors and enjoy the spring air. Though the walk isn't until May 4th, tickets will be available starting April 1st at the "Early Bird Special" pricing of \$30. The link to purchase will be posted up on their Facebook page and website starting that day. This deal runs the first two weeks of April. If you purchase tickets any time after that, they will be the normal price of \$35. (This is a 21 or older event.) This isn't just a wine tasting; it is a celebration of community and the art of wine and spirits all together. (Don't miss out on your chance to support a great cause and enjoy a good time!)

But that's not all. The Dwyer program in Cattaraugus County prioritizes networking just as much as the peer-to-peer aspect. Oftentimes, good friends and togetherness are not going to be the main solution to combat the internal struggles that many veterans face. The Dwyer program is a great resource for veterans to get connected with specialists they might not have otherwise had access to on their own. "We try to match-make them and help them get that work started," said Conner.

Much of this work is done through the VA or the Veterans Affairs Department, the Cattaraugus County Veteran Service Office, and other local and statewide therapy and service offices. Clearly, the Cattaraugus County Dwyer program has its bases covered to assist Veterans as best they can. "The goal is to just keep doing what we're doing," says Conner. "Through word of mouth and community events, we let people know that we're here."

As a veteran herself, Conner understands that the most important thing is to make sure that as many veterans as possible know the resource is there. Just knowing it exists could change someone's life. "That's the beauty of the program, it sells itself," Conner mentioned. Being almost run "by veterans for veterans" is also a super important part of the program. Liz commented how she found purpose in getting to "work with [her] heroes every day".

If you or a loved one might benefit from some time with the Cattaraugus County Dwyer Veteran Peer-to-Peer program, or even if you just want that holiday season togetherness to last all year long, you can check out upcoming events and ways to participate on the Cattaraugus County Dwyer Veteran Program Facebook page.

AMSOIL CHAMPIONSHIP SNOCROSS

High Flying Action Returns to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino Feb. 16-17



@senecaallegany

By COLLEEN EVANS

The rush of adrenaline and revving of engines will soon take over the snow-filled tracks within the valley of Salamanca, NY. Strap in for an action-packed weekend filled with high-speed racing at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino's Annual Snocross event.



Returning after a year hiatus due to the warm tempered winter of 2023, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino welcomes back the U.S. Air Force Snocross National event which will take place over the two-day span of February 16-17, 2024. As a part of the AMSOIL Championship Snocross season, our hosts look to bring back all the fun and excitement to guests and expect it to be a highlight of the winter season.

We reached out to the organizers at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino who were happy to share their insight on the highly anticipated weekend. "We're very excited to welcome everyone back for this signature event," said Melissa Free, Chief Marketing Officer, Seneca Gaming Corporation. "We hope that fans from across the Southern Tier, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and the surrounding area are gearing up for a great weekend. Anyone who has attended and taken part in our Snocross weekend in the past can expect the same excitement, fun, and attractions that have made it such a popular, must-attend event." The nationally televised event will bring in world class professional racers as well as amateurs to show off their skills and thrills on the snow-covered course.

The competition aims to draw in fans from all over the area along with some well-deserved attention to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. Guests can plan for an exhilarating weekend, cheering on the top snocross racers as they go for the gold. The extreme winter sport of snocross is a mix between snowmobiling and motocross. Snow covered tracks with sharp turns and high speeds keep competitors chasing for the finish line. The meticulously planned course is filled with tight corners and epic ramps, keeping spectators on the edge of their seats as racers fly off the jumps and cut into snow on their way to take the number one spot.

Buckle up for a wild ride - the weekend event will be one for the books! The echoing of engines pumps up the energy for fans and families as soon as they arrive. A top 5 region for trail riding in the United States, spectators should prepare for a race they won't soon forget. Typically on the east end of the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, the venue showcases up-close seating and viewing of the track. Adding to the action, you'll find plenty of things to do beyond the tracks. The weekend highlights include vendors, free snowmobile rides for kids, autographs from professional racers, fireworks, and of course, fun!



You'll be on the edge of your seat watching racers speeding by and snow flying in the thrill of each race. Engines roaring and snowmobiles soaring, the event looks to be a one-of-a-kind experience for all ages! Commenting on the excitement for the area, Melissa Free goes on to share, "One of the best things about Snocross weekend is that it gives us the chance to celebrate and showcase all of the great things about a Western New York winter in a really fun and exciting way," she said. "We are able to introduce new people to all of the amenities, attractions and beauty of the Seneca Nation's Allegany Territory, our world-class resort, and the entire region. Then, once the races start, the excitement, speed and thrills are incredible. Being able to experience that up close is something our guests really enjoy and look forward to every year."

Pre-sale tickets for the event are currently available online and include the option for a single day or weekend pass. It's a great event for families and friends and as an added bonus, children aged 12 and under are free. For ticket information and event scheduling check out www.snocross.com. You can also check out Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino on their website at www.senecaalleganycasino.com to look into accommodations and amenities at the world class resort.



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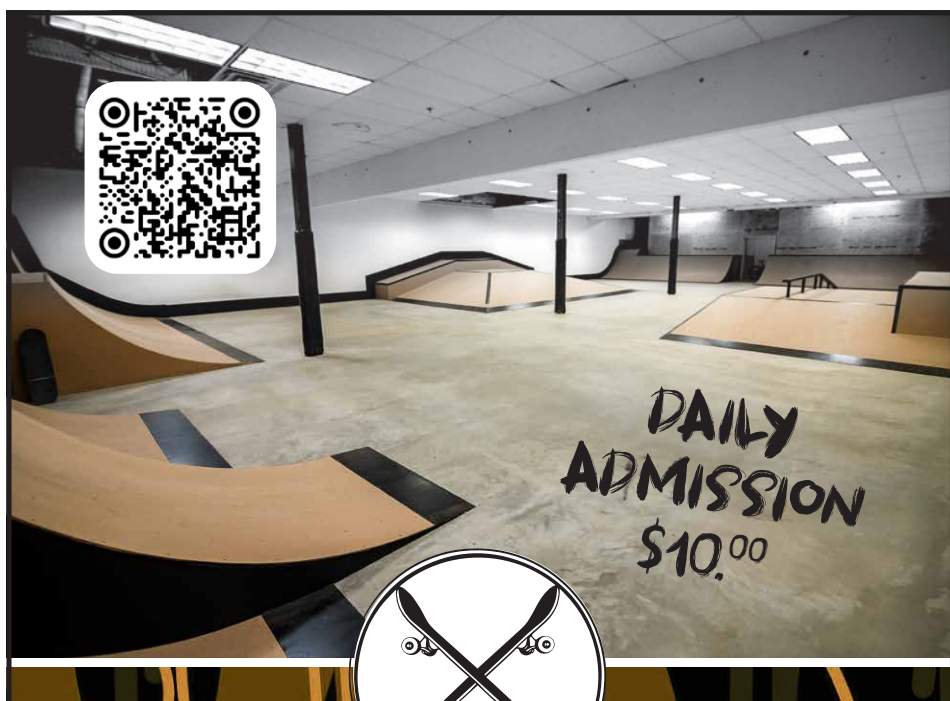
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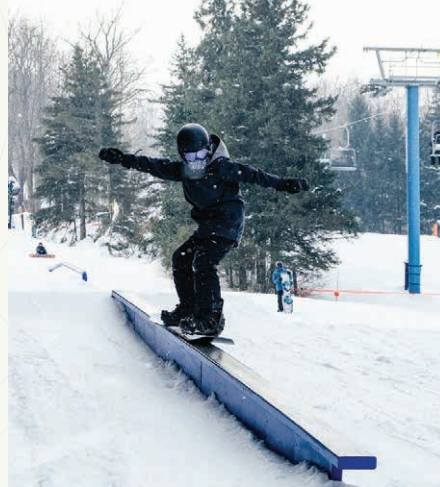


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INTERVIEW

Brantley Gilbert's "Off The Rails" Tour Coming to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca



FEBRUARY 10 • 7:00PM

By Melanie Hulick

The Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino Event Center will be hosting singer/songwriter Brantley Gilbert on Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 7:00pm as his "Off The Rails Tour" makes a stop in Salamanca, NY.

Gilbert's musical style ranges from Country, Country Rock, Southern Rock to Hard Rock. Coming onto the music scene when he headed to Nashville as a songwriter in 2007, he found himself playing local venues until he released his debut album in 2009 titled, "A Modern Day Prodigal Son". Having released six albums, with his most recent being "So Help Me God" in 2022, he has garnered several number one hit songs such as "Country Must Be Country Wide", "You Don't Know Her Like I Do", "One Hell Of An Amen" and "Bottoms Up".

Winning the Academy of Country Music's New Male Artist in 2013 solidified his contribution to country music. In 2013 he toured with the USO for eight days to entertain our troops in Italy and Kuwait.

The singer has had some big time "Whose Who" of the country music world collaborations with Thomas Rhett, Justin Moore, Toby Keith, Blake Shelton, HARDY, Vince Gill and Jason Aldean.

For his fifth album, "Fire & Brimstone", he recorded a duet with Lindsay Ell called "What Happens In A Small Town", which was something new to him as far as recording and writing with a female country artist. We talk about that in the following conversation.

The singer has toured with Eric Church, Willie Nelson, Tim McGraw, Kid Rock, Kenney Chesney and last year (2023) with Nickleback.

I was lucky enough to catch up with Gilbert and I asked him what he learned while on tour with all the artists above, does he have any advice to pass along to the new up and coming artists, if he has any new projects in the works and if he has a message for his fans that will be coming out to see him.

If you haven't already, get your tickets to what is sure to be a fun night loaded with great music to start off 2024's concert season.



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A Conversation with Brantley

HULICK: Your tour will be making a stop at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, NY on February 10th. It seems most of the artists I've interviewed have some sort of "Buffalo connection". Have you played the Western New York area in the past? Do you have a Buffalo connection?

GILBERT: Oh yeah, I think we've been all over New York by this point. I don't think I have a Buffalo connection, but I always look forward to making my way to the area on tour.

HULICK: You've toured with some heavy hitters like Eric Church, Tim McGraw, Thomas Rhett, Kenny Chesney, Kid Rock, Willie Nelson and most recently this past summer with Nickelback. What was the best advice you got from any of these artists?

GILBERT: I think one thing I learned from them is that you set the tone for the tour with your attitude. If you go into it thinking, "Man, I've gotta be out on the road for x-number of days," you kinda tire yourself out before you've even started. Keep the positives top of mind and remember, it's a privilege to be able to do what we do for a living.

HULICK: Do you have any advice you'd like to pass on to the up-and-coming artists?

GILBERT: Do your best to stay true to yourself, no matter what happens. You're the one that has to live with those decisions down the line, and if you follow your gut, you'll be just fine.

HULICK: You've collaborated with the likes of Jason Aldean, Blake Shelton, HARDY and Toby Keith to name a few. Is there anyone you would like to work with that you haven't?

GILBERT: There's not really one person that springs to mind. When I'm writing and recording, I try to do my best to serve the song as it takes shape, rather than writing it with a specific person in mind. The best collaborations happen organically that way, when you know there's a certain voice that would complete it or take it to the next level.

HULICK: You did a duet with Lindsay Ell on the song, "What Happens In A Small Town." Any thoughts of doing more duets in the future?

GILBERT: For sure! That was my first duet with a female voice on the track, and I really loved sharing that with Lindsay. She's got an incredible voice and she's one hell of a guitar player.

HULICK: You are a singer/songwriter. It has always fascinated me how songwriters do what they do. Can you tell us a little bit about your writing techniques... do you carve out a specific day or time to write or is it more spontaneous? Are you one of those writers that jot down any ideas that pop up in your mind at 2:00am that you work on down the road?

GILBERT: Probably a little bit of both. I'm a big fan of collaborating, and I typically host or go on a couple writing retreats every year with some of the folks I enjoy working with, usually with a wild card or two thrown in. We'll work on ideas that we jotted down since the last one, but sometimes a song just comes out of a conversation outside of the writer's room. That's how "Heaven By Then" came about - we were all just sitting around talking late one night, and it just evolved from there.

HULICK: Do you have any new projects in the works?

GILBERT: I'm pretty much always writing, but I've been back in the studio working on something special, and I can't wait to be able to share more!

HULICK: Do you have a message for your fans that will be coming out to see you February 10th in Salamanca?

GILBERT: Get ready to get a little rowdy and have a whole lot of fun! We're pulling out all the stops on this tour, and I think BG Nation will love what we've got in store.



UPCOMING SHOWS at Seneca Allegany



LIVE: This powerhouse world renowned rock band will take the stage at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino's Event Center on Saturday, March 2nd at 7:00pm. Known for their list of musicians the band took a year-long break from touring and is back selling out venues wherever they go. With sales of over 22 million albums sold, this band is ready to rock out with their fans and take their place in rock music history.



Scotty McCreery: The *American Idol* winner of Season 10 in 2011 is hitting the road with his "Cab In A Solo Tour" and making a stop at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino on Saturday, April 13th at 7:00m. McCreery is known for his low register vocals and hit songs such as "It Matters To Her" and "Cab In A Solo" and is experiencing sold out shows everywhere he goes. His newest single, "Can't Pass The Bar", is sure to be another hit song and is a song he can't wait to perform live on the tour. NOTE: Watch for an interview with the singer/songwriter in an upcoming issue of ellicottvilleNOW!

LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: The Zen and the Art in Fly Fishing

BY INREK KONGATS

With the ski season battling climate change, it might be time to consider a different pastime. All of you ski bums should consider becoming trout bums if you haven't already. The fly fishing season is longer, it's more universal and best of all, the mind set is still the same. I suppose tele-skiers are the most likely to put away their boards and pick up their rods. After all, "free the heel, free the mind" - the rhetoric of the free heeler - is the same as that of the fly fisher, "It's not the fish that we're after" to paraphrase Henry David Thoreau!

Fly fishing is truly a sport of all ages! The fly rod is equally at home in the hands of the Miss or the Mister, the child or the grandfather, the doctor or the farmer. Fly fishing is beautiful, like an Olympic rhythmic gymnast performing with their ribbon; the fly fisher performs with their fly line, forming graceful loops in the air or more relatable to some, like the telemarker creating a sensation on the slopes with a series of graceful bent knee turns.

The fly fisher combines the endless summer with the endless winter, a non-stop pursuit of the tailing redbfish or wintering steelhead. When you can't get out on the water you pass the time at tying bench waxing your thread to create the perfect duping loop. There is always something to do to soothe your soul and please your mind. The danger is not to become an addict, obsessed with perfection that so many succumb too. Moderation is the secret to contentment!

Fly fishing takes on a whole new dimension when your start using flies that you've designed and created yourself on those long and cold wintery nights by the fire. The satisfaction is euphoric and completes you! The only thing that tops tricking a trout into taking your delightful presentation is serving it with a hand crafted bamboo fly rod, the quintessential moment in any trout bum's dream.

Conditioning like in all sports plays an important role in enhancing one's enjoyment and safety. The fly fisher can't simply satisfy the soul and the mind, the body also has to be taken into consideration. After all your body is your vehicle to get to the contest, the game between you and your scaly competitor. The venue can be literally a walk in the park or it can be as challenging as climbing Everest. The degree of your physical fitness will determine where you can do battle, on your terms or his, on the most remote stretch of wilderness rarely if at all visited by a human soul or by the car park! Fly fishing is a complete sport and the complete angler is in top form!

The game plan, the strategy that the fly fisher has to devise is best based on ones skill and ability. Planning keeps the mind sharp and fit! Knowing where to go, when to go and how to get there is sometimes as much fun as being successful in your quest. Anticipation is a really underrated component in fly fishing, after all, that's why it's called fishing and not catching. You'll never be disappointed when you are anticipating; it's the one time everyone is always 100% successful! Cherish your time to dream and plan, whether you're rich or poor it's the ultimate equalizer.

Therapy - another reward when you go fly fishing. I can't say its free, fly fishing costs money

like everything else but what mother nature has to offer you can't ever be rivaled in a room surrounded by four walls. Imagine going for a massage, relaxing and soothing; well in fly fishing, your masseuse is the water! Wading out into a river and being surrounded by a pulsating current gently massaging your legs and buttocks is pleasure in itself. Preferably the current isn't so strong that it can sweep you away or too weak to do a good job. Choosing to correct flow goes back to the planning, fish like the perfect current as well, so when it's just right you're both content.

The definition of a tall tale has no better meaning than what a fly fisher can spin after returning from an outing. The telling of your adventures just gets better with time, but unlike a bottle of wine, it never gets empty. If there ever was a fountain of youth it's the retelling of all the tales that flow from your mind of when you were younger, whether by a day or a decade. The past is a miraculous thing - it never gets too old, just older! Some of the worst trips that I had the misfortune to be on were immensely successful because of two important factors, the anticipation and afterwards, the story telling. Story telling is the great fixer. Your mishaps or successes are equally entertaining to the listener, the juicier the saga the more mouth watering it becomes! Ironically enough we'll find humor in it all! Everyone will end up with a good laugh even if it's the last one!

Finally, fly fishing knows no religion or politics; there are no boundaries or walls preventing you from exploring a better life. Through fly fishing you'll connect with nature and the rest of the world and the people that make it up sharing a common passion and experiencing the same fulfillment.

The immortal Bob Dylan sang it best, "the times they are a changing" - you either go with the flow or "you'll sink like a stone". As you watch your snow melt take consolation in that fact that for someone else their rivers will rise! There is no triumph in that; it just is what it is so try to make the most of it!

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Astrology: Welcome to Aquarius Season.... Breathtaking But Unpredictable

BY SUZY WOO, B.Msc



The energy of February will be anything but smooth. Think of watching a lightning storm. Scary, breathtaking, beautiful and unpredictable. Welcome to Aquarius season. This one is a biggy.

The sign of Aquarius is ruled by the planet Uranus, God of the Skies, aviation, outer space and even extra-terrestrial life. Uranus has spent months in retrograde motion and is finally getting ready to forge ahead, right on the heels of Pluto entering Aquarius. Expect the lightning to expose what's going on in the dark. Aquarius is the bold sign that stands

up to authority and asks serious questions, in the name of 'the people.' Big, swift shifts happen this month so my best advice is to be flexible, and expect plenty of shock value.

Great news: all the planets are moving in forward motion all the way until early April. Move forward with your plans! Book your trips, launch your business, write your book, ask for that raise, plan your move. Live in alignment with your values, it is becoming mandatory in the evolution of our world! Know thyself!

The end of the month won't feel anything like the beginning, but don't freak out, it doesn't mean it has to be bad! We must change to grow. Without growth, we can become complacent and miss out on wonderful opportunities the universe wants to offer us! Here's what the first half of February shows broken down by signs:

AQUARIUS AND LEO: It is important this month to work on balance between the mind (Aquarius) and the heart (Leo). Address what needs addressing but take the bite out in your delivery. Put yourself in the other parties' shoes before you say something very cold. Be diplomatic and direct, but not mean. Forge ahead with your plans and big goals; don't allow for any drag on your line. Be clear but be kind.

SCORPIO AND TAURUS: You have wonderful financial and career opportunity this month - ask for that raise, put the pressure on, see what your boss really thinks you're worth to them. If it matches your perception, great! But if not, it's up to you to speak up. Make a move this month to increase your bottom line. Consult with like minded individuals, peers, friends and colleagues for additional insight and be open to receive it. You have great earning power potential this year... ya gotta GO FOR IT.

ARIES AND SAGITTARIUS: Bust a move by speaking up this month. You've been holding steady but are getting impatient. Ask directly but use friendly humor. State your points confidently, and be open enough to receive constructive criticism without firing back (which often lands you in hot water... think before you speak). You will be worked up and motivated for action this month, which is good, but to be successful, know what you want the outcome

to be before you spout off, or before you head to the bargaining table. It's important to temper yourself to be taken seriously.

CANCER AND PISCES: You may feel agitated and unable to decipher what is before you. This is where you have to lean into your faith. When an airplane takes flight and has to go through the cloud cover, you hold your breath and pray because you can't see anything, and then feel relieved once you're above the layers of clouds. The first half of the month is still feeling confusing, and closer to mid-month you may have a war of words with someone as tensions run high. You probably feel it coming. Try to stay in your heart while having your guard up to not take things to heart. People need to have healthy conversations with you but don't intend to hurt you. Be heard, say what you have to say, and when you are listening, don't take things personally and you will get through it. Go slow and allow yourself to know the sun is still there.

GEMINI AND LIBRA: This is not a time for running solo; it's about those collaborations! What are your goals? Attend a class, trade show or conference, or two or five of them! Update your business cards, modernize your brand if applicable. Brush up on your skills. Get networking, meeting people, drumming up new business and enjoy plenty of commerce! Who can you collaborate with? Reach out! This is a fabulous time for planting seeds everywhere your mind takes you - send emails, texts, and messages to everyone you would love to be connected to. Let yourself be inspired, take notes, make art, do things that are fun, funny and entertaining. Try some new technology, an AI app, for example? Get the outline done for your book or do your research about publishing. Gather data and make lots of connections and all year as they trickle back to you, you'll be so glad you did! Your networking now will clearly pay off.

VIRGO AND CAPRICORN: Something is coming to a head and you might be at the end of the road; time to make some possibly tough decisions and move on. What and who will move forward with you? If you got overlooked again for that raise, don't keep sticking around. This month is a perfect time to get out of anything that is making you feel confined, undervalued and unappreciated. Get your hands dirty doing something you enjoy - rock hounding, spring cleaning, getting a new plant for the house. If you have an unfinished room, get it finished. You'll be in demand soon, so tie up loose ends and get ready for great things. You have to put the energy in now to get the payout later, so absolutely do not settle!

All month, I am running a February astrology special - COMPATIBILITY READINGS - between any two people, this is fascinating! See how well any 2 people get along, or not! Where might there be friction, where are there strengths and support, where is there 'chemistry'? Find out. EXCELLENT FOR COWORKERS, SIBLINGS and between family members, and COUPLES! Regular price is \$189... I'm running a February special for \$150! When booking in person, enter code Compatible at checkout. If booking online, use the code CompatibleOnline at checkout.

Be well everyone! With love, I remain your sister from the stars, **-Suzy Woo**

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SOLAR ECLIPSE

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HOW DO WE VIEW THE ECLIPSE SAFELY?

The whole threat of blindness from staring at the sun is no joke on the day of a solar eclipse. Except during a very brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the moon completely blocks out the sun, it is not safe to look at it directly without specialized eye protection specifically for solar viewing. If you try to look at the sun through a camera lens, binoculars, a telescope or the naked eye, without a special purpose solar filter secured over your optics, you will instantly (as in right then and there) suffer severe eye injury (and possibly, actually go blind. So I'd personally avoid this.)

In order to avoid what I can only assume seems like a bad time, you should look into picking up a pair of eclipse glasses or a solar handheld viewer. Please note that eclipse glasses are not regular sunglasses. It doesn't matter how dark a pair of regular sunglasses are, they are not even a little good enough to stare at the sun. Eclipse glasses are actually thousands of times darker and must comply with ISO 12312-2 international standard. (DO NOT USE THEM with cameras, binoculars or telescopes. Those items require different types of solar filters and you should always seek expert advice before attempting to outfit your own equipment with a solar filter.)

And remember that just because it is dark outside, doesn't mean you aren't still standing under direct sunlight in the middle of the day. Remember to wear sunscreen and other appropriate outdoor attire.

IMPORTANT LOCAL NEWS

The reason we are putting this out here 2-1/2 months early, is because it's not just the amazing phenomena of the eclipse that will be happening on April 8th but the many other factors you should note. This is a huge event that a lot of people want to see and hotel rooms all around us are already booking up. Niagara Falls and Buffalo Chambers have already reported working on plans to distribute glasses and work on a traffic plan to handle the influx of tourism during the event.

Down here in Cattaraugus County, the Cattaraugus County Tourism office is hard at work on the same type of plan for our area. More information will be released as it is finalized moving forward, in regards to increased traffic, mass gatherings and supplying eclipse glasses. There is also the issue of local weather, as April can be a mix of snow and mud and the fact that the eclipse can cause disorientation in animals as well as people or the temp could drop 20 degrees in less than 2 minutes, which could prove an issue for people with temperature sensitivities. Once the information has been made public knowledge, we will make sure to share it with you.

To close out, none of this is to try and dissuade anyone from getting a chance to see a once in so many years opportunity. We just want to help you do it safely. So remember to dress correctly for the weather, be patient and kind to your fellow human beings who want to enjoy the natural show as much as you, keep an eye on the weather but for whatever god(s) you choose to recognize sake(s), **PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT THE SUN** without the proper viewing materials. And if you want to make sure you don't miss out on the eclipse, you can visit enchantedmountains.com to view the countdown timer or download it for yourself.

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The Journey: Start the exhilarating journey on a path that takes you through the awesome landscape of Holiday Valley Ski Resort. You'll begin at Yodeler Lodge and venture up the scenic Sugar Plum, Tannenbaum and Spruce Line trails, leading to the picturesque Spruce Lake. From there, make your way across to HoliMont Resort and race down their Sunset hill. Once at the bottom, you'll turn around and ascend Sunset once more. Crossing back over Spruce Lake, you'll trace your steps back along Spruce Line, ultimately returning to Yodeler Lodge. The adventure covers approximately 3 miles of breathtaking terrain!

Your Mode of Exploration: Whether you're an avid snowsports enthusiast or simply looking for a fun winter outing, this event is designed for everyone. All snow equipment is welcome, whether it's skins, cross country skis, splitboards or snowshoes. Pick your preferred method of transportation and come out to hit the trails together!

Competition and Fun: They've got something for everyone. You can choose between two divisions: the Competitive Division for those who want to race against the clock, or the Just for Fun Division for those who prefer a leisurely pace. It's all about enjoying the winter landscape at your own speed.

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A Cause Worth Supporting: This event isn't just about having a blast in the snow; it's also about giving back. By participating, you're helping to contribute to Holiday Valley's Empire State Ride Team, which benefits Roswell Park Cancer Center. Join them as they work to make a positive impact on our community and beyond. Save the date, invite your friends and get ready for a day of outdoor thrills and post-event festivities at Yodeler Lodge. For additional details on this new winter adventure, go to holidayvalley.com.

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holidayvalley: We are honored to have been one of the Torch Relay stops for the Empire State Winter Games, which begin Feb. 1 in Lake Placid. We can't wait to see our Holiday Valley athletes representing us!



michelle_capizzi: And so it goes Holiday Ranger Parents always know how to have fun! @holidayvalley @ellicottvillenow #skitheeast #apres



holimont: Let's get the weekend started off right! #evlnow



andrea.solar.716: Skiing in the clouds! @holimont #evlnow



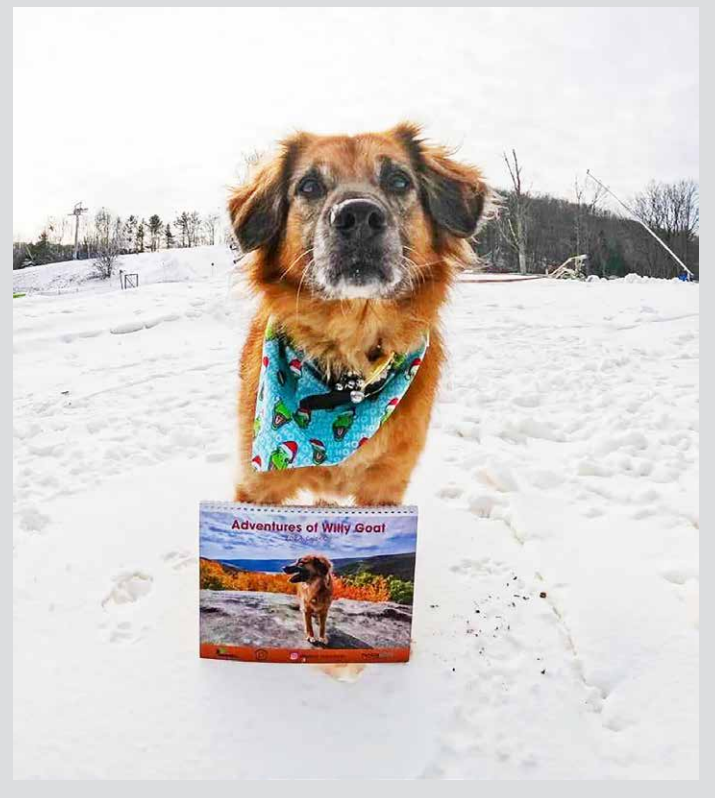
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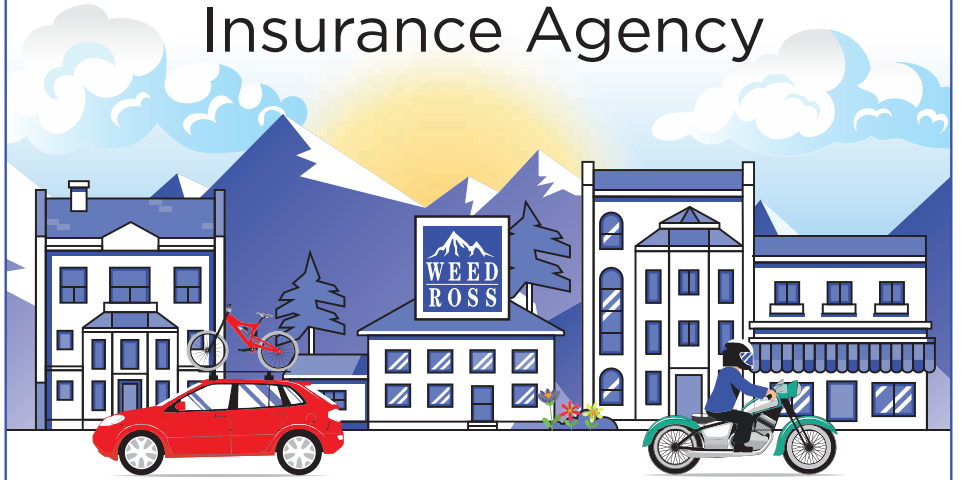
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