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2022 JINGLE BELL JUBILEE
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Lincoln Park, Olean

IRISH CHRISTMAS 2022
Friday, December 9th • 6pm
Ellicottville Brewing Co, Ellicottville

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 10th • 9-11am
Myer's Steakhouse, Salamanca

"PAWLIDAYS" CRAFT SHOW
Saturday, December 10th • 10-3pm
Fireman's Com. Center, Limestone

CHRISTMAS BARN SHOW
Saturday, December 10th • 10-2pm
The Rusty Rooster, Cattaraugus

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Saturday, December 10th • 9-11am
Myer's Steakhouse, Salamanca

SANTA EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE
Saturday, December 10th • 11-4pm
Gowanda Train Station, Gowanda

CHRISTMAS IN ALLEGANY
Saturday, December 10th • 1-3pm
Village of Allegany, Allegany

DEMO DAY HOLIDAY VALLEY
Saturday, December 17th • 9-3pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

ELF THE MUSICAL
December 2, 3, & 4 • Times Vary
Lucille Ball Little Theatre, Jamestown

HOLIDAY SHOW @ RTPI
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Roger Tory Institute, Jamestown

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 2nd • 7:30pm
Reg Lenna Center, Jamestown

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION
Saturday, December 3rd • 8-4pm
Harley-Davidson, Jamestown

CITY CHRISTMAS PARADE
Saturday, December 3rd • 6-8pm
Third Street, Jamestown

SUNDAY STORY TIME
Sunday, December 4th • 12:30pm
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

SENSORY SANTA
Sunday, December 4th • 2-4pm
Fenton History Center, Jamestown

CHRISTMAS POPS
Thursday, December 8th • 7:30pm
King Concert Hall, SUNY Fredonia

MARVIN HOUSE FUNDRAISER
Saturday, December 10th • 11am
Marvin House, Jamestown

For more information on this week's music, see page 11

Demo Day at Holiday Valley

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Holiday Valley's Demo Day is Saturday December, 17th from 9am -3pm. The City Garage, Mud Sweat 'n Gears and The Boardroom will be on-site, slope side of the Resort Center so that guests can come try the latest and greatest gear from today's top brands. The Boardroom will also have the Burton Step On binding system for anyone who wants to try a strapless binding setup. The City Garage will have telemark skis for people to try, but they must bring their own telemark boots." See article "Demo", page 7.

EVL Chamber Member Spotlight: Cupcaked

Artfully Handcrafted Sweet Treats



Annie Coe's business has grown since 2016 when she was making cupcakes in her basement. By 2017 she secured a cozy storefront at 22 Monroe Street in Ellicottville and this December, Cupcaked will be moving into the 3-floor former Public House location at 24 Monroe Street.

By KATE SCHULTZ

Sweet treats are one of the holiday season's undeniable pleasures. If you've got a craving but don't have time to bake, consider Cupcaked, located in Ellicottville, NY. Annie Coe,

whose love for baking began during childhood, started her business in 2016, making cupcakes and sweets in her apartment and selling them online and at local farmer's markets. In

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Winter Village in Chautauqua

CHQ. Institution Celebrates Season Dec. 16-18



By DELAINEY MUSCATO
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Chautauqua Institution is eager to reintroduce Winter Village this year after putting their programs on pause in 2020 and 2021. With COVID

restrictions, Winter Village was limited to shopping only for the past two holiday seasons. But it is fully reopening this year, with something fun for everyone. The celebration starts on December

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History of Toys for Tots

Marine Corps Mission Celebrates 75 Years



By CAROL FISHER LINN

Toys for Tots. You grew up hearing about them, seeing the bright red train, along with the red kettle of the Salvation Army on street corners during the Christmas holiday season. They are an iconic part of the American scene. Run, since 1947, by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, Toys for Tots (a 501c3 not-for-profit

public charity), distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts at Christmas.

As with so many endeavors of this nature, Toys for Tots got its start due to a conundrum. A woman, Diane Hendricks, wife of Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR, tried to donate a homemade Raggedy Ann

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Sneak Peek

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New Life for Manufacturing Facility

\$56M Reinvestment into Former Siemens Building ... Pg. 15

This project will create approximately 246 manufacturing jobs at the former Siemens Energy facility in Olean. With the CCIDA approval of the Inducement Resolution, hiring and work at the site will begin in the first quarter of 2023 and continue through July 2026.

Sensory Santa 2022

Event at Fenton History Center Dec. 4



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Christmas is coming up fast, and you know what that means...It's time to visit Santa. Parents everywhere are getting their kids ready to stand in line and to visit the big man in the red suit with their list of Christmas wants. It's loud, it's bright and it's festive. But what about those kids who have a hard time with that type of environment. It can be really hard to take children with autism, anxiety or traumatic experiences out to loud public spaces full of people, but they want a chance to share their lists with Santa also. Well, The Fenton History Center has the perfect event for you. Come out to Jamestown on December 4th from 2-4pm for Sensory Safe Santa Claus.

The Villager had the opportunity to speak with Executive Director of the Fenton History Center, Jane Babinsky about what exactly the event is and what it includes.

The Villager (V): How did you come up with the Sensory Sensitive Santa event?

Jane (J): "Our previous Director, Noah Goodling,

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Sheriffs Give Back

Catt. Co.'s Santa's Sheriffs Program



By KATE BARTLETT

The holiday season is a time to give to those in need, and reflect on all of our blessings. The Cattaraugus County Sheriffs have a special way of giving back to the community. For over 15 years, they have participated in a Santa Sheriff program, helping families in need. Tonya Day has been running this program for the past 4 years, and every year it becomes more rewarding.

The majority of recipients for the program are identified with the help of School Resource Officers from the department. These SROs work closely with counselors in the schools to identify families in need. Students who qualify fill out a form to specify "needs" and "wants" for the holiday season. The referring officer plays 'Santa' and shops for their individual child. "We try to meet the needs first, shopping for boots, winter clothing, coats, etc." says Tonya "But we also try to make sure there's at least one toy for each child too. We try to bring them some joy during the holiday season."

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Publisher's Word

"Season of Gratitude"



flowing. Cattaraugus week moves into the next, Gives and the Give Big but don't forget to take the time to reflect and just be with the ones you love and to appreciate the work and the people you have. Let us all be sure that everyone in our community can feel appreciated and thankful. If you know of a person or an organization that deserves a tip of the hat, please let us know, we are always looking for a good word to spread with our readers - info@thevillager.com. ~ Until next week enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

This is the time of year when the generosity of our communities is really highlighted. Our organizations do so much work throughout the year to keep people safe and our communities

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Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive Is Back: Howard Hanna Real Estate Services and The Villager have joined together in collecting new and/or gently used coats, hats, gloves & mittens. Donations will be accepted all winter during business hours (seven days a week!) at the Howard Hanna office located at 34 Washington St. Ellicottville, NY.

Old Fashioned Libation

What follows is said to be George Washington's original recipe for the libation, penned out by the man himself some time after 1789. Our source is the Old Farmer's Almanac, and here is the how-to: George Washington's Eggnog recipe: "One quart cream, one quart milk, one dozen tablespoons sugar, one pint brandy, pint rye whiskey, pint Jamaica rum, pint sherry — mix liquor first, then separate yolks and whites of 12 eggs, add sugar to beaten yolks, mix well. Add milk and cream, slowly beating. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and fold slowly into mixture. Let set in cool place for several days. Taste frequently."

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Irish Christmas 2022 Next Weekend

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, December 9th, Ellicottville Brewing Co.



Kneeland's famous Bread Pudding. Rumor has it that Brew master Dan Minner is brewing some McCarthy's Irish Red and a special Stout to help the cause. The traditional live auction starts at 7:30 PM. hosted by Brooks Lefeber. The auction treasures include some of Bob McCarthy woodworking originals and special creations from Ed Frederickson, Mike Timkey & others. All auction items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item keeping with tradition. We are excited as the new Irish basket raffle means that all can participate with many lucky winners, taking home great gifts for a minimal donation. Live Auction items and the Irish basket raffle choices will be revealed weekly on our website at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/events. The Foundation hopes that Ellicottville's unshakably generous community will open its heart and donate at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate or via the mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way! Bob always found a way to make the holidays magical...and this year is no exception. Make sure you mark your calendar as Friday December 9th at 6:00 PM will be one you won't want to miss. Follow other announcements in this publication as we countdown to the December 9th event.

We just got a big taste of winter before Thanksgiving which reminds us that one of the best holiday traditions unique to the area. Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, is just around the corner. Through the generosity of our friends at Ellicottville Brewing Company the 16th annual tradition will take place on December 9th at 6pm. This fun event reflects the generosity and compassion of our tight knit community as many turn out to support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this event serves to raise funds for our main initiatives, which are Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program. Proceeds also provide funding for our year-round family support services as we strive to level the playing field for those less fortunate in our community. McCarthy, a master craftsman, the friend to all is honored each year by the community

togetherness embodied by Irish Christmas. The auctioning of baked goods, hand-crafted items, and neat finds from local businesses allow both Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program to provide holiday presents and meals to local families in need. Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas is back LIVE in the great new beer hall at EBC. The fun starts at 6:00 PM with the fun and energetic live show from South Buffalo, Peter Zalocha and Charlie Coughlin of Crikwater. Their music conjures scenes of gritty smokey Irish pubs, whiskey, pints of stout, and good craic. You can enjoy the multi-part vocal harmonies, engaging fiddle tunes, and intricate musicianship while browsing the new Irish Basket Raffle. Grab some great food as local restaurants are serving up some specialties for the "Taste of Ireland" where for a small donation you can enjoy some fabulous food, special Irish Coffees and

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2022 Christmas Cantata

Annual Event Returns to Both Ellicottville and Salamanca, Dec 11th

Community Choir

Christmas Cantata

Presents: Behold the Star

DECEMBER 11, 2022

3 PM @ Riverside Chapel
134 Broad St. Salamanca

7 PM @ Holy Name of Mary
20 Jefferson St. Ellicottville

of Ellicottville and we miss him. We are pleased to be able to honor him with our music this Holiday Season. His sister, Sherri Barrera, still sings with the group. There will be two productions of "Behold the Star" on Sunday, December 11th. The first is at 3:00pm in the Riverside Chapel in Salamanca, and the second concert will be at 7:00pm in the Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville. There will be receptions following both concerts. Proceeds from free-will offerings will be used to defray musical expenses and to help the area food pantries. Please come and enjoy this inspirational and enjoyable gift of music from the voices of our local choristers who truly believe that "Jesus is the reason for the Season." So... have your selves a Very Merry Christmas!

It's almost here! Another great holiday event has returned after a two-year hiatus. The Community Cantata Choir is about to make their first appearance since Covid shut everything down two years ago! Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this worthwhile event which details the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus through

Lloyd Larson's Christmas Journey to the light of Christ in his cantata "Behold the Star!" The production this year will be dedicated to John Thomas, a bass in this choir who recently died from Covid related heart failure. John sang with the group for several years until the shut down due to the pandemic. He was a prominent member

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Holiday Wreath Making Class

Annual Event Returns to Both Ellicottville and Salamanca, Dec 11th

It's that time of year again! Create a beautiful, fresh evergreen wreath under the direction of volunteers at the Nannen Arboretum. Learn how to identify evergreens and other natural materials. The class will take place on Wednesday December 7, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive in Ellicottville, NY. A wreath form and paddle wire are included in the price of the class. Participants need to bring a garbage bag (not a grocery bag) full of evergreens for the wreath, hand clippers, and gloves. Ribbon for a bow is optional. Preregistration is required. Call 716-244-0695 or 716-945-3845 to register. The class fee is \$10.00. Come, engage in a productive evening while enjoying refreshments



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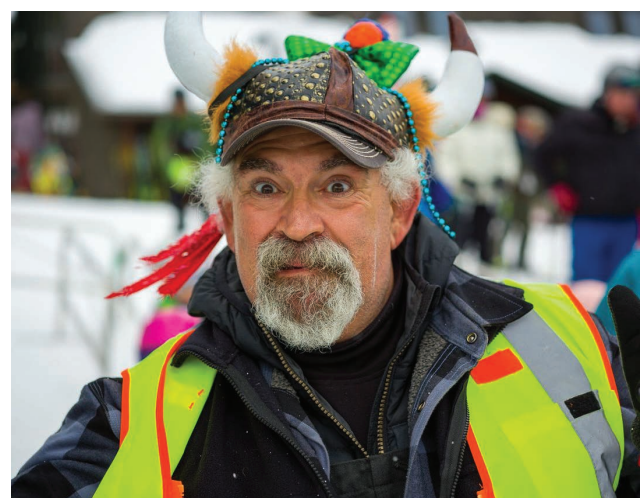
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Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting

Fundraiser held this past Wednesday, Nov. 23 at Villaggio in Ellicottville



The successful event has raised nearly 14k including an anonymous 5k pledge. The campaign itself is nearing 40k already. The Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund was established to replace the lighting on the Ellicottville Central School Football field, which was donated in 1976 in the memory of Frank Pitillo and has never been replaced properly. This fund will also provide scholarships for Ellicottville Central School students should any funds remain after the lighting project is completed. The event team would like to say thank you to all those community members who participated/donated to the fund and they are very appreciative of the support from Cattaraugus Gives who had an ongoing fundraiser with matching funds and prizes. Make your donation today at <https://cattfoundation.fcsuite.com/erp/donate> under the Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund. Photos/Jeanine Zimmer and Bright Light Imagery

Cattaraugus County Gives

Organization Helps Raise Funds on Giving Tuesday



This past Tuesday was the day to make a BIG difference in your community. Cattaraugus County Gives encouraged the community to support the nonprofits and causes they believe in by offering additional benefits like prizes and matching dollars. In 2021, Cattaraugus Gives raised over \$358,000. We all win when Cattaraugus Gives! Some of the participating causes are Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund, Empire Animal Rescue Society, Olean Food Pantry Inc. and Operations Warm Hearts Inc. as the top 5 currently. See next week's edition for a full story on the program.

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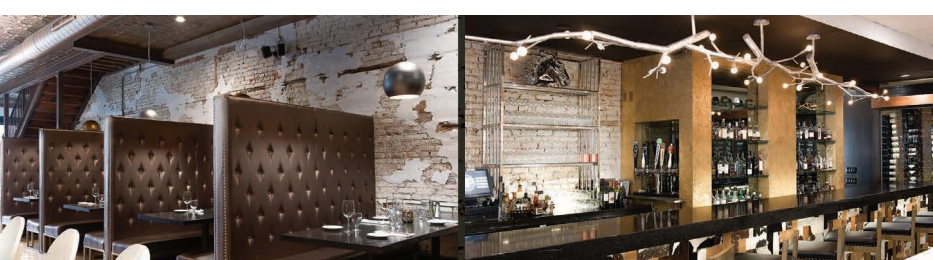
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Opening Day Success!!

Holiday Valley Resort Opened to Enthusiastic Crowd this Past Weekend

Opening day of the 2022-23 season officially kicked off on Friday, November 25 and by all measures, it was a great one. Did the opening day weather cooperate 100 percent? No, Western New York weather rarely does exactly what you want it to do but that did not deter the enthusiastic crowd of people who could not wait to hit the slopes. With 5 lifts running and access to 9 slopes and a terrain park, there was terrain for just about everyone and skiers and riders of all ages were out there enjoying it.



The day started off a bit wet at Holiday Valley Resort this past weekend but the stoke level was high and everyone had a very fun Opening Day for the 2022/2023 ski/board season. It's great to see people back out on the slopes and having fun with their family and friends!

Saturday was a quintessential sun-filled, bluebird day, which made for plenty of smiles on the faces of guests who were out on the slopes. Whether they were lapping the park at the bottom of Mardi Gras, ripping turns on Yodeler or making the first turns of their life over at School Haus, Saturday was

a fantastic day throughout the resort.

On Sunday, rain returned to Ellicottville but there were still plenty of people out there on the hill, rocking their Gore-Tex gear to deter the elements while they worked on getting their ski and snowboard legs back in preparation of a fun-filled

season out on the slopes.

Holiday Valley wants to thank everyone who came out this weekend to help them kick off the start of the season. It's been great to be able to open the resort and see so many amazing smiles and great winter vibes throughout the entire area.



Photos/Holiday Valley



ECS Project Christmas 2022

The Ellicottville Central Project Christmas Event Helps Locals in Need



will help 40 families. Monetary donations to assist this service in our community may be sent to: (Checks should be made out to Project Christmas) Ellicottville Central School - Project Christmas, c/o Nurse Karin Hager, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Questions may also be directed to Nurse Hager @ 716-699-2318 (ext. 1604) or email: khager@ecsny.org Thank you for your anticipated continued support. May you and your families have a very safe, healthy and happy Holiday Season!

The Ellicottville Central School Project Christmas committee would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the Ellicottville Community for their support of Project Christmas

over the past decades. Project Christmas works to provide Ellicottville Central School District families with a means to obtain food and gifts for their children. This year the program

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The Chocolate Roost

Brand New Candy Store is Open Now in Portville, NY



Mixes! So why chocolate? Mrs. Smith added, "One of my favorite things to do when we travel is check out the small hometown shops and restaurants. I often found fantastic little confection shops and we just don't have anything like this in our immediate area. I've long thought it would be a great addition to our shop."

"The best part of the months leading up to opening was researching and taste testing. Finding those chocolatiers that have built excellent quality products like Birn truffles of Vermont," added Mr. Smith.

The store does have options for corporate gifts, event favors and dessert set ups. Working with other local businesses for the holiday markets is a future option they'd like to explore. The chocolate roost has prepackaged selections including gift packs of truffles, sponge candy, fudge and a few sugar-free options. Other selections are all available by the pound with 50 varieties in the display case to mix and match (you can buy one piece or hundreds).

Mrs. Smith's favorites include sponge candy, dark truffles and coconut clusters and Mr. Smith loves the thin mints. The shop is open daily through December 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat/Sun; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon-Fri. For more information, please call 716-474-7402 #LOVEchocolate

PORTVILLE: Wafts of maple syrup from Sprague's and delicious loose hamburger scents from Reds and Trudys will now be joined with the aroma of chocolates at Portville neighbor, The Chocolate Roost, an addition to Rusty Roosters Farm and Vintage. Jean Smith, owner of the company with her husband Justin, stated, "The Chocolate Roost is a 300 s.f. addition to our store where specialty chocolates, truffles and nostalgic candies provide a tasty treat to our area!" The chocolates and truffles are outsourced from chocolatiers in Vermont, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey, and some Belgium chocolate imports. Justin added, "The roost currently has 50 varieties in the bulk case alongside of several prepackaged favorites like sponge candy and sugar free selections."

The couple have such fond childhood memories of local five and dimes with assortments of penny candy

they just had to include them in their product lines: jawbreakers, rock candy, Neccos, Charleston chews, Bazooka, lemon heads, fireballs, candy necklaces to list just a few! They also have a great selection of saltwater taffy; a dozen fudge flavors and 9 varieties of jelly belly jellybeans.

The Chocolate Roost had a soft opening early November with great success. The Smiths have scheduled their official ribbon cutting for Small Business Saturday. Local officials, company staff and community leaders as well as the public are invited. Rusty Rooster opened its 'barn' doors in mid-2019. At the time, the store was vintage resale retail with architectural salvage with reclamation wood products as a service. The showroom grew from 1300 s.f. to 4500 s.f. which includes the chocolate shop and the addition of other favorite specialty food items like Finger Lakes Coffees, Amish Popcorn and Gourmet Creations Dip

Winter Vendor Fair

Limestone Firemen's Community Center, December 10th, 10-3pm

Head to the Winter Vendor Fair held at the Limestone Firemen's Community Center on December 10th from 10am until 3pm. Finish all of your Christmas shopping while supporting local businesses, crafters and artisans. Limestone Volunteer Fire Department will have their famous Chicken BBQ for sale. It will include a half chicken, homemade macaroni salad,



corn and a roll! What a great deal! All proceeds from the

Chicken BBQ will go to the Fire Department.

Breakfast With Santa

Myer's Steakhouse, Salamanca NY, Saturday, December 10th, 9-11am



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

enjoy breakfast with Santa. There will be eggs, french toast, pancakes, bacon and sausage. You will even be able to get your photos with Santa too! Cost is \$11 for an adult and \$6.50 for 12 & under. It's a great family friendly event for the Holiday season. For reservations call 716-945-3153. For more information on this event please visit <https://www.facebook.com/Myerssteakhouse>

Myer's Steakhouse (460 Wildwood Ave, Salamanca NY) is hosting a special Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 10th from 9-11am. Guests can

Santa Express Train Ride 2022

The Gowanda Train Station Hosts Christmas Fun, Dec. 3rd & 4th

The Gowanda Train Station (50 Commercial Street, Gowanda NY) is hosting Santa Express Train Rides for 2022. This includes a 1 hour round trip from Gowanda, NY to Dayton, NY and return. Santa, and Mrs. Claus are coming all the way from the North Pole to ride with us. Join us on a fun and festive Christmas train ride where the kids get to meet Santa! He might even have gifts for all the boys and girls!



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BY CHAD NEAL

Another ski/ snowboard season is upon us. Holiday Valley opened a bunch of slopes after Thanksgiving and the vibe is snowballing. Many fans of outdoor winter sports that are gravity driven are feeling the “stoke fatten”. And the new gear and equipment available for sliding on the snow can be tried out at Holiday Valley’s Demo Day on Saturday December 17th from 9am -3pm. The Villager caught up with Holiday Valley’s Marketing Director Dash Hegeman to get some info on the annual event that allows outdoor winter sports enthusiasts to find the best equipment for their winter fun. Hegeman told the Villager in an email that “Everyone’s favorite local shops will be in attendance. The City Garage, Mud Sweat n Gears and The Boardroom will be on-site, slope side of the Resort Center so that guests can come try the latest and greatest gear from brands like Volkl, Nordica, Rossignol, Armada, Burton, Salomon Snowboarding, Lib Tech, Jones, Dynastar and many more. The Boardroom will also have the Burton Step On binding system for anyone who wants to try a strapless binding setup. The City Garage will have telemark skis for people to try, but they must bring their own tele boots. The Villager asked about the history of Demo Day and who may have been involved, “I don’t have a specific date on the first demo day, but it’s probably been taking place here for about 20 years now. It got started when one of our ski reps for Elan (his name



was Rob Haggerty) started talking with other local reps about having a day here early in the season where guests could try out gear. It started off very ski and snowboard rep driven and over the years morphed into something that was really owned by the local shops. Some reps still come, but they generally set up with the shops who bring a majority of the demos. Rob Haggerty (now with Volkl) and Rob Cherashore with Elan are still big supporters. Spencer at the Boardroom usually has really good support from some of his reps as well (Lib Tech and Burton are usually very supportive of his efforts).” Hegeman wrote. Hegeman told the Villager that having a demo day is a really good way for guests to try the “latest and greatest gear out so they can decide if it’s right for them before they make a purchase.” And other resorts host demo days as well, but for Holiday Valley “It’s been a great event for us in the past; especially when the weather cooperates. But even when it doesn’t people still come out to try gear out and see what’s new in the industry. It’s a fun event for our guests and

for our staff because many of them try to get out and get a run in on the new skis or board that they’ve been dreaming of. Typically, every shop in town will report back to us that after the event is over they have made some sales where the buyers specifically reference trying the gear at Demo Day. For us that is a total win-win because we really enjoy the opportunity to support the local shops who in turn, support us so well.” Hegeman added, “Demo Day is a fantastic opportunity to try out an array of skis and boards in a short amount of time to really get a feel for the type of gear that you want to purchase. Plus, by holding it so early in the season, it helps people make a purchase early on in the winter so they can ski/ride their new equipment all season long.” As the 22/23 season is revving up finding new and exciting skis or snowboards to slide with is made easy by utilizing Demo Day at Holiday Valley. A credit card is required for deposit and a parent signature is needed for anyone under the age of 18. Go check out the newest tech at Holiday Valley December 17th.

Remembering Christmas Past

Traditions: Classic Foods, Decorations & Movies



BY CAROL FISHER LINN

“The sharpest memory of our old-fashioned Christmas eve is my mother’s hand making sure I was settled in bed.” Paul Engle (American poet, writer) Isn’t it odd how we accept some things as we know them today as “it’s always been that way?” Consider Christmas. As far back as any of us can remember, each of our Christmas celebrations have a thread of continuity. As we open the dusty box of Christmas ornaments and decorations, so many of them have memories attached to them. We gingerly handle the delicate German blown-glass ornament that once hung on our great grandparents’ tree, the color faded and streaked, the glass perhaps chipped or broken, yet perfectly beautiful in our eyes. Who has one shaped like an acorn or an indented ball filled with reflective color? My family has several Mercury glass bells, clappers intact that, before being hung, must be gently rung to summon the spirits of our ancestors to join the family festivities. Not to mention helping a

few angels get their wings. Handling these precious vessels of memory, we can easily believe that the Christmas traditions that we continue have been handed down from generation to generation since, well, since our ancestors hit these shores. That may be true for many of us, but there was a time in colonial America when the celebration of Christmas was ... VERBOTEN! Puritans in the Massachusetts Bay colonies may have loved Thanksgiving, but they hated the celebration of Christmas. (To be fair, the Virginia settlers loved Christmas!) The Puritans claimed that there are no biblical references to December 25th as Christ’s birthday (quite true). The Roman Catholic Church used December 25th to entice those who believed in the pagan tradition of Saturnalia (celebrated 12/25) by co-opting the day and proclaiming it the day Christ was born. In England at that time, Christmas celebrations lasted from December 25 to Twelfth Day. The problem was these were rowdy, crazy, times, somewhat akin to

college spring break. The Puritans were having no part of that. It got to the point that celebration of the holiday was banned, churches were closed, and businesses and schools were open on December 25th in the Massachusetts colonies. No Santa for the colonists until rules slackened and Christmas could finally be officially celebrated well into the middle of the nineteenth century. Of course, being the rebels they were, New England colonists did find a way to celebrate anyway. With it being more of an adult holiday, they drank, they partied and held lavish balls; they “mummed,” and they wassailed. Mumming gave people an opportunity to mask, dress up in costume (or even cross-dress) and in essence, sing from home to home, passing along a bit of grog as they went (wassailing). In the south, caroling was a custom where they gathered and sang popular English favorites. Although celebrated far and wide, Christmas was not recognized as an official holiday until 1870. Though not recognized as an official holiday, Americans everywhere began decorating their homes almost a century earlier. Of course, the Old West pioneers and explorers had it a little rough. The prairies were not for the faint-of-heart, with scant resources, raging blizzards and savage winds that chilled to the bone. But they too, found a way to enjoy the season as Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote in her stories about life on the Kansas prairie: she wrote about the delight of vinegar pies, SEE “TRADITION”, Pg. 1

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Bonnies Athletics Set for Bold Future

“A Bolder Bonaventure” Campaign Vision Becoming Reality by Scott Eddy

In recent years, Bonnies fans have turned heads nationwide as they traveled across the country in support of their school. While the locales have changed, one thing remains the same: the unwavering support of Bona Nation, an amazing display of St. Bonaventure pride that has captured the attention of the nation on multiple occasions. Now, through visions for “A Bolder Bonaventure,” plans are in place to help translate that passionate following into investments that not only benefit each of St. Bonaventure’s nearly 400 student-athletes, but also allow the Athletic Department’s 19 NCAA Division I teams to think bolder than ever before. On Sept. 12, St. Bonaventure publicly launched the largest fundraising campaign in its history — “A Bolder Bonaventure: Ignite. Inspire. Invest.” — seeking to raise \$125 million by May 31, 2025. Part of the overall campaign is a focus on improving our athletics facilities. Through A Bolder Bonaventure, the goal of modernizing campus to attract the students of today and also tomorrow has been imagined with bold ambitions. Included in the plans are a commitment to Division I athletics requiring improvements to the athletic campus as well as the Reilly Center, which is over 55 years old, to attract top prospective student-athletes with facilities that beat the competition. At the forefront of the campaign are designs for a new nearly 10,000-square-foot Athletics Performance Center. In the past five years, Bona’s student-athlete population has increased by more than 100 and has greatly outgrown the department’s current weight room. Currently, several teams with large rosters are forced to divide into smaller groups at different times, creating potential academic conflicts, or use hallways or the Reilly Center side courts for training. The new



Athletics Performance Center will include space that is five times the size of the current weight room facility, allowing space for several teams to train at the same time using state-of-the-art equipment. The new facility would have an immediate impact on every Bonnies student-athlete from its first day of operation. The Athletics Performance Center will be the centerpiece of a 25,000-square-foot addition to the Reilly Center, including a new basketball practice facility accessible to both the men’s and women’s basketball programs. The practice facility will allow Bona’s continued competitive success in the always challenging Atlantic 10, which continues to position itself as one of the nation’s top basketball conferences. Including direct access to the Athletics Performance Center, the facility will house coaches’ offices and locker room areas adjacent to the new practice court. While the basketball teams will move their locker room areas to the new building, additional Reilly Center renovations will impact each Division I team with dedicated locker room space created for each squad. The days of teams sharing locker rooms will become a thing of the past. In addition, student-athlete support areas including sports medicine, academic support and nutrition will be renovated and expanded. Coaching staffs will also have their offices together, making them more accessible to their athletes. Other plans for the Bolder Bonaventure Athletics Pillar include a turf field with air-supported structure, more commonly known as a “bubble.” With a field large

enough to accommodate Bona’s Division I sports, as well as rugby, the planned facility will bring Bonnies teams out of the harsh Western New York winter elements and allow for year-round training. Further, multi-purpose field additions will bring increased seating and facility upgrades to the Marra Athletics Complex. Along with a better fan experience, a press box and broadcast booth will be constructed to allow proper setup for TV crews, which will greatly improve existing ESPN+ broadcasts as well as open the door for Bonnies lacrosse and soccer teams to host conference and NCAA tournaments, including national TV productions. Over at McGraw-Jennings Field, Fred Handler Park is set to get a much-needed facelift as well. Home to Bonnies baseball, renovations will bring the field up to the level of Atlantic 10 counterparts with the replacement of the turf field, the addition of spectator seating and a new press box. Back in the Reilly Center, the rich tradition of Bonnies swimming and diving will be enhanced with a vision to renovate the Reilly Center pool with the replacement of ventilation, lighting and sound systems, new timing system and record boards and upgrades to locker rooms and coaches’ offices. All in all, the plans represent a truly bold vision, including big dreams. The most ambitious fundraising campaign in St. Bonaventure’s history will ensure a future that enriches the experience of our Bonnies long into the future. Questions may be submitted in advance by email to The Buzz at wsbuthebuzz@gmail.com

Sweet

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2017, Coe moved into the space on 22 Monroe Street. Cupcaked’s current storefront is a cozy space decorated in white and various shades of pink. 3-dimensional floral designs, made to look like flowers created from frosting, adorn the walls, and now that the holiday season is upon us, the shop is also decked out with pink bottle-brush Christmas trees and glittery ornaments. The display case is a feast

for the eyes, with not only multiple cupcake flavors, but also cookies, cake pops, and various types of decadent pastries. Try the white chocolate peppermint cupcake for a holiday favorite. A top year-round seller is the chocolate peanut butter cupcake, and salty caramel is another popular flavor. Gluten-free options include macarons, brownies, and truffles. Cupcaked also carries greeting cards, birthday cake (or cupcake!) candles, and other cake toppers, for decorating your desserts. Cupcaked takes special orders as well as walk-in purchases. Coe has been wanting to offer in-shop events for a while, but the size of the current space made this difficult. However, this December, Cupcaked will be moving into the 3-floor former Public House location at 24 Monroe Street. Coe is excited to begin offering decorating classes and on-site tastings and parties soon. She’s also planning to have café seating on one of

the floors, which will make a great place to relax and enjoy coffee and desserts. The grand opening of Cupcaked’s new location is slated for Tuesday, December 20th. For the digital shopper, Cupcaked’s Etsy shop (CupcakedBakeryInc) ships directly to shoppers or gift recipients. The Etsy store offers a limited selection including cookies, hot chocolate bombs, and gift box assortments. There’s even a monthly dessert box subscription program, which can be purchased on the website. You can sign up for a 3, 6, or 12-month subscription, or purchase a one-time dessert box. Cupcaked’s website lists the items included in the current month’s box. Visit Cupcaked 12-6pm Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; and 12-8pm Fridays and Saturdays, and check them out on Instagram (@cupcakedbakeryinc) and Facebook (Cupcaked Bakery Inc)

2022 New Year’s Eve Gala

The Old Library, Olean NY, Dec. 31st, 8:30pm-Jan. 1st, 12:30am

The Old Library in Olean, NY is proud to announce their 2022 New Year’s Eve Gala! Happening December 31st at 8:30pm till Sunday, January 1st 12:30am. Music and Entertainment will be by DJ Mad Maxx. Semi-formal Dress is Required. Individual Tickets are \$100 per guest. Your ticket will include: NYE Party Favors & Noise Makers, 2 Well Cocktails, Beer, or Wine to get the evening started, Sweet & Savory Hors D’oeuvre Stations, Photo Booth w/Props Balloon Drop & Champagne Tower & Toast Cake...because



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On Saturday December 17th, there will be two sessions of Breakfast with Santa.

16th at Chautauqua Institution and ends on the 18th. Senior Vice President Emily Morris talked with me about the Village for this year. She said, "Winter Village is a wonderful opportunity to experience the winter beauty of Chautauqua Institution with family and friends, while finishing up last-minute holiday shopping and generally enjoying the season in a family friendly, safe and easy-paced environment".

Speaking of grabbing some last-minute holiday gifts, you will not have a shortage of places to shop in Winter Village. "Everyone loves to shop the unique stores located only at Chautauqua" Morris said. Among these stores are Chautauqua Wearhouse, G.G. My Love, Chautauqua Bookstore, The Gallery Store, and St. Elmo Spa. As for food and drinks, The Afterwords Café, located on Bestor Plaza, will be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8am-5pm. They will have a special holiday menu along with some classic coffee treats and holiday inspired beverages.

On Saturday the 17th, there will be two sessions of Breakfast with Santa. This event is always a favorite amongst the guests. The first seating begins at 9am and the second begins at 11am. Chautauqua Institution recommends registering in advance for one of these times to ensure your spot. There will also be a performance

from a local choir. The Plaza the 17th from 1pm to 2pm. Winter Village originally kicked off in November of 2017. Since then, the date of the event has fluctuated. Morris says, "Each year, we plan the festival according to the rhythm of the calendar and resources, including staffing availability". This year it is perfectly situated with the beginning of Hanukkah and the weekend before Christmas. The festivities will end with the Hanukkah Blessing and Lighting of the Menorah on Sunday, at 5pm. Winter Village has much to offer for anyone who would like to go. Since COVID regulations have been lifted, there is a lot more to do at Winter Village this year. Chautauqua Institution is excited to be open again to help everyone have a little more fun during the holiday season. Morris says, "From warm drinks around fire pits to a parade of pets decked in their holiday finery, there is no better place to spend the weekend before the Christmas holiday and the beginning of Hanukkah".

Madrigal singers will be performing at the Hurlbut Church Sanctuary on December 17th at 2:30pm. Though all the activities Winter Village has to offer are for everyone, there are a few activities that are mainly geared toward children. While parents are shopping, kids can write letters to Santa, make crafts, and more! There will also be a Poetry Makerspace at the Strohl Art Center from 12pm-5pm and a "Makey Makey" station in the Smith Memorial Library from 11-1pm. And if you're looking for an activity you can bring your furry friends to, there is an event specifically designed for pets. Residents are encouraged to dress their dogs up for the holidays in the Reindog Parade. Those that adorn their dogs in festive attire have a chance to win some "pooch prizes"! This event has been held each year Winter Village has been running and it always brings a lot of joy. Make sure to showcase your dog in their best holiday costumes on Bestor

December Events at the Library

The Prendergast Library's Winter Book Sale Kicks Off Month of Events



The Prendergast Library's quarterly Half-Off Booksale returns just in time for the holidays. Visit the library during open hours December 1-3 for \$1 hardcover books and \$0.50 paperback and children's books, or purchase a bag of books for \$10. Hours are Thursday and Friday, 9:00-7:00, and Saturday, 10:00-4:00. Need a gift idea for someone who has it all? Consider purchasing a book sale gift certificate. Booksale gift certificates are available at the library's front desk. On Saturday, December 10, the library will host a workshop, "Ribbons & Greens: Make a Decorative Swag." There are two sessions for this program, 1:00-2:00 pm and 2:00-3:00 pm. Library staff will demonstrate how to make a seasonal swag out of greens, ribbons, and pinecones at this program for ages 18+. Registration is required. All materials will be provided. If you have a unique ornament,

ribbon, or decoration that you want to use in your design, bring it to the workshop. You can register by calling 716-484-7135, ext. 226, or stop by the library's information desk during open hours. Thank you, Neckers Company General Store and Brian Bemis, for providing the live greens for this program! On Saturday, December 17, The Prendergast Library, The Marvin House, and Infinity Visual and Performing Arts are partnering to offer the community a free holiday program, "Festive Fun on 5th Street." During this engaging, family-friendly program, you can participate in the annual Gingerbread House Workshop at the library and tour the Marvin House, decorated for the season, while listening to music by students and staff of Infinity. The library's annual Gingerbread House Workshop is fun for the whole family. Supplies

include graham crackers, candy, icing, and lots of imagination. Registration is required to ensure adequate supplies; one kit will be provided for each registered child age 17 and under. You can sign up for a time slot of either 10:30-11:30 am or 1:30-2:30 pm—call 716-484-7135, ext. 234, to register. The Marvin House, located at 2 West Fifth Street in Jamestown, will host holiday open house from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Drop in to tour the historic home decorated for the holiday season with trees from around the world. Enjoy music from Infinity staff and students. Infinity's Rising Stars and Infinettes groups will perform a variety of seasonal carols and songs, as will students that took part in Infinity ukulele classes at the library. Refreshments will be served. No registration is required; community members may drop in during open house hours.

For more information on these events, call 716-484-7135, ext. 226, or email info@prendergastlibrary.org. The Prendergast Library is open Monday-Friday from 9:00-7:00 and Saturday's 10:00-4:00. Visit www.prendergastlibrary.org and find us on Facebook @prendergastlibrary for all upcoming programs and events.

GED Testing Site Schedule

Olean, NY – The CA BOCES CTE Center at Olean is an official GED testing site. Below is the schedule of upcoming test dates for 2022: Schedule: December 7 & 8 and December 14 & 15 The testing runs from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for all test dates. All testers should visit GED.com to complete an online test application. Call 716-376-8293 for more information.

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Olean Office Expands Practice

Healthy Holidays with Woloszyn Medical, Welcoming New CRNP



Dr. Tomasz Woloszyn is expanding his practice and is thrilled to add Michele Wooten as a Family Nurse Practitioner to his team of experienced medical professionals.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Doctor Tomasz Woloszyn has held his Family Practice Office in Olean for the past 4 years. He started the practice in August 2018 with the mission to provide personalized, high-quality preventative care, health maintenance and treatment for chronic diseases. "We know there is no such thing as one-size-fits-all cure, so provide compassionate, individualized care to each and every patient." Tomasz is expanding his practice and is thrilled to add Michele Wooten as a Family Nurse Practitioner to his team of experienced medical professionals.

Michele Wooten just joined the practice this past October, and was previously with Foothills Oncology in Olean. She has over 11 years of experience as a Nurse Practitioner and is enthusiastic to cross over into Family Practice and Internal Medicine. According to Michele, the change transition happened naturally. "I

was ready for a change, to broaden my experience and realm of practice in the medical field. I listened to my patients, and I saw firsthand the need for more primary care practitioners in this area. I heard that Dr. Woloszyn's practice had become so successful that he was seeking another practitioner. We spoke on the phone, and things just fell into place. I joined the practice just a few months later."

It may sound cliché, but Michele has always known she wanted to work in the medical field. "I was drawn to the profession as a teen. I had the desire to help people, and I admired the nurses in my family." Her special interest in endocrinology was sparked by a personal experience in her family. "I watched my uncle struggle with diabetes, and I learned alongside him on his journey. I watched him struggle to manage this chronic condition, and I want to help others, so they don't struggle the

way he did. It's my hope to help other's take proactive measures to prevent this disease; to notice the warning signs and adopt healthy lifestyles before it is too late."

Michele is passionate about patient care and prides herself on individualized treatment. "I love meeting new patients and getting to know them. We want to get to know them and help them live their healthiest, best lives. They're not just a number or a file, it's more than what's on paper. Everyone is different and has their own story. We want to get to know each person for who they are, and help them individually."

As a Port Allegany native, she has pride in the community and is honored to work so close to her hometown. "Not only am I proud that we provide the very best care, but we take great pride in servicing this community. We want the community to be able to get the care they need right where they live, rather than traveling outside of the area to seek treatment."

Michele is looking forward to helping Dr. Woloszyn grow the practice, and help as many people as possible. Last but not least, Michele and Tomasz would like to "wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season, and please visit us for a healthy new year!" Woloszyn is currently accepting new patients. For more information, visit <https://woloszynmedical.com/> stop into the office located 2223 West State Street, Olean, NY or call (716) 379-8139.

doll to a needy child. Unfortunately, she could find no Los Angeles organization which was interested. Major Hendricks gathered some local Marine reservists and with the help of his many friends collected over 5,000 used and new toys for local children. Hendricks used his position as director of Public Relations for Warner Brothers Studio to enlist celebrity support, as well as have Walt Disney Studios design the red toy train logo. A year later, in 1948, Toys for Tots was launched as a national recruitment campaign for the Marine Corps. In 1995, the Secretary of Defense approved Toys for Tots as an official mission of the Marine Corps Reserve. Happy 75th birthday, Toys for Tots.

"Until 1979, Marine reservists (frequently in their dress blue uniforms) and volunteers would collect and refurbish used toys. In 1980, only new toys were accepted, as reservists were no longer able to dedicate drill hours to refurbishing toys, as well as legal concerns, to prevent the accidental giving of recalled items, and the mixed message of giving hand-me-downs as a message of hope." (Wikipedia) Since many communities did not have

a Marine reservist, the commander of the Marine Forces Reserve authorized Marine Corps League detachments and other organizations to fill the gaps in toy collection and distribution. Cattaraugus County picks theirs up by December 2, but if you still have an abundance of new toys you would like to donate, you can call Kip Morrow (local area coordinator) at 716-378-4963 to see if a pickup might be arranged.

Chautauqua County donation boxes will be out until December 15. Terri Johnson, one of the three area coordinators gives a thankful shout-out to the helpful people at the following places where donation boxes are located; (105 of them!) Ollies, Big Lots, Shults Auto Group, all Dollar General Stores, Matco Tools, Community Bank NA, Northwest Bank, Greater Woodlawn Credit Union, and Kirk's Jewelers.

The Cattaraugus area includes communities within a 30-mile radius around it as well as McKean and Potter Counties. Morrow tells us that last year, they supplied over 10,000 toys for 1,644 kids to age 12. They expect the same this year. He said, "the good of it is that the donations bought locally impacted the economy by over \$80,000." He gives a shout out to the following for their help: Paul Brown Motors, Olean Elks Club,

Hall of Fame Barber Shop (Pastor Tyrone Hall), Beth and Belinda See, Brenda Blackwell and all other incredible volunteers who make this drive happen year after year. These volunteers (76 in total) put in over 100 volunteer hours with 172 of them the 2021 day of distribution.

In Chautauqua County, Toys for Tots served 175 families (4300 kids) in 2021, giving away 10,000 toys. Ms. Johnson expressed gratitude not only for the hours volunteers donated, but the care they took in selecting the right toys/books for a child. She was especially struck by how families came in together, and how the children learned a bit more about the fact that there were needy people in their community. She said, "Kids learn about giving back. They learn how fortunate they are, and they also learn not to judge, knowing that some of those bags will go to kids they know at school or in the community."

There is still time to apply for toys in both counties. In Cattaraugus County, go to Olean-ny.toysfortots.org to apply. In Chautauqua County, go to Facebook at Chautauqua County New York - Toys for Tots 2022.

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Schedule for December 10: 10:00 – 11:00am – Santa Claus Visits, 11:00 – 11:30am – Chautauqua Lake Central High School Choir, 12:00 – 12:30pm – Westfield Chamber Choir, 1:00 – 1:30pm – Infinity Performing Arts Singers, 2:00 – 2:30 pm – Southwestern Choraliers, 10:00am to 2:00pm – Bird Ornament Decorating in Roger’s Art Studio and

Schedule for December 17: 10:00 – 11:00am – Santa Claus Visits, 11:00 – 11:30am – Frewsburg Central High School Choir, 11:30am – 12:00pm – Story time with local authors Shannon Buttafarro and Bruce Moore. They will



be reading their book *How Does Santa Get In?* 12:00 – 12:30pm – Jamestown High School Madrigal Singers, 1:00 – 1:30pm – Jamestown Harmony Production Company, 2:00 – 2:30pm – Maple Grove Choir, 10:00am to 2:00pm – Ginger Bird Cookie Decorating in Roger’s Art Studio and 10:00am to

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Chautauqua Safety Villager Offers Night of Holiday Fun, Dec 14th

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the Grinch Himself and Dare to Visit his Lair. Visit with Elsa, Olaf, and Santa’s Elves. Walk Among the Floats in our Stationary Christmas Parade. Make a Craft, Play Games, have a Snowball Fight, and try our Scavenger Hunt. There will be food for sale, so stay for dinner. Enjoy the whole Whoville-Decorated

Village! Admission: \$6 Per Person (All activities are included) Children 2 and Under are Free. Members of the Safety Village can get in 30 minutes early and use our fast pass admission lane throughout the event! If you purchase a 2023 Safety Village membership before this event, you will get free admission to the event.

CHQ Plus Store

Local Artisan Collaborative in Jamestown Manned by Resource Center



The CHQ Plus Store is a collaborative effort from The Resource Center, The Gebbie Foundation, The Jamestown Chamber of Commerce, the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation, located at 221 Cherry Street, in Jamestown, NY. The store showcases 24 local artisans.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

This is the perfect time of year to visit local boutiques. Christmas is just around the corner and shopping local can really help your community at the same time you are grabbing gifts for loved ones. But what about the local artisans who cannot afford to set up their own store? How do they get their works noticed? A new collaboration at 221 Cherry Street (corner of Cherry and Third) in Jamestown, NY can help with that. Visit the new CHQ Plus Store to find a wide variety of local artisan’s products.

Newly opened and somewhat a mystery, *The Villager* reached out to Terri Johnson, The Resource Center’s director of employment and community-based services to learn what we could about the new retail location?

The Villager (V): How did the idea for the store become reality?

Terri (T): “Originally

the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce had grant funding to investigate the feasibility of a retail store to highlight local small businesses. Due to The Resource Center’s history of successful business operations, the Chamber reached out to TRC to see if we would have an interest in taking this on. That is when the idea came to us that we could use the store as an employment training setting for people we support as a way to tie it to our mission. Once the idea was in place, The Resource Center created a business plan and worked on raising funding to bring it to fruition.”

V: This was a collaborative effort, who is partnered with The Resource Center to make this happen?

T: “The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce and the Gebbie Foundation were the original partners in this project. The Chamber assisted us with some business contacts

for vendor recruitment and marketing, as well as the establishment of an advisory committee made up of local businesses. The Gebbie Foundation provided us with a grant to cover the startup costs and help get the store off the ground. Additional funding was needed when we found a location, and we also received support from the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation and the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation. The Gebbie Foundation has been an amazing partner through each phase of this project, assisting us along the way. They have been a huge champion and really loved the connection to our mission at The Resource Center.”

V: How does the store work for vendors?

T: “We have a vendor agreement, and each vendor has a small monthly fee for the space in the store. The store receives a small percentage of their sales. The vendor can display their items and replenish as they need. By displaying their items in CHQ Plus, vendors do not have the burden of needing to fill an entire store, nor do they have to staff the store. It can be a great way for vendors to tap into a new market of customers.”

V: What type of products will be offered in the store?

T: “There is quite a variety of products. We have 24 vendors in the store. You can shop at 24 local business all under one roof. Some things you would see when

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The Pulse: Mo Porter Band

Taking Stage at the Legendary Gin Mill in EVL this Friday



By SUE PORTER OTTAWAY

The Mo Porter band, named after its namesake, Mo Porter, (real name Chuck Sciandra), will play at The Gin Mill in Ellicottville this Friday, December 2nd at 8pm. When I asked Mo where the name Mo Porter came from, he explained, Mo Porter actually means more beer, and it eventually morphed into his alter ego. This band has been playing live shows for 15 years. The members have changed and evolved over the years because of different situations but their current lineup has been together for five years strong. Mo says this enables them to develop a consistent playlist. Members of The Mo Porter band are: Bill Mason – drums, Rich Salomon – guitar, Steve Stempian – keys/vocals, Mike McClean – Bass and Chuck Sciandra – lead vocals. For those who haven't heard the Mo Porter band before, they characterize themselves as a classic rock/party band.

When talking with Mo he pointed out they play a variety of songs but pride themselves on putting on a show more than just simply playing songs. He continued by saying, "We love our friends who come to see us and we want them to have the best time possible because we appreciate them."

I made note of the long set list the band has, concentrating on some of the greatest tunes from the 70s and 80s. He explained, "We all contribute to the set list and it evolves depending on the current situation and audience responses. We play for the people and what makes them happy but we also enjoy the classics we were raised on." You need only to walk into The Gin Mill on a night The Mo Porter band is playing to see it full of their faithful followers dancing, singing along and having a great night out on the town.

The Mo Porter band has the reputation of being one of the most popular bands in

the Buffalo region and for this reason they're asked to play huge music events like the Lockport Music Festival and the Gateway Concerts in Tonawanda. They are constantly booking shows throughout the Western New York area as far as a year in advance. If you'd be interested in booking the Mo Porter band, Mo asks that you contact them on Facebook, their website at www.moporter.com or contact him directly at 716-578-0193. As noted on their website, DJ services are also available for special occasions and performed by Mo. Mo concluded they've been playing at the Gin Mill for over five years and they appreciate the owners and staff very much.

If you've ever been to Ellicottville NY for any of their many festivities, you've probably gone into The Gin Mill located at 26 Washington St., either for a bite to eat or to hear some great live music (check out their menu on

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you come in are apparel, wood-engraved cutting boards and utensils, coffee, Tarp Skunks gear, beach glass art, bath and body items, candles, jewelry, local art, local honey, handmade aprons, denim décor, repurposed furniture brought back to life, holiday wreaths, flavored popcorn, hand bags, and more."

V: What do you think makes the store so important for local artisans?

T: "The store gives another opportunity for local artisans to reach a different market and to have their items at a store without having to be there every day.

Many of our artisans have full-time jobs and make and sell products on the weekends. This allows them to sell their items year-round without having to staff a booth or store. It is also a good place to test new

products to see if they will sell. In addition, if there are artisans that live outside the Jamestown area or only sell their items online, this could open up a new customer base for people who may not have seen their products previously."

V: Anything else you would like to add?

T: "We are so grateful for the funders who believed in this project and came together to bring it to life. If someone is interested in becoming a vendor, they can go to our online application at <https://resourcecenter.org/support/chq-plus-store>. We want to be able to support and enhance small business while focusing on our mission at The Resource Center to support individuals with disabilities in achieving maximum independence and contributing to their community.

By supporting CHQ Plus, you will be supporting many small businesses in one. Think of it as a one-stop shop. We currently have 24 local vendors

selling their items in the store. All vendors are either from Chautauqua County or just outside the county. Four vendors are disability owned or operated and are connected to the mission of The Resource Center.

In addition to supporting small, local businesses, customers are contributing to the employment goals of people with disabilities. CHQ Plus is a training program for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Many people with disabilities have limited opportunities to become employed. At CHQ Plus, we want to ensure that people interested in working in the retail field have the skills needed to be successful. By doing so, we're also developing a ready workforce for other local businesses."

Thank you, Terri for taking the time to speak with us and for sharing all this great information about the new CHQ Plus Store.

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their website at, www.Ellicottvilleginmill.com). It is one of the hottest places in town. Opened in 1976, and now owned by Ed and Maribeth Rick, it remains

one of the top night spots for great live music in Ellicottville. I've never walked in there at night when every seat wasn't full and the dance floor wasn't overflowing with people. The variety of bands they have varies in genre and are always great bands

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Up next is The Gin Mill with Live-n-Kickin from 8-12am. This band plays a multi genre set of covers from the 70's till today that are great for dancing. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm Sun-Thurs and 11pm Fri-Sat. Open at 10am for breakfast Sat-Sun.

Madigan's brings back DJ SI to the sound booth from 9-2am. Let the A-Team whip up a cocktail or shot while you enjoy EVL's only wood burning stove.

SUNDAY: Ellicottville Distillery will have happy hour from 2-5 with The Beard and the Bird will provide the music. They

play an indie/folk/roots set of covers and originals.

Villaggio will host AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. This week's musical guest is Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers to accompany the southern tiers finest Italian cuisine. Thursday, the 1st, they will host their Oysteria raw bar but because of the Bills game EBC and Screwball will be in the house with tastings and giveaways.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings are back and so is Brianna Blankenship. She is a former contestant on American Idol and plays country and pop originals and covers from 6-9pm.

We close out the 7-day weekend like we have for the last 39 years, at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company and Wing Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a rock/folk/country rock/pop/country set of songs you'll know the words to. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics.

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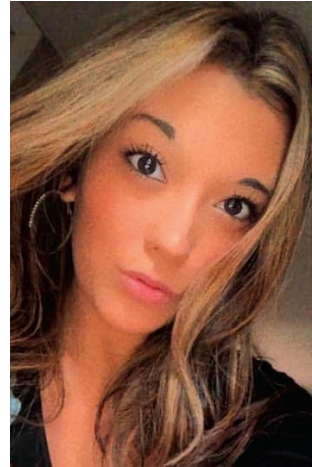
By CHAD NEAL

Many of us enjoy our social interactions with others, especially friends and acquaintances. There are many things we say to prove points and make others laugh, and think critically. As we age and become fluent in the way we engage in conversation we mold our personalities and through that we repeat witticisms that we find useful. As we have the way

we look, we have the way we use language to express ourselves that make us who we are and how others perceive us. Many people can be described through certain things they always say, i.e.: "hoobidy hoobidy ha!" That catch phrase is very personal and is part of the originator's persona. We all have certain idioms we repeat. What is your catch phrase?



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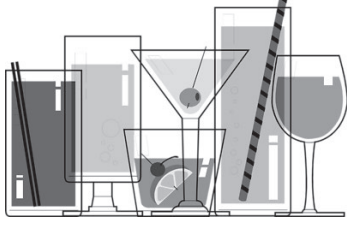
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
★★★★☆

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!**

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

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

Tradition

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baked beans with salt pork and molasses, Injun bread and cookies, with a side of venison roasting outdoors. She spoke of the delight of finding under the tree a new tin cup all her own, a candy and, in her stocking, a brand-new penny.

These days, Christmas is all about the kids and movies like "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" (1970) and "Rudolph" (1964-The Beatles year), "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946 - ring that bell), "Frosty the Snowman" (1969), "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" (1966) and one of my favorites from 1983, "A Christmas Story," which gives you a total picture of Christmas back in the 1930's-1940's inviting you into the Christmas chaos of the family of young Ralphie Parker who has visions of only one thing for Christmas-a Red Ryder BB gun, but whose dad might steal the show with his prized, Fragil-ee leg lamp.

This movie and of course, a visit to Bedford Falls in "It's a Wonderful Life," will give you a glimpse into what your parents or grandparents lived through while making the Christmas memories and traditions you enjoy today.

Sensory

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was responsible for starting the program. This event is geared towards children and families who might be uncomfortable, nervous, or anxious in the traditional Santa Claus encounter environments, which often feature bright lights, loud music, and large crowds."

V: This event is FREE, what does it include?

J: "The families waiting will have refreshments in the Dining Room and all of the children who visit Santa will receive a goodie bag. The goodie bags will contain some sensory toys, candy, a coloring book and some crayons."

V: How important do you think making a sensory safe environment is for children?

J: "The sensory safe environment is for children (mainly Autistic Children) who can't otherwise visit Santa in a noisy, crowded environment. There will not be bright lights and Santa will not be saying "Ho, Ho, Ho" or ringing bells. The Santa at our event has experience working with people with disabilities, and the room around him will be set up to be calming and straightforward, while maintaining festive elements where appropriate."

V: Do you have any other upcoming Holiday events this year?



J: "Yes, we've got a lot going on. We will have a regular visit from Santa on Saturday, December 17th, 2-4 pm at our Holiday Open House, which is from 10am-4pm. Admission for the 17th is \$10 for adults, members and Children under 18 are free. Coming up in 2023: In February we will have our annual Trivia Contest every Wednesday at Shawbucks (for more info on that contact our President, Janet Wahlberg at: wjanet1946@gmail.com). Our biggest event will be our Gala July 29, 2023, celebrating our 60th Anniversary of the Historical Society. The theme is the Roaring Twenties and will be held at the Fenton Mansion. We will have our monthly Lecture Series beginning in April 2023. And Themed Walking Tours, and our Saints and Sinners Cemetery Tours will be back for summer and fall 2023."

V: Anything else you would like to add?

J: "Children who attend our events must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. This event is free, and open to any community members who wish to attend. The Fenton is committed to making sure that all our visitors can have a safe, educational, and enjoyable experience. For more information about the event, or to request any special accommodations, please contact myself, Jane Babinsky at the Fenton History Center by calling (716)-664-6256."

Thank you, Jane, for taking the time to share all this great information about this event and what the Fenton History Center has in the works heading into 2023. Remember, Sensory Safe Santa is on Dec. 4th from 2-4pm, it is a FREE event open to everyone in the community and a great way to take your tiny family members to see Santa in a more comfortable for them environment.

Sheriff

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This year the program is directly gifting to 52 children reaching almost every school district in Cattaraugus County including Gowanda, Cattaraugus/Little Valley, Randolph, 3 Salamanca Schools, 3 Pioneer Schools, Portville, Allegheny Limestone and one school at Olean Boces. "Shopping and delivering is the most rewarding part of the experience," says Tonya. "We shop collectively in uniform for the gifts which is a lot of fun. We definitely get a lot of looks; shoppers can be quite surprised to see a group of sheriffs in uniform with shopping carts full of presents. Volunteers wrap the gifts, then each officer hand delivers the gifts they purchased for their sponsor child the week before Christmas. We make sure they're home so we can personally give it to each child and wish them a happy holiday season."


Tonya reflects that it is a great program to give back to the community. "Our jobs here aren't always fun. We see a lot of the darker side, but this program is one of the bright spots. It's great to be able to bring a smile and help these families during difficult times. It helps me recognize how fortunate I am. Sometimes it's healthy to recognize how blessed we are and help those in need."

The program is based 100% on donations collected at fundraising events throughout the year. The majority of this year's funding was raised through raffling at the Cattaraugus County fair. For those looking to get involved with the Sherriff's Santa, donations are graciously accepted. Checks or money orders can be mailed directly to the Cattaraugus County Sherriff's Office 301 Court Street, Little Valley, NY, 14755.

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New Life for Manufacturing Facility

Cat. Co IDA: \$56M Reinvestment into Former Siemens Building

By Dave Parker
The monthly Board meeting for the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) was held on Monday, November 21. CCIDA Executive Director Corey Wiktor and the Board approved an Inducement Resolution for the Cimolai-HY, LLC application. This project will create approximately 246 manufacturing jobs at the former Siemens Energy facility in Olean. Cimolai-HY, LLC, based in New York City and a joint venture between

Related Companies and Italian steel firm Cimolai, plans to invest nearly \$56 million in the Olean facility to produce structural steel for large architecturally complex buildings and structures. The CCIDA incentive package offers \$1.3 million in tax incentives over a 15-year period. Local economic benefits from the project are forecasted to be \$300 million over 15 years. Salary and benefits for the 246 employees are expected to range from \$54,000 to \$180,000 per year. With the CCIDA approval

of the Inducement Resolution, hiring and work at the site will begin in the first quarter of 2023 and continue through July 2026. Also, the Board approved a 6-month extension to the current moratorium on solar farm applications. This moratorium is in place to allow for the economic benefits of solar projects to be studied and for the CCIDA to determine if there are enough positive returns to the community to consider future applications. For full meeting details and CCIDA updates, please visit the CCIDA website at <https://www.cattcoida.com>.

Designated Smoke Free Zones

EVL Village Board Discusses Grants for Several Projects

By Dave Parker
The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on November 15. Mayor John Burrell opened the meeting with the public hearing for Local Law No. 2 of 2022. This law implements and enforces the Uniform Building Code, Fire Code, and Energy Code. With no public comments, the Board passed Local Law No. 2, 2022. Mayor Burrell announced the good news of the receipts of the County sales tax distribution of \$128,248. Also, the Board approved a transfer of \$44,250 from the General Fund to the Sewer Fund. The mayor also updated the many meetings attended over the last month. Decisions on the Village's applications for the Restore NY and NY Forward Grants are expected in December

and would fund several projects in the Village. A new DPW intern position was approved and will be staffed by a BOCES student. Engineering Supervisor Ben Slotman reviewed the resolution to adopt the Drinking Water Source Protection Program Plan which identifies and protects the wells and surrounding areas that service the Town and Village. The Board approved the resolution to adopt the program's plan. Correspondence was received from the Tobacco-Free Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany organization that details the legislation that Governor Hochul signed in July that amends the current public health law to prohibit smoking of tobacco and cannabis at any municipal or state-operated park. Municipalities must post signage in parks about the designation of these new

smoke-free zones. Not covered in the amended public law are any restrictions on vaping. The Tobacco-Free Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany organization urged municipalities to make local laws more restrictive than the state law and include banning the use of vaping in municipal parks. Electronic vaping was reported to be used by 22.5% of high school students as compared to 2.4% who smoked tobacco or cannabis. The Tobacco-Free Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany organization highlighted the health issues with teens using vaping and encourage municipalities to ban vaping in public parks. For full meeting details and other Village news please visit the Village's website at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village.html>.

OBITUARIES

~ Candace A. Stephan: 12/12/69 - 11/25/22 ~

Jamestown - Candace A. Stephan, 52, passed away Friday, November 25, 2022 at the Resource Center of Jamestown. She was born on December 12, 1969 in Springville, daughter of the former Sharon Bachman (Thomas Chapman) of Ellicottville and William (Ellen)

Soles of Cattaraugus, who survive. Besides her parents and step-parents, Candace is survived by two brothers; Adam (Candace) Stephan of Texas, and Erik (Tammy Goodman) Stephan of Texas. Also surviving is a sister, Kathy Pitts of Washington, a half-sister, Tammy (Art) Fyles of

Hilton, NY, two nephews, Cody and Jared, and a niece, Gabby. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 11am from Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 411 Rock City St. in Little Valley. Memorials may be made to Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of ALLEGANY CROSSINGS LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/03/21. Office in Cattaraugus County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 3864 NYS Route 417 Allegany, NY, 14706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING BOARD: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held by the Planning Board of the Village of Ellicottville on Thursday December 13, 2022, at approximately 5:30 P.M. at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of this public hearing is to consider: Village Zoning Permit 2022-074-an application by Elaine Northrup for a Special Use Permit, Architectural Design Review and Historic District Review to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling with an accessory apartment. The site is located at 11 Madison Street, identified as tax map parcel 55.035-3-54. The Planning Board will hear interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or sent by email to: greg.keyser@evlengineering.com. Prior to the meeting, application materials will be made available for review at the Ellicottville Village Office or on the Village website: ellicottvillegov.com.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of: Horn & Hammer LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/17/22. Office: Cattaraugus County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 3059 W Five Mile Rd, Allegany, NY 14706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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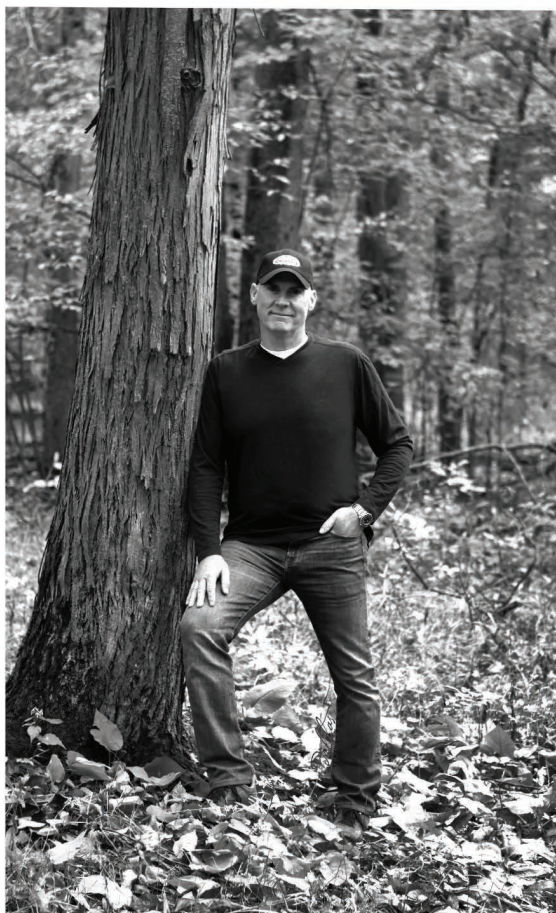
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