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## Area Events

**2022 JINGLE BELL JUBILEE**  
Friday, December 9th • 4:30-8pm  
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

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
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

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

**FREE PICTURES W/SANTA**  
Saturday, December 10th • 11-2pm  
Harley-Davidson Jamestown, Falconer

**ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING**  
Saturday, December 10th • 3-6pm  
Lucille Ball Memorial Park, Celoron

**CHRISTMAS IN WHOVILLE**  
Wednesday, December 14th • 5pm  
Chautauqua Safety Village, Ashville

**BANSHEES OF INISHERIN**  
Wednesday, December 14th • 7pm  
Reg Lenna Arts Center, Jamestown

**WINTER VILLAGER AT CHQ**  
December 16, 17 & 18 • Daily  
Bestor Plaza, Chautauqua

**CRYB "THE NUTCRACKER"**  
Saturday, December 17th • 7:30pm  
Reg Lenna Arts Center, Jamestown

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**  
Saturday, December 17th • 10-4pm  
Fenton History Center, Jamestown

**FESTIVE FUN ON 5TH STREET**  
Saturday, December 17th • 10:30am  
Multiple Locations, Jamestown

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

## Christmas in Whoville 2022 CHQ Safety Village Interactive Event, Dec. 14

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## Ellicottville's Christmas Stroll Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas Dec. 10



EL LICOTTVILLE - Slow down the pace during the holiday rush and take some time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas during Ellicottville's annual Christmas Stroll. This year's Stroll is set for this Saturday, Dec. 10 in the village of Ellicottville. The Christmas Stroll welcomes all to a day of friendship as locals and visitors come together to remember the season and the story behind this special time of year. "Ellicottville is a great place to

SEE "STROLL" PAGE 6

## Cattaraugus Give Big Results Tis the Season to Give



BY KATE BARTLETT

The Cattaraugus Gives program has raised over one million dollars over the past 4 years. This year, nonprofits in Cattaraugus County raised over \$270,000 in just 24 hours during the program. Truly a remarkable number especially during such times of economic and financial hardship for many.

"Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour

online fundraising event that brings together area nonprofits of any service area, size, or mission in friendly competition to celebrate the community's spirit of giving," explains Kirk Windus, Communications and Fund Development Manager.

The program was established by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation 6 years

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## EVL Chamber Spotlight: Purple Doorknob Key to the Name of the Everything Sock Shop



BY KATE SCHULTZ

The Purple Doorknob, the whimsical Ellicottville store that carries socks exclusively, existed as a sock and antique shop under its previous owner. The first item ever sold from the store – a purple doorknob – is the namesake of the current sock shop. Rachel Northrup, who purchased the storefront and opened The Purple

Doorknob in 2015, stopped into the store when it was under its previous ownership. She ended up leaving with multiple items for herself and others, and left an online review about her positive experience there. Years later, Northrup purchased the storefront from the previous owner, and the Purple Doorknob as Ellicottville residents know it

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

### ECS Project Christmas ... Pg. 3

#### EVL Central School's Long Standing Organization

Years ago, Betty Westfall, School Nurse at Ellicottville Central School saw a need and decided, with the ECS school office staff and administration, to fix it. As school nurse, she was privy to information that others were not. She and the administration knew which families in this otherwise privileged community were not sure where their next meal was coming from, if they had heat in their homes, or how they could afford winter coats and boots for their growing family members.

### Remembering David Lawson Jr.

#### History of L. S. Aero Marine, Inc. in Bemus Point, NY ...Pg. 11



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.

### "Buns on the Run"

#### Bemus Point Inn Opens Drive-Through



BY JEANNENE BETTS

"Buns on the Run," drive-through take-out window is the Bemus Point Inn Restaurant's newest addition. "Buns on the Run," will serve you breakfast and lunch sandwiches, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, and yogurt parfaits. Chili is also available during the winter months. How about a Cuban sandwich for lunch? Delicious for sure!

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will take place this Saturday, December 10th, right before the inaugural Light Up the Point event. (See story page 10) It all starts at 4pm and they will announce their official opening which will be Monday, December 12th. Bemus Point's new mayor, Jeff Molnar, will be there and all are welcome to help celebrate.

Specialty coffee drinks, along with the standard

SEE "INN" PAGE 10

### Fundraiser: Empty Bowl Project

#### Empty Bowls Fill Stomachs & Hearts



BY KATE BARTLETT

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Jamestown will host their first annual Empty Bowl Project fundraiser this Saturday, December 10 from 11-2pm. Empty Bowls is a worldwide event to support local charities who serve the hungry. Fredonia hosts this annual fundraiser in October with such great success that area organizers decided to run a similar event in Jamestown during the holiday season.

Empty Bowls was started in 1990 by John Hartom and Lisa Blackburn in Michigan in order to support local charities. Potters around the world now gather to create hundreds of one of a kind ceramic bowls to sell with profits to benefit local charities who serve the hungry. It has now become a worldwide event.

SEE "BOWL" PAGE 12







# Publisher's Word

*"It's the Hap-Happiest Season of All"*



their holiday praises as a-plenty. What could well. Our vibrant villages make the experience are decked out in cheer more fun – break it up and will present to you with a stop at your favorite local café, brewery or restaurant. If you haven't finished your holiday shopping list yet, I would say you are at deadline and this is the perfect weekend to check off your list! We are so fortunate to live in such a naturally beautiful area, populated with talented artisans, craftspeople and business owners; finding the perfect unique gift is a fun hunt with treasures

Send your photos of your weekend experience our way, we'd love to share them with our readers. If you have an event we missed or you would like to see featured, please let us know. Drop us a line anytime: in-fo@thevillager.com.

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# ECS Project Christmas

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much is given, much will be required."

On Distribution Day, many of the teachers volunteered to be the delivery elves with high school kids "riding shotgun with Mr. Loftus" as Nick Pitillo relates, to make these deliveries. Elves were not all from ECS with teachers from other school districts, like Jack Rogan, spouse to ECS teacher, Nancy Rogan, jumping in for the cause. When Mrs. Westfall retired, the torch was handed on to the school nurses who followed her lead. Melissa Sawicky remembers coming to ECS in '94 and finding staff member, Shirley Morton efficiently and merrily running the project, still collecting good used clothing and toys. Eventually, the Project moved away from collecting used items and morphed into a Santa's workshop of sorts, with helpers wrapping gifts and designating them to age groups, etc., and packaging up the canned non-perishable items to give a complete meal to each family on the list.

These days, thanks to Covid restrictions the board who administers the program learned that they could do the project without the huge expenditure of human energy and resources. This year, they will be providing Christmas relief for 40 families in the Ellicottville/Great Valley communities thanks to the generous donations of citizens with hearts filled with compassion

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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Years ago, Betty Westfall, School Nurse at Ellicottville Central School saw a need and decided, with the ECS school office staff and administration, to fix it. As school nurse, she was privy to information that others were not. She and the administration knew which families in this otherwise privileged community were not sure where their next meal was coming from, if they had heat in their homes, or how they could afford winter coats and boots for their growing family members. Back in those beginning years, Ellicottville was itself experiencing growing pains, but it was on an upward trajectory where the needy found themselves in the shadows. In those early years, about 1000 people worked low paying, peace-work jobs in industries such as Fitzpatrick and Weller, Signore's, Larimer & Norton's Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat factory, York Merit, etc.

As Ellicottville prospered with the growth of the ski industry, it was difficult to imagine that there were any needy living here, amidst all the evidence on main street to the contrary. But they were and continue

to be part of the fabric of the Ellicottville/Great Valley communities and they sometimes need a leg up, particularly at Christmas when every kid should know that they will get some clothes or boots or toys and have a Christmas feast on the table. That's not too much to expect, yet there are families who live among us who were (and still are) dealing with dimmer prospects than that. Betty knew that and Project Christmas was born serving 30 to 50 families a year. Eventually, they grew more organized and involved more community members, putting donation tags on trees in churches, stores, and banks. As groups gave more money (even a \$5000 contribution) they could then put together entire holiday meals. Kids wrapped presents in school, older kids went on shopping trips to fill wish lists.

As now retired District Superintendent, Mark Ward says, "that was the real value too - kids understanding the needs and learning how to give of themselves to fulfill them." Ward pointed out, "the more young people get involved, the bigger chance is they would carry that giving spirit into their adult lives." As he quotes from Luke 12:48, "To whom

## Irish Christmas Has Arrived

16th Annual Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas is This Friday, Dec. 9th

All are invited to Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas at EBC on Friday, December 9th at 6pm. Held at Ellicottville Brewing Company's new beer hall, the 16th annual tradition has proceeds going to the Bob McCarthy Foundation's programs. A special brew of Bob McCarthy's Celtic red and an EBC Stout will be served along with wine and beer. Again the "Taste of Ireland" features special dishes served up by local restaurants: Katy's (Guinness Irish Stew), Madigan's (Guinness Mack & Cheese), The

Silver Fox (Bangers & Mash, Villaggio's (Rueben Pasta) & Dina's (Tom's Irish Cream Bread Pudding), along with EBC's special Irish Coffee. Believe it or not each of the food & bar items listed above can be had for a small donation of \$5 each, with all proceeds helping the Bob McCarthy Foundation. If that was not enough, the event kicks off at 6pm featuring an energetic live show from South Buffalo, Peter Zalocha and Charlie Coughlin of Crikwater. The short live auction starts at 7:30pm, with auctioneer Brooks Lefeber. All auction

items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item keeping with tradition. An exciting addition this year is an Irish basket raffle which will be held in the mezzanine area of the hall. Running from 6-8pm you can buy 20 Tickets for \$10 with over 30 fantastic baskets there will be many lucky winners going home with great gifts. You can get a sneak peek at the Foundation's website at bobmccarthymccarthyfoundation.com/events or bobmccarthymccarthyfoundation.com/events. Admission is FREE. Be there it will be FUN!

## Residency by Mike Block Trio

Springville Center for the Arts, Springville NY, December 12th-17th

Mike Block Trio will be in Springville this month for a residency with Springville Center for the Arts. Between December 12th and December 17th, they will be hosting free lessons and jam sessions, teaching workshops at the school, having a free kid's show, and performing a concert at Art's Cafe.



Mike Block is a pioneering multi-style cellist, composer, and educator who has been a member of Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Ensemble since 2005, earning a Grammy in 2017. Using a cello strap of his own design, called the Block Strap, Mike is one of the first wave of cellists to stand and move while performing. Mike is an active recording artist of original material, folk music, and cross-cultural collaborations.

Joe K. Walsh should be well-known by many local folk and roots music fans. As an acclaimed master of American roots music, mandolinist and songwriter Joe K. Walsh has toured

with countless artists and collaborated with other master musicians like Darol Anger and the Gibson Brothers.

Zachariah Hickman is a double bassist, multi-instrumentalist and producer who received his formal training in jazz performance and composition from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. In addition to his countless tours, performances, and television appearances, he has also produced and ring-mastered his own brand of mustache wax, and runs a vaudeville style variety show.

Mike Block Trio will be hosting a series of free events

at Art's Cafe in Springville. Join them for dinner and an open jam session at Folk Night on December 14th at 7pm. Sign up for individual or small group lessons on mandolin, upright bass, or cello on December 15th at 6:30. Families with young children can enjoy a free Saturday-morning concert on December 17th at 10am.

Experience the full trio at a performance on Friday, December 16th at 7pm. Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$17 at the door. For more information, to register for a free lesson, or to buy tickets for the concert, call Springville Center for the Arts at 716.592.9038 or visit SpringvilleArts.org.



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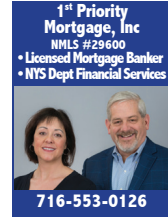
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## ECS Quiz Bowl Team Victorious



The ECS Quiz Bowl team competed in the Scholastic Challenge run by Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES on December 3rd in Olean. The three Senior Division teams and one Junior Division team had a great time! The Junior team won their division with (Above: left to right in picture) 9th grader Jackson Kruzynski and 8th graders Jaxson LaCroix and Christopher Edwards. The teams had to show their knowledge in many "Jeopardy-like" categories. (Below: Full Junior Team)



## Distillery's Bourbon Turns 5!

Celebrate Ellicottville Distillery Bourbon Aging 5 Years on December 10th



Celebrate the Ellicottville Distillery's bourbon turning 5 on December 10th! They'll have Carson's BBQ there with a great food selection! Ron K will be playing his great jams from 3-6pm!! There will be a limited amount of bottles make sure to stop in and grab one for yourself!!

## OGH "Rocks Out Hunger"

Olean General Hospital Participated in Annual Food Drive

Olean, NY – Before the start of the holiday season, staff at Olean General Hospital (OGH) participated in the annual "Operation: Rock Out Hunger" food drive along with other Kaleida Health facilities. The drive ran from Monday, October 10 through Tuesday, November 8. Employees at OGH collected many non-perishable food items including cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruits, pastas, rice, boxed turkey stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, boxed mac and cheese, and baby items including diapers, wipes, and formula. Different hospital departments got very involved with decorating shopping carts to compete amongst each other to collect the greatest number of items for the drive. The shopping carts were displayed in the departments throughout the hospital each decorated with various themes. "OGH is honored to be a part of the 17th annual Operation: Rock Out Hunger food drive," said Jill Owens, MD, president, BRMC, OGH. "It's amazing to see the OGH staff and employees come together to give back to the community and help to support our neighbors in need." This year OGH collected a total of 1,271 items which filled over 8 barrels to be donated to Feedmore WNY.

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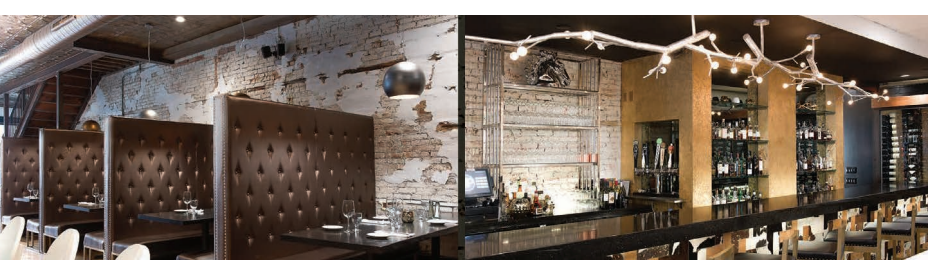
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## Holiday Valley Enjoyed Early Snow

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Holiday Valley Resort is still in the early season conditions phase but all-in-all, no complaints. It's great to be back on snow (and steel) again!

## Run Run Rudolph 5K

Cookie Crawl and 5K Run Set for Friday, Dec. 9th in Olean, NY

OLEAN – The Cookie Crawl and the Run Run Rudolph 5K Run are set for Friday, December 9th. Erica Dreher, Member Services Manager stated, "The cookie crawl is a family-friendly community event where you pay a small ticket fee, receive an (empty) cookie box, and then go to local businesses along North Union Street area and fill the box with cookies."

Staff have lined up Angee's Restaurant, Village Green, Union Tea Café, McCarthy Emporium, Bartlett Historical House, Four Mile Brewing, and Jingle Bell Jubilee stops along the crawl. Attendees will redeem their voucher at each place as they crawl along Union Street under the holiday lights. They may start or end wherever, but a stop will be at the

Jingle Bell Jubilee under the pavilion with a stop at pop-up vendor, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. The fee to crawl is \$10/individual or family of four \$30. To register, please go online to shop.oleanny.com or stop in the Chamber to sign up. Cookie packs will be available for pick up after December 7th at the Chamber. LIMIT of 200 crawler packs – order early. Mrs. Dreher added, "The Run Run Rudolph 5K is confirmed as well. Participants will Lincoln Park winding their way through the streets of Olean and will run under the holiday lights on North Union Street to Lincoln Park." The fee to register for the run is \$15 and includes a Blitzen bag of bling – holiday light head band, Santa gaiter, arm light band, and holiday

bulbs necklace as well as a finisher's medal. Participants are encouraged to show their holiday flair with awards of Shop Olean Gift Certificates being given to The Most Merry individual and group of \$50 and \$100 respectively. There will be no official time kept for this Festive Frolic. To register, please call 716-372-4433 with participant information or go online shop.oleanny.com. Please note that with online ordering, there is an additional surcharge, however, if you call in the Chamber with credit card information, there is no surcharge. Additional information will be coming forward as more activities are confirmed. For more information or questions, please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email santa@oleanny.com

## Junior Explorers: Take a Class

The Juniors' Joined a Cookie Baking Class at Studio Vegan in Buffalo, NY

EVAN & ADDISON BARTLETT

This week we took a delicious adventure in the kitchen with Naquasia Boyd at a vegan cookie baking class. Naquasia is the owner and founder of Studio Vegan, a black female owned business in downtown Buffalo promoting a plant based sustainable lifestyle and vegan cuisine. Naquasia began cooking at the young age of 8 (like us!). Inspired by her mother, she would cook Thanksgiving meals from scratch and bake marble cakes. She studied culinary arts and started catering at the young age of 18. While studying abroad in Japan and Italy, she gained a new appreciation for food and returned with a new

outlook. Soon after, she adopted a vegan lifestyle and now coaches others on the benefits of going plant based. She founded Studio One in 2018 teaching cooking classes, and sells her amazingly delicious baked goods (shipping available). Naquasia uses all organic products and grows a lot of her own food, when we can. For our cooking class, we made sugar cookies with any cookie topping we could imagine. Naquasia showed us all the ingredients and helped us with the steps, but we did all the work. She shared some of her baking secrets, and while they were in the oven, she showed us her gardens on the patio. Of course, the cookies were ooey, gooey, yummy and delicious (our secret ingredient is



extra marshmallows and chocolate chips). Naquasia is always working on perfecting her recipes and loves trying new things. Follow her on YouTube @ and visit https://www.studiovegans.com/ for more information on her classes and yummy treats. Studio Vegan is also available for private parties, birthday cakes, bridal showers, and other events.

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# Stroll

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come out and experience a relaxed pace and to take the time to enjoy a nice representation of the reason we celebrate during the holiday season,” said Gwen Bush, organizer of the event. “Come out and remind yourself what Christmas is all about.”

Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church, located on the corner of Jefferson and Martha Streets, will have their display of Nativity and Angels for all to see. The sidewalks of downtown will be filled with the sounds of the season as festive music permeates the air, coupled with the soft voices of sauntering carolers, horse drawn carriage rides, and the Wisemen strolling the village with a real live camel!

Local businesses have been busy decorating their storefronts, showcasing beautiful holiday themes for your enjoyment as you window shop throughout the afternoon. Once those noses are good and chilled, bring the little ones in from the cold for a hot chocolate break at The Tee Bar, which will be offering tasty holiday cookies. Santa’s elves will also have toys and candy for all good little girls and boys from 4-5:30pm and if we’re lucky, we may even get a visit from the Big Guy himself!

“We invite everyone to come out and enjoy an afternoon in our own little snow globe, to be together and celebrate friendship and fun!” said Jessica Wallace, Business Development Manager of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. “Plus, where else are you going to find a Reindog Parade?”

At 4:30pm, a spectacle like no other will take over

# Ellicottville's Elf on The Shelf

Seek . Find. WIN a prize!

Scout Elves are landing in Ellicottville, NY this year! Find the Scout Elves in the Village of Ellicottville for a chance to win a family pack of weekday lift tickets to HoliMont and an overnight stay at Wingate Hotel!

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the village, as many of our K9 friends, dressed in their holiday best, will march alongside their owners down the main drag to the gazebo.

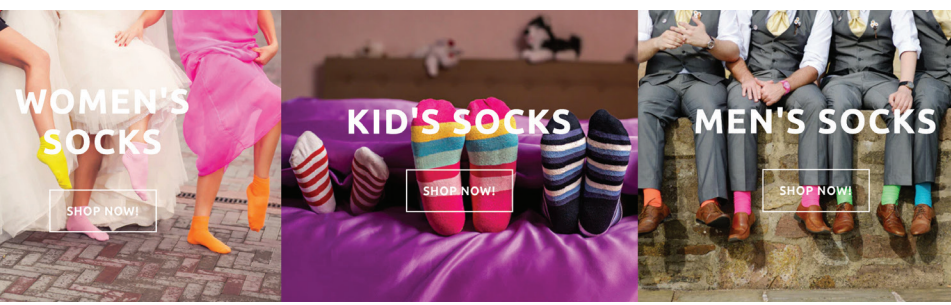
“It’s one of the most anticipated events during the holiday season here in Ellicottville,” said Wallace. “Just picture it: dogs of all shapes and sizes, donning Christmas sweaters, antler headbands, sparkly bling and festive bells, parading down Washington Street, with crowds lining both sides of the street cheering them on ... it’s magical entertainment at its best! It’s always a crowd pleaser!” Those interested in participating in the Reindog Parade should meet at the post office parking lot a little before 4:30pm. There is no charge to participate.

The evening will come to a conclusion at the gazebo beginning at 5:30pm when the Ellicottville Central School Jazz Band performs Christmas carols, leading into a Living Nativity at

6pm featuring the local children of Ellicottville. Dressed the part to play the roles of angels and shepherds, these children will tell the story of that very first Christmas - the journey and the birth of Jesus. This year’s Holy family will be played by Zak and Devan Fisher with baby Beck as Jesus, along with older siblings Benson and Britten. The ECS Jazz Choir will sing during the procession and pageant.

“This pageant has become an iconic staple of the holiday season here in Ellicottville and is a great representation of the true meaning of Christmas,” said Bush. “Come share in the story. Come celebrate the season and our community.”

For more information on this year’s Christmas Stroll including a full schedule of the day, head over to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com) or call 800-349-9099.



The Purple Doorknob carries socks exclusively. They sell kids’, men’s, and women’s socks in all the different kinds of lengths – no-show, ankle, crew, knee, and over-the-knee. Socks range from the purely functional to the quirky and outlandish.

## Socks

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today was created. Today, Rachel and her husband Scotty run the store. The storefront is as whimsical as many of the socks inside – it’s painted purple, with an actual purple doorknob, and the windows are bordered in hot pink.

Northrup knew she wanted to continue carrying socks, and she enjoys being able to focus on a single type of product. Many customers have said that before stopping in, they wondered how a store that sells only socks could make a go, but once they visit and walk out with a full bag, it makes sense. The Purple Doorknob sells kids’, men’s, and women’s socks in all the different kinds of lengths – no-show, ankle, crew, knee, and over-the-knee. Socks range from the purely functional to the quirky and outlandish. Alpaca socks are perfect for

staying warm while hitting the slopes of Holiday Valley or HoliMont; Doorknob also carries socks made from bamboo, which is moisture-wicking to help keep feet dry. Also offered are socks in hard-to-find sizes, like 13 and up.

Beyond the functional, socks can be a fun gift add-on. The shop carries plenty of offbeat and humorous pairs, in brands such as Blue Q, Socksmith, Solmate, Foot Traffic, and more. In fact, the previous store owners design their own line of socks, Modsock, which Northrup and her husband currently carry in The Purple Doorknob. Animal lovers will find plenty of options to choose from – socks with dogs, cats, hedgehogs, and, for the holiday season, reindeer. Foodies can sport pairs printed with avocados, sushi, fruit, and more. Buffalo Bills fans will be excited to hear that the shop just began carrying Bills-themed socks as well. In addition to year-round stock, The

Purple Doorknob carries seasonally-themed and holiday-related socks, like reindeer at Christmastime; cats, witches, and skulls at Halloween, and more. For the wordsmith, there are socks that sport phrases such as, “Go away, I’m introverting,” “This is why I’m single,” and “Actual wonderful person”. And the customer who likes to advertise their role model or hero can choose from socks printed with well-known figures such as Gloria Steinem, Michelle Obama, Rosa Parks, and others.

Visit The Purple Doorknob at 9 Monroe St. in Ellicottville, 11-5pm Monday through Thursday, 11-8pm Friday and Saturday, and 11-5pm Sunday. If you’re snowed in, you can still peruse Doorknob’s stock on their user-friendly website, [purpledoorknob.com](http://purpledoorknob.com). Browse by age, gender, length, brand, and interest. You can have merchandise held at the shop for pickup, or shipped to your home address.

## Project

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and caring for those less fortunate. Monetary donations may be sent to Ellicottville Central School - Project Christmas c/o Nurse Karin Hager, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville 14731. Questions? Call

Nurse Hager @ 716-699-2318 (ext. 1604) or email: [khager@ecsny.org](mailto:khager@ecsny.org)

Although called Project Christmas, this fund is there to help Ellicottville Central School District Families who may be in need throughout the entire year. Please be generous and donate to this beautiful cause, at any time of year.

The ECS committee is grateful beyond words but would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the community for their support over the past decades. Many thanks to all the individuals who helped clear their dusty memory bins to give readers this history. Give! It feels so good



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ago. The purpose of the foundation is to manage funds established by donors intended for philanthropic purposes in the community. Established in 1994, it was originally intended to provide a body to fund and support the Allegheny River Valley Trail. It has evolved over the years into a true community foundation, with this annual event as it's headliner.

Kirk has been running this program for the past 4 years. It was devised with the goal to raise as much money as possible for nonprofit organizations in a short time span. It is held annually on giving Tuesday with astounding success. "The ultimate goal is to create a healthier, vibrant, thriving community. All of this money will go directly into the hand of the nonprofits, which will have a strong impact on our community."

Any area nonprofit can register to be a part of Cattaraugus Gives. The Foundation reaches out to area businesses and sponsors and sparks some friendly competition between them. The Foundation board also sponsors \$5,000. "The community wants to support the organizations they love. Area businesses look forward to this event to give back to the community. It's become a fun tradition



The Mission of the Genesis House is to provide secure temporary housing and supportive services as homeless adults and families transition to more stable housing.

and successful event." "Anytime you raise over \$270,000 in this time frame is impressive, but it is especially so during times of financial hardship. We are so incredibly grateful for all of our donors, big and small. Every dollar counts; it all adds up."

Over 1,389 people and businesses gifted over 2,000 gifts, and 75 of the 88 nonprofits registered received a donation. "We set a new record for the number of nonprofits receiving donations. We're always impressed by the number of donations our nonprofits receive. The support from the community is overwhelmingly generous. It's become a true celebration of the spirit of giving in the area. It's great to watch the number of donations add up throughout the day. It's been incredible to watch over the years."

Top fundraisers this year included Empire Animal Rescue Society with

\$23,771, YMCA of the Twin Tiers with \$20,400 and Genesis House Shelter with \$19,000. Some nonprofits had specific goals for the funds raised. The YMCA intends to put the funds towards the Erick Laine outdoor center, a major capital project. The CRCF Board of Directors provided a \$10K match for this project. Full list of prize winners online: [cattaraugusgives.org/prizes](http://cattaraugusgives.org/prizes).



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# Spreading More Christmas Cheer

Buddy the Elf Performs at Shea's PAC in Buffalo Dec. 26-31



BY KATE BARTLETT

Keep the holiday spirit alive even after Christmas Day with the live musical production of ELF at Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo December 26-31st. Based on the favorite 2003 comedy hit, ELF the musical is quickly becoming a holiday favorite on stage for the whole family. Buddy is a universally loved character by children and adults alike, with his innocent personality appealing to the child in us all.

The Villager had the privilege of interviewing NYC based Broadway performer Caitlin Lester-Sams who plays Emily Hobbs, Buddy's biological father's wife, in the musical production of ELF. This is Emily's fourth performance in ELF and she has also starred in touring productions of Flashdance the Musical and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. ELF is one of her favorite shows with its fast-moving, fun and universally loved storyline.

"ELF is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan child who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported

back to the North Pole. Unaware that he is actually human, Buddy's enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father, discover his true identity, and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas." The crossover production maintains the same storyline as the movie, with lots of singing and dancing along the way. "If you like the movie, then you'll love our show," says Caitlin.

Caitlin got her start as a performer at the young age of 4. She grew up dancing, singing and acting, partaking in theatre productions throughout her school years. Caitlin studied musical theatre at Western Michigan University and moved to New York City after graduating to pursue her theatrical career 15 years ago. "There's nothing else like live theatre. I've been hooked since I was young; the energy excitement is just amazing and I love being a part of it."

This touring production of ELF opened in Kentucky on November 5, and will

have its final production here in Buffalo on New Year's Eve. "It's a fast-paced show schedule. With such a limited Christmas window, we fit our entire show agenda in just two months. We travel quickly to the various cities during November and December. It's exhausting but totally worth it!"

The musical production maintains the storyline and most of the main characters from the movie with added Tony Award winning musical compositions and captivating choreography. "Not only are the costumes top-notch, but there's about a million of them. Most cast members have fast costume changes in the ensemble, and they're all noteworthy. One minute you'll see an elf in the North Pole, and within 30 seconds that same performer is back on stage as a businessman walking the streets of NYC. It's really impressive!" Similarly, not only does the set reflect beautiful and creative design work, but it transports the audience to a variety of unique places. "The show brings the audience from the dazzling sights of the North Pole

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OLEAN: The Jingle Bell Jubilee is a collection of small events contained at Lincoln Park two Fridays in December. Hosted by the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, the jubilee featured the second annual Festival of Trees this past Friday.

"The idea behind the festival is where non-profit organizations are chosen to come decorate one of the trees. The groups decorated it at the jubilee on 12/2," stated Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. Each tree was photographed and then placed online through the Charity Auctions Today software. Bidding opened Saturday, December 3rd with a soft live opening at 6pm.

"We tried using our Facebook page last year to do an auction, but it was not clear and concise how to bid," added Meme K. Yanetsko GOACC COO.

Those interested in viewing/bidding on the trees need to go online to <http://bit.ly/3XZL1Z>. You can view without registering, but if interested in bidding, you will need to register. No payment is taken unless you are the winning bid.

The organizations that decorated the trees include Mercy Flight; SPCA in Cattaraugus County; Operation Warm Hearts; Genesis House; Zonta Group of Olean; African American Center for Cultural Development; Pfeiffer Nature Center;



Rotary Club of Olean and Tri-County Arts Council.

They are the same organizations as were in the festival in 2021. "All trees received bids but possibly not as high as we wanted them to be for each charity due to the confusion," added Mrs. Dreher.

The winning bids will be given the tree after they are announced as winners. All monies donated to each tree will go back to each respective organization. Mrs. Yanetsko noted, "There are processing fees through the bid site - which could possibly be covered by the winning bid (if they choose to do so)."

This means if a tree was bid at \$250, the winning organization may only see \$230 depending on the fees."

Mrs. Yanetsko added, "These fees are associated with any donation site - most times the donors do pick up the percentage service fee, so that the organization receives the true amount."

How were the organizations chosen?

GOACC staff connected with both Miller's Farm Market and Pleasant Valley Greenhouse in 2021 to ask for a donation of five trees from both greenhouses. GOACC asked them to choose five GOACC members to be the organizations. Home Depot of Olean donated the initial tree stands in 2021 and then also again in 2022 if the stands were returned to the Chamber for reuse.

The auction site depicts several pictures of the trees, who the organization is, what their mission is, which greenhouse donated their tree and an explanation of their decorations.

"It was a festive atmosphere when most of the 9 organizations were down at Lincoln Park on Friday afternoon decorating the tree," stated Mrs. Dreher. For more information or questions, please call the Chamber at 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).

## 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](http://GED.com) to complete an online test application. Call 716-376-8293 for more information.



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The Jamestown Skating Club will hold their annual Christmas Skating Exhibition on Saturday, December 10th at 1:00pm! This fun showcase highlights the hard work and talent of Jamestown Skating Club's members as they perform on-ice routines to classic and popular holiday music. Open to the public, with admission by donation. Their mission is to promote and encourage all elements of the enjoyment of figure skating, from learn to skate programs to competition level skating. Figure skating is a sport governed by the United

# Jamestown Ballet Tradition

CHQ. Regional Youth Ballet hold 25th Nutcracker Performance

BY DELAINEY MUSCATO  
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Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet (CRYB) is coming up on their 25th performance of classic ballet, The Nutcracker. The performances this year will be December 10th at 7:30pm and December 11th at 3pm at the Reg Lenna Center for the Arts. I spoke with Megan Stefanik, a former dancer at CRYB, about the company's history and relationship with The Nutcracker.

After graduating with her B.F.A in dance from Point Park University last April, Stefanik returned to the studio as an instructor, administration assistant, and assistant to the director for all things Nutcracker. Stefanik grew up dancing in the old studio behind the Sheldon House. It was a secluded location with only one studio. They moved to their new studio about 8 years ago. This new location has helped them to expand. Now with two studios and an attached costume room, they can offer more classes and take more students.

The company originally opened in 1986 and the current artistic director, Monika Alch, has been with the company for 22 years. CRYB started to gain popularity in the late 90s when they first started producing The Nutcracker. Stefanik said, "That's what really stuck and kind of made a name for the studio because it's such a beloved performance and so well known. It was real gem to be able to have that caliber of a performance in this region". The dancers, especially the advanced ones, work so hard to



create the production. Stefanik emphasized that these dancers were essentially performing at a professional level. They are bringing something so special to the community. You'd normally have to travel for a show like this, but CRYB is proud to bring the professional experience home.

As they move into their 25th performance of this ballet, Stefanik expressed the meaning of the show for the company, "It really is one of the most joyful times of year for us. We look forward to it every year". She also said by the time students graduate they've played almost every single role in the show, which is an incredible accomplishment. The process of putting the show together is extensive. This year the preparations have taken almost exactly three months to complete.

They began auditions for roles in the show on September 11th. Each dancer auditioned with an excerpt from the show. Selecting dancers is a hard task. Stefanik said they spent 2-3 hours per day for a week deliberating. But once the cast list goes up, they waste no time. They immediately start rehearsing the big scenes and individual roles in the studio. Once they move into the theater, they go through tech, dress, and full act rehearsals to perfect every minor detail. "It feels like home almost when we get to that production. It's so familiar and loved by everyone" Stefanik said in reference to her connection to the show. Stefanik is a Jamestown native and has performed in The Nutcracker several times. SEE "BALLET", PAGE 14

## Free Visit with Santa

Harley-Davidson Jamestown, Falconer NY, December 10th, 11-2pm



Santa will be visiting Harley-Davidson of Jamestown again this year on December 10th. (1951 East Main Street, Falconer NY) The Event will take place inside. Stop by and see him in person between the hours of 11:00am & 2:00pm. Free Pictures will be provided to families. One picture per family. Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies and Christmas tunes!! Wear an "Ugly" Sweater and receive 150 rider Rewards Points

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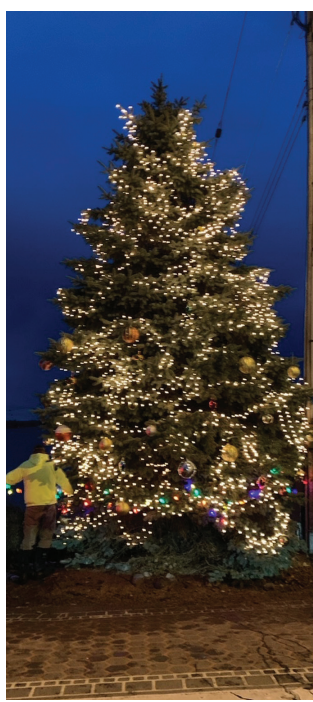
## “Bemus Point Starts Holiday Tradition, December 10”

Bemus Point, NY is hosting their first annual Light Up the Point community event, Saturday December 10. On Friday Maple Grove Students and Light Up the Point volunteers helped to decorate the Village in preparation for the inaugural event.

Many businesses in the area will be holding special sales that day until 5pm. Lake Life Café will have a “Letters to Santa” station and the official “North Pole Mailbox” set up at the cafe for adults and children alike to come down before the parade and create Christmas wish lists. They will be open from 8:00-4:30 PM the day of the event. Lake

Life Cafe will also have a Hot Cocoa table set up down by the tree to keep everyone warm.

The community parade line up begins at the tennis courts on Sunnyside Drive between 4:45-5pm and it will continue down Main Street to Lakeside Drive where the Tree Lighting ceremony with Santa will take place next to The Fish. Everyone, including kids, pets, wagons, and golf carts are encouraged to participate. They will light candles and continue the festivities on Lakeside Drive in front of EBC with carolers, refreshments, and crafts. Crackerjack Farms will be on hand to offer sleigh rides from 5-7pm.



# Inn

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drinks that we all enjoy, are on the menu. Regular, decaf, tea, blueberry coffee, cafe americana, cappuccino, hot chocolate, cold brew, and chai latte are just a few of the options. “Buns on the Run” drive-through take out is located at the back of the Bemus Point Inn Restaurant. The grand opening - for “Buns on the Run” is December 12th, hours of operation for the drive-through are Mon - Fri 6am-2pm.

The iconic Bemus Point Inn Restaurant is located at 4958 Main Street in Bemus Point, NY 14712. Give them a call at 716-386-2221 to ask about the daily lunch specials. Bemus Point Inn is open year-round: Wednesday through Saturday 7am-2pm, Sunday 7am -1pm and closed Monday & Tuesday.

Dave and Laurie Miller own and operate the Inn. Their son Alex does handyman work for them, keeps the parking lot plowed in the winter months, and was one of the lead carpenters for the extensive renovations that were just recently completed at the restaurant. Their son Danny has worked with his parents for 13 years and is also actively engaged at the Inn. Danny can be seen preparing meals in the kitchen or waiting tables and is obviously capable of working any position in the restaurant. Danny, the waitstaff, and the kitchen help are all quick to offer a smile. When you come to



**Chef Dave and Laurie Miller the husband and wife team that own and operate the Inn.**

the Inn you will be greeted cheerfully and with genuine hospitality. For those who don't already know, I'll share a bit about Chef Dave & Laurie, the husband and wife team that owns the Inn. Also, a little background about Dave's mother Joan. Dave worked 10 years, as the head chef at the upscale restaurant, formerly known as the Town Club or 210 Pine in Jamestown. As can be expected Dave is kept pretty busy preparing tasty meals for his patrons but when he is within ear shot, I like to send a “compliments to the chef”, his way. Laurie's background is also impressive. She started working as a server at the age of sixteen. Laurie has worked at many restaurants including the Ironstone, Boniwood, and House of Petillo; she makes managing the restaurant look effortless. She is often seen happily chatting with her patrons. Her smile and quick wit are a crowd pleaser for sure. Who wants dessert? Chef Dave's mother Joan, was the kitchen manager at the Town Club. Joan is now the Inn's baker

assuring pies, cookies, and jumbo cinnamon rolls are always freshly baked. It is not easy to decide which dessert to choose! They are all extraordinarily tasty. So today I choose blackberry pie, tomorrow, cream pie with graham cracker crust. Yummy! I've always wanted my own personal chef. I have found the perfect breakfast & lunch spot for that experience. If you're going solo, there's room at the counter. For those who prefer a table, you will find the dining rooms spacious, the chairs comfortable, and the seasonal decor, which all make for a pleasant and memorable experience. Large parties are welcome! Dave and Laurie look forward to seeing you & yours this holiday season, and all throughout the year. They certainly have found their niche, and they love serving their community. Lastly, in Laurie's words, “We are doing what makes us happy.” Happy holidays! And, hope to see you soon at their new addition “Buns on the Run”.

## Villager Photo Contest

The Villager is looking for your great photos. Snap a few pics of your family, friends or yourself enjoying reading The Villager wherever you are and send it in. We will place it in our next edition and be sure to credit you for [jessica@thevillager.com](mailto:jessica@thevillager.com) or call 716-699-2058. Can't wait to see what you send in!!

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# Whoville

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BY JESSICA SCHULTZ



"It came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags." — *The Grinch*. This famous line is the perfect representation of a great upcoming event that brings Dr. Seuss to Chautauqua in the best way. The Chautauqua Safety Village, located at 2695 Route 394 in Ashville, NY invites everyone to "Christmas in Whoville" on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30. (General public admission, members can get in at 4:30pm and admissions close at 7pm.)

**The Villager** had the opportunity to speak with Executive Director **Jessica Dayton** about the event and what it had to offer.

**The Villager (V):** So, Christmas in Whoville, how did this event come to be?

**Jessica (J):** "The Town of Whoville at the Safety Village started as a way for the Safety Village to bring a family fun, interactive Christmas event to the community post Covid. We have the ideal space to bring the Whoville village to life."

**V:** Is there a cost of admission, if yes how much?

**J:** "Yes, as a not-for-profit organization the Safety Village relies on event proceeds to continue providing vital life-saving prevention education to the young people of Chautauqua and surrounding counties. Admission is \$6 a person, ages 2 and under are free. Safety Village Members are free and can fast pass the admission line. Once inside the gate all activities are included and food is

available for purchase."

**V:** You have a lot of interesting things going on at the event, could you share some of the details?

**J:** "Once inside the gates, families will be able to stroll through our decorated streets and stationary parade, visit with Santa, meet the Grinch and dare to enter his lair, decorate cookies with Mrs. Claus, visit the North Pole Observation Station, do a craft, play holiday games, spot Olaf and Elsa, complete a wintery scavenger hunt, listen to a story telling of How the Grinch Stole Christmas by Dr. Seuss, and have an indoor snowball fight."

**V:** Can you share some of the floats that can be seen at the Stationary Christmas Parade?

**J:** "Community organizations and individuals are welcome to sign up and create a stationary float. It's a wonderful way to showcase your organization and spread some Christmassy cheer. We are also holding a building decorating contest this year. Check out our Facebook page or website for more information on both ways to get involved."

**V:** What type of food will be available for purchase? Will there be beverages also?

**J:** "This year we have mac and cheese and goulash made by Sandee's Bakery, a variety of fresh pies sold by the slice donated by Sandee's Bakery and The Brindle Barn, popcorn,

nachos, hot cocoa, coffee and other beverages."

**V:** Does the safety village have any other plans for the rest of 2022 or looking ahead into 2023?

**J:** "The Safety village enjoys providing safe family fun events and activities. Check out our Facebook page as we announce events frequently. You can look forward to the Holly Jolly Christmas Camp on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Our 2023 events include Safety Hero Day Camp in February, the Easter Carnival in April, Community Safety Day in June, Outdoor movie nights from May-August, Spy Kids Day Camp in June, Summer Safety Open to the public days, CPR classes, Babysitter Trainings, Halloween Fun Fair in October, and Whoville 2023."

**V:** Anything else you would like to add?

**J:** "We'd like to thank our 2022 Whoville Sponsor United Rentals Falconer and all of our event volunteers. The support of our community is amazing, and we couldn't do it without you. If you would like to get involved or become a sponsor a 2023 event, contact our Events Coordinator, Lisa McLaughlin at [lisa@chautauquasafetyvillage.com](mailto:lisa@chautauquasafetyvillage.com)."

Thank you, Jessica for sharing and to the whole CHQ Safety Village Team for hosting Whoville for everyone in our communities to enjoy.

# Remembering David Lawson Jr.

History of L. S. Aero Marine, Inc. in Bemus Point, NY



David Lawson Jr. in the boat restoration shop with long time friend Andy Robinson.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN  
*He was so dependable; you could set your clock by him.*

Lifetime Chautauqua County area resident, David Sexton Lawson Jr., 89, of Bemus Point, NY passed away November 27, 2022. The valedictorian status given him by his 1951 class at Bemus Point Central School proved providential in the years following with an enormous list of accomplishments. His BS in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering served him well in his naval career spanning from 1955 to 1958 (active duty) then continuing in the Navy reserves for 32 years, retiring in 1987 carrying the rank of Captain.

His involvement with all things amphibious was right in his wheelhouse being the son of David S. Sr., whose life revolved around building and restoring boats. David Senior established the

family business in 1918, creating L. S. Aero Marine, Inc. in Bemus Point, NY and another on the Chadakoin River at Clifton, NY. Jerry Stanton, David Jr's friend informs that the steel beams for the Bemus building came into David Sr's possession because of a Cris Craft factory worker's strike in Falconer. A deal could not be negotiated and the owners, who had bought the steel for an add-on to the building, closed the doors and sold the steel to David Sr. which he used for his own building.

In 1968, David Jr. took over the family business, serving as president until 2018. This was a hands-on boat shop – mostly his hands. Like his father, David built, sold, maintained, stored, and repaired boats for the fun-loving boating community on Chautauqua Lake. They basically introduced leisure boating to the lake. In 2010, this life member of the Chautauqua Lake

Twin Tier Antique Classic Boat Society generously donated the original boat shop building in Bemus Point to the Lawson Boating Heritage Center, where he continued to serve on the Board of Trustees.

Bemus Point and the boating community have lost a legendary encyclopedic genius who never forgot a boat, a sale or the status of a boat he or his father had sold. His friend, Bill Reynolds recounted about the numbers of parts in the building that no one but David knew why they were there. Another friend, Tom Calesina cleared the mystery by talking about a part that his volunteers wanted to ditch only to be told to keep it in stock because it was for a 1947 Cris Craft and David knew that the original owner still owned it. He was that kind of guy. He never forgot a boat, or the person attached

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## The Pulse: Twisted Lid

## Bowl

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## EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT

### Taking Stage at the Celeron American Legion this Saturday



Photo Jack Stevenson

music lovers' dream night out on the town! Just a reminder, the musicians we go out to listen to on weekends, most all also have full time jobs. These guys are no exception. They have true passion for what they do, so please tell them how much you appreciate them and enjoy their music.

The Herman Kent Celeron Legion Post 777 is located at 26 Jackson Ave., Jamestown, NY. The Celeron Legion serves area veterans and their families and includes an active Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion. The Post has a full dining room, serving meals Tuesday through Saturdays and Sunday afternoons. The bar is open seven days a week. They feature live bands every Saturday night.

This post is managed by Jackie Caruso, who also does the booking of their live music. Besides having live bands every Saturday night, they also play host to a weekly Bluegrass Open Jam on Wednesday nights from 6-9 pm. When I spoke with Jackie, she told me she makes sure to book a variety of types of bands so there is something for everyone's taste, including but not limited to, Country and Classic Rock. Jackie went on to explain they decided to get the special "On Premise" license, so their Post can be open to the public except for member

SEE "PULSE", RIGHT

Linnea Haskin is the Market Director at St. Luke's, as well as one of the lead organizers. "We are really looking forward to hosting this inaugural Empty Bowl fundraiser in our area. It's a great event to help our community, to join together and remember those in need who are hungry. There is power coming together as a community. We chose December for our event as a reminder to give during the holiday season, and the bowls make great gifts." All proceeds will benefit FeedMore WNY to 24 area food pantries and the Jamestown Mobile Market program.

Chautauqua Area Potters have crafted over 800 beautifully designed bowls for the event. Many of the pieces have been designed by students of Mudslingers Pottery Studio in Fredonia, owned and operated by Ron Nasca. Several pieces have been crafted by Reno Pottery, a small home studio, as well as many independent artists, both amateur and professional. "Each piece is truly remarkable, and they serve a wonderful cause. The bowls are

simply beautiful and make wonderful gifts" says Linnea. Each bowl is stamped with the Empty Bowls logo, which reminds the owner of the continued need to address hunger in our community. "Each donation towards a bowl will provide donors the change to try various soups crafted by the community, including Labyrinth Press Company." Potters will be in attendance to share the story of their pieces, and the experience of crafting their bowls. The event will also feature live music from Chadakoin Chamber Ensemble.

Raffles of locally donated gifts and gift cards will be held, with donations from several area businesses including the Biodome Project; Chautauqua Art Gallery; Forte; Bloom

Buddies; CHQ Soap; Art Cloth and Craft; and Tree Top Studios. Raffle tickets are priced \$1 each or an arms-length for \$5. "We are so grateful for those businesses who have generously donated. We greatly appreciate the support from our local community" says Linnea. "We'll be accepting donations right up until the event."

Linnea and everyone involved in the event invites the community to come support the Empty Bowl Project on December 10th at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, on the corner of 4th and N Main from 11-2pm. To make a donation or to find out more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Linnea info@jtowpublicmarket.org.

BY SUE PORTER OTTOWAY

Twisted Lid, a timeless, party, Rock & Roll band from Erie, PA, will play at the Celeron American Legion Herman Kent Post 777 this Saturday, December 10th, from 8pm-12am.

This band's members represent over 150 years of experience. During that time, members have been in over 36 different bands. Twisted Lid's members are: Bob Bafik - guitar/vocals, Fred Glatz - guitar/vocals, Mark Smith - bass, Rick Krasinski - drums/vocals and Bob Armour - Keys. They all started learning and playing at about the age of 10.

Twisted lid was started back in 2013 with Rick, Bob and two others. The current lineup consisting of their four core players, played their first show in 2015. They added keyboards in 2019, and Bob Armour has held that position in the band since

2021. Member's musical paths crossed over the years with some finding themselves playing in the same band. Fred, Rick and Bob Armour played together in a band called Time Machine from 2004 through 2009. Fred added he has also played in another popular Erie area band, Thirst and Howl from 2009 through 2022.

Bob Bafik's last project before Twisted Lid was with Can't Spell Bob, from 2000 to 2010. Mark has been playing for 47 years, Rick for 52. The long list of bands they've been in is mind boggling. Twisted Lid's members are sought after musicians in the Erie area who have hit the jackpot with this collaborative band effort becoming a huge Erie area fan favorite. They have been playing more shows into the Chautauqua Lake area and are fast developing a huge following here! These musicians have honed their craft and their live shows are every live

Additional Live Music Highlights in Our Region this Weekend are:

• Friday, Dec. 9, 2022

Lakewood: Drew and Lena, at Group Ther-Happy 7-10, Tyler Smilo at Southern Tier Brewing Co., 5 pm and Michael Gerholdt at Big Inlet Brewing, 6 pm

• Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

Jamestown: Afraid Of Human at Shawbucks, 10-2. Dunkirk: Rockabilly Steve and BR3 at The Fillmore Tavern, 5 pm

## Pulse

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only functions. All live bands are not only open to the public but they are also no cover charge. She made a special point to tell me the

vets are their top priority at the Celeron Legion. Priding themselves on making it a place where vets can come to relax, have a drink, talk with friends and enjoy a great meal plus live music if they wish. If you are in a band interested in getting booked at the Celeron

Legion, Jackie asks that you call her at the Post at (716) 483-0777 any days except Thursdays. She told me she is always looking for different bands. Jamestown's music scene continues to grow and the Celeron Legion is one good reason why.

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A few doors east on Washington Street Madigan's will have the wood stove fired up and DJ SI will have the sound booth fired up layin down the sauce so you can be the boss dancing in the window from 9-2am.

SATURDAY: Balloons is back with Metal Militia on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This is a Metallica tribute band. Summer Kitchenette will hold down the fort in the back bar from 10-1am. The is the acoustic version of Henry's Kitchen. DJ Bad Weekend will provide the thumpin so you can do the bumpin from 10-2am on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill returns with Joe Wagoner & Company, this local group plays from 2-5pm. The Games's is on Saturday this week and Henry's Summer Kitchenette is rockin the pre-game party from 4-8pm. Second Act is on from 8-12am. This band plays everything from Yes to Zeppelin to The Eagles to get you up and dancing. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm Sun-Thurs and 11pm Fri-Sat.

Don't forget they're open Sat, Sun for breakfast.

Madigan's will be rockin with the return of DJ SI blowin up the sound booth from 9-2am. Try out the foosball and pool tables for all you barroom decathletes and let the A-Team whip you up one of the drinks with the little umbrellas.

SUNDAY: Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night and since the Bills are playing, they will open an 12:30pm. Tui Osborne will play from 5:30-8:30pm to help celebrate a Bills victory and their leading the AFC East. It's a party.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's hosts are The Chillbillys from 6-9pm. Enjoy some wonderful music while you eat all the 50 cent wings you want and a fine selection of craft beers to wash them down with.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10 pm. They play folk and blues covers from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 draft beers.

We end our seven-day weekend the same as we have for the last 39 years at The Gin Mil for Joe Wagner and Company and Wing Wednesday from 7-10pm. Joe plays a rock/folk/country rock/country/pop set of cover that you'll know and love.

We hope you enjoyed your time in the Enchanted Mountains and that you continue coming back with family and friends buy wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!

Beat on the Street:

What's the Craziest Reason You Ever Got Fired?

By CHAD NEAL



Working is part of life for most of us. Earning those party coupons to help pay for rent, gas, and good times keeps us going to work. The need of money is the catalyst for getting a job, and suddenly losing said employment makes for a little panic. Having a contingency plan is ideal, but sometimes

getting canned from your workplace all of the sudden for whatever reason causes stressful and dire feelings. And the worst part of many of those dispatched jobs are the reasons. And being wrongfully accused without redemption is very disheartening. What's the craziest reason you ever got fired?



TJ R. - I got let go from a job for a dumpster getting lit on fire from a cigarette butt, when I've always butted mine out and put them in my pocket. I even pulled them out and put them on my boss's desk when he accused me of it.

Charlie C. - Never fired but been "miltoned" when they finally found a sucker who'd work for less after I trained them.

Donna G. - For leaving early. Because I had to go to hospital, because my appendix was about to burst.



Chris D. - I got fired from [business] Wholesale on Rochester St for failing a drug test for weed. I don't even smoke.

Lucas S. - Reporting Safety/OSHA Violations to management and refusing to operate equipment until it was fixed.

Joe D. - I separated two employees that were fighting and then got fired for violating the company's anti-violence policy.

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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!**

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

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

# Elf

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to the bustling streets of downtown Manhattan and the Empire State Building. The scenery is truly spectacular, and the special effects (think snow, Santa's flying sleigh) are captivating."

Caitlin's favorite part of the show is the opening of act two. "We open the second act with Nobody Cares About Santa" which is a unique, modern number. The choreography is just superb and it's a really fun number for everyone with a great underlying message about

how the true meaning of Christmas can get lost in our modern world."

"What makes ELF unique, is that the show has a tremendous amount of heart," says Caitlin. "It is funny but ultimately instills a renewed sense of optimism. It leaves the audience feeling festive with a renewed sense of innocence."

Caitlin encourages readers to support live theatre productions and reminds us that we play a vital role in the show. "There's nothing else that brings people together like live theatre. It's such a unique opportunity for a crowd to sit in a room together and experience a

live show together. No two audiences are alike, and every show is different because of that. There's a unique communication between the audience and the performers.

Every city and every audience are different, and each show is consequently a bit different because of that. We respond differently to every audience, and vice versa. It's an energy that really can't be explained."

For more information on ELF at Shea's Performing Arts Center and to purchase tickets visit <https://www.sheas.org/> and for more information of ELF touring visit <http://elfthemusicaltour.com/>.

# Ballet

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times. For her, it's all about the audience, "You know for me, dancing in my hometown, it really is those audience reactions that are so gratifying and make it all worth it". Stefanik isn't alone in her love for this ballet. The show has become a staple in the community over the last 25 years. So many families

in the area have made it a tradition for their holidays. The community within the studio is very strong as well. Stefanik said, "The first thing that comes to mind is family". All the dancers, instructors, directors, and other faculty spend so much time together and put so much effort in to create the amazing work that they do. For the dancers, they spend so much of their lives growing up in the studio. It starts when they're little, "That's where they get to

begin and build that love for ballet" Stefanik said. As they get older, they have some tough decisions to make. With sports and extracurriculars coming into play when they enter high school, maintaining their dance training can be difficult. Stefanik says they're grateful to have anyone and everyone for as long as they can. And she told me, "Everyone has the ability to become a beautiful dancer if that's what they want".

# Lawson

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to it. And there are still boats on the lake today that were built, serviced, and repaired by both Davids.

As David grew older, he would camp in the Museum in his comfortable padded chair, which his friend Andy Robinson called the "Chair of Knowledge." When he wasn't helping with a restoration, he would sit in that chair and do puzzles or read books, which was his happy place.

People wandered in and out, asking questions about their boats - how to fix or refinish or care for them. Robinson said, "you'd almost think he didn't hear, and then he'd finally speak from the Chair of Knowledge, giving forth with the most clearly understood, accurate, pluperfect answer to the question." Robinson related how he, David and Tom worked to restore David Sr's 22 foot, 1930's vintage Hacker Craft boat with a Scripts 131 hp engine, which he built by hand, using only a set of prints purchased from the manufacturer.

When it finally got back into the water a few years ago, David Jr. took the wheel and grinned from ear to ear as he took it for a spin around the lake. A video of that episode can be seen at the Lawson Museum in the Heritage Center, 73 Lakeside Drive, along with many fine old wooden boats and a biplane

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hanging from the ceiling. It is open in the summer months. ([thelawsoncenter.org](http://thelawsoncenter.org))

Asked to describe this man, his friends say he touched many people calling him serene, cerebral, reliable, quiet, genius, mentor, a role model, thoughtful, jolly, frugal, yet an enigma. He did everything and knew everything about boats, using his hands, his intelligence, mathematics, and a compass (this called "spilling" - look it up in [modelship.com](http://modelship.com)) to determine the curve of a

piece of wood to restore a boat in need. Presently in the museum there sits a double bow canoe which they were working on for the last few years. One of them said, "we wondered what we will do if anything happens to David before we are done."

Well, now they know. They will put in on wheels and set it on display in the museum as David's last unfinished project, since none of them have the vast amount of knowledge he had to make the repairs on it. RIP David. You will be sorely missed by many.

# Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"

**Mark Twain and his long-time friend John T. Lewis at Quarry Farm, Elmira, New York. 1903.**



# Ellicottville Town Zoning Board

## Area Variances Discussed at Town Residences

The Town Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) held its monthly meeting on Dec. 1, 2022. A public hearing was held and granted an area variance to the side yard setback at 1 Four Wheel Drive to allow the construction of an accessory shed. A

public hearing was also held on an area variance for a front yard setback to allow the construction of an accessory shed at 6983 Dooley Road. This request was also granted. The ZBA reviewed a request for a front yard setback variance to allow the construction of

a new residential dwelling. A public hearing was set for January 5, 2023 at 6pm. For complete meeting details and Town Zoning Board information, please visit their website at [ellicottville.gov/town-zoning-board-meetings-2022.html](http://ellicottville.gov/town-zoning-board-meetings-2022.html).

## Short Term Rental Law

### Town of Ellicottville Planning Board

By DAVE PARKER

The Town of Ellicottville's Planning Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, November 28. A public hearing was held for a Special Use Permit for the colocation of cellular antennas on an existing tower at 8030 Jackman Hill Road. No one offered comments or concerns at the public hearing. The Special Use Permit was approved during the regular meeting.

The Board reviewed the Special Use permit application for a 5-megawatt Community

Solar Energy System at 6902 Simmons Road. A public hearing was set for the January 23, 2023 meeting. The Board also reviewed the proposed 2.5-megawatt Community Solar Energy System at 6064 NYS Route 242. This application is before the Town Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a use variance. The ZBA requests that the Planning Board accept Lead Agency status in the SEQR process. Following discussion by the Board, a motion was made and seconded to accept Lead Agency status in the SEQR process.

The Board discussed the need for a short-term rental law in the Town. The Town Board is asking for a recommendation on the issue. Following a discussion on the need for a short-term rental law, a motion was made and seconded to recommend that the Town Board look into a short-term rental law for the Town.

The December 26 Town Planning Board meeting was canceled. For full meeting minutes and Town Planning activities, please visit their website at <https://www.ellicottville.gov/planning-zoning.html>.

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## Mayor Elected to National League

### Jmst. Mayor Sundquist Elected to Nat. League of Cities Board of Directors

JAMESTOWN – Eddie Sundquist, Mayor of Jamestown, New York was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) Board of Directors by NLC's membership at the organization's 2022 City Summit in Kansas City, MO. Sundquist was elected to a 2-year term and will provide strategic direction and guidance for NLC's federal advocacy, governance and membership activities. NLC is the largest and most representative organization for cities, their elected leaders and municipal staff, and advocates for city priorities in Washington by building strong federal-local partnerships.

"I am humbled and honored to be named to the NLC Board of Directors. NLC's resources and advocacy for cities like Jamestown is invaluable. The opportunities afforded by this position, including

helping shape NLC's strategic direction and priorities going forward, will give us a leg up as we continue Jamestown's transformation into the new economy."

As a member of the board, Sundquist will meet in March, June and November to guide NLC's strategic direction. Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee and are confirmed by a vote from NLC's membership at the organization's annual business meeting.

"The National League of Cities Board of Directors is critical in guiding our organization's priorities and policies," said National League of Cities (NLC) President Victoria Woodards, mayor of Tacoma, Washington. "NLC's Board is made of a group of incredible and diverse leaders, and I look forward to working closely together with them



to advance priorities for cities, towns and villages across the country."

More than 3,000 mayors, councilmembers and other delegates from nearly every state and the District of Columbia convened in Kansas City for City Summit. Local leaders are on the front-lines of the nation's most pressing challenges and are working hard to pioneer innovative solutions that move our cities, towns, and villages forward.

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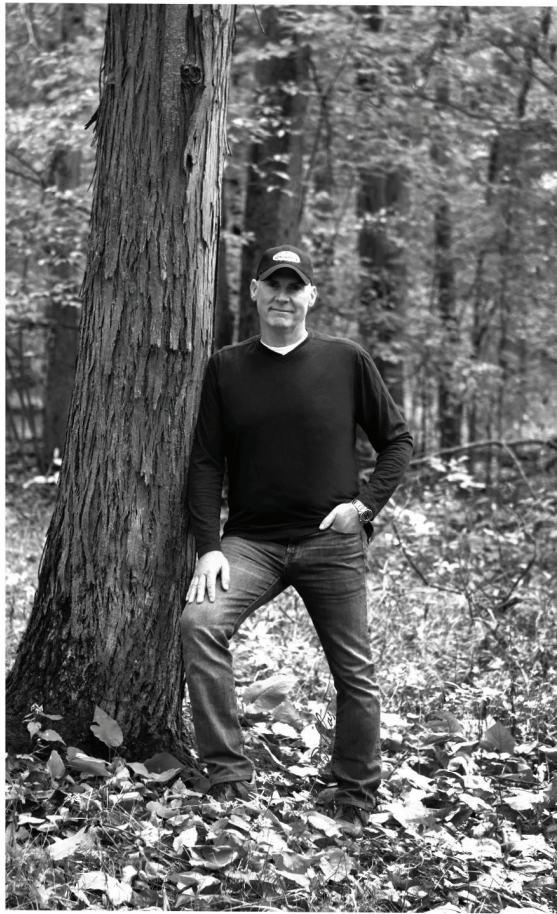


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