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Saturday, December 31st • 8:30pm
Old Library Restaurant, Olean

NYE TORCHLIGHT PARADE
Saturday, December 31st • 9pm
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

LIQUOR MILE RUN
Saturday, December 31st • 2pm
Ellicottville Distillery, Ellicottville

FIRST DAY HIKE
Sunday, January 1st • 10-2pm
Allegany State Park, Salamanca

8TH ANNUAL HIKE
Sunday, January 1st • 10-11am
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville

CANADIAN FRIENDSHIP WEEK
January 2nd-6th • Times Vary
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

HOLIDAY PUBLIC SKATE
Friday, December 23rd • 12-4pm
Northwest Arena, Jamestown

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER
Friday, December 23rd • 7-10pm
Bemus Point Tap House, Bemus Point

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Friday, December 23rd • 8pm
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A BIG INLET CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 23rd • 6pm
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Saturday, December 24th • 2pm
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Wednesday, January 4th • 7-9pm
Reg Lenna Arts Center, Jamestown

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History of Santa Claus

Stately European Bishop Morphed into Jolly St. Nick



On the website saintnicholascenter.org we quickly discover how Bishop (now "Saint") Nicholas morphed into the jolly figure we now all recognize as Santa Claus.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

So, who is Santa Claus, anyway? Is he real?

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus..." In 1897 Sun newspaper editor Francis Church explained to Virginia the reasons to believe in Santa Claus. (Find the clipping on Wikipedia.org)

In today's world, a universally beloved American icon, Dolly Parton, wrote a song about why she believes in Santa Claus.

<https://genius.com/Kenny-rogers-and-dolly-parton-i-believe-in-santa-claus-lyrics>

What is so interesting is that people of many faiths around this blue marble we all populate, recognize and give a nod to the secular, jolly, white-bearded, chubby old man in the red suit, whether they live in America, the Netherlands, Mexico, Egypt or the North

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Torchlight Parade History

Lighting Up the Slopes Since 1958



The first Carnival Queen was Penny Cox in 1958 seen above receiving her crown and award from Holiday Valley's first manager, Bob Stubbs. (Photo/For the Love of Skiing, Norcon Press, 2002.)

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Reaching back in time to learn more about the upcoming New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade and having spoken to those who were there at the time, reminds how much our community has

developed into a nationally and internationally known ski/tourist destination in the past 64 years.

In the book written by ski enthusiasts, Edna Northrup and Lillian Congdon, *For the Love*

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HoliMont Resort 2023 Ski Season

Updates & Improvements for Season Upon Us



Updates to the main chalet include installation of a concrete walkway from the patio to the Exhibition lift, installation of accordion doors leading to the large patio so the main room can open to outside on nice, sunny days, and a new bar area in the upstairs Sunset room.

BY KATE BARTLETT

As North America's largest private ski area, HoliMont continues to offer an exclusive social scene with premium events for skiers. According to Jennah

Bradley, Marketing Director with 5 years at HoliMont, last season couldn't have gone any better. "We had a great season, especially considering we are

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Holiday Valley 2023 Ski Season

Updates & Improvements to Ski Resort



This season, guests at Holiday Valley will see the implementation of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) ticketing and scanning. This will allow guests to purchase their tickets online, print out a reusable lift ticket (or season pass) at one of the PUB locations throughout the resort and go directly to the lift without having to wait in line at a ticket booth.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Holiday Valley is ready for the much anticipated 2022-2023 ski season. Continuing on the path of reinvesting into

the resort, over \$5 million in improvement projects took place at Holiday Valley during the off season, as well as the usual trail

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Sneak Peek

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EVLution... Page B1

Celebrating the Ever-Growing Business Scape of EVL



For those who work and live in Ellicottville, Fall Fest is a pivotal time of year. It serves as a close of one year and the beginning of a new. Each Fall Festival The Villager has a special segment to report on the changes to the Village and Town that happened throughout the year. Now, with the calendar New Year creeping upon us, there are more changes we want to tell our readers about. In the short amount of time since the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, a handful of changes have become talking points in our wonderful little Town and Village. This is the EVLution...

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Ugly Sweaters, Blood Marys, Festivus & So Much More

The Anatomy Warehouse

New Gym Provides Fitness for Your Entire Being



Erica Dix and Chris Laury are co-owners of the new Anatomy Warehouse fitness center in Jamestown, NY. Their vision was to create a space where people of like-mindedness could feel safe, welcomed, unjudged

BY KATE BARTLETT

Erica Dix and Chris Laury are co-owners of the new Anatomy Warehouse fitness center in Jamestown, NY. Their vision was to create a space where people of like-mindedness could feel safe, welcomed, unjudged and be able to reach, surpass and grow in their fitness goals. "We feel like we have succeeded in creating such a space and have already seen how quickly gym relationships and support systems have bonded in our space as members are constantly encouraging and supporting each other."

Erica brings along nearly 15 years of exercise/

SEE "ANATOMY" PAGE B6

Compass Cycling

Rochester Fitness Co. Instructs at HoliMont



Compass Cycle+Flow is a boutique fitness studio founded in 2016 by two sisters, Ashley Biryala and Nicole Branagan. Biryala and Branagan, who started Compass in Rochester, both loved rhythm cycling, but saw the need for a studio centered specifically on cycling.

BY KATE SCHULTZ

Whether you're an experienced cyclist or are looking for a way to switch up your fitness regimen, Compass Cycle+Flow can provide you with both a workout and camaraderie while you sweat. Compass Cycle+Flow is a boutique fitness studio founded in 2016 by two sisters, Ashley Biryala and Nicole Branagan. Biryala and Branagan, who started Compass in Rochester, both loved rhythm cycling, but saw the need for a studio centered specifically on cycling. They wanted to create a space - physically and mentally - where people could tune out the "daily grind" and focus on the activity within a

SEE "CYCLE" PAGE B8



Publisher's Word

"Christmas Time is Here and We have a Few Gifts for You!"



Thank you for sharing some of your holiday with us. We have prepared an interesting read for you. On

these pages you will find the history behind some of your favorite events and traditions of the season as well new plans that our local businesses have been working on for the upcoming year. Please take a moment to stop by a few of them; they have worked hard to help make your time here memorable. Whether you are inside or out, we hope you are warm, safe and happy! On that note, if you know an artisan,

business or event that would be a great feature, drop us a line, we'd love to share it with our readers; call our offices (716) 699-2058 or shoot me an email, info@thevillager.com. ~ Until next week, enjoy the read - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer
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Linda Opferbeck-Huffman... December 29th
Noelle Swanson... January 1st
Roslyn Johe... January 3rd
Vivian Swan... January 5th

Share the Warmth

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.

Winter Weather Notice

IMPORTANT NOTICE: The National Weather Service is calling for a large winter storm to arrive in our area over the Christmas weekend. Winter weather may cause hazardous road conditions such as high winds, icy roadways, slush and lower visibility. Be cautious while traveling and consider packing emergency resources such as bottled water, energy bars and spare blankets in your vehicle. Please respect the law and the well being of the other motorists who may be your neighbors and friends, who may have difficulty driving in these conditions. Consider stocking up on supplies in case the weather becomes inclement. Thank you!

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8th Annual New Year's Day Hike
Pfeiffer Nature Center, Portville NY, January 1st, 10am



conditions. This hike will take place at the Eshelman Property-1420 Yubadam Rd., Portville. The hike is free and open to the public. The hike will be canceled if we are experiencing extreme weather conditions. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration not required. For more information contact Pfeiffer Nature Center Administration Office 716-933-0187 or visit our website at www.pfeiffernaturecenter.org. Pfeiffer Nature Center is supported by United Way funding. Pfeiffer Nature Center- Where Science, Art & Nature Come Together.

8th Annual New Year's Day Hike at Eshelman on Sunday, January 1st. Hike start time is 10am. Hike Length: 1 hr-1.5 hrs. "A waffle is like a pancake with a syrup trap." Mitch Hedberg
Sugaring at Eshelman is a piece of our history that we still take part in today, so join us on our New Year's Day hike to our Eshelman Sugar Shack! This hike will be led by the boy scouts who assembled the new construction. Hot beverages will be served at the sugar shack upon our arrival. Be sure to wear sturdy walking boots and dress for the weather

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Annual Clothing Drive

Howard Hanna Agents Joins The Villager to Share the Warmth



The collection was started in their office in 2017 and still goes strong to this day.

By RACHEL FRALEY

Howard Hanna Real Estate is at it again with the annual "Share the warmth" coat drive. Our small office is located at 34 Washington St. in Ellicottville, and while we are an office filled with Realtors, we love helping our community!

The agents in our office are a very dedicated set of people who are committed to making sure that families in the area have certain needs met throughout the Winter and Holiday season. Every year beginning in December, there is a large, decorated box inside the office for donations that will get distributed to the less fortunate, to make their Holidays a little brighter.

Currently, we are in the midst of our annual

Howard Hanna Share the Warmth Coat Collection. Every year Howard Hanna pairs with The Villager to host the drive. The collection was started in our Howard Hanna office in 2017. Our mission is to collect new or gently used coats, sweaters, scarfs, mittens and hats all to benefit Salamanca Youth. Any size and brand is acceptable and greatly appreciated. Once a donation box is filled, an agent from the office, usually Tina Dillon, packs up the donations and delivers them to Sandy Brundage the coordinator for Salamanca Youth. A new donation box is then placed in the office and the process repeats.

This is the fifth year the office has collected donated items and we have already collected multiple, full boxes of donated

clothing. I would say that is pretty successful and a lot of families helped. You don't have to work in the office or be a realtor to donate, anyone is welcome to bring donations in. Sandy Goode told me "We even once had a woman who crocheted winter hats and brought them in to add to the donation box." "Every agent in the office pulls together to give it our all when it comes to lending a helping hand" agents stated when asked about Howard Hanna Ellicottville Office and the various charities, drives and causes the agents get involved in.

Our current donation box is almost full, but our need for donations is not. Nothing is too small and everything is greatly appreciated for Salamanca Youth. The office is also currently collecting non-perishable goods for both the food Pantry at St. Paul's and the Great Valley food pantry. As Rick Jackson says, "We are all one big happy family here at Howard Hanna". I invite all of you to become part of that family and donate to those who are so deeply in need this Holiday Season. Stop by the office Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm or Sunday 10am - 4pm. Myself or one of the other agents will be there and will gladly take your much appreciated donation.

Youth Citizenship Award

ECS Student Lita Conklin Receives Youth Bureau Award

The Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau is pleased to announce this week's featured Youth Citizenship Award recipient is Lita Conklin. Lita is the daughter of Christina and Dennis Conklin and is a senior at Ellicottville Central School. Lita has participated in several school and community activities. She has helped at breast cancer awareness fundraisers and has volunteered at her school's Dime Carnival and Family Fun Night. Lita has assisted Saint Jude's Hospital with several events, has been an elementary school class-room volunteer helping the youth of the community and has helped at the Empire Animal Rescue Society taking care of animals. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, has played

Varsity Volleyball for two years, earning a spot as Captain, and has played Varsity Softball for two years. In addition to Lita's school and community involvement, she has held a part-time job and enjoys skiing in her spare time. Academically, Lita has also worked hard and earned a number of awards. She has been ranked in the Top Five of her class and received Saint Bonaventure University's Leadership Award. Additionally, Lita has earned Jamestown Community College's Excellent Student Award, Jamestown Business College's Scholar of Excellence Award and Rochester Institute of Technology's Innovation and Creativity Award. Lita's future plans are to attend college and major in Forensic Psychology. She is described by her guidance counselor as a hard-working



individual who values education and helping others. Nominations for the 2023 graduating class are open. If you know an outstanding member of your community who is a senior in high school, you can nominate them for a Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award. For more information, please visit our website at Cattcoyouth.org or contact: Alison Crosson, Program Coordinator at (716) 938-2617.

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HoliMont Opening Day



First chair on HoliMont Resort's opening day!
(Top L to R/Dave Turlick, Harrison Cornelius, Finn Cornelius, and Taylor Perks)



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HoliMont Up Close

Debbie Stein Computed HoliMont's Future

By DAN BALKIN

Debbie Stein had a plan: Get a job at HoliMont and have the summers off so she could devote more time to her young family in the off-season. Debbie, however, posed a problem for HoliMont – the good type of problem! She immediately proved herself to be a vital cog in the HoliMont machine and has been working full time for 28 years! Debbie comes from nearby Otto, NY, attended school in the Village of Cattaraugus, has been married 41 years, and is the proud mother of two sons. Debbie grew up on a dairy farm and lives today with her husband on their own 225-acre farm where they have 125 head of Black Angus Beef. Debbie always had a strong aptitude for math, and these skills proved invaluable as Debbie straddled the two worlds of the family farm and the ski resort. Like every other business at the dawn of the computer age, HoliMont had to adapt to a new reality: the era of handwritten records was giving way to the era of complex computer skills. Debbie attended Jamestown Community College to hone her programming and overall computer skills. In 1996, HoliMont introduced its first payroll computer system powered by the DOS system. Debbie, seeing that someone needed to step up, had an



idea: She read DOS for Dummies! Do we see where this is heading? Debbie once again proved her value to HoliMont and took over the payroll job. This was, so to speak, only the first Gigabyte in Debbie's computer journey. A company from (where else!) Vermont called FCS was developing software for the ski industry. The program was called "Avatar Membership" and there were growing pains making the program work specifically for HoliMont. Once again, Debbie stepped forward to work with the programmers from Vermont to adapt the programs for HoliMont. At this time, Debbie was not the face behind the ticket booth, but as a modern version of the Wizard of Oz might say, "The woman behind the curtain." Working with FCS, she honed HoliMont's ticketing system for the computer age. HoliMont, despite being a private club with dues paying members, still relies on ticket sales

for a significant portion of its revenue. Once again, Debbie took it upon herself to be indispensable to HoliMont – she was still not getting summers off! Or winters! Several times Debbie has had to play HoliMont Super-Computer-Sleuth to discover why the ticketing system was not working minutes before HoliMont's lifts opened. Suspenseful? You bet. But Debbie always prevailed. Oh, and besides Debbie's role in modernizing HoliMont's computer systems, did we mention that she is also HoliMont's Human Resources Director? She has been at HoliMont for 28 years and has been the HR Director for 27 years. The HR job entails doing payroll, handling the benefits for HoliMont's 30 year-round employees, and participating in interviews. In the winter, the number of employees balloons to 400, and can even exceed

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Ring in the New Year at Holiday Valley on December 31st, 9pm



ELLCOTTVILLE, NY, – Come celebrate the end of a great year and the beginning of an even greater year! Join Holiday Valley as we ring in 2023 with a night full of skiing, friends and festivities. The celebration kicks off at 9PM in the Holiday Valley Resort Center as DJ Campbell Dawson spins tunes and entertains the crowd until 12:30AM. Cindy's Lift and the slopes it serves are open until 11PM. Intermediate skiers or better are invited to participate in the torchlight parade (hint: wear an old jacket and gloves, and kids please bring a parent). Meet at the bottom of Cindy's Chairlift no later than 10:50PM. Spectators can watch from the deck of The Lodge for a great view of the Groomer Parade, which starts at

approximately 11:15PM with the torchlight parade following at 11:30PM and the fireworks show beginning at approximately 11:45PM. Stick around and enjoy the atmosphere as the party in the Resort Center continues until 12:30AM. To our friends from north of the border, please join us as we celebrate Canadian Friendship week. From Monday, January 2nd to Friday, January 6th, all lift tickets and rental equipment are at Par when paying with Canadian cash or cheque. At Par is also offered for Canadian cash or cheque payments at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park, open Friday, January 6th through Sunday, January 8th. Overnight and extended stay lodging packages are available for the Inn, the Tamarack

Club and Holiday Valley Rental Properties. Rooms and rental units' range in size from cozy hotel rooms to spacious three-bedroom condominiums to romantic chalets overlooking the slopes or near the Village of Ellicottville. Enjoy slopeside lodging at the Inn or Tamarack, complete with heated indoor / outdoor pools, hot tubs and fitness rooms and shuttle service around the resort. The full-service Ellicottville Oasis Spa and John Harvard's Brew House are located in the Tamarack Club. Up to 2 children ages 17 and under ski and stay free with our midweek lodging packages, starting January 1st. For more information on lodging at Holiday Valley and upcoming events, visit www.holidayvalley.com.

2022 Demo Day @ Holiday Valley



Photos/Holiday Valley



This was definitely one of the best Demo Day's at Holiday Valley Resort in recent memory! Holiday Valley Staff would like to say, "Thank you to everyone who came to try out some new gear. And of course, thank you to The City Garage, Mud, Sweat n' Gears Ski & Snowboard Shop, The Boardroom Snowboard Shop and the awesome reps who came out to turn educate, turn screws and set dins!"

Debbie

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550 when all the volunteers are included. Knowing that Debbie has a family, a farm, a side business making "Steins Hot Mustard", oversees the computer system, payroll, and HR at HoliMont, we might even wonder where she finds time to watch a Bills game? Fear not. Debbie is

an avid Road Biker. In the summer, she loves to pedal her way through Amish Country and finds time to do the 550-mile Empire State Ride. The ride starts in Staten Island and ends in Niagara Falls. Like all other aspects of Debbie's life, this ride is tied to a higher purpose. She is among the roughly 200 riders who have raised \$1.6 million for Roswell cancer research. According to Debbie, "Summers find me

on my bike." Besides being indispensable, it seems Debbie is also indefatigable! 28 years ago, Pete Widger was HoliMont's GM and realized that Debbie was a valuable employee. German 101 tells us the word "stein" translates to "rock." Debbie Stein would be the first to tell us that she is a member of a great team, but she is also one of the rocks upon which HoliMont's success has been built.



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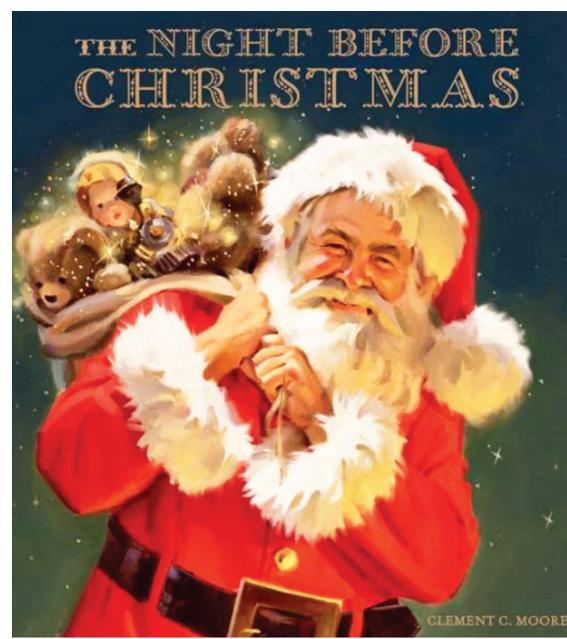
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In 1823 the world was introduced to "a jolly old elf" in a poem, "A visit from St. Nicholas," which we all know as "The Night Before Christmas."

Pole, etc. An endless search through the myriad of rabbit holes at Google and elsewhere on the internet reveals many variations (most similar) about the Santa Claus story. Since this writer could find no one with first-person accounts about Nicolas or Santa, this was the next-best source of information. At a website called saintnicholascenter.org we quickly discover how Bishop (now "Saint") Nicholas morphed into the jolly figure we now all recognize as Santa Claus. Yes, there really was a live Saint Nicholas, whose memory was brought to The New World by the first Europeans, the Vikings and even Columbus who named a Haitian port for St. Nicholas in 1492. Legend has it that the first Dutch immigrant ship had a figurehead of St. Nicholas; that St. Nicholas Day was observed in the colony; that the first church was dedicated to him; and that St. Nicholas comes down chimneys to bring gifts. Even with the Protestant Reformation dissing St. Nick (and all saints), the common folk loved him and he survived along with the customs of placing nuts, apples and sweets in shoes (the precursor to the more sanitary sock by the fireplace) left by beds, doorways, or by the hearth. By 1810 St. Nicholas was still the prominent figure in Yule celebrations but then things got badly out of hand when Christmas as a holy season was eliminated and celebrations became akin to street fights among drunken men. But things slowly began to change. Kids gained a newer status in family. (In the end, it's always about our responsibility to our kids, isn't it?) Instead of an extra pair of work hands, it finally

came to pass that people recognized kids were, well, children, not mini-adults. Finally, St. Nicolas returned to center stage, distributing gifts and tenderness to the little ones. Mention of an alternate name for the saintly Nick fellow appeared in 1821 in a book called *Children's Friend*. In it, "Sante Claus flew in from the North seated in a sleigh pulled by flying reindeer." Several years later (1823) the world was introduced to "a jolly old elf" in a poem, "A visit from St. Nicholas," which we all know as "The Night Before Christmas." Washington Irving's St. Nicholas helped redefine the image of the regal St. Nicholas into a cozy, round, pipe-smoking, elf-like St. Nicholas. Other artists and writers continued the change to an elf-like St. Nicholas, "Sante Claus," or "Santa Claus," unlike the stately European bishop. In 1863, during the Civil War, political cartoonist Thomas Nast began a series of annual black-and-white drawings in Harper's Weekly, based on the descriptions found in the poem and Washington Irving's work. As Nast drew Santas until 1886, his work had considerable influence in forming the American Santa Claus. Along with appearance changes, the saint's name shifted to Santa Claus—a natural phonetic alteration from the German Sankt Niklaus. Here's a twist. Sunday schools (which were initially against Christmas festivities) emerged, teaching thousands of kiddoes about Christianity. But it wasn't a heralding angel that bought Christmas (or kids) into the classes. No, indeed, it was secular Santa, that jolly old elf, Christmas trees and gifts that increased attendance not only in Sunday School but in churches. So, who is this Santa Claus guy? How can he stick around so long? See Dolly and Kenny's words: "I believe in Santa Claus, I'll tell you why I do, 'Cause I believe that dreams and plans and wishes can come true, I believe in miracles, I believe in magic too, Oh, I believe in Santa Claus and I believe in you." Keep believing and Santa will be around forever. Merry Christmas!

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of Skiing, page 100, they tell us, "The ski patrol was the first to carry the torches down Yodeler in the winter of 1958-59 to celebrate the New Year..." "The parade moved down Holiday Run led by Al Kohler in top hat and tails. Today {2002} the torch parade winds down Cindy's slope and can be viewed from the Club House Chalet." Dash Hegeman, Marketing Director at Holiday Valley who replaced Jane Eshbaugh after 41 years at Holiday Valley, (see article in Snow Industry News online archive, April 2022 "Holiday Valley Hires Marketing Director") tells us that "In January of 2008, we moved the Torchlight Parade from Cindy's back to Yodeler in celebration of Holiday Valley's 50th anniversary. There was a big party at the Yodeler Lodge in celebration of the milestone." In speaking with long-time skier, Corky Kantowski, he related how he had heard about the events at Holiday Valley (1958) and he and a friend came down for the weekend. They reserved rooms from Trudy Elsigan at the Edelweiss Lodge knowing there were not a lot of places to stay in Ellicottville. When they arrived, Trudy showed his friend his room, and then Trudy led Corky to a room, telling him to put his suitcase at one side of the bed because that would be where he would sleep. It seems the other side was rented to another skier, whom he did not know. He went to sleep on his side. When he awoke, he realized there was a body stirring next to him. The man turned to him and said, "Hi, I'm Dick Ferrick", and that's how they became friends for many years. The following



The ski patrol was the first to carry the torches down Yodeler in the winter of 1958-59 to celebrate the New Year... "The parade moved down Holiday Run led by Al Kohler (pictured above) in top hat and tails.

year, they stayed at Ellie and Dutch Roy's. The room was \$4.50 a night. His friend got a bed, but again, Corky was told, "we are overbooked." I can give you a chair to sleep in for \$4 a night, with breakfast included. Ahhhh, the good old days in that cute sleepy town called Ellicottville! Ski Patroller (now Western New York Ski Patrol Alumni Advisor), Joany Reynolds, shares the story about wearing maintenance coveralls during the torchlight parade. "The maintenance garage was near our Patrol Room. It was a guarantee that the sparks from the flares would leave our ski clothes spattered with tiny burn holes, so the coveralls protected us." Hegeman relates that "John Northrup remembers taking part in the parade in his youth and said the flares back then would almost always burn

a hole in your clothing." According to Kantowski, to this day, the flares are taped onto the handles of ski poles. At the final moment before descent, the flares are struck, and the thirty or so skiers head down. As Reynolds put it, "you hold your arms out like you are flying and begin to snowplow a zigzag down the hill." Imagine the sight of that giant sparkling S snaking down the hill. She remembers one skier who never liked to zig zag, came tearing straight down the hill, through the "S." Reynolds said, "it had to look like a huge dollar sign (\$) as he crossed through all of us." As for fireworks, Reynolds remembers one year (mid-sixties) when ski patrol director Bud Knapp and patroller Howard Cleveley took a box of

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maintenance. Guests will find a new and improved ticketing system as well as new trail features and builds. Improvements this year include the purchase of a new PistenBully 600 Groomer in addition to the continued upgrades to the snowmaking system and slope work. The Holiday Valley crew has started construction on a brand-new high speed 6-pack chairlift, which will replace the current Mardi Gras high speed quad (to be completed in summer 2023). Dash Hegeman is the director of marketing at Holiday Valley and has been helping crews prepare for the opening. According to Dash, last season at Holiday Valley “was a very good one when it was all said and done. Despite a bit of a slow start, we had a lot of excellent days on the slopes. We had some really fun powder days, some nice sunny bluebird days and cold temps that allowed our very dedicated team of snowmakers to do what they do best and cover the resort with a base of snow that lasted into April.” This season, guests at Holiday Valley will see the implementation of RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) ticketing and scanning. This will allow guests to purchase their tickets online, print out a reusable lift ticket (or season pass) at one of the PUB locations throughout the resort and go directly to the lift without having to wait in line at a ticket booth.”

If you’re a fan of The Terrain Park, look forward to some new park features. “The Terrain Park Crew has been doing a fantastic job so far this season putting together park builds that



The City Garage will host their Telestock event at Holiday Valley February 24, 2023. See the full list of this year’s upcoming events at holidayvalley.com

are fun and keep people coming back for more. Initially the weather didn’t give them a ton to work with but they’ve been able to truly make some magic happen out there and create some really good vibes for people coming here in search of park features.”

Guests will continue to find the Holiday Valley Snowsports Team with a great lineup of programs for both kids and adults. Most programs this year are similar to last season as it is a tried-and-true lineup. “Whether you have a young child who you just want to get out on snow so that they build a lifelong love of snowsports or you are an adult who wants to improve your on-snow skills, there’s a program for you.” Find more info at www.holidayvalley.com/winter/seasonal-coaching/

The Food and Beverage team at Holiday Valley has been very creative with the food that’s being offered throughout the resort. John Harvard’s has a new winter menu focusing on delectable comfort foods. For the beer lovers out there, 42 North Brewery created a Yodeler Winter Ale, which will be sold at John Harvard’s and the Yodeler Bar. And McCarty’s Café has a breakfast cookie that was just added to the menu; it’s the perfect little burst of

energy before you hit the slopes.

Holiday Valley continues to offer a Season Pass program for a variety of skier/rider types. Whether your goal is to get 100+ days in, or you’re a weekend warrior, or you just want to come a handful of times every Tuesday evening, chances are there is a pass for you.

Dash encourages readers to come out and try skiing or snowboarding. “Our Snowsports Team is here for you and highly trained to help you get comfortable sliding on snow. Additionally, if you’ve been skiing or riding for a while, there’s always more to learn and the Snowsports Team can help you take your skills to the next level.” On the events side, here’s what’s on the calendar this year. Look forward to a women’s specific ski clinic called “Your Turn” led by Lisa Densmore Ballard, a widely acclaimed coach and ski racer. The annual Telestock festival hosted by the crew at The City Garage will again be held at Holiday Valley. The Boardroom Banked Slalom race and the Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival is back for its second year. A complete list can be found at www.holidayvalley.com/activities-events/

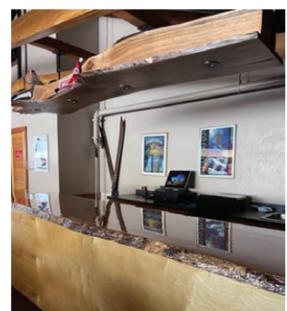
HoliMont

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still dealing with border restrictions making it hard for our Canadian Members to get here. We were able to utilize our new beginner area on our grasshopper slope. We had put in a new Conveyer belt and opened more space for lessons and activities. It was a great success and well utilized.”

This year, HoliMont is excited to unveil its new program HoliFreeSki. It is built for riders 8+ years who want to learn and challenge themselves in the world of free skiing. Through the program, skiers can enjoy learning new tricks and tasks in and out of the park and pipe. Competitions are available through the local USASA Series. USASA National Championships will be supported based on interest and number of athletes qualified. The team trains and competes in slope-style, air, and skier-cross disciplines.

Skiers will find a few changes at HoliMont this year. “We’ve moved our Rabbit’s Run (Magic Carpet) over to the grasshopper beginner area as well. Now there are 2 conveyer belts, which allow multiple skill levels in our beginner area.” Updates have also been made to the main chalet with the installation of a concrete walkway from the patio to the Exhibition lift, making for easier access to walk in ski boots or regular



Accordion doors installed in the Main Chalet open the room up to the outdoor deck area. The new bar area upstairs in the Sunset room gives guests and visitors another spot to enjoy.

footwear. “Accordion doors were also installed leading to the large patio, so on warm, sunny ski days, we can open the main room to the outside. This makes it easier for people to enjoy music and other activities that may be going on outside. A new bar area was built in our upstairs Sunset room giving another spot for our members and guests to hang-out, enjoy some drinks, and socialize.”

HoliMont will continue to offer a Trial membership program which allows members to sign up for a one-year trial period to test out HoliMont and experience the club with all the perks of being a member but no commitment. They also offer a Weekday Experience Day Pass which includes 10 weekday tickets as well as 2 half-priced tickets for a friend and 2 free lessons, all at a discounted rate. Visit their website <https://holimont.com/> for more information.

“We are all ready to get back to a fully “normal”

season,” says Jennah. “Our members have already shown excitement for opening day and Christmas week. We have been taking a lot of guest reservations and responses to some of the fun family events that we have scheduled, such as our NYE party and fireworks. Our staff has been gearing up for the season and has really come together to get everything ready to go. Every department works like a well-oiled machine. The teamwork and focus that our staff has is truly incredible to watch. You can feel the excitement from not just our members, but the staff as well.”

“Our premium snow conditions and grooming make HoliMont one-of-a-kind, but we also have an atmosphere that is unmatched. HoliMont is like a family. Everyone is so close with one another; kids grow up together and make lifelong friendships. HoliMont becomes your home away from home. It is an atmosphere like no other!”

Parade

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fireworks to shoot off on Greer Hill so people in the village could see them. Somehow, the whole box ignited at one time and the fireworks were over in seconds! Ahh, those good

old days!

Marketing Director, Hegeman states, “Over the years, it’s become a very collaborative event that many departments pitch in to help make it happen. Since it’s part of the overall New Year’s Celebration, everyone from Mountain Ops to Food and Beverage has

some sort of hand in the celebration.”

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Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department deputies shop for area families served by the Santa Sheriff Program.

A \$4,819 grant from the Santa Sheriff Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, established by the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Department to support the administration of the program in 2012, provided funds to purchase of gifts for the families.

For the last few years, the program has received most of its referrals through area school districts to school resource officers (SROs), said Sgt. Tonya Dry. This allows the program to better serve the children who benefit as the SROs are familiar with which children are most in need and have interactions with those children in school throughout the year. Sgt. Dry, who has served in a leadership role with the program since 2019, works closely with other area gift-giving programs and also takes referrals

for additional families to ensure that needy area families are assisted during the holidays. Since 2012, the Santa Sheriff Fund at CRCF has made possible over \$80,650 in grants in support of the Santa Sheriff Fund.

"The Santa Sheriff Program has been a steady source of support for area families in need for some time now," said CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit. "It touches your heart when you see the joy on the face of sheriff deputy shopping for the perfect coat or the perfect toy for a child. It is even more meaningful knowing that joy is only greater when a child sees that on Christmas morning."

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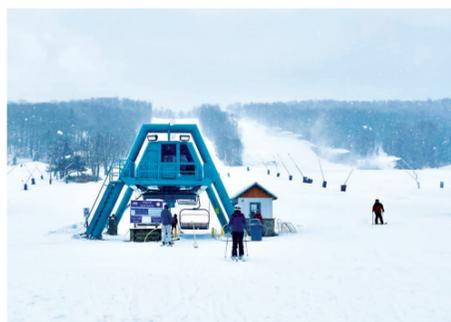
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For those who work and live in Ellicottville, Fall Fest is a pivotal time of year. It serves as a close of one year and the beginning of a new. Each Fall Festival The Villager has a special segment to report on the changes to the Village and Town that happened throughout the year. Now, with the calendar New Year creeping upon us, there are more changes we want to tell our readers about. In the short amount of time since the Canadian Thanksgiving weekend, a handful of changes have become talking points in our wonderful little Town and Village. This is EVLution....



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Ava Grace Fashions Moves to Monroe: Ava Grace Fashions started on Washington Street in two locations. The shop has so many things to choose from for personal purchase and gifts. Owner Jessica Maynard-Gilbert opened at 8 Washington St. then moved down the block to 24 Washington St. After a few years on the corner of Washington and Monroe she moved off of Washington to 23 Jefferson. And now she is moving once again to 20 Monroe St. taking the space Cupcaked is moving from. Gilbert told The Villager in an email about her changes this year, “23 Jefferson was a great move when I made it in 2021, but in retail, the foot traffic matters. When I move, I will still own the building and I will continue to rent The Loft upstairs via AirBnB and I will be renting out downstairs as office spaces with appointment-based business in mind; think lawyer or hair salon or spa services. It has its own parking so it’s great for that reason. But as Ariel from The Little Mermaid sang, “I want to be where the people are...” I miss the people.” Right next door to Cupcaked Ava Grace Fashions will be opening Thursday, December 22.

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Cupcaked Expands: Cupcaked is a confectionary/ bakery shop opened in Ellicottville in 2017 by Annie Coe at 22 Monroe St. Since opening, Coe has seen a successful growth and even had to open a shop for production in Orchard Park, but since she has found a new storefront with more space right next door at 24 Monroe Street. Cupcaked’s growth and success involves Western New York as a whole and weddings are a large part of the business. With their new larger space, they will be able to serve their best-selling Chocolate Peanut Butter cupcakes and Chocolate Chip Cream Cheese Dessert Bars along with all the other delectable treats they make in a more spacious atmosphere. Coe told The Villager, “We are adding in coffee and drinks and then we will also be offering milkshakes with some cupcakes and cookies on top and ice cream desserts! We will also have seating for customers to hang out and spend time in the new location. We are putting in a blue velvet couch as our staple piece for people to hang out on!” Grand opening is Thursday, December 22!

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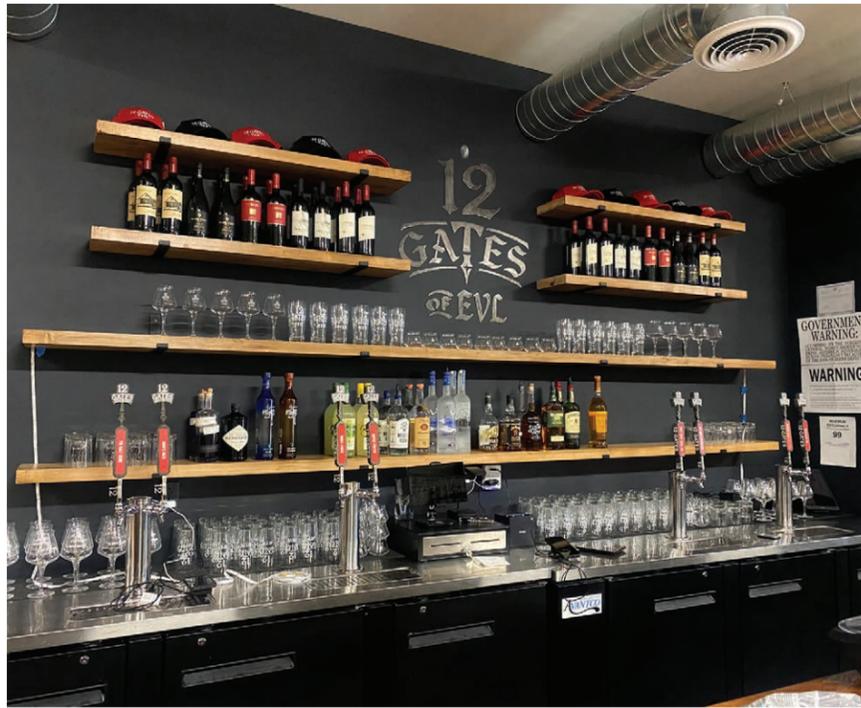
Ever-Growing Business Scape of Ellicottville



Bike, Burritos & Brew

Bike, Burritos & Brew • 11 Martha Street, Ellicottville • 716-699-2453

Bike, Burritos and Bean Partnered with 42 North Brewing Co.: Bike and Bean has been growing a lot since owner Dennis Baldwin opened his bike shop on Washington St. and started making and selling farm fresh burritos. He has since moved to 11 Martha St. around the corner from EBC in Ellicottville. Earlier this year 42 North Brewing Company opened some taps in the Bike and Bean store for in house consumption and to go beer as well. Bike and Bean/ 42 North Outpost is celebrating the start of ski season with extended hours during the holiday week. They will be open every day this coming week from 11am-8pm. Baldwin told The Villager that there will be guided Fat Bike rides throughout the season, weather permitting and to keep an eye on their Facebook and Instagram and Bike and Bean will have food specials daily as well. On Wednesday, December 28, 42 North Outpost is having a special happy hour event for the Ski community with raffle items from Mud, Sweat & Gears, live music with Travis Happholdt and will be donating \$1 from every pint sold to the Holiday Valley Adaptive Ski Program. Enjoy the “best burritos in Ellicottville” and try out the specials while sipping delicious craft beer.



12 Gates Brewing of Ellicottville

**12 Gates Brewing • 14 Washington Street, Ellicottville
716-699-1313 • www.12gatesofevl.com**

12 Gates Brewing of Ellicottville: 12 Gates Brewing started in Williamsville 7 years ago and has since expanded to Ellicottville at 14 Washington Street where Ratchet Hatchet used to reside. The new bar and restaurant located in this prime locale on the main drag serves their craft beers along with wines and a full bar. They offer “top quality sandwiches and soups” from their New York Deli style kitchen. They are currently open Thursday through Sundays and are excited to be a new part of Ellicottville with it’s influx of visitors from across the region.



Emerald Lounge

**Emerald Lounge Cannabis Products • 32 Washington Street, Ellicottville
716-548-2686 • www.emeraldeville.com**

Emerald Lounge Cannabis Products: A change in legislation has now allowed Marijuana to be consumed recreationally in New York. There are still legalities that have to be sorted out with the sales and such, but smoking and eating it can be done in a responsible manner and atmosphere, like Emerald Lounge located at 32 Washington Street in Ellicottville. Many people who know Ellicottville remember Tips Up Cafe and that is the same building where one can find Emerald Lounge and try tastings of many different kinds of cannabis. The upstairs portion of the building is a lounge with a “Budtender” where adults 21 and over can learn about the many types and try them in a comfortable setting with snacks and soft drinks available as well. They serve edibles too that are infused with the psychedelic compound found in marijuana - THC. The Emerald Lounge will have live music events as well and has a nice environment for the connoisseur of marijuana.

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EBC Expands to Little Valley

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Ellicottville Brewing Company Expands to Little Valley: EBC has grown a lot since its opening in 1995. They've expanded to Fredonia, Bemus Point and opened a second location in Ellicottville as EBC Tap + Bottle & Taqueria. They sell their craft beer internationally. Their newest endeavor is another expansion in nearby Little Valley at 202 2nd Street. They are excited about this destination location and all the opportunities that the large campus will afford them. It is located in a great spot for snowmobilers to visit on the trails that run through the county and Western New York and they will also have public events during peak season. The large building is perfect for weddings and other events including business groups as it holds up to 275 people. They will be serving Neapolitan style pizzas along with salads and sandwiches. EBC Little Valley opens Christmas week. They will be open Monday December 26, 2022 from 12-9pm - January 1. They celebrated with a soft opening last Thursday and they are ready to show off their newest enterprise just six miles from Ellicottville.

There is perpetual change happening in and around Ellicottville. The growth and new businesses are persistent and positive for the community. Though first known as a ski town, Ellicottville has proven all four seasons bring a reason to visit this ever-changing burg. Stay on the lookout for more changes all year round. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

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The Holidays in CHQ County

Ugly Sweaters, Blood Marys, Festivus & So Much More



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Snow is falling, Christmas is a week away and 2023 is just around the corner, but there is still plenty of things left to do in 2022. Take a visit out to Chautauqua County and you'll find some many great Holiday themed events taking place. From Mayville's Big Inlet Christmas (full article in last week's edition), to the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel's NYE Beach Party (yes, beach party, more info on this event below) there is something for every adult in the family to enjoy. Let's check out just a few of the upcoming festivities...

The Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House (located at 72 Main Street, Bemus Point NY 14712) is hosting an Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on December 23rd from 7-9pm. Come dressed in your best (or your worst) Ugly Sweater and join in some fun to kick off the Christmas weekend. There will be live music provided by DJ Campbell, hand-crafted Christmas themed cocktails and tasty Holiday foods. Reservations aren't necessary but you can always call 716-386-

2893 for more detailed information.

Brazil Lounge (located at 10 E. Fourth Street, Jamestown NY 14701) has a unique event. Their annual Festivus Party is on December 23rd, starting at 8pm. Festivus is a secular Holiday celebrated as an alternative to the stress and commercialism of the Christmas Season (source: Wikipedia.com). Brazil's party is back for another year with complaining, un-festivity, airing of grievances, and so much more. They'll have strong drinks (feats of strength), a Festivus pole, a grievance wall, and drink specials for those in puffy coats (or ugly sweaters)! They'll also have several fun holiday beers on tap and other festive drinks, and an appropriately (un)festive playlist. Really, it's just a reason for them to see all of you before the holiday, so head on out and air your Holiday frustrations at Brazil's Annual Festivus Party before Christmas arrives!

Don't forget to visit the Southern Tier Brewing Company's Empty Pint (located at 2072 Stoneman Circle, Lakewood NY 14750) on Christmas Eve from 11-4pm for their Ugly

Sweater Contest. Prizes awarded to the person who has the worst (or the best) ugly Christmas Sweater. The contest is at 2pm but the taproom itself will be open till 4pm if you want to pre-game for your Holiday celebrations by checking out one of their new craft brews. They've got a French Toast Imperial Ale and a Peanut Butter Cup Imperial Stout! There will be drink specials, Christmas tunes and the winner of the contest will receive a \$100 dollar taproom gift card with the runner up receiving a \$50 gift card. Don't miss your chance to win and have a good time!!

You can ring in the New Year with a beach trip right here in Chautauqua County. (I said what I said.) The Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is hosting A Beach Party on New Year's Eve starting at 7pm on December 31st. Reservations are required and you can call and book your stay at 716-489-2800. They are offering overnight accommodations and two-night stays (details available on thechautauquaharborhotel.com), so you don't have to worry about driving home after enjoying the drink specials and the included midnight toast. The cocktail reception is at 7pm, dinner stations open at 8pm and will have exquisite options to make a tasty evening. The open bar will have four additional opening hours and The Boys of Summer will be providing live entertainment from 8:30pm-12:30am. And when you wake up the

SEE "CHQ" LEFT

next you can visit the New Year's Day breakfast buffet from 8:30am-10:30am before your checkout at 11am. Beach attire is greatly encouraged. "Good times and tan lines; life is better at the beach" So give yourself a tropical themed break before 2022 becomes 2023 and it's back to the reality of winter.

And last but not least, January first falls on a Sunday this year and the first Sunday of every month at the Southern Tier Distilling Company (located at 2051 Stoneman Circle, Lakewood NY 14750) means it's time for their Chautauqua-famous Bloody Mary Bar at The Empty Bottle from 12-5pm (or until everything on the bar is gone). They have a



tone of great customizable options. You purchase the glass with ice and vodka at the main bar and then head over to the Bloody Mary Bar and tell them how you like it. They'll add your favorite mixer, whatever combo of spices, and then top it off with all the bottomless garnishes you can ask for. And to go with those tasty beverages, the Best of Buffalo by Bryon food truck will be there so you can snag some delicious buffalo wings,

beef on weck and more big city favorites.

Of course, these are just a few of the events that are happening in Chautauqua County for the Holidays. There are more family friendly events like Ice Bumper Cars at the Northwest Arena or Christmas with the Critters at the Audubon Nature Center. More information on these events and more can be found at tourchautauqua.com/events.

Holiday Camp for Ages 4-12

Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown NY, December 28th & 30th

Jamestown, N.Y. – At Audubon Community Nature Center Holiday Camps your 4 – 12-year-olds can enjoy a day or two of Audubon activities as the holidays wind down into the new year. The winter holiday can get a little hectic. On Wednesday, December 28, and Friday, December 30, 9-3pm, the camps give kids a chance to play and explore and take all their energy outside. From learning about sleeping trees to testing ice for strength, they can explore the outdoors and everything that winter has to offer. Part learning, part play, part exploration, Holiday Camps give all children the opportunity to connect with the natural world in a season usually underrated. Children need



On Wednesday, December 28, and Friday, December 30, 2022, Audubon Community Nature Center's Holiday Camps are an opportunity for kids ages 4 to 12 to learn, play and explore.

to dress for the weather and have extra clothing and winter gear for outside activities. They also need a packed lunch that does not need to be refrigerated. Cost for the day is \$48 for ages 4 – 12 or \$36 for Nature Center member children. Additional siblings receive a \$5 discount. Enrollment is limited. Paid reservations

are required by Monday, December 26, for the Wednesday, December 28, camp and by Wednesday, December 28 for the Friday, December 30, camp. For more information and to register, call (716) 569-2345 during business hours or go to AudubonCNC.org and click through "Programs and Events."

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Free Guided Nature Walk

Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown NY, Dec. 31st, 10:30am

Jamestown, N.Y. – As the year comes to a close, you are invited to enjoy a guided winter hike at Audubon Community Nature Center. You can join an Audubon educator for a walk on the last day of the year, Saturday, December 31, 2022, 10:30am – noon.

Winter is settling in, and plants and animals are preparing for the cold days ahead. Learn how creatures adapt to the changing weather and enjoy the winter scenery that the Nature Center has to offer. Take this opportunity during the holiday season to reflect on the past year, prepare for the future, and get a jump start on your new year's resolutions, all while learning about nature. After the hike, return to the center to warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.

Children are welcome as long as they are able to hike on snowy trails for at least half a mile or more. Remember to dress for the



Before any New Year's Eve celebrations begin, relish some peaceful moments in the outdoors on a free mid-morning guided walk at Audubon Community Nature Center on Saturday, December 31.

and Events."

Audubon Community Nature Center is located at 1600 Riverside Road, one-quarter mile east of Route 62 between Jamestown, N.Y., and Warren, Pa. You can visit the nearly 600-acre nature preserve, check in on the live birds of prey, and hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski more than five miles of trails dawn until dusk daily for free.

Reindog Parade Great Success



Earlier last weekend went to the dogs at the Chautauqua Institution. So many wonderful pups showed up for the Reindog Parade. The Reindogs and their handlers enjoyed a festive stroll around Bestor Plaza before "pawing" for a picture in front of the Christmas tree. Then, prizes were handed out. "Tried the Hardest" prize went to the three Dachshund siblings, Zephyr, Skelos and Corona, with handler Caitlyn. "Best Behaved" went to Keagan the Doodle with handler Rowan. "Best Costume" went to Ozzy the Poodle with handler Karen. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope you enjoy the rest of the Winter Village!

Lakewood Library is Reopen

Join us at 12 W. Summit Street as the Lakewood Memorial Library is now fully reopened. If you have any questions, please contact me at anytime for hours of operation and any special classes or events.

Christmas Eve Train Wreck

CHQ Rails to Trails Hosts Commemorative Event, December 24th, 11am

At 11:00 AM on December 24 Chautauqua Rails to Trails will continue its tradition of commemorating the tragedy at the site of the deadly Christmas Eve, 1872 train wreck near the Prospect Station trail head on the Alison Wells Ney Nature Trail. The earlier start time, for this year only, is a break from tradition. The trail head is located at the intersection of Prospect Station Road and Fish/Barnes Road. For

GPS purposes the trail head parking lot is near 7000 Fish Road, Westfield, NY. The day lives in infamy because a Buffalo, Corry and Pittsburgh train went off the trestle, causing the passenger car to fall 25 feet, crash and burn. Twenty-one lives were lost. Many descendants of the victims keep that dark day in mind even today. After a quarter-mile hike to the accident site, Chautauqua Rails to Trails President Emeritus Jim Fincher will speak and

relate the story of the tragic event. Current president, Bill Ward, will perform his original composition, "Christmas Eve at Prospect Station," which he cowrote with Mike Bratt. As a membership promotion, the first ten people to express an interest in joining the organization will receive a CR2T goodie bag. Light refreshments will be offered. For more information call President Ward at 716-753-2800

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One Vital Antioxidant Plays a Profound Role in Our Bodies

BY LILIAN DIRITO

Throughout the last few years in my natural health education and training I have learned about the importance of different antioxidants the body utilizes to keep the free radicals and toxins at bay as well as enhancing many different functions in the body systems. What I didn't know is that this particular antioxidant is so vital that without it there would be no transportation of oxygen into the cells. It also has a profound role in promoting healthy aging, it is also important for liver function and skin rejuvenation. This antioxidant is called glutathione and it's considered the master antioxidant. Glutathione (GSH) is an antioxidant present in plants, animals, fungi, and some bacteria and archaea. It is a critical regulator of oxidative stress and immune function. It enhances the power of the immune system to protect the cells against viral and bacterial invaders.

Glutathione has hundreds of important other functions, including: making DNA, the building blocks of proteins and cells, supporting immune function, forming sperm cells, breaking down some free radicals, helping certain enzymes function, regenerating vitamins C and E, transporting mercury

and some are completely gone. My skin pores feel tighter and younger, no puffy eyes. I have also noticed that I am sleeping deeper at night and it is helping my glandular-hormone system during menopause as well as helping with energy levels. Every single person needs glutathione and can greatly improve health and receive the benefits of this magnificent antioxidant. Little tip? It would be an amazing Christmas present for anyone interested in optimal health and face rejuvenation. It is available at Nature's Remedy in Ellicottville, NY. Stop by and try it! Check out the pictures of different testimonies. For more information, please call Nature's Remedy in Ellicottville at 716-699-4372 or visit at 26 Monroe St, Ellicottville, NY 14731 e-mail: naturesremedy@verizon.net Follow us on: [facebook.com/naturesremedy.net](https://www.facebook.com/naturesremedy.net) The information found on this article is for educational purposes only to empower people with knowledge to take care of their own health. Always consult your physician. We disclaim any liability if the reader uses or prescribes any remedies, natural or otherwise, for him/herself or another.

out of the brain, helping the liver and gallbladder deal with fats, assisting regular cell death (a process known as apoptosis), Supports detoxification, Supports healthy aging, Helps you increase lean muscle mass and Helpsto increase athletic performance. Researchers have found links between low levels of glutathione and some diseases. It is possible to increase glutathione levels through oral or intravenous (IV) supplementation. Not all the glutathione is the same. I highly recommend to use a glutathione internally and externally (for the skin) that has a "Hydrostat" nanotechnology in the formulation, because it delivers glutathione into the cells rapidly, in just seconds, by swishing in the mouth and applying on the skin with a spray bottle specifically designed. This cellular delivery is so important, because the glutathione molecule is very fragile and when it is taken through powder form, capsules, tablets, etc., the absorption in this form diminishes greatly due to the stomach acid.

I use this "hydrostatic" nanotechnology on myself and I have seen significant changes in the last six months, on my face, neck, chest, and hands. On my face, brown spots have diminished considerably

Anatomy

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fitness experience including participation in road races and multiple fitness competitions. She understands both the struggles and rewards that come with the fitness journey. "This includes everything from being new to being seasoned. The journey is mental, emotional and physical with highs and lows, as well as the amazing friendships and relationships built along the way." You will often see her at Anatomy Warehouse Monday - Friday from 9:30am-2:30pm and sometimes into the evening. When she's not at the gym cheering on her members, she's most likely at a sporting event for one of her children. Erica and her husband Dave live in Jamestown with their youngest son; together they have 5 children and 2 beautiful grandchildren. Chris Laury has about 15 years of exercise/fitness experience. "I started out as a competitive runner but after a running injury, I began lifting and found he much preferred the rewards and benefits that came from lifting over running. I can also relate to the mental/emotional/physical struggles that come with any fitness journey." You will often see him at Anatomy Warehouse before the sun rises. Chris and his husband Michael live in Bemus Point with their two children. Anatomy Warehouse has nearly 7,000 square feet and is filled with something for everyone and every level. "We have everything from cardio to strength training to powerlifting (including CrossFit ability) to a private group class area with its

own designated entrance." Anatomy Warehouse is equipped with some of the most up-to-date equipment which is also unique and one of a kind to this area. "It is our priority is to make you feel at home and offer the support needed to achieve your goals, no matter how big or small." "We believe that Anatomy Warehouse is truly your one stop fitness solutions center. We are a true 24-hour, 7 day a week, 365 days a year fitness facility and have something for quite literally everyone. We offer a full line of cardio equipment, nautilus equipment, free weights, squat racks, benching racks, powerlifting, cross fit and group fitness classes." Anatomy Warehouse officially opened on October 28, 2022 and held their Grand Opening once they received final equipment delivery on December 13. "We were grateful, and humbled, to have representatives from Senator Borrello's, Mayor Sundquist's, Assemblyman Gooddell's, City of Jamestown's DOD, Congressman Sempolinski's, City of Jamestown council's offices as well County Executive PJ Wendel in attendance; we were also surrounded by family members, gym family members and other pillars of the community. We are so grateful for this warm welcome and overwhelming community support." "Fitness is our passion. We can clearly see the need for what we have to offer and wanted members of the community to be able to have a place where they could have all of their fitness needs met in one location. The community is our inspiration. The general sense of family that encompasses us here is just amazing. Everyone that

comes through our doors is family to us, and as much as we have their backs on their fitness journey, they have ours with their support and encouragement." The name 'Anatomy Warehouse' came about from the idea that fitness is much more than your outer appearance. "It was a name that we finalized after throwing several different ideas out there. Fitness affects your mind, body and soul; mental and emotional...it's your entire being. We chose 'Anatomy' because fitness requires and improves your entire body, from the inside out. Our building is sort of like a warehouse so we decided to call ourselves Anatomy Warehouse." Fitness is more than a job, it's a lifestyle. "We love being able to spend our days with like-minded people that support and encourage each other. No matter how somebody's day went, as soon as they walk in, you can see the weight (no pun intended) literally fall off their shoulders. I love that we have the opportunity to provide a space where people can come and forget about the outside world for 30-60 minutes and focus on completely on themselves." "Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body, it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity." John F. Kennedy Anatomy Warehouse will be offering discounted membership rates for their New Year's promotion. Members who join from January 1 - 8, 2023 will have the sign-up fee waived. For more information follow on Facebook call (716) 488-7232 email theanatomywarehouse@gmail.com or stop down to their physical location at 20 Carroll Street, Jamestown, NY.

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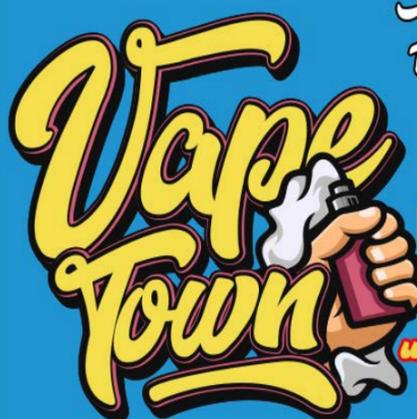


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Christmas is upon us and the skiing is getting better every day and the music scene rocks on. Let's see who's playing where.

The seven-day weekend starts Thursday at The Gin Mill with The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This couple plays a rock/folk/pop/country set of covers that feature some blazing guitar licks and smooth vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY: EVL Tap & Bottle Taqueria kicks things off with Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30pm. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers to accompany a Tex Mex menu. Try one of the selection of margaritas or one of the many beers available for takeout.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. This duo has been playing in EVL since I can remember. Try one of the 37 beers that are on tap.

Balloons will have Andre the Giant Redhead in the sound booth playin some

thumpin for the bumpin on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigan's will have EVL's only wood stove fired up and the sound booth cookin with DJ SI layin down the sauce so you can do the floss in the window from 9-2am.

SATURDAY: Madigan's brings back DJ SI puttin the funk in the trunk so you can slake your junk from 9-2am. Try the foosball and pool tables for a little competition.

If you're looking to dine out Christmas Day Villaggio will be doing their AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night from 5-9pm. Tui Osborne will return with music next week.

Monday is Strings and Wings from 4-10 pm with Brianna Blankenship from 6-9pm. This former American Idol contestant plays a country/pop set of originals and cover while you chow down off 75 cent wings.

The Gin Mill joins the Monday fun with Two

Guys Drinking Beer from 7-10pm. These guys play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm Sun-Thur and 12am Fri, Sat. Open for breakfast 10-11am Sat, Sun.

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The Gin Mill will host The Chillbillys Tuesday from 7-10 pm. rock/pop/blues/folk set of covers and originals.

Balloons will host Pat & Owen from 6-9pm Wednesday

We close out the weekend as we have for the last 39 years at The Gin Mill with Joe Wagner and Company and Wing Wednesday from 7-10pm. Joe plays a rock/folk/country rock/pop/blues set of covers you'll know the words to.

We hope you enjoyed your Christmas in EVL and keep coming back but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What was the Greatest Christmas Present You Got as a Kid?

By CHAD NEAL



The time of year has come where kids are seething in excitement. Christmas time is so very special and magical for children... and adults as well. Even though the meaning of the season is truly keeping the light of love through the darkness and cold that has in the past represented misery and evilness, the gifts make the light even brighter, especially as a kid. Tearing open beautifully wrapped boxes and finding the treasure inside is what keeps children mostly good

- as having that hung over their head as something that will not happen if they are not good is a strategic negotiating tactic. Memories of those wonderful and joyous Christmases are summoned by watching one's kids during this time of year. They (and we did too) ravenously rip open the packages under the tree that morning because at that moment it's all about the gifts.

What was the greatest Christmas present you received as a kid?



Joe L. -A bright red motorcycle! MX 100 trail bike. My mom and dad brought it inside by the tree and I was extremely excited! Even tried riding it in the snow that day.



Jeff S.- I got to come home from the hospital, I was very ill for several months. I remember sitting shotgun in the 1978 Caprice Classic and the song "Going home for Christmas" came on the radio.



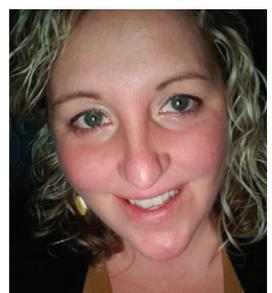
Corey N. - Remote control car that came blasting through all the socks and boring presents when I was 10.



Carrie L. - The talkboy from home alone.



Tara L. - My Atari that came with the ET game.



Laura K. - My Teddy Bear, Sara. I've had her since I was 5. She's been through a lot! Too many stories to tell!

Junior Explorers: Loaded Lumber

The Juniors Got Hands-On at Loaded Lumber Buffalo for the Holidays



EVEN AND ADDISON BARTLETT

Buffalo. The event was host-ed at Cookies and Cream, a cute ice cream and cookie shop in South Buffalo. We each made a one-of-a-kind nail string art, taking plenty of breaks for ice cream and cookies. And boy did we work up an appetite! Not only did our projects turn out great, but it was super fun too. We painted, used our own hammers, nailed them into a design in the wood, then looped the string to create our masterpieces. We hung them by the Christmas tree

at home, and are looking forward to bringing them out each year. In fact, we might just make this a seasonal tradition! Loaded Lumber Buffalo is a family run company run hosts a variety of DIY wood sign (pallet) parties, workshops and more! They host public parties at breweries, wineries and local craft room. Check out their full schedule on Facebook and at loadedlumberbuffalo.com/. Why buy, when you can create and make great memories?

This week we got into a hands-on holiday project with Loaded Lumber

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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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!**

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

Last Week's Puzzle:

4	2	9	1	6	3	8	7	5
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5	3	4	2	7	9	6	1	8
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EVL Village Board Meeting

Ellicottville Participates in Scenic Byway Kiosks

BY DAVE PARKER

The Village of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on December 20th. Mayor John Burrell announced some good news of a new large dump truck that was ordered by the Village is expected to arrive soon after many months of waiting. The Village's old dump truck will be sold and has several prospective buyers.

SCENIC BYWAY

The Mayor attended a WNY Southtowns Scenic Byway meeting on December 8th. At the Byway meeting, the future funds that will be made available to local communities from the Buffalo Bills Stadium project were discussed. The Byway committee developed a proposal to use these funds to place informational kiosks at the new Bills stadium to highlight the communities along the Byway. Mayor Burrell put forth a motion for the Village to be included in this project and the Village Board approved. Restore New York Grants

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the recipients of the first round of Restore New York grants on December 20th. The Village's application was not selected for this first round of funds that will distribute \$102 million to 64 community projects around the state. In Western New York, the communities of Westfield (\$1.5M), North Tonawanda (\$1.5M), and Olean (\$1.25M) were awarded funds for

community improvement projects. Applications for the second round of Restore New York funds are being accepted through January 27, 2023. The Village is still awaiting results for the New York Forward grant application. Consulting services to develop these applications for the New York Forward or Restore New York have cost the Village nearly \$20 thousand.

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

In the update from the Planning Department, Greg Keyser highlighted the applications being worked on by the department and the Planning Board. Applications that were detailed by Mr. Keyser were a Zoning Map amendment requested by Michael Nickolson for 39 Mill Street. A public hearing in January was approved by the Village Board. Also, a recent application for a cannabis lounge at 32 Washington Street received discussion along with the next steps for the Planning Board to form a committee to update the zoning codes to handle cannabis applications.

1-5 E. WASHINGTON STREET PLAZA

Mr. Keyser also reviewed a letter from Ellicott Development which owns the property at 1-5 East Washington Street and has submitted an application to the Planning Board for a change of use of the property to add the new Ratchet Hatchet location, Honig and Willig Law Firm, and a bakery to this

plaza. The letter also details plans for parking and requests a variance for parking requirements from the Village to fill the long-vacant spaces in the plaza.

STREET RECONSTRUCTION

Engineering Supervisor Ben Slotman detailed many of the Village and Town Engineering projects. Mr. Slotman and the Board also reviewed a request for proposal that will be released to receive bids for engineering services for Village Street reconstruction. The goal of this project will be to address the streets, sidewalks, and drainage of several problematic streets in the Village. The Mayor and Board also discussed future funding for any recommended drainage improvements which are expected to cost over \$2 million. The potential for a bond to finance the drainage improvements was discussed along with the potential tax impact.

RESIDENT CORRESPONDENCE

Before adjuring into the executive session, the Mayor and Board reviewed correspondence from residents. A crosswalk request near Tops was discussed but the request will need to be directed to the State due to involving 219. Also, a letter to address water and sewer rates for single residents with low usage was reviewed. For full meeting details and other Village news please visit the Village's website at ellicottvillegov.com/village.html.

Cycle

CONT. FROM COVER

supportive and communal atmosphere.

The studio has been successful in Rochester, and another passion of the sisters' is skiing - they've hit the slopes at HoliMont for years. Biryala says that she and Branagan had the desire to expand their reach, and they decided to pursue a partnership with HoliMont due to being in Ellicottville on a regular basis during the weekends of ski season. Why not combine their love of skiing with their cycling classes? During January and February 2022, Compass began holding sessions at HoliMont, and the classes will continue to be offered this year. They will begin on December 29th and continue through January and February. This year, Compass will also add occasional yoga classes to their repertoire at HoliMont.

There are different types of cycling classes offered by Compass, but the commonality between these classes is the physical



Founders of Compass Cycle + Flow and Sisters, Ashley Biryala and Nicole Branagan, are natives of Rochester and very excited to bring a unique fitness experience to the community.

setting - a candle-lit room, upbeat music, and no phones to allow cyclists to be fully present in the moment with themselves and each other.

A unique feature of Compass's website is a link to each instructor's individual Spotify account in their bio, so you can get a sense of what kind of music each instructor uses. Another great website feature is the interactive scheduling, so that when you choose your class, you can also choose your location/ "seat" within the classroom.

In addition to Biryala

and Branagan, their younger sister, Bryana, is also an instructor. The Rochester Compass team has expanded to include numerous instructors for cycling and yoga. The cycling schedule for this season at HoliMont will be Saturdays at 8 & 10:45 a.m.; occasional Sundays at 9, with yoga TBD. Sign up at the Compass Cycle+Flow website; the schedule will specify the location of the class (Rochester or HoliMont). Class participants can book up to 2 weeks in advance. Kick-start your new year with fitness and fun!

Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



Electric Hair Dryer 1928

OBITUARIES

~ William Carl Althans, 11/7/1934-11/25/22 ~



undertakings, his career as a sales distributor for Piper aircraft was outstanding. His huge passion for flying enabled him to pursue his love of travel. Bill was a genuine family man at heart whose world centered around his wife and their three children. His larger-than-life personality was reflected in his array of hobbies. Whether it was spending winter weekends skiing on the slopes at HoliMont with family, summers on the Outer Banks in Hatteras, or numerous seasonal hunting trips, he always knew how to make a good time better! Knowing Bill, he always thought he needed to be somewhere other than where he was...in a hurry!!

Bill never met a stranger. He was a man with a sharp mind, sharper eyes, quick wit and a quick comeback. He had a huge close circle of friends throughout his amazing life who unanimously nicknamed him "Wild Bill". He strongly believed that life was meant to be fun. His love of people, storytelling, predictable jokes, and contagious laugh are already terribly missed. We find comfort in imagining him now at peace flying a Piper Cub, driving a Jeep wherever four-wheel drive

could take him, gathering the family for a big reunion, or sitting in a duck blind waiting patiently...always with his black Labrador by his side! He was more than a father, a son, a mentor, a friend, a husband...he is our hero! Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Carling Althans, and his daughter, Kimberly Althans Thomas. Survivors include his son, William Carl Althans, Jr. (Diane); daughter, Suzanne Althans Baldrick (Stephen); son-in-law, Reid Lambert Thomas; brother-in-law, James Richard Carling (Katharine); grandchildren, William James Althans (Lilia), Carl William Althans (Katherine), Jordan William Baldrick (Diane), Andrew Stephen Baldrick (Theoni), Carling Hannah Baldrick, and Samuel Reid Thomas; and five amazing great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held to honor his spirit at The River Road South Cemetery in Gates Mills, Ohio, in the Spring. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 612 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com.

~ Leslie (Les) B. Fox Jr. 10/16/1930-10/12/22~

Leslie (Les) B. Fox Jr., passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 12, 2022, four days before his 92nd birthday, at his former home, Foxdale, in Great Valley, NY.

Les was born on October 16, 1930 in Salamanca, New York, son of the late Leslie B. Fox Sr. and Lize (Meares) Fox. Les retired as Lt. Col. after 22 years in the US Air Force serving his country as a pilot in Greece, Japan, Spain, and various bases around the U.S. He served in Vietnam as a forward air controller ("Birdog") and liaison with the South Vietnamese.

Les is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary Jane Noeller, two sons,

David Fox of Austin, TX, and Timothy Fox (Carolyn) of Champagne, IL, two daughters, Kate Fox and Sarah Livingston (Dennis) of Austin, TX, and Timothy Murphy (Jennifer) of St. Petersburg, FL, eight grandchildren and four nieces. Besides his parents, Les is predeceased by a brother, John, of Binghamton, NY.

After his retirement, Les worked with his wife, owner of the Barn Restaurant in Ellicottville, NY. Les was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Ellicottville American Legion serving on its honor guard. He enjoyed singing with the Keynote Chorus and served

medical transportation for the Interfaith Caregivers for 20 years. Les loved spending time in the woods at his home in Foxdale where he tended his trees and cut firewood. He was an avid skier at Holiday Valley and resorts in the West.

A celebration of life will be held on December 29 at 3:00 PM at St. Paul's Church in Ellicottville, with a reception following at the Great Valley Fire Hall. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Church, PO Box 656 Ellicottville, NY 14731. Arrangements are under the direction of Mentley Funeral Home Inc., 411 Rock City St. in Little Valley.

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TOWN OF MANSFIELD: TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the next meeting of the Mansfield Town Board is scheduled for December 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. By Order of Town Supervisor Carl Calarco and Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk

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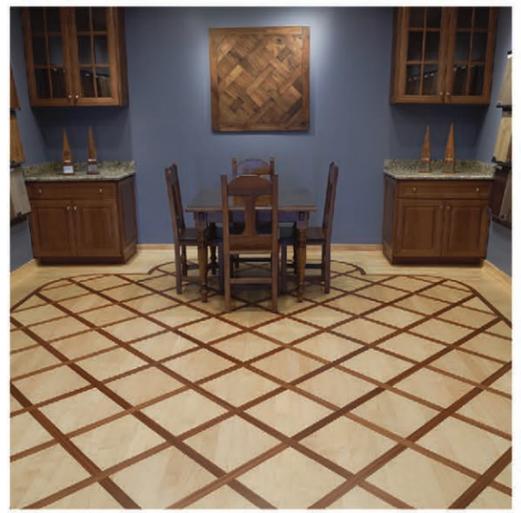
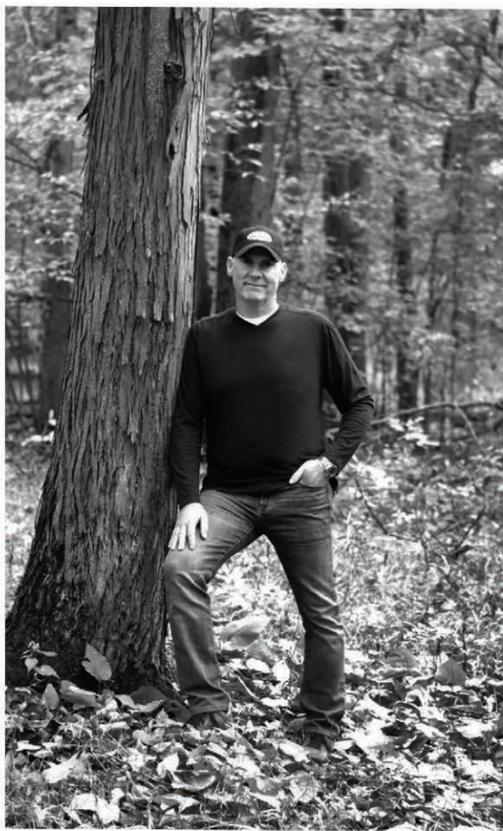
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