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

**LEARN TO SKI/SNOWBOARD**  
Monday, January 9th • 10:30am  
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

**FAT BIKE RIDES 2023**  
Friday, January 13th • 6:30pm  
Allegany State Park, Salamanca

**WINTER BLUES WEEKEND 2023**  
January 20th - 22nd • Time Vary  
Local Hot Spots, Ellicottville

**LEARN TO SKI/SNOWBOARD**  
Monday, January 23th • 10:30am  
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

**YOUR TURN WOMEN'S CLINIC**  
January 25th & 26th • 8am  
Holiday Valley Resort, Ellicottville

**CONTRACTOR'S DAY 2023**  
Friday, January 27th • 8:30-4:30pm  
HoliMont Resort, Ellicottville

**WINTER 5K SERIES**  
Saturday, January 7th • 9am  
Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, Celoron

**WINTER SHOWCASE 2023**  
Friday, January 13th • 7pm  
Fredonia Opera House, Fredonia

**ELAINA ALSTON LIVE**  
Saturday, January 14th • 4-7pm  
Southern Tier Distilling, Lakewood

**FENTON LIBRARY LOCK IN**  
Saturday, January 14th • 10am  
Hall House Center, Jamestown

**LITTLE EXPLORERS: SNOW**  
Saturday, January 14th • 10am  
Audubon Nature Center, Jamestown

**BONFIRE & BREWS PARTY**  
Sunday, January 15th • 11-6pm  
Peek' N Peak Resort, Clymer

**OBSERVATORY LECTURE**  
Thursday, January 18th • 7:30pm  
Martz-Kohl Observatory, Frewsburg

**TWO FOR FLINCHING LIVE**  
Saturday, January 21st • 9pm  
Peek' N Peak Resort, Clymer

**WINTERFEST 2023**  
Saturday, January 21st • 1:30pm  
Bemus Point Tap House, Bemus Point

**MONTHLY OVERNIGHT CAMP**  
Saturday, January 21st • 10am  
Camp Onyahsa, Dewittville

**DOORS OPEN JAMESTOWN**  
Saturday, January 28th • All Day  
Greater Jamestown, Jamestown

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

## Catt. Co. IDA Successful '22 Great Year for Economic Growth; 17 New Projects



The Great Lake Cheese company retained over 200 current jobs from the current Cuba location and predicts nearly 250 additional jobs in the future.

BY DAVE PARKER

Corey Wiktor, Executive Director of the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) took some time with The Villager to review a hugely successful 2022 which saw his agency

support 17 new economic development projects with over \$147 million of investments in Cattaraugus County. *Corey (CW)* and *The Villager (TV)* looked back at the past year and what is on the horizon for 2023.

SEE "CCIDA" PAGE 6

## Contractor's Day at HoliMont Ski Club Hosts 38th Annual, January 27



Between 600-700 people attend to promote their businesses, meet with their fellow contractor colleagues, and set up their own displays while perusing others.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It's a brand-new year. We all begin with a seed of an idea for something new, something different, even if we don't say it out loud. We observe tiny seeds of others' ideas sprout at every turn, even the ones that

seem far-fetched or impossible: A wee bakery tucked away in Great Valley, a bikes and burritos shop in an old mill, a tiny catering service turned into Dina's empire, a rough fur barn turned elegant into The Silver

SEE "HOLIMONT" PAGE 7

## Heroic Buffalo Blizzard Stories City of Good Neighbors Always Rises to the Occasion



The Alabama Hotel in Basom, NY had not hosted overnight visitors for decades, until the Christmas blizzard.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Buffalo is known as The City of Good Neighbors, and the Christmas Blizzard last week again proved this to be true. Several stories have gone viral on social media, including the stranded motorists who took shelter overnight in a



Target store, and young men who shoveled tirelessly to help get into a rescue dog facility. Several people took strangers into their homes to protect them from frigid temperatures and quite possibly saved their lives.

SEE "BUFFALO" PAGE 8

## The Heart of Holiday Valley What Makes the Ski Resort Unique



From an industry standpoint, Holiday Valley is unique because of its continued commitment to reinvesting back into the resort and the guest experience which has been regularly recognized by SKI Magazine Reader Resort Survey.

BY KATE BARTLETT

With ski season upon us, we're fortunate to have one of the areas top ski resort destinations at the heart of Ellicottville. Skiers and snowboarders travel from

Buffalo, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Ontario to hit the slopes with family and friends. Let's take a look at what makes this snowbird's paradise so unique. Dash Hegeman is the

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Issue...

Photos: **New Years Celebrations**

Highlighting Events throughout the Area ... Pgs. 10 & 16



## Chautauqua Institution 2023 ... Pg 9

150th Season Highlights: June 24 - August 207, 2023

The season launches with acclaimed blues singer, guitarist and songwriter Bonnie Raitt and includes lectures from Jordan's Her Majesty Queen Noor, NPR puzzlemaster Will Shortz, "The Goonies" and "Stranger Things" actor Sean Astin, and political commentator Bill Kristol.

Business: **EVL Snow Sport Shops ... Pgs. 6-8**

## Fenton History Center

Governor Reuben Eaton Fenton



Along with Fenton's legacy as a politician, his family home at 67 Washington Street in Jamestown, now Fenton History Center, serves as a center for education and preservation of local heritage. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the Italian-stye villa was designed and built by local architect, Aaron Hall in 1863.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

There have been 57 Governors of the State of New York since 1777 with less than 20% of them coming out of Upper NYS. Reuben Eaton Fenton, born on the Fourth of July, 1819, served as a U.S. Representative and Senator (this is last, after his Governorship) and was elected as the 22nd Governor of NYS. For trivia fans, he had a Lieutenant Governor (Thomas Gold Alvord) whose nickname was "Old Salt." As an ardent supporter of President Abraham Lincoln, this Democrat joined the National Union Party - aka Republican. In fact, Fenton was a key

SEE "FENTON" PAGE 12

## Town of Ellicottville in 2022

Accomplishments of 2022, Projects of 2023



Ellicottville's Town Center has reopened after a year-long renovation project. This effort removed asbestos from the facility, updated the facility's infrastructure including a new boiler and heating system, and many other enhancements to make this facility home for many Town/Village departments and the Cornell Cooperative Extension program.

BY DAVE PARKER

2022 was a busy year for the Town of Ellicottville. Town Supervisor Matthew McAndrew detailed the highlights of the Town this past year. Water projects were a top focus this year with planning completed on the Capital Water Project and funding in place for the 2023 construction of new water system infrastructure and updates. Another accomplishment for the water system was the finalization of the Ellicottville Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) which will lead to initiatives to protect water source areas through revised zoning to limit risks

SEE "TOWN" PAGE 12







# Publisher's Word

"The Western New York Vibe!"



Buffalo is renowned as the "City of Good Neighbors". Stories make national headlines weekly of the kind gestures and acts of faith happening in Western New York. Its contagious. The more kindness that is given, the more is returned. In this day and time when everyone has been hit with so much, it is a great vibe to spread indeed. Kate Bartlett has shared with us some personal experiences that made national news during the Christmas Blizzard, she will continue to do so next week with a feature on the Bill's Mafia and the donations they raise. Do you have a story you would like to share on your good neighbor? Please send our way, we are always looking to spread the good vibe: info@thevillager.com. ~ *Until next week, yours in writing - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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

## Ray Evans Seneca Theater

Salamanca Theater Thanks Community for Wonderful 2022



The Ray Evans Seneca Theater says 2022 was a year filled with some great memories! They wanted to give a big thank you to all of the cast, crew, volunteers and all of their patrons that made our 2022 season possible. Stay tuned for all the great shows to come in 2023!!

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# 2023 Halloween Half & 5K

Endurance Factor Events Announces Registration is Open for This Year's Run

2023 has officially began and it's never too early to start planning for your favorite event. Endurance Factor Events announces that Registration is OPEN for the 2023 EVL Halloween Half & 5k on October 21st in Ellicottville! New Year, new goals. Sign up now for the lowest price of the year. Discounted entries are limited so sign up now before they are gone. Save on Happy Half entries by signing up for the EVL Half before January 15th (Info on the race website). Details and sign up at [www.evlhalf.com](http://www.evlhalf.com)



## Jay Leno to Perform Live

Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, March 18th, 2023, Ticket on Sale Now

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (December 19, 2022) –Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino delivered a very special holiday gift to comedy fans today. The legendary Jay Leno will perform in the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, March 18 at 7pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, December 23 at Noon! Jay Leno is one of the biggest names in entertainment history. Starting his career in the 1970s, Leno quickly became a sought-after stand-up talent, and he also made several appearances in television and movie roles. He became a regular substitute host on "The Tonight Show" in 1986, and then replaced the legendary Johnny Carson as the show's permanent host in 1992. Leno was watched by millions of people every night as "The Tonight Show" host from 1992-2009, and again from 2010-2014. Even while serving as host of one of the most popular late-night television programs ever, Leno still performed up to 150 stand-up shows each

year. After retiring from "The Tonight Show," Leno went on to host "Jay Leno's Garage," which is now in its seventh season. He has appeared in numerous films and held recurring roles on animated series like "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy." An Emmy Award winner, Leno was inducted into the Television Hall of Fame in 2014. Don't miss this special one-night performance! This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets on sale December 23 at Noon! Tickets start at \$45. TO PURCHASE TICKETS for Seneca Resorts & Casinos Shows: Seneca Resorts & Casinos uses all paperless ticketing for all events at all of its properties. Tickets may be purchased online at [SenecaNiagaraCasino.com](http://SenecaNiagaraCasino.com), [SenecaAlleganyCasino.com](http://SenecaAlleganyCasino.com) or [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com). Tickets may also be purchased in-person at 8 Clans inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino or The Logo Shop inside Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. A secure link, sent by either e-mail or text,

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## Wishing Everyone a Happy 2023!



The Ellicottville Team of Keller Williams is "Wishing a Happy New Year to our clients, customers & friends as 2023 begins. Working with you in 2022 has been a pleasure, and we hope you will choose us again in the New Year. Your motivation and support this year have been greatly appreciated. May your year be filled with joy and happiness. A New Year is here! Cheers!" Photo L to R: Jennifer Courtney, Alex Obenauer, Brooke Szaipacher and Dave Blanchard.

## "A Little Something"

Tri-County Arts Council, Small Works Member Show, Through Jan. 14th

"A Little Something", NY 14760 perfectly sized for holiday gift giving. This show is featuring over 90 pieces remaining featuring painting, pottery, jewelry and more from over 55 artists across the region. The third annual "A Little Something" Small Works Members Show is live now through January 14th in the Peg Bothner Gallery at the Tri-County Arts Council, 110 West State Street in Olean NY.

Featuring 55 artists and 90 works of art, in a wide array of styles and media. All perfectly sized for gift giving or to add to your own collection! They're open Tuesday - Friday 12-6 & Saturday 12-5 at 110 West State St in Olean.

They have a gift for everyone, such as paintings, pottery, glass work, fiber art, jewelry, suncatchers, note/gift cards, gift certificates and much much more!

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Artist statement: "So this is what happened. My passion evolved slowly from 2003 stained glass class to 2006 window project for the music room in my house we were building. A gallery show, a newspaper interview, the CACC Routes to Art Studio tour 2009 to 2014 led to the entry into the realm of art festivals. I loved to upcycle and I tried to combine glass with things abandoned. My background does



"Pick Up the Pieces" Mirror, Stained Glass, \$170 by Karen Fitzpatrick of Great Valley, NY

not include a formal education in art, rather music inspiration is often a song lyric. I utilize my own photographs, solder sculpting, metal, wood, tumbled glass and add more of a soulful voice. I enjoy interpreting your ideas and composing a piece that's "Just Fitz" your space."

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## HoliMont Update

Let It Snow? Dan Steinbar Amps Up Snow Production!!

By DAN BALKIN



Dan Steinbar would be the first person to tell you that snowmaking is a team effort – a big team effort with crews working around the clock for roughly six to eight weeks. That said, Dan is HoliMont's Electrical Coordinator and plays a very important role in a very electrified snowmaking system. Dan sat down with me and graciously answered many questions about snowmaking to provide information for this article.

Many people might be surprised to know that HoliMont's large, black pole mounted snow guns are world famous. Really? Really. A team comprised of HoliMont membership and HoliMont management collaborated to design, test, redesign and retest these guns many times over until they came up with a world-class product. The HoliMont snow gun was such a sensation that the club was issued a patent that has expired but was in place for twenty years. Famous ski areas in the Alps use the HoliMont designed snow gun, as do, to name just a few, marquee resorts such as Vail and Breckenridge.

The key components of a snowmaking system are electricity, compressed air, water, and an additive called Snomax. Dan explained that in Mother Nature's plan, actual water droplets in the atmosphere congeal into either rain droplets or snowflakes by bonding themselves around a core of dust particles. According to Dan, "Snomax acts like dust in the air to form a "nucleus" that enhances the formation of artificial snow. Snowmax is added into HoliMont's snowmaking system through three main water pumphouses. The amount of water that flows through the snowmaking system in the course of a winter is mind-boggling: Roughly 80 – 100 million gallons

per year. Depending on how ideal the snowmaking temperature and humidity are, HoliMont can run between 1,000 to 6,000 gallons of water through the system per minute.

Most of us unfamiliar with the intricacies of snowmaking would assume that if it is reasonably cold, say 28 degrees Fahrenheit, that the guns can spit out snow. Once again, Dan, being an expert in the field, explained that humidity also plays a huge role in snowmaking. In snowmaking season, HoliMont constantly measures temperatures using both "dry bulb" and "wet bulb" thermometers. The wet bulb reading also accounts for moisture (humidity) in the air. I asked Dan what were ideal snowmaking conditions? He said 15 degrees Fahrenheit and 50 per cent humidity is snowmaking nirvana. Like most things in this world, however, ideal is elusive. Our relative humidity in the Enchanted Mountains of Catt County often hovers between 80 – 100 per cent. Therefore, snowmaking is an art, not a simple exercise where the guns are merely turned on when the mercury dips below freezing. Dan said that HoliMont has a wide variety of snowguns, but many snowguns have three or four "banks" of nozzles that can be opened or shut depending on the interplay between temperature and humidity. The skill our snowmakers exhibit in

managing this constantly shifting balance is one reason that HoliMont is known to have among the best man-made snow – anywhere. Obviously, the more ideal the snowmaking conditions, the more water that can flow through the guns and the more snow that is spread on the slope. A typical HoliMont snow gun at minimum capacity (higher temp / higher humidity) runs at 20 gallons of water per minute; at maximum capacity with ideal snowmaking weather, 100 gallons per minute – a figure which sounded strangely reminiscent of water usage when my kids were teenagers and taking showers. And where does this blessing of plentiful water come from? We need look no further than the scenic Plum Creek which meanders through HoliMont. Water is pumped from Plum Creek to the smaller summit Saddle Pond (10 million gallons of water capacity) or the larger summit Horizon Pond (40 million gallons water capacity). As snowmaking water is drained during the winter, both ponds are typically refilled once.

I wish, in this short article, I could do justice to all the other contingencies / skills regarding keeping the snowmaking system operating. Dan touched upon. Let us just say that HoliMont is grateful to Dan for his three decades of snowmaking expertise.



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## Fun Fat Bike Rides 2023

Allegheny State Park Partners with the WNY Mountain Bike Association

The Allegheny State Park Environmental Education and Recreation Department and the Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA) are excited about hosting another year of Fun Fat Bike Rides on Friday January 13, February 17, March 17 at 6:30 PM, with the ride

starting at 6:45 Pm. Bring warm clothes, a helmet, a head light, and sense of adventure. Check in will be at Camp Allegheny. Although pre- registration is not required, if you are interested in borrowing a bike for the evening, please call (716) 379-6939, as bike availability is limited.

The 5-8-mile fun ride is for all levels and will last up to 2 hours, depending on the weather. Riders will wind through the Red House area of the park. If there is no snow, any bike is welcomed. For more information contact 716 379-6939 or email adele.wellman@parks.ny.gov



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Marketing Director with Holiday Valley has had fun sliding on the snow since he was two and a half years old. "I grew up here on the slopes of Holiday Valley. This is such an incredible place, especially in the winter. It's really an honor for me to be able to help spread the word about all the fantastic things that take place here and the awesome team of people that make it all happen."

Holiday Valley has a deep-rooted foundation of doing everything possible to help people have fun in the winter. "Seeing people come back to the resort, excited to hit the slopes, or about to introduce a friend or loved one to skiing or riding, that's the stuff that I enjoy seeing. There are so many people in this area who define themselves as skiers and snowboarders, that it makes the start of the season a very special time of year because so many of us (myself included) wait all year for winter to come back to WNY so that we can feel that thrill of sliding on snow again."

While every season is unique, Holiday Valley consistently feels the excitement and enthusiasm when guests hit the slopes. "It's awesome to see," says

Dash. "Personally, I'd love to see everyone to feel that way about winter. The Snowmaking Team is out there, working very hard to get more terrain open as quickly as possible so that we can continue to build on that excitement level."

"The people at Holiday Valley make us who we are. There are people who've been working here for decades. There are guests who have been coming here with their families for generations. Holiday Valley is a special place to so many people. People get married here in the summer. They vacation here year-round. They use sick days at work when we get an unexpected 10" of lake effect snow on a random Wednesday so that they can be first in line at the lift and get first tracks. And yes, that stuff happens at other resorts but here at Holiday Valley it's so noticeable throughout the entire resort. The energy level, especially as we start the season, is just so high that it makes you excited to be a part of it."

From an industry standpoint, Holiday Valley is unique because of its continued commitment to reinvesting back into the resort and the guest experience. It's something that not every resort is able to do and it's fantastic that Holiday Valley has such a long history of doing this. It has resulted in the resort getting high rankings in the SKI Magazine Readers Resort Survey. This



**Dash Hegeman is the Marketing Director with Holiday Valley.**

season Holiday Valley was ranked #6 in the east by SKI readers, which for a resort the size of Holiday Valley, is a tremendous accomplishment that everyone here is very proud of.

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."

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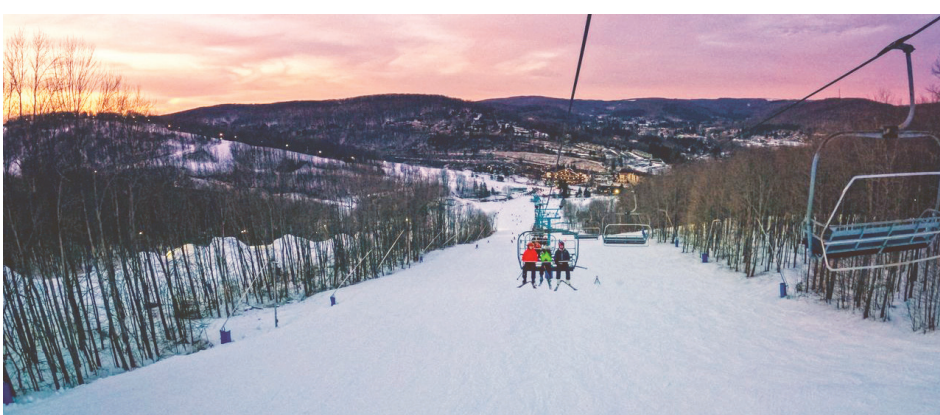
**Ben Graham is the Safety Manager at the Holiday Valley Resort. He's got an incredible passion for skiing and an upbeat attitude that people love to be around. Get to know Ben more at [www.holidayvalley.com/explore/blog/ben-graham/](http://www.holidayvalley.com/explore/blog/ben-graham/)**



**Globe Trotter Travels Names H.V.**



"Where in New York is 'holiday' not just a word but a lifestyle?" Holiday Valley Resort loves this line from Globe Trotter Travels. ([https://www.thetravel.com/best-magical-winter...](https://www.thetravel.com/best-magical-winter.../)) naming Holiday Valley as the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot out of 10 absolutely magical winter destinations in NY state.



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It can be challenging to choose the right equipment that suits your level and style preference. We demo almost all of the high-end skis on our wall and

usually in more than one size. With a greater variety to choose from, the better the chance our customers will find the proper ski. We also offer daily ski and snowboard rentals. Last season we added the "performance rental" to our fleet which gives customers the opportunity to upgrade to an all-mountain ski designed for hardpack, groomers and bumps.

For the 22/23 season we wanted to accommodate all who rip down the mountain standing sideways and our snowboard wall shows it! We have added Nitro, Public, Kemper and Whitespace, adding to our existing fleet that consist of Rome SDS, K2, Ride and Nidecker. These leading brands consistently deliver outstanding product year after year. We also carry a vast selection of boots and bindings from Union, Vans, DC, K2, Ride and Kemper.

The 22/23 season marks Rome SDS's twentieth

anniversary. Twenty years of heeding the call and living in pursuit of the next great day on the mountain all while keeping snowboarding core with every decision. To celebrate the twentieth anniversary Rome rereleased one of the most iconic Agent graphics from its Archives. The Rome team was working hard to improve the Vice binding. The vice is built for sleeper pow days that turn into full send afternoons with its legendary HOLD, found only with their AUX tech strap package.

K2 the OG ski and Snowboard company a true pioneer in 1987 K2 was also the first to engineer and launch women specific products known as the Women's Alliance. MSG proudly supports offering a full line up of K2 women specific boards to accommodate all skill levels.

Ride snowboards launched the all-new Sport Collection with do it all performance for all terrain riding. Pick from the Shadowban, Smoke Screen, or Saturday as your one quiver board. From park to pow to groomers or even that back bowl of pow Rides RSC collection is designed to perform!

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# CCIDA

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TV: What would you say are the most significant successes for 2022?

CW: The combination of the Great Lakes Cheese project in Farmersville and Cimolai-HY in Olean moving rapidly from application to approval to seeing actual progress with shovels in the dirt. It's a great testament to the commitment from the CCIDA Board, County Legislature, local leaders, and the companies involved. These two projects are forecasted to bring in over \$900M in economic benefits to County and Region. For Cimolai-HY, this project will offset many of the lost positions from the Siemens plant closure, and for Great Lake Cheese (GLC), not only were over 200 current jobs retained from the current Cuba location but nearly 250 additional jobs are forecasted.

TV: What were the most significant challenges faced by the CCIDA over the last year?

CW: Workforce development is the primary challenge. Many companies are attracted to our area but the skills and availability of the workforce are a gap that needs to be addressed. The CCIDA is partnering with Saint Bonaventure University, Jamestown Community College, our local WIB, BOCES, and others to develop a workforce that can meet the needs of potential employers.

TV: Are there any individuals or organizations who deserve credit for making 2022 so successful?

CW: I always need to give credit to the CCIDA Board because they were instrumental in making a lot these projects happen.



**Company to watch: Ellicottville Greens** was an application approved in July that supported their \$800 thousand investment in the Ellicottville area for containerized farming. They have a unique franchise model and take an environmentally conscious approach to food growing.

Also, the Cattaraugus County Legislature! They continue to go above and beyond to support economic development efforts. The Legislature was key to ensuring additional funding to finalize the Cimolai-HY project and GLC.

TV: What project sticks out as being under the radar and the community needs to know about?

CW: Ellicottville Greens was an application approved in July that supported their \$800 thousand investment in the Ellicottville area for containerized farming. I'm excited for them as they have a unique franchise model and take an environmentally conscious approach to food growing. They just seem to fit well with the vibe of Ellicottville and will be a company to watch.

TV: Were there any surprise projects that came out of the blue?

CW: In December, Ellicott Development Corporation was approved for a project to build two new high-end apartment complexes in Olean and Allegany. The Olean location will have 44 units and Allegany

will have 14 units. This is a huge benefit to the community which needs affordable housing to attract and retain young professionals, professors, and others who want housing that is low maintenance and walkable to area amenities. This \$14 million investment is telling that there is a demand in the Olean/Allegany community.

TV: For 2023, what upcoming projects or applications have the potential for the biggest impact on the County?

CW: The local manufacturing, food production, and brewing capabilities are strong to support additional investment this year. Also, tourism is expected to grow with Ellicottville as the epicenter for Cattaraugus County tourism. Ellicottville has become more than a town and village, it's a brand that will radiate tourism opportunities to surrounding communities. We're also in the initial stages of discussing a 200,000 square foot fulfillment center in Olean

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brands such as Stockli Skis, K2 and Salomon as well as Yeti, Birkenstock, FlyLow, Volkl and Dale of Norway.

The City Garage is a well-known staple of the Ellicottville community. It opened its doors in 1999 and is celebrating it's 24 year in business. Located at 5 Monroe St. in Ellicottville, The City Garage is a full-service ski shop that offers sales, demos and service.

It has been nationally recognized by SKI magazine for “Best Vibe Shop” at the national trade show in Denver, CO. and won the award 3 years in a row as voted by their industry peers and leaders. They carry exclusive

Services include ski tuning by trained techs: grinding, sharpening and waxing using a winterstieger machine. Binding services: done by City Garage Techs, who receive annual training to stay current on binding and mounting technology. Also included are Alpine, Telemark, Cross Country mounts, adjustments and function checks, climbing skin cutting and installation, and miscellaneous repairs and

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# HoliMont

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Fox ... you get the idea. Or it could be a simple experience elsewhere (example – The Fall Festival) and something great is born.

HoliMont is such an example. Their website tells us that “After witnessing the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in 1932, William Merk, founder of HoliMont, was inspired to pursue his passion for skiing in the Ellicottville area. After skiing for years with the Ellicottville Ski Club on Fish Hill and throughout the Greer and Holiday Valley areas, he decided to start a private ski club.”

The seed took a while to germinate, but in 1961 Merk and local investors purchased land on Route 242 calling it HoliMont from the phrase “Holiday Mountain.” They cut the first trail in 1961 and seven were cut in 1962, which was considered the official first season of HoliMont. In true ski-pioneer fashion, a Tucker Sno-Cat towed members up the steep hill, and the rest is history with more terrain and chairs added, including Greer Hill in 1995 which was its own seed of so much of Ellicottville’s ski history. Happy 60th Anniversary, HoliMont!

More seeds appeared, not on the slopes but on a beach in Puerto Rico. Two HoliMont members were soaking up the sun in their contractor “off season” when a seed fell and Brad Banks from Midland Asphalt and “Weed” Frederick from ABC Paving Co. helped it sprout. Classically, a cocktail napkin often plays a role in germinating seeds, i.e., Disney’s Shark Week started on a cocktail napkin; Oprah’s



Participate in the 34th annual Dave Pitkin race or the bombardier ball drop where balls are dropped from the chair lift into cans below (with luck and skill) for prizes. Donate generously because all the proceeds from that drop go to the HoliMont Adaptive Ski Program.

empire started with lunch scribbles by film critic Robert Ebert; the original scoring system for NASCAR was born on a napkin, and Aaron Sorkin wrote most of his famous movie (“A Few Good Men”) on the back of cocktail napkins while he was bartending at the Palace Theater in New York City. Such was the beginning of Contractor’s Week with names of skier contractors they knew scribbled on their cocktail napkins.

Jannah Bradley, Sales/Marketing Director at HoliMont, informs us that Friday, January 27th is Contractor’s Day – from 9am-4:30pm. Between 600-700 people attend to promote their businesses, rub shoulders with their fellow contractor colleagues, and set up their own displays while perusing others. For active fun, they can participate in the 34th annual Dave Pitkin race or the bombardier ball drop where balls are dropped from the chair lift into cans below (with luck and skill) for prizes. Donate generously because all the proceeds from that drop go to the HoliMont Adaptive Ski Program. For those

who don’t know what that is, this ski program focuses on the instruction and guidance for adults and children with disabilities. PSIA trained instructors provide a safe, compassionate skiing and riding environment for adaptive students’ needs. Imagine ... If even half of the 700 people attending donated \$5 for a ball to drop (or be dropped for them) you will have raised \$1,750 for this amazing, worthwhile cause, while having a merry time! Why not make this biggest HoliMont event for the season a real win-win and drop two?

Food! One of the best parts of this event is lunch and Hors d’oeuvres provided by Dina’s at the Mont. B&L Wholesale is once again the lead sponsor for the event, joined by twenty to thirty others from near and far whose company logos are advertised all over the resort. It is truly a day that many look forward to. If you would like to attend the event, tickets are on sale on our website <https://holimont.com/events/>. If you would like to become a sponsor, contact Jannah Bradley at [jannah@holimont.com](mailto:jannah@holimont.com) or call 716-699-2320.

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For the past few years, we've been hearing about this guy who's been custom-building skis in Buffalo. His name is Jon Capozzi, and he is Old Growth Handcraft. Last season, he approached us about wanting to build a snowboard. We sat down, spec'd some stuff out and he got to work. While a lot of our guys absolutely love the board he built, we knew that from a retail standpoint it was too stiff. So, we went back to the drawing board, dialed in the shape, picked out the topsheet material (after going through about 50 species of wood) before settling on the final build design. Jon's shop is located on Exchange Street in Buffalo, and we figured that would be an awesome name. They're now in the shop in 155, 158 and 161W centimeter lengths, and we do have a demo for anyone that wants to come try one out.

# Buffalo

STORY FROM COVER

More amazing stories can be found on Sweet Buffalo on Facebook and The Villager had the pleasure of speaking with a few local heroes. Their stories are shared below. The Alabama Hotel in Basom, NY had not hosted overnight visitors for decades, until the Christmas blizzard. Joe Bradt, General Manager, closed up the restaurant on Friday morning and attempted to drive home. "I didn't get more than 1/4 mile down the street before I turned around to head back to the restaurant. The visibility was terrible, the winds were brutal; it was futile. As soon as I arrived through the back door, people started knocking on the front door." Joe welcomed stranded travelers one-by-one and by the end of the day he had 115 new friends, and 2 dogs, staying overnight. Many of the travelers were headed for Canada, and once they closed the Thruway, they exited and continued to drive north. The 'Alabama Hotel' sign got the attention of many in search of shelter. Joe decided to help these stranded motorists along with local patrons Brian Kotarski and Craig Alexander who helped immensely over the days. They also posted on Facebook inviting people who needed a warm place to stay. Joe stayed in constant communication with owner Bonnie Woodward throughout the storm, and graciously welcomed the help of the community. The Alexander Family owns Alabama Holley Farms store across the street and donated food and



Andrea and Alex Campagna in Clarence, NY found themselves with 10 unexpected Korean houseguests after a shuttlebus headed from Washington, DC to Ontario, Canada detoured off the Thruway to find its way down Harris Hill Road where it got stuck.

supplies during the storm to help them take care of the unexpected visitors. Neighbors brought blankets and sleeping bags along with food, diapers, toys, and even Christmas gifts. They prepared makeshift beds with restaurant chairs, warm coffee along with meals. "People slept on chairs, they slept at the bar, they slept next to dozens of people they'd never met before." More than 100 people were sheltered there for 48 hours between December 23 and Christmas Eve. Everyone pitched in and helped out, bussing tables, helping prepare food and pass coffee, spreading the true spirit of Christmas and good neighbors. "That weather was brutal," says Joe, "I really think we saved a life or two here." Another remarkable story comes from the home of Andrea and Alex Campagna in Clarence, NY. The couple was home alone in their home on Harris Hill Road when the storm hit. "The visibility kept getting worse and worse as the morning went on. We went through our freezers to take inventory of what we had because we had a feeling we'd be here a while." Around 2pm

they heard their doorbell ringing urgently and found 2 men at the door asking for shovels and help digging their vehicle out. Alex braved the elements and followed the men back outside to find a shuttle bus stuck in the snowdrifts. "The conditions were so horrible; it was a complete whiteout", Andrea recalls. "I couldn't see the bus, even though it was no more than 100 feet away." Alex told them it was too dangerous, the visibility was terrible, and the windchill frigid. He brought everyone inside and they found themselves with 10 unexpected Korean houseguests. Andrea brought blankets, warm socks and putting on the tea kettle. "They were completely shell shocked, covered in snow and frightened." The bus was headed from Washington, DC to Ontario, Canada, when it detoured off the Thruway to find its way down Harris Hill Road. "We soon realized they weren't going anywhere for a while, so we started making beds out of sleeping bags, couches,

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# Mud

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# Chautauqua Institution 2023

A Look into the 150th Season, June 24th - August 27th, 2023

Chautauqua Institution announced additional details on its plans for the 2023 Summer Assembly, scheduled for June 24 to August 27. The season launches with acclaimed blues singer, guitarist and songwriter Bonnie Raitt and includes lectures from Jordan's Her Majesty Queen Noor, NPR puzzlemaster Will Shortz, "The Goonies" and "Stranger Things" actor Sean Astin, and political commentator Bill Kristol. Other performing arts standouts include The Washington Ballet, Frankie Valli, Natalie Merchant, Straight No Chaser and Girl Named Tom. More acts and speakers, the complete Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra repertoire, as well as chaplains in residence and Interfaith Lecture Series themes and speakers will be announced in the weeks and months to come.

Under the leadership of recently appointed Producing Artistic Director Jade King Carroll, Chautauqua Theater Company will produce two mainstage productions and three New Play Workshops. One New Play Workshop will be presented in Week Two. Both mainstage productions and two additional new play workshops will run in Weeks Five to Nine. The Chautauqua Opera Company & Conservatory will produce a combined season featuring five productions. Chautauqua Opera Company will perform Weeks One through Four, with the Chautauqua Opera



The Chautauqua Institution Amphitheater events feature a dynamic mix of artists, musicians, dance companies, acrobats, comedians, entertainers and speakers, and attract enthusiastic crowds to their 4,400-seat, open-air Amphitheater.

Conservatory remaining in residence and performing through Week Seven. The 2023 theater and opera repertoire will be announced in January. Symphonic music will again be a centerpiece of the evening programming, with 23 performances of the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra Weeks One through Nine. The Music School Festival Orchestra will present five concerts in 2023 during its residency Weeks One through Six. The School of Dance will be in residence Weeks One through Seven, with performances inclusive of two student dance galas and the beloved Alumni All-Star Dance Gala.

This schedule represents a change in Chautauqua's traditional summer calendar and is part of an effort to optimize the Summer Assembly's overall programmatic mix, including by reducing some programs according to patron demand and engagement, and to achieve greater outcomes and overall organizational performance.

Chautauqua Visual Arts will present nine art exhibitions at the Strohl and Fowler-Kellogg Art Centers. The School of Art residency program is being paused in 2023 while Institution leaders conduct a national search for the new artistic director, following the departure of Sharon Louden. Louden's leadership transformed the program, breaking application records year-over-year and establishing more than 60 partnerships with colleges, universities, and organizations across the arts landscape to support resident scholarships. Some visual arts traditionally offered by School of Art personnel will not be offered in 2023. Other favorite visual arts classes will continue to be held through Special Studies offerings. The full Special Studies catalogue will be released in May with registration beginning June 1.

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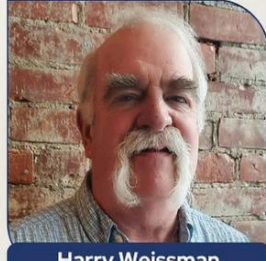
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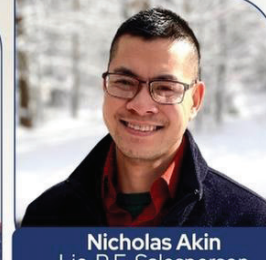
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## Bloody Mary Party at Green Door

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The purchase of the See-Zurch House closed in December to the new owners Bruce Scroton of Bemus Point, NY and his nephew Andrew Haney who is a chef in Pittsburgh, PA. They will keep the See-Zurch House name and look forward to continuing the long-standing traditions including the New Year's Day Bloody Mary celebration. The Green Door Tavern welcomed the new business this year by playing host before the See-Zurch House opened their doors. They plan to open mid-February.



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event tickets, as well as parking and docks will go on sale to the public on Jan. 17. Pricing is posted online at rates.chq.org. The season's best prices will be available Jan. 17 through Feb. 20. The first of two price increases will go into effect Feb. 21. The second price increase will be effective June 1.



The season launches with acclaimed blues singer, guitarist and songwriter Bonnie Raitt (pictured left) and includes many other great performances including Frankie Valli (pictured right), Natalie Merchant, The Washington Ballet and more...

# Town

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to drinking water. **Town Center Reopen**  
Ellicottville's Town Center has reopened after a year-long renovation project. This effort removed asbestos from the facility, updated the facility's infrastructure including a new boiler and heating system, and many other enhancements to make this facility home for many Town/Village departments and the Cornell Cooperative Extension program. Many departments have relocated to the Town Center including the Town Engineer, Assessor, and Code Enforcement Officer.

**Highway & DPW**  
Scot Brumagin was appointed as the Town Highway Superintendent in 2022 and his department completed several large projects. Reconstruction of Jackman Hill Road and the culvert replacement at Poverty Hill and Dickey Roads were a few of the highlights for the Highway and DPW Departments.

**2023 Projects**  
Supervisor McAndrew provided an outlook for



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the coming year's major projects. 2023 will see the plan and funding for the water system improvements take shape with the \$6M water project replacing the tank at HoliMont, updating the Village reservoir with a tank, replacing the waterlines on Holiday Valley Road and from the Village reservoir down Elizabeth Street, and other water system improvements to the well houses. The historic Town Hall will get a facelift with a new front entry door. Also, the fading sign above the front entrance to the Town Hall will be updated. The Town's fleet

of vehicles is scheduled for an update in 2023. A new ten-wheeler plow truck, an Engineering pickup truck, and a sidewalk plow are all scheduled to be in service for the next snow season. Targeted road projects this year include culvert replacements on Holiday Valley and Cotter Roads.

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# Fenton

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organizer for New York State's Republican Party.

Per the Encyclopedia of New York State, Reuben Eaton Fenton was "Educated in local schools. Fenton taught for two years at Jamestown Academy while reading law. He took control of his father's store in Frewsburg (Chautauqua Co) after the 1837 panic, and later business ventures, including land and lumber speculation, led to considerable wealth." In 1852 he got into politics as a Democrat and was elected to the NYS House of Representatives.

Ultimately losing that seat in the next election, Fenton returned to Congress in 1857 as a Republican, serving until he was elected NYS Governor in 1864. A staunch promoter of veteran's rights, Fenton also implemented many programs related to education, most notably gaining federal land grant funds to establish Cornell University. He has also helped raise teacher standards, established more normal schools for teachers and made public education free. After his Senate term (1869-75) Fenton spent ten years in Jamestown as director and then president of the First National Bank. Along with Fenton's legacy as a politician, his family home at 67 Washington Street in Jamestown, now Fenton History Center, serves as a center for education and preservation of local heritage. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the Italian-stye villa was designed and built by local architect, Aaron Hall in 1863, and has served as a local history center



On Saturday, January 13th, the Hall House Research Center (73 Forest Avenue, Jamestown NY) is sponsoring its 10th Annual Library Lock-In from 10am-10pm. You are invited to discover your family's roots with the help of the Fenton History Center's skilled and knowledgeable research center staff and volunteers. No prior research experience is required to attend this event. Researchers will enjoy twelve hours of uninterrupted research.

in Southern Chautauqua County since 1964.

The website informs us that: "Present day, the museum embraces its original authenticity by featuring a number of period rooms, its mission to preserve history at the local and national level and through its educational programming and its dedication to veterans." The Fenton Drawing Room, recreated in 1989, exhibits some of the museum's finest artifacts and is the perfect example of Victorian décor. The museum features permanent and rotating exhibits. Some of these exhibits include: An interactive History of Jamestown; How Furniture Built a City; Intersections: The Underground Railroad in Chautauqua County; the Fenton Dining Room and Family Parlor; a Victorian Vestibule; a Lookout Tower; and, of course, an exhibit honoring Jamestown native, Lucille Ball, and more.

Not only does this location offer a museum and gift shop, but The

Fenton History Center also owns and operates a research center in the adjacent Hall House property. The Hall House Research Center is accessible from the Museum by a private redbrick walkway, with a private parking lot available at both locations. The Hall House was constructed at 73 Forest Avenue for William Hall in 1846. Hall was a businessman and proprietor in the lumber industry before changing his course to focus on textiles. In 2013, the stately, four-pillared, Greek revival home became Fenton History Center's Research Center. This location is the home of the Fenton Genealogy Support Group and the current meeting place of the Fenton History Center's Vets Finding Vets program. The Hall House is handicap accessible and service dog friendly.

On Saturday, January 13th, the Hall House location offer a museum and gift shop, but The

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We get the seven-day weekend rolling on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. This week's hosts are Hanna and Horton from 6-9pm. This duo plays a roc/pop/roots /folk set of covers. \$12 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu plus house chips, a great deal. The Gin Mill joins the Thursday fun with The Chillbillys from 8-11pm. This husband-and-wife team play a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers with some nice guitar and vocal harmonies. Try some of the 37 beers on tap.

FRIDAY: The Taqueria kicks things off with Tui Osborne from 5:30-8:30. Tui plays a reggae/ska/pop set of covers to accompany some delicious Tex-Mex Street style cuisine.

We're back at Balloons main stage for Henry's Summer Kitchen from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a country/rockabilly/rock & roll set of covers with some jokes thrown in. The back bar will feature The Chillbillys from 10-1am and DJ KT Stylez will rock the sound booth with tunes to get your groove on out on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry

play a rock/pop/folk/blues/ country set of covers that'll get you moving. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 11pm Fri, Sat and 10pm Sun-Thurs and open for breakfast Sat, Sun 10-11am.

We close it out at Madigan's where the wood stove will be fired up and DJ SI will be burnin down the sound booth from 9-2am with some thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington St. Check out the foosball and pool tables for a little competition.

SATURDAY: The Gin Mill is first up with the return of The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. Have a late lunch or an early dinner and maybe a couple Bloody Mary's. JD Casper will play the night shift from 8-12am with some country/Americana covers and originals. Try the Carriage House Sidebar if you're a fan of craft cocktails and high-end sports.

Next up is Balloons hosting Breakaway on the main stage from 6-30-10pm. This NY Blues HOF inductees play a blues/blues rock set of covers and originals. Henry's Summer Kitchenette will provide some acoustic covers in the back bar from 10-1am and DJ Andre the Giant Redhead will lay down the sauce so you can do the floss.

12 Gates of EVL joins the fun with Travis Happoldt from 7-10pm. Travis play a country/rock/blues/grunge set of covers. Try some NY style deli sandwiches and drink beer from the tap room.

Finnerty's is a playah hosting Jay McDonnell from 8-11pm. Jay plays acoustic rock like Petty, Eagles, CNSY, etc. Try the dart board, pool table,

Birdie King video game for some entertainment. This is the Bills Mafia headquarters in EVL.

Madigan's will have the upstairs rockin with the return of DJ SI to the sound booth with some funk so you can shake your junk on the dance floor. Let the A-Team whip you up a cocktail behind the pine.

SUNDAY Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Night. They will open at 12:30 because of the Bills game which you can watch on the BIG Screen. Geno McManus follow from 5:30 -8:30pm. Geno plays an acoustic set of classic rock covers. Think Bowie, Stones, Beatles...

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. This week's musical hosts will be the ever-popular Chillbillys from 6-9pm. 50 cent wings and a fine selection of craft bees to wash them down while you enjoy some awesome music makes for a local's favorite.

Tuesday The Gin Mill will host The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. They play a bluegrass/country/roots set of covers. This collection of musicians from various bands utilizes dobro and banjo for an authentic sound.

We end the 7-day weekend where we always do at The Gin Mill for Joe Wagner and Company and Wing Wednesday from 8-11pm. Joe plays a folk/country/country rock/pop/blues set of covers that'll bring back memories. \$1 wings and \$1 off all domestics makes for another local's fave.

If you had fun come back often and tell your friends but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUCIC!!!!!!!

Beat on the Street:

What Superstitions Do you Believe?

By CHAD NEAL



Since society started and communication made civilization more and more commonplace the discussion of strange occurrences brought on certain unfounded beliefs. Using a prior incident to proclaim that something good or bad happened after can cause people to be convinced that it's truth. Superstition and the use of the word itself is used to blame others like religion uses ritual to worship and praise goodness. This causes rifts in society where

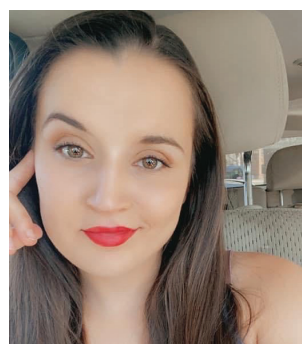
one sect can use ritual to ward off evil, another will see that as contriving evil, thereby condemning that group. Other simple superstitions are more personal and can be used to blame or praise a happening bad or good. It seems everyone has a superstition that's unique or popular amongst a community. Many have seen certain blind faiths come to pass which fuels their belief even further, and can sometimes seem like the Twilight Zone. What superstition/s do you believe?



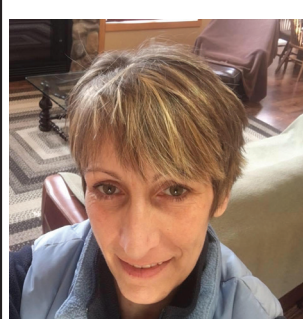
Ryan P. - If you say it's your last ski run for the night, it will really be your last run and you will get injured/die. Always say "one more", instead of "one last".



TJ R. - Every time a waitress walks up and asks anyone on the craps table if they want a drink, the next roll is going to be a 7 out.



Pattie M. - Getting engaged on a holiday brings bad luck to the relationship!



Kim R. - My dad always believed as soon as you lit a smoke, your meal would come!



Ellen N. - Saying anything about the Bills playing during a game.



Tara L. - I knock on wood. All. The. Time.

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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!**

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

# CCIDA

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for a major international retailer. This is a prime location for the retailer to capitalize on the access to I-86 and the ability to service their northeast market. Fingers crossed that this opportunity comes to pass.

TV: Are there any looming challenges that the CCIDA is watching out for?

CW: There are definitely some unknowns with the macroeconomic variables and the rising cost of doing business but the feel is much different and more positive than the dark days of 2008 and 2009. Companies are still looking to invest and knock-on-wood will continue to invest in our communities. One area of particular concern is the State's evolving energy policies that will require conversion to all-electric sources by 2030. This requirement will cause a large jump in energy prices, huge conversion costs to existing businesses, and companies planning for long-term investments will be less likely to choose NY when the cost of doing business will be lower elsewhere.

We're working with the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, local government officials, and others to make sure the State is aware of the potential impact on economic investments. Business leaders need to have a seat at the table with the State for changes to energy policy.

To learn more about the CCIDA and its economic development projects, visit their website at <http://cattcoida.com>.

# Buffalo

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and inflatable mattresses." Many in the group did not speak English well, so a few served as interpreters. "We all kind of stepped into our roles. One woman was dubbed "Korean Mother" as she watched over everyone and organized the meals. Everyone just jumped into action. They started cooking and meal planning. Alex and I actually love Korean food so we happened to have a lot of the spices and sauces they use in cooking."

The group enjoyed several meals together over the next 2 days, and even had a champagne toast for the honeymooning couple. They gathered around to watch the Bills game on Saturday and introduced the new sport to many who were unfamiliar. "Joseph, the 'spokesperson' for the group, was so excited to explain football to everyone. We gave him a souvenir Bills hat to keep and he really got everyone into the game." Many in the group had also never seen a deer before, so they were very intrigued by the Campagnas wooded backyard. "They loved watching the wildlife and the deer. We spent a lot of time by the back windows watching with binoculars and explaining the animals." On Sunday morning, Christmas day, the group was starting to feel a bit uneasy about how long this might last. "It was a quiet morning, everyone was slowly drinking coffee and you could tell they were a bit worried, when suddenly we heard a loud noise in the distance. As the noise grew louder, we recognized that plows were finally coming down our street. The group started cheering, hugging and crying 'We're saved!' as they began to dig us out." They left in 3 small groups on Christmas evening and eventually made it to their destination in Niagara Falls, Canada. What started as disaster that could've ended in tragedy, ended in friendships and lifelong memories. Andrea and Alex have been in touch with one of the couples, and have been invited to visit them in Seoul Korea. "I shudder to think what could've happened," says Andrea. "I'm just glad they came to us and we were able to help out, and made friendships along the way."

May these stories be a reminder that during times of tragedy, we can find some light. We all have the opportunity to be a good neighbor, every day, but especially during these long, cold winter months. May we honor those who were lost by promising to do better, to care more, and to lift each other up.

*Stories compiled from Facebook site "Sweet Buffalo" along with personal interviews with Andrea Campagna and Joe Bradt at the Alabama Hotel. The Facebook site Buffalo Blizzard helped countless people help each other during and after the storm.*

# Fenton

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Research Center (73 Forest Avenue, Jamestown NY) is sponsoring its 10th Annual Library Lock-In from 10am-10pm. From their website: "For just \$30 per person, you will be able to "discover your family's roots with the help of the Fenton History Center's skilled and knowledgeable research center staff and volunteers. No prior research experience is required to attend this event. Researchers will enjoy twelve hours of uninterrupted research. Enjoy a day/evening of discoveries, food, and prizes at the Hall House for an excellent cause! Come to all or part of the entire event. All proceeds go to support the Fenton History Center." Register at The Fenton by phone (716) 664-6256 or at their website - [fentonhistorycenter.org](http://fentonhistorycenter.org). For a sneak preview of what you will find at The Fenton, check out their UTube Channel @ [fentonhistorycenter4659](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfentonhistorycenter4659).

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# Walter's World

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# Moratorium on Solar Apps.

## Research Finds Few Local Benefits by Local Landowners

By DAVE PARKER

### Solar Application Moratorium

The Town of Ellicottville held its monthly Board meeting on Wednesday, December 21. Leading off the agenda was an update regarding the moratorium on solar applications by the County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Executive Director Corey Wiktor. Mr. Wiktor detailed that the initial six-month moratorium has been extended for another six months until July 2023 for the CCIDA to determine if there are enough community benefits to support CCIDA tax abatements. Initial findings on solar projects have shown that there are few local benefits other than the financial gain received by local landowners who lease their land for the solar projects. The solar companies are generally headquartered out-of-state, employ minimal local staff, contract with few local companies to build and maintain the solar farms, and sell the energy generated to be utilized in the regional grid. Also noted is in addition to the unsightly aspects of the solar farms, the solar panels will not be accepted by any NY landfill as they are considered hazardous

waste, and there is only one company in the US that will recycle solar panels. Decommissioning of solar panels was identified as a risk to the County and local communities as the potential insolvency of solar companies and limited protection by bonds will leave local government and land owners responsible to handle the clean-up. Mr. Wiktor and the CCIDA Board are using the moratorium to ensure that solar projects meet the goals of the CCIDA charter to ensure there are justified benefits to the local community. This assessment of the tradeoff between tax abatements for the investments made in solar farms to the tax benefits received by state, local, and municipalities by solar income was the reason for Mr. Wiktor to update the Town on the moratorium status. The Town Planning Board has several solar project applications that could be impacted by the CCIDA solar moratorium and long-term decision on solar projects.

### Other Business

In other meeting topics, the Board officially recognized Gary Mathe for his sixteen years of service on the Town Planning Board. Mr. Mathe will be ending his service on the Planning Board. Scott Brumagin provided an update on the Highway Department hiring of one

new employee and has a vacant position that will be filled in the spring when the department has time to train the new hire. Town Engineering updates were provided by Ben Slotman. The County's Hazard Mitigation Plan was presented and approved by the Board. Mr. Slotman also reviewed the request for proposal status to receive bids from firms for the inventory of lead water supply lines. One firm has provided a bid so far.

Supervisor Mathew McAndrew reviewed new business topics that included approval of a resolution to reduce the rent for the Cornell Cooperative Extension space at the Town Center. Also, the Board approved a new position to be posted for an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. This new position will be subject to a Civil Service test. The Town is also working on an inter-municipal agreement with Ashford Hollow to utilize their kennel to temporarily house dogs collected by the Town Dog Control Officer. The Board adjourned the public portion of the meeting and went into executive session. For full meeting minutes and other Town news, please visit the Town's website at <https://www.ellicottville.gov/town.html>.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:** The Village of Ellicottville is hereby requesting Licensed Professional Engineers to submit proposals to prepare a Preliminary Engineers Report, budget, design plans, and specifications of suitable detail and completeness to approach regulatory and funding agencies for the reconstruction of Village Streets. The professional firm shall also provide guidance to the Village through the permitting, bidding, construction, and post construction phases of the project. Complete information can be obtained from the Town Engineer by calling 716-699-9005 or by email [ben.slotman@evlengineering.com](mailto:ben.slotman@evlengineering.com) Proposals will be received by the Village of Ellicottville located at I West Washington St, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731, until 11 :30 a.m. Friday January 13, 2023. The Village reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals, and to accept the proposal, which, in their opinion, meets the intent of the project and deemed most advantageous to the Village. BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

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# First Sunday: Free Story Time

Audubon Community Nature Center, January 8th, 12:30-1pm



Come for story time and stay to explore the indoor Nature Play Area, live animals, and exhibits. Then go outside to enjoy the outdoor Nature Play Area and visit Soren the Red-tailed Hawk.

Participation is limited to 15. Although this is a free event, reservations are requested by Saturday, January 7, 2023. To reserve your space, call the Nature Center during open hours at (716) 569-2345 or go to [AudubonCNC.org](http://AudubonCNC.org) and click through "Programs and Events." Walk-ins are accepted if there is room.

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 over five miles of trails down until dusk daily for free.

**Audubon Community Nature Center Storyteller Claire Certo leads First Sunday Story Time on January 8, 12:30 - 1pm. The free event is for 2-8-year-olds and their adults.**

Jamestown, N.Y. - Since the first Sunday of January in 2023 is a holiday, Audubon Community Nature Center's (ACNC) First Sunday Storytime will be on January 8, 12:30-1pm. Doors open at 12:20pm for ages 2 - 8 and their adults for this free, nature-based story time. The building fully opens at 1:00pm. Participants are welcome to stay afterward and explore the Nature

Center building. Children's books are powerful tools to connect children to nature and establish a strong foundation for their educational journey. With ACNC Storyteller Claire Certo in the lead, children will go on literary adventures with animals, through habitats and seasons, and discover new things with every page. Both the program and Sunday admission are free.

## Winter Weather Notice

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Winter weather will return this weekend and may cause hazardous road conditions such as high winds, icy roadways, slush and lower visibility. Be cautious while traveling and consider packing emergency resources in your vehicle. Please respect the law and the well being of the other motorists Thank you!

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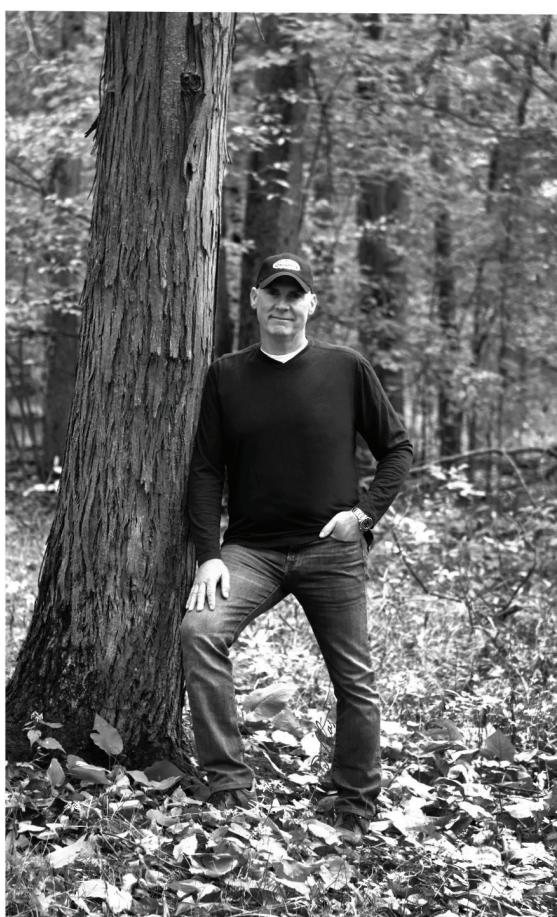
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