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Area Events

- FASHION SHOW AT TRUFFLE HONEY EATERY**
Thursday, November 30 • 7pm
Mayville, NY
- A CHRISTMAS SHOWCASE AT MARVIN COMMUNITY HOUSE**
Thursday November 30 • 4pm
Jamestown, NY
- BOB MCCARTHY'S IRISH CHRISTMAS**
Saturday, December 1 • 6pm
Ellicottville, NY
- SANTA EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE**
Saturday, December 2 • 11am
Gowanda, NY
- SATURDAY WITH SANTA AT ALLEGANY STATE PARK**
Saturday December 2 • 11am
Salamanca NY
- SILVER BELLS SANTA PARADE**
Saturday December 2 • 6pm
Salamanca, NY
- JAMESTOWN JINGLE & MINGLE & LIGHT THE CITY PARADE**
Friday December 2 • 6pm
Jamestown, NY
- SILVER BELLS SANTA PARADE**
Saturday December 2 • 7pm
Salamanca, NY
- SANTA EXPRESS TRAIN RIDE**
Sat/Sun, December 2-3 • 11am
Gowanda, NY
- FAMILY PUBLIC SKATE AT NORTHWEST ARENA**
Sunday, December 3 • 2:30pm
Jamestown, NY
- WIZARDS OF WINTER**
Friday December 8 • 7:30pm
Jamestown, NY
- EL LICOTTVILLE'S CHRISTMAS STROLL**
Saturday December 9 • 4:30pm
Ellicottville, NY
- ICE BUMPER CARS**
NORTHWEST ARENA
Sunday, December 3 • 2:30pm
Jamestown, NY
- SANTA & MRS. CLAUS AT THE GREAT VALLEY FIREHALL**
Saturday December 9 • 10am
GreatValley, NY
- HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS**
Saturday, December 9 • 5pm
Mayville NY
- DEMO DAY AT HOLIDAY VALLEY**
Saturday, December 16 • 9am
Ellicottville, NY
- SARA EVANS @ SENECA ALLEGANY R & C**
Saturday, December 16 • 7pm
Salamanca, NY
- SPEGHETTI SUPPER**
Saturday, December 16 • 4-6:30pm
St.Pauls LC, Ellicottville, NY

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Winter at Chautauqua Institution

Season Filled with Family Events on the Grounds



The Winter Village celebration takes place Saturday, December 16, 9am-5pm, with Breakfast with Santa taking place at 9 and 11am. The Institution staff members will host a craft bazaar this day as well, featuring one-of-a-kind handmade gift items, with all proceeds benefiting the United Way of Chautauqua County. Also on December 16, the Stateline Draft Horse Club will offer wagon or (weather permitting) sleigh rides at Chautauqua weekends in January and February from 1-3pm. Tickets are sold at the Chautauqua Bookstore: \$4 for children/\$6 for adults. (See story "CHQ", pg. 6)

Ellicottville's Christmas Stroll

Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas, Dec. 9



Celebrate the Holiday Season with a Living Nativity, complete with a camel, all in the Village of Ellicottville next Saturday, December 9, 2023. The Ellicottville "A Christmas Stroll" was created in 1987 by a group of citizens who wanted to organize such an event in the village. After brainstorming over coffee, it was decided that they wanted a live nativity scene with children dressed as angels and shepherds, who walked around the village and met at the gazebo. There, the baby Jesus was presented and caroling presided. The tradition has continued on for the past 36 years.

Springville Center for the Arts

Founders Show Runs December 2-31, 2023



Artwork in the exhibit at the newly renovated gallery located at 37 North Buffalo Street, in the former Baptist Church of Springville, a historic red brick Late Gothic Revival style church built in 1869 that was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2008.

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY
BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Founders Show exhibit is an art exhibit showcasing foundational artists from the early days of the Springville Center for the Arts, in the Center's newly renovated Harold L. Olmsted Gallery. The Center is located at 3

North Buffalo Street, in the former Baptist Church of Springville, a historic red brick Late Gothic Revival style church built in 1869 that was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2008. There will be a reception there this Saturday December

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Catt. Co. Sheriff's Give Back

Annual Santa Sheriff Event Benefits Local Families



This year the program is directly gifting to 76 children and has expanded from last year, reaching almost every school district in Cattaraugus County including Hinsdale, West Valley, Gowanda, Cattaraugus/Little Valley, Randolph, 3 Salamanca Schools, 3 Pioneer Schools, Portville, Allegany- Limestone and one school at Olean Boces.

BY KATE BARTLETT

'Tis the season for giving, and reflecting on our blessings. The Cattaraugus County Sheriffs have a special way of giving back to the community. For over 16 years, they have participated in a Santa Sheriff program, helping families

in need. Tonya Dry has been running this program for the past 5 years, and finds it more rewarding every year.

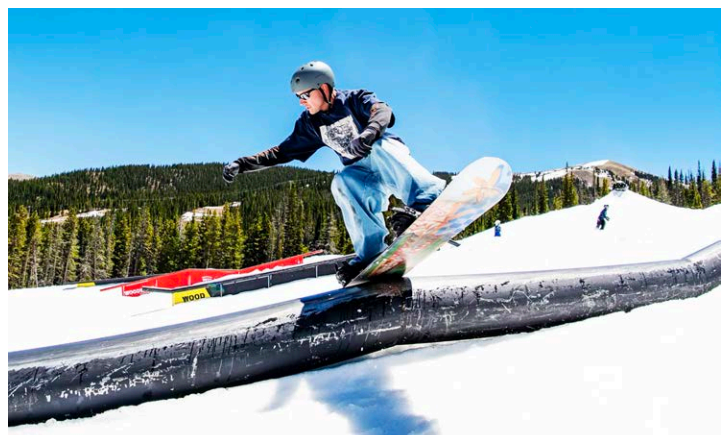
The majority of recipients for the program are identified with the help of School Resource Officers (SROs) from

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HV Sets to Open Dec. 1
Snowmaking in Full Motion. Forecast Looks Good!

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Last Weekend the Village Filled with Jubilation

CHQ. Co. Business: Villaggio Italiano

By Owners of Cabana Sam's & Sunset Bay



BY DARLENE BRACE

Villaggio Italiano Pizza and Pasta is a family friendly restaurant that is located at 8 Central Avenue in Silver Creek, NY. It is owned by Kelly and George Borrello and operated in conjunction with Chef Kyle Halstrom. Kelly and George are also the owners of Cabana Sam's and Sunset Bay Beach Club. Cabana Sam's and Sunset Bay Beach Club are seasonal establishments, that are open from late spring to early fall. Since most of the seasonal employees are from the Silver Creek area, and there were not many other sit-down restaurants in Silver Creek, they thought it would be a good location to open a restaurant. This would allow their seasonal employees to be employed year-round. So, in 2022 they decided to open this restaurant.

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Niagara Festival of Lights

Festival Illuminations Across the Border



BY KATE BARTLETT

Since 2002 Niagara Falls, Ontario, has held Canada's largest free illumination festival attracting over 1 million visitors annually. From mid-November through January, the Winter Festival of Lights transforms Niagara Falls into breathtaking colors amidst millions of twinkling lights, engaging displays, and interactive experiences. The festival is free and family friendly.

Janice Thomson, President and CEO of Niagara Falls Tourism, has been involved with the festival for 20 years. Over the years, Janice has enjoyed watching festival become a holiday tradition for families and visitors alike. "The displays along the route of the Niagara Parkway through Durrerin Islands into Fallsview Boulevard and Lundy's Lane are

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Publisher's Word

"Season of Gratitude"



work throughout the year to keep people safe and our communities flowing. Cattaraugus Gives and #Give Big CHQ are two programs that help us support these organizations. Each year they have an annual fundraiser that calls to attention their much-needed work and support. This week they both held community fundraisers on Giving Tuesday. Next week we will share the results and some highlights with you and ways you can get involved. Thanksgiving week goes by fast and propels you into the new season; one short, fast-paced work week moves into the next, but don't forget to take the time to reflect and just be with the ones you love and to appreciate the work and the people you have. Let us all be sure that everyone in our community can feel appreciated and thankful. If you know of a person or an organization that deserves a tip of the hat, please let us know, we are always looking for a good word to spread with our readers – info@thevillager.com.

This is the time of year when the generosity of our communities is really highlighted. Our organizations do so much

Thanksgiving week goes by fast and propels you into the new season; one short, *Until next week enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

Happy Birthday

- Daff Dry Goods... December 1st • Jonathan Scotto... December 1st
- Rob Lovebrau... December 1st • Rob Moore... December 2nd
- Bob Brennan... December 2nd • Bill Bursee... December 2nd
- Joe Traszowicz... December 3rd • Jane Pietrocario... December 3rd
- Ashley & Brittany Carlson... December 5th
- Carol Erickson... December 8th • Mindy Callaghan... December 9th
- Steve Gorteau... December 9th • Chip Genco... December 12th
- Gretchen Mendell... December 13th • Brooke Szpaicher... December 17th
- Machenzie Hoag... December 18th • Jennifer Penhollow... December 18th

Share the Warmth

Howard Hanna Real Estate Annual Coat Drive

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.

Ellicottville Chamber Member Spotlight: Barb Pump

Executive Assistant with Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce



BY KATE BARTLETT

Barb Pump, Executive Assistant with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, has been invested in the development and integrity of the area for several years. Working for the Chamber for 6 ½ years has deepened her appreciation for the importance of business growth and investment in the area. She has worked closely with the Chamber to strengthen the Ellicottville brand and is proud of what is has become.

She began her career with the Chamber in 2016, leaving her role in banking, seeking more involvement in the community. Barb has served in many roles throughout her years, starting as Office Coordinator, to Membership and Events Manager, working towards Project Development Manager and now

Executive Assistant. "I'm fortunate to have worked with many amazing people in the community during my time with the Chamber. It's very rewarding work. It may sound cliché, but I am truly lucky and blessed to do something I love."

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce works steadfast to ensure the growth of the town, its members, as well as the Ellicottville brand. "We're always striving for growth and stability. We focus on what mem-bers need and build connections between members and the community." The Chamber sponsors 18 events in Ellicottville, attracting visitors year-round and promoting local tourism. Barb has watched the Chamber grow throughout her 6 ½ years there. "The Chamber has always been a strong asset for the community, but over the years it's been great to watch the members become more involved. Local businesses have begun creating their own events, and are more invested in the overall growth of the community. Everyone here supports each other, and that's great for the whole."

Five years from now, Barb foresees a strong chamber committee with strong membership, working together and cooperating to help the community as a whole. "Ellicottville is an experience. It's not like any-thing else; whether you're just here to visit, or you live here, you can attest to our slogan: doesn't this place feel great?" For more information on Barb and the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, visit <https://www.ellicottvilleny.com/> and follow on social media.

Mini Golf Bar Crawl

Rotary Club of Jamestown is feeling fantastic at Northwest Arena.

On Saturday, December 9th, the Rotary Club of Jamestown will be hosting a mini golf tournament in downtown Jamestown!

It will be teams of 4, for a total of \$80 enter. Winner will be determined by lowest total team score.

Registration will be from 12:30 - 1:30 in the Arena Club at Northwest Arena and all scorecards will need to be returned to the Arena Club by 5pm. No pre-registration. Register the day of the event.

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- Northwest Arena
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Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas 2023

The Tradition Continues in EVL this Friday, December 1 at EBC



The live auction which starts at 7:30pm, hosted by Brooks Lefeber. Brooks a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which includes a special Bob McCarthy original along with a special chest, coat rack and pie box from Ed Frederickson. Hughey Dunn's Rustic table is always sought after by furniture dealers. All auction items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item keeping with the long tradition.

By, THE EVL ELF

Let it snow! Just got a rundown for what is in store for you at this year's Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, happening at EBC in Ellicottville this Friday, December 1st at 6pm. With the generous support of the Ellicottville Brewing Company the 18th annual tradition will see all proceeds from special beer and wine sales go to the Bob McCarthy Foundation's programs. Brew master Dan Minner has created a special draft & the traditional McCarthy Irish Red to commemorate the legend at his event. Come hungry as the "Taste of Ireland" feature special dishes served up by local restaurants: Katy's (Guinness Irish Stew), Madigan's (Guinness Mack & Cheese), The Silver Fox (Bangers & Mash, Villaggio's (Pasta & Meatballs - no Irish here; LOL) & Dina's (Tom's Irish Cream Bread Pudding). Believe it or not each of the food & bar items listed above can be had for a small donation of \$5 each, with all proceeds helping the Bob McCarthy Foundation.

great beer hall kicks off at 6pm featuring an energetic live show from South Buffalo, Crikwater. Their up-tempo music conjures scenes of gritty smokey Irish pubs, whiskey, pints of stout, and good craic. You will enjoy the multi-part vocal harmonies, engaging fiddle tunes, and intricate musicianship while chatting to old friends or browsing the extensive Irish Basket Raffle or live auction items.

EBC is sponsoring a champagne toast to Bob which will be kicked off by Asa on the Bagpipes with a great Irish dancer. This will lead into the live auction which starts at 7:30pm, hosted by Brooks Lefeber. Brooks a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which includes a special Bob McCarthy original along with a special chest, coat rack and pie box from Ed Frederickson. Hughey Dunn's Rustic table is always sought after by furniture dealers. All auction items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item keeping with the long tradition. An exciting addition last year was an Irish basket raffle which will be held in the mezzanine area of the hall.

Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szpaicher & Mila Clauss created this area so all people attending can participate with many lucky winners taking home great gifts for a minimal donation (20 Tickets for \$10). Many local business' have provided great seasonal gifts and you can get a sneak peek as many live Auction items and the Irish basket raffle choices are shown on the Foundation website at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/events.

This fun event is always the holidays most talked about, reflecting the generosity and compassion of our tight knit community as so many turn out to support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this event serves to raise funds for our main initiatives, which are Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program. Proceeds also provide funding for our year-round family support services as we strive to level the playing field for those less fortunate in our community.

It was McCarthy who said "I love doing Irish Christmas which is a night of Irish magic. I don't know how the magic gets there, but it just does. That's the beauty of it". Well last year's event was indeed magical with overwhelming support from our community kicking off the Bob McCarthy's Foundation transitional year with the largest proceeds in our 17-year history.

If you can't attend you can donate to the cause at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate or via the mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way!

The evening will be a ton of fun for all! Bob always found a way to make the holidays magical... and this year it will be exceptional. Make sure you mark your calendar as Friday December 1st at 6pm at EBC will be one you won't want to miss.



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EVL Chamber Food Pantry Donation

Proceeds from Christmas in Ellicottville Help those Less Fortunate



Ellicottville, NY -- Each year, as a part of Christmas in Ellicottville, the Chamber of Commerce organizes two pancake breakfasts with Santa. This year we are grateful to Villaggio and Finnerty's Tap Room (FTR) and their employees for hosting the events. Children and their families got a chance to talk to Santa and the Jolly Elf one more time before Christmas to express their wants for under the tree. The breakfast raises donations for the Ellicottville Food Pantry in the form of

non-perishable food items and cash donations. This year, on top of all the food donations, and there were a lot, the Food Pantry received a check for \$1,000 from cash donations received at the door and from money raised by FTR's 6/6 drawings held on football Sundays. Thanks to the staff at both Villaggio and FTR for donating their time as well as Sysco for donating over 80 pancakes and syrup and Tops for assisting with the plates, juice and other items. A special thanks to all who donated cash and food items.

Chamber of Commerce: The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce provides advocacy, promotional and benefit solutions for its members - setting the standard for excellence in member service, community collaboration, business growth while achieving a high quality of life in Ellicottville and the surrounding area. We foster and promote business with our members while stimulating local economic growth. For more information about the Ellicottville chamber of Commerce, including membership, please visit <http://www.ellicottvillenyc.com>.

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EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

“A Tale of Three Diverse Businesses Under One Roof”



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Twist & Scoops

I find that, in some of my routine EVL travels, we have pretty good pharmacy here. The people who work there are really nice and it's always service with a smile. Not only that but every time I need to pick up a prescription, I can't help noticing the beautiful salt water aquarium provided by Ellicottville Aquatics in the front office proudly displaying the business down the road. To satisfy my curiosity, I took a drive down Rt. 219 and made an arrangement to meet with owner/operator, Skyler Martens.

What used to be a large antique store is now home to not one, not two, but three different businesses all in the building. The “fish store”, as the affable Skyler refers to it, came first. He admits that he didn't originally envision “all of this” but hard work and persistence paid off.

The sporting goods store currently has an emphasis on firearms, hunting and fishing. But he has his sights set on creating a full-service outdoor goods store comparable to a Bass Pro or Dick's Sporting Goods.

The third enterprise, Twist and Scoops, is managed by his wife and her mother. Skyler proudly boasts about having built the kitchen for the restaurant as they also serve a wide variety of eats as well as many ice cream treats.

For the time being we focused on the pet shop. He started small with a partner that he eventually bought out. What has turned into a thriving business began as a hobby. The first year was difficult as he was running the shop and working construction full time. He previously operated engineering equipment but

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remained focused on the growing business. He kept adding inventory and even had a breeding operation in his basement.

I told Skyler a story about my own experience as an amateur aquarist as I enjoyed the hobby many years ago. Strolling through a pet store once I became captivated when I spotted an albino African underwater frog. I had to have him and named him Burford, a reference to an episode of the old Dick Van Dyke show.

I made the mistake of adding him to my 55-gallon community fish tank. It wasn't long before I noticed that my fish were slowly disappearing and realized that Burford was the culprit. When he grew to the size of a softball resulting from a steady diet of gold fish feeders, my wife said he had to go. I sold him back to the shop where I bought him for three times what he cost me. This was like 35 years ago and we still laugh about it. But I digress.

As time went on Skyler eventually added reptiles, then small animals, and the rest is history. He was able to stay open during the time of Covid.

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Since he was selling food for animals he was designated as an essential service. He employs 8 people including the family members who work the ice cream shop.

He currently rents his retail space but yearns to build a facility he can call his own. He also has a few rental properties and is quite proud of a house that he and his dad built. That house has been turned into an Air BNB.

Skyler loves coming to work and enjoys the chore of buying for all of the businesses. He is really a nice guy who just sees himself as someone with three kids, three dogs and a wife and that makes him content. When I asked him what he does to relax, he responded logically by saying, “hunting and fishing”. Makes perfect sense.

You can look him up on his website at www.evillpetstore.com and also on Facebook. The store is located at 4343 S. Whalen Rd. in Great Valley with access right off the 219 South.

I thanked him for his time and his story and wished him success in completing his vision.

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Daff Dry Goods Employee Spotlight:

Recognizing Sue Weinke

Sue Weinke moved to Ellicottville in 2012 although she commuted for work to Cleveland until retiring in 2019. Her husband, Bryan Newpher, and she worked as ski instructors at Holimont from 2009-2021. Daff was her favorite store so when she saw a posting for help wanted after the store opened back up following the pandemic she thought, “I can do that” Sue has been with us ever since and is an integral part of the Daff team. She is our go to girl! Grateful to have her.



Wreath Making at the Arboretum

Nannen Arboretum in Ellicottville Presents Class November 29

Join Nannen Arboretum members to create a fresh evergreen wreath at the Ellicottville Town Center at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, N.Y. at 6:30pm on Wednesday November 29, 2023.

Pre-registration is required as class size is limited to 15 participants. Please call Nan Miller at 716-244-

0695 or 716-945- 3845 to register. Each participant needs to bring a garbage bag (not a grocery bag) of evergreen clippings, a pair of gloves, and hand clippers. If you cut your evergreen tips to a length of approximately 9”, it will be easier to assemble your wreath. A wreath form and paddle wire will be provided.

ed. Help will be available to construct a bow, if you bring your own ribbon. Refreshments will be served. A \$10 fee will be collected to cover cost of materials. We look forward to seeing you in the auditorium at the Town Center on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

SATURDAY WITH SANTA @ ASP: DECEMBER 2 : SALAMANCA, NY

Holiday Valley Updates

Henry VanDerwater's Vision for Snowboard Team



"Sliding Rails and Building Character": New Head Coach of Holiday Valley Snowboard Team, Henry VanDerwater.

The Holiday Valley Snowboard Team is more than just a season long program where kids learn about the differences between a carved and a skidded turn or the proper way to spin off of jump in the park. It's a team that is based on camaraderie, passion and teaching aspiring young athletes' life lessons that will serve them well later on down the line. Most importantly, the team is out there on the slopes to have fun... in an environment that prioritizes safety while also helping to get young riders comfortable with pushing the boundaries of their comfort zone.

This season, there will be a new Head Coach overseeing the development of the team. After a few years living out west where he was a counselor at Woodward Copper, Henry VanDerwater has returned home to his roots (he grew up riding and instructing at Kissing Bridge) and is excited to work with the next generation of terrain park riders.

We recently caught up with Henry to find out what has him the most excited about for the upcoming season and why he thinks the Holiday Valley Snowboard Team is the perfect way for aspiring snowboarders to spend their winter.

Holiday Valley (HV): What inspired you to make the switch from skiing to snowboarding and how did that transition ignite your passion for the sport?

Henry VanDerwater (Henry): The year before I switched, I had started experimenting in the parks on my skis, but I had the wrong setup for it. I tried snowboarding by switching equipment with a friend once and immediately had more success in the park on a snowboard than I ever had on skis. I was growing comfortable skiing the same small resort, so a new discipline allowed me to see all the familiar terrain in an entirely new light. In addition, the group of older park riders that took me and my friends under their wings were mostly snowboarders.

HV: What brings you back to Western New York?

Henry: The WNY ski/snowboard community, although not as big as others, is a uniquely friendly one in my experience. We all understand our snowpack isn't the deepest, our mountains aren't the tallest and our weather isn't the most conducive to late or early seasons. But ultimately, I think it's that humbleness that has brought me back- the bigger ski towns can be flashy and glamorous

(and full of egos), but there's something about that east coast honesty and genuine community that I'll always want to be around.

HV: Reflecting on your diverse experiences in the snowboarding world, from instructing to building parks, to working in shops, how do you think these roles have prepared you for your position as the Snowboard Team coach at Holiday Valley?

Henry: I think all of those jobs will have an impact on how I run the team. From ensuring the team has appropriate features for progression (Park Crew), to communicating effective movement analysis (instructing), to making certain the team's equipment is properly adjusted (shop), to keeping the team stoked and safe (Woodward). In addition, I've worked for the Buffalo Public School district which has made me comfortable managing groups of youth and resolving issues that may arise.

HV: As someone who has been deeply involved in snowboarding culture, what aspects of the community and sport do you find most influential and hope to pass on to your team?

Henry: A unique aspect of snowboard culture that has influenced me to commit a large part of my life to it, is the camaraderie. Unless you have a bib on and you're about to drop in on a course, everyone is on the same team and that team is Fun. It's also an incredibly supportive community; it's instinct for us to let out a whoop when we see someone do something sweet- whether we know them or not. It's just as much instinct to skip your favorite feature to check on the guy you saw fall hard. Although I obviously hope to train some awesome snowboarders, a big part of snowboarding is deeper than what tricks you do. I aspire to bring that supportive aspect of the community to the team.

HV: Can you describe the moment you realized you wanted to coach and mentor the younger generation of park riders?

Henry: I think the moment it clicked for me was midwinter 5 years ago. I had recently gotten a new park deck, so I gave away my old one to a local younger park kid. Although I had already been an instructor at that point, I had never done any park instruction beyond a few lessons here and there. I never formally instructed him, but seeing him grow and progress on the same board I learned so much on, had a big impact on me. That's when I realized I wanted to help the younger generation experience what I love about this sport.

HV: What are your goals for the snowboard team at Holiday Valley and how do you plan to help the team progress?

Henry: I will work to bring excitement to the team, to help athletes improve all season long and to help them feel pride in their hard work... Imbuing a love of the sport is a big part of progressing. At the end of the day, snowboarding is physically demanding and at times a psychologically intimidating athletic endeavor. Without loving snowboarding for snowboarding's sake, it's difficult to improve. We'll start with having

a supportive team and everything else builds from there.

HV: For parents considering enrolling their children in the snowboard team program, explain the benefits of snowboarding for young athletes, both on and off the slopes?

Henry: The obvious draw for a competitive snowboarding team is for your child to get better at competitive snowboarding. This is of course my primary goal, to train these athletes in preparation for competitive events. However, there are many other benefits which come along with that goal. There is a clear physical component to the sport which results in faster reaction times, better balance and air awareness, improved aerobic capacity and enhanced coordination. But there's a significant mental component as well, which can help with confidence, overcoming fears, work ethic and inner motivation. The part of snowboarding that affected me the most is the lesson that mistakes are just a part of the journey. When you're learning a new trick and pushing out of your comfort zone, you're likely to fall down a couple times. The willingness to fail and try again is a valuable skill that comes with committing to this sport.

HV: Safety is always an important part of being on the snow. How do you intend to ensure a fun and safe learning environment for the team?

Henry: Safety is a huge component of our freestyle program. Helmets are required when riding with the team. We perform riding evaluations at the start of the season to make sure we're coaching ability-appropriate tricks on appropriate features. Where possible, I'll be coaching the component maneuvers in a low-risk environment prior to going into the parks. For example, if an athlete wants to learn a back lip slide, they will be coached on it on a balance beam on a mat, then take it to flat snow, then low pitch low feature, then finally to the beginner parks before stepping up once to an actual rail. The greatest risk is at the early stages of learning a trick, where your brain can hardly make all those movements at once, let alone correct for an unexpected development. By coaching the movement separate from the magnitude, we can help the athletes progress while minimizing risk.

HV: What can young snowboarders and their parents expect from the training program at Holiday Valley? And how does it cater to different skill levels?

Henry: Prospective team members and their families can expect direct and personalized coaching and feedback, along with a supportive team environment. Regardless of skill level, each athlete will have access to every tool we have available to allow them to develop as snowboarders. From learning their first 50-50, to stomping a huge 7, the athletes will be progressing and leveling up regardless of their starting point.

HV: Woodward at Copper attracts some amazing up-and-coming athletes. How did that experience help shape you in terms of not only being a counselor

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BY KATE BARTLETT

While Chautauque is a wonderful place to visit throughout the year, it takes on a special character during the holiday season. The town square, Bestor Plaza, is decorated festively and visitors are welcome to stroll the grounds free of charge, including free parking.

Holiday celebrations began last Friday, November 25, with Black Friday sales at the Chautauque Bookstore and The Gallery Store. Both shops offer a variety of unique merchandise both in store and online. Privately owned shops, including GG My Love, St. Elmo Spa, Gretchen's Gallery and Chautauque Warehouse are open for business, some are open by appointment or with special holiday shopping hours.

On December 7, the Institution invites guests to celebrate the start of Hanukkah with the Menorah Lighting on Bestor Plaza at 4:30pm. Emily Morris, senior vice president and chief brand officer at Chautauque said the menorah lighting ceremony has been part of Chautauque's winter holiday celebrations since 2017 when the Winter Village at Chautauque celebration was inaugurated. "We are delighted to celebrate the commencement of Hannukah at dusk on this day," Morris said.

The Winter Village celebration takes place Saturday, December 16, 9am-5pm, with Breakfast with Santa taking place at 9 and 11am. "Winter Village at Chautauque provides a perfect family day itinerary," Morris

said. "Start with breakfast, enjoy some delightful holiday music from local choirs, do some shopping, enjoy a mulled wine or hot chocolate from the Afterwords Wine Bar, and snap holiday photos in front of our giant Christmas tree or Hanukkah Menorah, then finish up the day with a tour of the grounds and lakefront in a heated horse-drawn carriage."

Breakfast with Santa is a beloved family tradition and takes place at Hurlbut Church with a full breakfast menu. "Our chefs from the Heirloom Restaurant at the Athenaeum Hotel prepare a delicious breakfast for children and adults alike," Morris said. The menu includes a favorite introduced last year, the chef's special homemade roasted corned beef hash. Santa and Mrs. Claus visit with every family, providing an abundance of photo opportunities in front of the warm fire.

For the first time this year, Chautauque Institution is welcoming three local school choirs to perform at Hurlbut Memorial Church. Choirs from Jamestown, Fredonia and Chautauque Lake high schools will take stage performing a variety of vocal music, including holiday favorites starting at 10:15am.

In addition to the events above, Institution

staff members host a craft bazaar at Winter Village on December 16, featuring one-of-a-kind handmade gift items, with all proceeds benefiting the United Way of Chautauque County. Horse-drawn carriage rides around the grounds are also offered on this day. "The Institution grounds are beautiful at this time of the year. The festivities are a great way to spend a Saturday during the holiday season while also finishing up holiday shopping at our unique shops and galleries."

Also on December 16, the Stateline Draft Horse Club will offer wagon or (weather permitting) sleigh rides at Chautauque weekends in January and February from 1-3pm. Tickets are sold at the Chautauque Bookstore: \$4 for children/\$6 for adults. Morris suggests there is no place like Chautauque. "There's really no place on earth like Chautauque. Every day is special here. We invite everyone to come out and appreciate winter in Chautauque and create holiday memories to cherish for a lifetime."

For more information or to purchase breakfast tickets, visit winter.chq.org. Advance purchase of Breakfast with Santa tickets is recommended.

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There's a new trend in the Ellicottville restaurant scene and it's all about presentation. Sure, the food has always been grand, but now they have added an accent. Steelite International America has equipped several of your favorite spots with white bone china plates and they are "hot" one might say.

Michael Nickolson, owner of the Silver Fox Restaurant was recently interviewed by the company and said the product not only makes the food presentation more dramatic, but also streamlines his service because of the coordination of the plate to the feature. He joked they are so "hot", they are literally walking out the door!

The plates by Steelite are custom made for each restaurant according to their sizing needs and logos. Many years ago, Nickolson had a local artist create his logo and Steelite placed the logo on each



bread plate. Customers love the work so much, they are asking to take them out the door. Needless to say, the restaurant is keeping an ongoing order.

Many establishments in Ellicottville are now using the company. To

find out more about Steelite checkout: us.steelite.com or read the full article in next week's Villager Newspaper.

To see the full interview with Nickolson go to: www.facebook.com/steelite/videos/733746015318430

Board

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but also when it comes to viewing snowboard culture in general?

Henry: Working at Woodward Copper has had a big impact on me. Seeing 200 kids signing into camp on Sunday all psyched to ride together is incredible. However, without all the other campers and counselors and coaches, Woodward would just be a patch of snow. The magic of snowboarding comes when you're making the friends, talking tricks at the top of the drop and

supporting each other after a stomped trick. That's what I plan to bring to the HV Freestyle Team - a healthy, happy attitude towards our training days.

HV: Finally, what message would you like to share with parents who are still on the fence about signing their kids up for the snowboard team program at Holiday Valley?

Henry: The benefits of enrolling your child in this program extend beyond improved placements at competitions. The USASA events are a significant component of the program, but this program is also the top coaching experience your child can experience

at Holiday Valley for snowboarding in general. The snowboarding skills they learn in this program will last the rest of their life and enhance their ability to enjoy this activity we all love. The team coaching format allows the athletes to make new friends who share the same interests they do and the team trips to Northeastern resorts for comps will create amazing memories. Last but not least, we'll be outside every weekend getting better and having fun doing it. I look forward to this new role at Holiday Valley and the opportunity to work with the next generation of riders.

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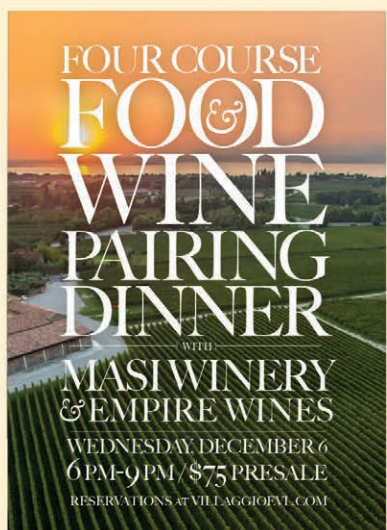
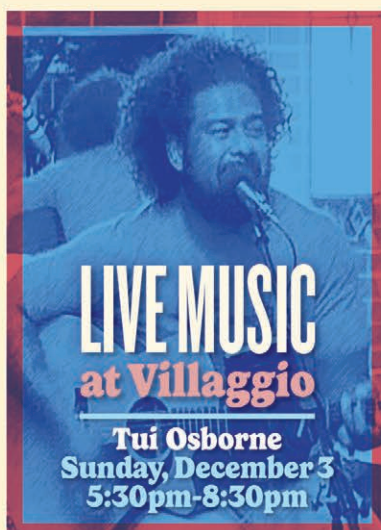
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patriotism, and to assist veterans' organizations in our communities. The organization is composed of mothers who now have or have had children honorably serving in the US Military, as well as associate members of extended family members and friends. As proud mothers of the men and women who are ready to fight for this nation's freedoms, the group seeks to encourage and support American troops as well as support each other in their journey. During 2022, with the help of many schools, churches, community members and civic organizations, over 1000 care packages were sent to America's deployed sons and daughters, along with unnumbered cards and letters. This is an accomplishment for which this chapter is not only proud, but tremendously grateful. This year the Blue Star Mothers hope to see another banner year of collections and care packages sent, especially with the prospect of increasing military activity and deployments. Last year, shipping

costs were nearly \$25,000; realizing this is a great challenge, the Blue Star Mothers are confident that once again the community will rally to the cause in providing some much-needed encouragement and joy for those military persons who will not be home for the holidays. The public is invited to begin the 2023 Christmas Season by joining the Blue Star Mothers on Saturday, December 2, at 9AM at the Fluvanna Community Church Family Center to help pack boxes for our military. Children, adults, and groups of all kinds are welcome! Also being sought are names and addresses of military persons who are deployed overseas for this holiday season. Recipients of the Blue Star Mothers care packages need not be Chautauqua County residents. To submit a name, or for any questions, email kcollver@yahoo.com, or phone or text (716) 450-5593. Donations may be sent to: Blue Star Mothers NY4 PO Box 22 Jamestown, NY 14702

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Photos of some of the items on display at the Petit Noel Show, & Sale at Art's Cafe in Springville (5 East Main Street) through December 23rd. Time to get your Christmas shopping done! (Photos by Barbara Arnstein) Items on display at the Petit Noel Show & Sale, continuing through December 23rd, at Art's Cafe in Springville (5 East Main Street). Get your Christmas shopping done now!

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ERA Team VP is excited to announce they will join a nationwide effort with the ERA® brand and other ERA affiliated brokerages worldwide to collect holiday gifts for children in need, in conjunction with #GivingTuesday, and will work in tandem with national non-profit organization Toys for Tots.

ERA Team VP will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at all office locations and via Amazon (links are posted on their Facebook page) through December 1, 2023. All donations will be distributed to local children in need. Established in 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program features

"We're so excited to be hosting this campaign once again in our local communities," said Rachael Wiley-Steffen, Chief Operating Officer of ERA Team VP. "Our team is dedicated to consistently giving back to those in need in our areas, and this is a great way to do so year after year."

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truly remarkable.” The festival started 4 years ago as a way to increase tourism through the holiday season, and has evolved to be the premier illumination festival in North America. Adding more lights every year, the twinkling displays include 3 larger than life displays, dozens of trees wrapped in lights, the two-story tall

Zimmerman Fountain, 40-foot light castle and more. This year in more immersive than ever before, with a large Christmas Tree and several interactive displays. “The area of Lundy’s Lane is lined with large candy cane displays, and we have several interactive displays this year,” says Janice. “We’ve added illuminated life-size teeter-toters near Queen Victoria Place, and veranda style swings. It’s been fun watching

visitors enjoy these features, taking pictures and having a good time.” With so much to explore, visitors can have a different experience each and every time they visit. Guests can opt for a fully drive-through experience or park and walk through the displays at their leisure. “You really can make the festival what you want and tailor it to meet the needs of your group. You can leisurely stroll the displays and stop for hot chocolate, or make it a day and weekend-

long excursion enjoying the many attractions on Clifton Hill and shopping at the outlets on Lundy’s Lane.” In addition to the illuminations, the festival boasts 8 nights of fireworks over The Falls, every Friday and Saturday evening November 8- December 2nd at 8pm, and nightly from December 2 through the finale on January 7. Visitors can visit Santa at the Niagara Parks Floral Showcase December 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 from 6-8pm and receive

a complimentary digital photograph to capture this holiday tradition. The Hot Chocolate Trail returns this year offering 2 delicious stops with 36 unique flavors for all ages to enjoy (both non-alcoholic and alcoholic options available). The self-guided trail offers classic combinations with marshmallows and mint as well as inventive cocktails like a Cocoa Cupcake Delight or a S’mores Blizzard Hot Chocolate. Stops include some of the areas acclaimed restaurants, bars and bake

shops within Niagara Falls, and offers a great opportunity to warm up while enjoying the Festival of Lights. Niagara Helicopters will provide Night Flights, offering stunning views of the illuminations and light displays along the festival route. Additional fees apply. For more information and full calendar of events, visit <https://wfo1.com/about/> and follow on social media for updates @ WinterFestivalofLights.

Miracle on Main Street

Hosted by Festivals Fredonia, Saturday, December 2



Miracle on Main Street, hosted by Festivals Fredonia, will be held on Saturday December 2nd. Enjoy activities with Santa perfect for the whole family including caroling, the lighting of the Village’s Christmas Tree with refreshments, shopping, and more.

Jamestown Christmas Parade

Jingle & Mingle Festival, Saturday, December 2



Jamestown NY: Saturday, December 2nd. Starting at noon, enjoy live music in Tracy Plaza, a showing of the movie the Santa Claus at the Reg Lenna Center of the Arts and more. The day of festivities will conclude with the Light the City Parade at 6pm and a fireworks display.

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2, from 6 0- 8pm, giving visitors the opportunity to meet the artists, view the art and the Center's renovated spaces, and also enjoy refreshments and music. On December 6th, between 6 0- 8pm, there will be an Artist's Night at the Arts Cafe in Springville, located at 5 East Main Street. On that night, there will be a discussion, led by Executive Director Seth Wochensky, featuring seven of the show's artists. They will tell stories and relate memories of the SCA's beginnings and audience members will have the chance to ask questions then, and also chat with them later on. The artists who will participate include Bob Adler, Judson Brown, Marty Hoffman, Charles Houseman, Tom Irish, Joseph Ward and Judy Wright.

About the eki bit, Seth Wochensky commented, "It pays homage to people involved in the early years of the SCA, as artists and organizers, who have helped it make so much progress". Cassandra Cross, the Visual Arts Director of the Springville Center for the Arts, commented "We are excited to introduce the community to the artists who



A painted portrait, and paintings of geraniums and a scenic view in the exhibit.

helped to make SCA the organization it is today." The artists whose work is featured in the eki bit include: Bob Adler, Sharon Bartell, Judson Brown, John Burn, Doris Calnen, Anneliese Garver, Marty Hoffman, Charles Houseman, Tom Irish, Bernadette Keleher, Kathleen McDonnell, Doris Palmer Morris, Nancy Miess, Karl Miller, Carol Mongerson, Jewel Mowry, Lucy Muther, Holly Nachbar, Linda Nagle, Joe Orffeo, Karen Sienk, Pam Stachowski, Fran Vacanti, Joe Ward and Judy Wright.

Fran Vacanti was honored by the naming of the Center's Fran Vacanti Classroom, while Carol Mongerson was honored by having the Center's theater named after her (which is presently undergoing renovation). The eki bit features her painting, "Winter's Light", an outdoor scene of leafless trees and snow. Some of the many

other works depicting nature include Charles Houseman's painting of a scenic shore, Pam Stachowski's painting of a brook, Karen Sienk's qi It featuring a tree and Marty Hoffman's photo of a mountain and river. Doris Palmer Morris painted geraniums, and Linda Nagle painted a white rhododendron. Tom Irish's painting is in a frame resembling a television cabinet, complete with an antenna. It includes several people, and a robot and a puppet, like those on children's television shows in the 0' s. Judy Wright has four pieces in the show. One is a ceramics piece on a pedestal, and the others are two watercolors of buildings, and a portrait.

The show runs from now until New Year's Eve. Gallery hours are Wednesdays from 0m a-5m, Thursdays from 0a m-5m, Fridays from 0a m-5m, and Saturdays from 0a m-5m.

Italiano

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Kelly said, "Villaggio Italiano Restaurant is a unique restaurant for this area. It's a very comfortable and cozy restaurant with an authentic Italian cafe type vibe." She also stated that it has seating for about forty people, and it's a full-service, sit-down restaurant. You can also call to order take-out to pick up yourself, or you can call for delivery any day they are open, starting at 4 pm. They also have a full-service catering business for your convenience. You can have your business meetings, luncheons, or your special occasions catered, and they may be held at the restaurant or other locations.

This restaurant has a large variety of items on its menu. They have over fifteen different toppings for pizzas as well as specialty pizzas, and over ten flavors of wings. Their menu has appetizers, salads, hot Italian sandwiches, and calzones. It has authentic Italian soup like pasta fagioli, and includes Italian entrees like lasagna, spaghetti, tortellini, ravioli, eggplant parmesan, and more. (Gluten free pasta is also available.) There is such a wide selection of items on this menu, so you can check it out for yourself to see the variety of menu choices. You can see the full menu, including daily combo deals, on their website villaggiosilvercreek.com.

On their Facebook page, you will find information



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on other weekly and monthly specials they are having. Some examples of the current weekly specials are, all you can eat pasta on Mondays, sixty cent wings on Wednesdays, and a fish fry on Fridays. They also have discounted game day specials and combos on Sundays or anytime the Buffalo Bills are playing. These specials may change periodically, so keep an eye on their Facebook page for all this information.

Villaggio Italiano also has a wide variety of beverages that complement their food menu dishes. They offer wines that they get from local wineries, and they have local and domestic beer. The staff can suggest what beverages pair well with your food choices. In fact, about five or six times a year, they have a wine and/or beer pairing dinner event. For these pairing events, the chef plans and prepares certain foods

paired with a different type of wine or beer. Their next wine/beer pairing event will be held on December 6.

Villaggio Italiano is open 6 days a week, as they are closed on Tuesdays. They are open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3pm-8pm, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:30am- 9pm, and Sundays from 11:30am-8pm. To place an order for take-out, delivery, catering, or to ask other questions, you can call (716) 951-3260.

If you are looking for a little taste of Italy with authentic Italian food, Villaggio Italiano is the place for you. Remember there is a large diverse menu that will certainly please any food tastes you may be looking for. Take-out is available or dine in and relax at this unique family friendly Silver Creek restaurant.

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Chautauqua Seasonal Performances

Live Theatre & Ballet throughout December



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Sheriff

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

This year the program is directly gifting to 76 children and has expanded from last year, reaching almost every school district in Cattaraugus County including Hinsdale, West Valley, Gowanda, Cattaraugus/Little Valley, Randolph, 3 Salamanca Schools, 3 Pioneer Schools, Portville, Allegany-Limestone and one school

at Olean Boces. "We have more schools participating in our SRO program, so we are able to reach more families."

The School Resource Officer program was started to foster a positive environment between elementary and high school students and the officers. "We strive to build positive relationships between the officers and students. We want them to know we're here to help, and see us in a light of positivity. Our officers want to be someone the students can turn to, a good role model, and a positive influence in their lives."

"Shopping and delivering is the most rewarding part of the experience", says Tonya. The officers traditionally shop collectively in uniform for the gifts the week after Thanksgiving. "We definitely get a lot of looks; shoppers can be quite surprised to see a group of sheriffs in uniform with shopping carts full of presents." Volunteers wrap the gifts, then each officer hand delivers the gifts they purchased for their sponsor child the week before Christmas.

Tonya reflects on this event as the most rewarding part of her job. "It's great to be able to bring a smile and help these families during the holiday season. It's exciting to find a gift for a child that the family can't provide. Knowing that we've helped a struggling family and bought some joy into their lives is priceless."

It's sometimes the little things that make a big difference. "We've had several requests for attire with school emblems (sweatshirts, t-shirts, etc). We work especially hard to meet requests like these as it is an opportunity to foster pride and inclusivity. These simple things can help these children stand a bit taller, taking pride in their school and education."

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“Antony & Cleopatra”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The play begins with two guys complaining that this other guy who's supposed to be ruling the country with them is off in another country having way too much fun with its queen. He's married, to someone in their country, and they would prefer to be conquering the country he's in, but to quote that old 60's slogan, "He'd rather make love than war". He's crazy about her. Why? One clue we're given is that she's always doing the opposite of what he expects. Huh? No, really. For instance, she tells a messenger she's sending to him, "If you find him sad, tell him I'm dancing. If you find him laughing, say I'm sick".

I don't get it, either, but it seems to work on Antony. Anyway, after the guys tsk-tsk about their wild partying and call her names, we get to see for ourselves just what the lovers are doing. Almost the first thing Antony whispers to Cleopatra is, "When we're alone tonight, how about we do that great fun activity we did last night?" What do you think he's suggesting they do? Play a round of Frisky Frisbee Golf? Maybe some Strip Pickleball? Nope, neither of those things. He then says, "(Let's) wander the streets and note the qualities of people". Nope, I didn't expect that, either. I googol'd their people-watching, seeking more details beyond the simple sentence Shakespeare says about it, and I learned that one big thrill about this activity was that they

went around in disguise. And there's more: when they went wandering, they played pranks on people. Unfortunately, I didn't find more about the pranks. However, later on in the play, there's a scene in which Cleo is dressed up as a goddess and Antony is dressed as a god, specifically the god of drinking. Kinky! Also, there are later lines relating how she once put a dress on him and grabbed his sword.

Conveniently for Cleo, early in the first scene of the first act, a messenger says that Antony's wife has died. But, following official orders from those grouchy guys, he then has to high-tail it back to his country. There, he finds that one of them wants to put a stop to his dilly-dallying and cement their comradeship by having Antony marry his sister! Which he does! Meanwhile, Cleo jealously demands that the messenger who brings her the news of his marriage tell her what she looks like, manipulates him into saying she's less attractive than her, and then starts sending Antony love notes. Every day.

Later in the play, when she goes to visit his country, she makes one of the most glamorous grand entrances of all time. She sails into the harbor on a ship with a gold deck, silver oars, and perfumed purple sails. On it are several boys dressed as Cupids, and numerous women dressed like mermaids, and she wows everyone in a gown of shimmering gold cloth. After that, he's hopelessly hypnotized.

The scenes basically keep flip-flopping back and forth between love and war. One major war section involves the three guys who are ruling having a meeting with this other guy who wants

to take over. They make a deal with him, that he can take over two counties, and he's satisfied, and they all drink on it. So what goes wrong? Right after Antony leaves town with his wife, one of the other two rulers declares war on that fourth guy, and defeats him using the third guy's soldiers. Then he BLAMES the battling on the third guy, slams him in the slammer and swipes his stuff. When Antony hears this, he scoots back to Cleo. When they dress up as deities, Cleo calls herself the Queen of Kings, possibly eventually inspiring the sitcom "The King of Queens". Antony's guys and her guys then fight the treacherous guy's guys.

Unfortunately, her navy has to retreat, and when it does, Antony's ships follow hers and so the battle is lost. When she next sees Antony, he's really pissed about that. Antony then wins a battle and cheers up. But there's another naval battle, and when her ships are overwhelmed again, Antony sees red again, and blaming the defeat on her, threatens to kill her. She's so scared she has a messenger tell him that she's committed suicide. She then goes into hiding, knowing the enemy soldiers want to capture her. When Antony hears the suicide news, he kills himself. Actually, he tries to, with his sword, but misses the vital areas. However, it hurts a whole heckuva lot and he has only enough time left to be carried to Cleo's hiding place to say goodbye. To avoid being paraded as a trophy of war, she does kill herself, soon afterwards, using a poisonous snake. She always craved attention, and he gave her a sound bite.

Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Kicking Off the Christmas Season in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACED

HOLIDAY EVENTS

On December 1st, the Lucille Ball Little Theatre will be hosting its opening night of the production of The Christmas Story. This play will be based on the timeless Christmas movie classic. The performances Friday and Saturday nights will be at 7:30pm and 2pm on Sunday, with shows next weekend at the same times. Tickets can be purchased through lbtj.com.

Also, this weekend from 11am-4pm, 21 Brix Winery in Portland will have the first of two weekends of Holiday Cookie and Wine Pairings. Choose four sweet or dry wines paired with four different holiday cookies made by Buttercream Babe. Reservations are encouraged.

Here's a reminder of area Christmas events happening this weekend that were in last week's issue: December 1- Dunkirk parade (6:30pm). December 2 - The Jingle and Mingle Festival (12pm-6pm) and parade (6pm) in Jamestown, The Miracle on Main Street Festival in Fredonia (9am-5pm) and Light Up the Point parade in Bemus Point (5pm).

December 2 -The Busti Fire Department will be having its annual Christmas Craft Bazaar from 10am-4pm. Come support local craft vendors to find unique gifts and holiday treats.

Also on December 2, you may want to attend the Fredonia Holiday Choral Concert. It will begin at 8pm at King Concert Hall at the Fredonia State campus.

December 2&3- Christmas in the Village of Findley Lake with Santa and Mrs. Claus. There will be wagon rides, Christmas trees for sale, and specials in many stores. See visitfriendlylake.com for details.

The Trillium Lodge Restaurant in Cherry Creek will be hosting Lunch with Santa and the Grinch on December 3 from 12pm-3pm. The buffet lunch costs \$15 and includes a gift and a picture with Santa. Space is limited so call 716-296-1032 for reservations.

On December 5, stop and shop at the One Stop Christmas Shop at the Bemus Point Tap House from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. Come and support local vendors and crafters and enjoy some food, drink, and holiday music.

OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

This weekend, the Roger Tory Peterson Institute is having its third annual North Shore Arts Alliance Art Show and Sale from December 1-3. This art show includes fifteen local artists displaying and selling their original art including sculptures, jewelry, paintings, pottery and more. Get some holiday shopping done and show support for local artists. Later on December 1st only, Bill Ward and John Cross will be performing from 5:30pm-7:30pm at the Arts After 5 event. For information call 716-665-2473.

December 1-Big Inlet Brewery will have Daniel Cecil from 6pm-9pm. Daniel is a local singer songwriter who plays a mixture of originals and cover folk music.

Black widow will be rocking the village of Sherman at the Cooler Bar

and Grill starting at 8pm. They will be entertaining the crowd with their acoustic version of their rock'n'roll set list.

December 2- The Union Relief Association will be hosting the 100th Annual Charity Ball at 23 Elm Street in Westfield. This formal event begins with cocktails at 7pm. Entertainment will be by the Porcelain Busdrivers. Admission is \$25 per person, with limited seats at the door. Proceeds go to Westfield families and seniors in need.

The Tim Bartlett Band will perform at 64 on the Rocks in Fredonia at 8pm. Tim plays the guitar and performs a mix of covers and originals of rock and country tunes.

Oliver Burdo will be performing at Big Inlet Brewery at 5:30pm. He will be singing the lyrics to his unique blend of folk and blues music.

The Celeron Legion will be rocking with Twisted Lid from Erie, PA. Come enjoy Twisted Lid jam as they play decades of rock 'n' roll music.

Paul Hunter will play at 4pm at the Southern Tier Distillery. While sipping on your favorite beverage, you can listen to acoustic versions of familiar and favorite tunes.

In Lakewood, go to Group Ther-Happy. Stop in to enjoy food ranging from yummy appetizers to dinner entrees, while listening to rock, country and pop music from Dual Identity, starting at 8pm.

Finishing out the weekend, you may venture out on Sunday to Steamburg in Cattaraugus County. At the Hide-A-Way Restaurant, Dark Water Duo will be rocking the "burg" starting at 5pm. Come check it out.

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What's Shaking in EVL

Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

The wind is blowing and the snow is flying and the snow guns are running and the music is rockin so let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend begins on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. For \$15 you get your choice of any burger and any beer with house made chips. The musical host this week is Conner Brien from 6-9pm. Conner plays acoustic rock from the 80's-2000's.

The Gin Mill makes its first of six appearances with The Chillbillies, Tuesday, from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/country/ blues set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies.

FRIDAY
We return to Balloons for Backlog from 6:30-10pm. They play a straight forward rock-n-roll set of dance songs. The Chillbillies make another appearance in the back bar from 10-1am. Dj KT Stylez will be in the sound booth layin down a groove so you can bust a move on the two dance floors.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of

covers that you'll know the words to. Speaking of drinking beer, there's always 37 beers on tap.

Keeping the party going, Madigans, hosts Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll provide the thumpin for the bumpin in the second story window. Check out the dart board and pool tables for some friendly competition.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with Meet the Bacons from 2-5pm. This husband and wife team plays a rock/roots/folk/pop set of covers and originals. Hazzard County takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays classic and modern country. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

Balloons is back with Metal Militia from 6:30-10pm. Put the pedal to the metal. The back bar hosts SON from 10-1am. This duo plays a r&b/blues/pop/jazz set of covers and originals featuring soulful vocals and ripping riffs. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk till 2am.

Madigans is rockin with Dj SI from 9-2am layin down the sauce so you can do the floss on the dance floor.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill hosts the return on The Chillbillies

from 2-5pm. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also open for breakfast from 9-1am sat-sun.

Villaggio hosts their AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Hosting this Sunday residency is Chris Maloney from 5:30-8:30pm. Chris plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers.

Monday is Strings and Wings night at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers. This weeks musical guest is Brianna Blankenship from 6-9 pm. She plays a country/pop set of originals and covers.

Tuesday The Gin Mill has The Hick UPS from 7-10pm. This group of seasoned musicians from various local bands plays a blue-grass/roots /Americana/ set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We've ended the seven day weekend at The Gin Mill for the last 40 years with Wing, Wednesday, hosted by Brian Rick from 7-11pm. Brian plays a folk/pop/rock/country set of covers. This is a locals favorite.

We hope you had a wonderful time in our village and that you return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!!

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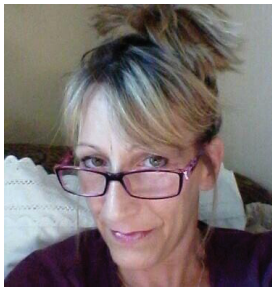
"What was the First Thing You Stood in Line For on Black Friday?"

By CHAD NEAL

The mob craze of shopping started decades ago. It was a huge media story, which in turn made it more of a fad that is aspired by the determined and sale seeking shoppers. The retail businesses would hold demanding sales on the day after Thanksgiving, the start of the holiday shopping season, and it would take them from the red (ink; on their accounting ledgers) into the black which is one of the origins of the name, which started in the 80s. Shoppers started camping in front of stores to get that coveted gift that is on sale. Sometimes the certain gift isn't on sale, but is on many a child's wish list. It seems like the acme of the craze has come and gone, but there are still sales on Black Friday. There are other retail terms for the weekend that begins the holiday shopping frenzy, including Shop Local Saturday and Cyber Monday as well. What was the first thing you stood in line for on Black Friday?



Kim R.- My coffee in my kitchen... I don't do Black Friday!



Jennifer Y.- Talking Elmo... what was i thinking?!?!?



Lisa J-I.- Power Rangers, for my nephews!



Ellen N.- Cabbage Patch Kids doll!



Gail B.- TV. Then I sold it!



Charles F.- Xbox 360!

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BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 TO FINANCE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND PAVING OF ELIZABETH STREET IN THE VILLAGE, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$3,800,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the reconstruction and paving of Elizabeth Street in the Village.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,800,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable. Any CHIPS funds received, or any funds from other sources, are authorized to be used to pay all or part of the cost of the project described herein or to pay debt service on any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this resolution.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 20 (c) of the Law, is fifteen (15) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department. (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of credit enhancement agreements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of his resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES: Sean Lowes, Doug Bush, Jon Burrell

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

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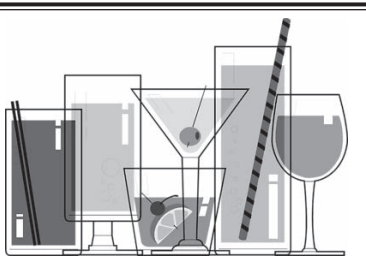
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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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!**

	2		8	4				
4						6	1	3
9		3	6	5	1	4		
8		5			4			
				2	8			6
			9	7	6			1
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Last Week's Puzzle:

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

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BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT DOWNTOWN STREETLIGHTS, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$230,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. The Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$230,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the acquisition and installation of replacement downtown streetlights.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$230,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$230,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:
 (a) The period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 of the Law, is five (5) years.
 (b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.
 (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:
 (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
 (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation in the Village, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law. The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Sean Lowes and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:
 AYES: Doug Bush, John Burrell
 NOES:
 There solution was declared adopted.

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BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED NOVEMBER 21, 2023, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 TO FINANCE THE VILLAGE'S SHARE OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DOWNTOWN PARKING LOT, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,000,000, APPROPRIATING VILLAGE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,000 FOR THE VILLAGE'S SHARE OF SAID COST, AND STATING THAT THE \$800,000 BALANCE OF SAID COST SHALL BE FUNDED BY THE CATTARAUGUS COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF CATTARAUGUS, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance the Village's share of the cost of construction of a new downtown parking lot.

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,000,000 and Village funds in the amount of \$200,000 are hereby appropriated for the Village's share of said cost. The \$800,000 balance of said cost shall be funded by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds of the Village in the principal amount of \$200,000 to finance the Village's share of said cost and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:
 (a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the object or purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 20 (f) of the Law, is ten (10) years.
 (b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.
 (c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and Section 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of credit enhancement agreements, are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if
 (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or
 (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
 (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, within ten (10) days after the adoption of this resolution, to publish or cause to be published, in full, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, and posted in at least six (6) public places and in each polling place in the Village, a Notice in substantially the form appearing in Exhibit A hereto.

Section 8. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed, after said bond resolution shall take effect, to cause said bond resolution to be published, in summary, in the official newspaper of the Village, having a general circulation within said Village, together with a Notice in substantially the form as provided by Section 81.00 of the Law.


The adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:
 AYES: Sean Lowes - Dong Bush -John Burrell
 NOES:

The resolution was declared and adopted.

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