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## Area Events

- JCC WINTER JAM  
Thursday, December 7 • 7pm  
Mayville, NY
- HOLIDAY VALLEY OPENING\*  
Friday, December 8 • 8am  
Ellicottville, NY
- WIZARDS OF WINTER  
Friday December 8 • 7:30pm  
Jamestown, NY
- A BIG BAND CHRISTMAS  
Friday December 8 • 7pm  
Jamestown, NY
- INFINITY  
KALEIDOSCOPE NIGHT  
Friday December 8 • 7pm  
Jamestown, NY
- ELLICOTTVILLE'S  
CHRISTMAS STROLL  
Saturday December 9 • 4:30pm  
Ellicottville, 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
- CHRISTMAS IN ALLEGANY  
Saturday December 9 • 1pm  
Allegany NY
- RUSTY ROOSTER- CHRISTMAS  
BARN SHOW  
Saturday December 9 • 10am  
Cattaraugus, NY
- GIFT WRAPPING CLINIC  
Saturday December 9 • 10am  
Jamestown, NY
- MAYVILLE HOLIDAY MARKET  
Sat/Sun, December 9-10 • 10am  
Mayville, NY
- FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA  
AT HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
Saturday, December 9 • 11am  
Falconer, NY
- FAMILY PUBLIC SKATE AT  
NORTHWEST ARENA  
Sunday, December 9 • 3:30pm  
Jamestown, NY
- HORSE-DRAWN WAGON RIDES  
WITH SANTA  
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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## Ellicottville's Christmas Stroll

Celebrate the True Meaning of Christmas Dec. 9



BY JESSICA MILLER

ELLICOTTVILLE - Slow down the pace during the holiday rush and take some time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas during Ellicottville's annual Christmas

Stroll. This year's Stroll is set for this Saturday, Dec. 9 in the village of Ellicottville. The Christmas Stroll welcomes all to a day of friendship as locals and visitors come together

SEE "STROLL" PAGE 6

## Great Lakes Cheese Facility

"Say Cheese" Franklinville: Village Looks Forward



National Grid recently energized Great Lakes Cheese's new Franklinville manufacturing facility and, as an additional boost, has provided the company with more than \$1.5 million in economic development, energy efficiency and EV Make-Ready funding. The grants will help the local manufacturer remain competitive and retain and add hundreds of jobs at its \$621 million, (nearly) 500,000-square-foot facility. (Photo/Caption:nationalgridus.com. See story "Cheese" page 7.)

## Steelite: Elevating Eats in Ellicottville

International Company Highlights Ellicottville



Ellicottville Brewing Company favorite bites on Steelite International America china. The Village of Ellicottville has become a living showroom for Steelite products.

BY ABIGALE KREINHEDER

Truly exquisite dining experiences are often remembered for the food, but it

all begins with everything but that. The atmosphere, service, and presentation enhance the entire experience and Steelite International America is a company that gets it.

Back in 2012, I was at Mountain Standard, a new American restaurant in Vail, Colorado with my dad, Peter Kreinheder, owner of Ellicottville Brewing Co. While the food was fantastic the dishware was outrageously fun and made the whole dining experience something to remember a decade later. Without a doubt, presentations influence perceptions, and the organic shaped, clay-colored plates were hard to forget.

Their smokey roasted olives and garlicky turkey club sandwich were plated on Steelite china. We both immediately noticed the presentations and of course the plates. I've always thought that eating food on a fun plate somehow simply makes everything taste better. The

SEE "STEELITE" PAGE 10

## Business Spotlight: Cattaraugus County IDA

Economic Development Continues to Rise in the Area



Ellicottville is a large area of tourism and commerce for Cattaraugus County with the ski resorts of HoliMont and Holiday Valley. The CCIDA has been involved in ongoing development projects for these ski resorts. The CCIDA has also been involved in assisting the Steelbound Brewery expansion (above), a 3.5 million dollar project centered around brewing and distilling, along with hotel and event center.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) has been facilitating economic growth to the area for over 52 years. Authorized and empowered by the State of New York, the organization aims to "retain, promote and assist business development thereby advancing job opportunities and economic welfare to the

people of Cattaraugus County."

The Cattaraugus County IDA offers assistance in the forms of incentives including tax abatements, low interest loans, and bond financing. Those who are interested in investing in the growth of the area are encouraged to contact the Cattaraugus County IDA to see what forms of assistance may be available.

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## Sneak Peek

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Westfield-Based Plant Increases Output ... Pg. 11

Notes from the Desk of Chautauqua County IDA



The County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved a \$400,000 loan to support the purchase and installation of new equipment for Original Crunch Roll Factory, LLC (Crunch Factory®), located at 75 Bourne St., Westfield. Once installed and in use, the new equipment will significantly increase production for the Crunch Factory operation, allowing it to sell its products in new markets. The new equipment will result in the retention of 38 jobs at the plant, and creation of eight additional jobs, bringing the new employment total to 46.

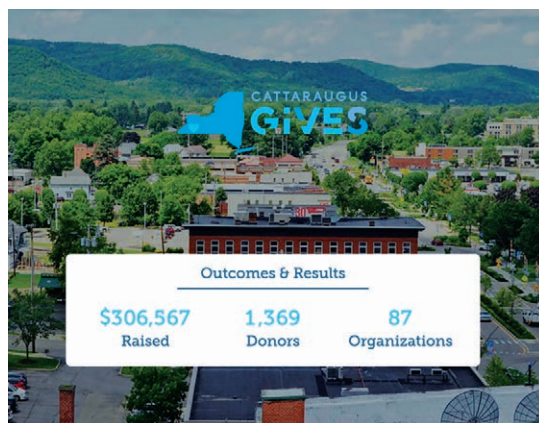
First Day Hike at Allegany State Park ... Pg. 4

NYS Parks Hosts January 1 at Quaker Run Area

Discover the history of Allegany State Park- January 1, 2023. Get your New Year off to a great start with a hike in Allegany State Park along the newly finished Quaker Run Area Multi-Use Trail. The Quaker Run Area is where Allegany State Park was born 101 years ago, and this year's "First Day History Hike" is an easy trek featuring historical tidbits of information about the features found in this area of the park.

## Cattaraugus Co. Gives Big

Annual Giving Tuesday Event with Big Results



This year, 95 nonprofits registered, and 87 received donations setting a new record from the previous of 75. Top fundraisers included Empire Animal Rescue collecting \$27,800, SPCA with more than \$23,800, Olean Food Pantry with \$16,000 and the Olean General Hospital Foundation at over \$20,000.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Every year on Giving Tuesday\* since 2017, the Cattaraugus Gives program has held a 24-hour giving event supporting the nonprofits in the area. This year, the event raised a remarkable \$302,192 in just one day, and a cumulative total of \$1,340,449 over the past 7 years. These are truly remarkable numbers especially during such times of economic and financial hardship for many.

Kirk Windus is the agency's executive

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## The Empty Bowls Project

JMST. Fundraiser Helping those in Need



BY KATE BARTLETT

This Saturday, December 9th marks the annual Jamestown Empty Bowls Project fundraiser at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The event was a huge success last year raising over \$10,000 for area Food Pantries and FeedMore WNY.

The Empty Bowls Project is actually a worldwide event, typically with profits to benefit local charities. The Chautauqua Area Potters brought the fundraiser to this area 17 years ago where it has been running successfully and growing more every year. Last year, area potters decided to bring the event to Jamestown to raise funds for area food pantries during the holiday season.

Mary Beth Southwick has been involved in the Empty Bowls project as a volunteer for 10 years. Her parents Jim and Pat Reno are both local potters, and she became involved in starting up the first Jamestown event. "We had a very

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# Publisher's Word

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



It is the most wonderful time of the year! Our vibrant villages are decked out in cheer and present for you the perfect weekend for a new family tradition. If you haven't finished your holiday shopping list yet, I would say you are at deadline and this is the perfect weekend to check off your list! We are so fortunate to live in such a naturally beautiful area, populated with talented artisans, craftspeople and business owners; finding the perfect unique gift is a fun hunt with treasures a-plenty. What could make the experience more fun – break it up with a stop at your favorite local café, brewery or restaurant. Send your photos of your weekend experience our way, we'd love to share them with our readers. If you have an event we missed or you would like to see featured, please let us know. Drop us a line anytime: info@thevillagerny.com. *Until next week, yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

## Happy Birthday

- Carol Erickson... December 8th
- Steve Gorteau... December 9th
- Gretchen Mendell... December 13th
- Machenzie Hoag... December 18th
- Gary Kin... December 20th
- Anna DiMarco... December 21st
- Carmen Vacchiarella... December 26th
- Noelle Swanson... January 1st
- Mindy Callaghan... December 9th
- Chip Genco... December 12th
- Brooke Szpaicher... December 17th
- Jennifer Penhollow... December 18th
- Phil Zimmer... December 21st
- Brooke Scharf... December 25th
- Jeanette Caprino... December 27th
- Linda Opferbeck-Huffman... December 29th
- Roslyn Johe... January 3rd
- Vivian Swan... January 5th

## 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's Christmas Cantata

Join in the True Spirit of Christmas, Dec. 17



**Ellicottville NY:** A traditional Ellicottville Icon is once more ready to get you in the Spirit of the Season. The Foothills of Cattaraugus County has gathered singers from many area churches, under the direction of Annette Ieda (HNM Church), to present its annual Christmas Cantata. This group of 40 choristers have been preparing for this event for nine weeks! They will be singing John Purify's "Christmas Seekers." This is a collection of original and traditional carols strung together with narrations in between each song, which are biblical explanations of those who sought Christ at the first Christmas, and still seek him today! This year, choir members have created solos and small ensembles to add some variety and creativity to the festive event. These musicians will "be on first" before the Cantata begins.

There are two performances of the Concert: Riverside Chapel in Salamanca, N.Y. at 3pm on Sunday, Dec. 17th, and again at 7pm at the Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville, N.Y. Free will offerings will be collected at each church to benefit the local food pantries, and there will be refreshments following the concerts in the basement community rooms.

As the saying goes for Christians: "Jesus is the Reason for the Season!" Come join in as we recreate the first Christmas. Keep the tradition going! Become a Christmas Seeker!

## BE APART OF THE ART, SEND US YOUR WINTER PHOTOS!!

**99th Annual A'Cappella Vespers Program**  
 Sun. Dec. 10th & 17th at Jamestown's First Lutheran Church



The Jamestown High School A'Cappella Choir, founded in 1924 by Ms. Ebba Goranson is the premier vocal group at Jamestown High School. Each year the choir performs its Vespers Services on the two Sundays prior to Christmas. Every five years, the choir invites its alumni to perform with the choir. The next Alumni Vespers will be celebrating its 100th anniversary at 4pm at the First Lutheran Church, Jamestown NY Please follow the JHS A Cappella Choir on Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information. You can also email us at [lauren.e.scharf@jpsny.org](mailto:lauren.e.scharf@jpsny.org) for more information.

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# 18th annual Fundraiser "Best Ever"

## Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas a Roaring Success



It was obvious that many of our benefactors opened up their hearts and wallets to support The Bob McCarthy Foundation's Santa's workshop & the Sheriff Santa program. The auction was the second best ever to last year, but not by much. As always, a number of generous people chose to donate directly to the Foundation. As these donations normally continue through the end of the year, we anticipate surpassing previous years highs by over 15% which is truly amazing.

By EVL ELF

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas this past Friday night at EBC was by far touted as the best ever. The largest crowd to date came out to celebrate the 18th annual Fundraiser with great live entertainment by the up-tempo Irish Band Crikwater. Asa Moss provided a bagpipe introduction march yielding to a great Irish dancer Sophia Mesch accompanied by the band. EBC's champagne toast to Bob preceded the live auction hosted by Brooks LeFeber of Brookslefeberauctions.com and at a frantic pace the bids started to soar.

Once again, bids for a great EVL Themed Stainless Steel Fire Pit created and donated by Barrett Price of Bear Metal Works in Buffalo skyrocketed. The custom Fire Pit saw rapid fire bidding back and forth, finally being won by Anne Northrup, who is always a generous supporter. Bob's original creations were sprinkled in throughout with a very unusual piece, The Contraction, going for \$600. Ed Frederickson, once again used his creative genius and woodworking skills to put together an array of hand-made gems in the Bob tradition. His beautiful Ancient Oak chest sold to Jeff Williams for \$900.00. His very interesting Applewood coat rack kicked off the auction with Al Adams finally winning out. A Bourbon Basket replaced the Traditional Irish Whiskey Basket donated by Cynthia & Mike, sold to our always generous supporter, Sean Cornelius. Always popular, the Nicolson's Condo on Anna Maria Island, was a frenzied back and forth

bidding with Debbie Mazziello finally prevailing. The auction was limited to 15 items so again it was complimented with an Irish basket raffle with over 30 baskets of beautiful gifts. This raffle was organized by Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szaicher, Mila Clauss & Niki Klein and will be back next year. This year's event could not have happened without our host the Ellicottville Brewing Company, who again went above and beyond to support Bob's night! They are so generous to the Foundation donating the proceeds from special beer and wine sales to the fund. Brew Master Dan Minner had many great beers on tap to the delight of many in the crowd. Laura Kohler, Beth Hervey & Mike Rogers expertise made staging this party easy and fun for the committee while EBC's spacious Beer Hall and their friendly staff were the perfect partners. It was obvious that many of our benefactors opened up their hearts and wallets to support The Bob McCarthy Foundation's Santa's workshop & the Sheriff's Santa program. The auction was the second best ever to last year, but not by much. As always, a number of generous people chose to donate directly to the Foundation. As these donations normally continue through the end of the year, we anticipate surpassing previous years highs by over 15% which is truly amazing. PandaGoat Media, that is Brenda Perks and Meghan Lucarelli did a great job on the artwork and promotional material. Heather Sullivan of Heather J Sullivan Consulting worked her magic with the Website and Facebook. Brooks LeFeber hosting

the auction, as always made it both entertaining and successful with a local's flair. As is always the case our great local publications, Ellicottville NOW & The Villager provided promotion of the event both on-line and in print, helping us greatly. The Chamber of Commerce on line promotion featured with The Stroll weekend was also greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Dinna's, EBC, Katy's, Madigans, The Silver Fox & Villaggio who brought "A Taste of Ireland" to new culinary level for the event. The food was fabulous and sold out quickly. Ellicottville's home bakers (too many to thank) whose special desserts are done as a tribute to their friend Bob and this tradition. We also thank the many local businesses who supported the basket raffle with their generous gifts. Many friends of Bob McCarthy helped make Friday night a success, you know who you are and we thank you all. When asked how this started, McCarthy would answer "It started with a little magic". To be sure the magic came in the form of Ellicottville's residents, both permanent and part timers who bid or donated to the cause. The real magic is that this event is helping a number of local families have a better Christmas through Santa's Workshop & the Sheriff's Santa program. Bob, we all miss you but we will continue your tradition of giving. The Bob McCarthy Foundation (www.bobmccarthy-foundation.com) wishes all of you a great holiday season - We will see you next year. **Thank you Ellicottville!!**

## Holiday Packages to Service Persons

### Blue Star Mothers and Community Ship 997 Packages



**Jamestown NY- 9** Does that sound like an "odd" number...just three shy of 0. Actually, it's the perfect number for the Blue Star Mothers NY4 because that is the number of Christmas Care Packages that were prepared this past Saturday, December 2, for US deployed troops all around the world. This feat was accomplished through the combined efforts

of countless community organizations and businesses, schools, churches and individual donors, as the true spirit of Christmas was experienced in real-time. The Blue Star Mothers Christmas Care Packing takes place annually on the first Saturday in December at the Fluvanna Community Church, and for many this event is the official kickoff to the Christmas holiday season, representing

the spirit of joy and giving that this season holds. With increased military activity and deployments, the Blue Star Mothers are anticipating several additional care package events throughout this year. For more information on helping out, or to submit a name for a care package, please contact Kathleen Colver at collverkathleen@gmail.com or text or call 716-450-5593



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## EVL Village Life: View from My Porch

“Flowers Grow Where the Alley Katz Go”



By, GARY MALICKI

Through my writing I've learned that one of the greatest strengths a community can have, is the true spirit of volunteerism. That's where Ellicottville really shines.

I've witnessed it at our Food Pantry and have seen it in action at the Nannan Arboretum. I'm talking about the people who selflessly give of themselves to make this a better place.

Sticking with that theme, I'm sure many of you have seen the folks who hang the flower arrangements around town and who help to transform our gazebo into enhanced seasonal beauty. They are the Alley Katz and I truly needed to meet them.

I reached out via social media and met with the group's president,



The Alley Katz volunteer organization dresses up and maintains 44 barrels of flowers and 49 baskets throughout the village. Even some of the husbands come out and help on big maintenance days when they decorate for the change of seasons. They also maintain the Alley Katz Garden and Memorial Garden near the gazebo. Also the Clock Tower Garden and 3 flower beds on the east end of Washington. There's also attention paid to the sidewalk and bench pad edging work and cobblestone.

Debbie Yantomasi and their secretary, Nadine Saviano. They were completely enveloped by a sense of pride as they talked about their love of the village.

What began in 2010 by two ladies, Jody Bentley & Edna Northrup, has blossomed into the current army of 27 caring and enthusiastic people. They devote themselves to beautifying and maintaining the gardens of Ellicottville as they continually add color to our community with the

perfect placement of flowers.

They are a registered 501c3 non-profit and donations are tax deductible and encouraged as it costs between \$5- \$8 annually to do what they do.

Debbie and Nadine both agreed that they're motivated by their sheer love of the village. Thanks to Nadine's technical expertise, the

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## Olean Business: Hometown Bar & Grill

Local Restaurant Owners Excited for Future



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By DELAINEY MUSCATO - ST. BONAVENTURE UNIV.

The story of Hometown Bar & Grill is a very local-centered one. The four owners, Kevin and Jessica Klice and Jeff and Patty Smith, were all born and raised in Allegany and Olean. All the owners still live in Allegany now. Jessica Klice shared the story of the business and how great business has been just in the short amount of time it has been open.

So how did the restaurant come to be? Jessica's husband Kevin and his business partner Jeff Smith owned the building already. They rented the building out for a few years before that restaurant had to close. Seeing as they already owned the building, the two figured they would try their own hand at a restaurant. The building underwent some renovations in the summer of 2018. Since their grand opening on November 3rd of the same year, they have seen a steady stream of business.

The biggest challenge the husband and wife duos faced, was learning how to run a restaurant. Klice shared none of

the four owners had any experience running a restaurant. "We've been growing and learning about what is going to bring more people in," Klice shared.

With so many other bars and restaurants in the same area, one could imagine there is a lot of competition. Hometown Bar & Grill would have to deal with. However, Klice says the restaurant "fills a different need" than other establishments just down the road. "We're always busy for dinner. We have a bar area in the front and a dining room in the back. It's kind of like two different atmospheres that people can enjoy," Klice said. She also said people like to have a choice of the bar for a quick drink in a louder, more vibrant atmosphere, or the choice of the dining room for a more peaceful, quiet night.

While the restaurant has not hosted any events yet, Klice shared that is something they have talked about. In the future they would love to host their own karaoke or trivia nights or something along those lines. They would also be interested in hosting a holiday event in the future.

Though there are no set plans for holiday events,

they do have plans to create some holiday themed menu items, both food and drink, for the coming holiday season. Klice shared the owners would be sitting down with the head chef soon to brainstorm those drinks and meals. Stay tuned for those menu items!

Their standard menu items, however, are already a hit. Klice shared the most popular menu item tends to vary from week to week. "People always seem to love our homemade dips though," she said. These homemade dips include Texas caviar, jalapeno popper, sausage, spinach and artichoke, and chicken wing. Klice said her personal favorite is the jalapeno popper dip.

The fan-favored dips are not their only food. In fact, they have a wide variety of dishes to please even the pickiest of eaters. The restaurant has typical bar food like burgers, wings, and pizza. But they also have some more high-class foods like different kinds of seafood and different cuts of steak.

Another aspect of the future of the restaurant is looking forward

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# Holiday Valley Updates

Holiday Valley Opens for the '23-'24 Ski & Snowboard Season



ELLCOTTVILLE, NY, DECEMBER 1, 2023 - Holiday Valley officially opened for the season today. With some help from the recent lake effect snowfall over the past week, the Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team was able to make a substantial amount of snow over the past week in order to get the resort open. Leading up to the 9 m start for the Yodeler lift, there was a line of roughly 70 excited skiers and snowboarders waiting to make their first turns of the new season. Then, promptly at 9 0 m the official grand opening of the new Mardi Gras 6 chairlift took place at the base of the Resort Center where a large crowd had gathered to take part in the exciting part of Holiday Valley history. The open lifts were the

Mardi Gras 6 Creekside and Yodeler, giving skiers and snowboarders access to ski/ride on Tannenbaum, Crystal, Laurel, Punch Bowl, Mistletoe Candy Cane, Yodeler, Sugar Plum, School Haus and Mardi Gras. Friday, lifts ran from 8 m-4 0m . Saturday and Sunday they will run from 8 0 m-4 0m . Night Skiing will begin on December 8. Ticket booths will be open at the Customer Service building and at Yodeler. Ticket Pick Up Boxes are located in and around the Main Lodge, at the Yodeler Lodge and at Tannenbaum Lodge. Holiday Valley Snowsports will be offering adult Learn to Ski / Learn to Ride group lessons out of the Creekside building. Private lessons will be available for all ages and skills. Call 6 0

to book a lesson. The Mountain Shops was open Friday from 8 0 am-4 pm . Saturday and Sunday they will be open from 8 m-4 pm . The Marketplace Cafe at Yodeler Lodge will be open from 8 m-5 pm Friday through Sunday. McCarty Cafe will be open from 8 m-5 pm Friday through Sunday. John Harvard's is open daily from 11 am-9 pm . There will be a shuttle available for lodging guests. Lift ticket prices can be found at holidayvalley.com. Lastly, the Mountain Team is doing tremendous work throughout the resort. While the recent snowfall is very exciting, please, for your own safety, stay off the slopes so they can continue to do their jobs without worrying about uphill traffic.

# Holiday Valley Operations Update

Friday, December 8, 2023 Opens Night Skiing

ELLCOTTVILLE, DECEMBER 5, 2023- With colder temps in the immediate forecast, the Snowmaking Team is planning to start making snow again and will plan to run until Thursday morning. The Mountain Crew will then get back out on the slopes to push snow and get the slopes groomed in order to reopen Friday morning. Friday is also the first night of night skiing and riding. The plan for Friday is to open with School Haus, Mardi Gras and Yodeler lifts. We are hoping to add the Tannenbaum lift to the

mix on Saturday.  
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 Holiday Valley

Snowsports be offering adult Learn To Ski and Learn To Ride lessons. There will also be Private lessons available for all ages/skill levels. Night lessons will not begin until next weekend when we roll out the full menu of lessons and programs on Saturday the 16th.  
**• FOOD & BEVERAGE OPERATIONS FOR THIS COMING WEEKEND ARE:**  
 • McCarty Café:  
 Thursday: 8am-2pm,  
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 • Yodeler Lodge:  
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# Hamburg Festival of Lights

Event Runs through December: Variety of Fun for the Family



BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

It's the season once again for kids and their families to enjoy a fun-filled, genuine winter wonderland: the very popular Hamburg Fairgrounds Festival of Lights. Besides the fun of the familiar, much-loved seasonal various experiences there, including The North Pole Experience featuring visits with Santa, the illuminated pixel show set to music and Santa's Christmas Express Train Ride, there is new entertainment including a variety of talented performers.

On Sunday, December 10, Friday, December 15 and Sunday, December 17, from 6:30-8:30pm, musician Craig Wilkins will perform music honoring the legends of country music. On Friday, December 8, and Wednesday, December 20, at 6:30, 7:15, 8, 8:45 and 9:30pm, there will be creative hilarity, thanks to the improv group "Cheese and Slackers", while on Tuesday, December 19 and Saturday, December 23, at

6:30 and 8:30pm, vocalist and improv comedian Crissy Marie will perform. On Saturday, December 9 and December 16, at 6:30, 7:45 and 9pm, you can hear Noah Koningisor play classic acoustic folk and country music, and on Monday, December 18 at 6:30 and 8:30pm, you can hear Judd Sunshine play the piano and sing in all genres. On Thursday, December 21, and Friday, December 22, at 6:30 and 7:45pm, you can be entertained by Santa Zuitar.

For thirty dollars per car and fees, visitors can drive through the display of lights and walk around all its attractions. In addition to those mentioned above, there will be the train display from the Western New York Garden and Railway Society, Frosty the Snowman's Dance Party, Santa's Barnyard, Santa's Magical Midway and kiddie rides. The family-friendly activities include kid's crafts, cookie decorating, and the Family Scavenger hunt. Kids can also write letters to Santa and veterans/troops in

the Winter Wonderland Workshop. The letters for veterans/troops will be distributed to local WNY Heroes.

There will be many food and shopping vendors and an outdoor European Market. The vendors include: At Home Creations, Below'd Creations, Crafts by Sandy, Essentially Well-Oiled, KD Custom Boutique, Nickel City Designs, Tupperware Lady, Sew Fluffy Kitties, Retro Buffalo, Kelly's Country Store, Smokin' Oak and We'R'Nuts, and Erie County merchandise will be on sale. The food available at the Festival includes: homemade chili, mac and cheese, pizza, chicken fingers, nachos, fried dough, Oreos and Twinkies, kettle corn and donuts. Alcoholic beverages are available from "Frosted" Grapes & Hops wine and the beer garden. There's hot cider with cinnamon whiskey and hot coffee with Irish cream, and slushies with alcohol.

The remaining dates for the Full Festival Experience are: December 8, 9 and 10, and December 15-23. The remaining dates for the Drive-through only are: December 14, and December 26-30. The drive-through experience tickets cost \$20 per vehicle plus fees. The drive-through experience ticket only includes the drive-through displays on those dates. The walk-through components are NOT open at that time.

The buildings, including the Agriculture-Grange Building, the Expo Hall and the Winter Wonderland Workshop, when they are

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Local businesses have been busy decorating their storefronts, showcasing beautiful holiday themes for your enjoyment as you window shop throughout the afternoon.

## Stroll

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to remember the season and the story behind this special time of year.

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

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

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

At 4pm, a spectacle like no other will take over the village, as many of our K9 friends, dressed in their holiday best, will march alongside their owners down the main drag to the gazebo.

Those interested in participating in the Reindog Parade should meet at the post office parking lot a little before 4pm. There is no charge to participate.

The evening will come to a conclusion at the gazebo beginning at 5pm.

when the Ellicottville Central School Band performs Christmas carols, leading into a Living Nativity at 6pm featuring the local children of Ellicottville. Dressed the part to play the roles of angels and shepherds, these children will tell the story of that very first Christmas - the journey and the birth of Jesus. This year's Holy family will be played by Jennifer and Karl Gesing with baby Josie as Jesus, along with older brother Miles. The ECS Choir will sing during the procession and pageant.

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

For more information on this year's Christmas Stroll including a full schedule of the day, head over to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com) or call 909

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# Cheese



**Franklinville is a village in Cattaraugus County, New York, United States. The population was 1,740 at the 2010 census. The community was named after William Temple Franklin, an agent with the Holland Land Company and the grandson of Founding Father Benjamin Franklin. - Wikipedia**

this, the village had to drill a second well that feeds two holding tanks (north and south).

“We have a good water source to help them,” he said. “We’re taking on some of the plant’s byproduct so we need to be prepared.”

To make all this a reality took Herculean efforts of ingenuity and strength. National Grid has run new electric lines over the surrounding village hills and added and/replaced lines along Route 16. A separate substation will provide power for the plant, affirming what people have suspected: the facility will require a massive number of resources.

“It’s really amazing, what we’re seeing,” Sikora said by phone last week. “It’s ironic because year’s prior, before the plant was announced, the village had been working on a wastewater infrastructure upgrade. After the announcement, it was good timing with what we’d been planning for a long time.”

Built in 1983, the wastewater plant will service both the plant and residents, which to Sikora’s way of thinking, and hope, will increase in number. The village recently completed its new water tower on Mt. Pleasant and testing will begin soon before its operational, Sikora said.

In the spring, workers will begin Phase Two of its water line work. Sikora is no stranger to grumblings throughout town about the condition of the roads.

“We’re not doing any work that’s unnecessary,” he said, adding that 100-year-old pipes need addressed more than modern pipes, especially when the infrastructure will have to support what Sikora hopes is a growing population.

“One of the biggest issues we face is housing,” he said. “Right now, with the plant still under construction it’s not a concern, but I do see what real estate is going for and what people are going to need.”

According to Realtor.com, the median listing home price in the village, in October, was \$154,000, a figure that reflects a 4 percent average annual increase. In Cattaraugus County, the average home value is \$144,000, according to Zillow.com, a 2 percent increase over the past year.

Once the plant is up and running, employing just under 500 on-site workers, many of those workers will need a place to live.

“They’re only going to get so many people willing to travel from all over,” he

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# Bowl-ify in the Heart of Franklinville

## Serving Up Comfort and Connection

BY JEFF MARTIN  
THE VILLAGER

Bowl-ify has found a new home at 30 Park Square in Franklinville – thanks to the dedicated efforts of business owners Stefani Lebrez and her mother, Karen Mulcahy.

Originally making waves in Niagara Falls, where customers couldn’t resist the allure of hot mac and cheese even in the scorching summer months, Bowl-ify has brought its savory delights to the heart of Franklinville.

The journey to Franklinville follows a brief stint in Buffalo, where Stefani and Karen ventured after their success in Niagara Falls. However, the challenges of the city’s crime rate prompted a strategic relocation to Franklinville, a move that felt like a homecoming for Stefani and her husband, Jason, a contractor native to the town.

Together, they revamped the new location, rewiring the building and installing fresh plumbing to create a welcoming space that can accommodate up to 40 customers.

Wednesday nights have become a bustling hub of activity at Bowl-ify, with locals flocking to enjoy not only the delicious offerings but also the camaraderie that permeates the dining room.

Stefani expressed, “We have people come in and socialize, have a great time. We love it here. We know everyone, and we feel safe.”

The establishment caters to modern needs, offering wifi in the dining room and extending its services to catering. The diverse menu caters to various tastes, featuring signature dishes like Honey Garlic Pepper

Chicken and Butter Garlic Lobster. Customers with dietary restrictions can also savor gluten-free options. Looking ahead, Bowl-ify has exciting plans in store, including a delivery service and the introduction of Cake Bowls, a dessert of epic sweetness.

Stefani, with a playful spirit, joked, “I’ll bowl it all. I’ll bowl everything. There’s nothing I won’t bowl.”

While mac and cheese steal the spotlight, Bowl-ify doesn’t stop there. Grilled cheese sandwiches inspired by their mac creations, and unique flatbreads like the Chicken Finger Flatbread with a blue cheese base or the All-American Burger Flatbread, offer a delightful diversion. For an extra indulgence, top your flatbread or grilled cheese with a scoop of mac and cheese—for those who believe in going big!

As part of the ongoing evolution, Lebrez plans to tweak the menu, introducing more sides to further tantalize taste buds.

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## Katz

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Alley Katz organization has been experiencing an emerging social media presence.

They dress up and maintain 4 barrels of flowers and 49 baskets throughout the village. Even some of the husbands come out and help on big maintenance days when they decorate for the change of seasons. They also maintain the Alley Katz Garden and Memorial Garden near the gazebo. Also the Clock Tower Garden and 3 flower beds on the east end of Washington.

There's also attention paid to the sidewalk and bench pad edging work and cobblestone.

We also discussed the occasional damage that is done especially to the barrels where people have been known to sit down on them damaging the flowers and depositing garbage in them as well. They encourage people to say something if they see that kind of activity.

They recently took on the area around the Historical Society building as well as the Rt. 9 side of St. John's Episcopal Church. For 9 they're happy to announce that, with the help of Laura Flanagan, they'll focus energy on redoing the landscaping

at the EVL Memorial Library.

One of their biggest challenges is looking for more locals to volunteer. They admit it's a difficult task to recruit as the local population diminishes.

Debbie and Nadine did have some important shout outs to pass along to people and a few business entities that add positivity to their mission.

They appreciate the work of Dan Pennell who comes out six or seven times a week to keep the fresh flower arrangements watered. That's a big charge to be responsible for. Also, the help they receive from Mark's crew and the crew at the DPW. Holiday

Valley continues to be their biggest financial supporter. Dina's and Ellicottville Coffee Co. provide coffee for the volunteers.

I'm well aware of the fact that they have been written about in the past but I really appreciate the privilege and

opportunity to talk about their continued value in our community. They are an important and vital organization worthy of as much support as possible from local businesses and organizations involved in the betterment of our village.

Please consider following

them on Facebook and Instagram, the perfect place to reach out to them for any questions you may have or for information on donating or volunteering. Or drop them a line at Alley Katz, PO Box 9 Ellicottville, NY 4

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**Bowl**  
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successful first year with over 400 attendees," says Mary Beth. "We feel warmly welcomed by the community, and are looking forward to another great year." Father Luke Fodor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church also spoke to the success of their inaugural year. "It was an exciting first event and watching the community embrace

the opportunity to give. I think it fills the hole some of us feel this time of year, wanting to give to those less fortunate and gathering together as a community." The event is held in the undercroft of St. Lukes Episcopal Church, with its beautifully restored arch brick ceiling. "It's a great space for the event," says Mary Beth. "Not only is the money directly helping local non-profit organizations or local charities, but it is

a remarkably lovely place to display the pottery. It's great to see the beautiful pottery, knowing it's all going to feed the community." From 11-2, guests are welcomed to purchase a bowl crafted by local potters, many of whom attend the event and can speak to their pieces. All bowls are donated by local professional, student, and hobbyist potters, so every dollar raised goes directly to the charities. Bowls are reasonably priced, and

make wonderfully unique gifts, as well as keepsake reminders of our blessings. The event fills hearts and stomachs, with free soup served to fill the bowls generously donated by Labyrinth Press Company and Asheville General Store. This year will also feature a raffle for some larger pottery pieces as well as gift cards to local businesses. "It's interesting to see the variety of pottery crafted by our local potters," says Father Luke. "Each piece is unique in its own way, and

people find the piece that speaks to them. It represents how even though we're all different, we all contribute something, similar to the fable Stone Soup." "The Empty Bowls Project is a great event to bring the community together in an act of pure generosity. The Holiday Season is a time of great need for many, and together we can make a difference and help those less fortunate." For more information on the event visit their Facebook page. Admission

and soup is free of charge, bowls are reasonably priced with 100% of proceeds to benefit The Jamestown Public Market, Mobile Market, and FeedMore WNY. Stop down to the event on Saturday, December 9 from 11-2 at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, on the corner of 4th and N Main. To make a donation or to find out more information volunteer opportunities, contact info@jtownpublicmarket.org.

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The top fundraiser was the Empire Animal Rescue receiving \$27,800.

## Give

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director and has been involved in the event since its inception, as he formerly served as the communications and fund development manager and was the lead Cattaraugus Gives coordinator. "Cattaraugus Gives has been a very successful regional day of giving for our community. It brings together area nonprofits of any service area, size, or mission in friendly competition to celebrate the community's spirit of giving."

The event started small in 2017 and has grown substantially over the past 7 years. "It has become an important event in our community," says Kirk. "We encourage all nonprofits in the community to register and take pride in the impact and success we've had over the years."

This year, 95 nonprofits registered, and 87 received donations setting a new record from the previous of 75. Top fundraisers included Empire Animal Rescue collecting \$27,800, SPCA with more than \$23,800, Olean Food Pantry with \$16,000 and the Olean General Hospital Foundation at over \$20,000.

"These numbers are incredible, and they have a direct impact on our community," says Kirk. "Our ultimate goal is to raise as much money as possible for our nonprofits, and to receive this kind of funding in such a short time span is outstanding."

Giving kicks off at midnight on giving Tuesday every year. Donors directly contribute any amount of money online to the causes they wish to support. "No amount is too little, it all adds up to make a big difference," says Kirk. This year, 1,319 individual donors contributed anywhere

from \$5 to \$10,000, and it's considered to be one of the biggest grass-roots fundraisers in the area.

Prizes were awarded to the nonprofits who had the most donors during certain time frames, as well as other categories including random drawings for participating organizations, with a total of over \$21,000 in cash prizes this year. The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation directly sponsored \$5,000 in prizes, with the remainder having been collected through sponsorships from area businesses.

"This event truly demonstrates the power of grass-roots fundraising. No matter how big or small the monetary donation, the cumulative effect has a big impact on the community. Cattaraugus gives is a real pride point for our organization; a true celebration of giving."

(\*Giving Tuesday is held the Tuesday after Thanksgiving every year.)



A local favorite and top tier culinary destination, The Silver Fox Steakhouse is outfitted with elegant dishes including a custom bread plate with the restaurant's longtime logo of a fox head.

## Steelite

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plates were fun, elegant, and custom fit the style of the restaurant.

Ever since then we've had an eye for Steelite products and really admire the way they elevate a dish. Peter Kreinheder has outfitted all Ellicottville Brewing Company (EBC) pubs with Steelite products since 2013.

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the collaboration of the company's owner, John Miles, the restaurant operators, and Chamber of Commerce, the village's go-to spots have introduced custom Steelite china to complement all the fan favorites on the menus.

Steelite bowls, plates, and glassware coordinate with each restaurant's brand. EBC's modern family pub environment and new American style food is drawn out by the fun colored and organically shaped dishes.

A local favorite and top tier culinary destination, The Silver Fox Steakhouse is outfitted with elegant

dishes including a custom bread plate with the restaurant's longtime logo of a fox head.

Bright yellow dishes encapsulate Dina's cozy, chic atmosphere and modern bistro upscale menu.

West Rose's brand as seasonally inspired restaurant with a regularly rotating menu is well coordinated with Steelite's interchangeable dishware.

These are just a few examples of Steelite's influence in Ellicottville. Now the dining experiences can truly begin with an exquisite presentation.

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## Fenton Holiday Open House

Jamestown Museum Opens Door this Saturday, December 9

Everyone is welcome to attend the Holiday Open House at the Gov. Reuben Fenton Mansion this Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 4-6pm. This event is free and open to the public with refreshments available and live music. Santa will be on hand for the children to advise. The Fenton History Museum is located at 67 Washington Street in Jamestown, NY 14701.

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# Westfield-Based Plant Increases Output

Notes from the Desk of Chautauque County IDA



By Jason Sample,  
Chautauque Co. IDA

WESTFIELD, NY - At its Nov. 8 meeting, the County of Chautauque Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA) Board of Directors approved a \$1 million loan to support the purchase and installation of new equipment for Original Crunch Roll Factory, LLC (Crunch Factory®), located at 5 Bourne St., Westfield.

The total cost of the new investment is \$4 million. Once installed and in use, the new equipment will significantly increase production for the Crunch Factory operation, allowing it to sell its products in new markets. The new equipment will result in the retention of 8 jobs at the plant, and creation of eight additional jobs, bringing the new employment total to 16.

Crunch Factory has been operating in Westfield since 2016 as a food processor, specializing in making its signature "Crunch Roll™" snack food and appetizers that are sold frozen and then heated when ready to eat. It opened under the Start-up NY program with assistance from the CCIDA through its AL Tech Revolving Loan and Chautauque Revolving

Loan funds, along with a 0 year tax lease/PILOT agreement. At the time, the total cost to acquire the property, make renovations, and purchase the needed equipment was \$3 million.

Since opening, Crunch Factory has sold its product line to grocery stores, restaurants, hotels, arenas, gaming operations, colleges, amusement parks, military commissaries, and convenient stores. Product offerings include Buffalo Style Chicken, Mac 'N Cheese, Banana Pepper, Steak & Cheese, Pepperoni Pizza, Breakfast Scrambled Egg with Sausage, and Corned Beef Reuben.

Crunch Factory is now ready to make a major capital equipment purchase of a new crunch roll production machine, which will provide the capacity to increase output and reduce waste. It will also enable the company to begin producing a new product line of "Mini-Crunch Rolls."

"This new piece of machinery is a game changer for our operation in Westfield," explained Crunch Factory owner Zachary Bohn. "We've been selling our product as fast as we make them. With this new investment, we'll significantly increase our production output, helping us to meet



Crunch Factory owner, and Buffalo, NY Native Zachary Bohn

demand from our buyers and also expand into other markets including grocery and retail chains that require a larger inventory before carrying our products. We will also be able to make Mini-Crunch Rolls and our research has shown us there is a market demand for these smaller-sized snacks."

"Attracting Crunch Factory's food production facility to Westfield, and continuing to support them, has become a great food production success story for Chautauque County. Their desire to expand operations, while also working with local suppliers, illustrates why it was important for the county to assist Crunch Factory when it first opened seven years ago and why we are offering additional assistance today," said Mark Geise, Deputy County

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## CCIDA

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County of Cattaraugus Industrial Development Association 2023 Projects Included:

- Holiday Valley's Win Sum Ski Corp. \$8,050,000
- Great Lakes Cheese Modification \$121,000,000
- Pierce Steel \$3,400,000
- Olean Manor a/k/a Field of Dreams (amendment in 1/2023) \$1,700,000
- Olean 2020, LLC \$11,091,043
- 9154 Group \$3,030,181
- Steelbound Brewery & Distillery \$7,500,000
- Kinley Contractors \$2,356,000
- HoliMont, Inc. \$736,515
- Indus Hotels Inc. \$1,748,989

Additionally, economic growth enhances the opportunities for job creation and retention, ultimately investing in the overall growth of the area.

Established in 1971, The Cattaraugus County IDA is a self-funded entity and receives no financial assistance from the government. They aim to help community members seeking to invest in the economic development of the area take advantage of Industrial Revenue Bonding to obtain low-cost financing on eligible projects.

Corey Wiktor is the Director of Cattaraugus County IDA and has served in this role for 17 years. "Our ultimate goal is helping those find financial assistance for the economic growth of the county," says Corey. "It has been a very busy past couple of years, with many exciting projects in the area."

This past year, The CCIDA has been involved in the Great Lakes

Cheese Project, which will ultimately bring thousands of jobs to the area (see cover story).

Also this past year, the CCIDA has been involved in assisting the 1.8 million dollar upgrade to the Microtel hotel in the town of Allegheny. "The business is investing in improving their 50 guest rooms as well as hotel amenities, which ultimately improves tourism to the area," says Corey.

Ellicottville is a large area of tourism and commerce for Cattaraugus County with the ski resorts of HoliMont and Holiday Valley. The CCIDA has been involved in ongoing development projects for these ski resorts. The

CCIDA has also been involved in assisting the Steelbound Brewery expansion, a 3.5 million dollar project centered around brewing and distilling, along with hotel and event center.

"We are proud of Cattaraugus and invested in the economic growth of the county. With our assistance, various investors find assistance for projects that support the development of the area. The CCIDA assisted many investors in 2023, and we're looking forward to the many exciting projects in the coming year(s)."

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# Streamlined Shakespeare

“Measure for Measure”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS  
BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

“Measure for Measure” dramatizes a series of questions, all of them beginning with “What if...?": “What if a novice nun (who is just about to enter a very strict cloistered nunnery) was told she had to have sex with a corrupt official to save her condemned brother’s life?” “What if the overly zealous official condemned him to death for having sex with his fiancée (who’s now just about to give birth)?” “What if he then tells her that if she refuses, he won’t just have her brother executed, he’ll have him tortured to death?”

When this situation arises, the novice nun angrily responds by telling the official she’ll tell everyone what he asked, only to hear him sneer, “Who will believe you? My reputation is spotless”. When she visits her brother in prison to tell him about the situation, telling him he should prepare himself for death, his preference, unsurprisingly, is that he gets to live! Instead of leaving the agonizing choice in the character’s hands, Shakespeare cheats! Her dilemma is resolved by a theatrical plot gimmick that originated in ancient Greek and Roman drama known as “deus ex

machina” (pronounced dayus ex makeena). What this means is that a dramatic situation is resolved by a sudden miracle. “Deus ex machina” literally means “god in the machine”, because in the ancient plays, the actor playing the god who saved the day would be lowered onto the stage by machinery.

In this play, the character doing the rescuing is a duke rather than a god. He left his deputy in charge, and pretended he was leaving town but instead disguised himself as a monk and hung around. He did it in order to see how he would act in his absence, once he was able to wield authority. After the duke sees that his deputy’s ordered a merciless execution and used that order as a threat to proposition a novice nun, he helps her by finding another woman willing to (secretly) take her place. The main part of the miracle is that she’s someone the novice nun is fine with accepting as a substitute. Since the woman was formerly engaged to the deputy (who abandoned her), according to the law at that time, “consummating” their relationship will legitimize it. It’s confusing, true. Shakespeare used (almost) the same plot in another play, previously including it in “All’s Well That Ends Well”. In that play, a woman who forced a man to marry her (a man who fled right after the ceremony) substitutes for a woman he’s been trying to seduce.

The switch, in both plays, is successful because the women involved get the men involved to agree that the sex will take

place in pitch darkness, in silence and that it be brief. In “All’s Well That Ends Well”, the woman gets her husband to accept their marriage because she not only manages to consummate it, but becomes pregnant with his child and gets a ring he said he’d never give her, fulfilling the “impossible conditions” he imposed. As in that play, the trick in “Measure for Measure” results in the marriage of the two individuals involved.

Hours after the sex, when the deputy reneges on his agreement to pardon the condemned man, and demands that his head be brought to him after his execution, another “deus ex machina” miracle is involved. After the duke hides him in a cell, he is miraculously able to find a substitute head to send, from a prisoner who resembled him and who has conveniently just died. (This proves that for best results, you should contact the head office).

Early in the play, Isabella famously wails, “Who will believe me?” when Angelo says no one will believe her if she tries to tell on him. This question is answered satisfactorily because when the duke is disguised as a monk, he hears confessions and therefore learns the truth about the deputy’s former fiancée’s activities. At the end of the play, he orders his deputy to marry her officially. After he reveals to the novice nun that her brother is alive, he proposes to her, but the play ends without her giving him an answer.

## Variety of Holiday Events & Entertainment

BY DARLENE BRACE,

lot behind the Village Park, with new rides every 30 minutes.

Sunday, December 10th - Breakfast with Santa at Chautauqua Harbor Hotel is from 9am-11am. The prices are \$14.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children. Reservations are required, so call 716-489-2800.

On Wednesday December 13th, there will be Christmas in Whoville. It starts at 4:30pm at the Chautauqua Safety Village in Ashville, NY. You can take a picture with Santa and meet with the Grinch, Elsa, Olaf, and Santa’s elves. There will be a stationary parade, as the whole village is decorated for you to walk through. There will be food, crafts, games, and the North Pole observation station. It is six dollars per person, and children under two are free.

### Other Entertainment

December 8th -Buffalo singer/songwriter Davey O will be performing at Big Inlet Brewery for the first time. Come enjoy his original tunes while sipping on your favorite beverage starting at 6pm.

In Jamestown, The Infinity Arts Cafe will be having their Kaleidoscope Night. Students from an array of disciplines will perform starting at 7pm. Performances will range from dance students performing their creative movement, to student bands rocking it out, and more. This amazing show of unique individual talent is free and open to the public.

December 9th -Tyler Smilo will be at Southern Tier Distillery from 4pm-

7pm. Sip on a Southern Tier beverage while you listen to this singer/songwriter play a blend of folk and rock music.

The Celeron Legion (near Jamestown) will host the Moonshine Band from Erie. They will be rocking the stage with newer country and classic rock. Be ready to dance the night away with this fun party band.

The small hamlet of Forestville will be rocking, when Midnight Recovery performs on December 9th. This exciting rock band will be performing at the Tavern on the Mall, starting at 8pm.

At the Southern Tier Brewery, come in and hang out with friends, while listening to Erie’s Tito and Vince. They will be playing their unique acoustic versions of popular rock, country, and pop favorites.

Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood is having an entertaining night of music as the Tim Britt Band performs, starting at 8pm. This band plays a blend of covers and originals, ranging from rock, country, folk, and blues. It’s a musical experience you don’t want to miss.

December 10- Big Inlet Brewing will be hosting an Open Mic event from 1:30pm- 4:30pm. You can perform yourself or sit back and relax while listening to other local talent, and enjoy a delicious craft beer.

December is filled with a wide variety of entertainment. Keep an eye out for next week’s issue, to see what’s happening in Chautauqua County.

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## Whether Outside or In, Live Music is Always Available

By, **MOUTH SAY TONGUE**

While we wait for the weather to cool down the music scene is always cooking so let's see who's playing where.

The weekend begins on Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer on the menu with house made chips. This weeks musical hosts are The Girls of Grosh from 6-9pm. These two ladies play a rock/pop/blues/alt set of originals and covers.

The Gin Mill's hosts Kody and Herren, Thursday from 8-11pm. This duo plays a folk/roots/rock/roots set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm frsat. Also open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

**FRIDAY**  
Balloons is back with Damn the Weathermen from 6:30-10pm. They play 80's pop/dance music. The back bar will host Kyle Gustafson from 10-1am. Kyle plays a rock/pop/country set of covers. Dj Lyfe will provide the groove so you can bust a move on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

We're back at The Gin Mill for Wasted Whiskey from 8-12am. This band plays classic and

modern country covers. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made from high end spirits.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj SI from 9-2am playin some thumpin for the bumpin in the second story window.

**SATURDAY**  
The Gin Mill is the early bird with Old Dawg, New Tricks from 2-5pm. They plays traditional bluegrass and newgrass and old-time string music. Live-n-Kickin takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays rock/pop/country covers from the 50-80's. There are always 37 beers on tap for your drinking pleasure.

We return to Balloons for Christian Kramer and the Backwoods Revival from 6:30-10pm. They tell me they play country covers and originals. The Groove Bros will perform in the back bar from 10-1am. They play a blues/rock/ jazz/pop set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will lay down the sauce so you can do the floss from 10-2am.

Villaggio makes a Saturday appearance with Whiskey Truck Duo from 7-9pm. They'll play country covers to accompany she best Italian menu in the southern tier.

Madigans is a player with the return of Dj SI puttin the funk in the

trunk so you can shake your junk from 9-2am.

**SUNDAY**  
The Gin Mill is back again with Davey "O" from 1-4pm. Grab a Bloody Mary and get your game face on for the Bills.

Villaggio will continue its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special, from 5-9pm, but because of the holidays and Bills games they'll resume music in January.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. During December the wings will be .25 cents each. This weeks musical guest Iis The Chillbillys from 6-9pm. This very popular husband and wife team play a rock/pop/country set of covers and originals.

Tuesday The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. Marty is a Buffalo Music HOF'er and plays a blues/rock set of covers from the 60-70's

We end the 7 day weekend as we have for the last 40 years at The gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-11pm. Brian Rick is the musical host. He plays a rock/folk/pop/roots set of covers.

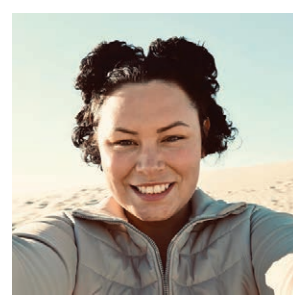
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## Beat on the Street:

"What Makes You Really Angry?"

By **CHAD NEAL**

We cannot control the thoughts that randomly come through our mind, though we can control how we act on them. Some of these thoughts come a rapid pace and we can't help but to react right away. Anger is an emotion brought on by things we can't control in the moment and we can become reactionary, whether it's making a tick noise with our tongue, swearing or getting physical. And sometimes swearing can lead to physical interactions. No one likes to be angry, no one likes to be sad... and for most of us it's a temporary chemical reaction in our brains to allow us to release the negative from our thought processes and get on with our usual mode of life. Taking it too far and not releasing the negative can lead to unwanted outcomes and despair. Sometimes it can be useful, but making a decision without those emotions can and usually makes for a better result. What makes you really angry?



**Jeff S.-** People cruising in the left lane! It's a **PASSING** lane folks!!!

**Gerald J.-** Folks thinking others should live the same way as them.

**Gabby P.-** Unkind people.



**Justin D.-** People throwing cigarette butts out the window.

**Catherine G.-** Ignorance....it's only bliss for the ignorant... it's annoying to the rest of us!

**Serena S.-** When people pull out in front of me and go slower than the speed limit.

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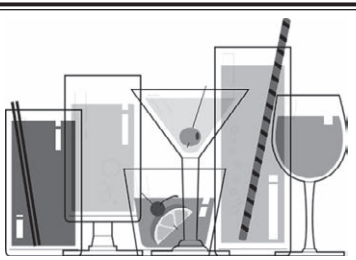
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# ★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:  
★★★★☆

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, place a number into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9 box square within the larger diagram (there are 9 of these) will contain every number from 1 through 9. In other words, no number will appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9 box square. Working with the numbers already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing numbers that will lead to the correct solution....**Good luck!**

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

### Last Week's Puzzle:

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

# Cheese

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said. Sikora said the village board has tossed around some ideas that would help "grow" the village. Some of those discussions center on infrastructure but also housing. Down in the village square, there's been some business investment: insurance offices and eateries. At 7 Park Square next to Legend's Bar and Grill, may be the site of future loft-style apartments and downstairs retail, Sikora said. The owner, who bought the building at auction, has nearly gutted the inside and is making great progress. "He's got a lot of plans for it," he said. Sikora wants to discourage future property owners from purchasing lots and letting them sit empty. It's happened numerous times over the years, he said. "I would have to say that all the people who have purchased property in the square have been serious and dedicated to making it the best it can be," he said. Sikora said the village



Once operational, the facility will produce \$171 million in goods (American and Italian-style cheeses) and services annually. It will support an estimated 1,186 jobs and generate \$459 million in economic activity throughout Western New York. According to the initial application filed by the company with the county, estimated salaries will be significant: \$75 - 200,000 for professional/managerial; \$75 - 150,000 for skilled and \$40 - 75,000 for semi-skilled. Non-skilled salary amounts were not disclosed.

plans on applying for state grants that will help finance downtown corridor projects and/or improvements. A recent attempt by the village to collect state grants fell short, he said. Last Thursday, members of the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency toured the plant's interior for an update. "The sheer opportunity to work and warmly welcome a long-standing and industry standard family business such Great Lakes Cheese Co., and their team to Cattaraugus County has truly been a watershed moment for the IDA,"

Corey Wiktor, executive director of the IDA, said in a statement. "Over \$630 million dollars in investment by such a stature as Great Lakes Cheese Co. and the legacy of the dairy and farming industry in Cattaraugus County. It has been beyond a sincere honor to help and serve the Epprecht's (founders of Great Lakes Cheese), their leadership and team on the largest economic development project in the history of this great county." Interested applicants can apply at [www.greatlakescheese.com](http://www.greatlakescheese.com).

# Bowl-ify

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"A lot of new things will happen the first of the year," she said. Lebrez said they plan to expand, too, into Erie County. With prices under \$15 before tax, Bowl-

ify delivers not just deliciousness but affordability. Whether it's a quick lunch, a decadent dinner, or a cheat meal, Bowl-ify is your go-to destination. Open from 11am-7pm Monday through Saturday, and 11am-3pm on Sundays, you can dine in or take out. Ordering is a breeze—visit their website

at [bowlify.menu](http://bowlify.menu) or give them a call at 716-676-4070. For those seeking more information or eager to place an order, online details can be found at [www.bowlify.menu](http://www.bowlify.menu). Bowl-ify is more than just a culinary delight – it's a hub of connection, comfort, and community spirit in the heart of Franklinville.

# Factory

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Executive for Economic Development and Chief Executive Officer of the CCIDA. "We are excited about this further expansion of our food processing industry in Chautauqua County, especially by a team with a proven track record. It's great to see food made right here being sold in markets across the rest of the country and this latest investment by Crunch Factory is a tes-

tament that our county continues to be a great place to start and grow your business," said Paul "PJ" Wendel, Chautauqua County Executive. "This is fantastic news for Westfield and the greater Westfield area," said Dennis Lutes, Village of Westfield Mayor. "Crunch Factory's latest investment will help to not only retain 8 jobs in our community but also build on that number in the coming months."

"This is yet another great story for Westfield and our residents," added Martha Bills, Town of Westfield Supervisor. "Having a business stay committed to our community is a huge lift for the local and regional economy and we look forward to seeing the commitment pay dividends for years to come." Terms of the CCIDA loans are \$0 for Total Working Capital at 4.00% for five years, and \$0 for Machinery and Equipment at 4% for seven years.

For more information about Crunch Factory and its products, visit [CrunchFactory.com](http://CrunchFactory.com). Look for the full story in upcoming edition of *The Villager*.

## Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville Holds Blessing

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# Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



The Gustavus Adolphus Children's Home admitted its first 12 children on January 27, 1886. All were orphans of Swedish immigrants. The Home was established by the Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church in response to its concern for the religious upbringing of those Swedish children whose parents had died enroute to the United States or soon after their arrival.

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## Womens History Images

Photos of Women in History

**Harriet Tubman (1822-1913)**  
 was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad.



## Hamburg

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in use, are open between 5-10pm.

When driving through the light displays, only use your parking lights in order to fully view the light displays. At the festival, tune into 1620 AM to listen to the Festival of Lights' Ho Ho Radio Station for music

and holiday messages. Drive slowly through the drive-through area. Include #Hamburg Lights in your posts and your photos may be shared by the Festival of Lights and Erie County Fair's social pages.

Attention, Santa's Helpers: On Saturday, December 9, the Armor Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting a boot drive on site. If you bring a new, unwrapped toy to the drive-through gate, up until

December 17, you can help support the News Neediest Fund.

Tickets can be purchased online at the Festival of Lights website: [thefairgrounds.com/festival-of-lights](http://thefairgrounds.com/festival-of-lights). The Hamburg Fairgrounds Festival of Lights is located at 5600 McKinley Parkway in Hamburg, NY. For more information call (716) 649-3900 or go to [FairgroundsHoliday.com](http://FairgroundsHoliday.com) or front desk at [ecfair.org](http://ecfair.org)

## Grill

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to, is their increase in advertising. They do post on Instagram and receive some promotion from the chamber of commerce but for right now, Klice shared they mostly rely on word of mouth to bring in new customers. Another of their goals for the future

is to increase the amount of advertising they do for the restaurant. Klice said it is always nice to see the regulars in the restaurant, but they love seeing new faces as well.

Staff also first presented a problem for Hometown Bar & Grill when they opened. They had trouble finding employees that were just right and were able to stay for a while. Klice shared the owners are more than thankful for the staff they have now.

From the dishwashers to the head chef and everyone in between, they are really grateful for their wonderful employees.

Hometown Bar & Grill is located at 6 West Main Street in Allegany. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. They have new specials every weekend that they post on their Instagram page. Follow them @ [hometown.barandgrill](https://www.instagram.com/hometown.barandgrill) or call (716) 699-1212

## Ellicottville Memorial Library

Events Hosted throughout December

### JOURNEYS AND JOURNALS ON THE ERIE CANAL

For children in 3-5th Grade

Presented by Arts For Learning WNY and in tandem with the Erie Canal Traveling Museum, this exciting program will explore life on the Erie Canal through the perspectives of townspeople who lived there. Children will gain insight into the tools that people created and used, and the trades people found as their livelihoods. They will understand why the Erie Canal was built, what impact it had on New York State, and how people lived. This program brings the Erie Canal to life through creative writing prompts that every young writer--from the most resistant to the most prolific--will enjoy.

### PIONEER LIFE

For children in K-5th Grade

Presented by the Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in tandem with Arts for Learning WNY this program leads children in discovering what life was like in the 1800s. Children will examine diaries from the 1800s and compare and contrast their lives to the lives of the children who wrote the diaries. They will get the opportunity to try out some of the daily chores that they would have had to do, as well as learn a typical one- room schoolhouse lesson. The program will conclude with a fun activity from the 1800s.

For more information on programming please contact the Ellicottville Memorial Library: (716) 699-2842.

## First Day Hike at Allegany State Park

NYS Parks Hosts January 1 at Quaker Run

Discover the history of Allegany State Park- January 1, 2023. Get your New Year off to a great start with a hike in Allegany State Park along the newly finished Quaker Run Area Multi-Use Trail. The Quaker Run Area is where Allegany State Park was born 101 years ago, and this year's "First Day History Hike" is an easy trek featuring historical tidbits of information about the features found in this area of the park. The hike starts at Camp Turner, where the Friends of Allegany State Park will be providing hot dogs, chips, hot chocolate, and coffee from 11:30 am- 1:00 pm. The Quaker Store Museum will be open for this special event from 10:30 am - 1:30 pm to answer questions about the park

and its history. The First Day Hike will run from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Dress for the weather and be sure to wear appropriate footwear and/or snowshoes. Participants can pick up some "First Day Hike" gear and hiking guide at Camp Turner or the Museum. For more information, please contact the Environmental Education/ Recreation Department at 716-379 6939 or 716- 265-8716

Directions to Camp Turner. Use GPS coordinates 42.02368661520398, -78.84412094925099 or Google "Camp Turner Driveway" The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation oversees more than 250 parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, boat launches and more,



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## Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



**Annette Marie Sarah Kellermann (1886-1975)** was an Australian professional swimmer, vaudeville star, film actress, and writer, was one of the first women to wear a one-piece bathing costume, instead of the then-accepted pantaloons, and inspired others to follow her example. At that time she was arrested for indecency.

## From Bryan's Brain



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Views From Ellicottville NY: **Bob McCarthy Christmas December 1<sup>st</sup>**



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