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Wednesday, January 6 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

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FIRST SUNDAY STORYTIME AT AUDUBON
Sunday January 7 • 12:30am
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COLLEGE DAZE AT HOLIDAY VALLEY
Sunday, January 7 • 5pm
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VINTAGE & OVERSIZED PAPER SNOWFLAKES CLASS
Monday January 8 • 6pm
Mayville, NY

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Monday, January 8 • 10am
Lakewood, NY

SNOWSHOE HIKES AT ASP
Tuesday January 9 • 4:30pm
ASP Salamanca, NY

MOVIES AT THE REG - KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON
Wednesday, January 10 • 7pm
Jamestown, NY

COMEDY OPEN MIC AT THE LAB
Thursday, January 11 • 8pm
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Northpark Ellicottville is emphasizing an inviting environment that has visible environmental benefits. Shared green spaces, a dog park, a walking trail, a pond for fishing and paddle boating, front porches, village sidewalk connections, and an arboretum are planned for the exterior to encourage walks around the neighborhood and town. Established wetlands will be avoided when possible and unavoidable impact will be mitigated as necessary.

BY JESSICA MILLER

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WNY Business: **Merritt Estate Winery**

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Pictured Left (l to r): William Merritt, Christi Merritt, Marguerite Merritt Sample and Alfred Sample circa 1984. Pictured Right: Currently they have 27 award winning wines they produce and sell. Their comprehensive list of wines includes a variety of white and red wines ranging in levels of sweet to dry. They also offer a few specialty wines like Raspberry Truffle, Peach Splash and more.

BY DARLENE BRACE

If you enjoy a glass of wine and are thinking about local wineries, Merritt Estate Winery in Forestville, NY is sure to come to mind. Merritt Estate

Winery has been established for decades and there are traces of Merritt vineyards that date back to the 19th century. Bill Merritt, along with his wife Christi and

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Upcoming HoliMont Events
A Festive 2024 Season Ahead



For a list of all our events for the season, visit the events page on the HoliMont website <https://holimont.com/events/>.

BY KATE BARTLETT

As the largest private ski resort in the United States, HoliMont continues to be a premier destination with state-of-the-art grooming. HoliMont offers an exclusive social scene with

a variety of events for skiers and non-skiers alike, creating an atmosphere for families to thrive. This year is no exception, with a calendar filled with activities and events for

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Holiday Valley 2024 Events

Something for Everyone: Variety of Events on the Slopes



For more information regarding Holiday Valley Events visit www.holidayvalley.com/events and follow on social media @holidayvalley.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Many rang in the New Year at Holiday Valley at their NYE celebration with fireworks and champagne toast at midnight. This calendar year, Holiday Valley will host a variety of

events on the slopes, with something for everyone.

College Days – (Jan 7-9) - Designed for college students to spend winter break at Holiday Valley with special lodge and lift

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Day Trippin': **Winter Getaway to The Kartrite**
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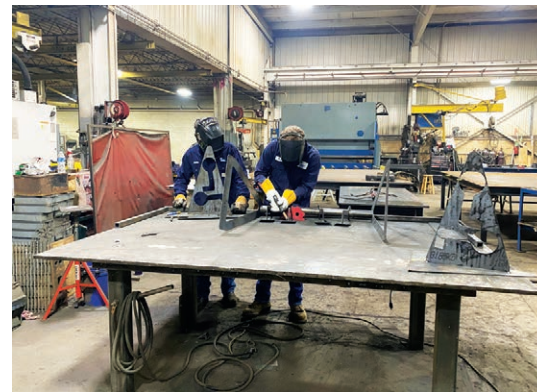
Situated in the beautiful Catskill Mountain Region of New York State, The Kartrite is more than a state-of-the-art indoor waterpark, it's an entire resort designed for family fun. With various indoor and outdoor activities, dining options, and an action-packed calendar of daily activities, there's always something to do, along with all of the swimming, sliding and splashing.

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CCIDA Spotlight: **Pierce Steel Fab.**

Locally Owned in Olean, Expands to Hinsdale



In 2023, Pierce Steel acquired the 45,000 square foot former Sanzo Beverage Distribution Center on Route 16 in Hinsdale, NY. The purchase allows for the continued expansion and growth of sales and employment for the 130-year-old corporation in Cattaraugus County. "Acquiring a new location was imperative to our growth and maintaining our position in the southern tier. Our employees are the key to our business; ensuring Pierce not only grows but remains in the area is a priority. The Cattaraugus County IDA was instrumental in assuring we secured our new location," said, Mike DeRose, President and Owner of Pierce Steel Fabricators, Inc.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Pierce Steel Fabricators, Inc. is a family-owned, full-service steel fabricator located in Olean, NY with roots dating back to 1887. Specializing in delivering quality, custom fabrications on short lead times, Pierce Steel's hardworking team

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Buffalo Botanical Gardens

Towering Trees & Beautiful Blooms Await



"Fountain Figure Raising Cane", Photo/Barbara Arnstein

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Do you remember the magical moment in the first movie about Willie Wonka, when the kids first see the candy meadow he's made? They've just entered a big building, but inside it's as though they're outside, and they see all kinds of unusual flowers and trees. Entering the awesome dome at the Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens is a magical experience a lot like that one. Walk inside, and suddenly you're in a tropical spot. Look up and you'll see towering trees, look down and you'll see beautiful blooms. Stroll around, and you'll see incredible orchids, bamboo, begonias and bonsai, shrubs and succulents. There are corridors of cacti, fabulous fountains, a wonderful waterfall, a pond full of colorful koi fish and many more surprises (ever see carnivorous plants?). In this freezing

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Publisher's Word

"Make New Friends & Keep the Old; Resolutions and Transitions"



Happy New Year us "winter friends are and count your blessed friends forever" – it seems resolutions, we are so appropriate here in the fortunate indeed to have the village, doesn't it? the opportunity to dream Remember there's no so big, so I suggest you go such thing as bad weather, ahead and do it! just different kinds of good It's "Canadian Friendship weather! Get out this Week" in Ellicottville – a weekend, and remember to thank your lucky stars you're in a 'very cool' place to be... and when January each year. you are, snap a shot and send it over to us (ino@thevillagerny.com), and this bond we have between we would love to show all the Ellicottville and Canada positive energy in town. has been around since the late fifties and early sixties. Until next week, enjoy the read! – Jeanine Caprino I love the quote which tells Zimmer

Happy Birthday

Vivian Swan... January 5th • Joe Clark... January 5th
Becky Colburn... January 8th • Nick Pircio... January 8th
Don Haglund... January 18th • Kayla Good... January 19th
Carson Hoag... January 20th • Conner Callaghan... January 21st
Bonnie Koscher... January 21st • Mike Paternitti... January 22nd
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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.

Be a Part of the Art

The Villager is Looking for Your Submissions & Participation

The Villager Newspaper is a weekly publication serving Cattaraugus & Chautauqua Counties for the past 18 years and growing. We focus on businesses, people and events in our area. If you would like to become a part of the team please contact us directly: (716) 699-2058 or email: info@thevillagerny.com

CHQ. Co. Lakes & Waterways Grants

Occupancy Tax Promotes Tourism and Recreation

MAYVILLE, NY – The application period for two Chautauqua County Lakes and Waterways Grant programs opened on January 1, 2024. These programs provide funding for projects involving lakes and waterways within the county and are funded through revenue collected through the 2% share of the county's 5% Occupancy Tax.

Additionally, there is a new, competitive program to deliver funding for "In-Lake" maintenance needs on Bear, Cassadaga, Findley, Chautauqua and Lake Erie. The inaugural round of the In-Lake Grant Program will be "fast-tracked" so the funding is available for the 2024 recreation season.

"We are pleased to announce these grants for our Lakes and Waterways," said Chautauqua County Watershed Coordinator Dave McCoy. "This year, there are some positive changes in the program which are intended to further increase Tourism and Recreation opportunities in Chautauqua County."

The funding can be used for shoreline cleanup, submerged aquatic vegetation management, invasive species management, harmful algal bloom mitigation, dredging and flood mitigation or other projects that improve the lake's usability for recreation and tourism.

The 2024 application window for the new, In-Lake program will open after January 1 and will close on February 15, 2024.

Program awards will follow the inaugural 2024 program, but the application window will close on April 1, 2024. Funds awarded in connection with the 2025 Round of the In-Lake Program will be a part of the 2025 County Budget; and therefore, not available until 2025.

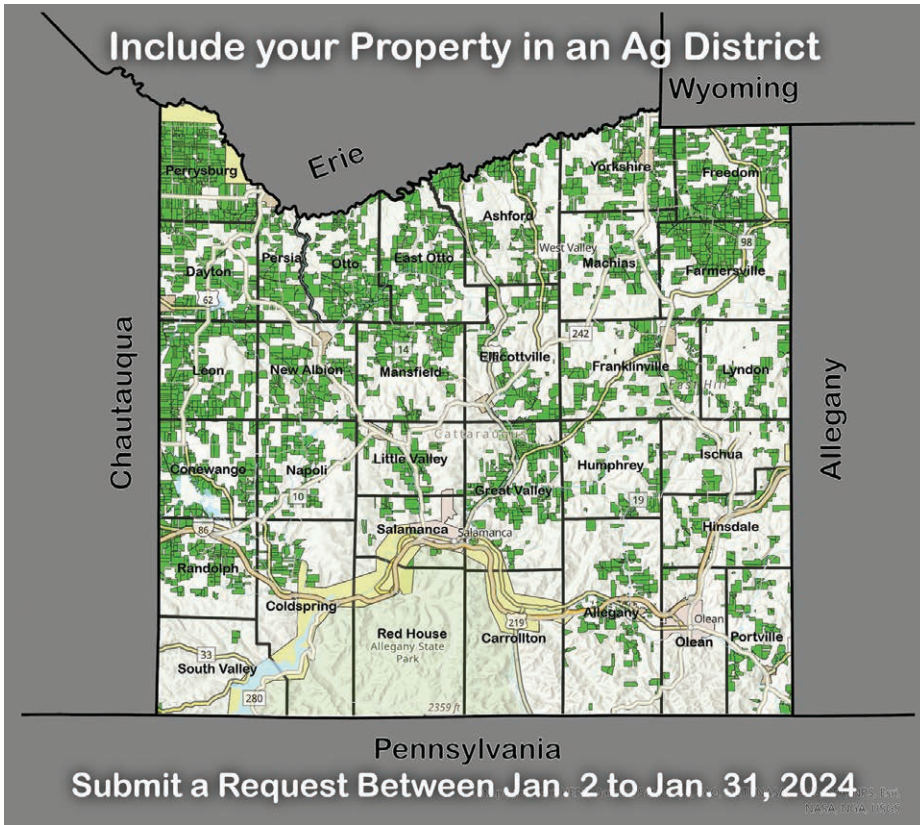
Applications are available online on the Chautauqua County Legislature's website at CHQGov.com and on the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Development's website at PlanningChautauqua.com.

Hard copies of the applications are also available at the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development, 201 W. Third St., Suite 115 in Jamestown, N.Y.

For more info or assistance with the application process, please contact Dave McCoy at (716) 661-8915 or by email at mccoyd@chqgov.com.

Cattaraugus County Offers Grants

Agricultural Applications are Now Open to Apply



Submit a Request Between Jan. 2 to Jan. 31, 2024

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY: Include your property in an Agricultural District by submitting a request between January 2- January 31, 2024.

Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b was enacted in 2003 to provide for the designation of an annual 30-day period during which landowners may submit requests for the inclusion of predominately viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district. Cattaraugus County has designated January 2 through January 31, 2024 as this 30-day period. Landowners seeking inclusion into a certified agricultural district must submit a

“Landowner Request for Inclusion” form to the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism by the January 31st deadline.

PAPER FORM OR ONLINE FORM
To request a paper form, contact Connor Maxwell, at 716-938-2387 or Contact Planning. Complete the Landowner Request for Inclusion Form online at: <https://www.CattCo.org/planning/landowner-request-inclusion-form>

WHAT TO EXPECT
A public hearing will be scheduled at a later date to consider all inclusion requests and the related recommendations of the Cattaraugus County Agricultural

and Farmland Protection Board.

AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS LAW
The Agricultural Districts Law was created in 1971 to encourage the continued use of farmland for agricultural production. The Program is based on a combination of landowner incentives and protections, all of which are designed to forestall the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural uses. Benefits include protections against overly restrictive local laws, government funded acquisition or construction projects, and private nuisance suits involving agricultural practices. Learn more about Agricultural Districts in Catt. County

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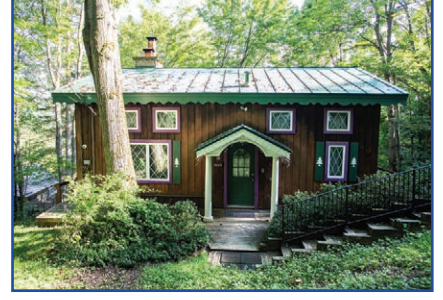
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Funds For Downtown Bldg. and Business Improvement



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building. Our BBIP application process is broken into two phases: a pre-application due January 30th and the full application, which is due February 13th. Only those who complete the pre-application will be given access to the full application.

If you have any questions about this application or would like to discuss your project before completing the application, please contact Frank Besse, JRC’s Executive

Director, at 716-708-6761 or Frank@jamestownrenaissance.org. It is suggested that you type your longer responses in a separate document before beginning this application and then copy and paste answers appropriately.

DEADLINES:
Pre Application is due January 30th, 2024
Full Application is due February 13th, 2024
Grant Award/Denial Notification will be by March 8th, 2024

Gowanda’s Historic Hollywood Theater

Open Mic Fundraiser being held Saturday January 13th



Free Admission to Open Mic Fundraiser event, January 13 from 1-5pm. Proceeds to benefit the Hollywood Theater. Please call Delaney Peters at (716) 860-8328 with questions or requests to perform. The Historic Hollywood Theater originally opened on April 16, 1926. Famous back in the day for hosting big bands, famous vaudeville performers, first run motion pictures and live performances. The theater closed their doors in 1992, leaving the building abandoned and susceptible to damage. Since 1997, after being named a New York State and National Historic Registry landmark, volunteers “Friends of the Hollywood” have been working to restore the theater and hold events there as well. The Hollywood Theater is located at 39 W Main St, Gowanda, NY 14070. For more info visit www.gowandahollywood-theater.com or call (716) 532-6103.

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Report on the Resort

“Phoenix Program Adapts to Great Expectations”



Left to Right - Dave Berghash and Chuck Richardson. Dave currently leads the Phoenix Program. Chuck was the founder and original Director. Eight years ago, Chuck was recognized by his ski instruction peers at a yearly meeting in Vermont as the “Instructor of the Year for Adaptive Skiing.”

are some of the mainstays of the adaptive skiing mission to have fun – in winter and summer. Some summer activities have included yearly parties at Dan Murray’s land in Orchard Park that are part of his family nursery / landscaping business. Phoenix members have also enjoyed rafting in Letchworth State Park, sailing on Lake Erie, and taking a nostalgic train ride on the Arcade and Attica railroad. In the future, to complement HoliMont’s fabulous summer bike park, there may be adaptive biking.

A program that works hand in glove with the Phoenix program is the Richard “Dick” Freeman Outreach Program. Dick Freeman was a gentle man who always carried himself with humility and dignity. Dick founded the program to give non-HoliMont members a chance to enjoy the world-class services of the Phoenix program on Sunday afternoons. Each year, funded partially by Phoenix funds, the Outreach Program allows about 6 – 8 kids to enjoy the wonderworld of adaptive skiing.

Eight years ago, HoliMont member Dave Berghash took over from Chuck Richardson as the Phoenix Program Director. It was a homecoming – for Dave had already worked numerous years at the Loundsbury Adaptive Program at neighboring Holiday Valley. Dave is a dynamic leader who built upon the rock-solid Phoenix Program Chuck Richardson created during the first twenty years. Due to the generosity of HoliMont Men’s Day sponsors, private donations, and HoliMont, Dave has been able to continue to purchase the latest and greatest equipment for our adaptive skiers. Arriving any day now at HoliMont will be a first for New York State – the “Tetra” ski which operates with a joystick. We are certain that our Phoenix skiers will master this new technology – as they are well familiar with anything related to “joy.” For 28 years we have watched Phoenix skiers whiz down the slopes with joy on their faces. May it never end.

By DAN BALKIN

Skiing.”

Roughly three decades ago, a revolution began in skiing. Snowsports schools, including HoliMont, saw a human need and decided to address it with a beautiful and winning combination of kindness and great expectations. Students who had never been on skis were introduced to the wonders of gliding down the slopes. It is commonly known as “Adaptive Skiing,” but HoliMont’s first leader of the Phoenix Program, Chuck Richardson, is very un sentimental about the program’s aspirations: “We don’t babysit, we don’t coddle – we teach skiing!” To Chuck, it is not a matter of semantics to call their home base in the Snowsports building the “Phoenix Ability Center” – it is a matter of clearly stating that their mission is to let adaptive students prove what they can accomplish.

The students, and the Phoenix program, have accomplished a lot! HoliMont’s Phoenix program is known throughout North America for their cutting – edge instruction, state of the art equipment, and high level of achievement of their students. In turn, eight years ago, Chuck was recognized by his ski instruction peers at a yearly meeting in Vermont as the “Instructor of the Year for Adaptive

For HoliMont, the Phoenix story began nearly three decades ago when expert adaptive instructors from Windham Mountain came for one week at the beginning of the season for three consecutive years to coach HoliMont adaptive instructors. 28 seasons ago, in the Phoenix Program’s inaugural winter, there was one student and two instructors (Tom Farrell and Ash Winter). By the end of the first season, there were three students, and as the wintry pun goes, things started to snowball!

This current season, there are 16 students in the program. One of the students, Melody McBroom, began with the program when she was eight years old and is now in her early thirties. There are both season long students for nine consecutive weekends and drop-in students or guests. Like many successful endeavors, many factors converge to sustain the Phoenix Program. Each year on HoliMont Men’s Day, through auctions and donations, a substantial amount of money is raised to help fund the Phoenix Program. Our Phoenix instructors are, in a word, FANTASTIC. Long standing instructors such as Tom Farrell, Maureen Dailey, and Dan Murray

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Photos of Women in History

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910)
Elizabeth Blackwell was the first woman in the world to graduate from medical school. Blackwell was also a pioneer in the education of women in medicine.



Your Turn Women's Clinic is January 24-25, 2024. Led by Lisa Ballard, a widely acclaimed coach and ski racer along with several of Holiday Valley's women's instructors, is a 2-day clinic is for women looking to take skiing to the next level.

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package this fun, energetic vibe attracts college and university students from all over. This 3 day, 2-night package includes arrival gift, hosted parties, tastings and a full itinerary of events throughout the weekend. First time skiers and snowboarders get a free 1.5 hour lesson, rental equipment and beginners area lift ticket. Guests can look forward to an exciting, fun, energetic weekend of skiing and socializing both on and off the slopes. Complete with continental breakfasts, cookouts, snacks and shuttle service, it's like spring break in the winter with better views. "This is the perfect getaway for students on their winter break," says Dash Hegeman, Marketing Director at Holiday Valley. They stay at The Inn at Holiday Valley, which has a heated pool and outdoor hot tub as well as very easy access to the slopes. They can get a lot of skiing in during the day and then take part in some fun parties that the Holiday Valley team puts together with the help of our great College Daze sponsors: Red Bull, Fireball, and Intense Milk," says Dash.

Your Turn Women's Clinic - January 24-25 - Led by Lisa Ballard, a widely acclaimed coach and ski racer along with several of Holiday Valley's women's instructors, is a 2-day clinic is for women looking to take skiing to the next level. "This group always brings a lot of energy and camaraderie to the resort," says Dash. "It's great seeing a large group of women out here learning from Lisa Densmore Ballard, who has rightfully earned a reputation of being one of the top coaches around. Her ability to get people feeling comfortable while also pushing their comfort zones is truly impressive." The clinic includes breakfast and lunch both days, video analysis, equipment info, demo equipment, door prizes and dinner with presentation on Wednesday. Attendees with connect with other women skiers with similar goals and mindset on the

slopes. As a member of the US Ski Team in the late 1970's and a six-year veteran of the Women's Pro Ski tour in the 1980's, Lisa Densmore Ballard has competed in ski racing for most of her life. Today, she is a standout on the international master's circuit. She brings her experience and expertise to Holiday Valley to teach and motivate women to reach their maximum ski potential.

Penguin Paddle (February 24) - A much anticipated event of the ski season, is an all-day event and the major source of funding for the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program (LASP). Every February, hundreds of penguin paddlers flock to Holiday Valley to participate in the paddle races. They 'make like penguins' and side down the slopes in large black garbage bags on their bellies. Complete with buffet cook-out lunch, silent auction, wine fall, and raffle. The silent auction features over 150 items including gift baskets, ski and outdoor gear, home decor and gift cards from many local restaurants and businesses.

UppenOvr (Mar 16) - Join in this inaugural event going 'up and over' the slopes of Holiday Valley, over to HoliMont and back again to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute. The event was the brainchild of Jane Eshbaugh, who competed in a similar event, winning her age group, and sought to bring a similar event to Ellicottville. Choose your method, equipment, and embark on a 3-mile journey up, over, and across the breathtaking terrain. This event is designed for all skill levels with two divisions: Competitive and Just for Fun. It's all about enjoying the winter landscape in good company at your own speed. "Uphill is a very popular activity right now and we saw this as a fun opportunity to engage the local community who loves to earn their turns", says Dash. "It's going to be exciting to see this new event take place and I think it'll be a popular one with the local uphill enthusiasts." Celebrate completion with after party at Yodeler Lodge with entertainment, live band, costume contest and prizes.

Pond Skimming (Mar 24) - This annual

event is great for those looking for a refreshing and exciting event, or to spectate those willing to skim across the ice water filled pond. According to Dash, this is an event not-to-be-missed. "Whether you are a contestant or a spectator, Pond Skimming is an experience! Watching people try to make their way across a large body of chilly water is the pure definition of "thrills and spills". It takes speed, skill, precision and sometimes just a little luck to stay dry. But the crowd shows up to see the spills so the participants who make the biggest splash are always the crowd-pleasers. A lot of people who take part will come dressed up in fun costumes, which just adds to the party atmosphere."

Rail Rider Jamboree Music Festival (Mar 23) - Back for its 3rd year, this music festival is sure to be a hit. Organized by nationally renowned festival producer Jennifer Brazill, the past 2 years have been sell-outs with a lineup featuring a talented variety of local and nationally known bands. The day long festival features non-stop music with Buffalo Brass Machine will be traveling throughout the crowd playing New Orleans Style party music to keep the Mardi Gras vibe alive. Past years featured vendors with local merchandise and food trucks on site. More details regarding lineup and event schedule will be posted closer to the event, along with lodging packages.

Holiday Valley is also hosting a variety of one day events throughout the ski season including **Telestock (Feb 23)** hosted by City Garage, a day of peace love and telemark skiing with tele demos, **Tell a Friend Tour (Feb 15)**, an opportunity to meet up and tour the resort with some very skilled pro freeriders and have fun in the terrain park, and the **Boardroom Banked Slalom (Mar 3)**, a timed snowboard race through a series of fun, banked turns to see who is the fastest rider of them all, with cookout and great spectating. Also watch for more information about the **Winter Carnival (Mar 9-10)** with fun for the whole family.

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The Annual Penguin Paddle event fundraiser for the adaptive ski program at Holiday Valley is February 24.

HoliMont

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the 2024 season.

Friday, January 26th marks the 43rd annual **HoliMont Contractor's Day**, a celebration of both local and non-local Contracting Companies and businesses. With approximately 700 attendees each year, it provides a fantastic platform for companies to promote and market their business. It offers a great balance of business and fun. "We look forward to this event every year," says Jennah Bradley, Marketing Director for HoliMont. "Many featured businesses are associated with our HoliMont membership, so it is a highly anticipated occasion here at HoliMont." Guests can look forward to a day filled with fun activities on and off the slopes, lunch catered by Dinas at the 'Mont, and a remarkable vendor market. This event is open to the public with tickets available online <https://holimont.com/events/>.

Join HoliMont on Friday, February 16th for the 2nd annual **Ski 4 A Cure** event, hosted by HoliMont and the Ski Club of Lockport. Experience a day filled with exciting activities, including a special parade to honor Cancer Survivors, thrilling ski race, 50/50 raffle and Chinese auction, and much more. "Not only will you have a blast, but you'll also be supporting a great cause, says Jennah."



The annual Telefest will be held on March 2nd with latest Telemark Demos by The City Garage, clinics

All proceeds from this event will go directly to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Tickets available now online.

Along with these two major events, HoliMont is also hosting the **Breath and Ice Challenge** on January 12th. New this year, learn how to use your breath and know the benefits of plunging into ice cold water to optimize your health and performance. "We're excited for this inaugural event," says Jennah. "Some may be familiar with our annual summer event, "The Good Climb Endurance Challenge" powered by Excelsior Orthopedics, we are thrilled to now be a part of the Breath and Ice Challenge, brought to you by the same organizers. The annual **Telefest** will be held on March 2nd with latest Telemark Demos by The City Garage, clinics and lunch included in ticket.

At HoliMont, all events are designed with families in mind. "We guarantee

that individuals of all ages will have a blast when they visit us, as there is always something exciting for everyone to enjoy," says Jennah. "Our ultimate goal is to create unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime at HoliMont."

HoliMont also has exclusive activities for members and they invite readers to experience the ultimate perks of membership with their member social events. "From the action-packed Ladies' Day and Men's Day to our unforgettable Christmas and New Year's Parties, there's never a dull moment at HoliMont," says Jennah. "Take a thrilling snowcat ride on the hill (members get to ride in the snow groomers), join us for après parties every weekend, and indulge in so much more! Membership at HoliMont offers more than just exceptional skiing. Try our Trial Memberships and enjoy a year as a member with no obligations."

For a list of events for the season, visit <https://holimont.com/events/>.

"Temporarily Leaving the Porch and Taking a Break"



BY, GARY MALICKI

First, some background. When first arriving in EVL, my wife and I were living just outside of the village. Last December we were presented with a fabulous opportunity to move only steps away from the many great events and festivals that gives this community its identity.

Around the middle of last December I answered an ad in *The Villager* looking for writers. My only previous writing experience was writing movie reviews for a radio station more than 40 years ago. "What a fun retirement gig", I thought. I got the job and around 49 stories later I'm still at it.

At this moment, however, I told my editor that I need to take a break as physical limitations are currently preventing me to move about the village to conduct interviews.

Allow me to explain. I am a Roswell cancer patient. Through last January and part of February I rapidly lost weight and felt progressively ill. On February 24th a surgical procedure was stopped and my prognosis was less than a year. However, the opportunity to meet new people, tell their stories and share my EVL adventures gave me a real sense of purpose.

I chose chemotherapy with assist of immunotherapy to treat this incurable



My doctor at Roswell is the brilliant, compassionate and award-winning professor of oncology, Dr. Renuka Iyer; and I feel like the luckiest patient in the world.

G.I. related cancer. I was fortunate my body reacted magnificently and I became my old self all the while being inspired by you. You who set aside time in your busy schedule to sit and talk with me. You who opened yourself up in friendship to tell your stories.

Unfortunately, you can't be on chemo forever as it will eventually take its toll on the body. The plan was to switch to immunotherapy alone. It wasn't the same and I began to slowly deteriorate to where I was before.

What's happening now? My doctor at Roswell is the brilliant, compassionate and award-winning professor of oncology, Dr. Renuka Iyer; and I feel like the luckiest patient in the world.

She arranged to place me in a clinical trial in which I am currently engaged. So far I'm slowly responding well and hope to resume what I love doing very soon.

People have said things to me like, "Don't you think you'll run out of things in Ellicottville to talk about?" The simple answer is no. The people here are like the squares of a quilt that make up the essence of what Ellicottville is. I have

many more ideas to share upon my eventual return.

I may have a terminal disease but I'll tell you what I've learned. The power of positivity is real. The power of prayer is real. The continual contact from family and close friends to lift my spirits is real!

Although I've shared a little about my story to people I've interviewed, I have been mainly private about the situation. A great friend suggested I might share all of this as part of my EVL adventures. After some careful thought I figured why not?

If you wish to comment privately or have a relatable story to share you can send a message to my personal email address scouter659@yahoo.com. I will respond.

Thank you, Jeanine and *The Villager* for holding my spot in the paper. Thank you close friends and family and my wife and son for constantly pouring positivity and encouragement on me every single day.

And finally to quote the Great WWII General McArthur, "I Shall Return".

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By, CAROL FISHER-LINN

There is do more to Rotary than meets the eye.

It may surprise you to learn the local Rotary is an organization of concerned community-minded individuals helping local food pantries, giving scholarships and Christmas gifts, providing a safe environment for Halloween trick or treating, parking cars, selling hot dogs at events, or tickets at the Taste of Ellicottville ... or any number of wonderful community efforts that greatly impact the well-being of individuals in our own community. Yes, they do all of that, but they do more.

For example, did you know that this year, during the grand opening of the New Car Dealers of WNY Skate Park last month, the Rotary Club of Ellicottville was recognized as one of the top three contributors? For perspective, \$250,000 was raised, one donation at a time, and then matched to build the \$500,000 park. A true community effort, it all began in 2019

at a grassroots level with the founders of SK8EVL following a dream ... with unrelenting action. Turns out this is the M.O. of The Ellicottville Rotary as well.

Some history: Rotary International, founded in Chicago, in 1905, has grown into an international service organization whose stated human rights purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world. It is the largest service organization of its kind in the world, with 1.4 million members in 46,000 clubs worldwide. Broadly, Rotary International focuses on these major things: eradicate polio, promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, support education, save mothers and children, grow local economies, protect the environment, and provide disaster relief.

Locally, the Ellicottville Rotary, part of Southern Ontario and WNY District 7090 does the following: Support youth through annual scholarships, give contributions of materials

for Pre-school, ECS Primary, Middle and High Schools (including giving support for the 8th grade trip to D.C. this year), provided school lunches during COVID, and support library programs. Rotary supports Ellicottville and Great Valley Food Pantries, provided the annual kids Halloween Party with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, participated in the Earth Day Village Clean Up, works closely with Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, The America Legion, the Olean Rotary, and provides help for any families in need. This year, this help consisted of providing jackets, coats, boots, gloves, and winter apparel.

John Weismantel, President of Ellicottville Rotary, fleshed out some of the details of this past year: He is proud to announce that Ellicottville Rotary membership has grown from 8 members at the beginning of 2023 to 22 members. Our Rotary reach extends to working with other Rotaries like sending children's books to Ukraine working with

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Northpark

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1980, when the company was known as Stride Tool, Inc. Over forty years later, this global player in home heating and cooling has led the industry with its iManifold diagnostic line and iConnect training platform is possibly adding a new community of long term and short-term housing units to its roster. Northpark Ellicottville has ambitions of being a sustainable and inviting community within Ellicottville that demonstrates the strengths of Ellicottville and North Park Innovations.

According to the May 2023 initial presentation provided by Lori and Bill Northrup, Northpark Ellicottville is proposed as a planned community suitable for working and living that supports both business and community interests. The community, which will occupy their 12+ acre lot, intends to be an appealing and affordable place for workers, families, students, seasonal residents, and retirees to call home. Northpark Ellicottville is emphasizing an inviting environment that has visible environmental benefits. Shared green



Phase IV calls for 26 apartment units.

spaces, a dog park, a walking trail, a pond for fishing and paddle boating, front porches, village sidewalk connections, and an arboretum are planned for the exterior to encourage walks around the neighborhood and town. Established wetlands will be avoided when possible and unavoidable impact will be mitigated as necessary.

Home interior sustainability features will make use of North Park Innovations' established expertise in home energy and comfort. Solar voltaic panels will help make use of the sun for electricity. The homes' thermal envelopes will be optimized to assist in comfortable temperatures all year long with increased energy efficiency. Ground-source heat pumps will make use of heat from lower layers of the Earth's surface. Taking advantage of natural features as power sources and professional specialties will go far in providing affordable living and power that is also reliable. Northpark Ellicottville's plans are part of their goal to be a net zero project. "Net zero" means that carbon demands are balanced by the removal of equal amounts of carbon, resulting in ultimately no greenhouse gas emissions due to the decarbonization steps. There are 48 residential townhouses and 8 live/work townhouses planned for Northpark Ellicottville in the May 2023 plan. Ecologically advanced and affordable housing for these residents will go far in the adage to "think globally, act locally".

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Pictured (l to r): Members of HoliMont Freestyle Team; Instructor Buck Tarbell and Christmas Camp group; Instructor Sam Guzzo and his HoliKids ski class.



Pictured (l to r): Chris Miller and Adele Wellman - HoliMont Telemark skiing instructors; HoliMont Snowboard instructors (jackets sponsored by Weed Ross Insurance); Group of HoliMont race coaches and ski racers; HoliMont Lifties respond to "Bills Win Super Bowl" shout out. Photos/Dan Balkin



Gardens

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season, you can easily escape to a warm world.

In the center of the dome, there's an art gallery, and until February 26th you can see an exhibit (it's included with admission) featuring the paper cut patterns of Kiyomi Millar. She's creatively cut layers of paper into lovely, illuminated images of bees, dragonflies, flowers, flying birds, and more.

On certain mornings, up

to fifteen lucky visitors get to feed the exotic koi fish. Just like the children who get to be the first to see inside Wonka's world of wonder, your kids can be the first ones inside, on a morning you choose. This is possible at 9:30am on January 13th, 20th, & 27th, February 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th, March 9th, 16th, & 23rd, April 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th 13th, & 27th, May 4th, 18th, & 25th, June 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th, July 13th, 20th & 27th, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, September 7th, 14th & 28th, October 5th, 12th

7 19th, November 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 29th & 30th and December 7th. Tickets must be purchased online ahead of time. Admission is included. The cost for adults and students 13 and up is \$22, and for kids three to twelve, it's \$16. Kids two and under are free but must have a ticket.

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are free, but must have a ticket. There are seasonal outdoor gardens that are always free and open to the public. The Gardens are open seven days a week, from 10am-4pm, except March 12th-13th, September 20th, November 8th, 19th, 20th & 28th, and December 25th, 2024. There are limited hours on a few other days. The Gardens are located at 2655 South Park Avenue, Buffalo, NY. For more information, go to buffalogardens.com or call (716) 827-1584

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New York State's Largest Indoor Waterpark Situated in the Catskill Mountain Region



By KATE BARTLETT

With rides and slides for all ages, a 'not-so-lazy' river, several pools and splash pads...the list goes on!

The waterpark opened. The boys caught some waves on the Flowrider stationary surfing machine with individual lessons taught by certified instructors (included), and the girls enjoyed laying back and watching the action with drinks in hand.

The on-site restaurants make any occasion special, and its event space can accommodate everything from anniversaries, weddings, birthday parties, reunions and more. For a full list of events at The Kartrite visit <https://www.thekartrite.com/>.



Situated in the beautiful Catskill Mountain Region of New York State, The Kartrite is more than a state-of-the-art indoor waterpark, it's an entire resort designed for family fun. With various indoor and outdoor activities, dining options, and an action-packed calendar of daily activities, there's always something to do, along with all of the swimming, sliding and splashing.

Lush vegetation and tropical 84-degree temperatures await under The Kartrite's reclaimed conservatory full of New York's best water adventures. Covered by the world's largest texlon transparent roof, the year-round climate control makes for the perfect getaway any time of year.

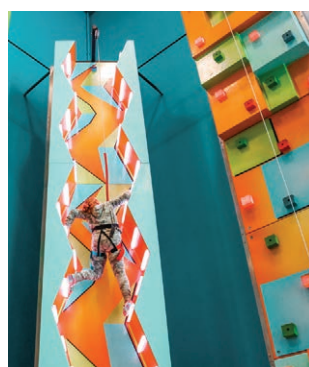
We started our adventure by checking out the resort. All accommodations are suites with luxurious amenities and chic furnishings along with microwave and mini-fridge. We got the lay of the land and explored the vast offerings on property, from rock climbing and a ropes course, to outdoor hiking trails, and kids' activity club. Then it was straight to the water park! From the second we walked in, it felt like vacation. The tropical air and lush vegetation made for the perfect taste of summer in the middle of winter. We tested out the water slides and did a few laps in the lazy river before dinner. The next day, we hit up the arcade and mini-bowling before

With various dining options and over 6 on-site restaurants and eateries, The Kartrite is a palate-pleasing resort sure to please even the pickiest eaters. From coffee shops, to the buffet, fine dining and quick bites and treats, you'll find something to satisfy your craving. The resort also aims to meet any allergy or dietary restrictions, so be sure to inquire within.

Our stay happened to fall on New Year's Eve, so we opted to ring in the New Year at the waterpark Disco Party with fireworks

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Merritt

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his mother Marguerite, began Merritt Estate Winery in 1976, after the Farm and Winery Act was initiated by Governor Carey. This act encouraged the development of NYS wineries and enabled wineries to sell directly to the public. Merritt Estate Winery has been family owned and operated since opening in 1976.

In 1998, Bill's son Jason joined the family business, and he is now the general manager of the winery. Together, Bill and Jason dedicate themselves to producing and selling some of the greatest wines in New York State on their own a fifty-acre farm. They use their grapes and fruit from other Chautauqua County and Finger Lakes region growers in making their wines.

Currently they have 27 award winning wines they produce and sell. Their comprehensive list of wines includes a variety of white and red wines ranging in levels of sweet to dry. They also offer a few specialty wines like Raspberry Truffle, Peach Splash and more. Bill's wife Christi came up with the idea of a wine slush in the 1980s, and it's still very popular today. The Merritt's two best-selling wines are their Concord Semi Sweet Bella Rosa and their XTC, which is a pomegranate juice and wine blend.

The Merritts invite customers to enjoy a free tour of their winery. Customers come from all over New York State, Pennsylvania and other locations to enjoy Merritt's wine in their tasting room. The wine tasting includes samples of five wines for



Bill Merritt pictured with his honorary sidekick Cooper. A perk they offer returning customers, is a wine club called the Copper Club, that was named after their winery dog. There are three levels of membership that include shipments of wine that are sent out quarterly. Prices for membership depend on whether you want 3, 6 or 12 bottles. As a member of the Copper Club, you will receive free wine tasting, free festival tickets, and many other perks and discounts.

\$5 and you get to choose from a range of dry to sweet wines, depending on your taste. Bill said, "Whether customers are new or returning, most of the time they come in to do a wine tasting. Then they usually stay and relax and have a glass of wine or two. You can buy any wine by the glass or bottle. You can munch on some snacks like popcorn or crackers while enjoying your beverage." They can accommodate groups of people and are often part of the local winery tours. Groups of eight or more people need to make a reservation.

wine tasting, they have special events that they host throughout the year. The two biggest events they host are their Strawberry Festival and their Septemberfest. The Strawberry Festival is the second weekend in June, celebrating the strawberry harvest. Along with other refreshments, you can enjoy a delicious strawberry shortcake. Their Septemberfest is the second weekend in September, celebrating the grape harvest. Both weekend events, have other food and craft vendors,

Besides tours and SEE "MERRITT", PG. 14



45,000 square foot former Sanzo Beverage Distribution Center on Route 16 in Hinsdale, NY. The Cattaraugus County IDA was instrumental in assuring they secured this new location.

Pierce

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goes above and beyond to meet its customer's needs. The Cattaraugus County IDA recently assisted in the acquisition of space for further growth and development of this company.

In 2023, Pierce Steel acquired the 45,000 square foot former Sanzo Beverage Distribution Center on Route 16 in Hinsdale, NY. The purchase allows for the continued expansion and growth of sales and employment for the 130-year-old corporation in Cattaraugus County. The company is currently operating out of both their

original and new location. The original location on 7th Street in Olean was home to Pierce Steel's 25 full-time employees for over 50 years. Pierce Steel also has a sales office in Orchard Park, NY.

Pierce Steel fabricates customized steel products including environmental air filtration systems, work stands, tanks, stairs and railings and structural steel. Their customers include Tesla, NASA, Rolls Royce, Boeing, GE as well as several local and regional companies.

Renovations to the new facility include the installation of seven overhead cranes, new HVAC and electrical systems, and the installation of multiple overhead doors.

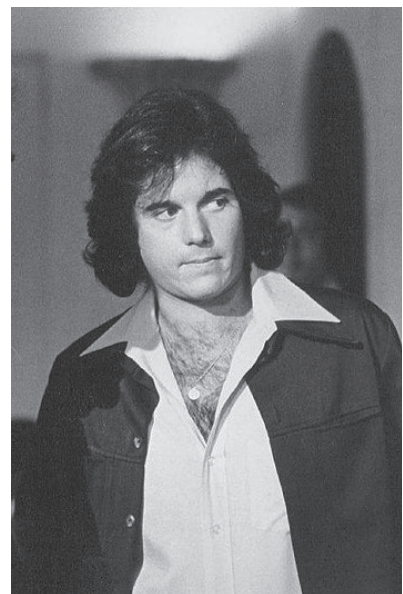
The additional space allows for the expansion of their state-of-the-art design and manufacturing space which includes 3D modeling, CNC laser and plasma cutting, CNC forming and certified welding.

"Acquiring a new location was imperative to our growth and maintaining our position in the southern tier. Our employees are the key to our business; ensuring Pierce not only grows but remains in the area is a priority. The Cattaraugus County IDA was instrumental in assuring we secured our new location," said, Mike DeRose, President and Owner of Pierce Steel Fabricators, Inc.

The Cattaraugus County IDA provided support for the project including a PILOT, sales tax relief, and a mortgage recording tax exemption. The anticipated completion for renovations is late Spring 2024. For more information on Pierce Steel Fabricators, Inc. please visit their website at www.piercesteel.com.

Born In January

Desiderio Alberto Arnaz IV (born January 19, 1953), better known as Desi Arnaz Jr., is an American retired actor and musician. He is the son of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. His birth was one of the most publicized in television history. His parents were the stars of the television sitcom I Love Lucy, and Ball's pregnancy was part of the story line, which was considered daring in 1952. The same day Ball gave birth to Desi Jr., the fictional Lucy Ricardo gave birth to "Little Ricky". As a testament to how interested the American public was in Lucy's TV baby, Arnaz appeared on the cover of the very first issue of TV Guide with the headline "Lucy's \$50,000,000 baby", (\$551,002,506 in 2022 dollars)[2] because revenue from advertising tie-ins was expected to top that mark.



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CHQ. Chamber Spotlight: Sweet Repeats Boutique

Much More than a Consignment Store

BY DARLENE BRACE



Sweet Repeats Boutique is located at 1749 Foote Avenue in Jamestown. It's open Monday-Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday & Friday 10am-6pm, and Saturday from 11am-4pm. It is closed on Sundays.

This week's Chamber Spotlight is Sweet Repeats Boutique. Sweet Repeats Boutique is owned by Amber Silverburg. Amber opened Sweet Repeats Boutique thirteen years ago. At that time, it was primarily a secondhand children's consignment store. She carried high end quality name brand items. Amber stated that it was very successful for a long time, but in the last few years sales had decreased in the secondhand side of things. Instead of closing her doors, she decided to shift focus and become a children's gift boutique.

She decided to keep a consignment section, but now also has a large inventory of brand-new items to offer her customers. The 1500 sq. ft store is now filled with adorable boutique clothing, wooden educational toys, and great gift items. She has a selection of Melissa and Doug toys, Bills items, and great gifts for baby showers and more.

For adults there is a selection of custom-made T-shirts and sweatshirts. Grab your Pickle sweatshirts, Mama crewnecks, and Mimi tumblers! They also carry adult's and children's Buffalo Bills items such as clothing, games, and gifts perfect for any Bills fan!

Amber said, "I love finding quality items that are unique and give customers great options for something different when looking for that special gift. Check out our selection for baby shower gifts and I just got in the cutest knit hats. There are also gifts for Mom, Mimi, teachers, and birthdays. Our toddler Chicken Nugs

& Mama Hugs t-shirts are a hot pick right now."

Her boutique also carries seasonal items throughout the year. Amber continued, "It's a great place to grab your snow gloves and pom pom hats for the family. I always wanted a store like this, that's a warm and welcoming place to shop, and I am happy to offer this to my community. I am very excited for our remodeled store and to welcome new customers as well as familiar faces."

When asked why she started this business, she said that she had wanted a children's store in the area that would offer unique, quality items that were well

organized. She feels her store enables others in the community to buy quality items that are affordable and stop in for a chat, which is nice because it offers a sense of community. She enjoys talking and socializing with other parents, grandparents, and the children who are with them.

Another reason she opened her own business is that it gave her the flexibility to balance family and work life. She was more available to her own children compared to if she was working elsewhere. When she first opened

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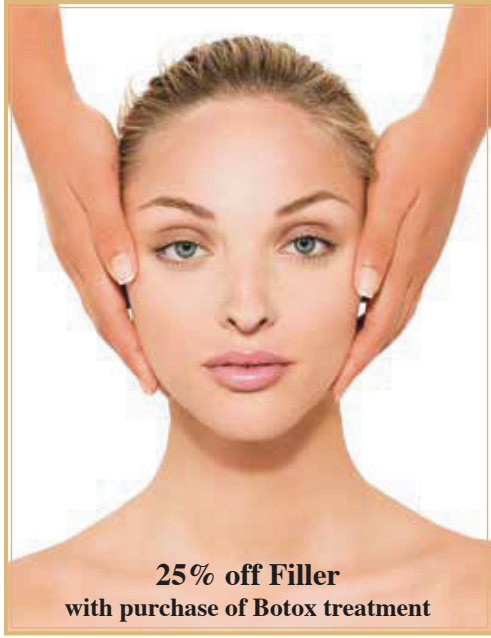
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Dr. Woloszyn grew up in Poland where he graduated from the Medical University of Gdansk in 2002. He completed his internal medicine residency at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, New York. He has been proudly practicing since 2011 as part of Jamestown Area Medical Associates. Dr. Woloszyn is currently affiliated with Olean General Hospital.

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Streamlined Shakespeare

“Othello”



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

unrecognized, to avoid any chance that Othello will learn he really hates him because he gave someone else a promotion he wanted (and because he's a racist). Furious that his daughter has eloped, and furious about the man she eloped with, Brabantio immediately goes to accuse Othello of using witchcraft to lure her away. At the same time, Othello is going to meet with the local Duke, because it's just been reported that a fleet of enemy ships is on its way to attack the country. Brabantio goes along and makes his complaint to the Duke. Othello explains she fell in love with him when she heard him describing his many daring adventures to him, thrilling tales he (ironically) told when her father asked him to, and he's cleared of the charge of witchcraft.

The enemy's entire fleet of ships sinks in a storm, Othello and Desdemona finally get to enjoy their delayed wedding night and, at the same time, Iago manages to ruin the reputation of the man who got the promotion he wanted. Knowing that drinking affects him badly, he causes him to become drunk, and provokes him into brawling, which leads to his being demoted. Soon after, Iago works on persuading Othello that the Lieutenant he demoted, Michael Cassio, is sleeping with his wife. He lies and says that, when they were sharing a room, he heard him talking in his sleep, saying erotic things about her. Othello starts to believe she's having an affair but asks for proof. He tricks

Desdemona into helping him make Othello think she's having an affair by telling her to plead with him to give Cassio back his former position, which, of course, makes her look very suspicious. When she accidentally drops her handkerchief, Iago's use of it makes Othello believe it's "the proof". First, Iago plants it in Cassio's room, and tells Othello his wife gave it to him. Othello believes this is proof they're lovers because of its great sentimental value to her (since it was the first gift he gave her). To further trigger his jealousy, Iago then stages a conversation that makes Othello believe Cassio is talking about his wife when he's actually talking about his lover. Othello gives Iago the promotion he wanted, and asks Iago to kill Cassio, while he makes plans to kill his wife. Iago doesn't manage to kill Cassio, but does kill Rodrigo (after he's given Iago all the money he has and finally realizes how gullible he's been), and later his wife, when she is about to expose his scheming. Othello kills Desdemona, and when he finds out Iago has manipulated him into doing it, he kills himself. Iago is arrested and sentenced.

In short, although a handkerchief is used to create fatal jealousy, and leads to several deaths, the plot is less about the fabric and more about the fabrications. Desdemona dies not because Othello saw her hanky but because he pictured her hanky panky.

The evil deeds in "Othello" are all done or caused by one character, Iago. To mention just a few of his despicable character traits and actions: He lies continually, always claiming he's all about honesty. He uses and manipulates everyone around him to achieve his own selfish and ruthless desires. He tricks his way into a position of power by ruining the reputation of the person who deserves the position. He falsely accuses others of the crimes he commits, or tries to dodge blame. He makes many racist remarks. He reveals others' secrets. He has no respect for authority or marriage (so he has a combative relationship with his wife). His ruthlessness causes deaths.

When the play begins, Iago and Rodrigo, someone he's conned into helping him are shouting out racist insults beneath a balcony in the dead of night. They're also shouting out someone's big secret. That someone is Othello, a General, and Iago's boss, and the secret is that he's just eloped with Desdemona, the daughter of the man he's rudely awakening.

When her father, Brabantio, rushes out to confront them, Iago hurries away,

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Happenings in Chautauqua County this Week

By DARLENE BRACE

Now that the excitement of the holidays are over, and it's our coldest time of year, you may be tempted to just stay home and snuggle. But if you are still looking for some entertainment to get you out of the house, here's what's happening in Chautauqua County this week.

Thursday, January 4 - At the Labyrinth in Jamestown, get ready for comedy at The Lab's Comedy Open Mic Night. Each comic will have 480 seconds to get you laughing in your seats. You can be a part of it all as a comic or as part of the audience. Either way, come join in the fun at Jamestown's longest-running open mic event.

The Beer Snob in Jamestown is hosting Karaoke Night with The ZEKES starting at 8pm. Whether you are a first timer or a karaoke veteran, come in and check it out. There will be a variety of genres and songs to pick from to showcase your talent, or just come to listen to others sing their hearts out. Enjoy a beverage and their specialty wieners, pretzels, and other unique food items.

Friday, January 5 - Big Inlet Brewing will be hosting Jesse James Winston. He plays acoustic covers ranging from rock, pop, blues, and country. Some of his favorite artists to cover are The Beatles, CCR, Tom Petty and Neil Young. He also loves to

play 90s alternative and a variety of other music.

Southern Tier Distillery is having its First Friday event. The First Friday event happens on the first Friday of every month. They have a member from the community be a guest bartender and ten percent of bar sales are donated to the charity of their choice. Donations are also accepted. This month, Bob Rodgers from the Cherry Creek Sno-Goers will be behind the bar pouring drinks to raise money for the Sno-Goers. It starts at 5pm.

Head on out to Peek n' Peak Resort in Clymer, NY to listen to entertainment by Tyler McClain. He will be performing at the Bistro 210 starting at 9:30pm. Also on Saturday, January 6th, Peek n' Peak will be hosting Erie's Dual Identity in the Sports Bar. The Dual Identity members are singer/songwriters who mostly perform original tunes and it will start at 6pm.

Saturday, January 6th - Big Inlet Brewing is excited to have the return of The Untouchables. The Untouchables will be performing their acoustic versions of decades of favorite cover music. Bring your friends to hang out with you while enjoying the entertainment and a delicious craft beer!

In Fredonia, 64 on the Rocks will be hosting a performance by KrossBones. The entertainment will start at 8pm. Come in and enjoy the food, drinks, and sit by

the firepit while listening to this powerful trio play a variety of classic rock and other popular covers.

Sunny's in Fredonia is having a special 30 and over night. Bring your ID because only those 30 years old and older will be allowed in. Come in and enjoy your favorite throwback music and there will be drink specials. There is a \$2 cover charge. Come check it out and dance the night away at Sunny's.

At the Reg Lenna in Jamestown, the movie Killers of the Flower Moon is playing. This movie is a western crime saga based on a true story about love and betrayal. Killers of the Flower Moon stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Lily Gladstone, and it is nominated for several Golden Globe Awards. The show starts at 4 pm and you can buy tickets on reglenna.com up until 2 hours before the show begins.

The Celeron Legion near Jamestown will be rocking it out with the band called Never Too Late. This band performs a variety of classic rock covers, and it will start at 8:30 pm. You can shoot pool, play darts, or get moving to the beat.

This week is a little quieter than the last few weeks of the holidays, but there is still a variety of entertainment. Stay tuned for next week's issue to see what entertainment will tempt you to leave the warmth of your house and venture out to enjoy some entertainment.

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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

While we wait for the Lake Erie snow machine to kick in maybe it's time to make offerings to Ullr the Norse god of snow.

One thing there's never a shortage of in Evl is live music, so let's see who's playing where.

Our weekend starts on Thursday at Balloons for Burger-n-Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any beer with house made chips. The musical host this week is Spencer Easton from 6-9pm. Spencer plays a country/rock set of covers.

The Gill Mill's Monday music is provided by Kody and Herren from 8-11pm. This duo plays a rock/folk/roots/country set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

FRIDAY

The Taqueria kicks things off with Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared is a keyboard player who does a rock/pop/alt/jazz set of covers to accompany Evl's only Tex-Mex menu.

We're back at Balloons for The Honky Tonk Hero's from 6:30-10pm. This band plays danceable country so be ready for some Texas Two-Step. The back bar will host Tina Williams from 10-1am. Tina plays a rock/folk/pop/alt set of covers and originals. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is back with Two Guys Drink-

ing Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/folk/blues/country set of covers. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast sat-sun 9-11am.

Madigans joins the party with Dj SI from 9-2am. He'll provide the funk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington. Let the A-Team, behind the pine, whip you up a cocktail.

SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Davey "O" from 2-5pm. Davey plays a rock/folk/Americana/mod set of covers and originals. Barnstorm takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays new and classic country with a Little Rock thrown in. Check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made by their trained mixologists.

Balloons returns with Diggin Roots from 6:30-10pm. This Buffalo band plays American roots/blues/funk/rock originals and covers. The back bar hosts Interstate Daydream from 10-1am. This couple plays a rock/pop/folk/blues/ set of covers with some soulful vocals and harmonies. Dj KT Stylez will provide the groove so you can bust a move on the 2 dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj SI providing the thumpin for the bumpin from 9-2am. Check out the dart board and pool tables for you bar room athletes.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill will host The Marty Peters Duo

from 2-5pm. Marty plays blues and folk covers from the 60-70's. Try the Bloody Mary's while you get your game face on.

Villaggio hosts AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Dj Milk will rock the house and take you up to game time on the jumbo screen.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings, nice craft beer selection and live music. This weeks musical guest is The Chillbillys from 6-9pm. This very popular husband and wife team plays a rock/pop/blues/country set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar licks and sweet vocal harmonies.

The Gin Mill hosts Red Gray, Monday, from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and outlaw country, rock and southern rock, covers and originals. Try the Gun Mill burger if you're hungry.

Tuesday The Gin Mill will feature Michael David from 7-10pm. I couldn't make contact with Michael but I will assume he'll play some type of acoustic covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

It's the end of the seven day weekend and that means The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-11 hosted by Brian Rick from 7-10pm. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers

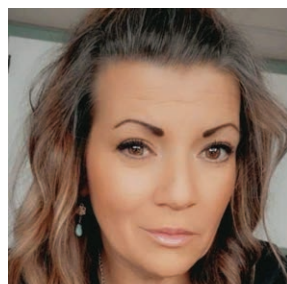
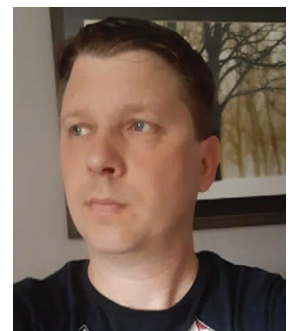
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Beat on the Street:

"What Positive Things Do You Predict For 2024?"

By CHAD NEAL

The holiday season forces joy on us as. Yet, there is also constant news telling us to be afraid or worrisome. Most of us would much rather see and feel happiness and the joy of the holidays. And the cliché new year change up can seem monotonous on an annual tip. There is a good way to look at the upcoming and largest year we've ever seen. Finding the bliss we seek in everyday life is a goal and we want that as we ritually trade the calendars on the wall for new ones. Looking forward to great and wonderful change is the mindset of many this time of year. The world out there will take us on a ride for another rotation around our energy source and many things will happen, good and bad depending on where you happen to be. We strive for the favorable. What positive thing do you predict for 2024?



Nick P.- Gonna SOAR in '24!!

Melanie C.- That loved ones become sober.

Jesse A.- Our ancestors in the sky will finally make themselves known.



Dee D.- Bills win the Superbowl!!!

Tom S.- I get to retire after 37+ year's from Allegany State Park.



Beth N.- I'm manifesting success in my new business. I'm manifesting success for all of my loved ones whatever that may mean to them. I'm lifting up and magnifying positivity wherever I find it.

Do You Have a Suggested Question for Beat on the Street?

Be a part of the art! Submit your ideas to info@thevillager.com

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Merritt

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and include activities for children. They have live music that performs throughout the weekend. These two events are very popular and well attended. This year's Strawberry Festival will be June 7-9 and the Septemberfest will be September 7-8.

Merritt Estate Winery often participates in many events in Chautauqua County like the Grapes and Hops Festival in Jamestown and the Coffee and Chocolate Festival in Clymer and many more. They participate annually in 40-50 events in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Syracuse and other

locations across New York State and Pennsylvania.

A perk they offer returning customers, is a wine club called the Copper Club, that was named after their winery dog. There are three levels of membership that include shipments of wine that are sent out quarterly. Prices for membership depend on whether you want 3, 6 or 12 bottles. As a member of the Copper Club, you will receive free wine tasting, free festival tickets, and many other perks and discounts.

Since Merritt Estate Wines are very popular, you will find them in a variety of restaurants and bars across the state. You can also buy bottles of wine, wine basket gifts, and other products online. They can be ordered

and shipped to most states across the country.

Merritt Estate Winery is open year-round Mondays-Saturdays from 10am-6pm and 12pm-6pm on Sundays. In January and February, they close at 5pm. On merrittestatewinery.com and their Facebook page, you will find a wealth of information. You will find information on all their wines, the Copper Club, and how you can order their products online. You will also find updated information on all their events that they will be hosting or participating in.

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Rotary

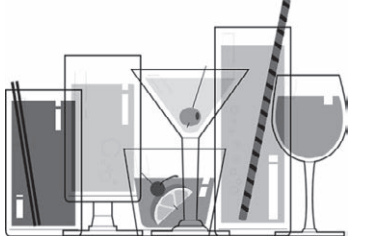
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the Rotary in Warsaw, Poland. Our Rotary works closely with the Alzheimer's Association and the Tri-County Council for the Arts; works to raise breast cancer awareness; annually participates in the spring cleanup of the Lake Erie Watershed. They participated in joint efforts of the Lions Club and Zonta and raised funds for the Boy Scouts of America. Of course, members of The Rotary can be found at so many events in the community selling their ubiquitous hot dogs. It may be hard to imagine generating much

income selling hot dogs, chips and water, and yet, when you consider the work this organization does, those hot dog sales and the generous extras given by those purchasing them serve as part of the foundation of the funds that accumulate to help others. As John Wesimantel says, "We are going to exceed our fundraising goals, one hot dog at a time." So, next time you see The Rotary hot dog booth at an event, please stop to buy a dog, and be generous in your support of this organization we are blessed to have in our community.

Plans for 2024 include a continuation of the efforts of 2023, with a move to increase membership. Rotary now meets once a month for a meeting and a

second time in the month for social interaction. Weismantel indicated that he would like to stretch out boundaries and include all of Cattaraugus County, particularly to help those individuals in need of transportation for medication, medical appointments or in search of durable medical goods. The Rotary will continue their scholarships and assistance to food pantries, students, families, and the good works people have learned to rely on them for but will continue to be open for opportunities to extend their helping hand. If you wish to join the Rotary, please contact any member, or John Weismantel at 716-228-7288.



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Boutique

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the business, her youngest daughter was not in school yet, and she could spend the day with her at the store. Her daughter basically grew up in her store and Amber has watched other families grow through the years. Now some are coming back in with their own children.

Amber also said, "My store is very comfortable for my customers. They can take their time to browse and be social, or they can come in for a quick gift idea when in a hurry. Either way, I like to make sure my customers are happy

with their purchases and with their experience when shopping here."

Another way Amber helps her customers is by offering a rewards program. After signing up for the rewards program, for every dollar you spend, you get a point. After two hundred points you get a \$10 off coupon. The points never expire, but once you get the coupon, it's only good for sixty days.

Amber wants people to know that you can order items online. All the brand-new items are available on the website, where you can browse and add to your cart. Upon checkout, you can select pick up or have

items shipped to you. If you want to place an order, or want more information about Sweet Repeats Boutique, you can go to sweetrepeatsinc.com or call 716-483-0109. You can also e-mail Amber at sweetrepeatskidsinc@gmail.com and go to her Facebook and Instagram pages.

Sweet Repeats Boutique is located at 1749 Foote Avenue in Jamestown. It's open Monday Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday & Friday 10am-6pm, and Saturday from 11am-4pm. It is closed on Sundays. Go check out the NEW Sweet Repeats Boutique!



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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

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


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6	5		9	1		7	4	

Last Week's Puzzle:

8	3	5	2	1	6	7	9	4
6	4	9	7	5	8	1	3	2
1	2	7	3	4	9	6	5	8
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5	9	8	4	2	1	3	6	7
2	6	1	9	3	7	8	4	5
9	8	6	1	7	4	5	2	3
7	1	3	5	9	2	4	8	6
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A Snowy Day in Jamestown NY
circa 1910
Unknown Address

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on December 28, 2023, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Mary Klahn Village Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED DECEMBER 28, 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 object or purpose for which the bonds are authorized is the acquisition and installation of replacement downtown streetlights, at the estimated maximum cost of \$230,000.

The period of probable usefulness is five (5) years.

The maximum amount of obligations authorized to be issued is \$230,000.

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, Village of Ellicottville, Village Hall, One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York.

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 28, 2023, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville, in the County of Cattaraugus, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Village of Ellicottville, New York, adopted December 28, 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.”

An abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING the Village of Ellicottville, New York to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$3,800,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, to finance the reconstruction and paving of Elizabeth Street in the Village;

SECOND: STATING that the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$3,800,000; appropriating said amount for such purpose; STATING that 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 assessments, sewer rents or 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; and STATING that 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;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Village; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, or the renewals thereof; and

SIXTH: STATING the conditions under which the validity of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof may be contested; and

SEVENTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

DATED: December 28, 2023 *Mary Klahn, Village Clerk*

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“Bond Resolution of the Village of Ellicottville, New York, adopted December 28, 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.”

An abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING the Village of Ellicottville, New York to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York, to finance the Village’s share of cost of construction of a new downtown parking lot;

SECOND: STATING that the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$1,000,000; APPROPRIATING Village funds in the amount of \$200,000 for the Village’s share of said cost; STATING that the \$800,000 balance of said cost shall be funded by the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency; and STATING that 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 therein as the same shall become due and payable;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Village; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Village;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Village Treasurer the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, or the renewals thereof; and

SIXTH: STATING the conditions under which the validity of the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof may be contested; and

SEVENTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum.

DATED: December 28, 2023, *Mary Klahn Village Clerk*

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WNY Beloved Friend Dies in Accident in Fort Kent, Maine

FORT KENT, Maine – road and entered an apartment building parking lot, where it veered off a ledge, struck an embankment and rolled multiple times before landing in Fish River. The vehicle was submerged while Fort Kent Fire and Rescue worked to recover the driver, who was taken to Northern Maine Medical Center and later flown to Bangor. DeLena said the driver was in critical condition at this time.

Manirath was known in the community as the owner of Sami’s Cuisine and Cocktails, a restaurant she opened in late 2022. She lived in Laos until she was eight years old, then moved to Buffalo, New York, and then to Fort Kent in 2022.

Police responded to the incident at 4:45 p.m. and, according to Fort Kent Police Chief Michael DeLena, the crash originated off East Main Street. Manirath’s vehicle, a white 2023 GMC Acadia, left the



Police, and US Border Patrol. The Presque Isle Police Department and Aroostook County Sheriff’s Office also assisted in crash reconstruction.

From Bryan’s Brain

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American DND Invites you to take advantage of a casual, informational session to learn about the Project and meet with American DND Representatives. We are reaching out to local, WNY based businesses to help everyone learn about the project and discuss opportunities for being part of the future work onsite.



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