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## Telemark Motel in EVL Reimagined

### Introducing the Lincoln Boutique Motel



BY DAVE PARKER

The Lincoln Boutique Motel reimagines hospitality in Ellicottville and is welcoming inquiries for restaurant partnership in former Cadillac Jack's restaurant location.

A new, updated, and unique lodging option is coming as The Lincoln Boutique Motel gears up for its grand opening on May 1st! Nestled at the corner of Holiday Valley Road and 219,

SEE "TELEMARK" Pg. 6

## Winter Blues Weekend Spotlight: Pat Harrington

### Grammy Award Nominated Guitarist & Local Musician



Growing up in Gasport, NY, Pat started playing guitar at age 13 when he "got bit by the music bug," as he explains. Pat started playing professional 'gigs' at age 17, and continued to play on weekends while he studied Music Business at SUNY Fredonia. In 2016, Pat was invited to join Victor Wainwright & The Train as their lead guitarist. Today, 8 years later, Pat lives in Canandaigua, NY and is still touring internationally with Victor Wainwright & The Train, playing many nights per year in cities all over the world. (See story, "BLUES", pg. 6.)

## Bemus Point WinterFest 2024

### Annual Celebration Fundraiser for Snowmobile Clubs



100% proceeds benefit the 5 local CHQ. Co. snowmobile groups: Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club, Cherry Creek Sno-Goers, Ellery Sno Cruisers, Lake Effect Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club and Sunset Sno Drifters. "Even though we haven't had much snow yet this winter, the clubs are still active. There's still bills to pay and they work hard to sign the trails no matter the weather", *Rachael Wiley-Steffen, a dedicated committee member.*

BY KATE BARTLETT

Mark your calendars for this Saturday, January 20 for the 10th annual Bemus Point WinterFest. This annual event is a celebration of winter as well as a fundraiser for the local snowmobile clubs. With activities for all ages, live

music, Christmas Tree Bonfire and Fireworks at 6pm, it's sure to be a fun filled winter day at the Bemus Point Golf Course. It is free, and open to the public and will be both an indoor and outdoor event.

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## 21 Brix Winery in Portland, NY

### Family Owned & Operated for 3 Generations



The farm (Olde Chautauqua Farm) and winery has been family owned and operated for three generations and they are the largest grape growers in the region with over 29 varieties of grapes. Earning over 400 medals including 50 Double Golds and Best of Class distinctions for their award-winning wines, 21 Brix Winery is recognized locally and nationally for their impressive achievements. The owner, Kris Kane (above), however did not always plan to operate a winery.

BY ABBEY FLAHERTY

21 Brix Winery is a sought-after destination, centrally located along the Lake Erie wine trail. Providing a relaxing

and scenic environment for locals and visitors, it is the perfect place to sit back and relax, sip on wine and enjoy

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## Athenaeum Hotel Renovations

### \$20M Investment Allows More Accessibility



The Athenaeum, built in 1881, leaves a print of that past on the Chautauqua region. It has accommodated too many dignitaries, entertainers, authors, pundits and generally famous people over the years to name, and enough United States Presidents to fill the hotel's Heirloom Restaurant. Alas, updates are in order to accommodate the next generation.

BY BILL BURK

Bright green lawns stretch from the waterfront to the grand wrap-around verandahs where guests take tea in an afternoon breeze that drifts up from the shore. Families picnic on beaches while children and adults alike splash in the cool waters of the deep blue lake.

SEE "ATHENAEUM" PAGE 9

## The Ratchet Hatchet in EVL

### New Location Offers More Space & Comfort



The new space allows them to accommodate more parties and events on the ax throwing side, while still offering a more private bar and restaurant experience.

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Ratchet Hatchet officially opened in its new location at 5 East Washington Street, Suite 6 this past October. The new space allows for a much larger ax throwing space that is separated from their bar and restaurant by a brick wall, allowing a quieter dining experience. Their new menu offers upscale fresh modern dishes along with seasonally rotating cocktails. The new location also features an outdoor patio, live music and parking.

Nathan Woodruff has owned with The Ratchet Hatchet since its inception 5 years ago.

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# Publisher's Word

*"Rise & Shine, It's Time for a Brand New Day"*



You can't predict the weather in WNY – that you CAN predict! We have had a whirlwind of a week from cancelled football

games, school closures and flight cancellations. One thing you can depend on in our little gem of the woods is great people and great times. Whether you are snowed in, plowing through the snow, skiing in the snow, or sitting by the fire, you always know, you will be amongst friends here. In WNY we harvest a hearty bunch of people who go with the flow whether the weather! Each week we love bringing you stories from across the region of the people in our community that makes the fabric of

our society. Please enjoy the read and if you have a recommendation for a feature spotlight, reach out to us, we would love to share it with our community (info@thevillager.com or simply go to our website: www.thevillager.com and click on "Submit Materials"). We look forward to hearing from you!

*Until next week, stay warm and keep your friends and dreams close. Yours in writing – Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Linda Yates... January 27th • Michelle Chamberlain... January 29th  
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Sarah Bartz Smith... February 6th • Ryan Campbell... February 7th

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Winter Sessions Aim to Support Local Gardeners

- January 23, Noon-12:30 PM, CCECC Building: Planning a Vegetable Garden—Master Gardeners give advice and tips on how to prepare a vegetable garden for a bountiful harvest.
- January 27, Noon-1 PM, CCECC Building: National Seed Swap Day and Catalog Party—CCE Master Gardeners will have seed catalogs and seeds to share with attendees as well as growing tips. This event is in person and light refreshments will be served. Attendees are welcome to bring seeds to share if they wish.
- February 1, Noon-3 PM, CCECC Building: Lunch & Learn: Make Jam & Learn How to Can—The co-op kicks off National Canned Food Month with an extended session that involves participants

The next session is January 23, Noon-12:30 PM, CCECC Building: Planning a Vegetable Garden—Master Gardeners give advice and tips on how to prepare a vegetable garden for a bountiful harvest.

**BY JESSICA MILLER** accessible practical and liberal arts education for the working class. This connection with Cornell brings current, world-class expertise to area learners regarding rural agricultural topics. These topics frequently include farming and gardening, nutrition, parenting, and land/water management. Unless otherwise noted, the following CCECC informational sessions are available in person or on Zoom at no cost to participants:

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# Catt. Co. IDA Discusses Three Projects

## Agency Examines \$6 Million in Proposals



The owners of the Woods at Bear Creek in Machias hope to transform the site into a prominent tourism destination.

BY JEFF MARTIN  
THE VILLAGER

The Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) discussed three projects valued at approximately \$6 million during its regular January meeting.

### WOODS AT BEAR CREEK, MACHIAS

The first project, the most significant undertaking, involves the former Woods at Bear Creek, a 733-acre property that was once a Jewish camp off Route 16 in Machias. Walsh Huskies LLC recently acquired the site from its previous owner, who has closed it intermittently since 2020 due to impact related to COVID-19.

According to Corey Wiktor, the IDA executive director, Walsh Huskies LLC intends to invest \$3.1 million in the property, focusing on renovations and upgrades such as RV electric and water hookups, a concert venue, domed glamping, and a trail system for side-by-side vehicles.

Wiktor said the owners

hope to transform the site into a prominent tourism destination.

"It is a hidden gem out there," Wiktor said, pointing to its vast expanse and 30-acre lake.

The application submitted to the IDA seeks sales tax and mortgage recording fee exemptions. A public hearing date for the project needs set, and further work is required on the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review.

### ALLEGANY CROSSING (FORMER KMART PLAZA)

In other business, a sales tax exemption request for the second tenant at Allegany Crossing, the former Kmart plaza along Route 417 in Allegany, was also discussed.

Turbo Machinery Inc. has leased 15,000 square feet of manufacturing space at Allegany Crossing, with plans to employ 20 individuals within three years. The initial project is valued at just over \$1 million. Turbo Machinery Inc. will supply two new Southern Tier companies involved in turbo gas

compressors: FoxRES and Kats of Wellville.

A public hearing for the sales tax exemption application will be scheduled in Allegany.

### FORMER TELEMAR INN AND MOTEL, EVL

The IDA board also approved a sales tax exemption and property tax relief of approximately \$30,000 for the new owner of the former Telemark Inn and Motel at Holiday Valley Road and Route 219 in Ellicottville.

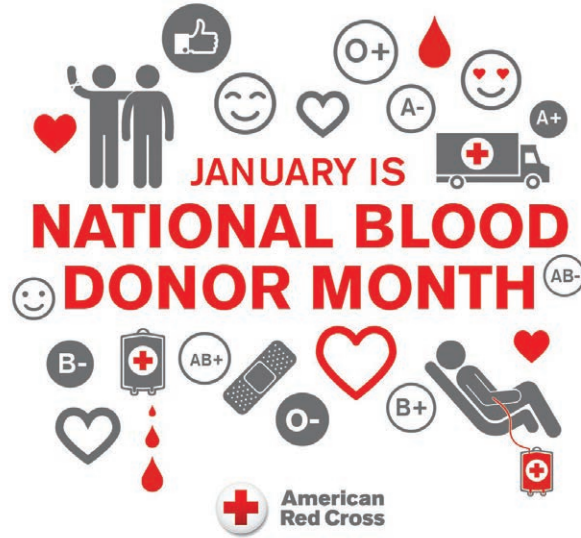
Reed Smith of Randolph, the recent property purchaser, hopes to renovate and upgrade the motel, adding two suites in a project valued at \$1.85 million. Smith is eager to reopen the establishment as soon as possible. Since the incentives fall below the \$99,000 IDA threshold, a public hearing is not mandatory.

### New Board Member

Finally, the IDA board welcomed a new member, Thomas Cullen of Cattaraugus, employed at St. Bonaventure University and involved in the Laine Accelerator program.

## Blood Donation Shortage

### January is National Blood Donation Month



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Share your heart - just in time for Valentine's Day.

Red Cross does more than collect blood. The American Red Cross website tells us, the Red Cross "shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members, and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission." Those volunteers come in the form of people like you, who pack up and travel to disaster sites to be that extra needed pair of hands. Volunteers are known to clean debris from storm sites, transfer people to safety, gather and distribute food and supplies to those in emergency situations, respond to house fires and take care of the needs of those displaced by the fires/disasters, etc. The Red Cross needs YOU to step to the plate and offer

your life-saving blood. After all, you never know when it might be you or a loved one needing that emergency blood transfusion. You and others who donate can guarantee there is enough to go around.

The fact is, the Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage right now as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years. January is a great time to donate. Here's why: "The Red Cross and the National Football League (NFL) are partnering again this January, during National Blood Donor Month, to urge individuals to kick off 2024 with a blood or platelet donation. Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Terms apply - RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

With that enticement in mind, please consider giving a donation in January at the following locations: January 17 - Concord Senior Center, 40 Commerce Street, Springville 1-7pm; January

18 - No. Collins Senior Center, 11065 Gowanda State Road, No. Collins, NY 12:30-6:30; January 26 - Our Lady of Peace-Holy Cross Church, 274 Broad Street, Salamanca, 1-6pm. In Chautauqua County-Jamestown: January 16 - Chautauqua Mall 12:30-6:30; Resource Center, 1200 Dunham Ave, 9am-2pm.

There are no January drives scheduled in Ellicottville, but you can sign up now to donate February 9th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242 East, Ellicottville, 1-6pm.

The startling fact is that in 2023, the number of U.S. blood donors has hit all-time low for the past 20 years. This, from Businessinsider.com Jan 14, 2024: "The most recent National Blood Collection and Utilization Survey, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, found that blood donations by teens and young adults have steadily declined over the last decade. From 2019 to 2021, the survey says blood donations from people 16 to 18 dropped by a whopping 60%. Dr. Eric Gehrie, the executive medical director of the American Red Cross, told NBC News that the organization has seen a 40% drop in people donating blood over the last 20 years."

Over the 2023 holiday season, Gehrie said the Red Cross was 7,000 units short of meeting demand from hospitals." Although interest for donating lags in younger people, the consensus is that some of these young people who did try to donate were turned away because of weight or height requirements so

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## Report on the Resort: Get to Know the Team

### Kara Church – HoliMont Membership Director



Kara Church

BY DAN BALKIN

What happens when a skilled, industrious, and upbeat person finds a work culture that celebrates teamwork and appreciates each employee's unique gifts? It's simple – they click! That's what happened with Kara Church and HoliMont. Kara and her husband Sean reside in East Otto and have three children, Haley, Wyatt, and Jacqueline. Kara's children are in their 20s, but when they were younger, Kara was both a full-time mom and home schoolteacher. When Kara's role home schooling her children ended, she was looking for a job with social interaction. Kara was hired at HoliMont during the 2019 – 2020 ski season in the ticket office. This evolved rapidly into a full-time job, where Kara was expertly mentored by HoliMont's Bev Gerard and Sue Quattrone. When Bev retired as Membership Director, Kara was a perfect fit to take over this vital role.

HoliMont has evolved into a semi-private club. During weekdays, there are many skiers who have passes that allow them to

ski at the club ten times a year – other guests can buy a day pass whenever they choose (again, on weekdays). These passes are an important revenue stream for the club. But the lifeblood of HoliMont remains our membership – and the Membership Director plays a vital role in attracting new members to the club. That said, Kara noted that HoliMont's success is linked to a team effort, and her colleagues, spread across many departments, collectively deserve credit for creating HoliMont's welcoming ambiance.

HoliMont attracts approximately 50 new members each year. Due to the natural attrition of members who move to another region of North America or retire from active skiing, it is vital that HoliMont has a steady influx of new members each ski season. Enter Kara. She is the point person and first impression of HoliMont when people contact the club about joining. Kara's office is in HoliMont's new and brightly renovated ticket office (the site of the former ski shop in the main chalet). Kara stressed that the warm and welcoming HoliMont employees behind the counter are not ticket sellers, but Customer Service Representatives. Semantics? No. Walk into this area and the enthusiasm to engage in a helpful and courteous way with members and guests is infectious.

Kara frequently answers questions from potential members. For any interested person, she sets up a "Test Day" on a Saturday where Kara meets the interested party and gives them a tour of the facilities. If they have children and so desire, Kara pre-registers their children for a Snowsports lesson. There is also an option to meet a HoliMont Board member and take a tour of the slopes. Many individuals or families who experience the test day decide to join or do a one-year trial membership. Trial members inform the club by March 1<sup>st</sup> if they intend to join. If they join, they receive a credit toward the initiation fee. How's it working? This year there are 45 trial members, and historically close to 90% of the trial members join the club!

Kara is grateful that she always receives the blessing of the club to take classes in sales, communication, and leadership. It tells, for as if on cue, while talking with Kara about this article, she warmly and professionally fielded a call from a potential member. Kara also frequently answers members' questions about our recently streamlined membership categories. Two of the primary goals of these new categories are to retain senior members and to encourage young adults who are no longer covered under their parents' membership to join the club. Kara also fields numerous questions about how to maintain a membership if, for instance, one is moving away for a year or any other imaginable query regarding "membership category maintenance." Kara's duties also include being responsible for invoicing and the collection of dues from HoliMont's 1200+ primary members. When spouses and children are included, 3,400 persons have HoliMont member passes. Kara herself best summarized the spirit of our club: "At HoliMont, everyone has their God-given gifts, and they're allowed to use them." Amen!

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making their own jams to take home. This event is in person and is limited to seven attendees; preregistration is required.

- February 4, 3-4 PM, CCECC Building: Gardening for Birds—Becca Rodomsky-Bish will detail the contributions birds make to gardens and local plant life as well as what gardeners can do in return for their feathered friends. She will also tell attendees about how they can join the Great Backyard Bird Count.
- February 12, Noon-12:30 PM, CCECC Building: Lunch & Learn: A Visit to the Soil Food Web; A Magical Place That Will Help You Grow Your Best Garden Ever—Dinah Hovey explains the potential benefits and pitfalls of various microorganisms and macro-organisms that live in the soil. This knowledge is beneficial to gardeners who wish to make the most of their gardens.
- February 12, 5-6 PM,

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CCECC Building: Make Your Own Natural Bird Suet: Master Gardeners will guide the attendees who are present on-site in making their own bird suet to take home and Zoom attendees are also welcome to follow along at home.

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## Holiday Valley Update

**Your Turn Women's Clinic: From a Coach's Point of View**



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 BY JANE ESHBAUGH



Watching these women skiing gates for the first time is amazing as they progress from being a little scared to embracing a bit more speed and being comfortable with turning where the gates dictate. Lots of pole clicking happens as the women support each other while they improve.

I've had the pleasure of being a coach for the "Your Turn Women's Clinic" with Lisa Densmore Ballard for the last 3 years. Not only has this been game changing for the women who attend, but it is so satisfying for me to see those women improve their skiing and have more fun on the snow. Lisa's formula is very straight forward: give women two days on snow where they're only responsible for themselves, teach them about equipment basics so they know what to look for, give them simple tips on how to be more in control, and challenge them to reach new goals.

The first day after a light, nutritious breakfast and introductions, the women select their demo skis for the morning session. As one of the four Holiday Valley female instructors, I meet my group, take some warm up runs and figure out some root skills

we all need to work on. I present a combination of specific drills to the ladies, but all the while keeping things moving and fun. Lisa spends time with each group giving her unique and straight forward feedback and then she takes video of each participant. When we meet for our well-deserved lunch, she reviews the video and reinforces what she has presented to each individual. After lunch the women can select different skis, then we're back on snow for the afternoon with group appropriate drills and more mileage. I'm careful to keep it simple and ski a lot!

We break in the afternoon for some down time, then meet for happy hour and a very informative boot clinic by one of Mud, Sweat 'n Gears master

boot fitters. Dinner is provided by Edna's at the Tamarack Club and by dessert everyone is ready for a good night's sleep.

The second day we'll enjoy another breakfast and Lisa will introduce basic ski racing tips. After selecting new demos, we run gates not to become World Cup racers, but to refine our skiing skills and give us more confidence in slightly uncomfortable situations. There's no timing involved, just skiing a nice rhythmical course that's mostly just fun. Watching these women skiing gates for the first time is amazing as they progress from being a little scared to embracing a bit more speed and being comfortable with turning where the gates dictate.

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**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

6pm **Girls of Grosh @ EVL Tap + Bottle & Taqueria**

6:30pm **Pat Harrington Trio @ Balloons**

8pm **2 Guys Drinkin' Blues @ Gin Mill**

9pm **DJ Persia @ Madagans**

10pm **Kyle Gustafson @ Balloons**

10pm **DJ Kage @ Balloons**

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

2pm **Porcelain Train @ Gin Mill**

3pm **Jay McDonnell Duo @ Holiday Valley T-Bar**

5pm **The Probables @ Madagans**

5pm **Steven Padin @ Ratchet Hatchet**

6:30pm **Tommy Z Band @ Balloons**

7pm **Speedy Parker Blues Band @ Villaggio**

8pm **Maria Aurigema Band @ Gin Mill**

8pm **Tim Britt @ Ellicottville Brewing Co**

9pm **DJ Si @ Madagans**

10pm **Greg Zeis and DJ Andre & The Giant Redhead @ Balloons**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

2:00PM **Hick-Ups @ Gin Mill**

5:30pm **Garden Party featuring Grace Lougen @ Villaggio**

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# Blues

## STORY FROM COVER

BY KATE BARTLETT

Those familiar with the Ellicottville music scene likely know the name Pat Harrington and have probably heard him play with Owen Eichensehr (Duo Band) or both Owen and Paul Yates (Trio Band). Pat is the lead guitarist for the Grammy Nominated and Multi-Blues Music Award winning band, Victor Wainwright & The Train. While Pat has been touring internationally for almost 8 years, whenever he is in town, he enjoys playing 'the local spots.' The Pat Harrington Trio will be playing this Friday, January 19, 6:30pm during Ellicottville's Winter Blues Weekend at Balloon's Restaurant & Nightclub.

Growing up in Gasport, NY, Pat started playing guitar at age 13 when he "got bit by the music bug," as he explains. "I just decided to pick up the guitar, tried playing, and became somewhat obsessed." With some background playing piano, Pat understood the basics of music, but he began taking lessons and got hooked. "I took private lessons but I would experiment and practice almost non-stop. I'd artistically dissect some of my favorite songs, playing by ear and learning the music. I was really inspired by southern rock and soul music, which was my gateway into blues and other styles eventually."

Pat dove into his music and studied Blues, Soul, Funk, Jazz, Country, Americana... anything that inspired him. "I had, and still have, a diverse appreciation for music of all kinds. When I first started, I'd listen to The Allman Brothers Band for



In 2016, Pat was invited to join Victor Wainwright & The Train as their lead guitarist. Today, 8 years later, Pat lives in Canandaigua, NY and is still touring internationally with Victor Wainwright & The Train, playing many nights per year in cities all over the world. Whenever he's off the road, Pat enjoys playing regionally throughout Western New York and The Finger Lakes, including Balloons in Ellicottville, in various projects such as The Pat and Owen Duo (pictured, above) or The Pat Harrington Trio.

hours and taught myself to play their music by ear, picking apart the Duane Allman and Dickey Betts guitar parts. I gained a good foundation of music theory from my lessons with teacher Eric Koch. I always knew I just wanted to play music; it was always in the back of my mind no matter what I did."

Pat started playing professional 'gigs' at age 17, and continued to play on weekends while he studied Music Business at SUNY Fredonia. Throughout high school and college, he would travel all throughout WNY and elsewhere to hear his favorite bands, including The Allman Brothers and The Derek Trucks Band. "My parents were very supportive of my love for music. Even though they're not musicians, they exposed me to as much music as possible and they've always supported my endeavors."

Throughout his journey playing in bars and going to concerts, he began to network and make connections in the music industry and forged relationships with many musicians. "I was

fortunate to meet many of my musical idols, including Dickey Betts of the Allman Brothers and Andy Aledort (Dickey Betts & Great Southern). These relationships were very important to me and served as pivotal in my musical career. Andy became an early mentor, and as a Senior Editor for Guitar World Magazine, he was a big hero to me and helped me along early in my career."

Pat continued to make connections and was granted valuable opportunities to play with some of his major influencers, including Bobby Whitlock (Derek & The Dominos), Gary Clark Jr. and Devon Allman (son of Gregg Allman). "I just tried to absorb as much as I could from these amazing artists. A major career highlight for me was meeting and playing with Bobby Whitlock, as he played with Eric Clapton, a classic rock/blues legend. Their album 'Layla' had been a favorite and was very meaningful to me. I even have the

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Inquiries about leasing the former Slopeside BBQ restaurant can be directed to the Route Two Nineteen Investment Group, LLC at (716) 984-1128.

## Telemark

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the former Telemark Motel is undergoing fabulous renovations to transform its 12-room property into a chic and modern getaway.

The driving force behind this venture is the Route Two Nineteen Investment Group, LLC, a team of five local partners deeply rooted in the Ellicottville, Salamanca, and Randolph communities. One investment partner shared the unique story of how The Lincoln Boutique Motel became their perfect project.

"We were on the lookout for the ideal property in the area, and when we discovered this gem, we knew it was the one. From the charming copper roof that reminded us of the classic song 'Pennies from

Heaven' to the sentimental find of a high school yearbook note to the former Telemark owners' daughter, everything aligned perfectly," explained co-partner Dawn (Barczak) Hogan.

Excitingly, the investment group is not stopping at the motel. Dawn and her team have plans to breathe new life into the former Slopeside BBQ restaurant, situated at the base of Holiday Valley. They are actively seeking an experienced restaurateur to open a second location, but are open to exploring other ideas. For inquiries about this fantastic opportunity, contact Route Two Nineteen Investment Group, LLC at (716) 984-1128.

In addition to the motel's stylish renovations and restaurant partnership, an existing 2-bedroom rental is already available above the restaurant through Airbnb

and there will be one soon in the charming A-frame building on the property. Dawn highlighted the upcoming redesigned outdoor area, set to be completed this summer. This communal space will feature a firepit and other amenities for guests to enjoy.

"We're putting in the effort to open our doors on May 1st and will begin accepting reservations in March," Dawn shared. Keep an eye out for reservation details on Airbnb and The Lincoln Boutique Motel's official website, launching soon. For the latest updates and news, follow The Lincoln Boutique Motel on Facebook and Instagram.

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By CAROL FISHER-LINN

For over 30 of the 43 years the *E'ville Events* has been published, Lynn Timon has lovingly and thoughtfully sketched delightful scenes, significant people, sweet forest creatures and animals that draw the eye and heart to the free monthly magazine found all over Ellicottville since 1981. Her sketches continue to appear on the cover, but if you look back over the years, you may find, some have made a reappearance. After all, Ms. Timon is a busy woman with a full-time job for the last twenty-three years, managing Alexandra, the funky, fashion-forward, fun gift shop on Ellicottville's main drag. Joan Ess, owner of Alexandra, made a brilliant move bringing this artistic talent on board for her delightful shop.

If you look at the pictures on the E'ville Events covers, you can feel the warmth, the whimsy, and the wonder that their creator displays, all emanating from her own personality. I especially like her patriotic covers and her pastoral scenes with children and animals at play. It's interesting to note that she spends as much time, or more, thinking about what her covers will be as it does for her to develop them on the page. What this writer found amazing is that Ms. Timon revealed that these creations usually take only four to five hours to put on paper, once her mind has them conceived. As I look at the tiny lines defining the most intricate features of face, hair, folds in clothing, flowers, backgrounds, I find it unimaginable that one could ever bring a blank



Like many artists, Ms. Timon came by her gift quite naturally. The grandmother who raised her, painted chinaware for years. Although she does not remember her grandmother painting, she was surrounded by it as she was growing up. Years after already being on board with *E'ville Events*, Ms. Timon was interviewed by fellow staff member, Toadie Bliss. The fact came out that she never had any formal art training, so Ms. Bliss paid to enroll her in a watercolor course at Chautauqua Institution for Art because she obviously saw her talent and wanted her to have a little bit of training.

Artwork/Lynn Timon

piece of paper to life in such a small amount of time. That is pure genius, talent and creativity combined.

Though not a "local" Ms. Timon has been in Ellicottville since 1984, a transplant from sunny California. Her husband bought into a business opportunity in Ellicottville, so they and their four children moved. She felt uprooted not knowing if she would find people she could relate to in this environment. To her delight she said, "I can now thank my ex-husband for the move because I've been blessed to make dear friends here in Ellicottville."

A mother at 19, Ms. Timon did not have the luxury of attending art school, although she's always resorted to drawing to express herself her entire life. Raised by her beloved grandmother, she relates remembering at a very early age, when something would happen, and she would want to

draw her a picture. Her grandmother constantly told her "Use your words". Thankfully, she obviously learned to use her words but continued to express herself through drawing as well. Even as a child, she laughingly remembers she drew pictures of everyday events like her siblings in the bathtub or even getting their temperature taken in the early 50's likely during the polio scare years.

Like many artists, Ms. Timon came by her gift quite naturally. The grandmother who raised her, painted chinaware for years. Although she does not remember her grandmother painting, she was surrounded by it as she was growing up. Her grandmother switched to gardening and from what she remembers her gardens were artistically laid out. It's just in her DNA. As she tells it, "I couldn't not do art." Although we only

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The Bob McCarthy Foundation 2024

Combining Resources and Expanding Community Support

The holiday season was very active with Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas a great success with Santa's Workshop helping 29 families/117 individuals in the Ellicottville area. With this hectic year end schedule, it finally dawned on us that it has been a little over a year since the Bob McCarthy Foundation was transitioned from the Foundation for Youth and Family Support.

Our 501c3 charitable foundation is dedicated to acting as a bridge between families and supportive assistance while trying to level the playing field for many in our community. Transitioning these two entities into a single Foundation allowed us to focus more precisely on our mandate while streamlining our efforts and expanding community involvement. We are now able to react quickly to an identified need within the community bringing solutions that other agencies cannot do in real time.

For those of you who don't know, the Foundation is over 18 years old with our roots coming from two other support groups with a long history of assistance in Ellicottville. The Foundation for Youth was chartered in 2005 while in 2008 a critical local support group, the Family Support Center at ECS closed while almost simultaneously, the local Salvation Army group disbanded as well.

With the hole created by these closures a number of local volunteers including the late Sherman Wilkens, stepped forward to fill the void by establishing a Family Support affiliate with the mission to confidentially provide help and guidance to those

in need, while trying to structure help to be self-sustaining.

Over the years we conducted numerous fundraisers many created by the "Mad" genius of the Voice of Ellicottville, Bob McCarthy. Bob a long-term teacher of Special Ed students in Buffalo and a ski coach in Ellicottville moved to Ellicottville, his winter home, after retirement. Bob's fun fundraisers like Celtic Thunder, Americana Folk Art & Music Fair, Farm Fest, Snowboard Auction, Another Day in Paradise, Tuscan Moon and many more continue to be that of local lore.

Bob's most recognized event, Irish Christmas started to provide funding for Family Support's "Santa's Workshop" helping families at Christmas. After his passing in June of 2016 the Foundation, renamed this wonderful evening "Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas". This event now provides the bulk of the funding for most of the Foundation's work. We continue to ensure that 100% of the donations that are made go back into the Ellicottville community without any administrative costs as we remain a completely volunteer organization.

Although this community is blessed with good fortune, many families struggle providing basic needs in the home. These difficulties put a strain on family finances, emotions, health and schedules. Therefore, families may require some extra patience and understanding while certain issues are worked through and hopefully healed. The Foundation focuses on identifying the needs through the

school and other agencies in tune with the issues that families face. From this we support many varied programs like:

- Quarterly support for the local Ellicottville food pantry
- Support for families who cannot pay for heat, food or clothing
- Help for victims of acts of God and ongoing health issues
- Summer student reading camps
- Summer "After park program"
- Ellicottville Library Summer Intern program
- Annual ECS & BOCES Scholarships
- Support for many individual students to help level the playing field financially
- Many more

Our only means of finance are from fundraisers, donation boxes in local business and individual donations with the bulk coming via donations at Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas. In all our generous community gives back in incredible ways.

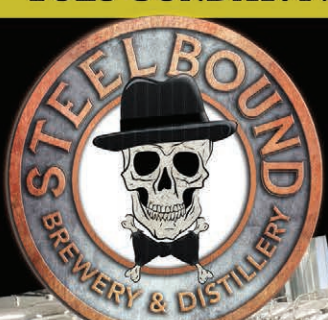
We are excited about the changes implemented over the past year and look forward to continued work in the community. We continue to reach out and invite your input and invite you to join us in our mission.

In 2024 we plan to roll out an Ellicottville specific Seniors program and will provide further information soon once our plans are finalized. In the meantime, please feel free to contact anyone on our Board of Directors for information.

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Along with the new location, came a more refined menu. You can still find your staple favorites but they have now also incorporated seasonally rotating specialties including craft cocktails. They now also offer an entire 'side' dedicated to ax throwing with more space to accommodate a larger amount of guests. They offer drop in or ax throwing by appointment for individuals, couple and/or group reservations starting at \$25/person for 1/2 hour. Event packages are available with discounts for food and drink packages. The event space also includes a private attached lounge

# Ratchet

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They are excited to be in this new space, and finally relax into what they've imagined The Ratchet Hatchet could become. "We had a vision from the start and it's been great to watch it come to fruition. Our new space allows us to accommodate more parties and events on the ax throwing side, while still offering a more private bar and restaurant experience."

refined menu. "We still offer our staple flatbread pizzas and a good selection of our favorite items, but we have a few specialized items that rotate seasonally," says Nathan. They now offer a Sunday Brunch from 10-2 featuring a la carte items including waffles topped with maple bourbon whipped cream and cinnamon French toast served with a vanilla cinnamon sugar paste. Other menu items include a breakfast flatbread, breakfast sandwich options, and a breakfast burrito. And currently features a French press coffee, hot or iced lattes, as well as specialty

infused coffee beverages for a more spirited brunch. Additionally, both traditional and specialty crafted cocktails are offered. The cocktail menu is impressive, with seasonally rotating specialties. Winter drinks include the popular slopeside martini (peppermint vodka shaken with chocolate and cream) and orange cranberry mule (citrus vodka with cranberry, fresh lime and ginger beer). Their smoked cocktails bring the heat; each of these 3 different smoked drinks are infused with a different woodchip from their smokers. "All three of our smoked cocktails

are made at the bar, lit and smoked to infused the drink. The smoked quality lasts from first sip to last. It's truly an experience," says Nathan. The Ratchet Hatchet features live music spotlighting local musicians both indoors and outdoors on the patio (weather permitting.) Upcoming artists include Cody Klink and Steven Padin, with full event schedule online. The Ratchet Hatchet now features an entire 'side' dedicated to ax throwing with more space to accommodate a larger amount of guests. "We still offer the same, quality experience, but can easily accommodate

at least 6 people." They offer drop in or ax throwing by appointment for individuals, couple and/or group reservations starting at \$8 person for 1/2 hour. Event packages are available with discounts for food and drink packages. The event space also includes a private attached lounge, personally decorated by Nathan with old record albums and other unique décor. Be sure to stop in both sides of the new location for throwing and/or a seasonal bite or drink. For more information, full menu and lineup of events visit their website or follow on social media @ The Ratchet Hatchet.



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## Athenaeum

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This is a favored place for travelers between Chicago and New York City, a place to rest on that eight-hundred-mile journey; feed the horses, restock supplies, let the children stretch, run, swim and play before packing up and moving on east or west as business or pleasure dictates. It was a long journey, back in the day, and accommodations on Chautauqua Lake expanded to meet the need for that increasingly popular trip.

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You can find faded black-and-whites of those magnificent great-houses, you can imagine them.

Or you can go to Chautauqua Institution and walk the halls of the Athenaeum Hotel, secure one of the 156 rooms for a stay, and experience it in person.

One of the only remaining huge structures on the lake from that period (the Long Point bathhouse and the

Skating rink at Midway are two others), the Athenaeum, built in 1881, leaves a print of that past on the Chautauqua region. It has accommodated too many dignitaries, entertainers, authors, pundits and generally famous people over the years to name, and enough United States Presidents to fill the hotel's Heirloom Restaurant; Ulysses S. Grant, Teddy and Franklin Roosevelt all the way to Bill Clinton, who spent a week there preparing for his debate against Bob Dole. It's halls are a fantastic journey into the past when the hotel was the largest wooden building in the eastern United States, it's two-story porch supported by ornate columns with an expansive central tower.

But in 2023 it's old.

The natural demand for condominiums and creature-comfort lodgings have crept into the nostalgic institution, changing the quaint into the inconvenient for a new, younger cohort of visitors.

Renovations to the classic hotel aren't new. The annex, built in the 1920s, was turned into a modern-hotel-like facility (AC, TV's, running water) in 1998. The main hotel has seen about 60% of the rooms get a face-lift. Hamilton Houston Lownie Architects executed several projects, mostly addressing code compliance and aesthetics, including a 2013 renewal of five guest rooms, 2017 ten more rooms (\$300,000 contract), the 5,000 square foot lobby was freshened, new color

schemes to brighten the space, finding a wistful mix of contemporary and classical furnishings, drapery and design. HHL Architects also have a Phase II planned for the lobby to address sound control, light fixtures, chandeliers, pendants and sconces.

That brings us to today, and the \$20 million renovation project to finish the renovation work. Brittany Beckstrom, senior director for Athenaeum Hotel operations, was recently quoted in WGRZ Business First, saying, "Being able to expand into those shoulder months and make use of the public spaces during the holidays and even in those earlier months to make it a more comfortable space with weatherization (upgrades)

will improve the events we already have."

In Chautauqua there is an overwhelming, almost fanatical craving to maintain tradition and convention. Change comes nonetheless. The recent inclusion of a bar presence into the food and restaurant business inside the gates -The Afterwords Wine Bar in Bestor Plaza, Heirloom Restaurant and Lobby Lounge in the Athenaeum, The Double Eagle at the golf course, and 3 Taps Craft Bar- has changed the landscape of the institution. Converting their signature hotel into a year-round attraction was the next obvious transformation, opening the historical venue to the public outside the customary season of operations.



The Athenaeum, built in 1881 is one of the only remaining huge structures on the lake from that period (the Long Point bathhouse and the Skating rink at Midway are two others), and it leaves a print of that past on the Chautauqua region. Change is inevitable with the times and we now see the opening of the Heirloom Restaurant and Lobby Lounge in the Athenaeum, The Afterwords Wine Bar in Bestor Plaza and 3 Taps Craft Bar to accommodate the change in time.

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# WinterFest

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WinterFest started in 2013 as a brainchild of the WinterFest Committee as a heartfelt gesture to give back to the local snowmobile clubs. Originating from a love for snowmobiling and a deep connection to the community, the event has grown into a cherished tradition over the past 10 years. Rachael Wiley-Steffen, a dedicated committee member, expresses her joy: "I'm thrilled that the community has embraced this event. It's a wonderful way to bring everyone together, revel in winter, and support a fantastic cause."

The event will take place at the Bemus Point Golf Course on Saturday, January 20th from 12-6pm and will feature local food and craft vendors, live music, 50/50 auction, Christmas tree bonfire, and one of the largest Chinese auctions of the season. "We are so grateful the community has helped up build such a lucrative auction with great swag. Every year, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude at the generous donations. We've collected an impressive selection so far and can't wait to share with the community." In addition to donations from local restaurants and shops, baskets also include snowmobile gear and other unique items.

The annual Christmas Tree Bonfire will take place starting around 12:30. "We love this event and the community looks forward to it every year. It's a great way to help out and have fun at the same time," says Rachael. It started as somewhat of a practical joke, when



**Black Widow (above, left) takes the stage at 1:30 playing until 5:30 on the outdoor stage on the golf course. Consistently voted Buffalo's #1 Rock Band, Black Widow plays a diverse set of party, rock, dance, country and alternative songs with their raw talent and high-energy stage performance. The firework show sets off at 6pm, taking advantage of the early nightfall and closing the celebration with a bang.**

Bryce's dad, Mike, played a prank on his friend Norm Skillman, owner of a local boutique. Mike placed a sign outside of Norms shop saying "Dispose of Christmas Tree's here." People started piling their trees in the parking lot and Norm had to figure out what to do with them. Norm has since passed, and the bonfire is something the Steffans do in his remembrance.

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This year, Campbell Dawson will once again be the event emcee, announcing events throughout the day and

keeping pace for the festivities. As many as 25 vendors are expected at the outdoor market. "It's a great winter market. Vendors bring their tents, generators and sometimes heaters. Shoppers stroll along and immersed in the winter weather, feeling cozy by the fire."

The firework show sets off at 6pm, taking advantage of the early nightfall and closing the celebration with a bang. "The fireworks are more magical to me in the winter," says Rachael. "The way they glisten over the snow and reflect off the lake with the crowd cuddling with loved ones to stay warm. It's really spectacular."

100% proceeds benefit the 5 local snowmobile groups: Chautauqua Lake Snowmobile Club, Cherry Creek Sno-Goers, Ellery Sno Cruisers, Lake Effect Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club and Sunset Sno Drifters. "Even though we haven't had much snow yet this winter, the clubs are still active. There's still bills to pay and they work

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# Wine

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some fabulous paired foods crafted by head chef, Dave Winchell. The farm (Olde Chautauqua Farm) and winery has been family owned and operated for three generations and they are the largest grape growers in the region with over 29 varieties of grapes. Earning over 400 medals including 50 Double Golds and Best of Class distinctions for their award-winning wines, 21 Brix Winery is recognized locally and nationally for their impressive achievements.

The owner, Kris Kane, however did not always plan to operate a winery. Originally a Biology/Pre-Med major at Canisius College, he studied to be a chiropractor. Having had previous experience working on the farm with his family, during his college years he would come back from school during the winter to help on the family farm. It was during this time that he realized that his true passion was to use his background in Biology to grow grapes and produce delicious wines. He approached his parents, Mike and Marion Jordan, about his visions who greatly supported this change of path in his career.



Providing a relaxing and scenic environment for locals and visitors, it is the perfect place to sit back and relax, sip on wine and enjoy some fabulous paired foods crafted by head chef, Dave Winchell.

He followed his dream and gained extensive experience as a winemaker at both the Presque Isle Wine Cellars in North East, Pennsylvania and at the Stuart Wine Company outside of Melbourne, Australia.

Being recognized for his craft, he decided it was time to open the winery using this gained experience. In 2009 plans were underway to create the 21 Brix Winery and In September of 2011, the winery was officially able to open. Since then, the winery has been making award winning wines and Kris himself has been named as one of the Top 100 influential Winemakers in the United States. Since its opening, the winery has expanded to host special occasions such as wedding, baby and bridal showers. In addition, they have created

highly attended monthly events. The Beats for Brix is one of these monthly events that they are most proud of which is a concert series that takes place the last Saturday of each month featuring local musicians and during the beautiful summer months takes place amongst the scenic outdoors. This June they are excited to unveil their newly created space for events which will combine the charm on the winery with a modernized and cutting-edge ambience. For a full listing of their events you can go to: [www.21brix.com](http://www.21brix.com).

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# Revitalizing Communities in CHQ. Co.

CHQ. Co. Partnership for Economic Growth Issues 14 Grants



Of the 14 grant recipients, there were a few projects that received a bit more funding than others. The project with the most funding is the Hartley Park Waterfront Revitalization & Improvement project in Lakewood, NY. This project not only touches on the quality-of-life aspect for local residents but also encompasses a tourist appeal.

By DELAINEY MUSCATO, ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY

The Chautauqua County Partnership for Economic Growth (CCPEG) has awarded 14 grants totaling \$242,000 for different projects across local communities. Together, the value of these 14 projects is estimated to be \$1.88 million. The CCPEG is a public-private economic development collaborative that is housed under the Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC). Nathan Aldrich has been the economic development coordinator for Chautauqua County for five years. He also manages the CCPEG.

Aldrich shared that the point of the CCPEG is to “bring more stakeholders to the table”. The partnership wants to focus on five particular areas: business development, housing,

workforce, placemaking, and infrastructure. Aldrich says the partnership has a “comprehensive, county-wide economic development strategy” prepared that is used to help choose what projects receive grant funding. “The resources to provide the grant funds come for the county ARPA as well as a multi-year grant we receive from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation,” said Aldrich.

Projects are presented to an 11-member advisory board. The board reviews the projects and based on some criteria – like alignment to the county-wide economic development strategy, leverage potential, longevity, and geographic distribution – will decide what projects are approved and how much money they will receive towards completion of their project. These projects can come from all over the county. Aldrich said, “We try to make sure no areas of the county are being neglected.

We are looking across the board, even small villages and hamlets”.

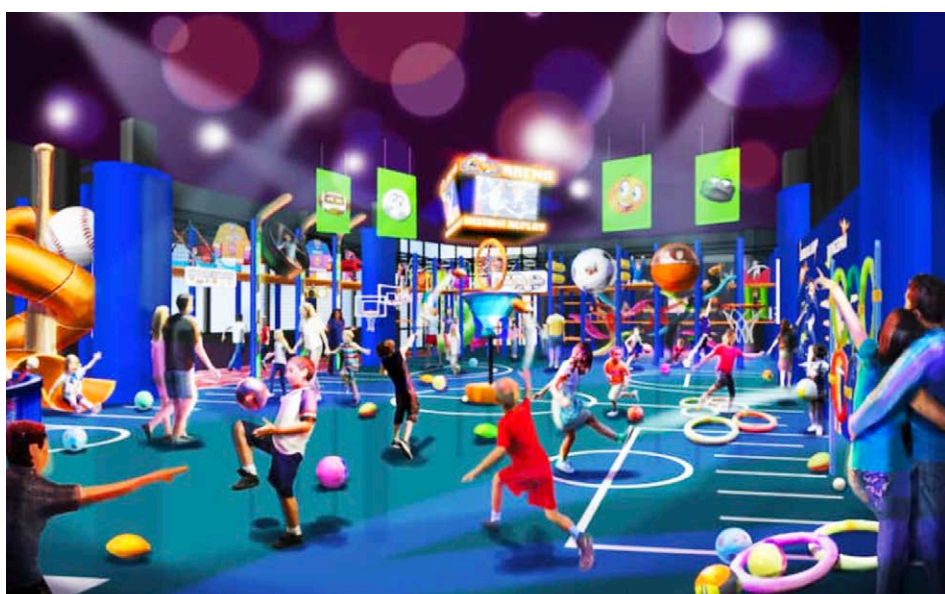
The application process is fairly simple and made with understanding their partners are busy. This year there were around 20 applicants. The application must include basic information about the project, what its timeframe is, what is the cost, what will be the economic impact be, and how does it align with the county’s plan for economic development. In the three years this program has been running, this year has produced the largest amount of grant recipients ever.

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# Northwest Arena in Jamestown

Year-Round Events and Activity for All Ages



Moving forward, there’s great excitement and anticipation of the addition of “The Zone. The Zone is projected to be a 6200 sq. foot indoor play area for toddlers through teens. They are hoping to have an area for children ages 2 through 5, to engage with soft play equipment. The projected area for older children and teens is an open play area featuring hoops, balls, nets and other equipment and activities, as well as a massive Jumbotron. The Zone will offer the community and visitors a great experience accessible year-round. Once established, it’s estimated that it will draw over 40,000 visitors a year.

By DARLENE BRACE

The Northwest Arena in Jamestown is a multi-use facility that hosts public and private events throughout the year for people of all ages. It was opened in 2002 as part of an economic development initiative for downtown Jamestown and is located at 319 W 3rd St. in Jamestown, NY.

Northwest Arena offers public ice skating, learn to skate lessons, and is the home of the Jamestown Lakers Hockey Team and the Jamestown Skating Club. It also offers ice skating parties, adult hockey leagues, and hosts tournaments.

Backyard curling has become a very popular event at the Northwest Arena. Curling is played on the ice and is appropriate for people over the age of 18. They have curling leagues and currently have 92 curling teams. Private

curling rentals for parties and instructional play sessions are available.

Another popular activity the arena has are bumper cars that glide over the ice. The bumper car ride includes brief safety instructions. Sometimes public bumper car sessions are scheduled for the community to participate in. The bumper cars can also be rented for a private party or events. Children must be at least 3 years old to ride.

A walking track is also available for community use and offers a cool and dry walking path year-round. The walking track is located around the perimeter of the ice arena and is appropriate for people of all ages. Running and the use of strollers is permitted. The walking track is available most days, but the hours may vary, so please check the website.

The Northwest Arena

is available for school field trips. Schools can reserve a variety of field trips that may include stations of curling, ice skating, bumper cars, physical education games, and STEAM educational activities. These field trips are BOCES Aidable, which means the school pays for the field trip up front and are later reimbursed.

The Northwest Arena also includes the Jamestown Mattress Arena Club entertainment space, a boardroom, and rooftop patio used for parties, conferences, and events. These spaces have hosted many community events. Recently the Love is the Air Wedding Show was held that had a variety of wedding vendors. On April 20, 2024, the arena will host the Grapes and Hops Festival, which is a wine

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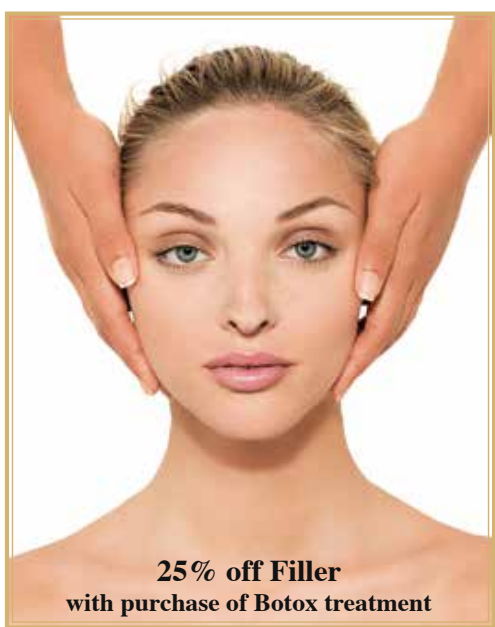
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# Streamlined Shakespeare

*The Merchant of Venice*



WEEKLY SYNOPSIS  
By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

her that she'll be marrying someone she's never dated, because, due to her society's tradition, dating is a no-no, and suitors are expected to simply show up and propose. We learn that numerous men have tried to pick the correct box, and that she didn't care about any of them, each of whom picked the gold or silver box.

When the guy she likes arrives to make his selection, she cheats. While he's deciding, she has someone in the room sing a song whose lines end with rhymes for "lead". He catches on, and the very next day, they're married. Right before they wed, he tells her his best friend borrowed a huge sum of money for him, so he could get to her house and play the game, and that he's in big trouble because he can't pay it back. She offers to pay the debt but the lender refuses.

Earlier in the play, we see the moneylender agreeing to lend the money to that friend even though he'd viciously insulted and harassed the man many times in his life. Why? In two words: he's prejudiced. When, despite their past interaction, he has the nerve to ask him for a loan, his victim offers to lend it without interest, only asking him that he end his attacks. The bully refuses to do so, but gets an interest-free loan from him anyway, with unusual words in the contract. Knowing that the would-be borrower has many ships at sea expected to return with valuable goods within a month or two, which means there's almost no chance the wording will ultimately matter, the lender vents some of his exasperation by jokingly adding to the contract that he'll accept

“a pound of his flesh” in place of interest, if he doesn't pay in three months. Not taking the wording seriously either, the borrower agrees to this. Three months later, Murphy's Law takes over, he hears that all his ships have sunk, and the lender takes him to court, wanting to scare him for a while by making him think he'll actually insist on the peculiar penalty. What spurs him to do it is his fury after he learns the borrower helped his daughter elope with a man he didn't approve of (and his fury at his daughter because she stole money and valuables from him when she eloped, including his most precious possession: the ring his deceased wife gave him.)

At that point, as women do in many of Shakespeare's plays, the heiress disguises herself as a man. Here, she does so in order to impersonate a certain lawyer, and fraudulently arranges to preside over their case. Since all female characters on stage in Shakespeare's time were played by teenage boys, he often had the characters they portrayed “cross-dress” as men to allow the guys to feel more comfortable, by getting to wear their usual clothing. Two other female characters in “Merchant” do the same, including a friend of the heiress's, who accompanies her to court disguised as a law clerk.

Although many stage and screen adaptations of this play depict her stopping the lender, in the nick of time, from stabbing the borrower

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# Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

## Happenings in Chautauqua County this Week

By DARLENE BRACE

Inlet Brewing in Mayville, where you can hear the music of Jason Mirek. Jason is a singer/songwriter that also plays the guitar and harmonica. He mostly performs his own original music that is based in the Americana genre.

**Saturday January 20-** The Bemus Point Golf and Tap House will be hosting its 10th annual WinterFest from 12pm-6pm. This WinterFest is a fun filled all ages event, and it will take place indoors and outdoors. There will be tons of local vendors and displays, a Chinese auction, and raffles as well as delicious food and beverages. Live music by popular rock band Black Widow will entertain the crowd from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. There will also be a Christmas tree bonfire. Proceeds from this event will go to the five snowmobile clubs in Chautauqua County. You don't want to miss this fun event.

Jerod Eggleston is performing at Southern Tier Brewery starting at 5 pm. Enjoy his classic rock music while hanging out and enjoying your favorite beverage.

Miranda Wilcox will be playing at Big Inlet Brewing starting at 5pm. Miranda plays a mix of originals and covers. She enjoys playing a variety of genres ranging from rock, country, r & b, jazz, and pop.

Southern Tier Distilling Company will be hosting Big Logic Duo starting at 5pm. Big Logic Duo is originally from Rochester, NY. They play a mix of original songs and covers

that have a rock/indi vibe and were influenced by Dr. Dog, Grateful Dead, The Band, Taj Mahal, Peter Tosh, Bob Dylan, and more.

The band Midnight Recovery will be rocking it out at 64 On the Rocks in Fredonia. This great band will be playing rock and country tunes starting at 8pm. Come on out and enjoy food from their delicious menu and maybe sit by the fire pit while listening to the music.

Jesse Smith is a singer/songwriter and guitarist who will perform at Peek'n Peak in Clymer, NY. The music will begin at 6pm in the Sports Bar. Enjoy listening to the music in this relaxing atmosphere.

The Wine Cellar in downtown Jamestown will host live music by OldFish. They play a mix of original and cover tunes, starting at 10pm. Enjoy listening to the band and hang out on the patio, weather permitting.

As a sneak peek of next week's events, the Reg Lenna presents Cirque Mechanics: Zephyr on Friday, January 26. This unique energetic show is sure to entertain you with its theatrical circus acts including acrobatics, aerial acts, comedy, and more. The show starts at 7:30pm. Seats are likely to fill up fast, so get your tickets ahead of time on reglenna.com.

This weekend, there is quite a variety of activities and entertainment to get you out of the house and keep you from getting cabin fever. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

The winter weather might be keeping some people home and you may be getting a little bit of cabin fever. Maybe it's time to get out and enjoy some fun entertainment in Chautauqua County this weekend.

**Thursday January 18 -** It's Trivia Night in downtown Jamestown at the Brazil Lounge. It will start at 7pm, and it is hosted by comedian Paul Clemente. Famous Firsts is the name of the game, and maybe you and your team will be the big winner.

**Friday January 19th -** Comedy night is coming to Dunkirk at the Spot on the Lake. The doors open at 6pm, and the show starts at 7pm. The night will be hosted by Mike Shanks and will feature Laura Evans, Jake Morrison, Eric Basile, and Katarina Valentine. This is an 18+ event. Admission tickets are \$15 at the door or \$12 presale, which includes your first drink.

The downtown Jamestown restaurant Forte recently reopened. Friday night, Forte is hosting the soulful performance of Qween Soul (Jess Royer) starting at 7:30 pm. She will be singing original music that can be described as Indie folk with influences of jazz, soul, and blues. Enjoy Forte's diverse menu, cocktails, and microbrew while listening to some great original music.

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

**By: MouthSayTongue.** Think I'll walk on down into the town and look around for that wonderful sound they sometimes call the blues.

It's Winter Blues Weekend in Evl so let's see who's playing where.

We kick off our weekend 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 host is Jared Roswell Hill from 6-9pm. Jared plays a rock/pop/jazz/mod set of covers and originals.

The Gin Mills Thursday music is provided by Tyler and Jim from 8-11pm. They play covers and originals influenced by rock music from the 60's through today. If you're hungry try the Gin Mill burger and if you're thirsty try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

### FRIDAY

The Ellicottville Tap+Bottle & Taqueria hosts The Girls of Grosh from 6-9pm. This duo plays a rock/pop/blues/folk/alt set of covers and originals to accompany Evl's only Tex-Mex menu.

We're back at Balloons for The Pat Harrington Trio from 6:30-10pm. (see local Grammy nominated artist) ) This band plays blues/rock/country covers and originals and all the members play with traveling bands touring the country and the world. The back bar will host Kyle Gustafson from 10-1am. Kyle plays a multi genre set of acoustic covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake junk on the two dance floors.

The Gin Mill hosts Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Ron and Terry play a rock/pop/ blues/country set of songs you can dance and sing along to. If the like craft cocktails check out the Carriage House Sidebar for some high end spirits.

Madigans joins the party with Dj Persia playing some thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Porcelain Train from 2-5pm. This duo plays an Americana/folk/roots set of covers and originals. The Maria Aurigema Band takes the stage from 8-12am. This Buffalo native plays blues and rock originals and covers and has cd's available.

12 Gates of Evl is a player with Paul Enderle from 5-8pm. Paul plays a rock/blues/country/folk set of covers and originals. Try some of Evl's best sandwich's.

Balloons is back with Tommy Z on the main stage from 6:30-10pm. This working musician plays blues and rock originals and covers and has entertained the troops overseas. The back bar will have Greg Zeis from 10-1am. Greg plays a rock/country/folk/Americana set of covers. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will play the groove so you can bust a move from 10-2am.

Villaggio hosts The Speedy Parker Band from 7-10pm. This Buffalo band has been playing the blues for as long as I can remember and usually features a harmonica player.

FTR keeps the party going with SON from 8-11pm. This duo plays a r&b/blues/pop/rock/jazz set of covers and originals.

Madigans closes it out with Dj SI from 9-2am layin down the sauce so you can do the floss. Try the dart board or pool tables for some competition.

### SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is back with The Hick Ups from 2-5pm (may change because of playoffs). This group of local musicians plays an Americana/ roots/string band style of covers.

Villaggio will host its AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm.

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10 pm. This weeks musical guest is Tina Williams from 6-9pm. This talented lady plays a rock/pop/folk/alt set of covers with the occasional original. 50 cent wings and nice selection of craft beers makes for locals favorite.

Red Gray hosts the Monday night residency at The Gin Mill from 7-10pm. Red plays a classic and outlaw country/rock, southern rock set of covers and originals. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 10pm sun-thurs and 11pm fri-sat. Also open for breakfast 9-11am sat-sun.

The Gin Mill's Tuesday music offering is Michael David from 7-10pm. He plays a multi genre set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

We've ended the weekend the same for the last 40 years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10 pm. Brian Rick is the musical host and he plays a rock/pop/folk/roots set of covers.

We hope you enjoyed your time in our village and you tell your family and friends and return often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!

## Beat on the Street:

“What was the Closest You Came to Dying?”

By CHAD NEAL

We don't know when it's going to snatch us away from this plane of existence, death. As a race of sentient beings we have figured ways to keep living longer, yet there is always that chance something will erase a body from the living realm at any given moment. We do not know what happens after we die, but a lot of the world likes to believe there is another life where the righteous can chill for eternity or several other alternatives; which we will only find out about after we breathe our last breath. Many of us have come close to the end of our lives, but through the synchronicity of time and/ or timing have cheated the grim reaper. Science has helped elongate life and a half inch from an artery has kept blood going to the right spot. It can be looked at as luck for some and awareness for others, but it's always lurking and waiting to pluck our souls. What is the closest you have come to dying?



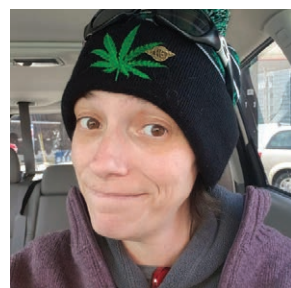
**Eric S.- Drove off the road at a high rate of speed rolled the car three and a half times. Ejected through the sunroof and thrown 150 feet from point of impact. The fast and furious days of Summit County.**



**Oliver A.-In England during the war a bomb hit the Apt building only 250 feet from our Apt. Resulting in many deaths.**



**Mackenzie W.- Heart attack -July 2023!**



**Adrian M.- Anaphylactic shock when I was 21 due to X-ray/contrast dye. Four rounds of epinephrine/Benadryl and CPR with a 30 hour stay in the ICU. You could say I saw the light.**



**Bryan G.- Drowning at Stillwater reservoir. My friend Bob Witherspoon saved me from going down for the 3rd time!! Thanks Bob!!**



**Linda H.- I was dead for 14 seconds after severe blood loss from an ectopic pregnancy.**

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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!**

**Last Week's Puzzle:**

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

# Timon

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know of her pen and ink artistry, Ms. Timon has worked in many mediums, oils, pastels, pastel pencils, colored pencils, and recently something called watercolor crayons.

Years after already being on board with *E'ville Events*, Ms. Timon was interviewed by fellow staff member, Toadie Bliss. The fact came out that she never had any formal art training, so Ms. Bliss paid to enroll her in a watercolor course at Chautauqua Institution for Art because she obviously saw her talent and wanted her to have a little bit of training. That, my readers, is friendship.

Friendship seems to be something Ms. Timon is most grateful for; from finding people she could relate to when she arrived in Ellicottville, to the consistent friendships with her partners at *E'ville Events*, her employer at Alexandra and most of all her friends in art with whom she gathers regularly. Her joy in those friendships is palpable and refreshing.

She is also grateful for her four artistic children, from whom she says she has learned so much: Jason – 51, Andrea – 47, Ariel – 44 and Alyssa – 41.

*"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."*  
- Marcel Proust

# WinterFest

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passionate about. "I just love bringing the community together. It's become something everyone looks forward to. The entire committee works tirelessly for this event and we're so grateful for each other." Along with Rachael, WinterFest Committee includes her husband Bryce Steffen,

hard to sign the trails no matter the weather." Rachael's favorite thing about the event is getting the community together to celebrate winter and support a cause she's

passionate about. "I just love bringing the community together. It's become something everyone looks forward to. The entire committee works tirelessly for this event and we're so grateful for each other." Along with Rachael, WinterFest Committee includes her husband Bryce Steffen,

Mitch Splawski, Jess Splawski, Jenna Head, Ryan Crandall... For more information, follow the event on Facebook @ WinterFest 2024 or simply stop down to the Bemus Point Golf Club & Tap House located at 72 Main Street in Bemus Point from 12-6 on Saturday, January 20th.

# Women

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Lots of pole clicking happens as the women support each other while they improve.

Lunch happens, then the women can choose to participate in one of 4 specialty clinics which most likely will include skiing bumps, skiing steep, "Hand Jive" (what to do with those silly ski poles) and skiing powder and crud. The wrap up is back inside where Lisa is available for more individual feedback and then she awards some awesome door prizes. It's such a thrill to see the camaraderie that has developed, the new ski buddies they've found and of course the new confidence the women have gained in their skiing.

Your Turn Women's Clinic on January 24 and 25 has just a couple spots left so register now at [www.holidayvalley.com/womensclinic/](http://www.holidayvalley.com/womensclinic/).

# Shakespeare

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in the courthouse (to get that penalty), such scenes exaggerate the action in the actual script. There is no stage direction in the play itself regarding his actually getting to that point, and there are many lines that imply he had no such intention. For example, early in the play, when he's asked what use such a penalty could possibly have, he says it would have no use at all, unlike "a pound of mutton, beef or goat meat", and scoffs at the thought of wanting such a thing. At another point, he says his actions only reflect the cruelty of his earlier harassment by the borrower (which did not include violence).

Despite all this, when the case gets to court, because of the heiress's involvement, and her discovery of a legal loophole, he is heavily fined and outrageously punished. It's made clear that the laws at that time were as biased as the bullying borrower. Although Shakespeare doesn't mention it, people like the lender were regularly tormented in many ways by society at that time. To mention just two examples, they were locked into their neighborhood every night, and only allowed to practice certain professions. Weirdly, "Merchant" was considered a comedy in Shakespeare's day, but nowadays it's viewed as a tragedy.

# Revitalize

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shared he was really looking forward to this project because it not only touches on the quality-of-life aspect for local residents but also encompasses a tourist appeal. The park, situated in the village of Lakewood, has some features that need to be updated. The project design hopes to improve the shoreline and waterfront area at the park. Current access to the public area is unconventional. Funds for this project will go to making the shoreline more accessible to everyone as well as repair and install some needed features. This project received \$30,000. Four other projects all received \$25,000. The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in Jamestown is looking to replace all 1,166 of their theater seats and install a new lighting and sound booth. The Dream It Do It Advanced Manufacturing Program will use grant funds to expand their annual STEM wars event to a two-day program to help better support student learning and engagement. The Chautauqua County Agricultural & Fair Association plans to hire a contractor to help create a concept design to create more cohesive fairgrounds. Finally, Chautauqua Opportunities will use funds to hire an architect to assess and apply necessary fixes to the Arrowhead Apartments. This project will assist in the preservation of 10 affordable apartment units.

While Aldrich is excited for the potential of all the individual projects, he is also excited for the continued success of the CCPEG itself. Aldrich said, "This is one small piece of what we do. We're putting that plan to work and making sure it doesn't sit on the shelf and collect dust. That takes collaboration and resources and that is what we've been successful with in the past few years. That's what we hope to continue".

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# Blood

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*The startling fact is that in 2023, the number of U.S. blood donors has hit all-time low for the past 20 years. This, from Businessinsider.com Jan 14, 2024: "The most recent National Blood Collection and Utilization Survey, administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, found that blood donations by teens and young adults have steadily declined over the last decade. From 2019 to 2021, the survey says blood donations from people 16 to 18 dropped by a whopping 60%.*

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# Blues

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cover art tattooed on my back."

In 2016, Pat was invited to join Victor Wainwright & The Train as their lead guitarist. "My audition was on stage in Daytona Beach, Florida in front of a few thousand people. No pressure! They asked me to join the band under one condition — that I move to Memphis, Tennessee." Pat packed his bags and moved with his girlfriend (now wife) Lydia to begin the next chapter in his career.

Today, 8 years later, Pat lives in Canandaigua, NY and is still touring internationally with Victor Wainwright & The Train, playing many nights per year in cities all over the world. Whenever he's off the road, Pat enjoys playing regionally throughout Western New York and The Finger Lakes, including Balloons in Ellicottville, in various projects such as The Pat and Owen Duo or The Pat Harrington Trio (both of which also feature his long-time friend and collaborator Owen Eichensehr on guitar/vocals and drums. "I love playing with The Train, it's exhilarating; but it's great to be able to explore my own projects as an artistic outlet." No matter what, Pat loves performing. "It's

my happy place. I'm in the zone when I'm on stage connecting with my fellow musicians. The rest of the world fades away. I always consider the audience when I play, and I hope I can transport them with me to a place where they can forget the rest of the world and we can just jam and vibe together."

Pat is grateful everyday for the Grammy Nomination for Victor Wainwright & The Train in 2019. "It was such an incredible experience and such an honor to be nominated. Being at the awards ceremony in Los Angeles was a surreal experience; it honestly felt like a dream. Even though we didn't win, we still celebrated the nomination."

Pat encourages aspiring

artists to stay true to their passion and be persistent. "If you really want it, don't give up. If you have the bug, keep it, hold onto it and follow your passion. Work hard on your craft. Believe in yourself and keep on pushing."

Pat also has a passion for teaching, and teaches guitar lessons, both online and in person.

For more information visit <https://pat-harrington.com/> and check *The Villager* events calendar <https://thevillager.com/new-events-calendar/> for upcoming shows. Pat is looking forward to playing with the Trio at the Ellicottville Blues Festival on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Balloons Restaurant & Nightclub.

*Throughout his journey playing in bars and going to concerts, he began to network and make connections in the music industry and forged relationships with many musicians. "I was fortunate to meet many of my musical idols, including Dickey Betts of the Allman Brothers and Andy Aledort (Dickey Betts & Great Southern). These relationships were very important to me and served as pivotal in my musical career. Andy became an early mentor, and as a Senior Editor for Guitar World Magazine, he was a big hero to me and helped me along early in my career."*

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# Arena

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and beer tasting event that has been held at the arena for many years. The last two years it's also been the venue for the Scandinavian Festival, which will be held again in July 2024.

Moving forward, there's great excitement and anticipation of the addition of "The Zone. The Zone is projected to be a 6200 sq. foot indoor play area for toddlers through teens. They are hoping to have an area for children ages 2 through 5, to engage with soft play equipment. The projected area for older children and teens is an open play area featuring hoops, balls, nets and other equipment and activities, as well as a massive Jumbotron. The Zone will offer the community and visitors a great experience accessible year-round. Once established, it's estimated that it will draw over 40,000 visitors a year.



John Kinder, the program director of The Zone said, "The Zone is still in the planning stages. We are still trying to secure all the necessary funding, and we are getting closer to our goal. We are hoping for some state funding as well as from other sources. Once we get all the funding, we can move forward with our plans. We don't have a date set yet, but we're optimistic that we'll have a grand opening in the near future."

When asked about the mission of The Zone, John said, "The Zone will be a space like no other in Jamestown or the surrounding areas. It will be a nice community gem that people in the community can take full advantage of, and they can call their own."

You can see that the Northwest Arena is a great venue, that is the site of much more than ice skating and hockey. If you have any questions about any activities, lessons, tournaments, field trips, events, or rentals call 716-484-2624. You can also look at [northwesternarena.com](http://northwesternarena.com) and the arena Facebook page for updated information, and don't forget to keep your eyes out for updated information on The Zone.

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# Views From Jamestown NY: "Wood Wide Web" Exhibit Opened 1/19



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The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking a contractor for the continuation of Phase 1B Deactivation and Demolition (D&D) and Soil Remediation activities to be performed at the DOE West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Site in western New York state. The major elements of scope include, but are not limited to: Removal of the below-grade portion of the Main Plant Process Building (MPPB), Vitrification Facility (VF), Ancillary Support Building, and the remediation of soils within Waste Management Area (WMA)-1; Removal of the Radioactive Waste Water Treatment System, including the lagoons, and remediation of the soils within WMA-2; maintenance of the Remote Handled Waste Facility (RHWF); operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Reservoir, Spillway & Rail Line; management of the Permeable Treatment Wall (PTW); management of the High Level Waste Canister Interim Storage Facility; management of the Waste Tank Farm; management of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Licensed Disposal Area; Waste Management and handling of nuclear materials; Safeguards and Security (S&S); Environmental, Safety, Health, and Quality Assurance (ESH&QA) requirements and business administration; and day-to-day operations, maintenance, and repair of designated facilities, systems, and equipment. For more information visit: <https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/WVDP/PHASE1B>.

The West Valley Demonstration Project is a unique operation within the Department of Energy. It came into being through the West Valley Demonstration Project Act of 1980. The Act requires that the Department is responsible for solidifying the high-level waste, disposing of waste created by the solidification, and decommissioning the facilities used in the process. The land and facilities are not owned by the Department. Rather, the project premises are the property of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and represents only 200 acres of the larger Western New York Service Center, which is approximately 3,300 acres, also owned by NYSERDA. After DOE's responsibilities under the Act are complete, the Act requires that the premises be returned to New York State. Until that time, the Act requires New York State to pay 10 percent of the Project costs, and the Department pays the remaining 90 percent.

American DND does not represent the US-DOE. We are simply an existing Contractor onsite who will be participating in the next Solicitation and are looking to ensure the WNY Business Community is aware of the opportunity and the ability to participate in the next Solicitation.

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