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Catt. Co. Industrial Dev. Agency CCIDA '24 Year in Review & Projects Ahead



Looking forward to 2025, the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency is excited to announce a significant and transformational tourism project coming to the Ellicottville area. "This project will bring new opportunities to the area and complement the existing pillars of the community."

By KATE BARTLETT

This past year was an incredibly successful and exciting year of projects for the Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA). With over 20 projects bringing an unprecedented amount of money to the area, the CCIDA remains invested in the county's

economic growth. This year alone, their projects totaled \$168,874,935.

The CCIDA has been facilitating economic growth to Cattaraugus County for over 53 years. Authorized and empowered by the State of New York, the organization aims to

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Welcome to X-Mas in Ellicottville

Holiday Cheer in a Winter Wonderland



See full schedule of this week's activities, page 9.

EL LICOTTVILLE - The most wonderful time of year is quickly approaching, and the village of Ellicottville will soon transform into a snow globe of winter bliss! Families are planning their Thanksgiving travels and counting down the days until the ski lifts start spinning. Restaurants are ready to launch their new seasonal menus, and our local retailers

are anxious to welcome visitors searching for all the perfect presents for everyone on their gift-giving lists.

Book your accommodations, pack your bags and make your way to Ellicottville November 29th, 30th and December 1st to kick off the holiday season in style as the Ellicottville

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The Nutcracker, December 6 & 8

CHQ. Regional Youth Ballet Tradition



Performers in the 2023 CRYB production of The Nutcracker at the Reg Lenna in downtown Jamestown.

By DARLENE BRACE

Get yourself into the holiday spirit by attending the classic Christmas story ballet The Nutcracker, which will be presented by the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet (CRYB)

at the Reg Lenna in downtown Jamestown. The Nutcracker performances have been a holiday tradition in this area for over twenty years. This year's magical performances

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Jamestown's Empty Bowls Project

How You Can Help Fill the Bowls of Many



Last year, the Empty Bowls Project in Jamestown had over three hundred people in attendance, and it raised almost \$16,000. Most of the proceeds were donated to help supply The Jamestown Public Mobile Market. This mobile market is similar to a food truck that brings food to local food deserts.

By DARLENE BRACE

The holiday season is now upon us. As we make our holiday grocery shopping and Christmas gift lists, let's not

forget that there are people that are less fortunate. Some people experience food insecurity and just having basic necessities

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Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

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Thanksgiving is more than a single holiday or national observance—it is a global expression of gratitude for sustenance, survival, and community. Whether celebrated through feasts, religious ceremonies, or community gatherings, Thanksgiving reminds us of the universal human need to reflect on blessings and share them with others. This enduring tradition unites cultures across the world in a spirit of thanks.

Bob McCarthy's Irish X-Mas Dec. 6

Fundraiser for Several Foundation Programs .. pg. 6

One of EVL's Hotspots Starts Anew Mill St. Sports Pub Opening Soon



The crew pictured left to right: Audrey Snow, Heather D., Caylin M., Brenda Smith & Avery S.

By CHAD NEAL

The unique bar and restaurant that started the "Sunday Fundays" on the north end of the village of Ellicottville is getting revamped. The exciting Mill St. tap room was a great spot for sports bar enthusiasts and many others who visited and frequented the joint. Now we will see a new place arise - kind of like the old place, but with new owners that are extremely excited to open up as Mill St. Sports Pub. Partners Brenda Smith and Audrey Snow are bringing their collective years of experience and love for the business to rejuvenate the Bills Backer institution started as Finnerty's. *The Villager* caught up with the two entrepreneurs and learned more about their plans for the new spot.

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Silver Fox Steakhouse 50th Golden Anniversary for the Silver Foxes



Mike Nickolson with cut outs of him and his father, Gerry, at the 40th Anniversary party of The Silver Fox Restaurant in Ellicottville, December, 2014. Photo/John Thomas

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Silver Fox Steakhouse preparing to celebrate 50th anniversary; longest family-owned restaurant in Ellicottville.

After fifty years of serving the Ellicottville community, Silver Fox owner, Mike Nickolson shares these sentiments: "I would like to thank all of our 1st, 2nd and 3rd generations of customers. You have become friends and family and have made this vision a true pursuit of happiness. I also need to give my upmost respect and appreciation to my wife Sally who has been steadfast in our family vision. You have been a strong force by my side in work and in my life. I whole-heartedly, thank each and every one of you."

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Publisher's Word

"Season of Gratitude....."



the Give Big CHQ are two programs that help us support these organizations. Each year they have an annual fundraiser that calls to attention their much-needed work and support. Cattaraugus Gives is holding theirs this coming week on Giving Tuesday. Next week we will share the results and some highlights with you and ways you can get involved.

This is the time of year when the generosity of our communities is really highlighted. Our organizations do so much work throughout the year to keep people safe and our communities flowing. Cattaraugus Gives and

but don't forget to take the time to reflect and just be with the ones you love and to appreciate the work and the people you have. Let us all be sure that everyone in our community can feel appreciated and thankful.

Thanksgiving week goes by fast and propels you into the new season; one short, fast-paced work week moves into the next,

If you know of a person or an organization that deserves a tip of the hat, please let us know, we are always looking for a good word to spread with our readers – info@thevillager.com.

Until next week, enjoy the read. Yours in writing, Jeanine Caprino Zimmer

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"EV Play Place" Highlight

Thanksgiving Fundraising Efforts



Find more information at <https://unlimitedplay.org/playground/the-ellicottville-playground>

By KELSEY ADAMSON

Ellicottville Playground Committee presents "EV Play Place", a segment dedicated to the playground planned for our Ellicottville Village Park update. This week in the spirit of the Thanksgiving Holidays we will discuss a couple ways we can come together for the benefit of the community. For those who would like a little fresh air before consuming their weight in turkey, Warrior Fitness will be hosting a Turkey Trot. For those who wish to donate directly to their community, Ellicottville Playground will be participating in "Giving Tuesday" through **Cattaraugus Gives** (see more information pg. 11).

take you on a tour through town and bring you back to the starting point for prizes and snacks. Children and leashed dogs are welcome. A portion of the 20-dollar registration will go toward the Ellicottville Playground. Don't forget a non-perishable item as well that will go to the food pantry. This is a fun family centered event that is just as good for the community as for your health. You can register on the Facebook page "Ellicottville 5K Turkey Trot"

You have heard of "Black Friday", and likely "Cyber Monday", but have you heard of "Giving Tuesday"? On December 3rd, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, take a moment to contribute to your local community. **Cattaraugus Gives** is a 24-hour online fundraising event that allows residents of Cattaraugus County, New York, to donate to various local non-profit organizations, essentially acting as a one-stop shop for charitable giving within the county. It's organized by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) and aims to raise money for causes that directly impact the community. 91 charities will be involved this year. Ellicottville Playground will be participating in Cattaraugus Gives this year. If you decide to donate this Thanksgiving Holiday, give back to your community where you can see your hard-earned dollars at work. Last year over \$300,000 was raised that went directly back to our neighbors. Simply search your non-profit of choice (we of course recommend "Ellicottville Playground") on the website www.cattaraugusgives.org.

Thanksgiving morning, 8am, bright and early, the 3rd Annual 5K Turkey Trot will be starting at Warrior Fitness in Ellicottville. The marked course will

Happy Thanksgiving Holidays, and we hope to see you at the Turkey Trot! Enjoy this season of family and community. If you would like to know more about our inclusive playground plans or would like to support our cause please feel free to contact the Ellicottville Playground Committee at ellicottvilleplayground@gmail.com. Follow us on Instagram @ [ellicottvilleplayground](https://www.instagram.com/ellicottvilleplayground).

Band's Residency at Springville CFA

Celtic Band Cantrip in Town from Dec. 9-19, 2024

Springville Center for the Arts presents contemporary celtic band Cantrip for a residency dating December 9th through the 19th. They will be holding a series of workshops, having a free kid's show, and performing a concert in the newly renovated but not yet completed Carol

Mongerson Theater on Saturday, December 14th at 7pm. Cantrip is a quartet of Scottish traditional musicians known for having "one of the strongest personalities on the Celtic Circuit" (The Orcadian). Their audiences span both sides of the Atlantic, sharing their driving blend of fiddles, bagpipes, guitar, and rich vocals. The name is an Old Scots word meaning charm, magic spell or piece of mischief and it aptly describes the unexpected twists and turns in their musical arrangements.

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The History of Thanksgiving

Global Tradition of Gratitude

By JESSICA MILLER



Japan celebrates Labor Thanksgiving Day (Kinrō Kansha no Hi) to honor workers and the fruits of labor.

THANKSGIVING IN THE UNITED STATES
The first documented Thanksgiving celebration in what is now the United States occurred on December 4, 1619, in Virginia. Thirty-eight English settlers arrived aboard the ship Margaret at Berkeley Hundred in Charles City County. Their charter from the London Company required them to observe the day of their arrival as one of perpetual thanksgiving to God. This annual tradition was rediscovered and revived in 1962 at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City, Virginia.

THANKSGIVING IN CANADA
The history of Thanksgiving in Canada predates its American counterpart, with some historians tracing it back to 1578. English explorer Martin Frobisher held a thanksgiving ceremony in Newfoundland to celebrate his safe journey through icy waters in search of the Northwest Passage.

Later, French settlers in Canada celebrated harvests with the Indigenous peoples, sharing food and cultural traditions. By 1859, Canadian provinces began observing Thanksgiving as a day for recognizing divine blessings. Governor General Marquis of Lorne formally declared November 6 as Thanksgiving in 1879, but the date varied until 1957 when Parliament established the second Monday of October as the official holiday.

THANKSGIVING AROUND THE WORLD
Thanksgiving is not confined to North America.

Many nations celebrate their own versions of harvest festivals or gratitude observances.

- Liberia celebrates Thanksgiving due to its historical ties with the United States.

- Germany observes Erntedankfest, a religious harvest festival.

- Japan celebrates Labor Thanksgiving Day (Kinrō Kansha no Hi) to honor workers and the fruits of labor.

- Brazil, Grenada, and Saint Lucia also have designated Thanksgiving days to commemorate historical events or express gratitude for blessings.

Other nations, including the Philippines and Australia, incorporate elements of harvest and cultural gratitude into their traditions.

A Global Tradition of Gratitude

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BRMC, OGH Helps to Knock/Rock Out Hunger

Employees from Bradford Regional Medical Center (BRMC) and Olean General Hospital (OGH), Kaleida Health Facilities, took time to give back to the local communities by hosting food drives throughout the healthcare system. Knock Out Hunger was coordinated in Bradford, which ran simultaneously with 97 Rock's 19th annual Rock Out Hunger food drive, taking place in Olean. Both programs kicked off on Tuesday, October 15 and ran through Tuesday November 12. BRMC and OGH employees, along with



Barrels were filled up at OGH after the 19th annual Rock Out Hunger that will be distributed to local food pantries through FeedMore WNY.

other Kaleida Health facilities, collected non-perishable food items including: peanut butter, cereal, pastas, boxed stuffing, ready-made meals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, mac and cheese, other non-perishable food items, and baby items including

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Christmas

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Chamber of Commerce presents "Christmas in Ellicottville" - an iconic celebration filled with Santa, his elves, and plenty of holiday cheer! The downtown business district offers a unique shopping experience within a walkable 4-block footprint, filled with festive attractions and fun entertainment.

"Christmas in Ellicottville will kick off Friday, November 29th with a special lighting ceremony of Ellicottville's Village lights and our beloved Ski

Tree located in front of the Post Office," said BARB Pump, Executive Assistant of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "The moment those lights turn on is magical!"

A tradition for many, Christmas in Ellicottville will run all weekend long, Nov. 29th-Dec. 1st and will feature a full schedule of holiday-themed activities for kids and the kid at heart. Thanks to event sponsors, weekenders can anticipate holiday music throughout the village streets, real live reindeer, visits with Santa including fire truck rides, and breakfasts with the big guy, horse and wagon rides, as well as kid's crafts,

cookie decorating, and more - ALL FREE!

Can't make it to Ellicottville Thanksgiving weekend? Celebrate "Christmas in Ellicottville" all through the month of December. "There's always something going on here in Ellicottville, especially this time of year with the holidays right around the corner," said Pump.

For additional information about this year's festivities or to learn more about sponsorships, go to www.ellicottvillenyc.com or phone the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-349-9099.

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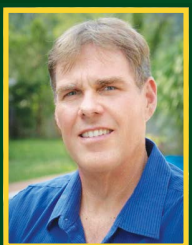
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The Former Finnerty's Tap room on Mill Street in Ellicottville will again come alive under the new leadership of Brenda Smith and Audrey Snow. You can expect the same fun, down home feel and of course, Bills Mafia will be in full force.

Sports Pub

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Audrey Snow shared that since August of this year she "came on board" with Brenda Smith. Smith had been working on figuring a way to make a new great establishment in the venue for months. They both had dreams about making it a place of their own when they heard the news that the previous owners were moving on. Smith found the connections she needed to "make it a reality". With over fifty years experience between the two, (at many places in Ellicottville alone) Smith and Snow have a pretty good idea of how to make Mill St. Sports Pub a successful and popular spot to eat, drink and watch your favorite sports amongst other fun events. Snow has local and cross country experience at events like the Kentucky Derby and US Open in Boston. And her description of Smith as "bringing her wealth of experience" and being a "go getter who isn't too afraid of hard work", makes this team perfect for this endeavor.

When asked about the staff they would have answered, "You will see some old faces along with some new ones when we reopen. Some of the past employees have moved on to other places, but have told us they can't wait to come back as a customer."

Before they had a chance to reveal their news to anyone locally, news outlets in Buffalo caught word and told the world. Snow explained, "We had been keeping things a little quiet about opening, we really wanted to get our work done and concentrate on out planning before we made any announcements and make sure we dotted our i's and crossed out t's. This is our first bar and restaurant and we really want to make sure we do it right."

They plan on a mid-December opening unless there are delays from licensing and state approval. "Once we have that date, we will have a Grand Opening and hopefully it will coincide with a Bills game to make sure we do it Bills Mafia Style!" Snow said, then added, "The food will be Pub fare with a home

cooked specials."

The plan and dream is to bring back something Ellicottville loved and lost in a short span of time. "We would like to be able to bring back the vibe Billy and Freddy had there when it was Finnertys, that feeling of fun, family and the Buffalo Bills." Snow expressed, "They really made it special for everyone who stepped through the door and we are hoping that we can bring that feeling back. Our goal is to make it ours, but keep a little of that magic. It will look a little different, but you can be sure that it will still feel a little bit like coming home too. We have plans for live music, trivia, karaoke possibly, and a fun place to watch the game. We might even see Asian night come back."

An exciting reunion to a new/ old place that looks as though it will be appreciated immensely by locals and visitors alike. They have a Facebook page up and running and they say to look it up to look for announcements of the opening, event and hiring. Go Bills!

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Corey Wiktor, Executive of the CCIDA, provided a glimpse at what 2024 brought to the area, and looks forward to what’s to come in 2025. “It was such an exciting year for our area,” says Corey. “We have so many great projects happening, multimillion dollar investments that will make such an incredible difference in strengthening the economy of our county.”

One of their largest investments of nearly \$1 billion dollars since its groundbreaking was The Great Lakes Cheese project, brining economic growth and development to the Franklinville/Farmersville area. “This project was a game changer for this area,” explains Corey. “It helps the area on multiple fronts, from an economic and agricultural standpoint.” The factory is looking to start full operations making cheese this December, opening up 200+ jobs to the area. It’s the largest private sector development in the state.

The Olean Manor project is a \$10-million-dollar project centering around senior housing in Allegheny. Once complete, Olean Manor will offer senior cottages in an active senior community, located near their assisted living and adult care facility. These new build cottages are scattered on their 40-acre site and offer the community a realistic option for senior members of the community. “Not only does this project offer economic growth, but it is vital to our community as it provides peace of mind to seniors and their families in the community. This project also utilizes local suppliers and local builders, furthering the positive impact to our area.”

The Lincoln Boutique Motel was a huge project of nearly \$2 million that is nearly complete, offering a unique lodging experience to the Ellicottville area. “It is wonderful to see this project finally come to fruition,” says Corey. “This property was a longstanding lodging option in Ellicottville, and it’s come together perfectly.” The Motel is currently open, offering a fresh boutique experience among the slopes of Ellicottville, and will soon offer a new dining and bar experience.

The CCIDA has approved the application for The Olean Center Mall Project, a redevelopment project of over \$40 million. “A renovation project of this size is rare,” explains Corey. “It’s great for the area to have an investor reconstruct and reshaping the concept of this old shopping mall.” The project is in the process of engaging potential tenants for this multiuse space, including retail, dining housing and professional space.

Residency

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“Their presentation is all energy,” creating vibrant “wild landscapes” through their sound (The Orcadian).

During their residency, Cantrip will be holding private performances and workshop sessions with neighboring schools in the Springville district. There will be an open community jam session on Friday, December 13th at 6:30pm with Art’s Cafe. Any skill level is welcome to bring their voices or instruments and participate in an open jam with the band. On Saturday, December 14th there will be a 45 minute free kid’s show at Art’s Cafe in the morning, followed by a ticketed concert at the Carol Mongerson Theater in the evening.

Springville Center for the Arts launched a Theater Seat Campaign, inviting the public to dedicate a chair in the theater to an individual or loved one. Their name will be engraved on the seat, and support the organization by providing permanent seating for the



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Carol Mongerson Theater. For more information, visit their website at SpringvilleArts.org. Cantrip will be performing on Saturday, December 14th at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Located in the Carol Mongerson Theater at 37 North Buffalo Street, Springville. Available online at SpringvilleArts.org or by calling Springville Center for the Arts at 716.592.9038. If interested in the Theater Seat Campaign, please contact scaseth@gmail.com or call Springville Center for the Arts.

perfectly.” The Motel is currently open, offering a fresh boutique experience among the slopes of Ellicottville, and will soon offer a new dining and bar experience. “Once the pour-your-own bar and restaurant is open, this property will provide yet another reason to visit Ellicottville, as it’s a unique experience to the area.”

Springville Center for the Arts launched a Theater Seat Campaign, inviting the public to dedicate a chair in the theater to an individual or loved one. Their name will be engraved on the seat, and support the organization by providing permanent seating for the

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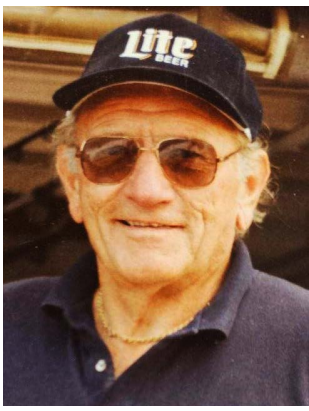
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Bob McCarthy's Irish X-Mas Dec. 6

Fun Fundraiser for Several McCarthy Foundation Programs



Some familiar faces around the Silver Fox over the years. Pictured, left to right: Gerry Nickolson (Silver Fox, Nickolson Construction), Michael Kerns Sr. (Balloon's Restaurant & Nightclub), Gerry Nickolson, Hank Dubey (Special Effects Newspaper in Ellicottville), Brian McFadden (Executive Director, Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce).

Silver Fox

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Unlike from the fortunate locals who have been born and raised in this wonderful town, so many of us have found our way to Ellicottville and created our own unique niche, almost as if it were destiny. Mike Nickolson first set foot into our community at the age of twelve by way of a concrete construction business owned by his father, Gerry Nickolson. It was a family business and he was dad's helper. Ellicottville was "becoming," - condominiums and private housing were starting to pop up on the hillsides, and the proprietors of Nickolson Concrete found themselves with plenty of work in the Ellicottville area. In 1968 they purchased an old fur barn as a depot for their equipment. Gerry was quite familiar with the area having skied at Holiday Valley since the late 50's learning about the culture of the community, making friends, and developing his business. Life was busy between the

business and skiing, and in the early to mid-70's the men decided to back off on the concrete business after 35 years. That left them with a big old barn which needed a new purpose. Rental property made sense with the growing need in what was developing into a winter destination town. It was a perfect setting for an antique shop, which held great appeal for Gerry, satisfying his love for antiques. But, with Ellicottville's growing popularity and only four places in the village to enjoy a sit-down meal, and with Gerry's past experience working for family members who had taverns, the idea of a restaurant won out. John Northrup nicknamed Gerry "The Silver Fox" because of his mane of silver hair when Gerry worked for him at the Holiday Valley Ski School. With the barn being an old fur storage and trading barn, his nickname was a natural fit and thus the restaurant had a name. And so, they went to work, father and son, now tapping into their talents as high-quality carpenters, opening in 1974. Gerry's love of antiques can be seen in the Victorian décor, the beveled glass and crystal chandelier. It is, frankly, difficult to imagine that

two men had the mastery and creative inspiration to create the opulent and lush interior of this building, but then, it turns out they were artists. The inside is a feast for the eyes, and one feels compelled to study the fine woodworking and the beautiful copper covered bar they hand built. With Gerry's death in January 2001, Mike has continued running the restaurant and being a presence to greet guests when the doors are opened, an M.O. both men followed from the beginning. Along with an extensive wine list, the highest quality of meats, seafood, and fresh produce they can procure for their patrons, they remained committed to visit with their guests nightly. The fare at The Fox is legendary. Harking to their beginnings as a first-class steak house they take pride in serving USDA Prime Center Cuts of Rib-Eye Steaks and 21 Day Dry-aged Strip and Rib-Eye Steaks, all cut from Certified Angus Beef. Silver Fox is one of the few restaurants in the county to feature dry aged steaks. Over time, their menu has evolved to accommodate new culinary trends including seafood

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Perhaps the most anticipated event of the evening are the auctions, especially the live auction called by Brooks LeFeber (above, left). Each of the 15 unique auction items is accompanied by a pie or cake, as tradition started by Bob himself. Brooks a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which include some of Bob McCarthy woodworking originals and special creations from Ed Frederickson, Sam Sheehy & others.

BY KATE BARTLETT

This December 6th marks the 19th annual Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas at 6pm the Ellicottville Brewing Company. This Christmas charitable event has become an Ellicottville holiday tradition and kicks off the spirit of giving with good food and good company. Admission is free and open to the general public. Katy Arena, board member for the Bob McCarthy Foundation and friend to the late Bob McCarthy, has been involved in the event for many years. According to Katy, Bob started this event with the intent gathering the community to raising money for local charities. "Everything he did was embellished with his charm, and this event was no different," says Katy. After Bob's passing, the event became even more meaningful not only to his friends, but to the entire community. All proceeds from the event supports the Bob McCarthy Foundation, a 501c3 which supports local charities including The Santa's Sheriff's Program, Medical Loan Center, area

Food Pantries and many other local programs. "It really is a feel-good event," explains Katy. "It's great to get the community together to kick off the holiday season by doing good. It feels good to do good." Bob was beloved by the community as the "Voice of Ellicottville" as he emceed most events for the Ellicottville Chamber and all of Holiday Valley. As a retired special education teacher and ski instructor at Holiday Valley, he was well known and very involved. "He was a comical guy," recalls Greg Capelli, event coordinator and close friend to Bob. "His vibrant personality shined in all that he did, and his spirit was like none other." Perhaps the most anticipated event of the evening are the auctions, especially the live auction called by Brooks LeFeber. Each of the 15 unique auction items is accompanied by a pie or cake, as tradition started by Bob himself. "We have so much fun with the auction every year. It's great to see so many unique items, and Brooks keeps a fun, energetic pace," says Katy. There will also be a

basket raffle for over 40 gift baskets, and new this year a silent auction of beautiful items donated from generous members of the community. The event includes beer and wine specials for \$5, sponsored by EBC and The Winery of Ellicottville. Dinner specials will also be only \$5 and feature A Taste of Ireland specials provided by EBC, The Silver Fox, Katy's, Madigan's, Dina's, Villaggio and Cupcaked. Thanks to the businesses generous donations, all proceeds will go directly to The Bob McCarthy Foundation. Live entertainment will be provided by Crikwater, playing upbeat Irish music starting at 5:45. Bagpiper Asa Moss will play at 7:30 with a champagne toast to Bob at 7:25. Over the years, the event has evolved and gained momentum, attracting guests from a wide radius. "It's crazy to think about how this all started when Bob was alive," says Katy. "It's become such a tradition in our community; it's great

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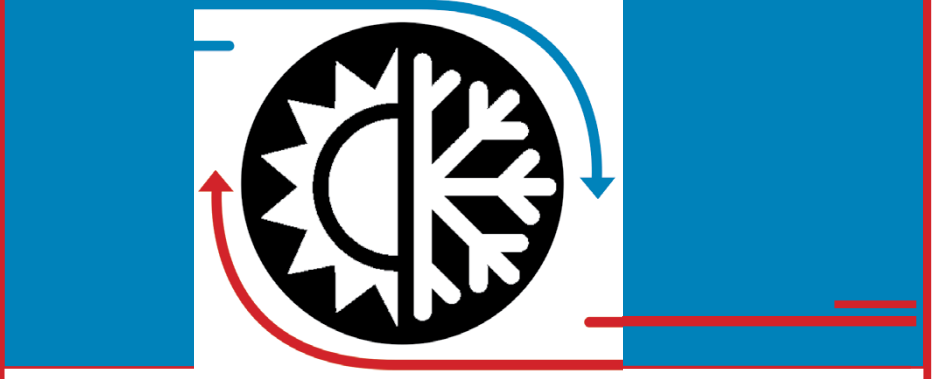
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The Empty Bowls project began in 1990 when art teacher John Hartom (pictured) and Lisa Blackburn organized a fundraiser in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

Bowls

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would be the greatest gifts. Here is how you can help others with a small donation.

To help support these people in the community, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and the Jamestown Public Mobile Market are collaborating with Chautauqua County Empty Bowls for the Third Annual Empty Bowls Project in Jamestown. This event will be held at St. Luke's Church at 408 N. Main Street in Jamestown on December 7th from 11am to 2pm.

The Empty Bowls Project is a fundraising event.

Professional artisans, students, and other residents from across the county generously donate a variety of handcrafted one-of-a-kind pottery such as bowls and mugs. Each piece donated will have the Empty Bowls logo imprinted on the bottom, to remind people of the hunger issue locally and globally. This beautiful rainbow display of bowls of various sizes and shapes will fill the undercroft of the church

that has been renovated and is a great space for this event.

Admission to the event is free, and for a small donation, you will receive a donated bowl of your choice. You can have the bowl(s) wrapped at the event if you want to use them for the perfect Christmas gift, or you can choose to have your bowl filled with soup for free and will be served with bread for your lunch that day. The delicious soups this year are being donated by Asheville General Store, Labyrinth Press Company, and other generous community members.

Last year, the Empty Bowls Project in Jamestown had over three hundred people in attendance, and it raised almost \$16,000. Most of the proceeds were donated to help supply The Jamestown Public Mobile Market. This mobile market is similar to a food truck that brings food to local food deserts. Food deserts are areas that have limited access to fresh fruits and vegetables as well as other nutritious and affordable food within walking distance. The mobile market provides a plentiful supply of fresh fruits and vegetables year-round to those in need.

Proceeds this year will continue to support the Jamestown Mobile Market as well as to Saint Susan's Food Kitchen Center on Water Street in Jamestown for emergency food assistance.

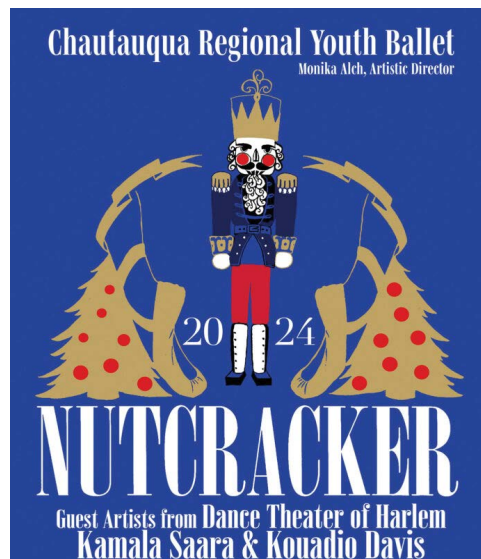
In addition, families that are on the SNAP food program can use their SNAP benefits at the mobile market. In fact, because of a New York State Farmer's Market promotion, they are able to double the value of their SNAP dollar's value for local fresh produce.

This Empty Bowls Project didn't start in Jamestown. In fact, the first Empty Bowls Project started in Michigan in the 1990's. Since then, this project idea has spread across the country as well as internationally in various forms.

Luke Fodor, the Rector of St. Luke's Church, said that the Empty Bowls Project in the Dunkirk/Fredonia area has been supporting their community with this project for almost twenty years. In 2022, as an extension of the project in Fredonia, the Empty Bowls Project came to Jamestown and has been very successful.

It is the hope that each year this project will

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This year Charley Marshall (pictured) will be depicting the character of Clara.

Nutcracker

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will take place December 6th from 7pm-9pm and December 8th matinee from 3pm-5pm, with an intermission between two acts.

The classic ballet story of The Nutcracker is based on the fairytale written by ETA Hoffman from the 19th century, and the music was composed by Tchaikovsky. The story is told through dance with no singing or speaking. As the ballet unfolds, the main character, Clara, receives a nutcracker doll for Christmas from Herr Drosselmyer. That night while sleeping, she dreams that the nutcracker doll comes to life. Together they embark on a fantasy journey that includes The Battle with the Mice and features a journey to The Land of Sweets as well as other intriguing scenes. It is an alluring and entertaining ballet filled with excitement, fluctuating music, and amazing choreographed dance performances that will keep you enchanted.

The CRYB started the Nutcracker ballet in Jamestown in 1995, and Monika Alch has been the

CRYB's artistic director since 1999. She stated that audiences will be impressed with the caliber of performances of all the cast, including the CRYB ballet students. This year's cast will be highlighted by professional guest artists from the Dance Theatre of Harlem. Kamala Saara will portray the Sugar Plum Fairy and Kouadio Davis as her Cavalier. The role of Clara will be performed by Charley Marshall, the Nutcracker Prince will be Yahir McFaline, and Michael Petterson will play the role of Herr Drosselmyer. Arehlyn Pattison portrays the Dew Drop Queen, and the Snow Queen will be Gracie Watkins. Other soloists will be Isabella Wilder, Paisley Wilson, and Freya Holland. Special guest performers also include Mike Cerwinski as Mother Ginger, Michael Hall CHQ as the party host, and Samantha Britton as Grandmother.

The complete cast consists of approximately sixty people from across Western New York and Northwest Pennsylvania. Of the sixty cast members, about forty of them are children aged 4 years old and up. The ballet's auditions

occur each year in early September, and after roles are chosen rehearsals begin. The cast rehearses for several hours on Saturdays and Sundays, and individuals rehearse at private lessons during the week. The rehearsals start in September and continue until the day before the show begins.

Each year the CRYB also puts on a morning performance for field trips for area school children's groups to attend. This year, the morning school performance will be on Friday, December 6th at 10am. School groups from around the county attend these performances, and this year hundreds of children are already signed up to attend. This is a great opportunity for school age children to attend these performances as an enjoyable exposure to the arts that many area children might not otherwise have.

CRYB would like to thank the New York State Council on the Arts, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo and the Oliver G. & Sarah Sloan Bauman Fund for the Arts for their support in

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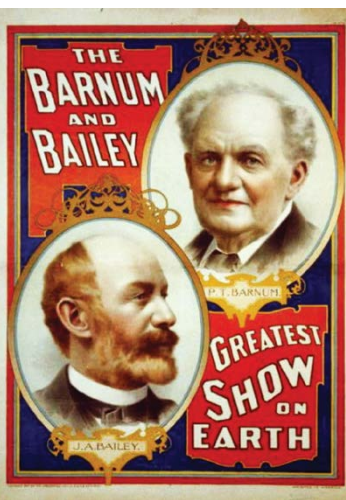
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in Brief

Musical #17: "Barnum"



people with fake award. This production exhibits and publicity was turned into a 1986 movie. In the musical's first song, "There Is a Sucker Born Every Minute," whose title is the sentence most associated with the showman, Barnum defends his fraudulent actions by saying he's only trying to entertain but admits, "I feed 'em bonafide baloney, with no truth in it". The other exuberant songs include, "The Colors of My Life", in which he describes his colorful outlook on life, and "Come Follow the Band", which lyrics include, "Hear the trumpet blast, and the cornet blare./Hear the boom of the bass, and the rattle of the snare."

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The exuberant musical "Barnum" is about P. T. Barnum (Phineas Taylor Barnum) whose name lives on today with each performance of "The Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus", which he named "The Greatest Show on Earth" because of his lifelong habit of viewing every business he ever ran as the greatest. His first major business was "Barnum's American Museum" in Manhattan, whose five floors of attractions included wax figures of famous people, a large theatre, displays of modern appliances and scientific instruments, and all kinds of weird things. It was covered with large banners advertising the wonders within. The lyrics of "The Museum Song" describe some of its contents as: "a model of the rapids on the Delaware", "one iguana, snakes and other fauna", and "The Mona Lisa, made of ice". He is most infamously remembered for his ability to deceive

When Barnum left the entertainment business (another early business was running a beauty contest), he wrote books (including "The Art of Getting Money", which he wrote in 1880) and then decided to go into politics. He became the Mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut and later a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives (from the Fairfield District) from 1866 to 1869. As a Representative, he was responsible for getting an anti-abortion bill passed (which was not repealed until 1965).

"Barnum" opened on Broadway in 1980 and ran for two years. It won three Tonys, for the lead, Jim Dale*, Best Scenic Design, and Best Costume Design. The book is by Mark Bramble, the lyrics by Michael Stewart, and the Music by Cy Coleman. While presenting the story of Barnum's launching his museum, and years later becoming Bailey's partner, and his relationship with his first wife, covering the years from 1835 to 1880, it includes various types of circus acrobatics and a tightrope walk by the main character. In the original production, Glenn Close, best known for her later movie career, made her Broadway debut playing Barnum's wife, Chairy.

In 1981, the show opened in London, starring Michael Crawford, who won the English equivalent of the Tony, the Laurence Olivier

award. This production was turned into a 1986 movie. In it, he describes himself as "The Prince of Humbug...Hogwash...Scam...Wile and Guile and Trumpery." When his wife confronts him by reading the definition of "humbug" from a dictionary ("something designed to deceive or mislead", he tells her he prefers to think he's giving people "rosy possibilities". The first movie about Barnum, "The Mighty Barnum" was in 1934, and a TV movie, "P.T. Barnum" appeared in 1999. The most popular movie about Barnum's life is the movie musical, "The Greatest Showman", which appeared in 2017, starring Hugh Jackman.

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**Fun Fact: Jim Dale later narrated the audiobooks for all seven of the novels in the "Harry Potter" series, and won two Grammys for narrating two of them. For "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows", he created 147 different voices, which earned him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.*

Thanksgiving Week in Chautauqua

BY DARLENE BRACE

This week's article of Chautauqua County events will begin with Wednesday, as the night before Thanksgiving has become a tradition for some to go out and visit with friends and loved ones. Be ready to navigate some crowds as it will surely be busy no matter where you go.

Wednesday, November 27th "Thanksgiving Eve" - Southern Tier Brewing Company will be having their Friendsgiving Celebration. It starts at 3pm and they will be giving away Southern Tier Brewing Company glasses to the first hundred people who join them. Lana and Dustin from **Black Widow** will be playing their acoustic versions of their rock and pop song list starting at 5pm.

Bemus Point Tap House will be having their **Thanksgiving celebration.** **Randy Graham and Jamie Henderson** will be performing a mix of fun favorite tunes starting at 4:30pm.

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Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown is excited to welcome back the band **We Speak Canadian.** They are a popular local band that has been playing sparingly as of late. They play a fun mix of rock, pop, and country, all with their own unique spin that makes it very entertaining. You will surely be moving to the beat, and maybe even entice you to the dance floor.

The Busti Tap House welcomes back **Ion Sky Unplugged.** They will be playing their acoustic versions of rock and pop music starting at 7pm. Come and enjoy

a delicious meal from their great menu while enjoying these talented musicians.

Midnight Recovery will be rocking the Village of Fredonia at **64 on the Rocks.** They play a mix of classic rock and country that will entertain the crowd from 8pm-11pm. Hang out with friends while enjoying this great band.

The **Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown will be hosting **Backlog** to celebrate Thanksgiving Eve. They play music from the 70's to today's hits and will start at 10pm.

Two Towns will be performing at the **Fredonia Beaver Club,** and its open to the public. The band will perform from 6pm-9pm. There will be holiday drink specials and a lot of fun, so come check it out.

Friday, November 29th - Jay McDonnell will be performing at **Group Therapy** in Lakewood. Jay will play a mixture of oldies as well as some newer tunes starting at 8pm.

Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing in Westfield will continue its Friday night **Customer Appreciation Nights** from 5pm-8pm. There will be \$2 off draft beers and drink specials on a variety of cocktails. You can order food nearby, and if the weather is nice enough, the patio will be open.

Wicked Warrens Jamestown has become the new popular venue in downtown Jamestown for food, drinks, and live entertainment. It has a delicious menu with a variety of food ranging from woodfire pizza, wings, entrees, and much more. **Smilo and the Ghost** will be taking the stage at 9pm. Come on in and check out their unique

sound of Americana folk/bluegrass music.

Saturday, November 30th - Join 21 Brix Winery in Portland for their monthly music series from 7pm to 9pm. Admission is free, the drinks will be flowing, and there will be some food options available. Jess and the Mess will be playing a variety of tunes to entertain the crowd.

Big Inlet Brewing is excited to welcome back Lana and Dustin of **Black Widow.** They will perform their acoustic versions of their rock and pop setlist. Come enjoy your favorite Big Inlet beverage while listening to this talented duo starting at 5:30pm.

Cuevas Pub and Grill in Dunkirk welcomes back **Ion Sky Unplugged.** They will be performing their acoustic versions of their set list starting at 7pm. Come in and enjoy some delicious food while listening to these talented musicians.

The **Seneca Allegheny Casino's River Bar** has some great live music this weekend. On Friday night, singer/songwriter **Nico Zarcone** will perform a mix of originals and cover music. Then on Saturday night, Rochester native and multi-instrumentalist **Alyssa Trahan** will take the stage and entertain you with her unique blend of music. Each night, the performances start at 7pm.

That's a busy week of live entertainment. Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, no matter if you go out to enjoy some of the entertainment or decide to stay home and hang out. By next weekend, it will be the beginning of December, and you can look to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia from 9-2am layin down the sauce so you can dance like a boss from 9-2am. Check out the dart board and pool tables and Evi's only bar with a wood burning stove.

SUNDAY
The Gin Mill hosts The Hick Ups from 2-5pm. This group of local musicians, who play with various bands, plays an eclectic set of bluegrass/ americana/ country covers. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap while you get your game face on.

SATURDAY
Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm Fresh pasta made with the toppings of your choice or savory prime made the way you like it. Grace Lougan will provide the entertainment from 5:30-8:30pm. Grace is one of the areas premier singer, songwriters and will take you up till game time for the Bills on the big screen.

MONDAY
Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. Fifty cent wings and a nice selection of craft beers to wash them down makes for a local's favorite. This week's musical hosts are The Groove Bros from 6-9pm. This duo plays a blues/r&b/pop/jazz set of covers.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays old and new country and classic and southern rock covers and originals.

TUESDAY
The Gin Mill's next to last band features the return of The Hick Ups from 7-10pm. If you're really hungry try the Gin Mill Burger. It's a gut buster.

WEDNESDAY
Talk about a locals favorite, we've been ending our week the same for forty+ years, at The Gin Mill, for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick makes an encore performance.

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

Beat on the Street:

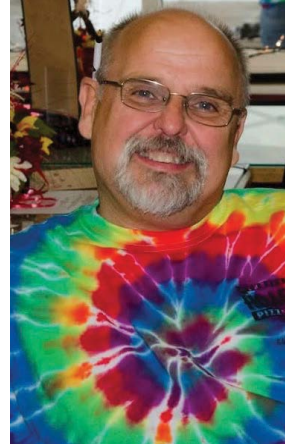
"Where was the Strangest Place You Were for Thanksgiving?"

BY CHAD NEAL

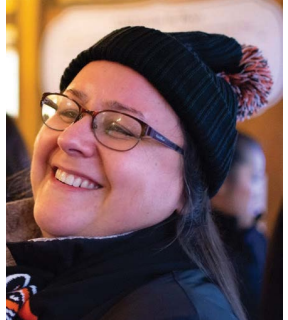
The Holidays we enjoy to counter the warmth and light of summer start at the end of October and go until we celebrate the new year. In the middle of those several weeks is a national feasting day only Americans observe as it is our holiday. The roasted plump turkey, cornucopia and pumpkin pie is a logo for that holiday, Thanksgiving. Most of us have memories of that wonderful aroma at Grandma's house on that Thursday in November when all our cousins, aunts and uncles gathered to enjoy so much food. Sometimes though you can't make it to the annual gathering of family and may miss it all together or spend it with strangers, which makes the next one even more special if you can make it. When Thanksgiving is missed the realization of how special it is is made more aware. And finding oneself in a spot you'd never imagine being in the first place on that day is a game changer. Where was the strangest place you were for Thanksgiving?



Laura S.- At an Indian buffet restaurant in Albuquerque with Allison T. when we were in college at University of New Mexico and didn't make it back home that year.



Dan K.- In a bar in Bremerton, Washington. Turkey dinner served on the pool tables. Put on by the establishment for we sailors who weren't able to go home.



Sue W.- Eating cous cous at a Moroccan restaurant in Amsterdam with a group of new and old friends.



Keefer W.- Drinking Olde English 40's on the sidewalk in front of my apartment in Los Angeles with a couple homeless dudes, 2500 miles away from the annual family get together.



Frank M.- In the field on maneuvers. Chicken MREs for dinner.



Lisa B.- On a wildfire assignment in West Virginia.

Submit Your Stories & Win

The Villager is looking for your story ideas. What's new in your neighborhood? Is there a business you'd like to see us feature or an event that would be great to highlight; we'd like to know. If your idea is chosen, we will place it in our next edition and be sure to credit you with bringing it to our attention. Submit your ideas to info@thevillagerny.com, go online www.thevillagerny.com and hit the "General Submissions" tab, or call 716-699-2058. Good Luck!!

Christmas in Ellicottville 2024 Schedule of Activities

Friday Nov 29th, Saturday Nov 30th, Sunday Dec. 1st

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

- 12-3pm: Face Painting - Taqueria
- 1-3pm: Fire Truck Rides with Santa - Village Gazebo
- 1-3pm: Cookie decorating by Cupcaked Bakery- Balloons Restaurant
- 1-3pm: Ornament decorating - Howard Hanna
- 1:30-3pm: Interactive Children's Activities - Wingate by Wyndham
- 1-4pm: Horse and Wagon Rides - Katy's Café- Washington Street
- 4-6pm: Meet A Real Reindeer - 1887 Building Lawn (Washington St. Across from the Ski Tree)
- 6:15pm: Community Christmas Tree Lighting w/ Santa & Hot Cocoa - Post Office Lawn; Washington St.
- 10am-7pm: Stores Open - Hours Vary by Store
- All Day: 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt: Participating Locations

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

- 10-11am: Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa - Villaggio - Monroe Street. **Donations will be accepted for the Ellicottville Food Pantry Non-perishable items/ cash*
- 11:30 - 12:30pm: Kids Holiday movie - Villaggio
- 1-3pm: Fire Truck Rides with Santa - Village Gazebo
- 1-3pm: Ornament decorating - Howard Hanna
- 1-3pm: Horse and Wagon Rides - Katy's Café- Washington Street
- 1-3pm: Meet a Real Reindeer - 1887 Building Lawn (Washington St. Across from the Ski Tree)
- 1-3pm: Cookie decorating at Cupcaked Bakery- Balloons Restaurant
- 2-3:45pm: Interactive Children's Activities & meet Santa - Wingate by Wyndham
- 10am-7pm: Stores Open - Hours Vary by Store
- All Day: 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt: Participating Locations

SUNDAY DECEMBER 1ST

- 10-11am: Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa - Mill St. Sports Pub **Donations will be accepted for the Ellicottville Food Pantry Non-perishable items/ cash*
- 11-1pm: Cookie decorating at Cupcaked Bakery- Balloons Restaurant
- 11-11pm: Skate with Santa's Elves - Daily City Train
- 11:30-1pm: Interactive Children's Activities & meet Santa- Wingate by Wyndham
- 12-3pm: Face painting - Taqueria
- 1-3pm: Horse and Wagon Rides - Katy's Café- Washington Street
- 1-3pm: Meet a Real Reindeer - 1887 Building Lawn (Washington St. Across from the Ski Tree)
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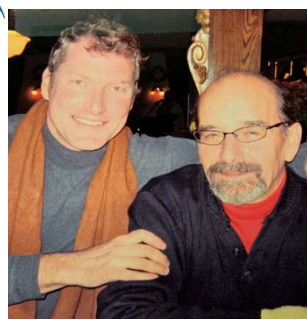


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Familiar Faces: Steve Christie (former Kicker for the Buffalo Bills), Rick Meister, Pam (Neal) Mathews, Mike with his wife Sally Nickolson at the 40th anniversary.

Silver Fox

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and creative pasta dishes with extraordinary sauces.

The Nickolsons will be hosting the 50th anniversary of The Silver Fox with a party on Friday, December 13th from 6-9pm. You are invited to join them for a drink and an assortment of lovely

appetizers. Currently, the Silver Fox is open on Wednesday, Thursday, 4:30- 9pm and Friday and Saturday, 4:30- 10pm. The bar opens at 4:30pm, and dinner is served starting at 5pm. Convenient parking is at the front door at 23 Hughey Alley. To check their holiday scheduling, find them on Facebook or at their website at www.silverfoxrestaurant.com.



The only and only Bruce Pollock worked there for a stint too!

Irish X-Mas

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to see people return year after year. The generosity of our community is always overwhelming and somewhat magical."

Katy comments how it's interesting how the event seems to keep circling back to include Bob's original handiwork. "Every year it seems to circle back," laughs Katy. "The raffle usually includes one of Bob's beautifully crafted wooden birdhouses or chairs. These items seem to keep returning and circling back through the auction every few years. It's really great to see Bob's spirit through his work; you can always tell a Bob McCarthy."

For more information visit bobmccarthyfoundation.com and stop down to Ellicottville Brewing Company on December 6th from 6-10pm and celebrate with good people for a good cause.

IRISH CHRISTMAS UPDATE FROM THE BOB MCCARTHY FOUNDATION - EBC brew master Dan Minner has created a special brew & the traditional McCarthy Irish Red to commemorate the legend at his event. A champagne toast and great red and white wine from the Winery of Ellicottville for those so inclined. Come hungry as the "Taste of Ireland" feature special dishes served up by local restaurants: Katy's (Guinness Irish Stew), Madigan's (Guinness

Mack & Cheese), The Silver Fox (Bangers & Mash, Villaggio's (Rueben Pasta) & Dina's (Tom's Irish Cream Bread Pudding). Believe it or not each of the food & bar items listed above can be had for a small donation of \$5 each, with all proceeds helping the Bob McCarthy Foundation.

The live auction which starts at 7:30 pm. is hosted by Brooks Lefebvre. Brooks a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which include some of Bob McCarthy woodworking originals and special creations from Ed Frederickson, Sam Sheehy & others. An exciting Irish basket raffle which will be held in the upper hall featuring some great gifts for all. Erin Cornelius and Brooke Szaicher created this area so all people attending can participate with many lucky winners taking home great gifts for a minimal donation (25 Tickets for \$20). Many local business' have provided great seasonal gifts and the basket raffle has some high value baskets that are sure to please the lucky winners. This year's silent auction has a select number of fabulous gifts that will make your shopping easy for that someone special this year.

This fun event is always the holidays most talked about reflecting the generosity and compassion of our tight knit community as so many turn out to support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this event



EBC brew master Dan Minner (above, left) has created a special brew & the traditional McCarthy Irish Red to commemorate the legend at his event.

serves to raise funds for our main initiatives, which are Santa's Workshop and the Sheriffs' Santa Program. Proceeds also provide funding for our year-round family support services as we strive to level the playing field for those less fortunate in our community.

The Foundation knows that Ellicottville's generous community will open its heart and attend or donate at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate or via snail mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 301, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way!

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

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:



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

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:

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

Bowls

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become bigger and better, by increasing the number of bowls donated as well as more volunteers and attendees. If you want more information about the Empty Bowls Project in Jamestown, you can go to stlukesjamestown.org or Empty Bowls Fundraiser and Lunch on Facebook.

To donate bowls or soup, or if you are interested in volunteering, you can call St. Luke's Church at 716-483- 6405.

There are many other holiday festivities going on in the area on December 7th, but please consider spending even just a few minutes of your time attending the Empty Bowls Project at St. Luke's Church. You can get some of your Christmas shopping done, or just go in and join

them for a delicious and affordable lunch while helping support this worthy cause.

Remember that The Empty Bowls Project is a full circle community event. The generosity of the artists, volunteers, and attendees show how little acts of kindness and generosity can fill the bowls of many, especially during the holiday season when everyone deserves to have a full bowl.



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Natalee Leiper and Ande Northrup were named to the ALL-TOURNAMENT Team!

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91 Nonprofits Fundraise during Annual Event

By TYLER VENO



The countdown is on for this year's Cattaraugus Gives, the annual day of giving that unites the community in support of local nonprofits.

Scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, this year's event promises to highlight the generosity of donors and the incredible work of 91 participating nonprofit organizations.

Cattaraugus Gives, hosted by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, is a 24-hour online fundraising event that brings together area nonprofits of any service area, size or mission in friendly competition to celebrate the community's spirit of giving.

Last year, the campaign raised an impressive \$306,567, shattering the marks set in previous years. Cattaraugus Gives has now helped nonprofits raise around \$1.5 million since its inception.

Giving will begin on the cattaraugusgives.org website at 12am. on Tuesday, Dec. 3 and will continue for the next 24 hours.

Donors can help the 91 participating organizations win prizes from a pool of \$21,200 in prizes sponsored by CRCF and a number of area businesses. This year, donors will have the chance to win themselves, as there will be six gift card drawings throughout the day as well as raffles for

a signed Gregory Rousseau mini helmet and a signed Rasmus Dahlin photo. The full prize list can be found at cattaraugusgives.org/prizes.

A number of participating nonprofits have matches and challenges available, which will increase the impact of donors' gifts.

"Cattaraugus Gives is a shining example of what can happen when a community comes together to support its own," said CRCF Executive Director Kirk Windus. "We are excited to see what this year will bring and how these funds will help nonprofits make a difference in the lives of so many."

Donors can visit cattaraugusgives.org to explore participating nonprofits and make their contributions on December 3. Every gift, no matter the

size, helps fuel the collective impact of the Cattaraugus region nonprofits.

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation is the area's supportive, responsive and trusted community foundation. Established in 1994, CRCF is growing good by connecting donors to the causes they care about most in the region. Grants from the foundation support many areas, including education, scholarships, health care, the arts, community development, human service, and youth development. To learn more, call (716) 301-CRCF (2723), email foundation@cattfoundation.org, or visit online at www.cattfoundation.org. CRCF is also on Facebook (facebook.com/cattfoundation) and Twitter (@CattFoundation).

ECS Teacher Honored

Mrs. Farnum Master Teacher



ECS is proud to congratulate Mrs. Leah Farnum on being named to the Winter 2024 Cohort of the WNY Master Teacher Program! Mrs. Farnum successfully navigated a rigorous application process and is one of the 30 educators across the western region to join this prestigious group of teacher leaders. Mrs. Farnum will be working to develop and share expertise in the areas of content and pedagogy, and students' families and communities, with highly skilled educators across WNY. Congratulations, Mrs. Farnum!

Linda's Angels 2024

Jamestown Group Organizes Giving Campaign



Pictured left to right: Josie Constantino, Mary Tyler, Vesna Carlson, Linda Darling, Karen Olson, Jeanette Caprino, Mary Ann Zimmer and Barb Valvo with grand-daughter Chloe. Friends who made donations but were unable to come include, Sue O'Connor, Mary Franklin, Sandy Wicklund, Beth Parkhurst and Toni DeAngelo.....

For the fourth year, Linda Darling of Jamestown, NY has organized a Christmas giving campaign among a number of her friends. Her idea sprang from saying she hopes they can touch other peoples' lives and help give back where the need is high.

She contacted the St. Susan center at 31 Water Street in Jamestown in the Gateway Center. They indicated they do have their current needs listed on their website at <https://stususancenter.org/donate-goods/>.

The group decided to purchase the needed pantry

items and present them together on Tuesday Nov. 26th at 11am at the center.

Linda has made this effort an annual project and hopes it inspires others to do the same at any time during the year. She says "It's a great feeling to give back...and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas!!"

Giving

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all vying to see who could collect the most items while also competing for the best decorated cart—an honor determined by votes from coworkers after the drive concluded. This year, 25 teams across the local healthcare system participated in the annual food drive. The shopping carts were showcased in various locations throughout each hospital

and ambulatory facilities, each creatively designed with unique themes.

"I can't say enough about our staff and the commitment they have to keeping our communities healthy as well as helping to fight food insecurity in our region," said Joseph Fuglewicz, Marketing Director, Twin Tier and Rock Out Hunger Site Captain. "This is my third year serving as site captain and each year we've managed to engage more employees and collect more food items. This annual

food drive has such an immense impact locally and regionally."

The total amount of food items collected throughout the healthcare system was over 4,000 items as well as cash donations. All items collected in Olean were distributed to local food pantries through FeedMore WNY. The food items collected at BRMC went directly to Destinations Bradford, Salvation Army Food Pantry and the YWCA Homeless and Victim Resource Centers in Bradford.

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Nutcracker

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helping to make this ballet continue in Jamestown.

To attend this year's performances, you can purchase tickets online at reglenna.com or by calling the Reg Lenna Box Office at 716-484-7070. This is a very popular show, so purchase your tickets now

before the ballet gets sold out. You can also call this number to arrange groups for the school performance on December 6th.

The Nutcracker ballet, presented by the Chautauqua Region Youth Ballet, is an amazing timeless Christmas tradition that has been entertaining audiences in the area for many years. From the professional guest artists to the youngest cast members, they all rehearse

for weeks in preparation to put on a mesmerizing ballet for the audiences. The Nutcracker is magical and exhilarating, and the music sets the mood for each dance scene that tells the story. Whether it's your first time seeing The Nutcracker or if you have had the privilege of experiencing this ballet previously, you are sure to enjoy the magical ballet of The Nutcracker.

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Desi Arnez stands atop a Jamestown Fire Department hose truck in February of 1956 for a parade Celebrating the Premier of the M.G.M. movie "Forever Darling".

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