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## Area Events

- LIGHT UP CASSADAGA**  
Saturday, December 7  
Cassadaga, NY

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- SATURDAY WITH SANTA**  
Saturday, December 7  
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- SILVER BELLS SANTA PARADE**  
Saturday, December 7 • 6-8pm  
Salamanca, NY

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- JINGLE BELL JUBILEE**  
Friday, December 13  
4:30-8:30pm in Olean, NY

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- SILVER BELLS SANTA PARADE 2024**  
Saturday, December 7 • 6pm  
Salamanca, NY

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- DEMO DAY @ HOLIDAY VALLEY**  
Saturday, December 14  
9am-3pm in Ellicottville, NY

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- CHRISTMAS STROLL**  
Saturday, December 14  
Throughout Village of Ellicottville NY

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- "WE LIVE IN TIME"**  
Wednesday, December 11  
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- THE WIZARD OF OZ**  
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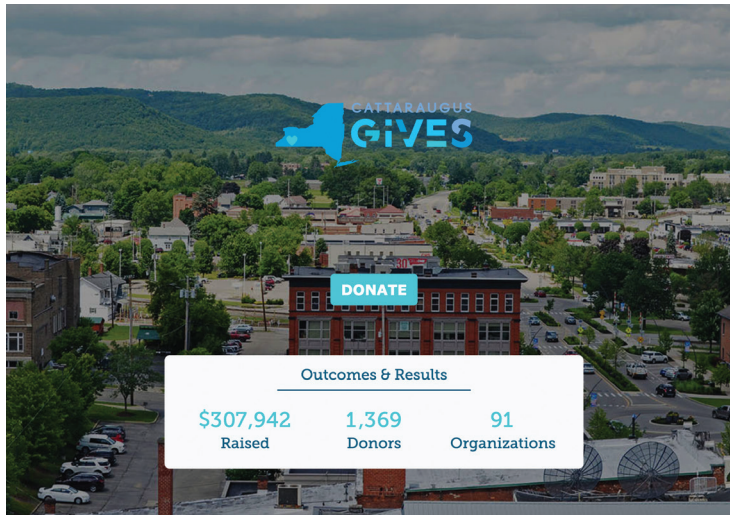
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## Cattaraugus County Gives Big Annual Giving Tuesday Event Breaks Records



This year, 96 nonprofits registered, just beating last year's record 95 registered agencies. 91 organizations received donations, setting a record for the most organizations receiving gifts. ([www.cattaraugusgives.org](http://www.cattaraugusgives.org))

By KATE BARTLETT

This year marks the 8th annual Cattaraugus Gives charity event, traditionally held on

Giving Tuesday, the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. This 24-hour giving event supports

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## A Christmas Stroll, 2024

Ellicottville's 36 Year Continued Tradition



Celebrate the Holiday Season with a Living Nativity, complete with a camel, all in the Village of Ellicottville next Saturday, December 14, 2024. The Ellicottville A Christmas Stroll was created in 1987 by a group of citizens who wanted to organize such an event in the village. After brainstorming over coffee, it was decided that they wanted a live nativity scene with children dressed as angels and shepherds, who walked around the village and met at the gazebo. There, the baby Jesus was presented and caroling presided. The tradition has continued on for the past 36 years.

## The Roycroft Library Bar Newly Reopened and ReImagined



The Library Bar was the first bar at The Roycroft, opening in the 1930's, with The Lounge and Ali Baba's Bar in the basement opening in the 70's.

By KATE BARTLETT

The Roycroft Library Bar recently reopened under new ownership, with a newly expanded and reimagined bar menu. The new Library Bar offers increased bar and table seating in their signature Roycroft style.

The Roycroft has always been

a pillar in the East Aurora community. Established in 1897 with Elbert Hubbard, a legendary man with a vision who founded the American Arts and Crafts Movement in East Aurora, NY. For more than 20 years, the Roycroft Campus was a center for

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## Welcome Back to The White Inn

Newly Renovated Fredonia Landmark



Co-owners Steve St. George and Chef Devon Jones purchased the property in 2021 and have been working tirelessly at renovating and reconstructing the building.

By KATE BARTLETT

The White Inn, a landmark in Fredonia since 1868, recently reopened after nearly 2 years of renovations. Now under new ownership, this beautifully restored hotel offers 25 individually decorated guest rooms offering a combination of historic charm and restful

rejuvenation in a convenient location.

Mike Ferguson, Mayor of Fredonia, spoke to the importance of the renovation of this landmark, and remarked how he feels fortunate to be mayor when it reopened. "We knew when developer Steve

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## Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

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The Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Center is a large studio located at 302 E. Second Street in downtown Jamestown. The building is approximately 14,000 square feet of creative space.

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2024- '25 Season to Begin this Friday, December 6

## Eagan's Regal Evergreens Family Operated Christmas Tree Farm



Gregg and Sheila Eagan began the tree farm with their children nine years ago. This is the first year they are open to the public and invite all to come form lasting memories. The farm is located at 1915 Eden Evans Center Road in Eden NY, just off exit 57A of the NYS-Thruway (I-90), only a short drive from Buffalo and surrounding areas. (Photo of happy customers at the farm.)

By KATE BARTLETT

'Tis the season to be festive, and nothing quite sets the scene for Christmas like a visit to a local Christmas tree farm. Eagan's Regal Evergreens in Eden is celebrating their first season open to the general public, and invites everyone out to create lasting treasured memories.

The Eagan Family first hatched the idea for a Christmas tree farm about 9 years ago during a casual family conversation. "It was really the kid's idea," says Gregg Eagan, part-owner and

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## Innovation Through Tradition Explore Past & Future of Furniture Making



Millspaw at work in his home studio and a prototype chair for the exhibit at Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown, December 13.

By MILES HILTON

Next Friday, head to Pearl City Clay House (220 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) in Jamestown for an exploration of the past, present, and future of the art of woodworking and furniture making. A new exhibit, "Innovation from Tradition: a modern interpretation of Jamestown's furniture making legacy" will open on December 13th, from 6-8pm. A Q&A with the artist, woodworker Brian Millspaw, will be held in the space on December 14th, from 1-4pm. Millspaw is owner of Millspaw

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*"Here's to You and the New Year too!"*



in 2023 while determining what we set forth for the year ahead. It is a time of company and family parties, a time to appreciate what we have and imagine something new. Over the past few years, we have all reimagined our lives and so many creative opportunities have blossomed from that. After all, necessity is the mother of invention. What amazing things have you brought into fruition over the past few years? If you have an inspiring story

you would like to share about you or someone you know, please drop us a line, we would love to share it with our readers. We are always looking for writers, contributed stories, and ideas; log on to [www.thevillager.com](http://www.thevillager.com) and click the "General Submission" tab, email [info@thevillager.com](mailto:info@thevillager.com) or call 716-699-2058.

We are approaching the new year and recounting what we have accomplished

## Happy Birthday

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## Hamburg Fairgrounds Festival of Lights

Celebrating 20 Years of Holiday Celebration



unique bar experience, or stroll the festival while enjoying their beverages."

Finally, it wouldn't be a visit to the Fairgrounds without the food. New menu items will include flights of Kettle Corn creatively coined the "Popcorn Tree-O" and Grinch Holiday Nachos (cinnamon nachos covered in warm sweet apples, whipped cream and Grinch Green sprinkles and a cherry) along with fair-favorites like fried dough, pizza and deep-fried Oreos. Admission is charged per car, so pack the car and bring as many people as you can! "We really do encourage people to bring the whole group," says Alison. "We believe the adage 'the more the merrier' and want to help people celebrate the holiday season."

The Festival of Lights is offering a variety of specials in celebration of their 20th Anniversary. "We want to thank everyone for helping make this festival such a huge success for 20 years, so we want to celebrate with you!"

New this year, The Festival will offer a Silent Night opportunity on December 8th which provides sensory friendly accommodations. Where possible, in the walk-through portion, the sounds and flashing lights will be turned down to create a less stimulating and more inclusive event for those with sensory sensitivities. "We want to make this event enjoyable for everyone. We always look to see what we could do better, how we could better accommodate and be more inclusive; this seemed like a good start."

There are 17 dates for the full experience this season: November 29, 30, December 1, 6-8 and 13-23. The discounted drive through only experience will be offered on December 5, 12, and 26-30 (no walk-

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By KATE BARTLETT  
 This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Hamburg Fairgrounds Festival of Lights, located at 5600 McKinley Parkway, the same location as the Erie County Fair. This festival is a beloved tradition of many who return year after year to make holiday memories. Admission includes the drive through light extravaganza, featuring over 75 light displays, as well as a wide variety of walk-up attractions, with nearly 100 things to see and do.

Alison Bukowski, Chief Marketing Officer for the Erie County Agricultural Society is excited for another great season, a special year celebrating their 20th Anniversary. "It's such a great holiday event for people of all ages," says Alison. We see a lot of families, but it makes a great date night or friends' night out destination as well. We've added a few new attractions this year, some appealing to adults and some for kids."

The event, Western New York's largest holiday light show, kicked off on November 29th with gates opening at 5pm nightly.

On "Full Experience" nights, following the drive-through light displays, guests can visit the walk-through portion including a wide variety of things to see and do. Festival favorites returning this year include the Winter Wonderland Workshop with holiday crafts, cookie decorating, letters to Santa and local Veterans, and a scavenger hunt. The Whoville Express Train Rides gives visitors a merry ride through magical Whoville; also enjoy a dance party with Frosty here at the top of every hour under the lights. The illuminated pixel show returns with an impressive Disney-inspired light show including castles, fireworks and characters synchronized to music, bringing the whole festival to life throughout the night.

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# Jamestown Jingle and Mingle

Holiday Festival and Parade this Saturday

BY DARLENE BRACE



**Jamestown High School students helped the Toys for Tots campaign at last year's Jingle and Mingle event.**

area, and they will be given on a first come first serve basis.

From 3pm-5:15pm, live music will be performed by area band Party McFly. They will play a fun mix of your favorite rock and pop party tunes from the past and present, that will get you moving to the beat and dancing on your feet. After the band finishes, it will be time for the lighting of the Christmas tree ceremony, and it will almost be time for the annual parade. You will have time to get to the parade line up if you are going to be in the parade, or maybe get a quick bite to eat at a downtown spot while waiting to watch the parade. To satisfy that sweet tooth, you might check out the vendors selling kettle corn and cotton candy.

The parade line up will start near Farm Fresh Foods on Third Street around 5:30pm. The parade will start at 6pm and proceed down Third Street all the way to City Hall. This year's theme is Gingerbread and Candyland, and they are expecting over one hundred theme decorated floats to participate. The Grand Marshall of the parade will be Johnny LaMancuso, who will be leading the parade and riding on the Toys for Tots float with his family and friends.

The parade will be approximately two hours long. It will include the Jamestown High School

band, local businesses, and children's interest groups who traditionally throws candy into the crowd that lines the street. Santa is usually on a float toward the end of the parade. Once Santa arrives at City Hall and the parade is finished, there will be a fabulous fireworks display that will light up the night sky at approximately 8pm.

Thousands of people enjoy attending the annual parade along Third Street each year. If you are unable to attend the parade in person, you will be able to watch it starting at 6pm on CCS-TV, the CCS-TV mobile app, and on YouTube.

Mark your calendar and join your family, friends, and the community. Help spread the holiday cheer on December 7th at the Jingle and Mingle Festival and Gingerbread and Candyland Parade. This is a fun and festive community event that has a variety of activities for the whole family to enjoy. The activities are free, and it's a great way to get into the Christmas spirit. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will be open for extended hours, and there is plenty to do to keep your family entertained all day and into the evening.

For more information and updated schedule of events, go to Collaborative Children's Solutions on Facebook.

## Infinity Visual and Performing Arts

Student Driven Arts Community Continual Growth

BY DARLENE BRACE



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organized in collaboration with the Arts Council. Initially it was called the Infinity Performing Arts Project. It has since been renamed and relocated, but it has been at its current location since 2014. As years went by, more programs were offered, and dance and all the arts were included. What began in 1998 in a parent's living room with a small group of talented young musicians has evolved many times into what it is today.

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The space is warm and inviting and is decorated with some of the students' art hanging on the walls. The studio comes to life when you witness children expressing their creative talents in various ways. Infinity is student driven, and their interests and dreams are of upmost importance. They can pursue any interests they have in expressing their creativity. In fact, the

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## Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas 2024

By THE EVL ELF

The 19th Annual Bob McCarthy Irish Christmas will take place this Friday, December 6 at 6pm at the Ellicottville Brewery in Ellicottville, NY. All proceeds from special beer and wine sales will go to the Bob McCarthy Foundation programs through the generous support of EBC and Ellicottville Winery.

Let it snow! Adding to the fun for you at this year's Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, Brew Master Dan Minner has created a special draft along with the traditional McCarthy Irish Red to commemorate the legend at his event. Come hungry as the "Taste of Ireland" features special dishes served up by local restaurants: Katy's (Guinness Irish Stew), Madigan's (Guinness Mack & Cheese), The Silver Fox (Bangers & Mash), Villaggio's (Pasta & Meatballs – said with an Irish accent) & 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.

If that was not enough, the event held in EBC's great beer hall kicks off at 6pm featuring an energetic live show from South Buffalo, Crikwater. Their up-tempo music conjures scenes of gritty smokey Irish pubs, whiskey, pints of stout, and good craic. You will enjoy the multi-part vocal harmonies, engaging fiddle tunes, and intricate musicianship while chatting to old friends or browsing the extensive Irish Basket Raffle Silent or live auction items.

The Winery is sponsoring a champagne toast to Bob which will be kicked off by Asa on the Bagpipes with great Irish dancers. This will lead into the live auction which starts at 7:30pm, hosted by Brooks Lefebvre. Brooks a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which include a special Bob McCarthy original along with a unique coat



It was Bob McCarthy (pictured) who said "I love doing Irish Christmas which is a night of Irish magic. I don't know how the magic gets there, but it just does. That's the beauty of it." Well last year's event was indeed magical with overwhelming support from our community kicking off the Bob McCarthy's Foundation's funding year with the largest proceeds in our 18-year history. If you can't attend you can donate to the cause at [www.bobmcCarthy-foundation.com/donate](http://www.bobmcCarthy-foundation.com/donate) or via the mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 301, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way!

rack from Ed Frederickson and a beautiful hand-crafted bench from Sam Sheehy of the Winery. Sally and Mike Nickolson have donated their fabulous 2-bedroom Florida condo and Hughey Dunn's Rustic table is always sought after by furniture dealers. All auction items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item in keeping with the long tradition. A small Silent auction has been added this year with some great gifts for that special someone. The Irish basket raffle which will be held in the upper room of the hall is the creation of Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szaicher & Mila Clauss, so all people attending can participate with many lucky winners taking home great gifts for a minimal donation (20 Tickets for \$20). Many local business' have provided great seasonal gifts and you can get a sneak peek as many live Auction items and the Irish basket raffle choices are shown on the Foundation website at [www.bobmcCarthy-foundation.com/events](http://www.bobmcCarthy-foundation.com/events). Admission is free so just come to browse if you like, but I know you will be caught up in the excitement.

This fun event is always the holidays most talked about, reflecting the generosity and compassion of our tight knit community as so many turn out to

support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this event serves to raise funds for our main initiatives, which are Santa's Workshop and the Sheriff's Santa Program. Proceeds also provide funding for our year-round family support services as we strive to level the playing field for those less fortunate in our community.

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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 6th at 6pm at EBC will be one you won't want to miss.

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## "The Polar Express" in Fredonia

Free Presentation this Saturday at Opera House

FREDONIA – The 1891 Fredonia Opera House Performing Arts Center and Festivals Fredonia will present the animated feature film "The Polar Express" on Sat., Dec. 7, at 4 p.m. Sponsored by Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union as part of the Miracle on Main Street celebration in Fredonia, admission to the film is FREE.

In "The Polar Express," the Academy Award-winning team of Tom Hanks and director Robert Zemeckis ("Forrest Gump," "Cast Away") reunite for an inspiring adventure about a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary magical train ride to the North Pole. In doing so, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who believe.

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the film's release this year, "The Polar Express" is based on the beloved Caldecott Medal children's book by Chris Van Allsburg. The film combines classic storytelling with a highly advanced version of motion capture technology developed and tailored to meet Zemeckis'



uncompromising vision. It was the first feature film ever to be shot entirely in this format. Rated PG for fantasy adventure action, "The Polar Express" runs 99 minutes. Free admission tickets are available only at the door on the afternoon of the show. Seating is limited to 400; and patrons are reminded that there is no food or drink allowed in the Opera House, and that all children must be accompanied by an adult. The Opera House is equipped with assistive listening headsets for the hearing-impaired. Simply request one from any usher or Opera House staff member.

The 1891 Fredonia Opera House is a member-supported not-for-profit performing arts center located in Village Hall in downtown Fredonia. For a complete schedule of events, visit [www.fredopera.org](http://www.fredopera.org). Festivals Fredonia is comprised of a group of committed volunteers who aim to contribute to a high quality of life in Fredonia and surrounding communities by presenting lively, varied recreation and cultural opportunities to Village and area residents. For the full schedule of Festivals events, visit [www.FestivalsFredonia.org](http://www.FestivalsFredonia.org).

# Holiday Valley Opens Season

2024- '25 Ski & Snowboard Season to Begin this Fri. Dec. 6



Holiday Valley is thrilled to announce they will be opening for the 2024-25 ski & snowboard season this Friday, December 6 at 9m. Night skiing also begins on Friday so lifts will run until 10pm.

Snowmaking efforts continue to go strong and if the weather forecast holds, we plan to open with the following lifts running (the number of slopes is still TBD): 1) Mardi Gras 6, 2) Yodeler, 3) Tannenbaum, 4) Creekside.

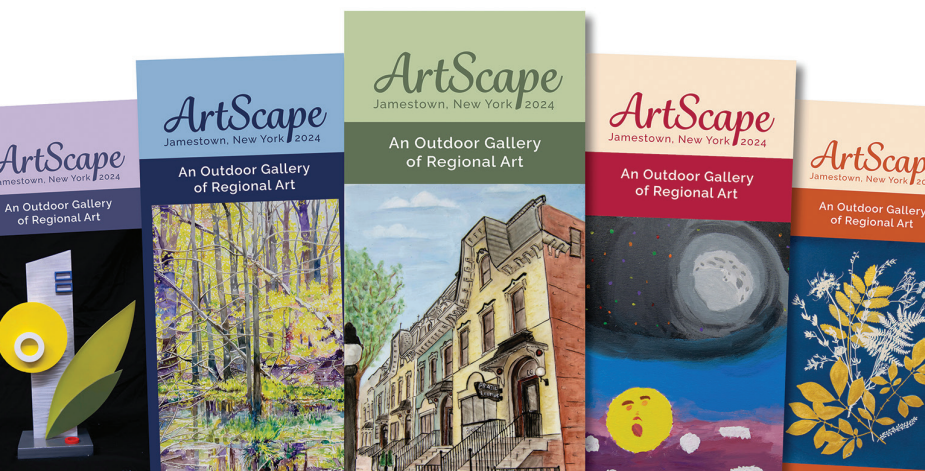
Stay tuned for more updates. We can't wait to see you on the slopes.

## ArtScape Jamestown Opens

2025 Call for Artists and Sponsors

# ArtScape

Jamestown, New York



ArtScape Jamestown invites local artists to submit their work for the 2025 ArtScape public art program through February 24, 2025.

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation is partnering with Chautauqua Art Gallery, Pearl City Clay House and the City of Jamestown Parks Department to create an outdoor public art gallery in downtown Jamestown, N.Y. Artists of all ages who live in Chautauqua County or within 35 miles of Jamestown are invited to participate in this juried art competition.

Selected works are reproduced on banners that hang on light posts throughout the downtown area.

Chautauqua Art Gallery, on Main Street in downtown Jamestown, supports this program as the host sponsor, displaying the original works of art and coordinating artists and banner production. We are excited to have Pearl City Clay House join our partnership this year as a co-host for the original art show.

ArtScape aims to create an outdoor gallery experience in the heart of the community. The colorful banners add interest and intrigue to

the downtown streetscape, encouraging pedestrians and vehicle traffic to slow down and enjoy the display. Each banner showcases local artists, highlighting the creativity and talent of artists who live and work in the region.

Interested artists may submit up to three works for consideration to the Jamestown Renaissance Corporation. A jury of arts professionals will select 58 pieces to be included in the 2025 program. The chosen works are professionally photographed for display on the banners. Local businesses can sponsor a banner, and the names of the artists and the sponsors are featured on the banners. At the end of the outdoor display, the banners are removed and given to the sponsor, or the sponsor may choose to donate the banner to the artist. The sponsor does not receive reproduction rights to the work. However, they are encouraged to display the banner in their place of business, highlighting their support for enriching the community through public art programs.

Banners will be hung in June of 2025, and a brochure with a walking tour of the banners will be distributed.

In addition to our partnership with Pearl City

Clay House, we are thrilled to announce that six banners have been earmarked for creating a youth category for artists under 18 years old.

"I am proud to see the ArtScape program continue to evolve and am looking forward to sharing our original art show with Pearl City Clay House," said Leslie Calimeri, owner of Chautauqua Art Gallery. As art submissions have increased each year, this partnership will give us more room to display artwork and allow us to create an art walk experience between the two galleries."

"ArtScape is a perfect fit for the mission of Pearl City Clay House, and I am excited to co-host the original art show in 2025," said Deb Eck, PCCH Program Director. We look forward to welcoming artists to our new gallery and introducing even more people to the Clay House.

"This unique program has increased the walkability of downtown while engaging the arts and business communities. We are excited to see the addition of a youth category in 2025 as we work to engage our entire community and bring more visitors to

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# Petit Noel Show & Sale

Art's Café in Springville Presents, December 28



Items at the 2023 Petit Noel Show & Sale. Photo/Barbara Arnstein.

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN  
 The Petit Noel Show & Sale, the highly-anticipated annual event is now at Art's Cafe in Springville until December 28th. The many different kinds of imaginative arts and crafts, on display and for sale, are perfect for gift-giving. They include handy pre-stamped photo notecards, small paintings, ceramic and metal items, ornaments and much more. Every year, dozens of talented local artists who specialize in creating everything from jewelry to fiber arts products proudly bring their original, artistic and decorative items to the cafe. In 2023, fifty artists participated. One artist, whose work is now on display and for sale, creates unusual items that look like the covers of ancient books, from which dragon's eyes seem to be gazing out at the viewer! The already stamped blank flower notecards feature various kinds of lovely flowers, including red roses, purple pansies and pink peonies. Their colorful blooms and buds beautifully convey feelings of friendship, caring and love, making them perfect for a variety of occasions, plus buying

them (each individually packaged card is three dollars, including the bonus stamp) saves you a trip to the post office to purchase postage!  
 During Springville's special annual "Very Merry Main Street" Christmas shopping event, the cafe will surely be thronged with shoppers as it's been every year this event has taken place. Last year it was on November 25th, and this year it's on Saturday, December 14th, from 11am-5pm. To enhance the holiday spirit of the joyous occasion, singers from the Revive Wesleyan Church will be caroling throughout the day, indoors and outdoors, as they walk through the downtown small business district, and at sunset, there will be a tree-lighting.  
 Last year, The Petit Noel Show & Sale was chosen to be placed on a select list of just a dozen recommended holiday markets. It appeared on the list on the "Visit Buffalo Niagara" website, with the added

comments, "Head to this charming village (and visit) Springville's downtown center for handmade and creative wares".  
 Petit Noel and Art's Cafe go together perfectly! Where else can you shop and then sit down, relax and admire artwork, while enjoying delicious food, in a gracious atmosphere? Breakfast is served during "Very Merry" until 4pm, and also gourmet soups and sandwiches. Try some fresh-baked plain and chocolate croissants, or bring home a fresh-baked loaf of bread. Wine, beer and cider are now available, too. The bakery will have sourdough loaves (which are always available there), while the other bread items will include: Cranberry Walnut, Olive & Herb, and Monkey Bread, plus almond croissants, soft pretzels and bagels. Art's Cafe is always open Saturdays between 9am-4pm, as well as on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am-8pm, and it is located at 5 East Main Street, in Springville, NY.

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## Gives

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nonprofits in the area and has raised a cumulative total of \$1,673,124 over the past 8 years. This year, the event raised a remarkable \$296,429 in just one day, Tuesday, December 3.  
 Tyler Veno is the Communications and Fund Development Manager for The Cattaraugus Foundation and is happy to report another incredibly successful year. "Cattaraugus Gives is a great opportunity for the community to come together and support its own local agencies. Historically, it has been a very successful regional day of giving for our community, and this year was no different."

The event started small in 2017, and has grown substantially over the years. "It has become an important event in our community," says Tyler. It brings together area nonprofits of any service area, size, or mission in friendly competition to celebrate the community's spirit of giving. "We encourage all non-profits to register," says Tyler. "We have a wide variety

of organizations ranging from small and local, to large, nationwide agencies, but all have a direct impact on our community."

This year, 96 nonprofits registered, just beating last year's record 95 registered agencies. 91 organizations received donations, setting a record for the most organizations receiving gifts. At the 24-hour mark, 1,355 donors made contributions, totaling \$307,882. This exceeds last year's total of \$306,567, nearly beating the record of \$358,772 set in 2021.

"Every year we are amazed at the generosity that Cattaraugus Gives sparks and this year is no different," says Kirk Windus, Executive Director of The Cattaraugus Foundation. "This is our second-highest total ever for Cattaraugus Gives, and it will be exciting to see the participating nonprofits put these hard-earned funds into action. It is a privilege for CRCF to lead this day of giving each year."

The Giving fundraiser kicks off at midnight on giving Tuesday every year. Donors directly contribute any amount of money online to the cause they wish to support. No amount is too little, it all

adds up to make a big difference. Anyone can donate, including single contributions and larger scale business donations.

This year's prizes totaled \$21,200. As well as a signed Gregory Rousseau mini helmet and a signed Rasmus Dahlin photo. Prizes are awarded hourly once organizations meet a certain criterion, and all that hit their donation requirement are entered in a raffle for further prizes. Additional prizes are awarded for social media campaign and youth enrichment programming.

Cattaraugus Gives demonstrates the power of grass-roots fundraising. "It's truly such a great event and that I'm proud to be a part of," says Tyler. "It's a great opportunity for community to come together and support our non-profits, who have contributed so much to our area."

No matter how big or small the monetary donation, the cumulative effect has a big impact on the community. Cattaraugus Gives is a true celebration of giving.

For more information on visit [cattaraugusgives.org](http://cattaraugusgives.org) or contact Tyler Veno [tyler@cattfoundation.org](mailto:tyler@cattfoundation.org).

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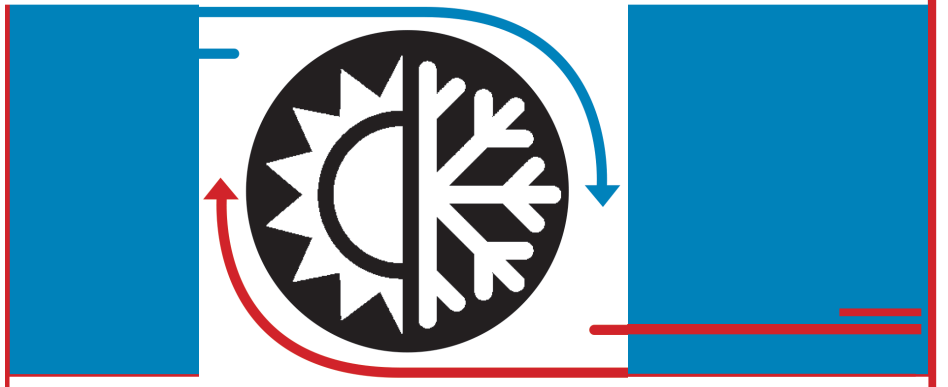
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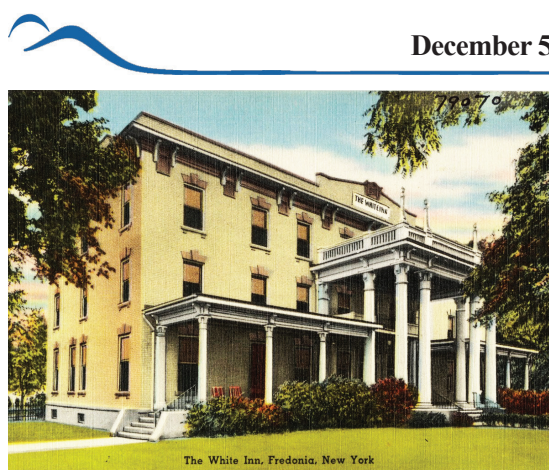
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The façade of the building has been restored to maintain its original appearance, complete with new wooden pillars and an outdoor wrap-around patio. The interior rooms were renovated as close to possible to their original design, but refreshed with modern amenities like flat screen TV's and marble bathrooms.

Whether you're in the mood for a carefully crafted cocktail or something from their unique bar menu, The Library Bar at the Roycroft is the perfect spot to unwind. The food menu offers sharable bites including pizzas and charcuterie. They open daily at 4pm.

## Library Bar

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entrepreneurship, creativity and learning, a hub of activity for over 500 working artisans and craftsman. Today, The Roycroft Inn continues to welcome visitors offering a beautiful destination for an overnight stay, special dining, drinks, or both.

The Library Bar was the first bar at The Roycroft, opening in the 1930's, with The Lounge and Ali Baba's in the basement opening in the 70's.

In April 2023, The Roycroft came under new ownership with Douglas Jemal and Douglas Development. It was a quick decision that one of their first projects would be expanding The Library Bar, as it was cramped and too small to meet the needs of their guests.

The new Library Bar now offers an expanded bar with seating for 10-12, in addition to 4-5 full-service tables. "It's a great space; much more efficient and better utilized," says Isabel Davidson, Bar Manager. "We can now seat and

serve guests at the bar and at tables; it was much needed."

Not only does the space offer increased seating capacity, but it fits into the library area nicely. "The design suits the space," says Isabel. "It's a cozy, relaxing atmosphere with that signature Roycroft style." The back bar was designed and shipped from Washington DC, and the room has wooden accents throughout. Books line the walls and the fireplace completes the room, helping guests relax in the cozy ambiance.

The menu was reimaged as the space is now able to better accommodate guests for both food and beverages. The food menu offered here is exclusive to The Library Bar, offering sharable bites including pizzas and charcuterie. Isabel designs the cocktail menu which rotates seasonally with a selection of 7-8 signature cocktails, in addition to the classic Manhattan, Martini and Old Fashioned. "We keep our staple popular cocktails on the menu year-round," says Isabel. "We use select spirits for these: Black Button Vodka and Gin from a local Rochester distributor."

This winter season, The Library bar will offer 8 festive spirited cocktails, including Winter Eggnog Martini, Hot Butter Rum and a Maple Old Fashioned. "I have fun creating the cocktail menu," says Isabel. "We do our best to blend customer favorites with a seasonal twist." Isabel and the bar staff can also make almost any cocktail upon request, and offer 3 non-alcoholic mocktails that also rotate seasonally.

The Library bar consistently keeps about 6 local beers on tap, one from Wayland Brewing, their signature lager from 42 North, and 4 other local craft brews. "We definitely want to recognize our local brewers," says Isabel. "Especially 42 North, our East Aurora neighbor, who designed a craft brew exclusively available at The Roycroft."

Isabel and the rest of The Library Bar staff have been warmly welcomed by the community since their grand re-opening in October. "Business has been great," says Isabel. "We're much busier and we can accommodate many more guests. The East

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## White Inn

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St. George took on this project that it was in the best of hands. Not only does Steve have the skills and expertise to complete the job, but he's proactive and has a great relationship with the community."

The White Inn has been a beacon in Fredonia for over 150 years, but has been closed for over 10 years, awaiting the right investor. "This building is such an important piece of Fredonia's history," remarks Mike. "We are so happy that it's been renovated and restored to be even better than it was before. It is an important part of the revitalization of downtown Fredonia."

Over the years, The White Inn attracted many visitors to the area from Buffalo, Cleveland, Pennsylvania and beyond. The hotel was a charter member of The Dunkin Hines Family of Fine Restaurants for several years and served many purposes along the Lake Erie Wine trail, as it served as a starting, middle and ending point for many.

Its convenient location made it a popular overnight location for those exploring the Wine Trail for multiple days. "We're hoping to

continue this tradition," says Mike. "We're already had several calls from past visitors awaiting the reopening, looking forward to revisiting."

Co-owners Steve and Chef Devon Jones purchased the property in 2021 and have been working tirelessly at renovating and reconstructing the building. "They've paid very close attention to details, making sure to maintain the historic charm of the building, while adding a few modern touches," says Mike. The construction has already been a great asset to the community as Steve and Devon employed mostly local contractors to complete the job.

The façade of the building has been restored to maintain its original appearance, complete with new wooden pillars and an outdoor wrap-around patio. The interior rooms were renovated as close to possible to their original design, but refreshed with modern amenities like flat screen TV's and marble bathrooms. Guest rooms are arranged on the second and third floors, all are non-smoking and are some pet-friendly.

Thoughtful artwork is displayed throughout the hallways, paying homage to the historical significance of the building

and community. "It's a fun walk down memory lane and a bit of a history lesson admiring the artwork that adorns the halls; it's a great touch," says Mike.

The lobby has been completely refurbished with an expanded 8-foot-long check in counter, complete with Italian marble. The elevators have been updated, and careful attention has been paid to ensure all facets of the hotel are up to code.

The White Inn has always been a place for gathering throughout its years, and this was taken into consideration in the renovations. "We hope The White will continue to be a place for gathering; a place for celebration and milestone occasions," says Mike. The meeting spaces and boardrooms have all been renovated, along with a full reconstruction of the banquet room and kitchen.

The banquet room maintained the original mahogany wood, with refreshing updates to the tables and décor. It now exceeds its original seating capacity, and can host up to 3x as many guests. Chef Devon

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## in Brief

### Musical #18: "Gigi"



Leslie Caron and Louis Jourdan in the movie "Gigi" (1958)

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The musical "Gigi" (pronounced Gee-Gee) began as a 1944 novella by the French author Colette; which became a Broadway play in 1951 (starring then-unknown Audrey Hepburn); a movie musical in 1958 (starring Leslie Caron, who began her performing career as a ballerina); and was last performed on Broadway in 2015, (starring Vanessa Hudgens, who also achieved success as a singer).

"Gigi" takes place in Paris at the turn of the 20th century, and it is about a teenage girl who is being raised by her grandmother. They are friends with a wealthy young man, Gaston, who's become bored with the fancy places he frequents, and most enjoys spending time with Gigi because of her enthusiastic personality. Her great-aunt teaches her things such as how to serve coffee in a graceful manner, and which jewels are the most valuable. Her grandmother and great-aunt expect her to become what both of them were, a courtesan (a woman paid by men to provide companionship, glamour

and other things in their lives) but she's against this idea. When she does agree to have Gaston become her first customer, and goes to a fancy restaurant with him, where everyone always gossips about whatever woman he's with, he realizes how much she means to him, and asks her to marry him, and she accepts.

"Gigi" was nominated for nine Oscars and won all nine, including Best Picture, and Best Screenplay (based on material from another medium). It was filmed in Paris and captures the look of the city at the turn of the century so well that it won Best (Color) Cinematography, Best Costume Design, and Best Set Decoration. Vincente Minnelli (Judy Garland's husband and Liza's father) won for Best Director,

The songs were written by the songwriting team of (lyricist) Alan Jay Lerner and (composer) Frederick Loewe, who'd written "My Fair Lady", the tremendous Broadway hit that won six Tonys (and in 1964, when it was made into a movie, won Best Picture). The title song, "Gigi", won Best Song and the film also won Best Scoring of a Motion Picture. One lively example of their teamwork are these lines from the song "The Night They

Invented Champagne" (sung by Gaston, played by Louis Jourdan): "Let her gush and jabber, Let her be enthused./I cannot remember,/ when I have been more amused". The song "It's a Bore" is a duet, in which Gaston's uncle (played by Maurice Chevalier) tries to encourage his nephew to continue living the hedonistic life he's always lived, but doesn't succeed. In the 2015 Broadway version, which was changed in a number of ways from the movie version, this duet is different. When Gaston sings his part of it, he's not only rejecting his uncle's idle lifestyle, but defending his new interest in science. Although he is at least fifteen years older than Gigi in the movie, he's much closer to her age in this version. Another difference in it is the addition of the song "I Never Want to Go Home Again", which Gigi sings to express her joy at visiting the seashore for the first time.

Fun Fact: After Leslie Caron was chosen to star in the movie, she had to wait for the script to be finished. While she was waiting, she went to London to star in "Gigi" onstage, and wound up marrying its director, Peter Hall. By the time the movie was ready to be shot, the two of them had already had one child, and she was pregnant with their second!

Final Fun Fact: The song, "Say a Prayer For Me Tonight" was originally written for "My Fair Lady".

## Fun Holiday Events for the Christmas Season

BY DARLENE BRACE

Now that the Christmas holiday season is here, let's look to see what family fun holiday events are taking place as well as the live music entertainment in Chautauqua County.

**FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENTS**  
**Friday December 6th** - Before the parade, the **City of Dunkirk** will have a **dance party** with Rudolph at 5:30pm. Then at 6:30pm, the **annual parade** will travel down Central Avenue toward the City Hall.

**Christmas in the Village of Lakewood** begins its three-weekend festival that will include carriage rides, caroling, and shopping. A free showing of Home Alone 2 will be playing on the patio at Group Ther-Happy. The festival continues December 7 with a variety of activities and continues the next two weekends. Go to Lakewood Community Development Corporation on Facebook for more detailed information.

**Saturday December 7th** - The annual **Miracle on Main Street** will be taking place in **Fredonia**. There will be a breakfast with Santa, story time with Santa and Mrs. Claus, vendors, craft making, and more. Go to [festivalsfredonianany.org](http://festivalsfredonianany.org) for a schedule of events.

The **Jamestown Jingle and Mingle Festival** will be from 1pm-5:30pm at City Hall. There will be a wide variety of free family activities such as a magician, carriage rides, character meet and greet, live music from Party McFly, the annual tree lighting and parade, culminating with fireworks around 8pm. There will be **Christmas**

**Wonderland at the Depot in Mayville** starting at 10am. There will be visits with Santa, face painting, vendors, wagon rides, and more. Check out the Facebook page for a list of activities.

**Randolph's Christmas Weekend** on Main Street will be December 7th and 8th. On Saturday, there will be the Holiday Craft Show at Randolph Central School, a magic show at the Randolph Library, and visits with Santa at RAW. There will also be the Light Up the Night Christmas Parade at 7:30pm.

**LIVE MUSIC**

**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**Thursday December 5-** The **Busti Tap House** is happy to host **Jesse James Weston**. Come listen to this talented soloist perform at 7pm.

**Saturday December 7-** **Bill Ward** is a well-known musician in the area, and he is returning to **Big Inlet Brewing**. He will play some of your favorite older tunes as well as some new ones starting at 6pm.

**The Butch Rolle Experience** will be performing at **Wicked Warrens Jamestown** which is the new hotspot for live music is downtown Jamestown. Butch Rolle is a former Buffalo Bill's player and he and his band will play some bluesy music starting at 8:30pm.

**In Fredonia, 64 on the Rocks** welcomes back the band **Sequins**. They play favorite party tunes from the 70's through today's hits, and you will be moving to the beat and maybe dance the night away.

**Osborn Nash** returns to perform at **She Sings Café in Mayville** starting

at 7pm. Enjoy a delicious dinner while listening to this talented duo plays a wide variety of music spanning genres and generations.

The **Busti Tap House** will host **Oldfish- The Trio**, starting at 7pm. They play a variety of older and familiar tunes that is sure to please the crowd.

**Derek Davis** returns to the **Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman**. Come, hang out, and listen to Derek play an eclectic music setlist starting at 7pm.

**Touch of Gray** will be performing at the **Southern Tier Brewery** starting at 5pm. Listen to this talented band play a mix of rock and roll music while you enjoy your favorite Southern Tier beverage.

The **Swamp Yankees** are performing at **MJ's Tavern in Randolph**. The play a little bit of everything and will be entertaining the crowd from 9pm-12pm.

The **101st Union Relief Charity Ball** will be held at **Eason Hall in Westfield**. It will begin with a cocktail hour at 7pm, followed by the ball from 8pm-12pm. Popular area band, the **Porcelain Busdrivers**, will be the entertainment for the evening. The fundraiser's proceeds will give assistance to Westfield's residence in need.

There was quite a diversity of entertainment this weekend, from family fun festivals to some great live music. Next weekend there will be more of the same, so check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

Lake effect has graced us and Holiday Valley will open Friday and there's always music happening in town so let's see who's playing where.

**THURSDAY**  
We start the seven-day weekend on Thursday at Balloons with Burger and Brew and Trivia Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets any burger and any domestic beer with house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm with prizes for first-third place.

The Gin Mill hosts The Chillbillys, Thursday, from 8-11pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/country/ blues set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

**FRIDAY**  
We return to Balloons for The Pat Harrington Trio from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a blues/rock/country set of covers and originals. The back bar will host Tina Williams from 10-1am. She plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers and originals. Dj Andre the Giant Redhead will rock the sound booth with some thumpin for the bumpin from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill will host The Bob Hartle Band from 8-12am. This band plays a country/newgrass/rock set of

covers. Try the latest kitchen in town open till 9pm sun-thurs and 10pm fri-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

Madigans hosts Dj Kage from 9-2am puttin the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk in the window on Washington.

**SATURDAY**  
We're back at The Gin Mill for Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Brian plays a rick/pop/country set of covers. Hintz of Thunder takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays country covers from Cash to current. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Balloons is back with Diyene' (pronounced DNA) from 6:30-10pm. This band plays r&b/blues/jazz/pop covers and originals. Cameron Markott will perform in the back bar from 10-1am. She plays country/pop covers and originals. Dj Lyfe plays some jams so you can shake your gams on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj Kage layin down a groove so you can bust a move from 9-2am. Try the dart board or pool tables or just hang out by the wood stove.

**SUNDAY**  
The Gin Mill brings back The Chillbillys from 1-4pm. Get your game face on or grab a late lunch or early dinner.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta and Prime Rib Special from 4-9pm to accommodate the Bills game. Since there's a game there will be no music this week.

**MONDAY**  
Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings and a nice selection of beers to wash them down with hosted by guess who? The Chillbillys from 6-9pm. There's a reason they're so popular. They're good.

The Gin Mill's Monday musical host is Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a country/rock/bluegrass/grunge set of covers.

**TUESDAY**  
The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo, Tuesday, from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF'er plays folk and blues covers and originals from the 60-70's. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap

**WEDNESDAY**  
We've been ending our seven-day weekend the same for 40+ years at The Gin Mill for Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. Brian Rick is the musical host. Brian plays a rock/pop/country/folk set of covers.

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:

"What was a Dream You Were Mad to Wake Up from?"

BY CHAD NEAL



Levi T.- Seeing my mom for the first time in almost 40 years.

Amanda M.- Flying. It felt so freaking real and amazing to just take off flying at will in the dream.

TJ R.- Waking up down south where it's nice and warm. Happens often!



Sabrina- Some recurring dreams I have are me protecting others. I hate waking up before I win in my dream!

Corey N.- Multiple ones involving the Stanley Cup. Hockey guy cliché.

Jennifer B.- Talking to my dad.

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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!**

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

**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

# Infinity

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Infinity name was chosen to represent the untapped and endless potential of all its members.

Infinity is a non-profit organization, and about half of their revenue comes from grants, and the rest comes from donations, the program fees, sponsorships, and fundraisers. About thirty percent of the students get scholarships from grants that enables some students to attend that otherwise would not be able to.

In 2022, Pearl City Clay House opened as a second location and extension of Infinity, and it is housed in a building across the street. It is a community art space for adults to take part in activities and classes, such as pottery classes as well as painting, crafts, jewelry making and more. There are also activities that your family can enjoy together. You can also just walk in, buy a piece of pottery, paint it yourself, and pick it up all shiny and finished a week or so later. All of the proceeds from Pearl City Clay House are designated to support the youth programming at the Infinity Center.

December is a busy month at the Infinity Center, and they are hosting holiday performances to celebrate. On December 5th, they will have a student holiday recital at 7pm in the Infinity Arts Café. This recital will mostly feature soloists and students new to performing. On December 7th, the Infinity Center as well as the Clay House will be having

The space is warm and inviting and is decorated with some of the students' art hanging on the walls. The studio comes to life when you witness children expressing their creative talents in various ways. Infinity is student driven, and their interests and dreams are of utmost importance. They can pursue any interests they have in expressing their creativity. In fact, the Infinity name was chosen to represent the untapped and endless potential of all its members.

their Seventh Annual Holiday Art Market from 10am-4pm. This is one of Infinity's main fundraising events and over fifteen local artisans will rent spaces to sell homemade crafts. Come and check it out and buy some Christmas gifts for some of those on your list.

Then on December 13th, the Infinity students and instructors will be having their Holiday Kaleidoscope Event at 7pm, and it will be a magical evening of holiday

themed performances. This show is open to the public and there will be a variety of soloists and group performances. The Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Center is a great community resource for children and families to explore their creative talents. If you want more information or are interested in attending classes, call (716) 664-0991. You can also go to infinityperformingarts.org.

# Library Bar

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Aurora community has embraced us, and we're looking forward to a busy holiday season."

In addition to live music every Friday, The Roycroft will also host their annual Lounge Lizard Holiday Spectacular on Thursday, December 19th, featuring

some of the areas most talented local musicians. For more information visit theroycroftinn.com, follow on social media, visit at 40 S. Grove Street in East Aurora, or call (716) 652-5552.

# White Inn

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Jones ensured the kitchen was completely up-to-date, with brick ovens and outdoor refrigeration. "Chef Devon is very well-known in the Chautauqua community, and we're so lucky to have him on this project," remarks Mike. "He has been involved in several projects in the area, and we're looking forward to watching the restaurant

at The White take off." The menu offers a variety of fresh curated dishes, all reasonably priced.

The White Inn plays a key role in the revitalization of Fredonia, and Mike is excited for what's to come. "We're on the precipice of great success," says Mike. "With several new build permits in October, along with the upcoming construction of Brooks Hospital, Fredonia is becoming more of a destination than ever. Fredonia State University has always been a shining

star in our community, but we're also a year-round destination for our Wine Trail, fishing, hunting, hiking and more. We're only 3 miles from the beach in Dunkirk, with several renown historical landmarks, I invite everyone to come rediscover Fredonia."

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# ArtScape

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Renaissance Corporation. is February 24, 2025

Interested artists and those interested in sponsoring a banner can find information and an application at https://www.jamestownrenaissance.org/artscape/ The deadline for both artists and sponsorship

The Jamestown Renaissance Corporation is a non-profit and public-private partnership focused on downtown redevelopment and neighborhood revitalization.

# Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"

Montana has three times as many cows as it does people.

**Classified****PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE - PUBLIC HEARING, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** - Please take notice that the Village Board will hold a Public Hearing on December 17th, 2024, at 6PM. All speakers will have 3 minutes, ALL who attend will be able to speak. However, Please note, that only Village taxpayers, Village Residents and/or Renters (renting and living in the Village) will have standing with the Board.

The hearing is to provide Village Residents/Renters & Taxpayers with the opportunity to speak on the following items: • Cannabis Dispensary • Sewer Rates • Short Term Rental permit fee increase and a set Annual Permit License Calendar.

Date: December 17, 2024 (Tuesday) Time: 6:00PM Location: Town Center Auditorium, 28 Parkside Drive Ellicottville, NY 14731

**TOWN OF MANSFIELD PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town of Mansfield Planning Board has scheduled Public Hearings Pursuant to the Mansfield Subdivision Regulations Article III, Section 2.E. Chris Liberti requests Planning Board approval for a proposed Minor Subdivision of the property (46.001-1-9.6) at 7251 Kent Rd. Said Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road. - *Margaret Puszcz, Planning Board Chair*

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**From Bryan's Brain**

**The property has been in the Eagan family for generations. Now their son Lincoln, along with his girlfriend Sheridan Forster, live on the property, keeping family tradition alive.**

**Evergreens**

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operator of the farm. "I grew up on this farm, as it was my grandmothers, and I always wanted it to stay in the family. When she passed, we purchased the property, and were brainstorming ideas on what we could do with the land. The kids thought it'd be fun to start a Christmas tree farm, so we did."

That spring, the Eagan family, Gregg and his wife Sheila along with their 5 children (Dwight, Adele, Chase, Lincoln and Aubrey) bought about 500 seedlings, and the whole family chipped in to help plant, digging all by shovel. "We learned as we went," says Dwight. "It was hard work, and it still is, but we enjoy it and we do it together. It's rewarding work."

The farm now offers 9 varieties of Evergreen trees on their 50-acre farm, including Canaan Fir, Concolor Fir, Fraser Fir, Black Hill Spruce, Balsam Fir, Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, Douglas Fir and White Pine. Most trees are planted around 4 years old, and take about 8 years to mature from planting. "If you're looking at a 6- or 7-foot-tall tree, it's probably about 12 years old," says

Gregg. Some of the first trees the Eagan family planted are now their best trees.

The Eagan's have sold to family and friends over the past few years, but are open to the general public for the first time this year. "It's very exciting to share this with everyone," says Dwight. "It's been a lot of work, but these moments during our opening weekend have been so fulfilling. We're so honored to be a part of people's family traditions, and we don't take that for granted."

The farm is located at 1915 Eden Evans Center Road in Eden NY, just off exit 57A of the NYS-Thruway (I-90), only a short drive from Buffalo and surrounding areas. In addition to over 13,000 trees, the farm also offers a few other farm experiences, including a flock of sheep, cows, turkeys and their friendly farm dog. "Our guests can expect a full farm experience," says Dwight. "Our whole family is on site to help assist as needed, whether it be guiding to find the right tree, cutting the tree, or getting it on your car; we're here to help you with whatever you might need."

Gregg always hoped his grandmother's property would stay in the family, and is grateful to see it evolve into what it's become. "I'm so proud to be here, operating this Tree

Farm with my family," says Gregg. "It's hard labor, but it's a family-centered activity." He's also honored that his son, Lincoln, along with his girlfriend Sheridan Forster, live on the property, keeping family tradition alive. "It was always my wish that one of my children would keep this farm running, and I'm so proud that Lincoln is doing that. He's in school to become a veterinarian, all while farming and raising animals on the property."

Eagan's Tree Farm is a family farm in every sense. "We are family owned and operated, and we're here on the farm to help your family have a great experience, find the right tree, and make holiday memories together. It's a special moment when you pick your Christmas tree, and we love seeing people come back year after year."

Eagan's Regal Evergreens will be open this Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th from 10am-5pm and they invite everyone to experience the farm. "Come out and create lasting treasured memories with your loved ones choosing and cutting down your fresh beautiful Christmas tree. We can't wait to see you!"

For more information, follow on Facebook, email? Or stop down to the farm located at 1915 Eden Evans Center Road in Eden, just off the 57A Exit of the I-90.

entering furniture factories, Millspaw uses his "own practice after hours to level up" his professional skills. Conversely, the replicability of factory furniture construction inspired his approach to this solo show, which will feature chairs made by Millspaw, as well as those from Jamestown's furniture-making past.

"I'm interested in chairs mostly because they are the most difficult of any kind of furniture," says Millspaw. Compared to pieces such as cabinets or tables, which feature mostly right angles, "a chair is a lot more of a challenge." Additionally, says Millspaw, "it's the only type of furniture that you really touch a lot [...] you interact with it constantly, and there's way more forces applied." This leads to certain design constraints, such as stretchers between the legs of a chair to help manage the applied forces, that Millspaw is always seeking to circumvent. This exhibit will showcase a new innovation that allows him to remove

stretchers altogether, as well as deeply curved designs that took him several tries to perfect.

Unlike some of Pearl City Clay House's past, more traditional art exhibits, Millspaw isn't hoping to represent anything with his work except for "some idea, and doing whatever it takes to make it real." "There's a visual idea that I had and I didn't want to give up on it" despite multiple failed attempts, he insists, "I wasn't gonna compromise."

Millspaw uses mostly local woods in his work, and takes inspiration from the material. Chairs, with their curves and lack of flat planes, are the "epitome of what wood wants to be." As the exhibit, with it's juxtaposition of tradition and modernism, shows craftspeople are always perfecting new ways to work with the material. This is what inspires Millspaw most. "Am I always looking for some way to push the limits?" he asks, and without waiting for an answer, says "yes, yes."

of Lights for an evening full of holiday festivities. "The Festival offers such a wide variety of holiday activities in one location. There're so many things to see and do; it's almost a new experience every time. We love bringing back family favorites, and building upon

them, offering the element of surprise and delight of something new each year."

For more information and full schedule of events, visit FairgroundsHoliday.com and follow on Social Media for updates. Tickets must be purchased online in advance.

**Lights**

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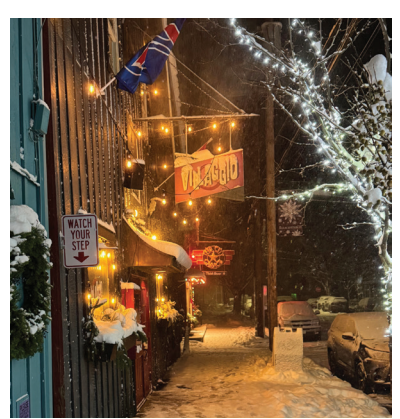
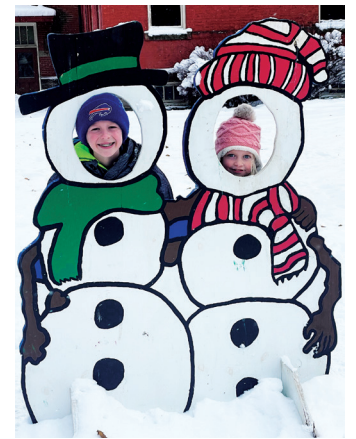
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