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HoliMont Ski Area Opens Saturday

Excellent Conditions Predicted for Dec. 14, 2024



By KATE BARTLETT

The much-anticipated HoliMont opening day is this Saturday, December 14th. According to Travis Widger, Snowsports Director, the conditions are going to be great, and the HoliMont team is more than ready for a great ski season. "We are excited to welcome the ski community back this year," says Travis Widger. "We're looking forward to welcoming back our members, as well as the general public."



HoliMont is open to members and the general public Monday-Friday, members only Saturday and Sunday. This opening weekend, 3 chairlifts will be in operation: Cascade, Grasshopper and Exhibition. With recent upgrades to their snowmaking equipment, HoliMont will be able to open slopes quicker, and keep them in prime condition. Competitive sports start next weekend, December 21st, with snowsports starting Dec. 27th.

Ellicottville Christmas Stroll

37 Years of Tradition Continues this Saturday



The Christmas Stroll has blossomed into a magical winter holiday event, hosted by The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and brought to life by the children of our community," says Gwen. "From the youngest participants like Baby Jesus, who is often six months old or younger, to high school students, everyone has a role."

By KATE BARTLETT

The Ellicottville Christmas Stroll has been a favorite tradition for 37 years. It was inspired by a group of women in the community who wanted to create a festive, meaningful

holiday tradition for families of Ellicottville to enjoy together. This year, the event will take place on December 14th. As always, it is free and open to the public.

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Up Close & Personal: Jenna Robino

Local Freelance Artist with Nationwide Experience



Jenna Robino (pictured filming a national commercial) is a multi-faceted artist with experience throughout the country. She recently moved back to Chautauqua County this year to help her mother Julie, with her art gallery bar and event venue off Main Street in Downtown Westfield, Annex 25 (Annex25.com).

By Kate Bartlett

Chautauqua resident Jenna Robino has lived and worked all over the country, but finds inspiration to fuel her inner artist

in every day occurrences. She is a multi-faceted artist with experience in theatre, acting, production, hospitality, film,

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Chautauqua Co. Industrial Dev.

2024 in Review and Looking Forward to Year Ahead



Three projects receiving CCIDA support focused on hospitality and service industry businesses: Wicked Warren's in Jamestown, Hideaway Bay Resort in Silver Creek, and The White Inn in Fredonia. These projects continue to make Chautauqua County a destination for tourism, as they attract visitors with their unique offerings. Wicked Warren's, which opened in July of this year, is located in a prime location inside the former Jamestown Brewing Company, and features craft brewing, a restaurant, a banquet facility, and more. The total estimated cost of the project was \$2.35 million and resulted in the creation of 40 jobs. The CCIDA provided both a loan and tax abatements to help ensure this project became a reality. (See Story "CCIDA", Page 7.)

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Performing at the Reg Lenna in Jamestown, Dec. 14



This weekend, the Reg Lenna invites you to go back in time to the 1920's New Orleans Jazz scene that was the inspiration for Squirrel Nut Zippers.

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Rediscovering Buffalo: The Blackthorn Classic Irish South Buffalo Pub & Restaurant



By KATE BARTLETT

The Blackthorn, located on Seneca Street in South Buffalo, is a quintessential Irish Pub and Restaurant. With a full-service bar and restaurant, igloo dining, outdoor beer garden and banquet rooms, the Blackthorn offers plenty of space to gather. They believe the people are the heart of the pub, and strive to convey South Buffalo's character in their neighborhood pub.

Since 1976, The Blackthorn has been operating as an Irish Pub, originally under the name Early Times Tavern. Upon changing ownership in 1994, the name changed to The Blackthorn Pub, offering casual pub fare with a friendly, neighborhood smile. Current proprietors Pat Lalley and Larry "Hugger" Admy took ownership in 2006, from Danny Nostrant. Danny had owned the restaurant with Kevin Lalley, Pat's brother, who suddenly passed away in 2002. Pat, also a Buffalo firefighter and currently

SEE "BLACKTHORN" PAGE 7

The Reg Lenna CFA Steadfast Leader of Arts & Entertainment



In 2023, the Reg Lenna celebrated its 100th year, with a year filled with celebratory events. The Reg Lenna takes pride in continuing to focus on quality programming of all the arts, films, and live programs for the community.

By DARLENE BRACE

The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts in downtown Jamestown has become a prominent venue leading in the arts and entertainment in the area for almost a century. Originally it was called the Palace Theater, which first opened its doors Feb 5, 1923. It hosted events like vaudeville acts, silent movies, and plays. This continued for decades, adding attractions; concerts and "talkie" movies. In 1956, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz's premier of Forever Darling was shown here, and Lucy and Desi came for this premier.

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Publisher's Word

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year..."



It is indeed the most wonderful time of the year. We live in a virtual snow globe and we know how to make the most

of it! From skiing and snowboarding to holiday parties and entertaining, whether you are snuggling in, our playing in the great outdoors in Western New York, we know how to appreciate our elements. The Holidays are here and many of us are well prepared with our plans. If you still have a few last-minute gifts to buy or outings to plan, you are in the right place. You can ski, shop, dine and catch a party any day here. If you're looking for some festive ideas look no further than these pages of The Villager. We enjoy working each week to gather the information that can help you fill your schedule. If you have an event or business, you think our readers would appreciate knowing about, please drop us a line; we are always pleased to spread a good word. It's simple: log on to www.thevillager.com and click the "General Submissions" tab and we will get right back to you! We look forward to hearing from you!

Until next week, enjoy the read and the ride!
Yours in writing, *Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Ellicottville Fire Company Installation of Officers Last Weekend



By Jeanne M Brown

The Ellicottville Fire Department would like to extend a THANK YOU! To the following local businesses who contributed wonderful door prizes; Holiday Valley • M & T Bank • Fitzpatrick & Weller Inc. • Mud Sweat & Gears • Ellicottville Winery • Anew Beginning • Dina's • Al Swift • Gado Gado • Ellicottville

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Cantata Choir Concerts this Sunday

Cattaraugus County Unites for Two Free Concerts



By ANNETTE IEDA

Forty singers from the communities of Michias, Springville, Salamanca, Cattaraugus, Ellicottville, East Aurora, Great Valley, and Little Valley have been rehearsing since October 20th under the direction of Annette Ieda to present two free Christmas Concerts on Sunday, December 15th to share the story of Christ's birth through some of the oldest Carols ever written. This year's Cantata is called "A Blest Messiah Born" by Larry Shakley. Besides the adult choir, there will be a children's choir singing "The Friendly Beasts." Some of the songs are over 900-years old, and

still being performed, such as "The Wexford Carol," and "Lo How a Rose." This is Mrs. Ieda's 12th year to direct the group. She willingly became the conductor after Marsh Barlow became ill. "It is always the highlight of my Christmas Preparations to rehearse these fine musicians" she stated. "I feel it has bought spiritual growth to all of us just learning the words and singing together the songs that highlight the different events that lead to the birth of Jesus." We just need an audience now so that we can share our music and the spirit of love that prevails throughout these beautiful songs. Mark your calendar for Dec. 15. The afternoon concert

will be at the Riverside Chapel in Salamanca at 3pm. The program and refreshments will conclude by 4pm and the musicians will travel to the Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville to present a 7pm program followed again by refreshments in the church hall. Also featured at the HNM church will be a collection of 200 Creche Scenes donated by church members and artfully arranged in the church hall by the HNM Rosary Club. These can be viewed following the concert. Donations from both concerts will be gratefully accepted to pass on to the local food pantries of Salamanca and Ellicottville.

Reg Lenna

CONT. FROM COVER

By the early 1980's, the theater was in desperate need of renovations. Some residents, the Jamestown Urban Renewal Agency, and the Gebbie Foundation, worked together to begin the renovations. Some performances were still held at the theater as a source of revenue. Around this time, The Palace Theater was renamed The Palace Civic Center. For years, funds were raised, and most renovations were completed by the late 1980's. Local philanthropists Reginald and Elizabeth Lenna gave a very generous donation toward these renovations, and the theater was renamed as the Reg Lenna Civic Center in 1990.

In 2014, the theater was renamed again to The Reg Lenna Center for the Arts as it's called today. During the next few years, more renovations were completed. In 2023, the Reg Lenna celebrated its 100th year, with a year filled with celebratory events. The Reg Lenna takes pride in continuing to focus on quality programming of all the arts, films, and live programs for the community.

The Reg Lenna is a 1,165-seat theater, and this year new seats were installed. It also includes a multimedia arts studio and the WRFA-LP 107.9 FM community radio station. The building features an array of spaces that can be rented out for private gatherings and programs including parties, gallery shows, weddings, and workshops, and it is often utilized by many community organizations.

Throughout the years, "The Reg" has hosted incredible live events, including concerts, national touring acts, plays, and movies on the



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big screen. Local groups such as the Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet, Chautauqua Regional Youth Symphony, and the Banff Movie Series have been hosted at the Reg Lenna repeatedly. The Reg has also hosted National Comedy Center and Lucy Fest events in recent years. December is always a busy month at the Reg Lenna. Just last week, the annual holiday performances of The Nutcracker took place that has been a holiday tradition for many years.

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To close out 2024, the heartwarming romantic comedy Love Actually (2003), starring Hugh Grant along with a notable cast, will be playing on December 20th at 7pm. This delightful movie follows eight couples that are interconnected around the Christmas holiday.

Moving forward to 2025, the Reg Lenna will have an exciting line up of entertainment. On March 22nd, The Reg is excited to present the Celtic rock band The Young Dubliners. They perform a unique energetic fusion of rock and Celtic music that is sure to get the audience moving to the beat in their seats. Then on April 26th, the band Gangstagrass will entertain the audience with their blend of bluegrass, hip hop, and other genres, creating their own original style. Both concert's tickets are on sale now.

They will continue to offer the Youth Series in which area schools can attend daytime performances of plays and other programs as field trips. February 25th will feature a performance of A Year with Frog and Toad at 12:30pm. On March 11 at 10am, Hero: The Boy from Troy will be featured, and then on April 10th, Goodnight Moon and the Runaway Bunny will start at 10am. All three of these shows still have available seating for school groups to make reservations.

For the Reg Lenna to continue this level of events, it takes a great deal of funding. Support from the NY State Council of the Arts and other local foundations play a big

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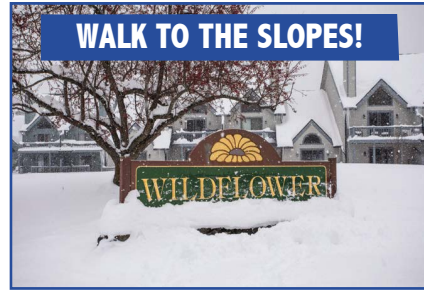
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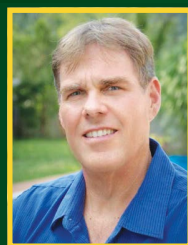
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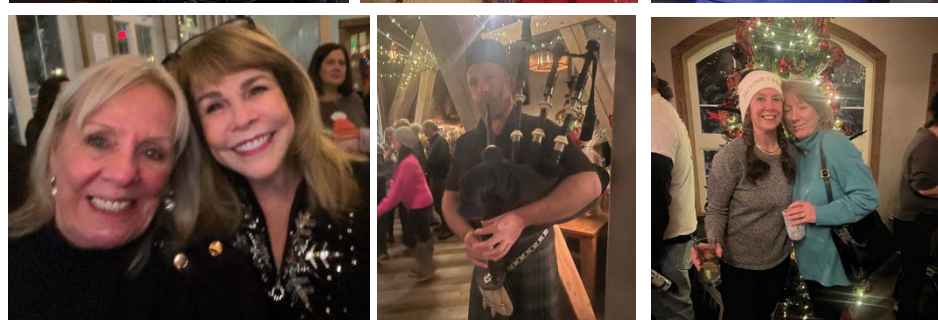
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The 19th annual Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas this past Friday night at EBC was one of the best ever in spite of the inclement weather that kept a few away. Most were there to mingle and celebrate the annual Fundraiser with great live entertainment and some great bargains. Asa Moss provided a bagpipe introduction march yielding to the Winery of Ellicottville's traditional champagne toast to Bob. Then the Fabulous live auction hosted by Brooks LeFerber of Brookslifeauctions.com kicked off at a frantic pace the bids started to soar.

Once again, bids for four days at Ana Maria Island Condo donated by Sally and Mike Nickolson brought the highest at \$2,200 while a great hand-crafted hall stand from multi-talented Sam Sheehy of the Winery was frantically bid up to \$1,400. All of us want to be invited to dinner at Cornelius' for a Lobster feast as 10 lbs of lobster tails will surely be enjoyed. Lucky bidders stole the ski package from Mud Sweat n Gears. Bob's original creations were sprinkled in throughout with a very unusual piece of garden art going to the Keenan's, a new addition this year, the silent auction saw some great bargains for those early Christmas shoppers with Springville golf, Irish Whiskey basket donated by Cynthia & Mike and Head Skis from the City Garage. The Live & Silent auctions were limited so again Irish basket raffle with over 30 baskets of beautiful gifts. This raffle was organized by Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szpaicher, Mila Clauss & Niki Klein and allowed all to take home something

This year's event could not have happened without our host the Ellicottville Brewing Company, who again went above and beyond to support Bob's night! They are so generous to the Foundation donating the proceeds from special beer sales to the fund. Brew Master Dan Minner had many great beers on tap to the delight of many in the crowd. The Winery of Ellicottville provided the great red & white wine along with the champagne toast with all proceeds going to the Foundation. Laura Kohler, Beth Hervey & Mike Rogers expertise made staging this party easy and fun for the committee while EBC's spacious Beer Hall and their friendly staff were the perfect partners. This year a few EBC students volunteered to help with the festivities and learned some new skills.

It was obvious that many of our benefactors opened their hearts and wallets to support The Bob McCarthy Foundation's Santa's workshop, Shop with a Cop & the Sheriff Santa program. The auction was the second best ever, but not by much. As always, several generous people chose to donate directly to the Foundation. As these donations normally continue through the end of the year, we anticipate surpassing previous year's highs by over 10% which is truly amazing.

PandaGoat Media, that is Brenda Perks and Meghan Lucarelli did a great job on the artwork and promotional material. Heather Sullivan of Heather J Sullivan Consulting worked her magic with the Website and Facebook. Brooks LeFerber hosting the auction, as always made it both entertaining and successful

As is always the case, our great local publications, Ellicottville NOW, The Villager & the Olean Times Herald provided promotion of the event both online and in print, helping us greatly. The Chamber of Commerce online promotion featured with The Stroll weekend was also greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Dina's, EBC, Katy's, Madigan's, The Silver Fox & Villaggio who brought "A Taste of Ireland" to new culinary level for the event. The food was fabulous and sold out quickly. Ellicottville's home bakers (too many to thank) whose special desserts are done as a tribute to their friend Bob and this tradition. We also thank the many local businesses who supported the basket raffle with their generous gifts. Many friends of Bob McCarthy helped make Friday night a success, you know who you are, and we thank you all.

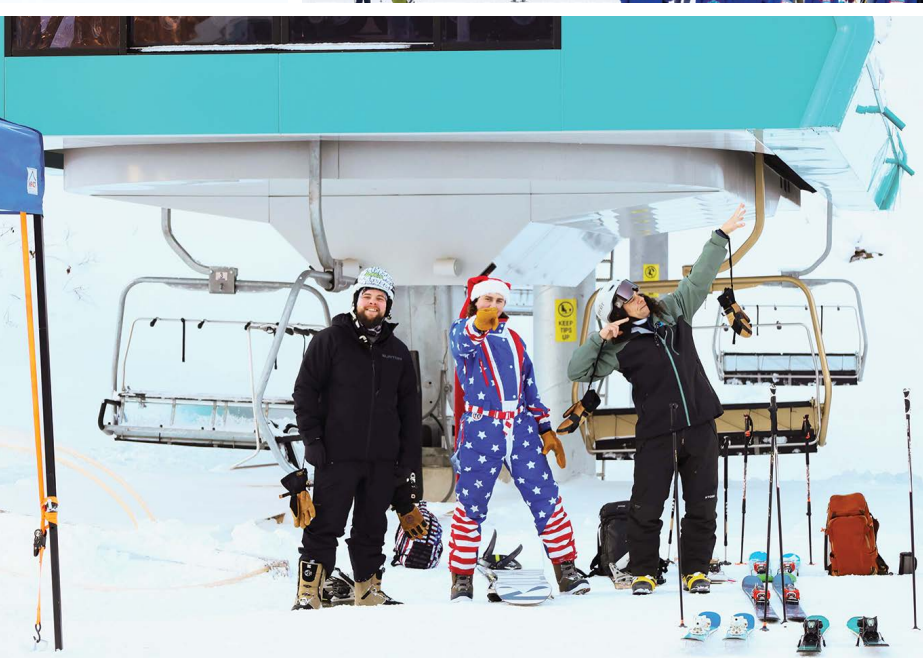
When asked how this started, McCarthy would answer "It started with a little magic". To be sure the magic came in the form of Ellicottville's residents, both permanent and part timers who bid or donated to the cause. The real magic is that this event is helping a number of local families have a better Christmas through Santa's Workshop & the Sheriff's Santa program.

Bob, we all miss you, but we will continue your tradition of giving. The Bob McCarthy Foundation (www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com) wishes all of you a great holiday season - We will see you next year. Thank you, Ellicottville!!

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Stellar Opening at Holiday Valley

Holiday Valley Opened to Great Conditions Last Friday



HOLIDAY VALLEY - The opening weekend of the ski and snowboard season at Holiday Valley was nothing short of incredible! The cold weather arrived just in time for the Snowmaking Team to put in a solid stretch of snowmaking, and Mother Nature delivered...blanketing the slopes with approximately 40" of snow in the days leading up to Opening Day. Families, friends, and thrill-seekers gathered to kick off the season, and the vibes across the resort were absolutely electric.

Whether you're a seasoned skier or brand-new to snowboarding, the winter scenery and excitement of being open made it easy to hit the slopes and have a blast. When the sun set, the fun didn't stop. Night skiing brought a whole new vibe to the resort. With the trails lit up against the dark winter sky, the slopes felt like a playground for adventure under the stars. It was a perfect way for families to make the most of their day—whether you're a morning person or a night owl, there was plenty of time to make a lot of turns.

From the anticipation of that first ride up the lift to the thrill of carving down the mountain, Holiday Valley proved once again why it's a beloved destination for winter fun. If you missed the opening weekend, don't worry! The season has only just begun, and there's so much to look forward to. Whether you're a pro, a beginner, or just here for the cozy lodge vibes and scenic views, Holiday Valley is ready to welcome you for a winter getaway full of adventure, relaxation, and making awesome winter memories.

This year, Holiday Valley had some exciting upgrades, including new snowmaking guns that ensured the slopes were in fantastic shape for Opening Day. It's a great sign for the season ahead, and got people into the perfect frame of

The opening weekend wasn't just about skiing and snowboarding — it was about families and friends coming together, sharing laughs on the chairlift, and creating moments that will become stories told for

Pack your gear, grab your loved ones, and let the mountain work its magic — there's no better place to embrace the winter season than Holiday Valley! Check out their Facebook page for more photos from the Opening Weekend.

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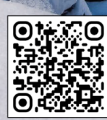
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Since the Covid pandemic ended its sit-down community lunches, the pantry now provides takeout lunches every Friday from 10am to noon. Several hundred individuals are given nutritious lunches monthly, including the working poor, single-income families and elderly people. In addition, it is currently helping with the basic food, clothing and infant needs for 800 people each month, doing a great deal with a frugal budget.

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

The Trading Post, a combination community food pantry and thrift store, is a safety net for a number of local communities including Erie County, Cattaraugus and Wyoming counties, and rural areas where few emergency resources are available. The store, located at 38 Franklin Street in Springville, is a vital resource providing many needed items to people who have few places to turn to for their everyday needs. This time of year, along with your other holiday gift-giving, consider giving money, time, or good-quality clothing to this worthy cause, or donating gift cards for your business for its annual gift card calendar fundraiser. Peggy Austin, the director since 2018 (when the Revive Wesleyan church assumed responsibility for it) said that one Christmas, “A single mom whom we were

able to supply with food, clothing, diapers and toys, told me, with tears in her eyes, “Thank you so much! I didn’t know what I was going to do for Christmas this year!” Donations to the post have come from Kiwanis, 211, St. John the Baptist in Boston, Fox Run and others in the surrounding area.

At the thrift store, blouses, shirts and jackets cost only a few dollars, and designer clothing is often to be found on the racks. The other items for sale typically include various kinds of accessories, including shoes, jewelry, small household items and toys. “All the money from the donated items we sell helps to pay for the utilities”, said Ms. Austin.

The hard-working volunteers treat everyone with dignity and give them hope. Every year, Ms. Austin and her team of dedicated volunteers spend around 10,000 hours helping people. “We are the community center where volunteers get to give back

to the place they depend on”, she said. In the past, the Trading Post held a Souper Bowl fundraiser in February to help cover its costs, but now, every November, it has a gift card calendar fundraiser. When the raffle drawings are being held, it’s fun to buy a calendar and watch the daily drawings on Facebook at “Trading Post Community Care center”. to see if you’re the lucky winner of a valuable gift card for a popular local store or business. If you or your business would like to donate a gift card, contact Ms. Austin at (716) 592-4455. “It’s proven a popular fundraiser, and we are excited to do it again each year”, she said.

“It is only with the support of donors like the calendar buyers that we can continue assisting families in our community and meeting more than 40,000 requests for food, clothing and infant needs each year.”, she said. “Thank you for

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The Reindog Parade will commence on Washington Street at 4:15pm with the live nativity at 6pm at the Gazebo.

Stroll

CONT. FROM COVER

Gwen Bush, director of the Christmas Stroll, has been involved with this event for several years. According to Gwen, this beloved tradition originated with a small, passionate group and has grown into a cherished event that celebrates the heart of the Ellicottville community.

The Christmas Stroll celebrates the holiday season with a living nativity, complete with a camel, candy, elves, caroling, and display of nativity sets and angels. The Reindog Parade will commence on Washington Street at 4:15pm with the live nativity at 6pm at the Gazebo. The event includes cookies at The Banq at 4pm with wagon rides in front of the gazebo from 4:15-5:30pm. The Ellicottville High School Band will play Christmas Carols at the Gazebo, and the Living Nativity will be accompanied by the Ellicottville High School Jazz Choir.

The Christmas Stroll has blossomed into a magical winter holiday event, hosted by The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and brought to life by the children of our community,” says Gwen. “From the

youngest participants like Baby Jesus, who is often six months old or younger, to high school students, everyone has a role.”

Volunteers help decorate the town, organize the Reindog Parade, and dress as elves to hand out toys, cookies, cocoa and candy. Students from the Ellicottville Band and Choir contribute with carols, while others play the roles of angels and shepherds, walking ahead of Mary and Joseph. Fathers volunteer to be the Wisemen. “It truly brings the spirit of Ellicottville together in a beautiful, festive way,” says Gwen.

Over the years, the event remains similar but has evolved since its inception. Originally, adults took the lead in setting up the event, but now it is primarily driven by the energy and enthusiasm of students and their parents. “This shift has made it even more special, as it brings the community together across generations,” describes Gwen.

The Christmas Stroll is a unique event as it truly embodies the spirit of giving and

community. “It is not just an event but a celebration of togetherness,” explains Gwen. “Every detail, from the Candy Cane Lane decorations to the music, is infused with love and effort to unify and celebrate during the holiday season.”

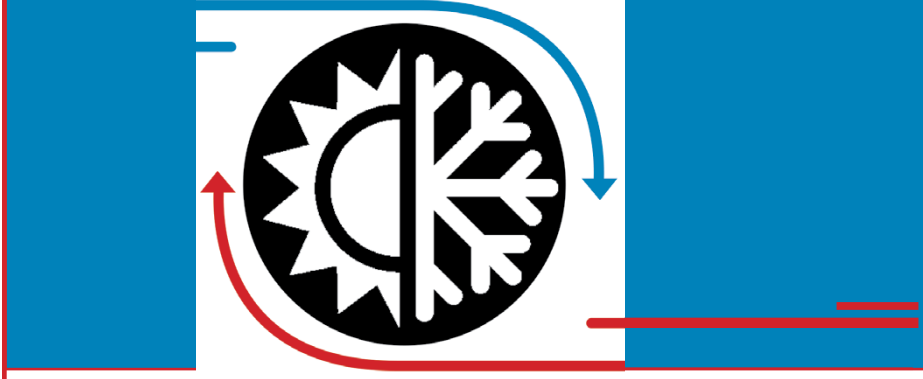
Gwen’s favorite part of the Christmas Stroll is the magical feeling it embodies. “There is something truly special about seeing a camel walking down the street and the joy and wonder in the faces of children and families as they share in this tradition. It reminds us of the beauty of the season and the importance of coming together to create lasting memories.”

Join this year’s Christmas Stroll on Saturday, December 14 starting at 4pm in the Village of Ellicottville. For full schedule of events, see the below, visit ellicottvillenyc.com or email gcbush@gmail.com.



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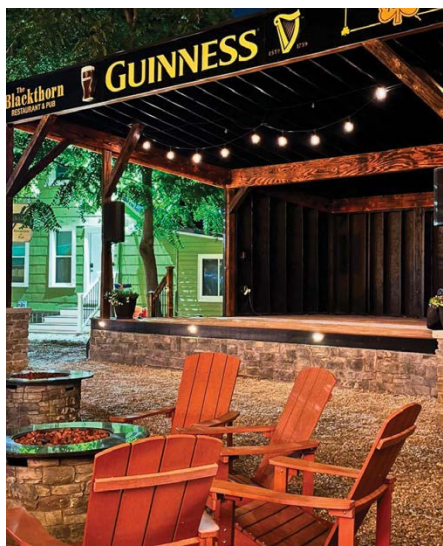
4-5:15pm • Cookies at the Banq

4-5:20pm • Elves with candy and presents for all good girls and boys, and a live camel around the village.

4:15-4:30pm • Wagon rides in front of the gazebo

5:20 5:50pm • Ellicottville High School Band and Chorus perform Christmas carols, starting at the Gazebo, then playing around the Village

4:15pm • REINDOG PARADE ON WASHINGTON ST, 6pm • LIVING NATIVITY AT THE GAZEBO



Their impressive beer garden seats over 1000 people, complete with a concert stage and barn with an outdoor bar. The menu features classic Irish fare with many quintessential Buffalo favorites, along with 2 pages of sandwiches, large salads, seafood and steak.

Blackthorn

CONT. FROM COVER

Chief of Fire Prevention for the City of Buffalo, had experience in the hospitality industry. "After my brother passed, I was approached by several friends and neighbors who encouraged me to buy the pub. Eventually, I decided to do it in my brother's honor, along with my brother-in-law Hugger Adymy."

The Blackthorn is a cozy Irish pub, offering a pint and a smile. "We truly want our pub to be warm and welcoming to everyone, new customers and regular guests alike. South Buffalo is our home, and we want to convey its Irish charm to our guests. The pub patron is not just a customer, but a guest and a friend."

The Blackthorn creates a warm, cozy ambiance with hardwood and green Irish accents throughout. The stone fireplace keeps guests warm and creates a casual, inviting atmosphere. The second floor offers 2 spacious event rooms with capacity to seat 50-100 people, complete with an outdoor balcony in the front room.

During the winter months, igloo dining is offered on this outdoor balcony, offering wintery views of Seneca Street.

Their impressive beer garden seats over 1000 people, complete with a concert stage and barn with an outdoor bar. "We've hosted a lot of fun concerts and events in our beer garden," says Pat. "Our big kick off is traditionally St Patrick's Day weekend, when all of South Buffalo comes alive. It's a great time and we love being a part of it."

The menu features classic Irish fare with many quintessential Buffalo favorites, along with 2 pages of sandwiches, large salads, seafood and steak. "We really have something for everyone," says Pat. "We have a large menu for our restaurant size, offering casual Irish fare, like The Pub Sandwich and Buffalo favorites like Beef on Weck. In addition to domestic bottles, the bar offers 21 taps with 6 traditional Irish beers, and a variety of local and regional brews. Their full bar specializes in classic drinks, like Manhattans and martinis.

South Buffalo has traditionally been an Irish neighborhood, as many Irish settled in this area at the

turn of the century. "I grew up in South Buffalo," says Pat. "It's a great, tight-knit community of working-class families. Families and businesses support each other, and enjoy gathering at a local pub for a pint and good company."

Recently, Pat has seen a resurgence in the South Buffalo area, specifically the Seneca Street neighborhood. "Seneca has always been a main thoroughfare to Buffalo, but it saw a bit of a slump about 10 years ago. It's great to see businesses investing here and being a part of the revival here."

Pat and The Blackthorn team believe in true hospitality; a welcoming smile, conversation and a feeling that you belong. "While I appreciate modern restaurants and trends, what he have here is classic. Everyone here is family, whether it's your first or 50th visit. Our pub has that same cozy feel it did when it first opened almost 50 years ago, and we're proud of that."

For more information visit blackthornrestaurant.com, follow on social media, (716) 835-9327 or stop in for a pint and a smile in the heart of South Buffalo, 2134 Seneca Street, open 7 days a week.



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CCIDA

STORY FROM COVER

BY KATE BARTLETT

This past year was an exciting and successful year of projects for the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency (CCIDA). As of December 1, the CCIDA helped 18 area projects move forward with a combined project value of \$311.4 million, a true pledge to its continued investment in the county's economic growth.

The Chautauqua County Department of Planning & Development works collaboratively with the CCIDA, an economic development organization authorized and empowered by the State of New York, with the mission "to make Chautauqua County a better place to work, live, and visit. The CCIDA facilitates development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the retention and expansion of existing businesses. Assistance in the form of incentives – tax abatements, low interest loans, and bond financing – enhances the opportunities for job creation and retention by our businesses."

Mark Giese, Chautauqua County Executive for Economic Development and CCIDA CEO, remarks that 2024 saw many impressive and lucrative projects for the Chautauqua region. "We were pleased to see several local projects across the county move forward or cross the finish line in 2024. From major expansion projects involving several manufacturers and food processing companies, to work aimed at highlighting and promoting the best our county has to offer, this year was another successful one when it comes to growing and strengthening our local economy," Giese said.

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The CCIDA also saw continued focus on developing shovel ready sites, over 140 acres in Ripley and over 40 acres at Mason Industrial Park in the Town of Ellicott. These projects will help create economic development

opportunities in Chautauqua County by preparing more than 180 acres for future development. The availability of development-ready acreage is low in this area, while demand from the manufacturing, transportation and warehousing industries is growing higher.

In 2024, the CCIDA approved a total of 10 low-interest, high-risk business development loans to assist local businesses, totaling \$4.5 million. Highlights include loans to support the purchase of Dahlstrom Roll Form (Falconer) and Universal Tool Company (Gerry) by local ownership, and to assist with equipment purchases and/or building improvements for Dunkirk Metal Products, Artone (Jamestown); Tim & Edmond (Jamestown); and Excelco/Newbrook (Silver Creek).

"Supporting local companies is a cornerstone of the mission of the CCIDA and we were pleased to support several once again in 2024," Giese said. "This ensures these companies

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in Briefs

Musical #19: "South Pacific"

By BARBARA ARNSTEIN

"South Pacific" is based on "Tales of the South Pacific", a collection of stories by James A. Michener, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. When it premiered on Broadway in 1949, it won a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The original Broadway production won ten Tony awards, including Best Musical. All four of the actors in it who were nominated for Tonys won them, and that hasn't happened since. Before it premiered, the composer, Richard Rodgers, and the lyricist, Oscar Hammerstein II, were repeatedly urged to remove one song, and they repeatedly refused, saying it was the main reason they had agreed to work on it. The song, "You've Got to Be Carefully Taught", contains a powerful message about how prejudice can continue through generations. Its sarcastic lyrics begin, "You've got to be taught to hate and fear", and continue, "You've got to be taught before it's too late./Before you are six or seven or eight./To hate all the people your relatives hate..." The message that people can rid themselves of bigotry by connecting with others different from themselves is at the heart of the plot, which centers around the

romantic experiences of two Americans stationed on a tropical island in 1943: Nellie Forbush, a nurse, and Joe Cable, a lieutenant. Nellie has such an upbeat personality that when others are worrying about the war, she sings, "I have heard people rant and rave and bellow/that we're done and we might as well be dead./ (But I'm stuck like a dope, with this thing called hope) and I can't get it into my head."

The nurse meets a mysterious Frenchman, Emile deBecque, and they fall in love at first sight. The most popular song, "Some Enchanted Evening", which describes his feelings when he first sees her, begins, "Some enchanted evening, you may see a stranger...across a crowded room./And somehow you'll know, you'll know even then./ That somehow you'll see her, again and again." She's so crazy about him that when he tells her he fled France because he killed a man, she doesn't care! What upsets her more is finding out the mother of his two little children was Polynesian, and she breaks up with him. When she does, he feels he has nothing to live for, and he volunteers for a dangerous mission. Cable falls in love with a local girl, Liat, who barely speaks English, but they communicate very well in other ways. He's then torn between a future

with her and his fiancée back in Philadelphia. He goes on that dangerous mission too, and he dies. DeBecque survives, and when he returns, he finds Nellie singing a French song with his son and daughter, and he happily joins in. Some of the lyrics of the song, which is not translated in the musical, are, "Tell me why...life is beautiful./ Tell me why life is happy./ Is it because you love me?" and symbolizes the love between the two of them, and that she loves his children, who will become her stepchildren.

South Pacific returned to Broadway in 2008. It was first made into a movie in 1958, starring Mitzi Gaynor and Rossano Brazzi, whose singing was done by Giorgio Tozzi (whose name is not listed in the credits). It became a TV movie in 2001, with some different dialogue and added action sequences, with a screenplay written by the director of the earlier movie, Joshua Logan.

Fun Facts: The man who sings (uncredited) for the character, "Stewpot" in the 1958 movie, is Thurl Ravenscroft, who was the voice of the Kelloggs' character Tony the Tiger for over half a century. Betty Wand, who did some of the singing for Rita Moreno in the 1961 movie, "West Side Story", did the (uncredited) singing for deBecque's small son.

Fun Holiday Events for the Christmas Season

By DARLENE BRACE

This week, Santa is sure making the rounds and maybe put on some pounds at the family fun Christmas breakfasts and brunches with you and your family. Later, you may check out the live music happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENTS
Thursday, December 12 - Jamestown Community College is having their **Winter Jam Concert** at the Scharmann Theatre. This concert is free and open to the public. The JCC Rock Ensembles has a great show in store to entertain the crowd starting at 7pm.
Saturday, December 14 - The Northwest Arena in downtown Jamestown will be having their **Breakfast and Skating with Santa** starting at 9am. Along with breakfast there will be a little art craft, skating, and plenty of photo opportunities with Santa.

A very special **Christmas at the Grange** is happening at the Busti Scoop and Grange located at 863 Mills Rd. Activities will include pictures with Santa as well as a small gift. There will be ornament making, Christmas cookie decorating, face painting, carriage rides, and more.

The **3rd Annual Christmas Lighted Tractor Parade** will take place down **Main Street in Sherman** starting at 6pm. Lighted tractors of all sizes and shapes will line the streets and Santa get there before the parade from 5pm-6pm. Area shops will have extended hours, and lots of other activities will be

taking place.

The Bemus Point Golf and Tap House will also be having a **Brunch with Santa** from 10am-1pm. There will be food and drink specials, and the kids can have their photo taken with Santa.

The Reg Lenna in Jamestown is having a performance by the **Squirrel Nut Zippers** who will perform their 1920's New Orleans Jazz inspired music starting at 7:30pm. The Squirrel Zippers perform originals and renditions of classics in a unique jazz and bluesy way that is sure to get you in the Christmas spirit.

The New York and Lake Erie Railroad is having **The Santa Express Train Ride** this Saturday and Sunday. There are several hour-long train rides that leave the Gowanda station several times each day. Santa will be aboard the train and there might be some surprises awaiting. Go to nylerailroad.com for reservations.

LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

Friday, December 13 - Lenny and the Landshark will be playing at 8pm in Lakewood at **Group Ther-Happy** on Friday night. Then they return to the **Busti Tap House on Saturday at 7pm.** This talented duo plays eclectic music sets spanning generations and genres. Enjoy a delicious meal at these locations while listening to the music.

Darkwater Duo will be rocking it out at **MJ's Tavern in Randolph.** Come and listen to this talented duo play a fun mix of tunes, and they will start playing at 9pm.

A band called **28th Creek** will be performing in Cherry Creek at the **Another Round Bar and Grill.** They sing originals and some favorite cover tunes, starting at 9pm.

Saturday, December 14 - If you're really in the mood for some great music with some foot stomping beats and dancing, you should head on out to **Shawbucks** in downtown Jamestown **Popular Smokin 45** will be jamming with their country/ rock music. Joining them will be **Taylor Remaid**, who plays a mix of rock and pop. **The music will start at 9:30pm.** It's going to be a great night out full of energetic sets of fun music that is sure to get you moving to the beat and dancing the night away.

Charity Nuse and Jeremy Bunce will perform at **Southern Tier Brewing** starting at 5pm. This duo has been entertaining in the Jamestown area music scene, and plays a fun mix of Americana, country bluesy kind of music. Enjoy your favorite Southern Tier beverage while listening to these talented musicians.

Miranda Wilcox, who is a super talented singer/songwriter, will be returning to **Big Inlet Brewing.** Miranda plays a mixture of originals and familiar tunes that span generations starting at 5:30pm.

It's already approaching the middle of December, with Christmas is just around the corner. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.

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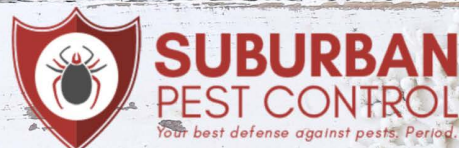
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THURSDAY

We kick things off Thursday at Balloons for Burger and Brew Night from 4-10pm. \$15 gets your choice of any burger and any domestic beer plus house made chips. Trivia starts at 7pm and there's cash prizes for 1-3rd place.

The Gin Mill hosts Kody and Herren, Thursday, from 8-11pm. This duo plays a roots/country/folk/pop set of originals and covers. Check out the latest kitchen in town open till 9pm sun-wed and 10pm thurs-sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am sat-sun.

FRIDAY

We're back at Balloons for Only Humen from 6:30-10pm. This band plays classic rock covers from the 70-90's. The back bar will host The Groove Bros from 10-1am. These guys play a r&b/blues/jazz/pop/rock set of covers. Dj Kage will rock the sound booth with some crunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors.

We return to The Gin Mill for Two Guys Drinking Beer from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a pop/rock/blues/country/folk set of covers you can

dance or sing along to. Try the Carriage House Side-bar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

Madigans keeps the party going with Dj Jet rocking the sound booth from 9-2am, layin down some sauce so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington.

SATURDAY

The Gin mill is the early bird with The Chillbillys from 2-5pm. This husband and wife act plays a rock/pop/country/folk/blues set of covers and originals. Live-N-Kickin takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays rock covers that are very danceable.

Balloons is back with Afraid of Human from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a prog/metal/rock/alt set of covers. Michael Nowak performs in the back bar from 9-1pm. He plays a rock/pop/alt/folk/country set of covers. Dj KT Stylez will provide the Jams so you can shake your gams from 10-2am.

Madigans is a playa with Dj Persia providing the thumpin for the bumpin from 9-2am. Check out the dart board and pool tables for you bar room decathletes.

SUNDAY

The Gin Mill hosts Meet the Bacons from 1-4pm. This duo plays a folk/roots/country/americana set of covers and originals. Get your game face on with some famous Bloody Mary's as the Bills bounce back from that shootout in

San Diego.

Villaggio hosts it's AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 4:40-8:0pm to accommodate the Bills game. Live music will return next week. Fresh pasta and drink specials and The Bills on the big screen.

MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10 pm. Going along with the holiday spirit the wings are only 25 cents and the musical guests are the very talented Pat and Owen from 6-9pm. These dear friends, when not playing all over WNY, travel the world with some of the finest musicians in the blues industry.

The Gin Mills Monday residence is hosted by Red Gray from 7-10pm. Red plays classic and new country and southern and classic rock covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

WEDNESDAY

We end our weekend as we have for 40+ years with the locals favorite Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and those 37 beers to wash em down and Brian Rick to entertain is a good time. Brian plays a folk/pop/country set of covers

We hope you had a fantastic time in our village and that you return with family and friends often but wherever you are PLEASE, ALWAYS SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!! All you have to do is listen.

Beat on the Street:

“What is Your Favorite Christmas Movie?”

BY CHAD NEAL



Ryan H.- Emmett Otters Christmas anything else is a hole in the washtub!

Serena S.- Elf for [darn] sure! It's been a Christmas Eve tradition on our one side of the family for years to watch that before dinner!

Twan- “A Christmas Carol” black and white -1951 version starring Alastair Sim. Any other answer is “humbug”.



MJ G.- Hands down National Lampoons Christmas Vacation. The consistent downward spiral is amazing. There's so many great and quotable parts of that movie. “Hallelujah! Holy shit! Where's the Tylenol?”

James C.- Home alone. Kevin could have called the cops at anytime and he would have been safe. He wanted to hurt those burglars. He was hunting them.

John K.- I would have to say an all-time favorite is Jack Frost!

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★ ★ Sudoku Challenge ★ ★

This Week's Difficulty Level:
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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

Trading Post

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considering us in your 2024 giving." Since the Covid pandemic ended its sit-down community lunches, the pantry now provides takeout lunches every Friday from 10am to noon. Several hundred individuals are given nutritious lunches monthly, including the working poor, single-income families and elderly people. In addition, it is currently helping with the basic food, clothing and infant needs for 800 people each month, doing a great deal with a frugal budget.

The Trading Post truly

lives up to its motto, which is, "Meeting Everyday Needs, With Extraordinary Love"! The Take Out Lunch is every Friday from 10am to noon, and the Mobile Food Truck is at the Concord Senior Center on the third Friday of every month at noon. The Thrift Store is open on Tuesdays from noon to 4pm, and Wednesdays (when things are half-price), Fridays and

Saturdays between 10am-2pm. The Trading Post will be closed between December 24, 2024 and February 3, 2025. To get your choice on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10am and noon, the Feeding America Food Pantry asks for grocery lists to be submitted by 11:45am. To contact Peggy Austin, email: paustin@revivewesleyan.com.

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CCIDA

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can continue to operate in our county for years to come and provide stable, good-paying jobs for our residents."

The CCIDA continued to address housing needs throughout the county in 2024 with several housing projects including Silver Creek Apartments, Gateway Loft Apartments in Jamestown, and 401 Central Avenue in Dunkirk. "One of our main priorities is working with developers to provide adequate and affordable housing for our local workforce," Geise noted. "It's been identified that there is a shortage of housing opportunities in our population centers that these projects will help address – not only in 2024 but in the coming years as well."

experience, restaurant, and event venue. This four-season, eco-friendly resort is located on 3.6 acres of secluded lakefront property, formerly the Hideaway Bay Restaurant, and is the culmination of a \$2+ million redevelopment project.

The White Inn, located in the heart of Fredonia, also recently celebrated their grand re-opening after being vacant for many years and an extensive reconstruction effort. Under new ownership, this historical hotel now offers renovated rooms with modern amenities along with a full restaurant and a banquet and event center. Both these projects also received technical assistance and grant support from the CCIDA, along with other incentives.

in the county. The Grape & Grain Trail initiative was designed to showcase the various wineries, craft breweries, and craft distilleries located within the county, along with its numerous outdoor activities and nature-based amenities that attract visitors to the area.

The CHQ Trails Map initiative was also completed, offering an interactive trail map and app allowing trail users to explore the hundreds of miles of trails throughout the county. These maps not only help market Chautauqua County as a tourism destination for outdoor enthusiasts, but also helps new and existing residents discover the more than 600 miles of recreational trails the area has to offer.

Three projects receiving CCIDA support focused on hospitality and service industry businesses: Wicked Warren's in Jamestown, Hideaway Bay Resort in Silver Creek, and The White Inn in Fredonia. These projects continue to make Chautauqua County a destination for tourism, as they attract visitors with their unique offerings. Wicked Warren's, which opened in July of this year, is located in a prime location inside the former Jamestown Brewing Company, and features craft brewing, a restaurant, a banquet facility, and more. The total estimated cost of the project was \$2.35 million and resulted in the creation of 40 jobs. The CCIDA provided both a loan and tax abatements to help ensure this project became a reality.

The Hideaway Bay Resort celebrated its Grand Opening in June 2024 in Silver Creek, offering a boutique resort

The CCIDA also played an integral role in launching Choose CHQ, Live CHQ, and Chautauqua Grape & Grain Trail marketing initiatives in efforts to further tourism and attract new residents in the area. The Live CHQ marketing campaign focuses on talent attraction and retention by highlighting quality of life aspects and career opportunities available in Chautauqua County. Choose CHQ focuses on encouraging business development and investment and job creation


Looking forward to 2025, the CCIDA intends to further implement these initiatives, along with other projects and new initiatives that further their mission to make Chautauqua County a better place to work, live, recreate, visit, and conduct business.

For more information visit choosechq.com and planningchautauqua.com, and read upcoming editions of The Villager for details on specific Chautauqua County IDA projects.

In 2024, the CCIDA approved a total of 10 low-interest, high-risk business development loans to assist local businesses, totaling \$4.5 million. Highlights include loans to support the purchase of Dahlstrom Roll Form (Falconer) and Universal Tool Company (Gerry) by local ownership, and to assist with equipment purchases and/or building improvements for Dunkirk Metal Products, Artone (Jamestown); Tim & Edmond (Jamestown); and Excelco/Newbrook (Silver Creek).

Walter's World

Photo Picks From "The Rittman Show"



The Disneyland staff takes a break from their shift and fuels up at the theme park's cafeteria in 1961

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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 DECEMBER BOARD MEETING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Mansfield Town Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2024, time has changed to begin at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville, Little Valley.- *By Order of Carl Calarco, Town Supervisor Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk*

REQUEST FOR BIDS – 2025 CHEVROLET 3500 PICKUP TRUCK - Notice is hereby given that the Town of Ellicottville is requesting bids for a new 2025 Chevrolet 3500 crew cab pickup truck. Bids will be received at the Town Hall, PO Box 600, 1 W Washington St., Ellicottville, NY 14731 until 10:00am, December 23rd at which time they will be opened. Envelope must be marked “sealed bid Chevrolet pickup truck”. Delivery must be within 30 days. Specs can be viewed on ellicottvillegov.com website or from the Town Clerk. Any questions, please call Jim at 716-713-5575. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids. - *By order of the Town Board of the Town of Ellicottville*

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Jenna was drawn to her friend's film production company, which invited her to try many interesting roles, furthering her experience in the acting and production world. "I surrounded myself with people smarter and braver than I, creating big and beautiful things, telling stories I wanted to be a part of. I feel fortunate to have been influenced and shaped by many powerful creators in the arts during this time." Jenna is pictured left, self-taping an audition for a Hamburger Helper commercial she booked and is running on TV. On right she is back home in Westfield at Annex 25 performing her one woman show this past October.

Robino

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voiceover, singing and comedy. Jenna strives to find inspiration every day, and encourages others to find what makes them come alive at any age.

Jenna was raised in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania and Scottsdale, Arizona and her journey in the arts started in living with an artistic family. Her brother, a painter, and Mom an interior designer and inventor. She was always singing around the house to power house singers like Whitney Houston, trying on different accents and costumes (mostly from her mom's closet), engaged in school choir and theatre.

Jenna attended Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles majoring in theatre, "I was exposed to many incredible plays and experiences living in a big world center of the acting field. It really shaped my younger years, for better and worse."

While she loved the arts, Jenna struggled with her mental health during this time. "I was still learning who I was, and felt very sensitive to outside forces. I had experiences with depression and an eating disorder, and didn't feel ready to get into the industry fully at the time. Looking back, I'm glad I listened to that inner voice, and started a healing journey."

In efforts to find healing for her struggles, Jenna sought out a group fitness class, and found intenSati, which combines intention and mindfulness with yoga, dance and strength with powerful affirmations you speak out loud. Through this group fitness class, Jenna was able to build a more positive relationship with her body, mind and spirit.

Next, she was drawn to her friend's film production company, which invited her to try many interesting roles, furthering her experience in the acting

and production world. "I surrounded myself with people smarter and braver than I, creating big and beautiful things, telling stories I wanted to be a part of. I feel fortunate to have been influenced and shaped by many powerful creators in the arts during this time."

Despite her colorful time in L.A., she felt unsure about pursuing acting, and gravitated towards the healing arts, and discovered the Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health located in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. She was accepted into their Seva six-month volunteer program, under which she was granted room and board in exchange for working their programs. "This was such an inspiring environment, to experience the Berkshires, immerse myself in yoga and health studies, while practicing living in community. 19 roommates in a dorm room! It changed me on a cellular level, shifting my perspective on a lot of things, the student of faith and the human condition in me was very stimulated and challenged."

Jenna was truly thriving at Kripalu, so she stayed on for another year as a production intern. "During this time, I was feeling fully expressed and nourished - I created my first greeting card line called Artfully Alive Designs, started Body Art painting, helped organized events for volunteers to gather and connect and so many other things bloomed from here. It was while folding yoga blankets in a yoga studio one day I met an audiobook producer who had heard of my theater background and gave me my first shot at a two-book paid contract recording young adult books. I didn't even know I could make money using my voice in this way. This changed my life and started my career in voiceover that eventually led me to NYC for ten years."

Jenna recently moved back to Chautauqua County this year to help her mother Julie, with her art gallery bar and event venue off Main Street in Downtown Westfield,

Annex 25 (Annex25.com). She's been involved in creating engaging events with locals to create unique and meaningful experiences for its patrons. She debuted her one woman show here recently: Loving the Becoming: Part Butterfly Part Hot Mess, Watch Me Wing It. Hosting karaoke nights are her favorite. "I love seeing people who start off saying they'd never karaoke then dance around with a feathered boa around their neck; it's incredibly entertaining!"

Jenna is looking forward to getting involved in the community this holiday season with her solo performances in two holiday concerts. The first was held on Sunday, December 8th at Jamestown's First Covenant Church, and the second will be held on December 28th at the Hurlbut Church in Chautauqua from 4:30-5:30pm. "I am looking forward to singing with a big swing band for the first time, led by John Cross who's been so encouraging of my voice and growth as a performer."

Jenna is using her impressive resume and diverse skill set these days and creating a life she loves. She is trusting the process and is always looking for opportunities to grow as an artist and performer, collaborate and help create engaging events with her new entertainment business venture. She's already led a trivia night for a volunteer organization this month. "I love bringing my zest for life and openness into spaces with people I've never met before, and igniting some connection and fun."

Jenna encourages others to move towards what makes them come alive. "There are invitations everywhere to experience new things, and who knows, they may end up changing the course of your life. Give an enthusiastic "YES!" to the mystery."

For more information, visit jennarobino.com and follow on Instagram for delights @jennarobino. Email jennarobino@gmail.com for booking inquiries.

Reg Lenna

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role. Ticket sales, rentals, donations, and fundraisers contribute as well. Currently, the Legacy Seats Fundraiser is

taking place. People that donate money can have names and/or messages engraved on plaques on the new theater seats. You can find information about this on the Reg's website. This fundraiser and others help make it possible for the Reg Lenna to continue to be the entertainment hub of the area.

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