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BY DARLENE BRACE

This Saturday, January 25, the annual Doors Open event is taking place in Jamestown from 10am-4pm. During Doors Open, you can explore everything Jamestown has to offer. This fun event has been a tradition for many years and is organized by the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce.

Doors Open Jamestown

was established years ago to encourage the exploration of local restaurants, businesses, and area attractions. This event offers free admission at many local attractions, allowing residents to experience their community as visitors do, and it intentionally occurs during what is typically a slow time of year for these

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## Nationally Recognized Sculptor

Eric Jones Continues to Make His Mark in EVL



Guinness Book of World Records Carver and Food Network Champion, Eric Jones is well known nationally and continues to make his mark locally as well. Just this past week, he made another snow sculpture in Ellicottville.

BY CHAD NEAL

This ski season in Western New York, specifically Ellicottville has been epic compared to the last few winters with the amount of natural snow that's amassed. And if you've been in the village since the

start of the snowy season you may have seen some really cool painted snow sculptures. These creations are built by the Guinness Book of World Records artist, Eric Jones. A really cool Grinch head was

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## Annual Mayville Ice Fest. Returns

Ice Castle, Vendors, Local Businesses, and More



The President's Day Weekend tradition on the shore of Chautauqua Lake had recently been threatened to be put to a halt. But with the determination and quick wit of the community, has been planted back on schedule once again for February 14-16, 2025 in Mayville, NY. Local businesses involved in the festival include The Eclectic Bird, Music for your Mouth, The Mayberry Jungle, and She Sings Cafe. The festival will also feature food trucks and vendors. A Chautauqua Transit shuttle will run on Saturday, connecting several businesses that are hosting events. (See article "MAYVILLE", page 7.)

## Annual Fire & Ice Celebration

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, February 13-15



This February marks the 7th annual Fire and Ice celebration at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. As always, this charitable event raises funds for the Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County. Bundle up and enjoy thrills and chills and the hotel grounds are transformed into an outdoor winter wonderland of ice sculptures, martini luges and bars. The event will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday February 13-15 from 5-9PM with overnight packages available. The Celebration was started 7 years ago in Chautauqua as a way to bring the community together for a charitable event during the winter months. (See article "FIRE & ICE", page 7.)

## Sneak Peek Inside this Edition...

**Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team Excels Included in National SAM Contest ... Pg. 5**



By Dash Hegeman - When it comes to creating a winter wonderland, the Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team stands out due to its dedication, expertise, and community spirit. As participants in the Ski Area Management (SAM) "I AM a Snowmaker" competition, they embody the qualities that make the team deserving of your vote. Find out how to vote here!

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## "Ski 4 A Cure", February 14

HoliMont's Annual Fundraiser for Roswell



BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

This year the exciting annual Ski 4 A Cure ski day at HoliMont, to benefit the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, will be held on Valentine's Day. Enjoying the fun-filled ski

day is a great way to celebrate that traditional day of love! HoliMont, in Ellicottville, a deluxe skiing and snowboarding destination that offers lots of fun all year round, is located minutes from the main shopping and dining area in the downtown Village. The activities included in the third annual family-friendly event include: a full day of skiing, a lunch catered by Dina's at the Mont and ski demos from the City Garage. There will be a downhill parade, a scavenger hunt, a bombardier ball drop, a giant slalom race, most consistent timed race, a 50/50 drawing and a basket raffle. Options for non-skiers include cross-country skiing or showshoeing. (Rentals are available).

This year, Team Pritchard Realty will be sponsoring the Timed Race. The two new Gold Sponsors are: Doran & Murphy PLLC and National Grid. HoliMont is raffling off a

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## Winter Warmth Initiative

Steelbound Brewery & Colvin Cleaners



Proceeds for every sale of this lager go directly to the Coats 4 Kids program, which has been run by Colvin Cleaners serving Western New York families for over 25 years. This program helps provide new coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots for local children.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Steelbound Brewery & Distillery has partnered with Colvin Cleaners in an innovative project to help keep local children warm this winter season. The collaboration features a special release "Coats 4 Kids" Winter Lager, exclusively available at the Steelbound Williamsville location. Portions

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# Publisher's Word

*"Walking in a Winter Wonderland!"*



We are now in the height of winter and surrounded by activities and festivals that embrace it. Take advantage of the natural beauty that surrounds us. What are your favorite wintertime spots, sports and events? From the slopes and trails of our resorts to the candlelight at your favorite restaurant; what are your winter top picks – we would like to share them with our readers. Each week we bring you stories of people and businesses in our community and have a call out to each of you to participate with ideas and submissions. Our communities are great to go out and explore. Let us know what you find next time you go out the door. Send in your ideas and submissions to [info@thevillagerny.com](mailto:info@thevillagerny.com) or simply go to our website, [www.thevillagerny.com](http://www.thevillagerny.com) and click "Submit Materials", we look forward to hearing from you!

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The Albright Knox Art Gallery is sponsoring a Chinese Lunar Event on Friday, January 31 from 4pm-8pm at the Gallery, 125 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo.

By CAROL FISHER-LINN much food and beer. Fredonia graduate, Patrick Brett, is teaching/performing in China for a few months. He took some photos of these food boxes (stewed fruits, cured meats and boazi gift boxes) that are on display for sale everywhere. The photos he took of displays yesterday (or maybe today in his time - 13 hours ahead) were taken in the lobby of a hotel in Zhangjigang in the Suzhou District. He relates that he has seen similar displays in hotels throughout the country. It is very exciting as plans are afoot everywhere in preparation for the huge parades and fireworks on January 29th. Oh, to be a mouse in his pocket!

Now, although you probably might not find any local fireworks displays or dragon dancers on your local streets, the Albright Knox Art Gallery is sponsoring a Chinese Lunar Event on Friday, January 31 from 4pm-8pm at the Gallery, 125 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo. (You can get more information by calling, 716-882-8700, or visit their website [buffaloakg.org](http://buffaloakg.org). Highlights include dragon dancing, Japanese Drumming, Chinese Traditional dances, Instruments, Asian cuisine featuring traditional Lunar New Year dishes for luck, prosperity, and good fortune. You will also be able to engage in hands-on activities and workshops like calligraphy, lantern-making and traditional crafts for both kids and adults. The Gallery invites you to connect with the community, make new friends and join the festivities as they usher in the Lunar New Year. Oh yes, wear red.

Another September New Year (22-24) is Rosh Hashanah in their year 5785 – known as “the head of the year,” devoted to atonement for wrongdoings, reflection, and forgiveness. No fireworks, but they do blow the shofar (ram’s horn) several significant times. Family and food play a large role with much of the time spent in the home or synagogue.

October or November (dates change annually) brings the Hindu celebration Diwali, a five-day festival of lights, coming at the New Moon and reminding celebrants to begin anew. Homes are decorated with colored sand and flowers welcoming the goddess of wealth (Lakshmi). Neighbors visit, meals shared and yes, the event ends with fireworks.

Lunar New Year is around the corner. It is celebrated around the world but most particularly in Asian countries. This year it begins on January 29 (the date of the first moon of the lunar calendar), although it changes based on moon cycles. It kicks off a 16-day Spring festival welcoming in the Year of the Snake (a good year, symbolizing wisdom and transformation). Lots of travel to visit with family and friends and houses decluttered (spring cleaning). Fireworks are important to frighten away Nian, a terrifying beast with sharp teeth and horns, living deep in the sea who could come to shore and destroy homes. Another common ritual is to buy a platter of sweets (called a Tray of Togetherness) to put out for visitors. All the contents are chosen to symbolize health, fortune, and happiness.

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# Key Aspects to HoliMont's Magic

Community, Equipment & Conditions



By JEFF MARTIN  
THE VILLAGER

snow quality through selective grooming times and ensuring our snowpack has enough time to cure before we push it across the slope.”

HoliMont has long prided itself on being a “family of families,” and that spirit remains stronger than ever, according to Widger. “Our members are super engaged and involved,” he said. “The best change recently has been welcoming so many mountain bike enthusiasts to the family.”

This growing sense of community reflects HoliMont’s focus not just on winter sports but on fostering year-round outdoor experiences.

HoliMont isn’t just for members—skiers and riders can experience the resort’s exceptional terrain Monday through Friday, with the exception of holiday periods including Christmas Week, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and Presidents’ Day.

Widger encouraged both members and the public to check out HoliMont’s vibrant event lineup for the rest of the season. “We’ve got a lot of exciting things

happening this year,” he said. While full event details can be found on their official events page, here’s a sneak peek:

- Ladies Day (Jan. 24) – A St. Moritz-inspired après-ski experience with gourmet meals and live entertainment.
- Contractors Day (Jan. 31) – A ski outing designed for professionals in the trades at the Main Chalet.
- Men’s Day (Feb. 7) – A day of skiing, racing, and camaraderie on the slopes.

HoliMont remains the largest private ski resort in the United States, offering a unique blend of luxury, exclusivity, and community spirit. It boasts eight chairlifts, 55 trails, and receives an average of 180 inches of natural snowfall annually.

Widger emphasized that what makes HoliMont special isn’t just its terrain but the culture. “It’s about the experience—the quality of the snow, the lack of lift lines, and the friendships formed here,” he said.

For more info. on slope conditions, event details, and membership options, visit holimont.com.



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## Volunteer Spotlight: United Way

Programs Focus on Broader Reach & Community Impact



If you’ve ever thought about volunteering—or if you’ve been away from it for a while—the United Way makes it easy to start again. The United Way of Cattaraugus and Allegany website is uwcac.org, and The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is uwayscc.org. These sites offer a range of upcoming service projects suited to different skills, interests, and schedules.

By JEFF MARTIN  
THE VILLAGER

Volunteering has a way of bringing people together, bridging generations, and reminding us of the strength found in community. For the United Way, that spirit has taken on renewed life through their Days of Caring initiative, which continues to inspire both new and returning volunteers to step back into service.

Launched as part of the organization’s broader Community Impact strategy, Days of Caring organizes single-day service projects, making it easier for busy individuals to contribute while still making a meaningful difference. This flexible approach has encouraged many who hadn’t volunteered in years to find their way back into community service.

Recently, a group of homeschool students participated in a Days of Caring event at Total Senior Care, Inc., spending the day engaging with elderly residents. The experience wasn’t just about providing assistance—it was about connection. The students helped with simple tasks,

shared stories, and played games, creating a bridge between generations. Such events emphasize how service can be as much about human connection as it is about practical support.

Other volunteers have been drawn back to service through hands-on projects like community garden maintenance, food pantry distribution, and seasonal drives for school supplies and winter clothing. One group recently assisted in refurbishing a local shelter, painting walls and improving insulation to prepare for the colder months. Projects like these show how small, well-coordinated efforts can have an outsized impact on community wellbeing.

Returning to Service After Time Away For many, volunteering can feel like something they used to do—something that was left behind in busier phases of life. The United Way has made a conscious effort to welcome back those who may have drifted away from service, emphasizing how even occasional involvement can create lasting change.

Some returning volunteers have found fulfillment through work at local food banks, where tasks like packing boxes, sorting

donations, and handing out meals have provided not just practical support but a sense of purpose. Others have joined mentoring programs, guiding younger community members through after-school activities and educational support initiatives.

The ease and flexibility of Days of Caring have been especially appealing for those who feel hesitant about re-entering volunteer work. The program’s structure allows people to contribute without long-term commitments while still feeling part of something larger. Beyond One-Day Projects: A Holistic Impact

While Days of Caring offers a gateway into volunteering, the United Way’s broader Community Impact initiatives ensure that the momentum continues. Their work focuses on four key areas:

- Health: Supporting wellness programs, mental health resources, and access to care.
- Youth Opportunity: Partnering with schools and mentoring organizations to provide educational support and enrichment.
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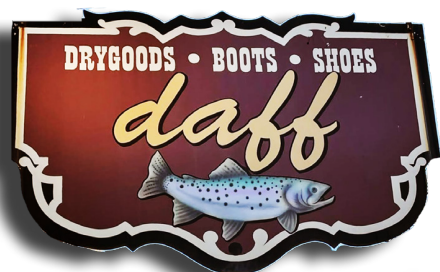
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# HoliMont Member Spotlight

Ollie and Marcy Hazard Enjoying HoliMont for Six Decades!

By DAN BALKIN

HoliMont has some consecutive lucky numbers: 63, 64, 65, 66. Those were the years that charter HoliMont members Ollie and Marcy Hazard fell in love with each other and with HoliMont. In the Fall of 1963, HoliMont founder Bill Merk met Ollie at his fledging new club to show off the recently cut slopes. Impressed, Ollie sold a boat to raise the \$685 he needed to become a member and acquire a building lot on the hill. Ollie reminisces that the first HoliMont lift was operating by the end of the season, and he began his remarkable continuous streak of skiing 61 years in a row at HoliMont! In 1964, Ollie and Marcy met each other while enjoying the summer at Crystal Beach, Ontario. Ollie had just met Marcy and was doling out \$5 bills (\$51 in today's inflation adjusted value!) to a variety of people heading back to Buffalo for a few days - Marcy included - to purchase some provisions at the new Duty-Free shop that everyone could enjoy at next weekend's beach party. The party that following weekend became a milestone in Holi-History: Ollie and Marcy felt a spark that ignited into a deep and abiding love and were married in 1965. By the winter of 65-66, Ollie and Marcy were skiing together and built the first incarnation of their ski chalet shortly thereafter.

HoliMont has another lucky number: 16. HoliMont founder Bill Merk informed Ollie that he was the 16th person who signed up to join HoliMont. Legendary financial guru Warren Buffet would call it a wise investment! Ollie was only 23 when he joined HoliMont, and many of the other charter members were already in their late 30s or 40s. That is why in 2025 Ollie and Marcy are among the longest continuous members of the club, and as mentioned before, Ollie is the only club member to ski here every year since the club's inception. Ollie and Marcy fondly remember the special bond that formed between HoliMont's charter members and others that saw the Holi-Light and joined the club in its formative years. Operating



Ollie and Marcie Hazzard's love story was born at a beach and blossomed on a ski slope. Ollie reminisces that the first HoliMont lift was operating by the end of the ('63) season, and he began his remarkable continuous streak of skiing 61 years in a row at HoliMont! By the winter of 65-66, Ollie and Marcy were skiing together and built the first incarnation of their ski chalet shortly thereafter.

on a shoestring budget, the club's original chalet had a gravelly stone floor and occupied approximately the same area where Dina's kitchen prepares and serves food. Great friendships were formed and enhanced at après ski potluck dinners. After the revelers headed home, HoliMont's lone grooming machine was parked where everyone had earlier been mingling on the chalet's stone floor.

Like HoliMont families through the generations, Ollie and Marcy recognized that HoliMont was a wonderful place for their children. Andrea, Tina, Eric, and Lisa formed a lifelong passion for skiing, and developed enduring friendships while spending winter weekends and vacations at the club. This is not surprising as Marcy Hazard shared that the first time she skied, she fell in love with the sport. Several months before meeting Ollie at the beach, Marcy related that her passion for skiing remained undiminished when she broke her leg (fortunately not severely) while skiing at Ellicottville's now defunct Poverty Hill in 1964. This memory prompted Ollie to say that HoliMont's former T-Bar came from

Poverty Hill after the ski area closed. Prior to skiing at HoliMont, Ollie was an avid skier at Holiday Valley. Ollie and Marcy maintain an active connection with The Valley as longstanding members of The Ellicottville Ski Club. The Ellicottville Ski Club is a beloved local institution that is beautifully nestled near the base of a slope at Holiday Valley.

Ollie and Marcy's love story was born at a beach and blossomed on a ski slope. They both loved skiing and sailing and passed these passions along to their children. Along with priceless family time spent on winter's snow and summer's water, Ollie and Marcy are immensely grateful for the friendships and comradery that skiing and sailing have afforded them and their children. There are two more lucky Holi-Numbers: 60 and 85. This year Ollie and Marcy will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, and on January 6th of this year Ollie turned 85 while making ski turns! Ollie assures us he will stop skiing when he gets old...

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10-pack of lift tickets and Snowflake Ski Shop & 245 Board Co. is once again raffling off skis. This year, the downhill parade which snakes down Exposition Run, held in honor of cancer survivors and those who lost their battle with it, will honor Lara Flory, who passed away in December (the sister of Paula Bowers, a long-time Ski Club of Lockport member), and SCOL member Steve Korn, who is currently receiving treatment at Roswell for multiple cancers.

The money raised by the ski days goes to help fund activities at the Center such as Phase II testing of the Survax brain cancer vaccine developed at Roswell Park itself. It also helps the next generation of clinical trials,

and research initiatives to find new therapies, as well as helping the Quality of Life programs supporting patients and their caregivers. Ski 4 A Cure was inspired by the Pink Vail Event in Colorado, which has raised money for over a decade for a Colorado cancer center, and offers the world's biggest ski day.

According to SCOLer Tom Doran, "Our goal for Ski 4 A Cure is to bring together members of the Ski Club of Lockport (SCOL) along with HoliMont, as well as other ski groups and families, to enjoy an array of skiing events, while giving support to the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center's most pressing needs involving cutting-edge research and treatment". He continued, "It's encouraging to know that for every dollar donated to cancer research,

Roswell Park is now able to leverage an additional twenty-three dollars from external grants toward that research."

About the ski demos, Doran commented, "People have said they loved having the opportunity to try out as many skis as they wanted, and to get expert, one-on-one help from the technician."

The event will be held from 9am-4:30pm on February 14. Pre-registration tickets for the day will be available for \$130 until January 31. February 1st through February 14th, tickets are \$135. The price includes an all-day lift ticket. HoliMont is located at 6921 Route 242 W, in Ellicottville, NY. For more information, email [Ski4ACure@gmail.com](mailto:Ski4ACure@gmail.com) or email Tom Doran at [tdoranwriter@gmail.com](mailto:tdoranwriter@gmail.com)

# Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team

Included in National Ski Area Management (SAM) Contest



**BY DASH HEGEMAN  
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When it comes to creating a winter wonderland, the Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team stands out due to its dedication, expertise, and community spirit. As participants in the Ski Area Management (SAM) "I AM a Snowmaker" competition, they embody the qualities that make the team deserving of your vote.

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Beyond their technical skills, the team's camaraderie is very evident. They support one another through long nights and challenging conditions, forming bonds that extend beyond the workplace. This unity not only enhances their performance but also contributes to the welcoming atmosphere that guests cherish at Holiday Valley.

Commitment to Excellence The team's unwavering dedication has not gone unnoticed. Their efforts have been instrumental in Holiday Valley's recognition within the ski community, consistently ranking among the top resorts in the East. This acknowledgment reflects the team's hard work in delivering exceptional skiing conditions season after season.

**Why You Should Vote for Team Holiday Valley**

Voting for the Holiday Valley Snowmaking Team in the SAM "I AM a Snowmaker" competition is more than just a nod to their technical prowess; it's an acknowledgment of their passion, teamwork, and the joy they bring to countless families each winter. By casting your vote, you support a team that transforms the slopes into a canvas of adventure and memories for all.

**How to VOTE**  
Visit the SAM "I AM a Snowmaker" competition page to watch the team's video and cast your vote. Join us in celebrating the remarkable individuals who make winter magic possible at Holiday Valley. Voting ends on January 29 at 11:59pm but you can vote daily so please cast your vote today! And tomorrow...and the next... etc.

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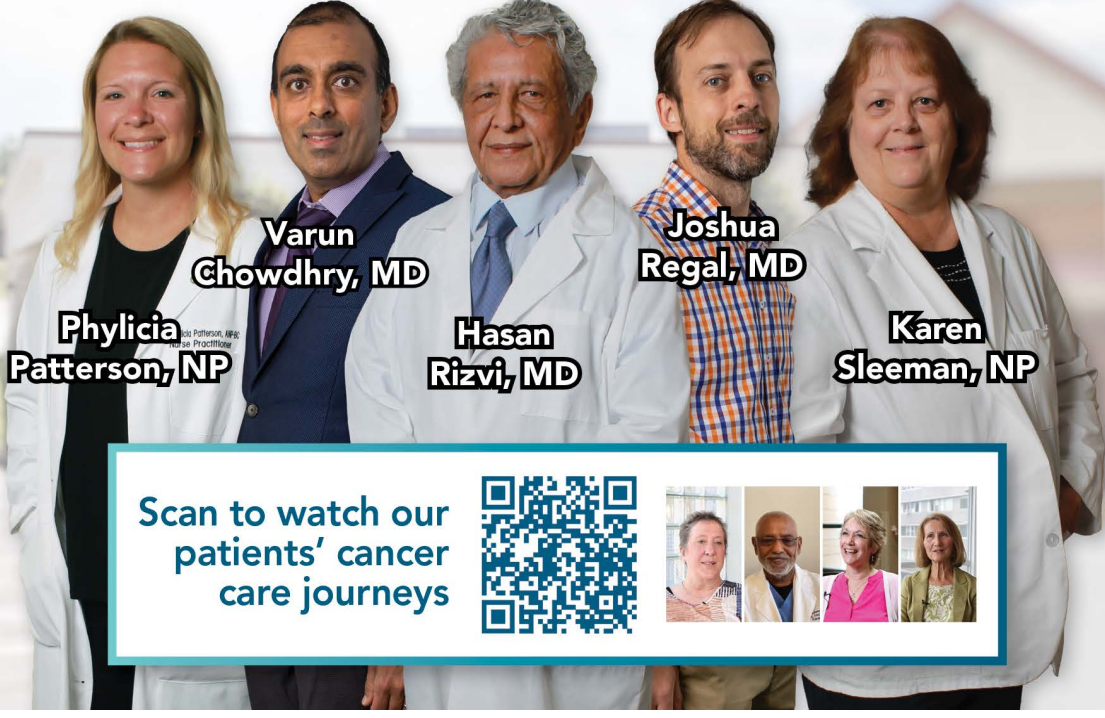
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His most current creation in Ellicottville is of Josh Allen at the Kelly House Lodge. Earlier this season, he carved out the Grinch in front of the Gazebo in the Village.

## Jones

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found in the Town Hall yard in early December and just this past week a sweet “Bobble Head Josh (Allen) on Skis” was found at the corner of Elizabeth and 219 on the Kelly House Lodge yard. Jones has made several Buffalo Bills themed sculptures and the Mafia loves it.

Jones is the most booked caricature artist in upstate New York according to the website ericjonesstudio.com. “The Olean, NY native has drawn over 100,000 people at live events and 70,000 more from photos. He has been featured on the Food Network’s “Halloween Wars” as well as “Outrageous Pumpkins”, which he won. Another popular holiday type of base for his creations are pumpkins, which is where his Guinness Record came from for carving the World’s Largest Jack O’Lantern. He’s also the

founder of the non-profit Sculpting for Smiles “with the mission of bringing a smile to children who suffer from health issues.”

*The Villager* caught up with Jones and asked him about his art and history, “I grew up in Richburg, NY. I’m 49 years old and started creating art when I was 3, 4 years old. I always had a passion for it.” He continued, “I went to Alfred University Art School and I was a caricature artist and mural designer for the first ten years of my professional career. Twenty years ago I started and online caricature drawing business, and about ten years ago, I started sculpting professionally. I got a debut on Food Network carving pumpkins. I did well on the show. I competed on three Halloween themed Food Network shows. I’m the Grand Champion of “Outrageous Pumpkin” season 3”, and he reiterated “I’m the World Record holder for the largest Jack O’Lantern ever carved - 2,479 pounds in the Fall of 2023.”

“I started sculpting snow professionally. I do a lot of work for the Bills and I work all over Western New York, well everywhere in the north east really! I’ve worked with a lot of businesses in Ellicottville and I will continue to do that. I have a good reputation here; I hope to continue creating snow sculptures. I work well with the ski resorts; they supply me with snow. I love promoting businesses in town. I love that my sculptures are temporary. It melts, rots or washes away. I tell people that’s kind of the beauty of it. There’s something interesting about art that’s temporary. There’s an urgency to see it and enjoy it. I tell people if you’re looking at a real rose or a synthetic rose, which one is more interesting? The real one because it’s temporary. When something lasts forever, we don’t appreciate the time we have with it.” Jones said.

Using wooden structures for the snow sculptures Jones is able to create dynamic and fun works of

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## Warmth

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of every sale supports the purchase of winter essentials for children in need.

This initiative was inspired by Managing Partner, Bill Bursee’s personal experience growing up in a family that struggled to make ends meet, as well as the desire to do good in the community. “At Steelbound Brewery, we really care about our community,” says Bill Bursee, founder of Steelbound. “Growing up poor, I know firsthand what it feels like to face harsh winters without proper winter clothing. No child should have to experience that. Partnering with organizations like Colvin Cleaners, who have donated thousands of warm winter coats to children in need, aligns perfectly with our values of making our area a better place.”

The 5.0% ABV Winter Lager represents more than

just a seasonal brew - it’s a commitment to community care. “It’s a fresh take on a classic winter lager - you really need to try it out for yourself,” says Bursee. While the full impact of this winter initiative won’t be measurable until spring, early response has been overwhelmingly positive. The brew is available exclusively at Steelbound’s Williamsville location, with plans to bring it back next winter.

Proceeds for every sale of this lager go directly to the Coats 4 Kids program, which has been run by Colvin Cleaners serving Western New York families for over 25 years. This program helps provide new coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and boots for local children.

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Coats for Kids collects thousands of coats every year, over 20,000 last year alone. “It’s a huge undertaking, but it’s well worth it,” says Chris. Colvin Cleaners partners with non-profit organizations (Friends of the Night, City Schools, Saint Luke’s and more) to identify those in need, then delivers directly to those the community. “Every coat is professionally cleaned and safely delivered throughout the season. It’s grown every year and we’re able to reach more people in need with the help of other agencies in the community.”

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Horse-drawn sleigh rides will continue to be an attraction at the Mayville Ice Fest.

## Mayville

### STORY FROM COVER

BY MILES HILTON

This year's Mayville Winter Festival will take place in Mayville on President's Day Weekend, February 14-16, 2025. The festival, an annual tradition celebrating the community and climate of the area, will include an ice castle, sledding hills, and multiple events at local businesses.

This year's festival is being organized by Inspire Good of WNY, a Mayville-based nonprofit focused on community events and fundraisers. CHQ Chamber, which was previously responsible for the event, initially canceled the festival and then handed over the reins in mid-January, citing "dramatically increased expenses and increasing challenges around the hands-on support required to mount an event of this magnitude."

Sorena Gilkinson, co-founder of Inspire Good of WNY, helped

plan past Winter Festivals when she worked at the CHQ Chamber. When they announced the cancellation of this year's festival, she and her organization were well-positioned to pick up the baton. "We all wanted to keep it," Gilkinson shares. At a community meeting shortly after the event's cancellation, she says community members asked if she and her nonprofit, which she co-founded in 2024 with Ariel Cartwright, would be willing to become the festival's official sponsor.

Several of the issues encountered by the CHQ Chamber remain open questions. Inspire Good of WNY is still in conversation with their insurance provider about high-risk activities, such as fireworks, at the festival. The cost to insure such high-risk activities contributed to the "dramatically increased expenses" cited by the CHQ Chamber.

Inspire Good of WNY is leaning heavily on events sponsored by local businesses and other groups, a decentralized approach that they hope will strengthen the festival and spotlight local businesses, while

distributing the cost and responsibility of taking on a festival so close to the event date. Local businesses involved in the festival include The Eclectic Bird, Music for your Mouth, The Mayberry Jungle, and She Sings Cafe. The festival will also feature food trucks and vendors. A Chautauqua Transit shuttle will run on Saturday, connecting several businesses that are hosting events.

Behind-the-scenes, Gilkinson says the transition has been going smoothly. Sponsorships, reservations, and materials have been transferred to Inspire Good of WNY by the CHQ Chamber, which said in a January 11 press release that it "expects to provide a transitional sponsorship" for the 2025 festival.

Gilkinson is "very excited" that the festival is "going to continue, and we can collaborate with so many wonderful people." As the schedule for the festival solidifies, keep an eye on the Festival's Facebook page, titled "The Mayville Winter Festival - President's Day Weekend - Mayville New York," for updates.



Plenty of appetizers and snacks are available along with wine tastings throughout the evening. Some sculptures have interactive components, including the ice air hockey table and martini luge. There are even bars carved completely of ice and celebratory fireworks to complete this one-of-a kind evening.

## Fire & Ice

### STORY FROM COVER

BY KATE BARTLETT

This February marks the 7th annual Fire and Ice celebration at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel. As always, this charitable event raises funds for the Child Advocacy Program of Chautauqua County. Bundle up and enjoy thrills and chills and the hotel grounds are transformed into an outdoor winter wonderland of ice sculptures, martini luges and bars. The event will take place Thursday, Friday and Saturday February 13, 14 & 15 from 5-9PM with overnight packages available.

The Fire and Ice Celebration was started 7 years ago in Chautauqua as a way to bring the community together for a charitable event during the winter months. According to William (Liam) Hart Frantz, Sales Manager for Harbor Hotels, the event was inspired after seeing the success of a property in Portland, Maine. "We saw the success of a similar event at one of our properties in Portland and decided to do something similar at all three of our New York properties. It's

been a hit ever since." The event is also held at the Harbor Hotels 2 other locations in Watkins Glen and Clayton NY, and is almost always a sell out event.

Fire and Ice has a similar feel across all 3 locations, and Harbor Hotels utilizes The Ice Farm located in Jordan, NY, for the ice sculptures for all 3 events. Liam describes the event as a unique fun, community driven event. "It really is an incredible event. Not only are the sculptures exciting, but everyone is gathered for a charitable cause; there's a positive feeling in the air."

Set up begins the Wednesday before the event, bringing in 25,000 pounds of ice. "It's incredible to watch them set up. The hotel grounds are completely transformed in only 24-28 hours." Sculptures are set up outside amongst various firepits, and vendors set up inside the main ballroom. Plenty of appetizers and snacks are available along with wine tastings throughout the evening. Some sculptures have interactive components, including the ice air hockey table and martini luge. There are even bars carved completely of ice and celebratory fireworks to complete this one-of-a kind evening.

Since its inception, Fire and Ice has raised funds for the Child Advocacy Program (CAP) of Chautauqua County, raising a cumulative total of over \$100,000 over the past 7 years. "CAP is such a wonderful Organization in this area, and we're honored to be able to raise money for such a worthy cause," says Liam.

Liam's favorite part of the event is seeing the community come together. "It's a celebratory feel; there's a different energy when people gather for a cause. It feels good to do good, and there's a positive energy in the air at Fire and Ice."

Overnight packages are available, as well as event-only tickets. "We have sold out almost every year, and we expect this year to be no different. We love hosting guests from near and far; people have traveled great distances for this event in the past, and we have high standards to make it a unique, memorable evening for everyone."

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## Chautauqua County Events

BY DARLENE BRACE

Can you believe that Christmas was already a month ago? I guess "Time flies when you are having fun" is true. Head on out for some fun and see what's happening in Chautauqua County this weekend.

**Thursday, January 23-** This week marks the **first anniversary of the Busti Tap House** being opened under the ownership of Jeremy and Miranda Casel. On Thursday night, singer/songwriter **Trever Wilkins** will take the stage at 6pm. You may want to make a reservation as it will probably be a busy evening. The Casels are planning some giveaways and prize raffles Wednesday- Friday, so ask about it when you stop in.

An **Open Jam Session** will be at the **Wine Cellar** in downtown Jamestown at 10pm. You can join in the fun showcasing your talent or enjoy the show as a spectator. Either way, it will be a fun night.

**Friday, January 24th - Big Inlet Brewing** welcomes back **Dean Wells** to entertain the crowd. He plays a lot of classic rock and older tunes and a few newer ones as well, starting at 5pm.

In Cherry Creek, the **Another Round Bar and Grill** welcomes **Ion Sky (unplugged)** to entertain the crowd with their acoustic versions of their pop, rock, and country setlist. This band is becoming quite popular and puts on a great show, and they will play from 8pm-11pm.

The **Roger Tory Peterson Institute** continues its **Art After Five** event this Friday. **The Assembly** from Chautauqua will perform, and they play a blend of blues, funk, pop, and more. With each ticket, you will

have full access to the museum, a complimentary beverage, light bites, and two hours of live music.

**Saturday, January 25th - The Bemus Point Golf Club and Tap House** is having its annual **Winter Festival on Saturday, January 25th**, from 12pm to 6pm. Live music will be performed outside on the deck by local favorite **Black Widow** who will be playing a fun mix of pop and rock from 1:30pm-5:30pm. The festival will also include tasty food and drinks, a bonfire, and vendors.

The small hamlet of **Forestville** will be rocking when **Midnight Recovery** performs from 8pm-11pm. This exciting rock band will be performing at the **Tavern on the Mall**. Call to make dinner reservations at (716) 965-9783 or just come to listen to this awesome band.

**Southern Tier Brewing Company** welcomes back **Lenny and the Landshark** to their stage at 5pm. This talented duo plays a mix of genres and generations of music, so there will be something to please everyone.

The **Cooler Bar and Grill** is excited for the return of **Tyler McClain** to perform. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this talented soloist as he plays an entertaining eclectic setlist starting at 7pm.

Head on out to Lakewood's **Group Therapy** as **Michael Arrons** will be performing from 8pm-11pm. Come have a yummy appetizer or a lovely meal while listening to this talented musician.

**Wicked Warrens** Jamestown is excited to have **Charity Nuse and Jeremy Bunce** perform there for the first time since its opening. They play a blend of many genres including Americana, country, folk, and more. Special guest,

**Matt Gronquist from the Probables**, will be joining them. Come have a delicious meal from the Wicked menu while enjoying this unique music. This performance is free and starts at 7pm.

**Peek n' Peak Resort** in Clymer has a fun weekend of entertainment. On Friday night, **DJ Felix** will be playing the tunes starting at 9:30pm in Bistro 210. Then on Saturday, there will be live music at 6:30pm in the Sports Bar as **Ion Sky (unplugged)** plays their acoustic versions of their rock and pop setlist.

The River Bar at the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** has live music on Friday and Saturday nights most weekends. This Friday they welcome back **Brother James** to perform. Then on Saturday night, the **Jeremy Keyes Band** will play their bluesy style of music. The music starts at 7pm on both nights.

**Miranda Wilcox** will be performing at **Chautauqua Suites Bellini Lounge**. This talented singer-songwriter plays a versatile mix of genres, including cover music along with some of her original tunes. She is a pleasure to listen to and you will be amazed at her talented performance starting at 6pm.

**Sunday, January 26th - The Hide-away in Sherman** will be hosting **Dark Water Duo** on Sunday at 5pm. They have an awesome menu selection for you to enjoy while you are listening to this talented duo.

That was a fun week of live music and by next weekend, it will be the beginning of February already. Check out next week's issue to see what's happening in Chautauqua County.



## in Brief

### Musical #23: "Mamma Mia", Part II

BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

As I promised last week, I'm writing about "Mamma Mia! The Movie", the 2008 film made from the Broadway musical "Mamma Mia!", and "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again", its 2018 sequel (mostly a prequel). "Mamma Mia!" is a jukebox musical, one shaped around an assortment of songs. All of its songs, and all the songs in the movies, originated with the pop group ABBA.

Both movies are full of joy, love and friendship! If you have the blues, you can watch either one and surely feel better by the end. Both mainly take place on a (fictitious) Greek island, Kalokairi (which means "summer" in Greek). In every musical number, every singer and dancer looks as though they're having "the time of their lives", a phrase from the lyrics of one of ABBA's catchiest songs, "Dancing Queen", which is included in both movies. Two other upbeat, catchy songs included in both movies are "Super Trouper", a love song whose title refers to both a powerful spotlight used for stage performances and someone performing on tour, and "Waterloo", the song that launched ABBA's success when they sang it at the 1974 Eurovision Song Contest and won.

The plots of the two

movies revolve around Donna, who raised her daughter Sophie herself on the island by running a small hotel. In the first one, when Sophie finds out that her father is one of the three men her mother met briefly the summer she graduated from college, she invites them all to her wedding. Surprisingly, she never learns which one is actually her father, but she bonds with them all. Even more surprisingly, when her wedding day arrives, she decides to delay it (and go traveling with her almost-groom), and it's Donna who marries the love of her life, played by Pierce Brosnan. In the first one, Donna is played by Meryl Streep, an actress who's been called "the greatest of her generation". (She's now 72). Among other awards, she's won three Oscars, nine Golden Globe awards and three Emmys. Cher, who's only three years older than Streep, plays Donna's mother in the second. Among other awards, Cher has won an Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and three Golden Globes and is the only solo artist with Billboard number-one singles in seven consecutive decades. She sings "Fernando" and "Super Trouper". Sophie is played by Amanda Seyfried, whose acting achievements include winning a Golden Globe and an Emmy.

It was because Meryl Streep didn't want to be in a sequel, that the sequel

was turned into a prequel that focuses on the summer Donna had her three short-lived romances (and it begins with a reference to Donna's death). Donna and her two friends from the first movie, Tanya (played by Christine Baranski) and Rosie (played by Julie Walters), are played in the sequel by three younger actresses. Donna is portrayed by Lily James, whose many interesting acting credits include the title role in the 2015 movie, "Cinderella".

Even though both movies are upbeat, one scene in the second one has made countless people around the world cry, because it's so touching. (Just check out the comments under the clip on Youtube.) The musical sequence begins when Sophie (who's pregnant), Tanya and Rosie, begin singing ABBA's 1975 hit love song, "I've Been Waiting For You". As the song continues, the scene shifts back and forth from their performance to the day Sophie gives birth, and new lyrics, revised by ABBA lyricist Bjorn Ulvaeus for the movie, reflect her feelings while awaiting her baby's arrival. The revised lyrics include "I'll carry you all the way/ And you will choose the day/when you're prepared to greet me./I'll be a good mum I swear./You'll see how much I care./When you meet me." When the song concludes, Sophie blissfully holds her new son.

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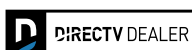
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By, MOUTH SAY TONGUE

folk/country/blues set of covers to dance to. Try the Carriage House Sidebar for some craft cocktails made with high end spirits.

The Mill St Sports Pub joins the party with Alexander James from 8-11pm. He plays a rock/pop/dance/hip-hop set of covers. Great food, great music and a great place to watch sports.

Last but not least, Madigans is a player with Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll provide the thumpin for the bumpin in the window on Washington.

### SATURDAY

The Gin Mill is the early bird with Brian Rick from 2-5pm. Grab a late lunch or get a jump on dinner. The Bob Hartle Band takes the stage from 8-12am. This band plays country covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

The T-Bar at The Valley hosts The Campfire Junkie from 4-7pm. He plays a country/pop/alt set of covers and originals. Apres with your ski boots on.

We return to Balloons for the return of The Reese Gustafson Band from 6:30-10pm. The back bar will host the very popular Chillbillys from 10-1am. Dj Kage will put the funk in the trunk so you can shake your junk on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

Madigans is back and so is Dj Persia from 9-2am. He'll provide the sauce so you can dance like a boss till the wee hours.

### SUNDAY

The Gin Mill is first again with The Chillbillys from 12-3pm. They play a rock /pop/folk/country/

blues set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. Both games will follow.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 4pm till end of the game. Alexander James will provide the entertainment from 4-6:15pm. They'll have game food and drink specials throughout.

### MONDAY

Monday is Strings and Wings at Balloons from 4-10pm. 50 cent wings with a nice selection of beers to wash em down with. This week's musical host is Tina Williams. Cheap wings and free music are a local's favorite.

The Gin Mill's Monday residency is hosted by Michael David from 7-10pm. Michael plays a country/rock/bluegrass/ grunge set of covers. Don't forget those 37 beers on tap.

The Gin Mill hosts The Marty Peters Duo from 7-10pm. This Buffalo Music HOF'er plays folk and blues covers from the 60's and 70's.

### WEDNESDAY

When you've been doing something for 40+ years it's obviously a locals favorite and that's how long The Gin Mill has been hosting Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. \$1 wings and music by Brian Rick. Brian plays a rock/pop/folk/country set of covers.

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

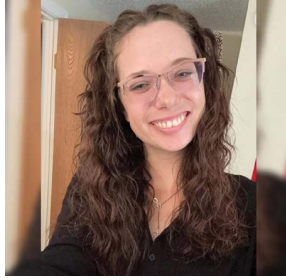
# Beat on the Street:

"What is Your Idea of Heaven?"

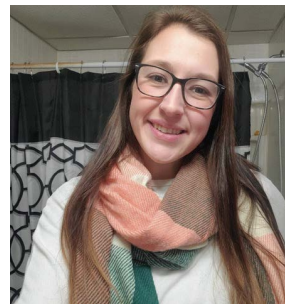
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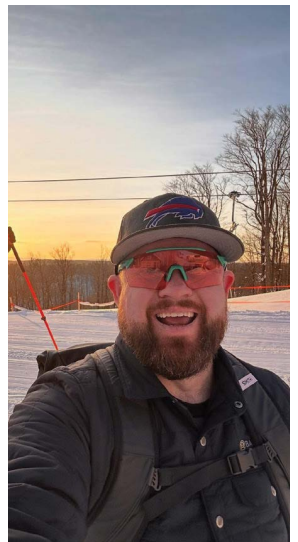
The idea of a place that is perfect in every way is the basis for many a dream world. A place like that is promised to many followers of religions as an after death forever home. Having a spot like that on this plane would be ideal, alas it seems others have different plans too that would disrupt that bliss. Whether or not that is the setting for heaven we can only discuss while we live, alas this heaven can be a temporary time whilst still alive as well. The notion is a wonderful realm where nothing bad can happen anymore and the euphoric feeling we get every so often is permanent and not monotonous. Enjoyment of existence is the key to this energy we are given to experience life. The promise of an afterlife such as that is the basis for goodness during our time here, and the temporary utopias we enjoy during life may be a glimpse to the paradise up above. What is your idea of heaven?



Sabrina- Golden gates and my loved ones waiting for me! No more worry or stress or illness just happiness and peace!



Hannah G.- Seeing my dad and grandpa after this life. In the spirit world.



James C.- Unlimited Sahlen's hot dogs with Schwebel's buns and Weber's mustard.



Brad H.- Riding my Harley with the most beautiful girl I know Melissa N. Endless winding roads and a full tank of gas!



Grace A.- A happy and safe world with all four seasons surrounded by family & friends. Preferably WNY after a Buffalo Bills Super Bowl win with a plate of Duff's wings, warm Madigan's soup and an EBC blueberry. I think that ticks all my boxes!



Sara G.- Living!

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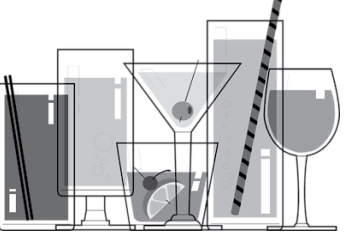
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# ★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

**This Week's Difficulty Level:**  
★★★★☆

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:**

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# United Way

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workshops and supporting job training efforts.

• Community Resiliency: Responding to crises, supporting shelters, and addressing food insecurity. These ongoing projects rely not just on financial support but on the steady commitment of volunteers. Whether it's stocking a pantry or mentoring a student, every act of service strengthens the fabric of the community.

How to Get Involved  
If you've ever thought about volunteering—or if you've been away from it for a while—the United Way makes it easy to start again. The United Way of Cattaraugus and Allegany website is uwac.org, and The United Way of Southern Chautauqua County is uwayscc.org. These sites offer a range of upcoming service projects suited to different skills, interests, and schedules.

By participating in programs like Days of Caring, volunteers can rediscover the sense of fulfillment that comes from giving back. Every small action—whether it's painting a wall, sorting donations, or simply sharing a conversation with someone in need—adds up to something far greater.

The United Way continues to be a guiding force in the region, reminding all of us that service isn't just about what we give—it's about what we build together.

# Jones

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art. And like he says they are temporary so many people stopped to get pictures with the locally carved snow designs. He has plans to do more around Ellicottville and locals and visitors alike are excited to see what he does. Jones has a lot of photos on his internet social media pages all of them can be found by typing Eric Jones Studios.

*"I love that my sculptures are temporary. It melts, rots or washes away. I tell people that's kind of the beauty of it. There's something interesting about art that's temporary. There's an urgency to see it and enjoy it. I tell people if you're looking at a real rose or a synthetic rose, which one is more interesting? The real one because it's temporary. When something lasts forever, we don't appreciate the time we have with it." – Eric Jones*

# Warmth

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# S. CHQ. County Club Associates

## Annual Donations to Local Charities

CHAUTAUQUA - The Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates recently distributed their 2024 donations to local charities. The Club Associates is an organization made up of 18 social, veteran and fraternal clubs in Chautauqua County who meet monthly to help network and improve communications between clubs, promoting activities and advance fellowship among the clubs. Throughout the year the Club Associates also holds several events to help raise money for local charities. Since 2015 the Club Associates has raised over \$20,000 for Charity. In 2024, they raised a record breaking \$6000 by holding a Don't Know Your Destination Bus trip, 2 Putt-Putt Club Crawls and their Annual Charity Golf Tournament. President Chris Sorenson and Vice President Craig Merchant recently presented a donation of \$2000 to three different charities on behalf of the Club Associates.

The first donation was presented to the Kidney Connection. The Kidney Connection is an organization that assists local patients in need of a kidney transplant in searching for local willing donors and to assist them financially with the transplant process. Co-Founder and President of the Kidney Connection Jeanette Caprino said "I can't tell you how grateful I am for this most generous donation.



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living donor. Thank you so much, it is much appreciated". For more information or to donate to the Kidney Connection www.kidneyconnection.org

Another donation was presented to St. Susan Center Executive Director Cherie Rowland, to assist in their Capital Campaign and their efforts to educate and assist those in our community. This donation will help them with the transition to their new building, the prior Jamestown Business Collage, and help them with their goal of a teaching kitchen for the community. Anyone who would like help the St Susan Center can find information at www.stsusancenter.org

The last donation was presented to Frank Lamarca and Chuck Overturf of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Jamestown to help in their fundraising efforts to assist Dennis Bittinger, a Vietnam Veteran, who lost his home to a fire at the beginning of December. Dennis remains in the hospital to this day, recovering from injuries he received during the fire. The Bittinger Fund, a charitable fund, has been established at the Community Bank in Clymer NY.

The donations were presented at the Club Associates January meeting held at the Jamestown Eagles Club #2145. After the presentation Eagles Club Trustee Chris Allenson announced that Chautauqua Eagles #2145 will match both \$2000 donations to the Kidney Connection and the St. Susan Center. Association President Chris Sorenson thanked the Eagles Club for the generous matching donations and all the clubs involved for helping make such large gifts possible.

The Club Associates meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and are open to any member of the association clubs. For more information go to Southern Chautauqua County Club Associates on Facebook or email clubassociateschris@gmail.com

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Further information is available for review at the Engineering Department, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at [www.ellicottvillegov.com](http://www.ellicottvillegov.com). Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped of in person to the same address, or emailed to [greg.keyser@evlengineering.com](mailto:greg.keyser@evlengineering.com).

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- Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame
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- CHQ Chamber and Visitor Information Center
- Fenton History Center
- Infinity Visual & Performing Arts
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- Jamestown Jackals
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- \*Lucille Ball Desi Amaz Museum
- Lucille Ball Little Theatre
- Martz-Kohl Observatory
- Marvin Community House
- \*National Comedy Center
- Northwest Arena
- Partridge-Sheldon House by Jamestown DAR
- Pearl City Clay House
- Reg Lenna Center
- Robert H. Jackson Center
- Roger Tory Peterson Institute
- Sukanya Burman Dance.

Those marked with \* require pre-registration on their own websites. Many of the participation locations are in the downtown area, but a few are in other areas in Jamestown. Below is a

sampling of what some of the attractions are offering that day:

The Reg Lenna will be open for free tours on the half hour from 10am-2:30pm, including backstage, dressing rooms, WRFA-LP 107.9 F.M. radio station, the Media Arts Studio, and more.

Infinity Visual & Performing Arts will have an interactive stage performance, an instrument "petting zoo", and a photo booth.

Jamestown Audubon will offer free admission, featuring the outdoor trails and the indoor facilities, including their children's indoor nature play area with hands-on experiences.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute will have free admission to the facility and all current exhibitions including the Helen Glazer Exhibit called Waking in Antarctica. There will be a raffle, and the curator, events manager, and other staff will be available to answer questions.

The Robert H. Jackson Center will have free admittance for self-guided tours and some activities for children. The center is still decorated as it was for the holidays, so come enjoy the beautiful sights.

The James Prendergast Library will have the Mixed Media Novel Experience, Adult Legos, a yarn station for creating tassels for the Community Seasons Tree, and open play in the Makerspace area.

Some restaurants, bars, and other local small businesses will be participating,

such as Art, Cloth and Craft, 4 Below Haggy's Bar and Grill, BioDome Project, Brazil Craft Beer and Wine Lounge, Brigiotta's Farmland Produce, Chautauqua Art Gallery, Crown Street Roasting, HotSpot Café, Labyrinth Press Company, and Wicked Warrens Jamestown.

Participating attractions are donating some great merchandise creating four fantastic baskets that will be prizes for the online scavenger hunt quiz contest. There's no app to join this contest. Just visit your first attraction and find the answer to their question. Then use the QR code or go to [go.chqchamber.org](http://go.chqchamber.org) to access your game pass on your mobile device. Just enter your contact info to get a text link. Answer the contest questions as you visit participating locations. When you have earned at least 25 points, click the "Rewards" icon and select "Claim Now" to enter the drawing. Winners will be randomly selected and notified on January 27th. A map of all the locations will be available.

For more information about Doors Open, you can visit [chqchamber.org](http://chqchamber.org) or contact the Chamber of Commerce at (716) 484-1101. This special event invites you to explore and support a variety of local attractions with many businesses to choose from. Make sure to visit your favorite locations as well as some new ones to really enjoy your experience at Doors Open Jamestown.

## 4-H Green Tie Affair in Celoron, NY

### CHQ. Holiday Harbor Hotel Presents February 23

Ticket and Table Sponsorships are available for Chautauqua County 4-H's Green Tie Affair event!

The 2025 4-H Green Tie Affair will be held on Sunday, February 23rd at the Chautauqua Harbor Hotel, 10 Dunham Avenue, Celoron, NY. The fun begins at 3pm with the basket raffle and bake sale with dinner at 5:00pm. Immediately following dinner will be the pie auction.

The pie auction will be hosted by Dakota Peterson of Peterson Auction and will feature

approximately 15 pies. New this year, we will have two gluten-free pies! A blueberry gluten-free pie will be donated by Om Nohm Gluten Free Bakery of Fredonia and Dan Smith, a friend of 4-H will be providing a second gluten free pie. Also on the pie list are a Dutch Apple pie, Strawberry Rhubarb, and Cherry pie. More flavors will be available, and a complete pie list will be available prior to the event.

Individual tickets are available for \$25 a person pre-sale and (limited) door sales may be available for \$30 a person.

Table sponsorships include 10 tickets to the event, a page of tickets for the basket raffle, advertising on placemats (if a business card is provided), name on a "thank you" banner at the event, and advertisement in the local press.

To purchase tickets or sponsor a table, individuals should contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Office by dropping in to the JCC Carnahan Center M-F 8:30-4:30, calling (716) 664-9502 ext. 212 or emailing [chautauqua4h@cornell.edu](mailto:chautauqua4h@cornell.edu).

**Tim Shults, Jamestown, 'Cleans Up' Mospport**

MOSPSPORT, N.Y. — Tim Shults of Jamestown, N.Y. has headed home after a very successful invasion of the Ontario Enduro Division One Championship of Kart racing.

Shults won the overall with a sizzling drive around the two and a half-mile course, turning laps in one minute, 47 seconds, which is in excess of 80 miles per hour.

So completely did he dominate the field in this race, the third race of the two-day event, that he topped the national champion Man Livesey, (who happens to be a woman), of Irish Hills, Mich.

The run gave him the overall point championship. Earlier Tim took a fifth in the Reed Light McCullough Engine Class and was leading the Reed Heavy when his engine derailed.

Tim's older brother, Eddie, who was part of the Shults Racing team last year, has quit the Karts and gone to stock cars at State Line and Erie.

The Shults boys are the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund R. Shults of South Main Extension.

TIM SHULTS... Displays trophies won at kart classic

# Did You Know....

Did you know that before he got into the car business, Tim Shults was a champion kart racer?

• P-J article from June 1973.  
• Posted by Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame.

# Views from the Village: Ellicottville's Winter Blues Fest Last Weekend



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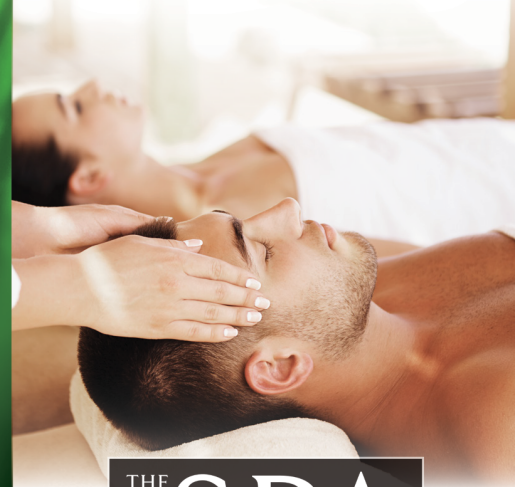


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