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Art Hub Expands in Springville



Just a few months from now, there will be an exciting new marketplace in Springville for artists, and it will be much more than a gallery. It will also be a community hub with a cafe, and a rooftop with patio seating. In addition to small artwork and craft creations, artisan foods will also be available. The new place will be called "Artisans on East Main Street", because it is located at 3 E. Main Street in Springville, NY, a beautiful historic building (formally housed The Legacy Restaurant), which is presently still undergoing renovation.

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Kabobs at the Option House

Historic Building Advances it's Flavor in Bradford



BY DEAN WELLS

Step through the double doors of the Option House, 41 Main Street, Bradford PA., and you've stepped into a time machine that teleports you back to another era. Dark wood paneling, tasteful vintage wallpaper, brightly lit

chandeliers, a bar that seems to stretch forever, a tin stamp ceiling—the restored former Bradford, Pa. hotel looks like a movie set from the turn of the 20th Century.

A place were oilmen and

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The Jefferson Inn

New Owner for Ellicottville Landmark



Located at 3 Jefferson Street in Ellicottville, The Jefferson Inn is tucked just behind the hustle and bustle of main street near the town Gazebo. It was built around 1837 and has maintained its timeless features with updated modern amenities. The Jefferson Inn was initially opened in 1995 and was the first B&B in the Village. Today, it is the only traditional B&B in the Village serving a full breakfast. (See article, page 7.)

Ellicottville Winter Blues Weekend

Celebrating Regional Blues Bands Jan. 16-18



See full line up in "What's Shakin'", page 9.

ELLICOTTVILLE - Nothing complements a great day on the ski slopes than an evening of live music, and that's just what Ellicottville's Winter Blues Weekend is guaranteed to deliver. With over 15 bands scheduled in all the downtown hot spots, visitors can expect a

full line-up of high-energy, soulful performances come the weekend of January 16, 17, and 18.

Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, the music kicks off Friday evening

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Cuba Cheese Shoppe

Iconic Business Celebrating Nearly 50 Years



The Shoppe carries over 500 varieties of cheese, including cheese spreads and cheese curds, and is famous for their aged cheddars. The Cuba Cheese Shoppe is located at 53 Genesee St, Cuba, NY 14727. Visit: cubacheese.com and find them on Facebook.

BY KATE BARTLETT

Cube Cheese Shoppe in Cuba, NY, will be celebrating 50 years this September. Located at 53 Genesee Street, this gourmet food store is known for its

expansive selection of over 500 cheeses, local New York State products like honey and jams, Amish goods, chocolates and kitchen items. The shoppe

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"Wonder Theater"

Shea's Buffalo Celebrates 100 Years



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

In one year and one day, Shea's Buffalo "Wonder" Theater sprang up on Main Street (January 16, 1926). Here's an historical perspective of the early 1900's when the era of elegant

theaters was in full swing. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History instructs us that following the 1890's depression, "The modern business corporation, modern politics, the modern presidency, a modern vision of the international order, and modern consumer capitalism were all born in these years." It was the progressive era of electricity, boom-and-bust cycles, new immense wealth, urban poor, struggling farmers, Andrew Carnegie's steel and iron empire, and Ford's Model T.

Buffalo was truly a "happening" place. Why? Buffalo was among the great cities in the US. (8th largest, and 6th busiest water port IN THE WORLD). In 1926, the year the theater was opened, Hollywood was the center of the movie industry and Buffalo was THE town to show those movies. It is in this era of vaudeville, variety stage revues and silent movies that Shea's Buffalo theater emerged through the imagination and industry of Ontario born/Buffalo-First Ward raised Irishman Michael Shea who, as a very young teen became

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Doors Open Jamestown '26

Area Business Showcase, Sat, Jan. 24



Doors Open Jamestown is a free admission day at local museums and attractions. It's designed to let area residents see the community as visitors often see them. It's purposely held at what would otherwise be a slow time of year for museums and attractions. There are over 20 businesses/attractions involved in this year's event.

BY DARLENE BRACE

The Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce is once again organizing the annual Doors Open Jamestown event, which will take place on Saturday, January 24th, from 10am-4pm. The goal of Doors Open is to encourage exploration of local businesses and attractions in Jamestown. Most of the participating locations are in the downtown area, but there are also attractions in other parts of the city. A map of the participating locations will be available.

Doors Open Jamestown was established several years ago to encourage the community to explore local attractions and businesses during the quieter time of year. This event

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Publisher's Word:

Fun Times in the Long Weekend Ahead



Enjoy this long weekend as we celebrate Martin Luther King Day with your friends and family.

Ellicottville's Winter Blues Weekend is always a fun time; you can check out the full schedule in the What's Shakin' column on page 9 and online: www.thevillagerny.com where you can find Ellicottville's monthly music schedule. We have highlighted some fun things for you to do and some interesting people and organizations in our communities for you to check out. If you have an idea of an event you would like to share with our readers, please send it our way; we

are always looking for creative ways for people to spend their days. We are also actively seeking your suggestions on people and businesses in our community to feature. We invite you to be a part of the art and its easy, simply log on to www.thevillagerny.com and click the "General Submissions" tab or email info@thevillagerny.com. We look forward to hearing from you. *Until next week, yours in writing - Jeanine Caprino Zimmer*

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Visit Ellicottville's "MALL"
The Salt Cave and Betsy's Consignments, W. Washington St.



In Ellicottville, 20 tons of Himalayan salt and builders from Poland created an authentic European style salt cave. In the last few years, new owners Doug and Caroline Anderson continue to add to their program under the efficient guidance of managers Dakota Golf and Jamie Bailey (pictured left to right).



guidance of Dakota Golf and Jamie Bailey. This team is all-in on the benefits of the salt cave. Salt draws moisture, so imagine as salt is inhaled it enters the airway linings and draws water into the airways, thinning the mucus, thus making it easier to breathe. Not great science, just good old fashioned remedies, right here on 32 W. Washington Street. Modern tech is everywhere in our lives, creating positive ions, making us feel off kilter. Salt therapy creates negative ions creating balance in our system. The salt cave has special lighting tuned to specific vibrations in the body, targeting different ailments. And their shop offers many of these remedies to take home or to gift. Owner Anderson said, "Living here we wanted to support the wellness of the community. We felt this was a good health-based investment." In a phone conversation with this team of managers, they remarked that The Salt Cave is always expanding services and continuing to grow.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN
Betsy's High-End Consignments
About thirty years ago the concept of a consignment shop was virtually an unknown in the area. Betsy Peyser set out to change that when she and Jimmy Lennon came back to Ellicottville after a few years of living in Aspen, Colorado. In Aspen Betsy worked in a high-end consignment shop (Susie's), fell in love with the business, educated herself about every aspect of it and decided to bring the concept to Ellicottville. Initially she had her shop in Bobby McCarthy's house on East Washington Street until he sold it. The "Ellicottville Mall" where Betsy's is now located became available.

One thing that makes Betsy's one-of-a-kind is that 99% of her merchandise comes from out of town. For years as many as half the homes in Ellicottville were owned by our friends from Canada so they brought Betsy items. Betsy originally from Cleveland, Ohio has kept those friendships alive. Many Cleveland skier friends stop in and bring in high-quality items like Patagonia, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, etc. She has only one requirement about her gently worn items: the condition must be like new. When Betsy started her shop 30 years ago, those products were simply not found in Ellicottville, unless you went to Betsy's. Betsy's items are eclectic,

including consignments for women, men and children (don't forget jewelry, shoes, bags and accessories for that new outfit). You will also find an interesting collection of household items and lovely art pieces. A bonus service Betsy's offers is dry cleaning drop off. Every Tuesday, garments come and go from Anderson Cleaners in Jamestown. Shopping at Betsy's is low pressure. She offers to help, then leaves you alone to wander and try things on in one of her two try-on rooms in the back. She's an expert at accessorizing and is honest when asked how things look. She's seeks to please the customer and have her/him come back above the immediate sale. Betsy's is open 7 days a week from 12-4pm and can be reached by calling 716-699-6131. Ellicottville Salt Cave Salt therapy has incredible health benefits. This was discovered by Dr. Karl Herman Spangne when his patients seemed healthier after hiding out in the salt caves during in WWII. Spas and health clinics in Europe included this therapy with the largest underground treatment and rehab center in the world in the massive, incredible Wieliczka Himalayan Salt mine in Poland. In Ellicottville, 20 tons of Himalayan salt and builders from Poland created an authentic European style salt cave. In the last few years, Doug and Caroline Anderson continue to add to their program under the efficient

One can enjoy private one-on-one, 50-minute yoga classes in the Salt Cave itself. Bring up to four friends – 3 yoga instructors available. One can simply sit and breathe during a healing Sound Bath – meditation accompanied by singing bowls, drums, gong, chimes. A Certified reflexologist and a Reiki Energy Healer both are part of their team as well. In their shop you can find Himalayan Salt energy balls, bath salts, bath bombs, microwaveable salt bags for pain, lamps, as well as natural based facial products used in the shop and, of course, Salt Cave gear. The Ellicottville Salt Cave can be reached by calling 716-699-2068. They are open Sunday 11-2, Monday 10-5, Wednesday through Saturday 10-5, closed Tuesdays. Find them on Facebook or ellicottvillesaltcave.com.

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Student Scholarship Applications

Catt. Region Community Foundation, Deadline March 11

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation will open its 2026 scholarship application process on January 27. Students can apply through the online scholarship portal at cattfoundation.org/apply-for-scholarships. By completing the universal application, students become eligible for over 100 scholarship opportunities tailored to various interests and career goals.

In 2025, CRCF awarded \$287,734 in scholarships to 166 students through 242 awards to the year's applicants. Including continuing scholarship awards for previous recipients, CRCF supported over \$320,000 in scholarship payments in 2025.

Scholarships are available to students throughout the region, including, depending on the criteria of each fund, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Chautauqua and McKean (PA) counties for a multitude of career aspirations.

CRCF's universal scholarship application system matches students with the scholarship awards they are eligible for based on their future major, career goals, extracurricular activities, etc.

This year, 6 new scholarship awards will be available to applicants in the universal applications, including:

- Thomas M. Barnes Scholarship – for graduating seniors of Portville Central School who demonstrate good character and have financial need.
- Travis and Darlene Baugh Scholarship – for a graduating senior from Bradford or Ellicottville Central School pursuing studies at any higher education institution.



Students that participated in the 2025 Catt. Region Community Foundation scholarship program.

- Greater Olean Hospitality Scholarship – for graduating seniors of high schools in the Greater Olean area (Olean, Portville, Hinsdale and Allegany-Limestone) attending a 2- or 4-year institution and pursuing a degree in a hospitality industry-related field of study.
- Don Scholla Memorial Scholarship – for graduating seniors of Olean High School, with first preference for a student planning to pursue a degree or career in physical education and/or coaching. Second preference is for those who have participated in at least two varsity sports at OHS, including as a team manager or assistant.
- Kelsey “Kelso” Shea Memorial Scholarship – for graduating seniors of Allegany-Limestone Central School attending either a 2- or 4-year college and planning to pursue a degree in arts and digital media-related studies. First preference is for a student planning to attend the Jamestown campus of Jamestown Community College.
- St. Mary's Episcopal Church Legacy Scholarship – for two graduates of Salamanca Central School. One scholarship will be for a graduating senior, the second will be for a current college student that graduated from Salamanca Central School.
- Lorna J. Thornbury

Memorial Scholarship – for graduating seniors of Olean High School intending to pursue a career in fields related to education, health care or social sciences.

Applicants will apply entirely online and submit supporting documentation such as transcripts and recommendations from chosen references using the online portal.

Applications must be completed and submitted by March 11.

Students who have questions may contact CRCF Gift Processing and Scholarship Program Manager Kathryn Kramer at kathryn@cattfoundation.org or 716-301-2723.

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

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Shea's CONT. FROM COVER

a structural ironworker on Buffalo's railroad bridges. "Iron Mike" as he was called, (known for fighting on top of those bridges) was at home among cursing, sweaty iron workers or tough seamen, but his artistic/entrepreneurial soul prodded him into another direction. First, he opened a saloon, then with his earnings and a borrowed \$2500, opened Shea's Music Hall in 1882. It burned in 1893. He began again, eventually opening The Hippodrome on Main/Chippewa in 1914, the first motion-picture house between NY and Chicago. By 1924 he owned 12 movie theaters and four vaudeville houses. He then teamed up with Paramount. In the golden era of movie houses a two-million dollar theater came to Buffalo in one year, with one steam shovel (some say) and hundreds of workers. The "marble" is plaster worked artistically by several Italian immigrants, who created walls, columns and sculptures using their special technique. With highly trained, uniformed ushers, The Wonder Theater as it was known, designed by Tiffany, furniture from Chicago's Marshall Field's and Czechoslovak crystal chandeliers opened with an acre of seats (4000-now 3019) and a mighty Wurlitzer (the voice of silent films). A ticket got patrons the news, music



Replicas of the original blade sign (on cover) as well as Wonder Theatre sign and brass doors were installed in 2004.

from the Wurlitzer and the film/show.

Shea had the respect of everyone, from the people who worked for him to the greatest stars of stage and screen. Many came to Buffalo just to be with that legendary, two-fisted Irishman, Mike Shea, also a fitness nut, which is truly why there are no elevators in the old Shea's. (Elevators are coming.) An inveterate showman, Shea did stunts like bringing elephants and camels to parade down Main street promoting the movie, The Valley of the Kings.

Hard times hit with The Great Depression – Shea's did not close. They kept people employed. Shea retired in 1930. By 1950's Americans had TV and local movie theaters. Shea's sold to Lowes and only ran movies and eventually closed. By 1964 Buffalo developer Leon Sidell bought and reopened Shea's which kept it alive. He lost it to city. Eventually it was slated for the wrecking ball. A Lowes engineer Curt Mangel, literally lived there, inventoried, etc., and eventually started

the Friends of The Buffalo Theater group which legally stopped Lowes from removing items from the theater. City Comptroller, George O'Connell, another Shea's hero, refused to sign for the wrecking ball. Ultimately, Shea's became listed on National register of Historic Places and hope was renewed. In 1980, the Shea's O'Connell Preservation Guild began management of the building and continues operation today. Massive renovations inside and out made it possible to bring to Buffalo *Les Miserables*, *Miss Saigon*, and *Phantom of the Opera*.

The 1926 the \$72,000 Mighty Wurlitzer had major water damage, with mushrooms growing inside. Maureen Wilke and a team came to the rescue, repairing the wooden pipes to begin restoring the organ. Renovation took upwards of \$400,000. Did you know that the organ has actual percussion instruments within it that are airpower activated with the press of a lever? From the organ to the building, it is truly a Wonder.

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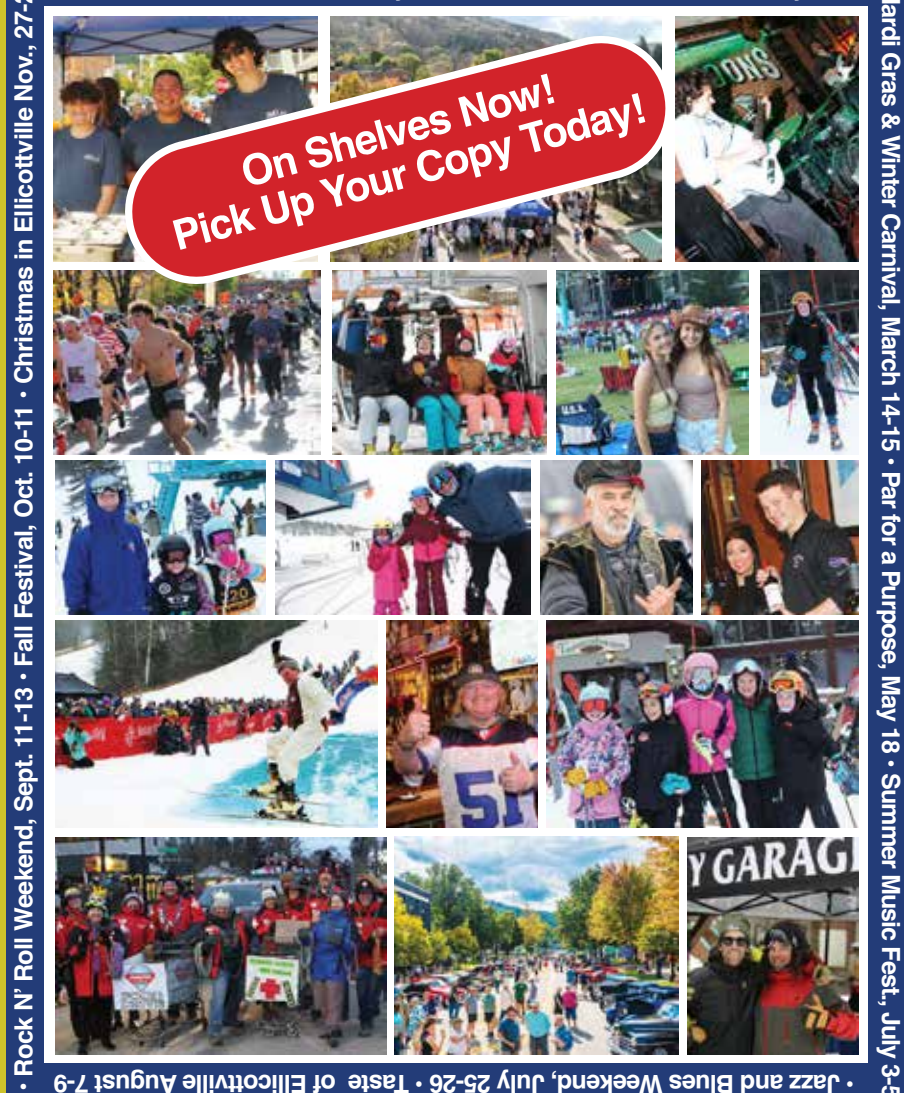
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Snowmakers Shine in High Places



Members of HoliMont's "Mountain Ops" Team which was created over the summer to help with Area Control / Winter Terrain Park & Summer Bike Park / Snowmaking.

By DAN BALKIN

Skiers and riders at HoliMont have friends in high places. Not societies usual high places, but one of life's most beautiful high places – the summit of our ski hill. As anyone at a ski resort knows, during ideal snowmaking conditions the snow guns are often operating 24 hours a day. That means that as we are enjoying après ski in the early evening, and later snoozing and perhaps snoring in the dead of night, these dedicated snowmakers are roaming our ski mountain, from base to summit, to create the magic of artificial snow. When is "lunchtime" for the snowmakers working the third shift that begins at midnight? It's 4:30am.

That half hour break is a brief pause in a long stint of outdoor work in frigid temps, darkness, blustery winds, falling branches – and sometimes even blizzards of natural snow creating whiteout conditions as the snow guns roar. The ground underneath them, unlike our floors at home or at the office, is inclined and very slippery. If that sounds challenging – it is – but these men, spanning all three shifts, take pride in what they do and enjoy making our durable white carpet of artificial snow.

When the night shift arrives, they get on their snowmobiles and head up the mountain. Aware they are travelling on ski slopes,

they strive to minimize the tracks their machines leave on the snow. Depending on a variety of conditions, they either work up or down the hill. They maintain the guns throughout the night, sometimes adjusting the direction of the guns and making sure each gun is operating smoothly. This is not only a large piece of

real estate to cover, but there are also numerous snow guns. If the guns are being fired up, water hoses and electric cords for each gun are carefully checked, ice is banged off the screens on the back of the snow guns, and the nozzles on the front of the guns are deiced. A power lever is then switched on to turn on both the water and the compressed air that intermingles within the snow gun to create artificial snow crystals. The snowmakers position the guns to maximize hang time in the air. As expert snowmaker Dan Phillips explained "The more airtime the better for the quality of the snow." The guns on fixed towers are placed on the west side of each slope to take advantage of the

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Third shift snowmakers Dan Phillips (left) and Connor Lorkowski often go snowboarding after being up all night making snow!

Snow Plow Masters

Ellicottville DPW Moving and Removing Snow



By CHAD NEAL

Some folks may not even realize the work that goes with taking care of the snow in a village. The crew at the Ellicottville DPW have an armada of snow removal vehicles and they utilize them all for the certain streets, sidewalks and parking lots in the village. Mark Chudy is the supervisor at the Department of Public Works and handles all day-to-day operations with his crew. There have been some comments about how well they maintain the snow compared to some other towns and villages. *The Villager* caught up with Chudy and got some insight about he and his crew operate the snow removal.

Chudy wrote in an email that they have "a winter fleet that consists of two plow trucks with sanders, one pickup with a plow, one sidewalk plow with three different blades which also has a snowblower and a salt spreader attachment. We also use a backhoe for removing snow and a mini-loader for loading sand and snow removal."

The DPW takes their job seriously and are out there every time the snow covers the roads and sidewalks. It's not a large crew but they get the job done, though it does take time. Chudy added, "The Village also maintains sidewalks out to Holiday Valley, HoliMont, Elk Creek and EllicottVillas on 242. Besides streets, we maintain alley ways and the majority of parking lots downtown including Town Hall, Town Center and the Fire Department."

When we get pounded with the beautiful powder, lake effect and sleet, Ellicottville's DPW gear up and go to work. "If the weather gets out of hand," Chudy remarked, "two employees at the WWTP (waste water treatment plant) have two trucks with plows that can assist. When we get a break in the weather, we will maintain equipment and repair any equipment that needs attention. We will remove snow from Washington and Monroe and any piles that have built up from the storm. We haul snow to the Village Park and Fitzpatrick and Weller have allowed us to use their lot

on Mill Street for many years."

The plan going into the process is a 'be ready for anything' tactic. "Organization and maintenance of equipment is handled in house," Chudy said explaining that they fix their own trucks and equipment with the knowledge of the crew and the tools they have on hand. "Trucks are fueled and filled with sand at the end of shift so we can begin as soon as the next shift starts."

Sometimes it isn't even noticed when the DPW workers are clearing the snow from the streets and sidewalks. One may hear the faint beeping of a backup alarm in the distance or see the truck or sidewalk plow drive by. They are always on the move when the snow falls. It's not a secret that many people want to drive around in the sidewalk plow.

If you do see any of the fellas moving or removing snow during the winter season, give them a thumbs up, they make moving around manageable in our village.

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Blues

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and continues through Sunday afternoon, making it a weekend you won't want to miss. The best part: all performances are free to enjoy! NO COVERS!

"Winter Blues Weekend is a great way to spend time with friends and family and discover some of the most talented Blues performers in our region," said Barb Pump, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber. "We're looking forward to a full weekend of fun and we encourage visitors to book overnight accommodations so they can enjoy all that Ellicottville has to offer."

Along with live music, Ellicottville boasts several breweries, distilleries and wineries, more than a dozen restaurants, and just as many retail shops. Browse an eclectic variety of one-of-a-kind gifts and keepsakes, fashionable clothing for men, women and kids, and even unique



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"Our downtown business district offers the whole package, and it's all in a 4-block walkable footprint," said Pump. "Park your car, shop, dine and bar hop on foot. You can easily take in all the sights and sounds of Winter Blues Weekend every which way you turn!"

Book your lodging now so you can look forward

to enjoying a weekend of great music, fun dining, eclectic shopping and of course, freshly groomed ski conditions. A complete list of accommodations, restaurants and retailers, along with a schedule of live music for Winter Blues Weekend 2026 can be found at ellicottvillenyny.com. Stay updated on other Chamber related news and events by following @visitellicottville on IG/FB. For questions contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or info@ellicottvillenyny.com.

Chautauqua County History

Lecture Series Presented by County Historian

The Busti Historical Society is launching a new history lecture series in 2026, and the first program promises to explore the stranger side of our local past.

On Saturday, January 31 at 2pm, Chautauqua County Historian Norman Carlson will present The Sensational History of Chautauqua County at the Busti Historical Society meeting room.

The lecture will dive into legends, rumors, panics, ghosts, crimes, and hoaxes—highlighting some of the most peculiar and fascinating stories from the county's last 200 years.

Attendees can expect a lively and engaging look at Chautauqua County history through a unique



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"Twilight Zone" lens. informative way. The Admission is free, with Busti Historical Society is donations gratefully located in the Busti Grist Mill, 3443 Lawson Rd, open to the public and is Jamestown, NY 14701. They can be reached by residents of all ages to calling (716) 483-3670 or connect with local history emailing bustihistorical@gmail.com in an entertaining and

Snowshoe Hikes at Allegany State Park

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Join in for a snowshoe hike every Tuesday in January and every Wednesday in February at 4:30pm for a trek into the sunset at Allegany State Park. Beginning January 8th, Park Naturalists will lead interpretive snowshoe treks, weather depending, or hikes if there is not enough snow. Witness a breathtaking winter sunset at Stone Tower, visit a secret beaver pond or hike along a creek. Meeting places and hikes will vary. See schedule below. Be sure to dress for the weather, bring a flashlight, water, a snack, and a sense of adventure. Need snowshoes? No problem, they have several pairs to use during the program for FREE! Please call to reserve snowshoes by noon the day of each hike. For more information contact the Environmental Education/ Recreation Department at 716-354-6263.

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LIVE MUSIC AT YODELER
JANUARY 18 | 4-7PM
Stop by the Upper Bar at Yodeler to hear the music of Darkwater Duo! These Pennsylvania boys, Dick & Dave, are cousins from Bradford and formed the duo fronted act in 2015. Southern Tier Brewery Co. will be on-site for a special tasting for anyone age 21+.



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Cuba Cheese

Current owners Jane and Jeff Bradley acquired the property in 1991. "Jeff owned the grocery store across the street for many years," explains Jane. "We saw The Cheese Shoppe come up for sale and we decided to seize the

In addition to cheese, the shop carries a wide variety of gourmet products including gift baskets, jellies and jams, honey, chocolates, snacks, kitchen goods and gadgets, maple syrup, salt rising bread, and other locally made products.

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Artisans on East Main Street

Art Hub Expands in Springville



BY BARBARA ARNSTEIN

Just a few months from now, there will be an exciting new marketplace in Springville for artists, and it will be much more than a gallery. It will also be a community hub with a cafe, and a rooftop with patio seating. In addition to small artwork and craft creations, artisan foods will also be available. The new place will be called “Artisans on East Main Street”, because it is located at 3 E. Main Street in Springville, NY, a beautiful historic building (formally housed The Legacy Restaurant), which is presently still undergoing renovation.

Artists’ work will be displayed on assorted types of shelving and hanging units with lighting. During each holiday season, there will be seasonal items. It will eventually expand each floor of its’ next-door neighbor, “Art’s Cafe”, a popular bakery-cafe that is a showplace and marketplace for art, with a 60-seat performance space, a library and a public green roof. At this time, there is limited seating on the green roof of “Art’s Cafe”. The “Artisans” roof area will not only add seats but connect to the cafe up front. There will be more library seats, the kitchen will be enlarged, and there will be entrances on all three sides. The larger kitchen will be available for use by food entrepreneurs, giving them access to a licensed commercial kitchen. There are plans for classes to teach artists about self-promotion, bookkeeping and more.

Seth Wochensky, Executive Director for Springville Center for the Arts, which is behind both “Art’s Cafe” and “Artisans”, commented about the latter, “We expect to complete structural work as we head towards Spring. The basement kitchen will probably be completed by the end of summer. We’re

excited to work on this project as the next chapter and build on the excitement the cafe has brought to Main Street”.

Part of “Artisans on East Main” is expected to be open on the day of Springville’s annual major art event, the Art Crawl on Saturday, June 6, 2026. This event, showcases artwork in buildings all around town, and features a parade and music performances.

The kinds of items available year-round at “Artisans” will include an assortment of original works including paintings, photos, fashion accessories, ceramics, etc. Artists interested in exhibiting their work at “Artisans” will be happy to hear the artwork of individual artists will be featured in a rotating monthly center display. Every artist there will have a placard for their artistic statement, locale and picture.

For more information, go to springvillearts.com, call (716) 592-9038, or go to artscafespringville.com.



Tracy Diegelman recently purchased the property and officially became its new owner of The Jefferson Inn in Ellicottville on December 29. Tracy was born and raised in the Buffalo area, resided in Lancaster for over 20 years. She is also the current owner of Lancaster Coffee Co. & Café, which she will continue to run.

Jefferson Inn

STORY FROM COVER

BY KATE BARTLETT

The Jefferson Inn Bed and Breakfast is an Ellicottville symbol of hospitality, known for its charming Victorian ambiance and relaxing atmosphere. The property combines historic architecture with modern comforts and amenities creating the ultimate getaway for locals and visitors alike.

Tracy Diegelman recently purchased the property and officially became its new owner December 29. “Recently I had found myself looking for the next chapter, searching with intention and honesty for a place where my love of family, home, and community could come together in a deeper way. That search led me to Ellicottville,” explains Tracy.

Tracy was born and raised in the Buffalo area, resided in Lancaster for over 20 years. She is also the

current owner of Lancaster Coffee Co. & Café, which she will continue to run.

Over the years, Tracy has built and grown small businesses, all rooted in connection and hospitality. Each chapter has been guided by the same belief: that the spaces we create — whether a home, a business, or a gathering place — should feel welcoming, genuine, and grounded in care.

Located at 3 Jefferson Street, The Jefferson Inn is tucked just behind the hustle and bustle of main street near the town Gazebo. It was built around 1837 and has maintained its timeless features with updated modern amenities. The house has been beautifully restored and furnished with antiques and reproductions. The Jefferson Inn was initially opened in 1995 and was the first B&B in the Village. Today, it is the only traditional B&B in the Village serving a full breakfast.

The Jefferson Inn is a Victorian bed & breakfast with a beautiful wraparound porch and

outdoor jacuzzi hot tub. Each of the 5 guest rooms are comfortably furnished in their unique décor and have a private bath. The Inn also has 2 cottage suites attached to the main house with their own kitchenettes, and private entrances, while still providing access to the main house.

Tracy has plans of improving the rooms amenities with high-quality linens and rich décor. All guests that stay in the main house receive a 3-course gourmet breakfast. She brings her many years of restaurant and hospitality knowledge to create an unforgettable stay and elegant dining experience.

Tracy’s vision for The Jefferson is to create a higher level of comfort and hospitality. “I’ve added a few personal touches to the décor already,” explains Tracy. “I have a love for French Country décor, like Toile fabrics with bringing in my own furnishings

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Chautauqua County Weekly Calendar

Celebrating the Season with Music in Chautauqua County

By DARLENE BRACE

It's already the middle of January and we are heading into the middle of the winter season. Don't let that stop you from going out to have some fun in Chautauqua County this weekend.

Thursday, January 15th - Head on out to **Westfield** for the **Songwriter's Circle Series at the Lakeshore Center for the Arts**. The evening will feature performances by three local singer-songwriters including **Tim Britt, Kate Clark, and Beave Sorenson**. The event starts at 7pm, and it promises to be an entertaining night.

Friday, January 16th - Its **Open Mic Night at Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood**. You can sing, tell jokes, recite poetry, or any other type of talent that you want to share, as all types of talent are welcome. If you aren't into performing, just come as a spectator and enjoy the show.

It's **Karaoke Night at Shawbucks** in downtown Jamestown. Whether you are seasoned performer or just messing around, you can pick your favorite song to sing and join in the fun, starting at 9pm.

The River Bar in the **Seneca Allegheny Casino** will have **The Maybee Experience** (formerly the Iron Eyes Experience) take the stage. They will be rocking it out from 7-11pm. You can try your luck at the casino and hang out listening to these talented musicians.

Saturday, January 17th - **Charity Nuse and Matt Gronquist** from the Probables will be teaming up again and returning to perform at the **Southern**

Tier Brewing Company. This talented duo plays a variety of music that crosses many genres. Come check out this amazing duo and their unique sound, starting at 6pm.

Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing in Westfield have a busy afternoon scheduled. They will have live music by **Jesse and Erica** from 1-4pm along with the Cousins Maine Lobster Food Truck. It is sure to be a busy afternoon, so get there early if you want to get a seat.

Matt and Rick of Pollywood Nights will be playing at the **Lakewood American Legion**. They will play classic rock and a variety of other music, starting at 4pm.

Shawbucks in downtown Jamestown is excited to announce the return of **Hyde and Seek**. This fun band will take the stage at 10pm, playing some of your favorite rock and pop tunes that will get you moving in your seat and maybe to the beat on the dance floor.

The **Angry Bird BBQ** in Dunkirk has become a new hotspot for live music this season. **Party McFly** will be performing some energetic party music starting at 8pm. You can enjoy listening to this great band while having some food from their amazing menu.

The **Lake Shore Center of the Arts in Westfield** is excited to announce their new "In Concert" music series starting January 17th at 2pm. **Michael Gerholdt** will be performing, featuring his amazing finger-style guitar work along with vocals that will captivate the audience.

Group Ther-Happy in Lakewood is hosting the **Doug Phillips Duo**, and they will entertain the crowd with a variety of music starting at 8pm. You can enjoy a delicious meal from Group's amazing menu while listening to this talented duo.

The **Fredonia Opera House** is excited to announce the showing of the film **Springsteen-Deliver Me from Nowhere**. This film, starring **Jeremy Allen White**, is a biographical drama depicting **Bruce Springsteen's** relationships, career, and life during the early 1980's. The show starts at 7:30pm and is rated PG-13. For ticket information, go to fredopera.org or call (716) 679-0891.

The **Cooler Bar and Grill in Sherman** welcomes the return of **Tyler McClain** to their stage. Tyler plays a wide variety of music starting at 7pm. He is a very talented soloist that will play a little bit of everything, so everyone is sure to enjoy his show.

Sunday, January 18th - The **Robert H Jackson Center** is hosting a presentation call **Aisle Be Damned**. This original musical comedy is being performed by Princeton Triangle Club that will have you laughing in your seats starting at 7pm.

This was a fun week that had a lot of live music and other entertainment that was widespread across the county. Check out next week's issue of The Villager to see what's happening across Chautauqua County next weekend.

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By: MOUTH SAY TONGUE

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For that wonderful sound,
They sometimes call the blues.
Its Winter Blues Weekend so let's see who's playing where?

THURSDAY
We start our weekend on Thursday at **Balloons for Burgers and Brews & Trivia 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 prizes for first-third place.

The Gin Mill's Thursday residency is hosted by the **Chillbillys** from 8-11pm. Try Evl's only seven days a week kitchen, open till 9pm Sun-Thurs and 10pm Fri-Sat. Open for breakfast 9-11:30am Sat-Sun.

FRIDAY
We're back at **Balloons for Ten Cent Howl** from 6:30-10pm. According to their bio they play an Americana/rock/folk/blues set of covers. The back bar will host **Dj A-Rock** from 10-1pm playin tunes so you can bop until you drop and **Dj KT Stylez** will serve up some juice so you can really cut loose on the two dance floors from 10-2am.

The Gin Mill is back with **Two Guys Drinking Beer** from 8-12am. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/blues/folk set of covers and originals. Try some of the 37 beers that are always on tap.

The Mill St Sports Pub joins the party with **The Alexander James Band** featuring special guest Ken Ryan from 8-11pm. This band plays a blues set with some country and rock thrown in. Try the fish fry, da bomb.

Madigans keeps the party going with **Dj Kage**, cookin up some sauce

so you can shake it like a boss in the window on Washington from 9-2am.

SATURDAY
The Gin Mill is the early bird with **Brian Rick** from 2-5pm. Grab an early dinner or late lunch. Buffalo's own **Maria Aurigema** takes the stage from 8-12am. Maria plays blues, rock originals and covers. If you like craft cocktails try the Carriage House Sidebar for some high-end spirits.

The T-Bar, up at **Holiday Valley**, hosts **Two Guys Drinking Beer** from 4-7pm. Take a break from skiing and grab a hot toddy with a great view of the slopes.

Madigans goes live with **Rev 13** from 6-9pm. This band plays hard rockin tunes from the 70-90's. **Dj Larson** will crank up the house sound with some thumpin for the bumpin till 2am.

The Pat Harrington Trio hits the stage at **Balloons** from 6:30-10pm. This band plays a blues/rock/folk/country set of originals and covers. Pat and Owen are going to switch over to acoustic guitars and play in the back bar from 10-1am.

Dj Kage will fire up the sound booth, playin some jams so you can shake your gams from 10-2am.

Villaggio is up next with **Miller and the Other Sinners** from 7-10pm. Dave plays soul/r&b/blues originals and covers. Dine on some of the southern tiers finest Italian cuisine and look over the wine list while you're at it.

Last but not least the **Tommy Z Band** rocks Mill St Sports Pub from

8-11pm. Tommy is a touring musician playing blues and blues influenced rock music that you can dance to.

SUNDAY
The Ratchet Hatchet hosts a Sunday Brunch with **Ed and the Hotrods** starting at 11am. I didn't have a lot of detail so you might want to give em a call.

The Gin Mill presents **The Chillbillys** from 2-5pm. This husband-and-wife act plays a rock/pop/blues/folk/country set of covers and originals featuring smooth guitar riffs and sweet vocal harmonies. **Two Guys Drinking Beer** will take the stage from 7-10pm. Terry and Ron play a rock/pop/folk/blues set of covers and originals.

Villaggio hosts its weekly AYCE Pasta Night and Prime Rib Special from 5-9pm. Fresh, made to order, pasta with the toppings of your choice or savory prime cooked the way you like. The musical guests are **The Girls of Grosh** with special guest **Grace Stumberg**. You don't want to miss this.

Balloons is back with a rare Sunday show. **The Chumps** will perform from 7-10pm. This duo plays acoustic rock from the 60-90's.

MONDAY
The Gin Mill will host **Red Gray**, Monday, from 7-10pm. Red plays old and new country, folk and southern rock covers and originals and he likes requests.

TUESDAY
The Gin Mill's Tuesday musical guests are **The Hick Ups** from 7-10pm. This group of local musicians from various bands plays a bluegrass/country/roots set of covers

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Beat on the Street:

“What Job Did You Quit the Fastest From?”

By CHAD NEAL



In life we need money. We need to make our needs satisfied. Finding a way to make that money is usually searching for a job. Sometime it is different legal or otherwise, but filling out an application and having an interview to be “just over broke” can be a real let down when you find out that place of employment just isn't for you. Being asked certain questions during said interview can come back to you and have you thinking maybe some of the questions they asked should have been reversed and asked of them. The people you work with can be a deterrent or the people you work for can be, but there are so many great places to work and after checking out a few that job will be found. What job did you quit the fastest from?



Gail- Fitzpatrick and Weller. Made it one day.



Sam- One weekend washing dishes at Kabob Kafe in Ellicottville. I was 15. Never worked in a kitchen again.



Jake- I worked one day for a lady who's known to be nasty to people. She gave me poor instructions of what she wanted me to do then proceeds to verbally cut me down. Looked her right in the eyes and said you don't get to talk to like that and I walked away. She was speechless.



Jeremy- A factory job. I went in at 7am and left for good on my lunch break on my first day!



Jason- Paperboy, winter is not a good time to deliver papers!



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★★ Sudoku Challenge ★★

This Week's Difficulty Level:

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

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:

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

Kabobs

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bustling hub for oil traders had fallen into disrepair. He worked diligently for a year to painstakingly restore the building to its former grandeur. Sylvester operated an establishment for the next five years before he decided it was time to sell.

It was a perfect opportunity for Iqbal.

“At first, I was scared. Ellicottville to Bradford is a huge difference. I saw the building and I knew it would be a big project, but I wanted it. I made a deal with Sam and a month later I moved here.”

Iqbal puts in long hours at Kabob’s. He drives from Olean every morning six days a week to arrive at 7am and stays until 9pm.

“I prep everything in the morning,” Iqbal said. “I do it all. Everything is prepared for the day, then we cook it to order.”

The results are masterful. Rich and creamy curry; flame-kissed kabobs



On a recent Saturday afternoon with a steady flow of customers coming in and out of his restaurant, Iqbal took a break and sat down over coffee to talk about his journey from urban Pakistan to north-western Pennsylvania. Pictured: Iqbal with writer Dean Wells at Kabobs in Bradford, PA.

coated with tandoori, finished with a touch of grill char; tender chicken souvlaki with a cool homemade tzatziki; bold and bright chicken tikka.

“It’s a traditional curry,” Iqbal said of Kabob’s mainstay dish. “And it’s my favorite.”

When he’s not working at his restaurant kitchen, Iqbal likes to relax at home—but not by cooking.

“I used to cook a lot at home, but not since I remarried. I told my wife

that she didn’t have to work, she didn’t have to do anything. Just cook dinner for me—that’s it.

Iqbal does have another relaxation technique: at the end of the night at Kabob’s, he enjoys a bottle of Labatt’s Blue Light beer.

“But not too early,” Iqbal said with a grin. “Not when we still have food to cook.”

Kabob’s at the Option House is located at 41 Main Street, Bradford, Pa. www.ka-bobs.com

Cuba Cheese

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here in 1887. The demand for New York State cheese is due to its characteristically unique flavor and a certain sharpness. “We are looking forward to continuing to provide the best customer service and quality cheese products for many years to come,” says Jane.

For more info, visit cubacheese.com and follow on Facebook and Twitter. Products can be ordered online or email jane@cubacheese.com with questions about fundraising. Watch for upcoming 50-year anniversary celebration announcements to come. The Cuba Cheese Shoppe is located at 53 Genesee St in Cuba, NY 14727.



The cheese industry has been a part of this area for many generations dating back to the late 1800’s. Cuba was once known as the ‘cheese center of the world’ with numerous small cheese factories studying the countryside. The first cheese company was formed in Cuba in 1871. In 1889 the building which houses the Cuba Cheese Shoppe was built as a cheese storage facility. Ice from Cuba Lake provided the means of refrigeration. The current shoppe which is located in this original building was opened in 1976. Current owners Jane and Jeff Bradley acquired the property in 1991.

Snow

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prevailing local winds so that the snow lands where it is needed – on the slopes! In a remarkable innovation, HoliMont is capable of moving some of its snow guns on fixed towers. A grooming machine equipped with a crane can move the guns to various sections of the hill to create a uniform, deep base of

snow across all ski slopes.

HoliMont has two large ponds at the top of the Sunset area for snowmaking water. Pump houses near the base of the Cascade chairlift and the top of the Saddle pond are where snowmaking magic occurs. In these pump houses an organic substance called Snomax is added to the water. Snomax increases the amount of artificial snow crystals that are created, therefore significantly boosting the amount of snow each gun can spew out.

What are the ideal snowmaking conditions? Bone chilling temps with low humidity produce the maximum amount of snow. That’s nature’s end of the bargain. But HoliMont has its own bargain – a bargain with its dedicated employees. HoliMont’s culture stresses that we are all part of a team, and that each team member deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. The nights are long, cold, and dark for our third shift snowmakers, but they shine in their high places.

Shakin’

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and originals. Don’t forget those 37 beers that are on tap while you’re listening. **WEDNESDAY**

We close out the seven-day weekend at **The Gin Mill** with Wing, Wednesday from 7-10pm. They’ve been hosting this night of music for 40+ years. **Brian Rick** is the host. He plays a rock/pop/ country/ folk set of covers and originals.

This is one of the best lineups I’ve seen in my 15 years of living here and encourage you to see as many bands as you can. I also ask that wherever you are **PLEASE, SUPPORT LIVE MUSIC!!!!!!**

Walter’s World

“Photos from the Weird”

Hungarian engineer Stefan Nailed near the machine he invented supposedly made people and inanimate objects invisible. 1935

PUBLIC NOTICES

JOB OPENING: TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE SEASONAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LABORER, Commercial Driver, & Heavy Equipment Operator - The Town of Ellicottville is seeking to hire a Highway Department Laborer, Commercial Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator to fill a seasonal position with the Highway Department. The position involves operating equipment and performing manual labor with regards to maintenance and oversight of the town roads. Applicants with a High School Diploma (or GED) and a NYS Commercial Drivers License (Class B) will be considered. The rate of pay is \$22.98 to \$27.42 per hour depending on experience.

Please send a cover letter and resume to the attention of Scot Brumagin, PO Box 600, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or by email Scot.Brumagin@evlengineering.com.

TOWN OF MANSFIELD BOARD MEETING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Town Board Meeting for Monday January 19, 2026, is Rescheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 to begin at 7:00 p.m. Said meeting to be held at the Mansfield Town Hall, in Eddyville, 7691 Toad Hollow Road, Little Valley. *By Order of Carl Calarco, Town Supervisor Betty Jane Horning, Town Clerk*

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THE PUB AND THE HICKORY ARE LOOKING FOR BAR AND KITCHEN HELP if interested please call or text (text preferable) (716) 863-5498 for an interview.

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WANTED STANDING TIMBER. Fully insured, free estimates. Call 1 (716) 801-1084.

LLC FILINGS

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF ALPENGLOW ELECTRIC LLC, articles of organization filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/22/2025. Office location of the LLC, Cattaraugus County, The SSNY is designated agent of LCC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: ZENBUSINESS INC., 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF MOREZZS LLC, articles of organization filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 12/29/2025. Office location of the LLC, Cattaraugus County, The SSNY is designated agent of LCC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: John Morella., 225 White Oak Drive, Allegany, NY 14706. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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~ Sam Joseph Huffman, 1970-2026 ~

Long-Time Ellicottville Friend & Holiday Valley Employee



Sam was born September 24, 1970, in Fairbanks, Alaska, the son of the late Samuel Joseph Huffman Jr. (2/25/2006) and Kathy Jane (Peterson) Huffman-Herleman of Leetonia, Ohio.

He was a 1990 graduate of Randolph Central School and was a 35-year employee of Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville.

He is survived by his mother, Kathy Jane Herelman (Late John) of Ohio, two children; Chloe Huffman of West Valley, NY and Kenny Jackson of Olean, six siblings; Dr. John (Dawn) Huffman of Waterford, Pa., Robert

Huffman of Cary, N.C., David (Libby) Huffman of Desoto, Missouri, Kim (Brian) Laubacker of Wildwood, Missouri, Tina (Chad) Migge of Canton, Ohio and Alicia Huffman of Pittsburgh and three grandchildren, Iyana, Mya and Rylynn.

As per Sam's wishes, there will be no visitation or services held. A celebration of Life will be held at a later date and will be announced by the VanRensselaer & Son Funeral Home, 14 Church Street, Randolph.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of choice.

Retro Images

Photo Picks From Days Gone By



Jamestown High School under construction 1935
Jamestown, New York



All guests that stay in the main house receive a 3-course gourmet breakfast. She brings her many years of restaurant and hospitality knowledge to create an unforgettable stay and elegant dining experience.

Jefferson Inn

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into the space creating elements of opulence and whimsy. My collection of MacKenzie Child's also inspires the space.

Tracy loves to host and create memorable experiences. "I pride myself on personal service, the little details, and making welcoming connections."

"I'm deeply grateful to Jean Kirsch, former owner of the Jefferson Inn, for her mentoring and sharing her 19 years of building the

Jefferson's reputation. It's an honor to carry forward the care she poured into both the inn and this community."

For more information, visit TheJeffersonInn.com, email info@thejeffersoninn.com and follow on Facebook @JeffersonInn.

Doors Open

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supports small businesses and venues showcasing comedy, history, science, and the arts. It's a fantastic opportunity to revisit some of your favorite local spots while also discovering new places. This region is home to numerous unique and intriguing sites that residents sometimes overlook or may not be aware of.

Here is what some of the Doors Open Jamestown 2026 event will have to offer:

The Jamestown Audubon, at 1600 Riverside Road, offers free admission to its three floors of indoor facilities, including a children's nature play area and access to six miles of outdoor trails. Visitors can also enter a drawing for a free t-shirt.

There will also be free admittance for self-guided tours at the **Robert H. Jackson** center on Fourth Street. They will be showing a continuous reel of the documentary Liberty Under Law that chronicles the life and career of Jackson. For children there will be a book reading.

At 116 East Third Street, **The Reg Lenna Center of the Arts** will have complimentary tours from 10am-3pm, including backstage, dressing rooms, their radio station,

and the Media Arts Studio. **Infinity Visual & Performing Arts** will have complimentary classes for children and adults at Infinity and at the **Pearl City Clay House**.

The James Prendergast Library will have a make your own bees wax candle activity for visitors that are 14 and older from 2-3pm. There will also be other activities and displays for all to enjoy.

The Roger Tory Peterson Institute will have free admission to the facility and to all the current exhibitions. There will be a raffle, a kid's activity, and their staff will be available to answer questions.

The National Comedy Center on Second Street as well as the **Lucy Desi Museum** on Third Street will have free admittance for any Chautauqua County residents from 10am-5pm. Because of limited capacity, you must pre-register ahead of time on comedycenter.org.

The Fenton Museum is having free admission, but is also requiring pre-registration for a time slot to enjoy the museum's exhibits. You will travel back in time and learn about some of Jamestown's early residents.

This is just a sample of what some of the area attractions are offering. Some of the other participating locations are Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame, Chautauqua Youth Symphony, CHQ Chamber and Visitor Information Center, Lucile M. Wright Air Museum, Martz-Kohl Observatory,

Marvin Community House, Northwest Arena, Partridge-Sheldon House by Jamestown DAR, Sukanya Burman Dance, Art Cloth & Craft, Chautauqua Art Gallery, DoubleTree by Hilton, and Wicked Warren's Jamestown. Feel free to contact each location for more information.

As in previous years, you can participate in the online scavenger hunt quiz contest for a chance to win one of three prize baskets filled with items from the participating locations. During Doors Open, you will visit the participating locations and answer quiz questions using a provided QR code or by going to go.chqchamber.org/ experiences to access the game pass. After entering your contact information, answer the quiz questions, and when you are all finished, click on the 'Rewards' icon and select 'Claim Now' to enter the drawing. Winners will be randomly selected and notified by January 26th.

Join in the fun of the Doors Open Jamestown event, where you are invited to explore local attractions, restaurants, and other small businesses. It's a great way to beat the winter blahs and get involved in a community activity for you and your family. You will enjoy all that Jamestown has to offer while supporting these local enterprises. For more information about Doors Open Jamestown 2026, visit chqchamber.org or call 716-484-1101.

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Ellicottville Sends Greetings from Florida



The EVL Mafia in Mahuffer's Bar in Indian Rocks Beach FL.

Welcome to Ellicottville Winter Blues Weekend! Scenes from Last Year's Event:



Photos/Jon Elder

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