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Holiday Kickoff in Ellicottville

Local businesses prepare for a weekend full of fun, free activities; Ski Tree lighting ceremony Nov. 26th



Who needs all the hustle and bustle and stress of spending Black Friday at the Mall when the whole family can enjoy the kickoff to the holiday season in Ellicottville?

Thanksgiving weekend in the 14731 has become a tradition for many locals and visitors alike; book your accommodations, pack your bags, and come celebrate in true Ellicottville style! The ski town's downtown business district offers a unique shopping experience within a walkable 4-block footprint, filled with festive attractions and plenty of holiday cheer.

Park the car and saunter the sidewalks lined with an abundance of eclectic shops packed full of unique holiday gift choices, and dining options to keep you fueled through the experience. Christmas in Ellicottville kicks off Friday, Nov. 26th.

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E-Ville Spirits & Wines celebrates 20 years

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As she looks back on the past two decades, the entrepreneur is proud to share her journey, including her inspiration, international travels, passion, and gratitude for all those who have supported her along the way.

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NEW FUND ESTABLISHED FOR VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

Since Veterans Day of 2006, the Olean Veterans Wall of Honor memorial has stood in War Veterans Park as a reminder of all of the local service men and women who had sacrificed their lives in active duty. For 15 years, Bill Moore took on the responsibility of maintaining the memorial and the grounds. He passed away July 26th following a courageous 6-year battle with cancer. The Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund, recently established at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, will help ensure that the memorial can continue to be cared for, in all its plaintive beauty, for many years to come ... page 12

Operation Christmas Child

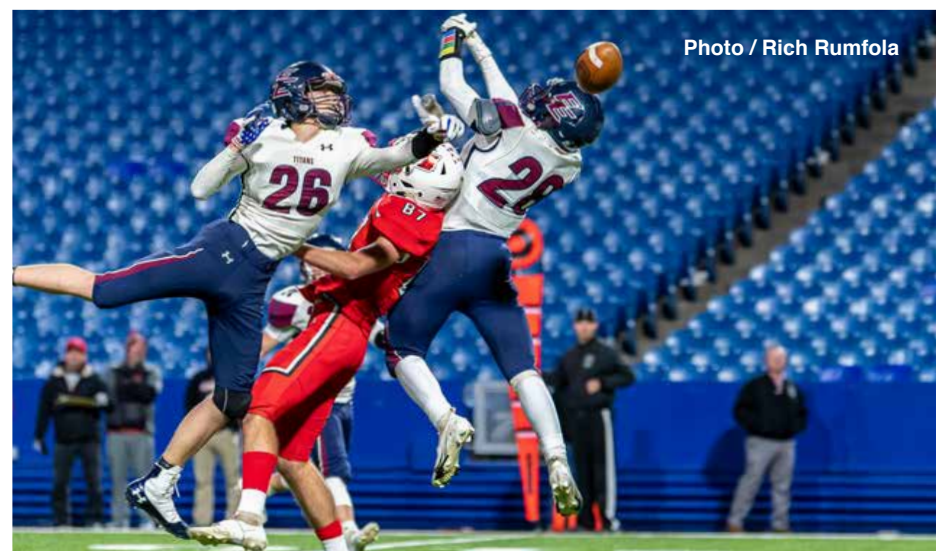
Area volunteers pack shoeboxes for children in impoverished countries



Every November, international relief organization Samaritan's Purse kicks off its Operation Christmas Child project, which invites people from all over the country to fill a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, and other necessities for boys and girls who live in impoverished countries all over the world. This week is National Collection Week, and it's not too late to put together a shoebox or two to drop off at one of six locations near Ellicottville.

About 25 years ago, Allegany residents Kathy Elser and her daughter, Rachel, began participating in this project. "Someone gave me a brochure about it, and we got started by filling four boxes," Elser recalled. "This year, we packed 120! This is something we love to do and look forward to every year."

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F-E TITANS FALL TO RANDOLPH IN CHAMPIONSHIP

High school players and coaches describe the opportunity to play for the Section VI football championship at the Buffalo Bills' stadium as, "like playing in the Super Bowl." However, the Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans dropped a tough 26-0 loss to the Randolph Cardinals in last Friday's championship game. Pictured: Titans defenders Blake Frank (#26) and Braylon Wyatt (#28) defend against a Randolph pass at Highmark Stadium. ... page 04



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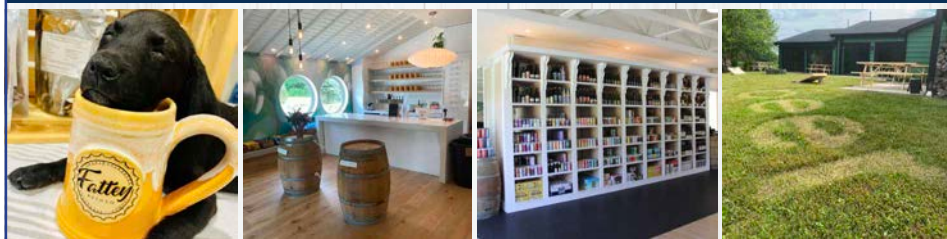
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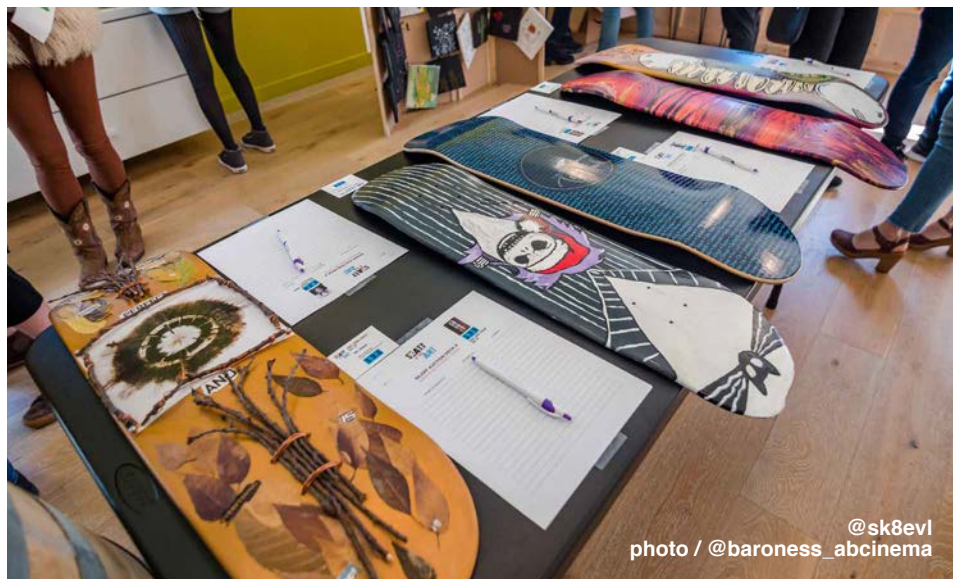
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NOW *this ...* by Brenda



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Do Good ...

You know what's cool? Doing good for your community. You know what's cooler? Making "Doing Good" a habit.

Last month, Sk8EVL (a group of local advocates raising money to build a skatepark and which I am a part of - shameless plug here) handed out 50 blank skate decks to 50 different artists - artists that live locally and as far away as Chicago, Florida and California. Our committee didn't even know some of these folks. We put a "call-out for artists" explaining our mission, and the support came in! These artists did their thing, sent back their decks, and then we auctioned them all off Nov. 6th at Fattey's, with all proceeds going towards building a skatepark here in Ellicottville.

It. Was. Amazing! To everyone who helped in one way or another - the artists, all the volunteers, the restaurants that donated food - thank you for "doing good". From this event alone, we raised over \$11,000 for the skatepark. We're also excited to announce that we've officially reached our goal. \$250,000 over the past two years, all of which will be matched by The Skatepark Project/Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and will go towards the construction of a skatepark in Ellicottville's Village Park. We break ground next spring!

The icing on the cake? We had a chance to celebrate our accomplishment with our project manager from The Skatepark Project (TSP), who made the trip to Ellicottville last weekend with TSP's new programs coordinator.

So now what? Let's design the park! Keep tabs here and on @sk8evl's FB/IG pages for updates on project progress and upcoming public meetings. We'll be looking to local skateboarders and the community for input on park design. Things are getting exciting!

LET'S DO GOOD. AGAIN!

Giving Tuesday is coming up, and no doubt you'll begin to see area non-profits posting on social media and gearing up for this one-day big boost which many of them rely heavily on for their campaign's fundraising efforts. The Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program, the Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts, EVGV Trail, Empire Animal Rescue, Pink Pumpkin Project ... so many great causes! The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) will host their form of Giving Tuesday, dubbed #CattaraugusGIVES, on Nov. 30th. You'll find the above mentioned funds and others on their website at cattfoundation.org. Please consider giving. Even small amounts collectively lead to substantial growth for these organizations.

THE FRANK PITILLO MEMORIAL FUND

Speaking of growth, a new fund you'll soon see at CRCF will help support the cost of new lights at Ellicottville Central School's football field, spearheaded by Nick Pitillo, who's family is deeply rooted in the history of ECS football.

"Many of you may not know this, but the lights over the Ellicottville Central School Football Field were put up in honor of my late brother, Frank Pitillo, in 1977," explained Nick. "Frank was a world class athlete that was doubling up his junior and senior year of high school so he could begin his training with the U.S. Ski Team, when he was killed in a motorcycle accident. The entire town, led by my father Mike, and my mother Joan, John Northrup, Mark Ward, Bob McRae, and so many others, rallied together to raise the funds to light the field in his honor. I vividly remember being held up by my dad, in my little league football uniform, to throw the switch on the lights for the very first time."

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FREE COVID TESTING

HoliMont to offer PCR and Antigen testing on-site through ski season



HOLIMONT - After several months of hard work by the HoliMont Board of Directors and staff, HoliMont has secured an agreement to provide ON-SITE PCR TESTING AT NO COST. Free testing began Thursday, November 11, 2021.

You may want to read that last sentence twice!

“To say we’re excited about getting back together with our Canadian friends would be a gross understatement,” said HoliMont. “For more than a year, we have been working to remove every road block we can between Ellicottville and our Canadian family. While we were very happy to hear that the border would open for non-essential travel to the U.S. on November 8, 2021, we were less excited when we considered that Canadian visitors will be required to show a negative PCR test to return home.”

Many of HoliMont’s Members reached out to the club’s Board of Directors expressing that this requirement would make travel to Ellicottville and HoliMont cost-prohibitive this winter. “So, we went after our barrier-removal effort with renewed vigor and managed to find what we believe is a best-case solution – brought to you by one of our HoliMont Members.”

WHEN: Thursdays and Fridays from 2:00-6:00pm, and Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm. This schedule will be adjusted as demand dictates through the season.

WHERE: The current plan is to run the testing operation out of the “Sunset Tent” located near the bottom of the Sunset chairlift, off of Canfield Hill Road. (Look for the sign that says “Ridge Way”). This location allows for walk-up, drive-up, and “ski-up” access to testing.

Both PCR and Antigen testing will be available on-site. PCR results will be provided digitally the day after testing, and Antigen test results will be returned in 15 minutes. At the risk of being redundant – there will be no cost to you for testing.

“While we recognize that there are still rules in place that stand in the way of frictionless two-way travel across the border, we are thankful to be able to clear this one large hurdle – for the benefit of HoliMont Members, and all Canadian visitors to Ellicottville,” said HoliMont.

In the coming days, HoliMont will be passing along additional details on how this system will work, but if you have questions that need immediate answers, please reach out to Community Testing Services at ctestingservices.com.

“We can’t wait to get back together, and HoliMont sincerely hopes that this great news helps brighten your day! See you when the snow flies!”

Senior Citizen Dinner at ECS

ELLICOTTVILLE - Ellicottville Central School will be offering a Senior Citizen Dinner on Wednesday, December 1st from 3:30-4:30pm. This will be a TAKE-OUT ONLY event. Any senior citizen resident in the Ellicottville Central School District may participate. Pick-up will be at the main entrance of the High School. Please call 716-699-2316 ext. 400 by Monday, November 22nd to secure a dinner or if you have any questions.

A TOUGH LOSS

F-E Titans fall to Randolph in Class D Championship game at Highmark Stadium



Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans quarterback Lucas Marsh (#3) attempts a pass during last Friday’s Class D Championship game at Highmark Stadium.

ARTICLE AND PHOTO BY RICH RUMFOLA

High school players and coaches describe the opportunity to play for the Section VI football championship at the Buffalo Bills’ stadium as, “like playing in the Super Bowl.”

As a fan of a sports team that was unsuccessful in four consecutive Super Bowls, it’s easy to imagine the heartache that the fans of the Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans must have felt last Friday evening after their team dropped a tough 26-0 loss to their perennial rival, the Randolph Cardinals, in the Class D ‘super bowl’ at the house that Ralph built.

The Cardinals entered the championship contest the heavily-favored and undefeated (9-0) No. 1 seed in the Class D playoff field, while the (7-2) Titans came in as the No. 2 seed. It was the second meeting this season for the two teams, with the Titans having lost the first go-round, 36-26, at Randolph in a fiercely-contested matchup back in mid-September. The F-E team led 20-14 at halftime of that game, but ultimately gave back the lead and became the second notch on the Cardinals’ 2021 to-do list.

Understandably, the Titans defense began last Friday’s game heavily focused on Randolph junior running back Xander Hind. The 4th-leading rusher in Western New York high school football this season, Hind has racked up 1,745 yards on the ground and scored two dozen rushing touchdowns to go along with all those yards.

For the first couple of Randolph possessions however, Titans defenders Caleb Ploetz and Ben Brol led the F-E defense in completely shutting down Hind, who ended up gaining only 39 yards on 12 first-half carries.

Unfortunately for F-E fans, the Cardinals soon adjusted to the Titans’ heat on Hind and they began racking up huge gains on the ground by faking the ball to their star running back and having the quarterback, Carson Conley, keep it himself.

Oddly enough, it was a rare pass play by Randolph that broke a scoreless tie and opened the floodgates for the Cardinals scoring machine.

Conley put it in the air only three times during the entire game - one pass fell incomplete, one pass was intercepted by Titan Beau Bielecki, but Conley’s very first pass attempt found a wide-open Hind in the middle of the Titans’ secondary for a 29-yard touchdown play just 12 seconds into the second quarter.

It was the first of Hind’s three touchdowns of the night and from there, the Cardinals went on to build an 18-0 halftime lead. He later closed out the scoring in the game in the middle of the fourth quarter on a 15-yard touchdown run.

Offensively for the Titans, every time the team scratched out a play for positive yardage or a first down, the joy ultimately was short-lived, as penalties and/or big plays by the Randolph defense immediately erased every threat that the F-E team could muster.

Titans quarterback Lucas Marsh spent the entire evening either wearing the Cardinals defense on his back, or trying to get out of the way of its relentless pursuit. The Randolph defense was so dominant in the second half that the Titans offense managed to run only 11 plays - and one of those was a punt.

To be sure, it was a tough day at the office for the senior signal-caller Marsh, and a tough

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Celebrating 20 years in business; Customer Appreciation Day Dec. 4th



By MARY HEYL

"It seems like just yesterday I was dreaming of owning my own wine and spirits shop," said Shannon Carscallen, owner of E-Ville Spirits & Wines at 10 Monroe St. (pictured above). It's true that the years have passed quickly, and now Carscallen is thrilled to be celebrating a milestone that not many small businesses ever achieve: her 20th anniversary! As she looks back on the past two decades, the entrepreneur is proud to share her journey, including her inspiration, international travels, passion, and gratitude for all of those who have supported her along the way.

Opening E-Ville Spirits & Wines was the fulfillment of Carscallen's dream that was many years in the making. "I had some influence in this decision since I watched my parents own and operate their own shop, Gates Circle, in Buffalo," she explained. "I knew it was what I was meant to do." In order to make her dream a reality, Carscallen decided to learn as much as possible about the products she would offer her customers so that they could feel confident in her recommendations and suggestions.

She recalled, "I was incredibly lucky to have the freedom to travel across the world sipping the finest wines in countries like Argentina and South Africa. I learned everything there was to know about the grapes, soil, elevation and so much more. Each area offered more knowledge and I was a sponge absorbing every lesson."

Carscallen's passion for understanding the region, culture, and history behind her products is something that comes across in every interaction she has with her customers. In her words, "Just being able to speak about each wine as if it has a real personality excites me, and sharing that excitement with my customers is a bonus!"

Once Carscallen gained the experience and background knowledge that she needed to open her own store, she began to build her business with Bob Duke. Of Duke, she said, "[He is] the man that stood by my side for 18 years helping me develop my store into what it is today: a positive experience. We are so proud to be a business in this community for the last 20 years."

For Carscallen, building her business has also been an opportunity for her to give back to and support the local community. Through donations and special fundraisers, E-Ville Spirits & Wines has helped local residential community members. "Helping this community and believing in our ability has helped shape this business into what it is today," said Carscallen.

Over the years, Carscallen's customers have grown to love the amazing selection, as well as the opportunity to learn about the origins of some of their favorite products. Carscallen has offered monthly wine classes at her store, and customers can also join her wine, bourbon, or single malt scotch clubs which feature different growing regions and practices around the world by bringing hand-picked bottles to club members who are interested in expanding their tastes.

While no one could have foreseen the COVID-19 pandemic and how it would impact both small and large business alike, Carscallen quickly adapted to the changes to meet the needs of her customers in efficient, safe ways. Customers can still place curbside pick-up orders online at www.evillespirits.com and pick them up as soon as an hour later. E-Ville Spirits & Wines also offers FREE delivery to customers in the village of Ellicottville.

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MAD CRAZY BATTER

Bakery marking one year anniversary with free cake and a visit from Santa



By CAITLIN CROFT

The Mad Crazy Batter Bakery in Great Valley is celebrating their first year in business. Rachael Ferguson, co-owner, told me, "Our first year open has been great! We have learned so much!" Through trial and error they seem to have a pulse on what clients in the area like, and what they don't like. "We have also grown in our baking skills this year and it's been a lot of fun!"

Ferguson has been baking with her business partner, Dawn Rowland, for about five years now. "We just get each other when it comes to baking." Each having unique talents; this dynamic duo works well together, playing off each other's strengths. "We have taught each other a lot just in this past year."

This teamwork, comprised of two talented bakers with small business experience joining forces to make a go at it, is awe inspiring. "We both had previous bakeries and we're glad we are in it together this time," said Ferguson. Their most popular items: cinnamon rolls and sugar cookies. (Yes, please!) Ferguson admits that she has had a hard time keeping up with the sugar cookie demand. "People would buy the entire tray once I put them out." Their cinnamon rolls are gooey and full of cinnamon ... If you haven't tried one, you seriously need to ... trust me! As someone who hasn't had gluten since 2009, it looked like wonderland dreams come true. On that note, they do have gluten free products upon special order.

With little over one month left until the calendar turns a new year, Ferguson filled me in on 2022 and what is to come. There are a few ideas percolating ... "We would love to start making our own ice cream to sell by the pint, maybe fresh lemonade in the summer. We also want to add a picnic table outside and a grab-n-go area out front."

FUN FACTS WITH RACHAEL FERGUSON

eNOW: How did you get your name?

RACHAEL: Dawn and I had been brainstorming on a name for awhile and we couldn't really think of anything and I just love anything Disney. Dawn came up with the name randomly and then we started thinking about all the different Alice things we could do and it just grew from there.

eNOW: Favorite cake flavor?

RACHAEL: My favorite is Spice cake. It makes me think of fall all year round. Dawn's favorite cake is pineapple upside down cake!

eNOW: Favorite dessert to make?

RACHAEL: Trying to decide on what my favorite dessert to make is hard! Ha! Probably cookies. There are SO many different flavors you can do. I love biscotti and the process in making it. I also love drop cookies and what I can do with them. Dawn's favorite dessert to make is cupcakes, and how you can decorate them in all different ways and colors.

This wouldn't be an article if I didn't sneak in a fun fact about baking. In 2018 the oldest piece of bread was found in Jordan. Commonly history felt bread making evolved during the times of ancient Greece, but this discovery challenges that notion. Andreas Heiss of the Austrian Academy of Science claims, "It tells us that our ancestors were smart people who knew how to use their environment well. It also tells us that processing food is a much more basic technique in human history than we thought - maybe as old

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CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

Kick off the holiday season with a weekend full of fun, free activities



ELLICOTTVILLE - Who needs all the hustle and bustle and stress of spending Black Friday at the Mall when the whole family can enjoy the kickoff to the holiday season in Ellicottville?

Thanksgiving weekend in the 14731 has become a tradition for many locals and visitors alike; book your accommodations, pack your bags, and come celebrate in true Ellicottville style! The ski town's downtown business district offers a unique shopping experience within a walkable 4-block footprint, filled with festive attractions and plenty of holiday cheer. Park the car and saunter the sidewalks lined with an abundance of eclectic shops packed full of unique holiday gift choices, and dining options to keep you fueled through the experience.

"Christmas in Ellicottville will kick off Friday, November 26th with a special lighting ceremony of Ellicottville's iconic Ski Tree located in front of the Post Office," said Jessica Wallace, business development manager at the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "We encourage everyone to come out and witness the awe-inspiring beauty of Ellicottville's Ski Tree. The moment those lights turn on is magical. Kids love it!"

Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, Christmas in Ellicottville will run all weekend long, Nov. 26-28th and will feature a plethora of holiday-themed activities for kids and the kid at heart. Thanks to event sponsors, weekenders can anticipate holiday music throughout the village streets, real live reindeer, visits with Santa (including fire truck rides with the big guy!), horse and wagon rides, as well as kid's crafts, cookie decorating, and more - all free! Oh! and don't forget Breakfast with Santa on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Bring a non-perishable product to donate to the Ellicottville Food Pantry.

Can't make it that weekend? The Chamber is planning to carry the "Christmas in Ellicottville" celebration all through the month of December. There's always something going on in Ellicottville, especially this time of year with the holidays right around the corner.

"We had so many members wanting to be a part of this event and are so excited to be able to bring it back!" said Jessica Wallace. "We still have sponsorship opportunities available; the more the merrier, and what's merrier than an entire town dressed in holiday cheer! We will be seeking out additional holiday activities each week, keeping our calendar up-to-date with all the festivities. We'll keep you in the loop as many of our shops are planning to offer specials or late-night shopping hours. It truly is a unique experience this time of year, and you can definitely count on crossing off a good chunk of your holiday shopping list with all of the one-of-a-kind gifts you'll find here in Ellicottville, NY."

As Ellicottville begins to see snowfall, and with the anticipation of the ski slopes opening soon, the excitement meter is running high - surely enough to get Santa's sleigh off the ground and on its way to this picture-perfect town. Get into the holiday spirit and plan to spend a day - or a weekend - in Ellicottville with your family. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For a complete schedule of activities or to learn more about sponsorship, check out www.ellicottvilleny.com or phone the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce toll-free at 1-800-349-9099.

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce provides advocacy, promotional and benefit solutions for its members - setting the standard for excellence in member service, community collaboration, business growth while achieving a high quality of life in Ellicottville and the surrounding area. We foster and promote business with our members while stimulating local economic growth. For more information about the Ellicottville chamber of Commerce, including membership, please visit www.ellicottvilleny.com.

IRISH CHRISTMAS

Rotary Club continues an evening of holiday magic in memory of Bob McCarthy



As in years past, locally handcrafted items will be up for bid, such as this pie box made by Ed Fredrickson. Each item will be paired with a dessert.

BY ROTARY CLUB OF ELLICOTTVILLE

"Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas", sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellicottville, traditionally has been held as a live event each holiday season at the Ellicottville Brewing Company. However, last year's event was made virtual due to Covid. It is an honor to continue this tradition for Bob (pictured above), who touched so many in our community. We know it can never be the same since his passing, but Bob's dedication to this event and the programs it benefits inspires us to continue with this magical evening.

It was McCarthy who said, "I love doing Irish Christmas which is a night of Irish magic. I don't know how the magic gets there, but it just does. That's the beauty of it." Well this year we need a little more of that magic to help guide our way.

We want to move back to the traditional live event, but fear that the Covid outbreak predicted for the holiday season may make that difficult. We are committed to keeping the spirit alive for 2021 as we continue to support two critical programs: Santa's Workshop and the Santa Sheriff Program. This is especially important in light of the challenging circumstances for most families in need again this year. So, we have re-imagined Bob's Irish Christmas with a dual approach.

We will auction off McCarthy and McCarthy-like unique pieces paired with fabulous baked goods from local donors, however, this year it will be a little different. We will combine the best of live and online bidding. This year's donations have been awesome! We have over 20 auction pieces that will be on display at participating restaurants and businesses in the village, just as we did last year. Bidding and winning an item will be simple: You will have three ways to bid: 1) You will be able to view and bid on each item displayed at any one of the locations using the QR Code connecting you to the online site. 2) You can view and bid on any or all items at the online auction site: BrooksLeFeberAuctions.com or EllicottvilleRotary.com. 3) Be part of the final live or live/online auction on Friday, December 17th at 7:00 PM at Ellicottville Brewing Company. We are hoping that the Covid situation will allow us to hold the live event, as usual at EBC, by moving to their Outdoor Beer Garden. Details will follow in this paper as the event date nears.

All guests who have experienced the frenzied bidding at the live event in past years know this is the favorite part of Irish Christmas. Auctioneer Brooks LeFeber promises a fun-filled Ellicottville centric auction live and online. Having learned a lot from last year's event, the bidding process has been refined to maximize your experience.

As in previous years, each auction item will be accompanied by a fabulous baked pie, cake or dessert homemade by Ellicottville's best bakers. Those desserts will be represented by a photo with the auction piece display but provided fresh on auction day. For those who would like to donate a dessert, please contact Katy Arena at Katy's Café.

You will be able to view the fabulous offerings displayed at the individual locations and online from November 27th through Friday, December 17th. A list of all these auction items will be published in the coming weeks in this paper as well as on the two websites above so you can peruse them at your leisure.

We guarantee you will love the unique handcrafted auction pieces so make sure you check them out. There will be posters throughout the village and details in the local papers or you can call Greg at 716-474-7832 with any questions. The Rotary Club's Family Support for Ellicottville thanks all for supporting this local tradition to help make a Christmas a little nicer for those in need.



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BOCES ADVANCED TRAINING

Students receive extra training through college, local partners



ELLCOTTVILLE - On November 3rd, students from the CA BOCES CTE Center at Ellicottville Power Equipment Technology program received a day of advanced agricultural and construction equipment hydraulic systems training.

Sponsored by SUNY Cobleskill's Workforce Development Outreach Project, the students participated in hands-on training to reinforce hydraulic system fundamentals. Some of the training included using a hydraulic flow-meter to measure machine hydraulic oil flow and testing a tractor's 3-point hitch hydraulic pump relief valve setting. The students also learned about many types of hydraulic system components, such as pumps, motors, control valves and cylinders.

Outreach Instructors from SUNY Cobleskill's Agricultural Engineering Department led the training. Industry representatives from Anderson Equipment, LandPro Equipment and the NYS Department of Transportation also participated in the training. The Outreach Project also donated the use of a brand new, state-of-the-art Mini Track Loader and Compact Tractor for the day. This Mini Track Loader was "bugged" with faults, which the students had to correctly troubleshoot and identify. The main goal of the SUNY Cobleskill Workforce Development Outreach Project is to foster and build connections between students, educators, and industry. The driving force behind this project is to educate and encourage young adults to enter the agricultural / construction equipment repair fields, as a shortage currently exists and is projected to increase in the near future.

As the regional leader in education services, CA BOCES offers state-of-the-art programs for learners of all ages and abilities as well as cost-effective shared services for 22 component school districts. CA BOCES empowers students to achieve their maximum potential by offering a wide variety of innovative programs and support that include special education, career and technical education, adult and continuing education, technology support, and instructional support services. To learn more, visit www.caboces.org.

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Fast forward many years later (44 years to be exact), and those lights are in dire need of attention. In true Pitillo fashion, fundraising efforts are now underway. Nick presented his request to the school board this past Tuesday evening, and according to Nick, "they are very receptive".

The Frank Pitillo Memorial Fund is already off to a strong start with a \$2,500 donation from Pitillo's Meatball Streebrawl event and high-energy advocacy quickly spreading amongst the locals.

No doubt our village will come together again to showcase the true spirit of "community" - or as we like to call it, "family".

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Volunteers pack shoeboxes for children in impoverished countries



Kathy Elser (left) and daughter Rachel (right) with Sonya Mickens, the care coordinator at Creekside Chapel where they are collecting shoeboxes.

By MARY HEYL

Imagine being the person to give a little girl or boy their first gift ... ever. Now, imagine that this child is someone you've never met, who lives on the other side of the world in a country devastated by war, natural disasters, famine or disease. Suddenly, that small gift is not just the thing itself: it is hope - one of the most precious gifts of all!

Every November, international relief organization Samaritan's Purse kicks off its Operation Christmas Child project, which invites people from all over the country to fill a shoebox with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, clothing, and other necessities for boys and girls who live in impoverished countries all over the world. This week is National Collection Week, and it's not too late to put together a shoebox or two to drop off at one of six locations near Ellicottville.

About 25 years ago, Allegany residents Kathy Elser and her daughter, Rachel, began participating in this project. "Someone gave me a brochure about it, and we got started by filling four boxes," Elser recalled. "This year, we packed 120! This is something we love to do and look forward to every year."

Operation Christmas Child is volunteer-run, from start to finish. From putting together shoeboxes, to collecting them at drop-off sites, to processing them at five large plants across the U.S., volunteers are responsible for inspecting boxes, making sure all gifts are age-appropriate and culturally acceptable, and getting them packed into shipping containers for boats and ships bound for over 100 countries. "These are war-torn, impoverished countries - countries that are still not really known and are very isolated," Elser explained. "It is a humanitarian effort, and it is a Christian effort. To me, I always felt that we're giving children hope; we're opening doors. This lets these children know that people love them, and Jesus Christ loves them."

Samaritan's Purse, which is based in Boone, North Carolina, is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1970 by Franklin Graham, son of internationally-known evangelist Billy Graham. Operation Christmas Child is one of Samaritan's Purse's largest ministries, though all are welcome to participate, regardless of religious affiliation. "There are a lot of local groups who participate," Elser explained. "Civic clubs, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H ... It's just a really meaningful project that anyone can get involved with."

To get started, Elser recommends people visit www.samaritanpurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/, where they can see suggestions for packing shoeboxes. Boy and girl age groups include 2-4, 5-9 and 10-14. Ideas for items include combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, bandages, stuffed animals, toy dinosaurs or cars, an outfit, sandals, hats, mittens, pencils, crayons, coloring books and more. Liquids, foods, and toys depicting violence (toy soldiers, toy weapons, etc.) are not allowed, and Elser added that in many countries Barbie dolls are not allowed due to cultural mores. On the website, individuals can find and print labels for their boxes and for \$9, pay for shipping and receive tracking information to find out where their box(es) end up!

Elser said, "Now, we gather items and pack shoeboxes year 'round! We'll find that people drop off items on our porch, and even different companies like Perkins and Friendly's save the unopened crayons for us. Other crayons that have been used, Rachel melts into molds for shaped crayons. Hotels give us cases of soap, and we make things, too. My daughter is very crafty. She makes jump ropes out of old discarded t-shirts, and she makes different kinds of dolls."

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REGIONAL

TRIBAL DESTINATION OF THE YEAR

Seneca-Iroquois National Museum recognized by tourism association



ALLEGANY TERRITORY - The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) recognized the best of Indian Country tourism at its annual Excellence in Tourism Industry Awards. Awardees were announced on October 28, 2021 at the 23rd annual American Indian Tourism Conference held at the We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort in Fort McDowell, Arizona.

The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum (SINM) was named Tribal Destination of the Year. The Seneca-Iroquois National Museum proudly houses an extensive collection of Hodinöhsö:ni' historical and traditionally designed decorative and every-day-use items and archaeological artifacts. SINM, along with the Seneca Nation Archives Department, are the safe keepers of historical documents, including articles, special publications, historical and family photographs and various multi-media productions regarding the Onöndowa'ga' and Hodinöhsö:ni'. The Museum's collection includes more than 10,000 cultural objects, 5,000 photographs and thousands of archaeological materials.

"We are delighted to honor these distinguished hospitality industry programs and professionals," said Sherry L. Rupert, CEO AIANTA. "They perfectly exemplify how Native cultural and heritage programs can attract visitors while celebrating their own heritage and culture, and we congratulate all the winners and nominees." Every year, AIANTA recognizes enterprises and individuals in four categories: tribal destination of the year, best cultural heritage experience, excellence in customer service and industry professional of the year.

Located at 82 West Hetzel Street, Salamanca, NY inside the Onöhsagwë:De' Cultural Center, SINM is open Monday through Friday from 10:00am-4:30pm. For more information, please contact Dr. Joe Stahlman, Director, Seneca-Iroquois National Museum at 716-945-1760, email info@senecamuseum.org or log on to www.senecamuseum.org.

Pictured: Seated Front L-R: Brenda Kindt, THPO Manager; Councilor Arlene Bova. Back Row L-R: Councilor Angie Kennedy; Hayden Haynes, Museum Manager; Tristan Jimerson, Cultural Specialist; Art Hill, Records Manager; Dr. Joe Stahlman, Director; Joanna Crouse, Collections Manager and Conservator; Breann Crouse, Inventory Specialist; LaMarr Spruce, Maintenance; Rebecca Bowen, Archives Manager.

E-VILLE SPIRITS

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On Saturday, December 4th, stop by the store to celebrate its 20th anniversary! "We're doing 15% off on all wines that are 750 milliliters or larger all day," said Carscallen. E-Ville Spirits & Wines is open from 10:00am-6:00pm on Mondays, 10:00am-7:00pm Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10:00am-8:00pm on Fridays and Saturdays, and noon-6:00pm on Sundays. Visit www.evillespirits.com or call 716-699-4474 for more information.

Carscallen is looking forward to seeing her shop continually evolve and looks forward to celebrating 20 more years! "I just want to say thank you to all my customers, staff, sales reps, delivery men, all members of our bourbon and scotch clubs as well as all attendees of my monthly wine classes," she said. "I have learned so much from so many of you and developed great friendships with all of you as well. A special thank you to my family and Bob Duke. You have been my backbone in so many steps in this journey and I just want you to know how much I appreciate you all."

VETERANS WALL OF HONOR

Fund established to support preservation of Olean memorial



Karen Niemic Buccheit and Kathy Moore stand at the site of the Wall of Honor.

OLEAN - Since Veterans Day of 2006, the Olean Veterans Wall of Honor memorial has stood in War Veterans Park as a reminder of all of the local service men and women who had sacrificed their lives in active duty.

The Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund, recently established at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, will help ensure that the memorial can continue to serve that purpose, in all its plaintive beauty, for many years to come.

The memorial came into being thanks to the efforts of Ann Padlo, who had five brothers that served in the world wars, after she organized a committee of individuals including herself, Gregory Snyder, Robert Clemens, Edward Goodliff, Donald McFall, Ronald and Shannon Scott, John Walsh and Bill Moore.

The committee helped to lead fundraising efforts and secured support for the construction and installation of the monument by Duggan & Duggan and Crandall's Memorials. The wall site also includes a brick path, which can be purchased by individuals to support the maintenance of the memorial and can be engraved as a tribute as well.

The site is also the home of the Louis Zamperini Memorial, which is a tribute to the Olean native and decorated war hero.

Zamperini participated in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin as a distance runner. He went on to serve in the military during World War II, when he was captured and held as a prisoner of war in Japan. His story was turned into a book and in 2014 a major motion picture, "Unbroken."

After the monument was installed and dedicated, Bill Moore, an Olean native and a Vietnam veteran, took on the responsibility of maintaining the memorial and the grounds.

"From the beginning, Bill was considered the secretary and treasurer for the committee - he was Ann's right-hand man," remembered his wife, Kathy Moore. "He took all of the brick and block orders for the memorial, and he was also the groundskeeper. He is the one that took care of all of the flowers, installed the wreaths every Veterans and Memorial Day and made sure the flags were up at the memorial."

For 15 years, Bill saw it as his responsibility to make sure that the wall of honor was maintained, said Kathy.

Bill fought a courageous 6-year battle with multiple myeloma that resulted from exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam. He passed away on July 26, 2021.

"It was his wish to continue taking care of the memorial, and sadly he got too sick to continue fulfilling that," remembered Kathy.

To the very end, one of his most sincere concerns was that the Veterans Wall of Honor continue to be maintained and preserved. So, while battling cancer, he began discussions with others on turning the funds for the Wall of Honor into an endowment fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation.

After his passing, his wife, Kathy, made sure to fulfill his commitment by doing just that.

"This fund means a great deal to me, because I know it is what Bill wanted," said Kathy. "It is important that the wall is preserved as a tribute to our veterans, and it is important

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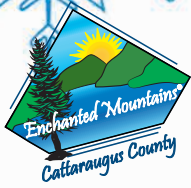
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OLEAN: The City of Olean has several traditions and activities visitors are invited to participate in. Take a trip back in time with a Victorian Christmas at the Fannie Bartlett House in Olean on November 26th from 6:00-9:00pm. Watch Olean's Santa Claus Lane Parade at 7:00pm, followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus lighting the town's decorations! Then tour the beautifully restored mansion built in 1851. The house is adorned with beautiful Christmas decorations. You can also visit Santa's Cottage in Lincoln Park on December 1st and 8th from 5:30pm-8:30pm.



SALAMANCA: The City of Salamanca is hosting their Silver Bells Santa Parade on Friday, December 3rd at 6:30pm. There will be lights, cocoa, cookies and of course, Santa, to celebrate the holiday. The theme of the parade is a reminder of Ray Evans, lyricist of "Silver Bells," who was born in Salamanca!

RANDOLPH: In the heart of Amish country, you will find Randolph's Country Christmas on December 4th from 10:00am-8:00pm. This annual event is full of tradition and Christmas surprises. Stop into Randolph to enjoy the Festival of Trees, the "Light up the Night" Christmas parade, Memory Tree Lighting, and be sure to visit with Santa Claus.



GOWANDA: Take a walk back in time Saturday, December 4th from noon-9:00pm. Stroll downtown Gowanda, shop local, and celebrate an old fashioned Christmas at the 10th Annual Christmas in Gowanda event. Watch "An American Tale" at the Hollywood Theater, enjoy crafts and the Santa Express Train Ride. There will be horse wagon rides, reindeer, a parade, Santa, and even a fireworks show! See the entire schedule of events at EnchantedMountains.com.



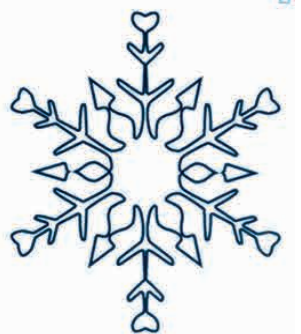
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HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Breaking Exercise Down into Multiple Parts

By **KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER**

There are multiple parts to every exercise - pushing and pulling, raising and lowering. And while it may sound odd to break up a single exercise into multiple parts, there are advantages to understanding each. With every exercise there is both a concentric and eccentric component. A concentric movement happens when your muscles contract, while an eccentric movement occurs when the muscle lengthens.

The third type of muscle movement is an isometric contraction. Unlike eccentric and concentric muscle movements, an isometric movement involves a muscle contraction without movement. In simplest terms, an isometric movement is a static hold. While isometric exercises can help build strength, they won't increase mass or power (since the exercise is done without movement). However, since isometric movements allow you to fully engage your core to remain steady, some of the key benefits include increased balance, core strength, and posture. Typical isometric exercises are wall-sits, plank or holding at the top of a pull-up.

Concentric movements occur when your muscle fibers shorten. The concentric portion of a movement works against the force of gravity (think of your arm curling towards your body in a bicep curl), and are known as "positive" movements. Benefits of concentric exercises include increased power and speed.

Eccentric exercise involves increasing muscle length. During the eccentric phase of an exercise, you work with the force of gravity (like lowering your arms back toward your sides in a bicep curl). These are often called "negative movements," and have been shown to help build muscle mass and increase strength. The majority of muscle damage (which sounds like a bad thing but is actually necessary for muscle growth) occurs during eccentric training. Therefore, one of the main benefits of eccentric exercises is muscle hypertrophy, or the growth of your skeletal muscle cells.

Another reason to love eccentric training is it can help you conquer various resistance exercises - exercises that often seem beyond your athletic ability. This is commonly known as "negative training." Negative training involves performing slow eccentric muscle contractions to gradually build strength. Examples include:

- **Eccentric pushup:** Can't quite do a pushup? Start at the top of the plank (on your toes - no knees here!), then slowly lower yourself to the ground. Once you reach the floor, you can use your hands and knees to return to a plank position.
- **Eccentric pull-up:** A full pull-up (without momentum) is one of the hardest bodyweight exercises. To start, use a step stool or resistance band to pull yourself above the pull-up



bar. From there, gradually lower yourself until you're fully extended, then let go. Climb up the steps again to repeat.

- **Eccentric boat pose:** Want to target your core? Start in the top of a boat position, then slowly lower yourself until you're fully extended (a hollow body hold). Try to take as long as you can.

Whatever muscle component you are focused on should be done with the mindfulness of what you are trying to achieve. Always remember to engage your core, breath and slow down your reps to allow your muscles to fully contract, extend or hold their intended position. This is how you'll build a stronger, smarter and resilient anatomy.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training, 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio visit her Facebook page or www.coreperformancefitness.com. Kim can be reached at 716-698-1198.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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From now until Monday, Nov. 22nd, national collection sites are open. Creekside Chapel at 2523 Five Mile Road in Allegany is one of these locations, along with Olean First Baptist Church at 133 S. Union St. in Olean, House of Prayer at 122 Highland Avenue in Salamanca, Odosagish Bible Conference at 3204 Hazelmere Ave. in Machias, Gowanda Assembly of God at 78 Allen St. in Gowanda, and First Baptist Church at 71 Congress St. in Bradford, PA.

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to me that it also honors Bill's dedication to it.

"He was a true patriot, and he made the sacrifice to his country," she added.

The Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund will provide support for the upkeep of the Olean War Veterans Wall of Honor monument including, but not limited to, paying for maintenance, landscaping around the monument, flowers and flags. The fund will also be the recipient of donations made for the installation of memorial bricks at the wall of honor site.

As the advisor of the fund, Kathy will work with CRCF to identify potential projects and areas in need of maintenance and upkeep and direct funds to be used for those purposes.

Memorial bricks can be ordered at Crandall's Memorials, and payment for the bricks can be made to the Olean Veterans Wall of Honor fund in care of CRCF.

"The wall of honor is a tribute to all of those that paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect this country," said CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit. "At CRCF we view it as essential to help continue the work that Bill did for so many years so that we may never forget the sacrifice of those veterans from our community."

Donations can be made to support the preservation of the monument to the Olean Veterans Wall of Honor Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760 or online at cattfoundation.org.

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MEETING NOTES

Village Board: Zoning Amendment set for Public Hearing Dec. 21st

By **KATHLEEN KELLOGG**

The Ellicottville Village Board of Trustees voted unanimously during their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 16th to extend a six-month-old accessory apartment moratorium and to begin a formal review of a set of draft amendments to the Accessory Apartments portion of the Village Zoning Code.

The move followed a public hearing and Board vote to extend the Moratorium for 90 days in order to finalize the wording of the amendment and complete the adoption process, with no comments from the public.

According to Town and Village Planner Gary Palumbo, the amendments will refine and update rules for the structures that can be used for dwellings. He worked out the changes in eight meetings with Moratorium Committee members: Doug Bush and Caitlin Croft of the Village Board, Nancy Rogan, Sheila Burrell and Greg Cappelli of the Village Planning Board; Harry Weissman and Fred Musolff of the Village Zoning Board of Appeals; Village Attorney Richard Stanton; and Code Enforcement Officer Kelly Fredrickson.

“We’ve redefined lot coverage and open space,” said Palumbo. “We’ve redefined some standards: if a building is going to contain an apartment there should be greater setbacks.”

Village Attorney Richard Stanton was asked to draft a local law on the updates and the Cattaraugus County Planning Board will then review it for countywide concerns prior to the public hearing.

The public hearing was set for 6:00pm December 21st, the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board. To view the draft law or obtain more information, contact Village Clerk Mary Klahn at 716-699-4636. In the event that the Village decides to return to virtual “Zoom” meetings, visit the village’s website at ellicottvillegov.com. Comments on the proposal will be heard at that time.

Board members then discussed the status of plans and location of a skatepark construction project for which \$550,000 in funding has been raised, which includes two grants from The Skatepark Project, a Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation grant, and the village’s contribution of \$40,000.

The request for proposals (RFP) for the design/build project has been prepared and will be sent out soon, which Burrell said could generate some creative park designs. Trustee Sean Lowes, who heads the Parks and Beautification Committees, commented that he had spoken with organizers about the plans and was impressed.

Palumbo said there will be two public input sessions on the design once an award is made. Then there will be at least three committee meetings to finalize the design.

In other planning-related matters, Palumbo provided the first 10-year Strategic Plan, outlining goals, accomplishments and resources for the Town and Village Planner position, and establishing objectives and action items for the coming year. The position interacts with the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Boards and Zoning Board of Appeals, along with the Town and Village Boards, the Engineering Department and other municipalities such as the Town of Great Valley in contracting for the planner’s services. He recommended updating the document annually.

The Board then accepted a Nov. 9th letter of resignation from Palumbo, effective November 18th. Palumbo said he will take a planner position with the Town of Amherst where he resides. Mayor John Burrell said, in voting for acceptance, noted he did so regretfully.

“I felt it was an opportunity I couldn’t refuse,” said Palumbo. “I’m going to miss Ellicottville, but not the 60-mile (commuting) distance between Ellicottville and Amherst.”

Officials expressed thanks and appreciation for Palumbo’s work over his past year’s employment. A search for candidates has begun. For information about the position and qualifications, go to www.ellicottvillegov.com

In a report from the Engineering Department, Engineer Ben Slotman explained that Parise Mechanical, Inc. requested an extension of its contract to replace the Wastewater Treatment Plant boiler due to a supply chain problem that is slowing down the arrival of materials needed for the job. The Board agreed to extend the contract completion date to Jan. 31st.

Slotman’s report also noted stakeholders are invited to attend the Drinking Water Source Protection Program (DWSP2) meeting at 4:00pm Nov. 23rd, to be followed by the Four Flushers meeting.

Board members approved renewal of a pair of Intermunicipal Agreements with the Town of Concord to operate and maintain sewer collections system and treatment plant for seven days a week at Craneridge Sewer District for \$42,000 annually; and to operate the sewer collection system and treatment plant five days a week for the Kissing Bridge Sewer District #2 for \$31,000 each year.

The agreements renew annually January 1st. The village will provide a licensed operator or an assistant to operate the WWTP and monitor pump stations, along with any additional agreed-upon work outlined in a Rate Schedule. Concord will reimburse costs paid to outside contractors for any additional work approved by Concord.

Mayor Burrell announced he is concerned about Covid-19 and asked for the Board’s support to incentivize all ten of the village employees to become vaccinated 20 months into the pandemic. He suggested awarding employees with a \$2,500 bonus in exchange for proof of three shots.

He said he doesn’t agree with mandates but has been thinking a lot about incentive payments to keep the community and the workplace safe and healthy. He said the school is shut down for the week and the Town Hall has been closed, with Town Board meetings returned to the Zoom format and the potential for the Village Board meetings to follow suit.

Burrell cited county statistics on infection rates as of Monday, November 15th. He reported there have been 162 deaths in the county, with 62 new cases, 41 patients in the hospital and 710 active cases, while 822 are quarantined in the county. The county’s seven-day rolling average is 11.7 percent testing positive for the virus.

While the residents of the Town and Village of Ellicottville have the highest vaccination rate in the county, the county overall has a low vaccination rate, at only 50.6% of residents having received the first dose. He said this is in contrast to the rate for statewide residents’ vaccination rate at over 70%.

All Board members and staff agreed that they do not know which employees have or haven’t been vaccinated. Staffers had been preparing a report on government worker vaccines and other pandemic-related conditions but when the state restrictions were lifted, that effort had to be abandoned.

“I like to see that we have a happy work force,” he said, urging a public discussion about his proposal and pointing to an expected higher-than-anticipated sales and mortgage tax revenues which would cover all costs. He also pointed out that in spring and summer 2020 the state and county carried out a recommended procedure that the village followed: full-time pay for part-time work; and Covid sick time receives full pay without use of sick days.

Finally, some discussion centered on a letter from Sheila Gallagher suggesting municipal recyclables collection has been abandoned despite a state mandate. Board members agreed that the village is following recycling rules and were unaware of any changes. Trustee Caitlin Croft said she would look into the request for information and Mayor Burrell said he would respond to Ms. Gallagher.

Also, the Board received a letter from a citizen urging no action on retail sales of cannabis in the Village.

The Village Board will next meet at 6:00pm on December 21st. For information about the meeting, including agenda and how to attend, please contact Village Clerk Mary Klahn at 716-699-4636.

MAD CRAZY BATTER BAKERY

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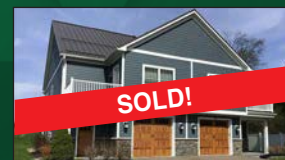
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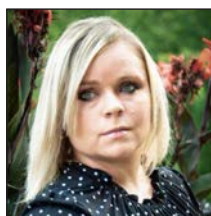
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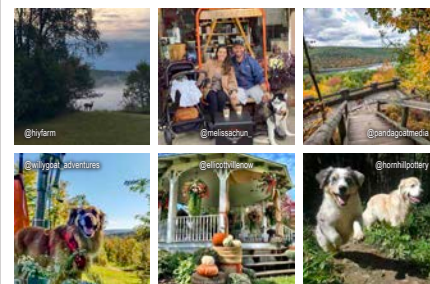


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CLASSIFIEDS

COMMUNITY

SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER: Ellicottville Central School will be offering a Senior Citizen Dinner on Wednesday, December 1st from 3:30-4:30pm. This will be a TAKE-OUT ONLY event. Any senior citizen resident in the Ellicottville Central School District may participate. Pick-up will be at the main entrance of the High School. Please call 716-699-2316 ext. 400 by Monday, November 22nd to secure a dinner or if you have any questions.

A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Friday, December 10th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ellicottville, NY from 1:00-6:00pm. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment.

RENTALS

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REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE - LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION: At the 1.62 acre property at the entrance to Holiday Valley is home to Slopeside Bar & BBQ and the Telemark Motel. Owned by the same family for 37 years. Opportunities like this don't happen frequently! Email tektele@gmail.com for more information.

LAND FOR SALE, TOWN OF ELLICOTTVILLE: Close to Route 219, 65+ acres zoned agriculture with hardwoods a plenty. Close to Holiday Valley and Holimont. Minutes from all the seasonal activities of Ellicottville's downtown Village. Large stream for fishing with electric at property plus a trail for hiking or riding. Several acres are cleared and could be developed. Details: CENTURY 21 Balesteri, 716-837-7000.

SERVICES

ROVER MAKEOVERS: Professional pet grooming. Owned and operated locally by mother and daughter, Teresa Mercer and Calla Wagner. Call 716-364-2302 for an appointment. Located at 16 Elizabeth St., Ellicottville. "YOUR DOG IS OUR DOG." Dog collars and accessories also available for sale.

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Wreath Making Class at the Arboretum

ELLICOTTVILLE - On Wednesday, December 1st at 6:00pm, the Nannen Arboretum will sponsor a wreath making class for area residents at the Town Center in Ellicottville. Join arboretum members for a fun evening as we all prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Participants will make an evergreen wreath, learn how to identify evergreens, and discover other natural materials that can be made into wonderful holiday decorations. A wreath form and paddle wire will be provided. Participants need to bring the following supplies: a garbage bag (not a grocery bag) of evergreen tips, gloves, and clippers. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Nan Miller at 716-945-3845 or 716-244-0695 to make your reservation. Cost for the class is \$10. Refreshments will be served. The class will be held at the Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive in Ellicottville, NY.

Letter: Christmas Came Early to the Ellicottville Memorial Library



Once again, the Ellicottville Memorial Library has been the grateful recipient of a generous grant from the Rotary Club of Ellicottville Foundation for Youth and the Rotary District 7090. A few weeks ago, we were able to install brand new 27" monitors and new, faster hard drives on all of our patron desktop computers. The screens are a huge improvement over our old equipment and the speed of the computers to download information is awesome!

In addition, we are currently adding new indoor and outdoor wireless access points so that Wi-Fi access will be stronger both inside the building and in our parking lot. Just as a reminder, the internet is always on - even if we are closed, so come and surf the internet to your heart's content.

Special thanks to the Ellicottville Rotary Club Foundation for Youth and the Rotary District 7090! We are thrilled to have your continued support of the Library. I hope our community realizes that your exceptional organization changes lives, lifts people up, and makes this community a better place.

- Laura Flanagan,
Director, Ellicottville Memorial Library

EMPLOYMENT

HOLIDAY VALLEY IS HIRING A TUBING PARK MANAGER to oversee operations at the Holiday Valley Tubing Company from November to April. This is a hands-on position and the manager needs a wide range of mechanical and management skills. For a job description of the Tubing Park Manager please visit holidayvalley.com/jobs. For more information email scrowley@holidayvalley.com or call 716-699-3924.

SILVER FOX STEAKHOUSE is looking for Kitchen Staff. Stop in at the restaurant, 23 Hughey Alley, to fill out an application, or mail resume to P.O. Box 146, Ellicottville, NY 14731, fax resume to 716-699-4691 or email silverfoxeville@aol.com.

HELP WANTED: Experienced carpenters needed. Please apply in person to G.M. Nickolson Construction, Inc., located at 42 Mill Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or email resume and references to Michael Nickolson at gmnickolson@aol.com.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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way to finish an otherwise stellar senior campaign for the F-E team.

If the Titans won seven games this year (and they did), then seven times Marsh played an instrumental role in bringing home the "W" for the team - either with his arm or his legs, or often times, both. He completed 82 passes for 1,267 yards and 23 touchdowns this season. Marsh was also the leading rusher for his team. On the ground, he gained 294 yards on 80 carries and chipped in with three touchdowns.

When Marsh put the ball in the air this season, his favorite target was senior receiver Logan Grinols, who led the team in receptions (34), receiving yards (595) and receiving touchdowns (10). Grinols also carried the ball 22 times for 168 yards and scored one rushing touchdown.

Senior receiver Blake Frank made 22 catches over the course of the season and it seems like every single one of them was huge. His touchdown catch against C-S-P two weeks ago in the playoffs gave his team the come-from-behind, 6-3 victory and a trip to the high school super bowl at the stadium.

Defensively, Ploetz was the standout on a very good defensive team. The senior lineman led the team with 59 tackles, including four sacks and 12 tackles for a loss of yards - also team bests.

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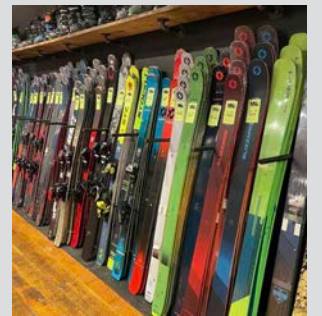
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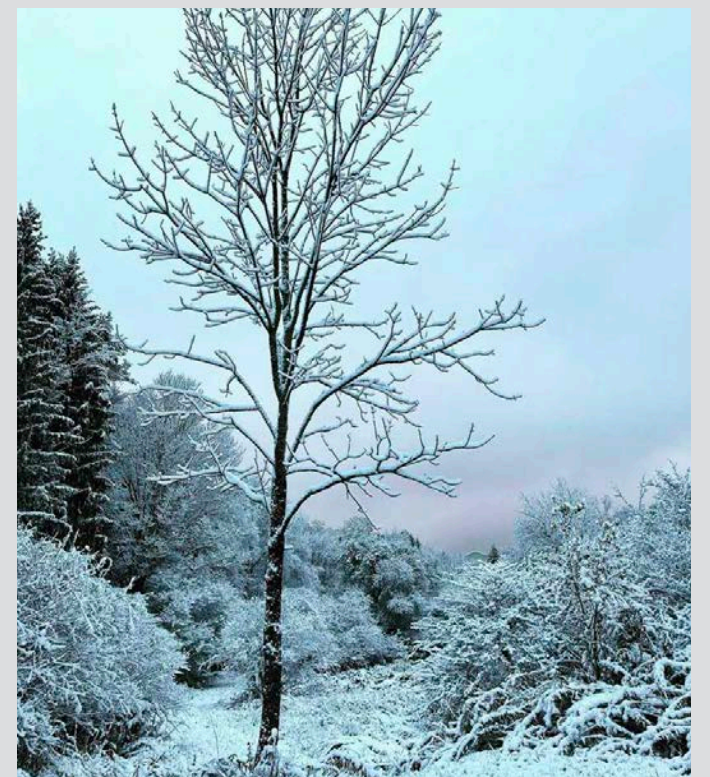
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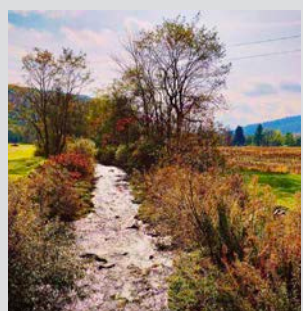
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