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'Tis the Season to Support Small Business

It's Time to Make Your List and Check it Twice! We've Got Great Gift Ideas to Cover Even the Most Difficult to Shop For!



If you're looking to make a difference in your community this holiday season, step into any small business and #shop-local. Even just a small percentage of your shopping budget, when shifted from big box store to the independent retailer, will help these local businesses to keep their "Open" signs facing out.

Here in Ellicottville, we're fortunate to have such an amazing array of shopping opportunities with a unique blend of products. Our ski town's downtown business district offers a shopping experience within a walkable 4-block footprint, filled with plenty of holiday cheer. Park the car and saunter the sidewalks lined with an abundance of eclectic shops packed with one-of-a-kind holiday gift choices and dining options to keep you fueled through the experience.

Along with the #supportsmallbusiness movement, there are a number of community-minded fundraisers, so the idea of making a difference - well - it's actually fairly easy. This issue is dedicated to the small businesses and organizations doing good in our community. You'll find a number of ways you can "give back" this season within these pages. Let's jump in!

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LOCAL SKI RESORTS COUNTING DOWN TO OPENING DAY

The wait is almost over as we count down the days until Opening Day at our favorite ski resorts, Holiday Valley and HoliMont. With temperatures dropping by the day, we wait to see some snow packed slopes, with our skis and snowboards ready by the door.

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Hoping that Mother Nature is on their side, Holiday Valley had plans to open Nov. 24th, and HoliMont anticipates opening on December 16th. ellicottvilleNOW spoke with both resorts on their thoughts for opening day and the winter season as a whole, so let's dive into each and check out what we can expect from them.

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EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAYS IN THE ENCHANTED MOUNTAINS OF WNY

The holiday season in the Enchanted Mountains is truly magical with so many wonderful events and activities for visitors to experience just outside of Ellicottville. Take a drive just outside of downtown Ellicottville to the City of Olean on November 24th and take in the sights of the Santa Claus Lane Parade, followed by Santa & Mrs. Claus lighting the town's decorations! Head just 15 minutes further for a day of snowshoeing at Pfeiffer Nature Center in Portville, consisting of two properties each containing a unique set of trails. Enjoy the heart of Amish country at Randolph's Country Christmas event on December 2nd, with their Holiday Arts & Crafts Show, followed by a Christmas Magic Show and a Christmas Parade to end the night ... page 08

Santa's Carnival Returns with Connecting Communities in Action

Ho ho ho, it's almost Christmas! Storefronts are decorated for the holiday season, snow is on its way, and Santa is gearing up for the big night. He's a busy man. But he always has time to make an appearance for the kids. That's why on December 15th at Connecting Communities in Action in Salamanca, the Annual Santa's Carnival is making its comeback. This year's Carnival is sure to be just as fun as previous years, if not more! The family friendly event is FREE for all to attend and will run from 2:30-4:30pm. Read up on this year's festivities and gather the kids for an afternoon of holiday cheer ... page 15

TREASURES OF THE FOREST

Travel the Treasures of the Forest Shopping Trail in the Allegheny National Forest Region of Pennsylvania. Plan a fun day exploring the local shops for just the gifts you need! Find the map on pages 18-19



Help Animals Find Homes this Winter

SPCA in Cattaraugus County is Looking for Animal Lovers to Adopt and Foster

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

What does love look like? Walking through the door and being pounced upon by a flying furball or a wagging tail. Sitting to take your shoes off and finding a face with doleful eyes planted on your lap. A paw on your knee or a soft kitty on your shoulder. Slurpy wake-up kisses or a cat on your face.

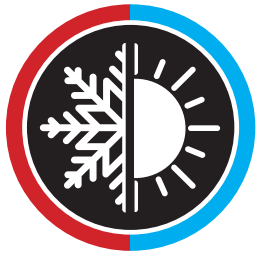
Face it, when we adopt a pet, we do change their lives, but we have no choice but to change our lives as well. The agencies that gather up these unwanted animals do yeoman's work trying to find them purrfect forever homes. They get their medical needs taken care of, inoculations up to date and give them the love and care they need until they can be re-homed. But, being public agencies, they must comply with all state and county regulations.

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CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE ALL MONTH LONG!

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Publisher's PICK

CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year Begins this Friday!



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BY BRENDA PERKS

The kickoff to the holiday shopping season officially begins this Friday, November 23rd and Ellicottville retailers are stocked to the brim with festive, functional and one-of-a-kind products that are sure to make gift giving options for everyone on your list easy peasy lemon squeezy. A number of shops plan to stay open late, which means those visiting Ellicottville will have plenty of time to take advantage of the many daytime activities scheduled during the annual Christmas in Ellicottville celebration!

Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, this year's Christmas in Ellicottville will take place Friday through Sunday, Nov. 23rd-25th. The iconic Thanksgiving weekend event has become a tradition for many families from near and far, and it's no wonder why.



"Our downtown merchants come together each season to showcase the holiday spirit in style - whether it be with their festive storefront displays, fun activities inside their store or special offers to help people get a jumpstart on their gift shopping," said Barb Pump, Assistant Director of the Ellicottville Chamber. "Add in all of the fun outdoor activities we offer at no charge, such as horse drawn wagon rides, fire truck rides with Santa, and real live reindeer, and it truly is a wonderful experience that kids (and adults) will never forget."

Take a drive into Ellicottville Friday afternoon to catch some of the fun early! The Wingate will offer a number of children's activities inside their lobby, and anyone who loves cookies will certainly enjoy decorating them with Cupcaked Bakery which will host a Cookie Decorating workshop at Balloons Restaurant.

"A popular activity amongst the kiddos is the 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt," said Pump. "Pick up the list at participating businesses and follow the clues around town to claim your prize! It gives parents a chance to shop while their kids are entertained. It's a win-win!"

As the sun begins to set Friday evening, make your way over to Ellicottville's Ski Tree, located on the lawn of the post office. The tree lighting ceremony (6:00pm) is an awe-inspiring and heartwarming celebration that many describe as "magical". Stay warm with complimentary hot coca served on-site. Mr. and Mrs. Claus and reindeer will be there to greet the kids.

Christmas in Ellicottville continues throughout the weekend with even more activities, including breakfast with Santa both Saturday (Villaggio) and Sunday (FTR, formerly Finerty's), and a special appearance from Buddy the Elf at ERA Team VP Real Estate (Saturday only). Horse and wagon rides, fire truck rides with Santa, cookie decorating and visits with Santa's reindeer are planned for all three days!



Can't make it to Ellicottville this weekend? Celebrate Christmas in Ellicottville all through the month of December. "This is one of our favorite times of year," said Pump, "so we keep the holiday cheer meter strong all the way up to the big day! Ellicottville is a true shopping destination, and with a variety of restaurants rolling out their winter menus, coupled with live entertainment in most of the bars at night, a weekday or weekend trip is a great way to create memories with your friends or family."

Book your accommodations, pack your bags and make your way to Ellicottville! For a full schedule of this weekend's activities see page 5. For a guide to Ellicottville's shopping, dining and other attractions, go to www.ellicottvillenyc.com or phone the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce toll-free at 1-800-349-9099.

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A TOAST TO BOB

Champagne Toast & Bagpipes to Kick off Irish Christmas Live Auction



By THE EVL ELF

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas is quickly approaching, and through the hospitality of our friends at Ellicottville Brewing Company, the 18th annual tradition will take place on December 1st starting at 6:00pm.

This fun event reflects the generosity and compassion of our tight knit community as many turn out to support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this free event serves to raise funds for our Christmas initiatives - Santa's Workshop and the Santa Sheriff Program. Proceeds also provide funding for our year-round family support services as we strive to level the playing field for those less fortunate in our community.

McCarthy, a master craftsman, the "Voice of Ellicottville" and a friend to all is honored each year by the community togetherness embodied by Irish Christmas. The auctioning of baked goods, handcrafted items and neat finds from local businesses allow both Santa's Workshop and the Santa Sheriff Program to provide holiday presents and meals to local families in need.

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, in its 18th year at the spacious beer hall at EBC, is Ellicottville's favorite party. The evening begins with an Irish themed and energetic live performance from South Buffalo's trio, Crikwater. Their music conjures scenes of gritty smokey Irish pubs, whiskey, pints of stout, and good craic. You can enjoy the multi-part vocal harmonies, engaging fiddle tunes, and intricate musicianship while browsing the Irish Basket Raffle. Grab some great food as local restaurants are serving up some specialties for the "Taste of Ireland" where, for a small donation, you can enjoy some fabulous food like The Silver Fox's Bangers & Mash and Tom's famous Bread Pudding from Dina's. Rumor has it that Brew master Dan Minner is brewing some McCarthy's Irish Red and a special brew to help the cause. Food and drink are only \$5 each with all proceeds going to the cause.

New this year, a special champagne toast to Bob accompanied by Asa's Bagpipe anthem will kick off the traditional live auction which starts at 7:30pm and will be hosted by Brooks LeFeber. The auction treasures include some of Bob McCarthy's woodworking originals with a special new find this year! Expect more special creations from Ed Fredrickson, Mike Timkey and others, as well as a great Florida vacation donated by Sally and Mike Nickolson. Again this year, a custom stainless steel firepit donated by Barrett Price of Bear Metal Works should be the highlight of the auction as last year our local realtor Tina Dillon set a record donation bidding.

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TOYS FOR TOTS

ERA Team VP Real Estate Joins Nationwide Effort to Benefit Children in Need

ELLCOTTVILLE – ERA Team VP is excited to announce they will join a nationwide effort with the ERA® brand and other ERA affiliated brokerages worldwide to collect holiday gifts for children in need, in conjunction with #GivingTuesday, and will work in tandem with national non-profit organization Toys for Tots.

ERA Team VP will be collecting new, unwrapped toys at all office locations and via Amazon (links are posted on their Facebook page) through December 1, 2023. All donations will be distributed to local children in need.

Established in 1947, the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program features local toy collection and distribution programs in most major market areas and all 50 states. Now for 76 years, it has distributed an annual average of 18 million toys to seven million children in need.

"For many families, they must choose between buying gifts and paying bills," said Bill Soffel, Broker/Owner of ERA Team VP. "We are always looking for ways to give back to our local community and we want to ensure that every child experiences the joy of opening a gift this holiday season. This year we've set a hefty goal of 500 toy donations across all of our office locations and we're hopeful we meet that!"

"We're so excited to be hosting this campaign once again in our local communities," said Rachael Wiley-Steffen, Chief Operating Officer of ERA Team VP. "Our team is dedicated to consistently giving back to those in need in our areas, and this is a great way to do so, year after year."

THINK SNOW!

Both Local Ski Areas Counting Down Until Opening Day



By COLLEEN EVANS

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HOLIDAY VALLEY

Speaking with Holiday Valley's Director of Marketing, Dash Hegeman, we talked about their ambitious Opening Day and the hopes on making that happen. "The plan every year is to open the day after Thanksgiving if the weather allows. Based on the current forecast, that might be difficult this year, but right now we are staying optimistic because our incredible Snowmaking Team is ready to spring into action as soon as the temps are cold enough to start making snow. And we all know that they can do a lot of work in a very short amount of time once they fire up the snow guns." This is great news for anyone looking to get an early start to the season with friends and family in town for the holiday.

Holiday Valley expects the opening week to be filled with lots of excitement as guests are welcomed back to cut into their favorite slope on some fresh snow. You're sure to notice some new features this year after a summer investment of \$9 million went into the resort. During the off-season they were on top of everything; most apparent is the brand-new Mardi Gras 6 lift. This incredible addition is one of the main networks of 13 lifts and is a big wow factor for the upcoming season. There's also been some new features added to the Terrain Park; with a fresh set-up, it's a must for anyone looking to add to their trick set.

With 60 slopes to choose from and plenty of events mixed along the way, you can't go wrong spending a day at Holiday Valley. Hegeman shares in the excitement. "We live in a great area with an abundance of awesome things to do and Holiday Valley happens to have a lot of winter options for people of all ages and demographics. We've got an event lineup that melds fun on and off the slopes. From our Saturday afternoon après music series in the Tee Bar to Demo Day to the annual Penguin Paddle to closing out the season with Pond Skimming, there are so many different ways to make memories here at Holiday Valley."

If you can't get enough of all that Holiday Valley has to offer, go for the two-day weekend pass and cover as much ground as you can! They offer night skiing and snowboarding, snowshoeing, kids and adult lessons, the Sky Flyer mountain roller coaster, and a hidden fort equipped with a slide for kids (and the kid at heart). These are only some of the many activities you can find here, with many more to be explored, including the snow tubing park (located just a few miles east of the village of Ellicottville). With onsite accommodation at The Inn or The Tamarack Club, Holiday Valley is a winter wonderland that has to be experienced for yourself!

Opening day is anticipated for November 24th at Holiday Valley, but keep tabs on their website (holidayvalley.com) and social media pages (@holidayvalley) for additional updates and announcements.

HOLIMONT

As North America's largest private ski resort, HoliMont welcomes the public to enjoy their stellar snow conditions on weekdays. They anticipate their opening day to be December 16th and have spent the off-season making behind-the-scenes updates to improve their already impressive club.

Jennah Bradley, Marketing Director of HoliMont, gave us an idea of what to expect for the start of the winter season. "The opening week at HoliMont is always a thrilling time for our club. Members who we haven't seen since last season are flocking in to collect their picture passes, preparing for snowsports programs, and reconnecting with each other."

"Ski Resort Openings" continued page 22

Christmas in Ellicottville



2023 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

FRIDAY, NOV. 24TH

- 1:00-3:00PM** Firetruck Rides with Santa @ Village Gazebo
- 1:00-3:00PM** Cookie Decorating with Cupcaked Bakery @ Balloons Restaurant
- 1:00-3:00PM** Interactive Children's Activities @ Wingate by Wyndham
- 1:00-4:00PM** Horse and Wagon Rides @ Katy's Cafe - Washington Street
- 4:00-6:00PM** Meet a Real Reindeer @ 1887 Building Lawn - Washington Street Across from Ski Tree
- 6:15PM** Community Christmas Tree Lighting with Santa & Hot Cocoa @ Post Office Lawn - Washington Street
- 10:00AM-7:00PM** Stores Open - Hours Vary by Store
- ALL DAY** 12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt @ Participating Locations

SATURDAY, NOV. 25TH

- 10:00-11:00AM** Free Pancake Breakfast with Santa @ Villaggio
- 11:30AM-12:30PM** Kids Holiday Movie @ Villaggio
- 1:00-3:00PM** Firetruck Rides with Santa @ Village Gazebo
- 1:00-3:00PM** Horse and Wagon Rides @ Katy's Cafe
- 1:00-3:00PM** Meet a Real Reindeer @ 1887 Building Lawn
- 1:00-3:00PM** Cookie Decorating at Cupcaked Bakery @ Balloons Restaurant
- 1:00-3:00PM** Photo with "Buddy the Elf" @ ERA Team VP
- 2:00-3:30PM** Interactive Children's Activities @ Wingate by Wyndham
- 3:15-4:15PM** Meet Santa @ Wingate by Wyndham
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- 1:00-3:00PM** Horse and Wagon Rides @ Katy's Cafe
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NOVEMBER 23

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Feeling the Thanksgiving fever? Need to work up your appetite for the evening feast? Meet up at Warrior Fitness & Wellness at 5A Park Avenue at 8:00am for the Ellicottville Turkey Trot. Pre-registration is \$15. All funds raised will go to support their Little Valley Project. This 5K is both a run/walk and is made for all fitness levels. Costumes are encouraged, because that just adds to the fun! Donations of non-perishable items will be accepted during the event to help support the local food banks during the holiday season.

NOVEMBER 24

FANNIE BARLETT HOUSE | OLEAN, NY
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VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Take a trip back in time with a Victorian Christmas at the Fannie Bartlett House in Olean, the Friday after Thanksgiving. Watch the Santa Claus Lane Parade before or after touring this beautifully restored mansion built in 1881 with 15 rooms, including a third-floor ballroom. The historic house will be adorned with Christmas decorations during its annual open house on Friday from 6:00-9:00pm. There will be refreshments and raffle baskets. Proceeds to benefit the Bartlett House.

NOVEMBER 24

NORTH UNION STREET | OLEAN, NY
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Santa Claus Lane Parade

Come join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they officially light Olean's holiday decorations! The festive 37th Annual Santa Claus Lane Parade is held every year on the Friday after Thanksgiving and is the traditional kick-off to the holiday season. Santa will be in attendance and will light up thousands of lights in Lincoln Park and downtown Olean when he parades through town in celebration. Holiday lights, live music and Mr. and Mrs. Claus... what's not to like? It all begins at 7:00pm. Organized by the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and Santa Claus Lane Committee, trophies will be presented in eight categories. See page 16 for additional details.

NOVEMBER 24

ALLEGANY STATE PARK | SALAMANCA, NY
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EVENING BIKE RIDE

Join Allegany State Park on an evening ride along the Red House Bike Path. Meet at Camp Allegany at 6:15pm with the ride starting at 6:30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet. You do not have to have a fat bike for this ride, but you will need a headlamp or a bike light. Please, no balance bikes or bikes with training wheels. As a way to be thankful, consider bringing a toy, an item for a child's bicycle, or a non-perishable food item to donate to our local charities. For more information on this event, please visit Allegany State Park's Facebook page.

NOVEMBER 24 - 26

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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 with unique holiday gift choices and dining options to keep you fueled through the experience.

NOVEMBER 29

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Wreath Making Class

Join Nannen Arboretum members to create a fresh evergreen wreath at the Ellicottville Town Center at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY at 6:30pm. Pre-registration is required as class size is limited to 15 participants. Please call Nan Miller at the number listed to register. Each participant needs to bring a garbage bag (not a grocery bag) of evergreen clippings, a pair of gloves, and hand clippers. A wreath form and paddle wire will be provided. Help will be available to construct a bow, if you bring your own ribbon. Refreshments will be served. A \$10.00 fee will be collected to cover cost of materials. We look forward to seeing you!

DECEMBER 1

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irish christmas

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas is coming up on Friday, December 1st in the Brew Hall at Ellicottville Brewing Company. The 18th annual event will feature incredible live and basket auctions, beer & wine at a bargain price of \$5 thanks to the generosity of EBC, and The Taste of Ireland, presented by many local restaurants. (Fill your tummy and tempt your taste buds with a fabulous Irish dinner, for only \$5!) The Live auction is one of the main spectacles with a limited number of unique auction items accompanied by a fresh baked dessert from Ellicottville's renowned bakers.

DECEMBER 16

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SANTA CLAUS LANE PARADE

Located approximately 30 minutes from Ellicottville is the City of Olean. They have several traditions and activities visitors are invited to participate in. On November 24th at 6:30pm, watch Olean's Santa Claus Lane Parade followed by Santa and Mrs. Claus lighting the town's decorations! The Fannie E. Bartlett House will also have their "Victorian Christmas" event from 6:00-9:00pm in conjunction with the parade. The 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Jubilee offers an abundance of holiday activities and events on December 8th, including sleigh rides! You can also visit Santa's Cottage in Lincoln Park on December 8th and 13th.



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WINTER WONDERLAND NATURE TRAILS

Travel just 15 minutes further for snowshoeing at Pfeiffer Nature Center in Portville. Consisting of two properties, each with a unique set of trails, both of them offer hills, flatlands, wetlands, meadows and forests. Perfect for watching the snow fall quietly as you experience the calmness and beauty of a Western New York winter. The Lillibridge Property has 6 miles of trails and is home to a historic cabin that has special events throughout the year and home to the old growth forest. The Eshelman Property will be closed to hikers until January 1st as it is used for hunting. If you do trek out to Portville, be sure to go hungry and make a stop at Sprague's Maple Farms, just minutes away to warm up with some delicious menu items, most containing fresh, local maple syrup.

Just outside of Salamanca is Allegany State Park, home to our most famous area of trails - the Art Roscoe Trails, dedicated to the forefather of Western New York skiing, Arthur Roscoe, who mapped out many of the logging trails now used in this area. Offering 20 miles of groomed trails, these trails range from beginner to advanced with varying mileage in the different loops. Winterized cabins are located within a short walking distance from the trail system as well. Plan a whole winter getaway for the family to get in some great cross country skiing. (Snowshoeing is not allowed on the groomed trails but there are plenty of other trails for you nearby to snowshoe.)



There are also many places in and around Ellicottville to go "Fat Biking." The tires are a minimum of 3.8 inches, allowing you to go where a normal bike won't take you. Enjoy the trails through McCarty Hill State Forest, Little Rock City, HoliMont, Golden Hill State Park, or go on one of several group rides scheduled at Allegany State Park.



RANDOLPH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

You will find Randolph, NY, known as the heart of Amish country, just under 30 minutes from Ellicottville. Randolph's Country Christmas event is on Saturday, December 2nd with a full day of traditions scheduled. The Randolph Holiday Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 10:00am-4:00pm at Randolph Central School where you can shop for one-of-a-kind gifts for all the people on your list. Be sure to save time to catch the "Christmas Magic Show" at the Randolph Library at 11:00am. In the evening there will be the "Light up the Night" Christmas parade at 7:30pm, immediately followed by the Memory Tree Lighting.

Even if you are not available for Randolph's holiday events, you are still invited to experience a simpler way of life along New York's Amish Trail. You will come upon Amish buggies that go a comfortable speed of 10mph... don't be in a hurry, slow down and appreciate the winter scenery. Make sure you stay on the main roads, as the side roads may not be plowed. As you make stops at the different Amish owned shops you will be able to fill up on delicious baked goods, buy handmade quilts or wooden toys, and stock up on other wonderful gifts. Not sure where to go? Visit AmishTrail.com to request the newly updated brochure and map be mailed directly to you for FREE.

SILVER BELLS SANTA PARADE

The City of Salamanca is less than 20 minutes from Ellicottville and will be hosting their Silver Bells Santa Parade on Saturday, December 2nd at 6:00pm. 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!



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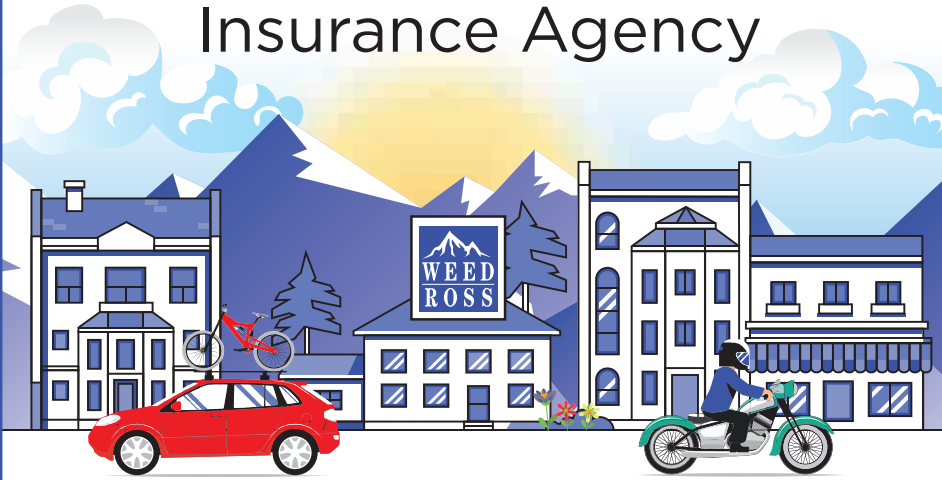
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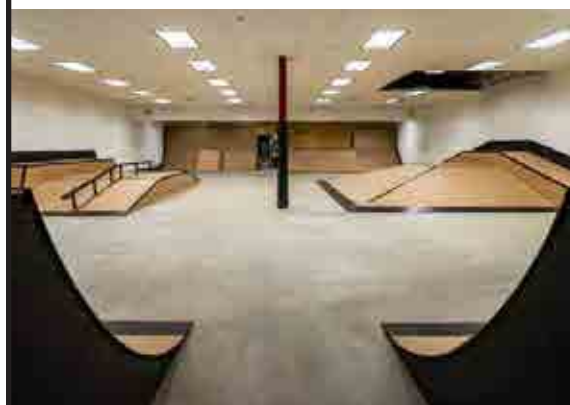


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Catt. County SPCA Looking for Animal Lovers to Foster or Adopt; Can You Help?



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By CAROL FISHER-LINN

What does love look like? Walking through the door and being pounced upon by a flying furball or a wagging tail. Sitting to take your shoes off and finding a face with doleful eyes planted on your lap. A paw on your knee or a soft kitty on your shoulder. Slurpy wake-up kisses or a cat on your face.

Face it, when we adopt a pet, we do change their lives, but we have no choice but to change our lives as well. The agencies that gather up these unwanted animals do yeoman's work trying to find them purrfect forever homes. They get their medical needs taken care of, inoculations up to date and give them the love and care they need until they can be re-homed. But, being public agencies, they must comply with all state and county regulations.

It seems that agencies like the SPCA are not exempt from the long arm of the State of New York's governing body. The Cattaraugus County SPCA is under the gun to come into compliance with the new rules imposed upon them by the State of New York. As with most new rulings, they are often precipitated by need and even abuses by some agencies which operated outside of regulations. As a result, the Cattaraugus County SPCA, along with every other animal care agency in the state is required to make the necessary changes to come into compliance. That being the case, the agency has almost 150 animals that need re-homing, even in temporary foster quarters if permanent forever homes are not found for them by the end of this year.

New York State passed the Companion Animal Care Act, which goes into effect December 2025. This comprehensive legislation requires all shelters to adhere to strict guidelines on kennel and cage sizes, floor coverings, ventilation, noise/decibel levels, outdoor spaces and a host of other design, safety, and animal welfare considerations. These requirements will necessitate major remodeling or the rebuilding of shelters across New York State - and the Shelter for the SPCA in Cattaraugus County on Route 16 in Olean is no exception.

Karen Crowley, the President of the Board of the SPCA in Cattaraugus County stated, "The State legislation is great for animals but is a major challenge for shelters. The SPCA in Cattaraugus County must have vacancy to serve animals in need and to provide services to the county - while preparing for the new requirements."

Part of the program is to call for more volunteers. Dr. Shaun Smith, who is assisting in this major animal adoption/re-homing campaign says, "Volunteers are critical in two ways: (1) They provide extra love to the animals through interaction, and (2) They use their personal connections throughout the county and beyond to find forever homes for the dogs and cats. Volunteers will be the key to re-homing many of the dogs and cats when construction at the shelter commences."

The SPCA will be sponsoring several programs in various communities in the next few weeks, bringing some of their furry ambassadors to acquaint people with the SPCA and, hopefully, to be adopted. There will be the Black Friday Sale at the Shelter on Friday, November 24 from 1:00-4:00pm. The "Home for the Holidays" float in the Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce's Santa Claus Lane parade on Friday, November 24 starting at 6:30pm and the Pet Supplies Plus Adoption and Volunteer Recruitment event on Sunday, November 26 from 10:00am to 4:00pm.

You know, the decision to adopt a shelter dog is multifaceted. Number one, you are saving a life and more than likely making yours a whole lot pleasanter. Getting a kennel pet, you know everything you need to know about them, unlike a pet where you watch it develop into the kind of pet you hope you wanted. Adopting from the SPCA gives you ongoing support with various programs and contacts. And most importantly, pets become family. The World Animal Foundation says that about 95.5% of American dog owners consider them family. Over 65 million homeowners have a dog as a pet, and over 45 million make cats their very own fur babies. Many of those have more than one, and the Cattaraugus County SPCA is more than willing to do their part in helping you become one of those families.

Of these 150 animals needing homes, the majority are cats. A handful have been adopted in the past two weeks at the start of this campaign but many more are waiting to become your very own fur baby. Go to <https://spcacattco.org> to find the dates and locations of their upcoming events and check out all the animals up for adoption. I guarantee, you will fall in love with every one of them and have a difficult time picking "just one." But then, you can pick all you want!

The SPCA is located at 2944 Route 16, Olean, NY. For more information about this homing campaign, contact Dr. Shaun Smith at 716-598-7883. He is an absolute pleasure to speak with and will help you in any way he can.

SANTA'S CARNIVAL

Connecting Communities in Action Brings Back a Favorite on December 15th



photos / CCA

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Ho ho ho, it's almost Christmas! Storefronts are decorated for the holiday season, snow is on its way, and Santa is gearing up for the big night. He's a busy man. But he always has time to make an appearance for the kids. That's why on December 15th at Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) in Salamanca, the Annual Santa's Carnival is making its comeback.

This year's Carnival is sure to be just as fun as previous years, if not more! The family friendly event is FREE for all to attend and will run from 2:30-4:30pm. And when they say FREE, that's what they mean. Food, drinks, games etc... it's all included! There is no age limit, though it is geared more towards the younger generations of the family.

This occasion was created by CCA as a way to get local families together and bring the joy of the season to the community while making it accessible for everyone to participate. Front Desk receptionist Bonnie has been with CCA since 2017 and said that the carnival was always a big part of their year.



"It's extra exciting this year, with the carnival coming back." Bonnie stated. "We still aren't quite back to fully opened from Covid, but this is a big step towards getting back to more normal routines. We set up everything in the large common area."

Bonnie says guests can expect to have a fun-filled time at the event. "Each department of the CCA - which is about 10 - has their own table and will have different games and activities for the kiddos to do. I know our table is planning on having a Pin the Nose on Rudolph game, where if they get it close enough, we'll give them a prize. Some departments have crafts like stringing necklaces that the kids can keep or creating candy cane baskets. Just a bunch of little fun things that visitors can enjoy.

Many of our staff plan to dress up like characters to take photos with instant cameras so that anyone who wants, can take a memory home with them."

Imagine the excitement when the little ones find Santa and Mrs. Claus on scene to greet them, as well as the much loved Frosty the Snowman. They'll be joined by Buddy the Elf and Tinsel the Walking Christmas Tree!

Once you've worked up an appetite between the various crafts, games and photo shoots with all the characters, you can sit down with a nice hot cup of hot cocoa and dive into some delicious cookies.

Besides hosting the annual Santa's Carnival, CCA also organizes other programs during the holiday season, which is a time of great need for some families. That's why they have their Christmas Sharing Program, where they reach out to community members for sponsors. Those sponsors then can adopt a Cattaraugus County family and buy gifts for the children in that household. The gifts are delivered to CCA, who lets the family know to come pick them up for the holidays... all gift wrapped and ready to go.



This is a very active time for the CCA Food Pantry as well. They are planning to offer a limited amount of special Christmas boxes with items to build a nice Christmas meal for those who need them.

It's amazing to see an organization striving to build up our local community members during what can be a difficult season. Bonnie ended with, "We are really excited. It's been four years since we could host the carnival and we really hope for a great turnout. We'll see everyone here on December 15th!"

If you would like more information on the carnival or want to keep up with programs offered through CCA, you can visit their Facebook page (CCA - Connecting Communities in Action) or go to their website at ccaction.org. CCA is located at 25 Jefferson Street, Salamanca, NY 14779.

REGIONAL

A DAY OF GIVING

Ninety-two Area Nonprofits Set to Fundraiser During 'Cattaraugus Gives'



OLEAN - Ninety-two nonprofits from across the Cattaraugus County region are set to raise funds during Cattaraugus Gives on Tuesday, November 28th. Presented by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising event that brings together area nonprofits of any service area, size or mission in friendly competition to celebrate the community's spirit of giving.

In 2022, nonprofits participating in Cattaraugus Gives together raised \$275,447 for their respective causes. With that total, Cattaraugus Gives has now helped nonprofits raise over \$1 million to improve the lives of those living in our community.

Giving will begin on the cattaraugusgives.org website at 12:00am on Tuesday, Nov. 28th and will continue for the next 24 hours. Donors can help the 92 participating organizations win prizes from a pool of over \$20,000 in prizes sponsored by CRCF and a number of area businesses. New this year, donors will have the chance to win themselves, as there will be six gift card drawings throughout the day for donors that give \$100 or more during designated time periods. The full prize listing is available at cattaraugusgives.org. Additionally, a number of participating nonprofits will have matches and challenges available, which will increase the impact of donors' gifts.

"The public is invited to make their gifts and watch the leaderboard throughout the day at cattaraugusgives.org," said CRCF Executive Director Kirk Windus. "The energy that Cattaraugus Gives emulates every year is palpable for everyone involved - for the Foundation, the participating nonprofits, for the donors, and for the community that benefits from the funds raised. The generosity of our community never disappoints, and we are excited to see the community rally to make a difference for our nonprofits and our community again this year."

To learn more about how to support Cattaraugus Gives and to view the full list of participating nonprofits, visit cattaraugusgives.org.

LOCAL CLUB ASKS FOR SUPPORT

Rotary Club of Ellicottville Participating in Giving Tuesday

ELLCOTTVILLE - Set for Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising event, bringing together community nonprofits with the shared goal of making the Cattaraugus region a stronger, more vibrant community and place to live. Participating nonprofits have the opportunity to win prizes, raise more money and more awareness of their work.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville is hoping this will give the community a chance to contribute back to the Club that is helping the community and region in many ways. Since its formation in 1999, the Rotary Club of Ellicottville has supported numerous organizations and causes in the Ellicottville community, including the Ellicottville Memorial Library, Ellicottville Skatepark, the Ellicottville Historical Society, Ellicottville and Great Valley Food Banks, local Meals on Wheels, Earth Day community clean-up and the Nannen Arboretum.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville has also supported students in the Ellicottville Central School district by providing scholarships, school supplies, lunch programs, travel, and special projects for those in need in the district. This year, they also resumed their annual youth Halloween Party.

"The goal of the Rotary Club of Ellicottville Fund is to allow the club to receive tax-deductible donations that allow it to continue and bolster its impact in the community," said John Weismantel, club president. "There are numerous groups and individuals with many and varying needs, and we [the club] are dedicated to helping these people in every way we possibly can."

The fund will help to bolster the club's impact by creating a financial reserve in support of its fundraising efforts. The goal of the fund is to continue elevating the important role of service clubs at a time when their support is most needed.

Donations can be made to the Rotary Club of Ellicottville Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760 (please write Rotary Club of Ellicottville in the memo line) or hop online on Giving Tuesday, Nov. 28th at cattaraugusgives.org and search Rotary Club of Ellicottville.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!

Greater Olean Chamber Shares Road Closures and Parade Safety Tips



OLEAN - The ever-popular Santa Claus Lane Parade in Olean, NY is the official kick-off to the holiday season in the area in which Santa and Mrs. Claus light thousands of lightbulbs in the skylines, snowflakes and stars in downtown Olean. The parade is set to take place this Friday, November 24th at 6:30pm at the intersection of Delaware Avenue and North Union Street.

Paul Brown Motors and Toys 4 Tots will be teaming up again this year to collect as many toys as possible. Last year's Toys 4 Tots campaign helped many children in the Olean area. Look for the Paul Brown Motors and Toys 4 Tots pick-up truck on East State Street between Lincoln Park and the City building to drop off your unwrapped gift for a local child.

Chamber officials have invited area residents to judge this year's parade: Paula Snyder, Jamestown Community College; Paula Bernstein, Tri-County Arts Council; and Max Bullers, Olean resident. The judges will be located in a Close's Lumber truck on North Union Street near the Times Square intersection. Winners will be announced the night of the parade.

Eight awards will be presented in the following categories:

- The Blitzen Award, sponsored by the Times Herald, will go to the most photogenic float or unit.
- The Seasons Greetings Award, sponsored by Milestone Financial Strategies, will go to the best newcomer to the parade and one that typifies a welcoming theme. (This unit must be a first-time entrant.)
- The Rudolph Award, sponsored by National Grid Co., will go to the float with the most or best use of lights.
- The Snowflake Award, sponsored by the Street Classics Car Club, will go to the unit with the most participants in the parade.
- The Angelic Spirit Award, sponsored by Mandy's Flowers, will go to the most spiritual/religious float or unit.
- The Elves Award, sponsored by Owl Homes Group, will go to the float or unit that best typifies the holiday through the eyes of a child.
- The Jingle Bells Award, sponsored by Cayas Canopies, will go to the best theatrical (music/dance) float or unit.
- The Sleigh Award, presented by Nick Shembeda Plumbing, will go to the most decorated larger truck (fire truck, flatbed, utility vehicle, etc.)

Delaware Avenue will be closed to traffic at 5:30pm with North Union Street closing to traffic at 6:15pm. The City's downtown parking lots will be opened and free to park. The City Building's restrooms will be opened the night of the parade from 5:30-8:00pm. Extra uniformed personnel from the Olean Fire and Police Departments will be on hand. Lost children should report to the Chamber office. The parking spaces along BOTH SIDES of North Union Street from Route 417 to Delaware Avenue will be closed to any parking vehicles at 4:00pm. Cars, trucks, etc. will be allowed to park back along these spaces after 8:30pm. Also, the detour route will be First Street from Wayne to Henley as well as East/West Henley from South First Street to South Barry Streets. No parking will be allowed along the detour route as well. Olean Police Chief Ron Richardson stated, "Please parents have your family members stay up on the curbs on Union Street as well as off the medians and roundabouts - they are not to be used for viewing the parade."

All parade units (firetrucks, trucks, trailers - any vehicle driving in the parade) have to enter the staging area by entering the Olean Center Mall entrance from North Union Street. Parents dropping off children to be in a parade unit, please enter the same route at the mall and head towards Key Bank.

The Parade is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm on Friday, November 24th near the Burger King on North Union Street in Olean. The parade will stagger and use both sides of the street. WPIG-FM will be the official emcee of the parade and will announce the parade line-up at their official emcee stage area in front of the Olean Municipal Building. All parade participants must have a waiver signed and Chamber officials ask that all waivers be handed in by Nov. 24th to the volunteers at the parade staging area.

As Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce considers the roadway, North Union Street, to 'Santa Claus Lane' during the holiday season, it's pretty neat to note the song's origin, "Here Comes Santa Claus." It is a Christmas song originally written by Gene Autry. Autry got the idea for the song after riding his horse in the 1946 Santa Claus Lane Parade (now the Hollywood Christmas Parade) in Los Angeles, during which crowds of spectators chanted, "Here comes Santa Claus". For more information regarding Santa Claus Lane or other Greater Olean Area events and activities, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

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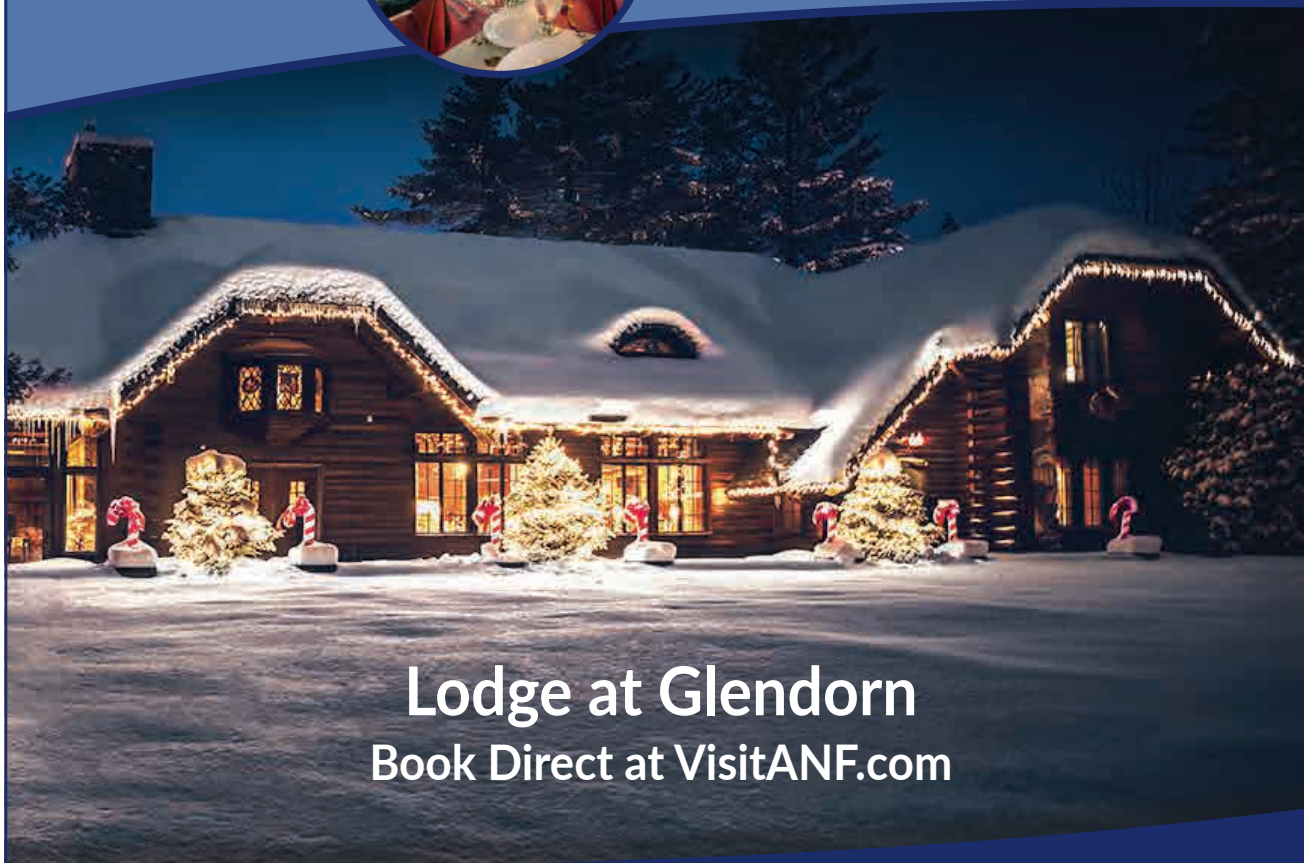
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BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will host a Blood Drive on Friday, December 15th from 1:00-6:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242, Ellicottville, NY. To schedule your appointment, go to redcrossblood.org

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PUPPIES: Bullmastiff/Catahoula puppies available November 21st. Family-friendly. Only 4 left. @Kunkpups on Instagram. 716-378-3783.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of Whitescarf Services LLC. Filed 8/17/23. Cty: Cattaraugus. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail 7641 Maples Rd, Little Valley, NY 14755. Purp: any lawful.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Qual. of Northeast Property Ventures, LLC. Auth filed 8/24/23. Cty: Cattaraugus. LLC org in DE 8/22/23. SSNY desig. for process & shall mail POB 2448, St Bonaventure, NY 14778. DE off. addr: 850 New Burton Rd, Dover, DE 19904. Cert of Form on file: SSDE, Townsend Bldg, Dover, DE 19901. Purp: any lawful.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of the Limited Liability Company ("LLC"), 206 Fox Ridge, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY ("SSNY") on 11/09/2023. Office located in the County of Cattaraugus. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against shall be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any such process served to: 206 Fox Ridge LLC, 206 Deer Crossing - Fox Ridge Road, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Purpose: any lawful act.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of a Domestic Limited Liability Company Sheer Dogness LLC. Arts of Org were filed by the NY Dept of State on 10/30/23. Its office location is Cattaraugus County. Its purpose is any lawful purpose. NY's Sec'y of State is designated as agent upon whom process may be served. The Sec'y shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 12 Rockwell Ave., Ellicottville, NY 14731.

ECS PROJECT CHRISTMAS

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Central School Project Christmas committee would like to extend their deepest gratitude to the Ellicottville community for their support of Project Christmas over the past decades. Project Christmas works to provide Ellicottville Central School District families with a means to obtain food and gifts for their children during the holiday season. This year the program will help 40+ families.

If you would like to help local families, monetary donations to assist this service in our community may be sent to: Ellicottville Central School - Project Christmas, c/o Nurse Karin Hager, 5873 Route 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Checks should be made out to 'Project Christmas'. Questions may also be directed to Nurse Hager at 716-699-2318 x 1604 or email khager@ecsny.org. The committee thanks you for your anticipated continued support. May you and your families have a very safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

IRISH CHRISTMAS

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Keeping with tradition, all auction items are accompanied by a homemade pie or baked item. Pat Kurl's Skillet Apple Pie, Cupcaked Cannoli Cake and Triple Berry Pie along with Tom Kneeland's specialties will get your mouth watering. We are excited as the Irish Basket Raffle gets bigger and better this year, which means that most can participate with many lucky winners taking home great gifts for a minimal donation. Live Auction items and the Irish Basket Raffle choices are being revealed weekly on our website at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/events.

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Bob always found a way to make the holidays magical... and this year is no exception. Make sure you mark your calendar as Friday, December 1st will be one you won't want to miss!

SKI RESORT OPENINGS

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other, catching up on everything that has happened since we were all together at the club last spring. It's like a long-awaited family reunion filled with an infectious sense of excitement!"

It looks to be an exciting year for HoliMont; their teams spent the summer adding new underground water pipes to the hills, which is expected to enhance and increase their snowmaking capabilities to the next level! They also re-designed the Member and Guest Services along with the ticket office, to better handle customer experiences and allow for more space and ease when starting a day on the slopes.

HoliMont offers 700 vertical feet of snow, 56 trails, and 7 chairlifts to get you to all of your favorite slopes. The private ski club offers an array of amenities to meet each and every snow sporter's dream. They do offer memberships for those looking to indulge in exclusive weekends of open inclines, but HoliMont also welcomes anyone to come check out the resort for themselves during the week, Monday through Friday. Guests are encouraged to experience skiing, snowboarding, racing, or even a class to take advantage of what we hope to be a great winter season.

HoliMont plans for a snow packed season filled with winter fun, so check out their website at HoliMont.com to stay up-to-date with events and announcements.

Mark your calendars for the opening days at Holiday Valley and HoliMont so you can enjoy Ellicottville's top winter attractions and watch our ski town come to life. We hope for a fun and safe winter season to all!

FILL THE BUS FOOD DRIVE

SALAMANCA - Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) is partnering with the Salamanca Schools Transportation Department to help make a difference for many families this holiday season. On Saturday, December 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm, the community is encouraged to come out to Save-A-Lot, 35 Church Street, with non-perishable food items to "Fill the Bus". All donations will benefit the CCA Food Pantry. Bring the kids to meet Santa, Buddy and Frosty! Go to ccaction.org for info.

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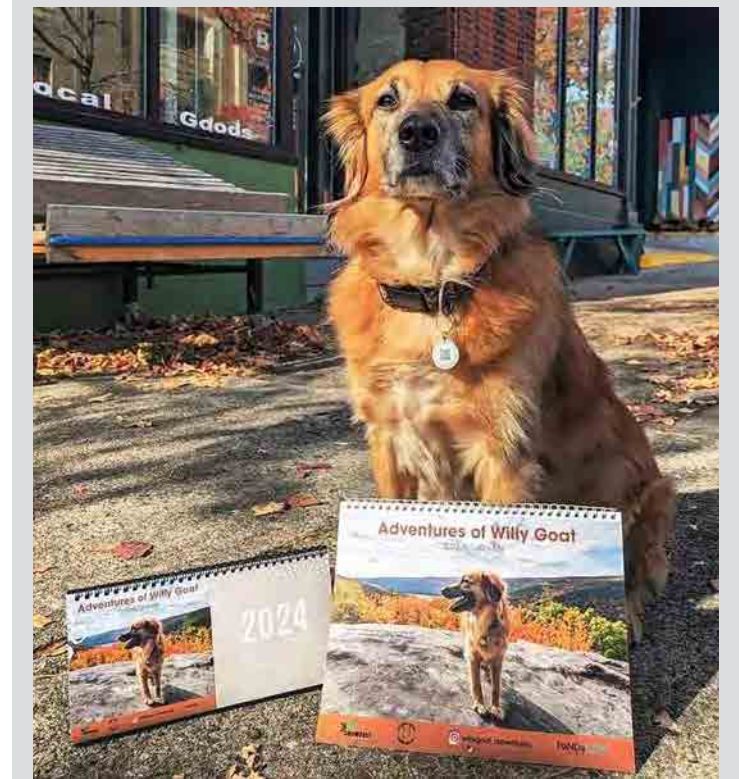
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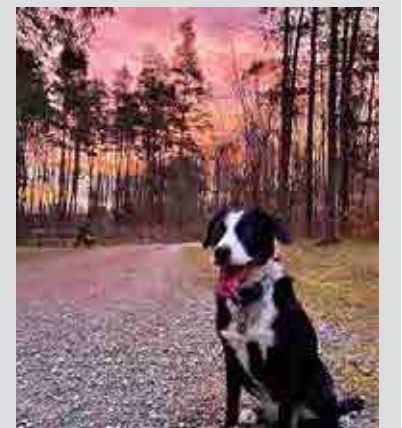
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