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## The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

### Village Merchants Prepare for Another Fun, Festive Season in Ellicottville



photo / Ashley Baron

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! Produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, Christmas in Ellicottville will run all weekend long, Nov. 25-27 & will feature a plethora of holiday-themed activities for kids and the kid at heart. Weekenders can anticipate holiday music throughout the village streets, live reindeer, visits with Santa, horse and wagon rides, as well as kid's crafts, cookie decorating, and more - ALL FREE!

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

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## THE PATH TO HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

### America's First Christmas Store to Open This Month in Smethport, PA



The Allegheny National Forest Region in northwestern Pennsylvania includes over 350,000 acres of outdoor fun, but it also includes a charming collection of shops, restaurants, and things to see and do in the gateway communities surrounding the Forest. America's First Christmas Store, a longtime favorite holiday shopping destination, will be opening in a new location in Smethport on Nov. 8, 2022.

First opened in 1932, America's First Christmas Store's owner, Leonard Brynolf Johnson and his brother, Herb Johnson started out designing and painting custom-made lawn displays for his family and friends. Now, in 2022, a new Smethport entrepreneur has decided his hometown was missing one of his all-time favorite shops - America's First Christmas Store.

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Senior co-captain Audrey Hurlburt #4 celebrates teammate Layla Kerns' championship-clinching goal, which came with just 41 seconds left in regulation. Teammates Alysa Williams #17 and Brooke Butler #23 join in.

## ELLICOTTVILLE EAGLES: WNY SOCCER CHAMPS

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# Publisher's PICK

## East Otto Country Artists to Host Annual Holiday Open House



By MARY HEYL

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East Otto Country is a group of area artisans founded in 1986 by Michael and Elliott Hutten of Hog-Shed Studio Pottery, located at 8420 Otto-Maples Road in Little Valley. "We wanted to form a group so people could know about and visit the many home-based artisans in our area," Elliott Hutten explained of the organization, which had consisted of many different artisans over the years including woodworkers, painters, potters, and more. Robin Zefers Clark of Brookside Studio joined the group in 1990 and has participated in the annual holiday open house ever since. Now, Hog-Shed Studio and Brookside Studio are the only remaining members left of the group, and both are excited to see familiar and new faces this year.

For the Huttens, this year's event is bittersweet. "This will be our final open house," said Hutten. "After 40 years in business, we are retiring." In 1982, Hutten opened her pottery studio as a way to supplement her husband's income and stay home with their two children. Though not a potter, Michael, a registered nurse, is an instrumental part of the business, as he fires the kilns and keeps everything in good working order.

Originally from Buffalo, the Huttens moved to the East Otto area in the early 1980s in pursuit of a more self-sustaining lifestyle. The couple bought a jersey cow, some pigs, a few beef cattle, and planted a large garden to be as self-sufficient as possible. When Elliott decided to pursue pottery, the family downsized their small farm and put their efforts into building a studio. Despite what many believe, the studio is not located in the former hog shed! "This building was a machinery shed," said Hutten of her studio. "But the building right across the road from us was the original hog shed on this farm. When I was trying to think of a name for my business, I was looking out my window at that hog shed across the road."

Most of what Elliott makes is high-fired stoneware pottery. "We fire to a high temperature of 2,400 degrees," she explained. "What we make is safe for microwave, oven, and dishwasher. We have many functional pieces like mugs, bowls, casseroles, and vases. I also make high-fired decorative pieces for the holiday season, such as snowmen, Christmas trees, vases, and holiday designs." Elliott mixes all of her own glazes and works with moist clay, which comes in 50-pound boxes ordered by the ton. "We're in our seventies now, so it's not as easy at it once was," she explained. "While I'll be retiring from the business, I'll always be doing something with clay. I can't stop being creative!"

While many of Hog-Shed's customers have been coming in frequently to buy pieces to complete their collection before the Huttens retire, Elliott said she will have a full inventory this weekend. Cash, checks, and credit cards are accepted. Masks will be optional, and pre-packaged refreshments will be served. After the open house, hours are by appointment or chance; the Huttens encourage people to call ahead at 716-244-2967. Visit [www.hogshed-studio.com](http://www.hogshed-studio.com) or follow Hog-Shed Studio Pottery on Facebook to learn more.

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## ANYWHERE FROM HERE

The City Garage & Matchstick Productions Partner Up for Movie Night at The Depot



By CAITLIN CROFT

Ellicottville's funkier ski shop, The City Garage, looks to host its annual movie premier this Saturday, November 5. This year they are featuring "Anywhere From Here," a new ski movie by Matchstick Productions.

"We have partnered with Matchstick Productions for so many years because they are still creating binge-worthy ski films year after year," Trey Clauss of The City Garage tells me. And he admits that this one "is the best one yet!"

Anywhere From Here follows the sport of skiing through the eyes of 12-year-old skiing phenom, Walker Woodring, and the concept of 'Do you ever wonder where you're going to end up?'

Surrounded by industry pros including Sam Kuch, Tonje Kvivik, Eric Hjørleifson and Emily Childs, Walker shares his experience as a kid who just wants to play and doesn't have to ponder "real life" quite yet. This movie features stellar ski sessions from stunning backdrops like Absolut Park, Austria, Golden Alpine Holidays, BC and Mt. Hood, Oregon, just to name a few.

Matchstick was recently awarded Ski Film of the year from IF3 (International Freeski Film Festival) hosted in Whistler, BC. When asked why Matchstick, Trey stated, "We want to bring the best of the best to Ellicottville and Matchstick has always produced!"

Speaking of the best of the best, the prizes at The City Garage movie premier event are always top notch. "We will have a bunch of ski swag for the raffle AND you can't forget the Turkey for thanksgiving dinner! Skis will be on the docket for the main event raffle - one chance to win for \$20!"

The premier will once again be hosted by the infamous Depot Restaurant in Ellicottville. Tucked at the foot of Holiday Valley, they have seen it all over the years. The quintessential 'ski bar', Trey states, "The Depot embodies the soul of skiing. Young and old come out to see... everyone has a great time!" My, how this fits the theme of this year's movie! As you age in the industry every facet provides an entirely new set of experiences, thrills, challenges and rewards.

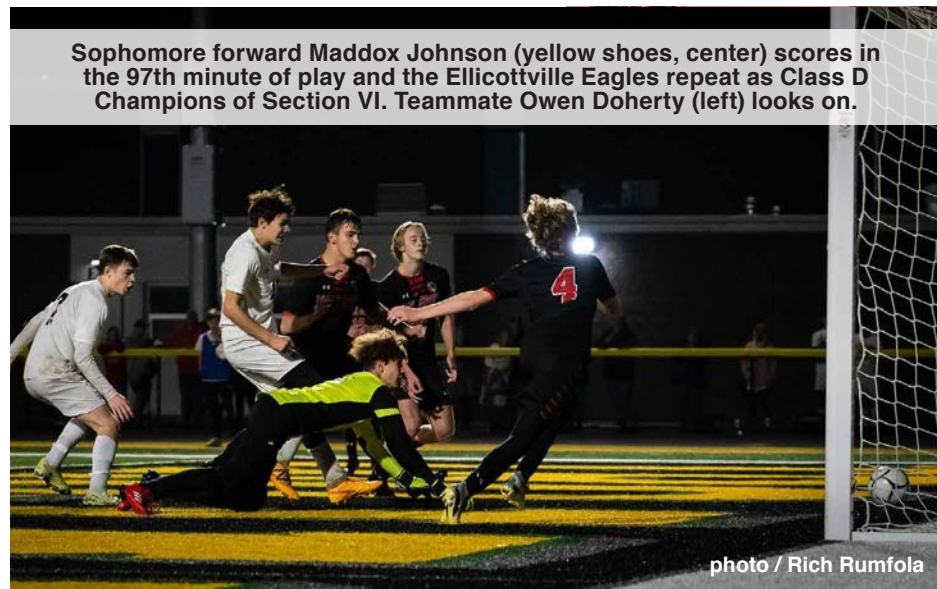
This event truly kicks off the snow season here in Ellicottville. "I can think back over the years of being a young skier and this time of year - the excitement, anticipation, seeing my winter ski friends - having the movie night is totally part of all of those feels," Trey told me. "To me, skiing is a lot more than just the act; it's the people and the stories you get to tell. Having that story projected from Matchstick Productions on the big screen and then turning it to the crowd that is there - everyone is making their mark in the ski community and hopefully people will leave the party with another story to tell!"

Trey reminds us to "watch the weather for Nov. 5... "If we get a clear window, there will be a big screen on the front deck of The Depot as well as the main screen inside! Show will start at 7:00pm. Let's Kick Off Winter!"

For more information on this year's Ski Movie Premier party at The Ellicottville Depot, contact The City Garage at 716-699-2054 or search it on Facebook. Or better yet, pop on over to the shop, 5 Monroe Street, downtown EVL. Get hyped up for movie night by watching the trailer for "Anywhere From Here" with an easy search on Google. The Ellicottville Depot is located at 6094 Route 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731. We're looking forward to seeing everyone Nov. 5!

## CLASS D CHAMPIONS

Ellicottville Eagles Boys & Girls Soccer Teams Advance to Far West Regionals



Sophomore forward Maddox Johnson (yellow shoes, center) scores in the 97th minute of play and the Ellicottville Eagles repeat as Class D Champions of Section VI. Teammate Owen Doherty (left) looks on.

photo / Rich Rumfola

By RICH RUMFOLA

After a pair of stunning Class D Championship game victories in the past few days, the Ellicottville Eagles and Lady Eagles high school soccer programs reign supreme in all of Western New York - and both teams have punched their tickets to the Far West Regional Championships this coming weekend.

Coach Tammy Eddy's Lady Eagles brought home their second Class D Championship in as many seasons, when Layla Kerns broke a 0-0 tie with North Collins to give Ellicottville a 1-0 lead with only 41 seconds remaining in regulation time last Saturday, Oct. 29 at Dunkirk High School. By the time the North Collins squad realized they'd need to mount a comeback, the final horn had sounded and Ellicottville was on its way back to the regional championships for the second year in a row.

The girls will travel to Niagara Wheatfield High School Friday, Nov. 4 for a 5:00pm matchup against the Section V champion.

Not to be outdone by their female counterparts on the "Sports Drama Meter," Coach Matt Finn's squad trailed the No. 1 seed Maple Grove Red Dragons, 3-2, with less than five minutes remaining in regulation time, but Eagles leading-scorer Sam Edwards beat the Red Dragons goalie to a loose ball and tied the game - forcing overtime to determine the champion.

In the first 15-minute overtime period, the three-time defending Section VI Class C champion, Red Dragons attacked the Eagles end relentlessly, however, senior goalie Evan Bauer threw up an impenetrable wall between the goalposts and the game went into a second overtime stanza before Ellicottville's sophomore forward Maddox Johnson shocked the assembled crowd at West Seneca East High School with the game-winner after a scramble directly in front of the Maple Grove goal.

With the victory, the boys also become back-to-back Class D champions of Section VI and will head to Rochester-area Spencerport High School Saturday, Nov. 5 at 1:30pm to take on the Section V champion.

To attend either game in person, purchase tickets in advance at [gofan.co](http://gofan.co). Both games are also expected to be live streamed; find the link on Ellicottville Sports Boosters' Facebook page.

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Following Two Years of Remote Hosting, 2022's Fundraiser Returns to a Live Event



ELLICOTTVILLE - As the trees turn bare and the days grow shorter, the town of Ellicottville shifts into winter mode. Boots are broken out, summer tires are replaced, and calendars begin to fill with a plethora of lovely holiday traditions unique to the area.

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, a seasonal highlight, is a hallmark of Ellicottville generosity and compassion. Hosted by the Bob McCarthy Foundation, the event serves to raise funds for Santa's Workshop and the Cattaraugus County Sheriffs' Santa Program as well as year-round family support.

McCarthy, a master craftsman, the voice of Ellicottville and a friend to all, was a passionate philanthropist and 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 Sheriff's Department's Santa Program to provide holiday presents and meals to local families in need.

This year, Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas will be LIVE. "In light of the pandemic," the event went virtual for the last two years. Families through this time were even more in need of a little holiday happiness. The Foundation hopes that Ellicottville will open its heart and donate at [www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate](http://www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate) or via mail at Bob McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way!

More than 15 live auction pieces will be on display at the Live event at Ellicottville Brewing Company in downtown Ellicottville. This year the event committee is adding a basket raffle that will provide great gifts for those lucky winners. Among the treasures are - believe it or not - some Bob McCarthy woodworking originals plus special creations from Ed Frederickson, Hughey Dunn and others. Each item will be on display from November 27 through December 9. You can also view them on the website and there will be a program at the event as well. All auction items are accompanied by a homemade baked item.

The auction itself will take place Friday, December 9 at 7:00pm in the new Beer Hall at EBC, hosted by Brooks LeFeber with commentary from his many helpers. Great live entertainment will start at 6:00pm so come early! Follow the news in this publication for more details in the coming weeks.

If you would like to bake an item for the baked goods auction, please contact Katy Arena of Katy's Café at 716-801-2740 by Thursday, November 26.

## HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE

Join Directions of Independent Living, Inc. in Giving the Gift of Warmth

OLEAN - Directions in Independent Living, Inc. is holding their 2nd Annual Hats, Mittens, Socks, and Scarves Drive now through December 23, 2022. This drive will allow us to give back to the community. Some of our area adults and children are in dire need of these items to help them stay warm and healthy this winter. We are asking for donations of newly purchased hats, mittens/gloves, socks, and scarves. We will begin to distribute these items after January 3rd. Please bring your donation items to the Directions office, 512 West State Street in Olean. If you would prefer to make a cash donation that we will use to purchase more of these items, please go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/warmdrive/event/858812/>.

## CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

Village Merchants Prepare for Another Fun, Festive Holiday Season



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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 25 with a special lighting ceremony of Ellicottville's Village lights and the 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. 25-27 and will feature a number 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 to Ellicottville Thanksgiving 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 continue this festive celebration," said Wallace. "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. 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 right here in Ellicottville, NY."

NEW this year, the Chamber is sponsoring a window decorating contest, open to all downtown businesses. Merchants are encouraged to get creative with their storefronts - reason enough for visitors to make the trip to Ellicottville... what a sight it will be! Voting will take place by the public and will be fun and convenient! Watch for posters with a QR code which anyone with a smart phone can scan and easily cast their vote. The QR code will also be displayed on the Chamber's website. The voting window will open Nov. 25 and votes will be accepted until Dec. 6, with the winner announced at the Chamber's annual Christmas Party, Dec. 8.

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. For a complete schedule of activities, to learn more about sponsorship, or to register for the window decorating contest, check out [www.ellicottvillenyc.com](http://www.ellicottvillenyc.com) or phone the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce toll-free at 1-800-349-9099.

# INTERVIEW

## A BOY BAND CHRISTMAS



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By Melanie Hulick

This holiday season is going to be “music magical” when the tour, “A Boy Band Christmas” makes its way to WNY for two shows. Playing Friday, December 9 at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and moving on to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino for a show Saturday, December 10, fans will be treated to multiple boy band members from All-4-ONE, 98 Degrees, O Town and more playing the hits you remember, along with holiday music to get you into the spirit of the season.

I was lucky enough to catch up with three of the headliners and will be featuring each of them in upcoming issues of ellicottvilleNOW.

Jamie Jones of All-4-One and I spoke recently about his career, what he’s been doing, and had some fun with Christmas questions. All-4-One’s biggest hit, “I Swear” won the group a Grammy Award in 1995 and the hit, “So Much In Love” garnered them an American Music Award the same year. With worldwide success, the band is still going strong, according to Jones, and will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary next year.

The singer/songwriter has kept himself very busy with his solo career, and continues to make music with All-4-One, as well as projects for major companies like Disney Channel, Netflix, ESPN, Viacom, and BET through his own production company, The Heavyweights.

Talking about the pandemic, Jones told me he made use of the time in quarantine by making a Christmas EP, “Christmas at Home with Jamie Jones”. The EP features two original songs, “All I Want” and “Christmas Kiss”, along with some of Jones’ favorite holiday classics: “Someday at Christmas,” “This Christmas,” and “Give Love on Christmas Day.” “I think I might do a couple more Christmas songs to update my Christmas EP,” he added.

The quarantine produced one of his greatest emotional projects when the singer did a remake of the song, “Sunny”. “So many people were talking about how depressed and lonely they were, which created a lot of negativity. The thing about this song is you can’t not smile when you hear it,” he stated. “We went to Venice Beach and filmed the video of the song in such a way that it would bring a little sunshine to people’s lives and a smile to their faces. That was the whole goal of doing that, and I hope it helped to get people through that scary and uncertain time that the whole world went through together. The power of music can turn anything around, and I’m glad to be able to give that to the world.”

For more information on Jamie and All-4-One, visit [jamiejonesmusic.com](http://jamiejonesmusic.com). For ticket information to “A Boy Band Christmas” at either location, visit [senecacasinos.com](http://senecacasinos.com).

## A Conversation with Jamie Jones

**HULICK:** Next year will be All-4-One’s 30th Anniversary! Any special plans to celebrate, like a tour?

**JONES:** Yes it is! We’re still going strong! I’ve been working on some new music for us for a little while and we’re hoping to release it next year... and who knows what else we may do.

**HULICK:** Do you have a Buffalo connection?

**JONES:** I actually do. My father has family there and I’ve only met them over the phone.

**HULICK:** You’ll be doing a show at Seneca Niagara Casino Dec. 9th and another show at Seneca Allegany Casino Dec. 10th. Have you been to the Falls before?

**JONES:** Yes. We were there in the winter and it was snowing and we wanted to go see the Falls, but being an LA boy I thought I brought warm enough clothes and as soon as I stepped outside there I was like... yeah, alright we got to go back in!

**HULICK:** (laughs) We’ll look at it through the window.

**JONES:** (laughs) Yeah, exactly!

**HULICK:** Your production company, The Heavyweights, has so much going on. I don’t know how you find the time to do it all.

**JONES:** I’m always grinding and always hustling because there’s a lot of stuff I want to accomplish, and that goes with my goals onstage and offstage. It’s been a huge blessing for me to be able to work with a lot of different artists and help them accomplish their goals as well.

**HULICK:** Your hit song, “I Swear”, spent 11 weeks at #1 on the charts. Did you know it was going to be as big as it was?

**JONES:** It was actually a country song before we received it. I was really skeptical... I was the only one in the group that was skeptical. The President of the record company called us into his office in LA and said he wanted us to hear something. So he plays us the country version and we listened and he asks us what do we think and I told him... it’s a country song... it’s alright but it’s a country song. He tells us he wants us to record it and I’m like... um, what? He says if we record this it’s gonna be #1 for you. He told us it’s #1 right now on the country charts and it did something that songs rarely do (at the time)... it crossed over and it’s on the pop charts right now as we speak. So the rest of the group was cool with it and I said we’re an R&B group and our album is completely finished. He said to let him worry about the album. He told us to just show up at the recording studio and record the song. So I said alright... I trust you... and the rest was history.

**HULICK:** Wow! I guess that would be the answer to my next question which was going to be what is the best advice you took from someone.

**JONES:** Oh definitely! It was a game changer.

**HULICK:** (laughs) Yeah it was. You are big on K-Pop and J-Pop, which has blown up the past few years.

**JONES:** I’ve been very fortunate working with Korean artists since the early 2000’s. One of the things I love about working with K-Pop artists is I get to be very musical because a lot of the artists from today, and some of the more current stuff aren’t trying to be as musical... meaning the songs don’t have a lot of chord changes, they don’t usually have bridges... it’s one kind of loop for three minutes and they just sing over that one loop, where as over there we can actually build quality songs like old school, like we used to do in the 1990’s. That’s one of the reasons I started doing a lot of work over there, and to see how far the artists from over there have come, and how they’re now known worldwide and having the success they’re having is amazing. I went to a BTS concert here in LA with 100,000 fans, and my middle son was so excited because he’s a real big BTS fan... and as the concert was going on I’m looking at my son who knows every single word, I was like OK, you are right now singing in Korean... what?

**HULICK:** (laughs) Oh my gosh!

**JONES:** (laughs) It’s the same thing that would trip me out when All-4-One would do shows in like Southeast Asia, which was one of our bigger markets, and the audience would sing along with us, word for word, and then we’d have a meet & greet after the show and they couldn’t hold a conversation because the only English they knew was our songs.

**HULICK:** (laughs) Oh my gosh! That would be just... well, really weird.

**JONES:** (laughs) It is. It’s so surprising and now to see BTS it’s a lot of the same thing with American audiences who don’t speak Korean.

**HULICK:** With your show being “A Boy Band Christmas”, would you mind if I asked

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# TRAVEL

## FIND HOLIDAY HAPPINESS

America's First Christmas Store to Open This Month in Smethport, PA



By LINDA DEVLIN, ANF VISITORS BUREAU

The Allegheny National Forest (ANF) Region in northwestern Pennsylvania includes over 350,000 acres of outdoor fun, but it also includes a charming collection of shops, restaurants, and things to see and do in the gateway communities surrounding the Forest. America's First Christmas Store, a longtime favorite holiday shopping destination, will be opening in a new location in Smethport on November 8, 2022.

First opened in 1932, America's First Christmas Store's owner, Leonard Brynolf Johnson and his brother, Herb Johnson started out designing and painting custom-made lawn displays for his family and friends. This business quickly took off into a nationally advertised enterprise in Better Homes and Gardens.

By 1940, their business was so successful it became necessary to charter a United Airlines flight to meet delivery deadlines. Smethport's outdoor displays became nationally known and adorned Frank Sinatra's home, NATO Headquarters in Naples, Italy, and the President's Park near the White House. The store expanded to carry Christmas ornaments, Fenton lamps, and a variety of Christmas themed merchandise; it flourished until 2006. In 2006, the owners were forced to close this charming landmark.

Now, in 2022, a new Smethport entrepreneur has decided his hometown was missing one of his all-time favorite shops - America's First Christmas Store. So he searched and found wonderful, original hand-painted yard decorations from the 1932 store. This includes the jolly elf himself, Santa in his sleigh, with his full team of reindeer including Rudolph with his nose so bright. These original, nostalgic yard decorations are now featured as part of the shop's décor.

America's First Christmas Store is once again a destination shopping experience. The shop features a massive Christmas tree decorated entirely with Old World Christmas ornaments. One of these hand-painted ornaments is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion like baby's first Christmas or a couple's new house. Another Christmas tree is completely decorated in white and red ornaments, with a red feathered cardinal tree topper.

Christopher Radko ornaments from Poland are another beautiful way to decorate your tree for the season. Pick a traditional Santa, a saintly angel, or a joyous snowman. Fontanini Nativities crafted in Italy are breathtaking in detail and workmanship.

In addition to tree ornaments, the shop is brimming with seasonal home decorations. Along with the traditional snow globes you shake, there are a new series of snow globes in non-traditional shapes like a train, which shake the snow automatically when you plug them in.

One area of the shop features wooden, handcrafted country-style decorations such as reindeer, winter skis, and Christmas trees. There are also a wide variety of gift items such as beautiful Fenton lamps, Christmas mugs, and seasonal home decorations. In the future, the shop will include reproductions of the original outdoor decorations sized for today's homes.

America's First Christmas Store will open on November 8. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00am-7:00pm. The store is located within Old Town Smethport, 113 W. Water Street, Smethport, PA. Phone 814-568-2091 with any questions... one of Santa's helpers will assist you!

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Core Performance: Daylight Saving Time

By **KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER**

Daylight Saving Time (DST) ends in the US and Canada on Sunday, November 6, 2022. It's a time period that I - like countless others - dread. We may gain more daylight in the early morning hours, but the nights start to creep in as soon as 4:30pm. Growing up I believed that we did this time change for the farmers in the spring and then the kids waiting for the bus in the fall. But as it turns out, I was wrong about both of those assumptions.

Although modern DST has only been used for about 100 years, ancient civilizations are known to have engaged in comparable practices thousands of years ago. For example, the Roman water clocks used different scales for different months of the year to adjust the daily schedules to the solar time.

Many sources also credit Benjamin Franklin for being the first to suggest seasonal time change. However, the idea voiced by the American inventor and politician in 1784 can hardly be described as fundamental for the development of modern DST. After all, it did not even involve turning the clocks. In a letter to the editor of the Journal of Paris entitled, "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light," Franklin simply suggested that Parisians could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning. What's more: Franklin meant it as a joke.

DST was first implemented in the US with the Standard Time Act of 1918, a wartime measure for seven months during World War I in the interest of adding more daylight hours to conserve energy resources. Year-round DST, or "War Time", was implemented again during World War II.

So what does DST have to do with fitness, health and nutrition? A LOT!

With the sunshine depleted and colder temperature abundant, you have a recipe for hibernation. Many people actually struggle with a form of depression referred to as SAD or Seasonal affective disorder. SAD symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. Treatments for SAD include getting as much natural sunlight as possible, exercising regularly and managing your stress levels. There is also light therapy - where a special lamp called a light box is used to stimulate exposure to sunlight.

This seasonal change can also cause weight gain. How many of us comment on putting our winter weight on? Here again, this is mainly due to boredom and a change in our dietary



choices. During these months we tend to enjoy more comfort foods. Plus, let's throw a bunch of holidays into the mix that are all about eating and drinking.

So, what to do about all of this? Be aware. Know what is coming and do your best to stay in a routine that includes daily exercise, hydration and a healthy diet. This can be very difficult for so many people. Understand that you are not alone in this struggle. There are apps and gadgets that can remind you to get up and move. There are fitness centers that are full of light and friendly like-minded folks that are still open after dark. And there are plenty of healthy food options to enjoy during these next five months. Before you know it, March will be here, and we will once again "spring forward".

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## Suzy's Star Readings: November Astrology... It's Going To Be a Tough Month

By **SUZY WOO, B.Msc**



Hello wonderful friends, how are you feeling? Firstly, thank you so much for making Ellicottville's Fall Fest a successful weekend for my small business. I loved meeting so many of you at Good for the Spirit Gifts to take advantage of our Fall Fest specials, and had a great time doing walk-in readings. I am extremely grateful to be so well received here!

It is Scorpio season now as the leaves fall off the trees, the air becomes brisk, and things go barren. It's night time for the year; as things go to sleep, they repair and rebuild just like we do when we go to sleep. Halloween is total Scorpio energy. It's the color black, it's death, dark night, and the veil is thin for sure.

Happy birthday Scorpios! People trust Scorpios with their dark secrets and traumas. Scorpio has had their own, but are very private so you won't know what they've gone through. They have penetrating eyes and minds - they seem like they can see right through you. Don't lie to a Scorpio because they have a built-in lie detector and they know, but they won't tell you. They will laugh inside their head as the non-truther squirms and breaks a sweat. And don't cross them because they never forget. They aren't too good at forgiving either. And, they keep score. If you have a Scorpio in your circle, you know they are deep, intense, don't scare easily, they laugh at horror movies, and love solving mysteries. If they say they will do something, you can count on it that they will honor their word, which they take very seriously. They are excellent listeners, even when you think they aren't listening. They silently collect data and are very strategic.

Scorpio often enjoy careers in counseling and therapy, social services, crime and private investigation, paranormal anything, and people who work around death like funeral

homes and morticians. Scorpio is also good with managing money and resources like real estate, insurance, investments and portfolios.

Now onto November's astrology. It's not an easy month, due to these eclipses and the warrior planet Mars having just gone retrograde (appears to be moving backwards from Earth's perspective) in the sign of Gemini (communications, cars, and contracts). It is like a Mercury retrograde with ammo, machismo and testosterone. Be careful with your temper, and with sharp instruments and tools. It is a time to avoid surgery if possible.

We have a closing eclipse November 8th - imagine that, right on election day. Expect problems with it and many will be exposed with dirt on their face. That's under an eclipsed full moon in Taurus. Watch something happening in the financial sector.

Jupiter is still retrograding and it just went back into Pisces, which I personally love. Pay attention to your dreams; you have heightened intuition and increased psychic abilities! Something that didn't turn out back in April comes back. Regain a missed opportunity! It's a wonderful time for reflection, meditating, journaling, painting, doing creative, right-brained things. It's not a time to begin anything brand new. At all.

Please be mindful of your words as we wrap up the calendar year. Words are like double-edge swords. They can cut to help or impale to hurt. There will be hurtful words; don't let them be from you. Everyone is someone. Everyone is going through their own trials. Please, be kind.

Thank you very much for your comments and ideas. Feel free to email me anytime at [hello@suzy-woo.com](mailto:hello@suzy-woo.com). Having a birth chart read is a great gift for new parents! See you next month! Take good care of yourselves! Love,

- **Suzy Woo**

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# CLASSIFIEDS

## COMMUNITY

**SANTA IN THE PARK FUNDRAISERS:** The Little Valley American Legion Post #0531 announces upcoming fundraisers to support Santa In the Park (toys for kids) and Christmas Fruit Baskets for seniors. On Saturday, Nov. 12th, a Vendor Craft Fair & Bake Sale will be held from 11:00am-4:00pm, and on Saturday, Nov. 19th, a Meat Raffle & Basket Raffle will be held beginning at 7:00pm. Both events are open to the public and will take place at the Little Valley American Legion, 5899 Route 353. If you would like to donate a items or gift certificates for the basket raffles, or to purchase tickets to the events, please call the Legion Auxiliary at 716-581-3066.

## EMPLOYMENT

**LEAD CARPENTER:** Must have at least 5 years experience. Apply in person to G.M. Nickolson Construction, Inc. 42 Mill Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or email: gmnickolson@aol.com.

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**THE SILVER FOX STEAKHOUSE:** Looking for a bartender and dishwasher. Must be able to work nights and weekends. Stop by 23 Hughey Alley, Ellicottville, NY or email resume to silverfoxville@aol.com.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**VILLAGE BOARD, ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK, NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE UNIFORM BUILDING CODE, FIRE CODE AND ENERGY CODE:** Please Take Notice that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. in the Village Hall at 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY for the purpose of considering: A local law to implement and enforce the uniform building code, fire code and energy code. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ellicottville this public hearing will be in person and available via "Zoom", accessible under "Meeting Schedule" on the Village at <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/>.

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## RENTALS

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## ELLICOTTVILLE TURKEY TROT

Warrior Fitness Invites the Public to Turkey Day Walk/Run; No Charge

With Thanksgiving approaching, we wanted to do something FUN to give back to our beautiful community. It's been almost two years since Warrior Fitness has opened and the support has been nothing short of amazing. We can't thank you all enough.

We will be hosting our very first 5K Turkey Trot right here in the village. The course will be marked and will start and end at Warrior Fitness. There will be NO COST to enter as it's our thank you to you! This won't be a timed run; it's just a fun run to get the community moving. With that being said, we encourage all runners/walkers to bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Ellicottville Food Pantry. Help us give back!

Although it's not a timed race, there will be prizes for best dressed individual and best dressed couple. So come dressed in your turkey day gear. The prizes will include: a Warrior Fitness t-shirt and either a one-month gym membership (value of \$50), or a 5-pack class package (value of \$50). You choose which one you prefer. After the run we will also enjoy some mimosas, cider and donuts. So be sure to stick around and enjoy a post-race snack before heading home to feast with the family.

We will start the run promptly at 8:00am on Thanksgiving day. Please sign up by November 20 by messaging us on Facebook at Warrior Fitness & Wellness, Instagram @warriorfitnessv1, calling 716-699-1100, or emailing pooleb1987@gmail.com. We want to make sure we have enough food and drinks for everybody. So start telling your friends, loved ones, family and let's start our first Turkey Trot off with a bang! Thank you!

- Brad Poole, Warrior Fitness

## EAST OTTO OPEN HOUSE

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Robin Zefers Clark of Brookside Studio is looking forward to her 32nd holiday open house at her studio at 8363 Maples Road in Little Valley. Many know Clark for her striking pet portraits, which she does on commission in watercolors or hyper-realistic colored pencil painting. However, she is also a well-known plein air painter whose beautiful landscapes have been featured in several solo and group exhibitions. In fall of 2020, Clark was part of the Roger Tory Peterson Institute and Museum of Natural History's Artist-In-Residency program. This 30-day program gave Clark the opportunity to roam the trails and grounds of the institute, during which time she created a painting a day, all of which were displayed at the RTPi through the end of 2020.

While many of these pieces sold out, Clark is pleased to have reproductions available in her studio for the open house event. "The studio is totally packed," she said. Clark also works in gouache, and many of her plein air landscapes are oil paintings. She will have a little bit of everything available during the open house, including Christmas cards and many smaller reproductions that make great gifts or stocking stuffers. Cash, check, and credit card payments are accepted.

While some customers visit in search of a unique gift, Clark said that many come strictly for original pieces and want to see what's new on the studio walls. Brookside Studio has a large social media following on FB/IG, and people from as far away as England have contacted Clark for commissioned pieces. To see more of her work, follow Brookside Studio Watercolors on social media @Robin\_Zefers\_Clark. Clark also teaches private lessons to beginner, intermediate, and advanced students in a variety of mediums. For more information, visit her website, [www.brooksidestudio.com](http://www.brooksidestudio.com).

## INTERVIEW: ALL-4-ONE

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you some Christmas questions?  
**JONES:** Please do!

**HULICK:** Do you have a family tradition?

**JONES:** The only tradition I have now is that I'm a very spiritual person and it's important to me to make sure my kids, no matter what age they are, understand the reason we celebrate Christmas. In the morning before we open any gifts we crack open the Bible and just read a little about how the season came to be and why we celebrate it.

**HULICK:** What's your favorite holiday food you have to have?

**JONES:** Honey baked ham and yams. It's no holiday for me unless I have those two things.

**HULICK:** What was your favorite gift as a child?

**JONES:** I will never forget when I was 13 I had been asking my parents for so long for my own color TV. I wanted a TV in my bedroom because I had an Atari and a Nintendo and we had to have them hooked up in the living room and I was begging them for one. TV's were expensive back then. I remember coming out on Christmas day and seeing all the gifts under the tree and there was a big ol' box. When I saw that box I just knew in my heart that it was for me. It was my TV and oh my gosh it was the best thing ever! I was able to put my Nintendo in my own room and play with my friends... we had to leave the door open, but it was still in my room. That was amazing!

**HULICK:** What is your favorite traditional Christmas carol and your favorite Christmas song?

**JONES:** I would say for a carol it's "Jingle Bells"... that's one you would sing immediately when it was the season. And my favorite Christmas song is "The Christmas Song"... (singing) Chestnuts roasting on an open fire. That's one of my favorites; I love the chord changes and the melody... it's just a beautiful song.

**HULICK:** Do you have a message for your fans coming out to see you?

**JONES:** As always, first off thank you for coming out and supporting live music, it's everything to the artist. We couldn't do what we do without the generosity of fans supporting us. So thank you. We've put together a fun show... so if you're looking for a great time and you want to smile, hear some songs you know and get into the holiday spirit, this is going to be the perfect opportunity for you to come out and do that!

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robert\_kuechle: Milky Way over #Ellicottville @holimont #evlnow #wny #nightsky #clearnightsky



h\_bly: FIRST PLACE for my age group in the Ellicottville 5K #evlnow



mclauss24: What a Halloween! #ellicottville #evlnow



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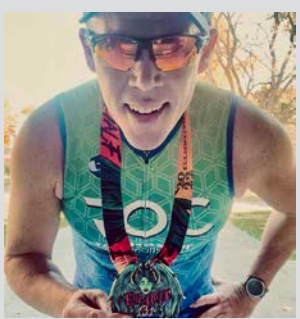
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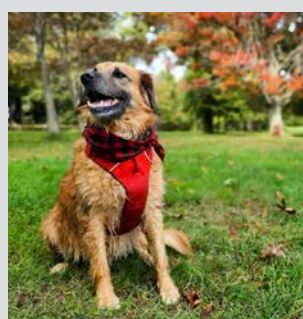
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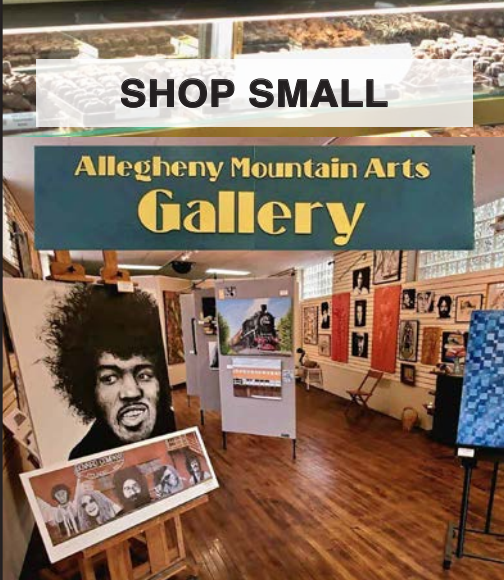
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