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Get ready for the highlight of the night! EBC is sponsoring a champagne toast to Bob which will be accompanied by Asa Moss on the Bagpipes. This will lead into the live auction hosted by Brooks LeFeber. A limited number of auction treasures which includes a special Bob McCarthy original along with a special chest, coat rack and more are up for grabs. All auction items are accompanied by a homemade pie or baked item, keeping with the long tradition.

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VILLAGE BOARD ACCEPTS RESOLUTION FOR DOWNTOWN REPAIRS AND UPKEEP

Starting off their monthly meeting, the Ellicottville Village Board welcomed some good news to the floor. The sales tax check came in with an increase of \$13,500.00 from the prior year. Other meeting highlights:

Accepted by the Board were three major resolutions for the replacement streetlights, Elizabeth Street repaving, and the Downtown parking lot. Each project was given the necessary approved bonds that are not meant to be exceeded.

An update from the Engineering Department was the approval of the budgeted RAFA system, which is a water and sewage management system to assist with the needs of the village's operations. Another notable upgrade is that the new village water storage tank is online and working.

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ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY'S LIQUOR MILE RETURNS ON DEC. 31ST

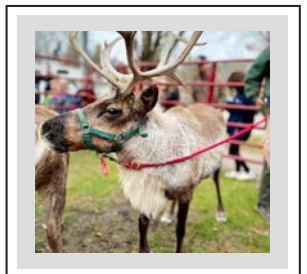
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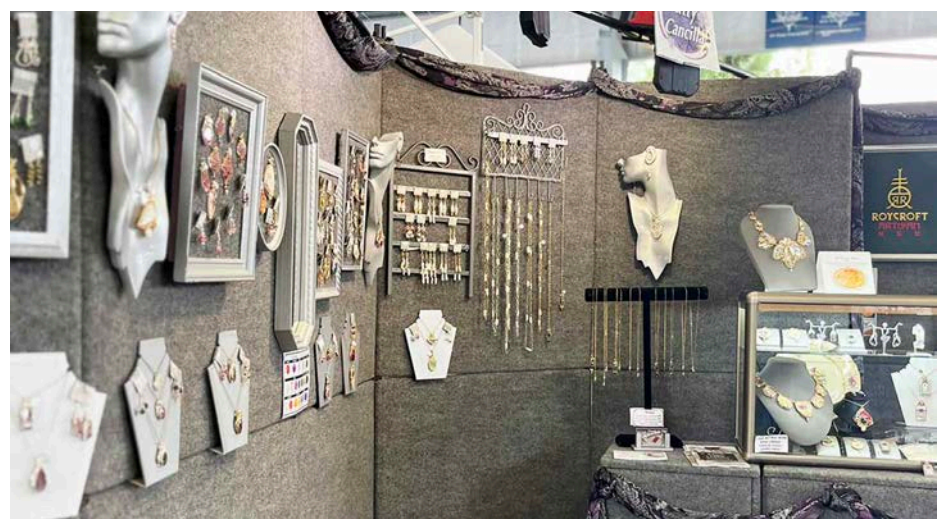
Jamestown Welcomes Black Cherry Tattoo Co. to the Neighborhood

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Tattoos used to be so taboo. Conservative people made rash judgments about the individuals who wore their tattoos proudly. In recent years, it's become a bit more mainstream and it's typical to catch a glimpse of a tat wherever you happen to be. Regardless of your stand on the topic, there is no denying that the people who do the tattoos are artists using skin as a canvas. And at 205 Cherry Street in Jamestown, NY at Black Cherry Tattoo Co., you'll find two of the best.

Owner Dan May and Co-Owner Ann Maria share over 22 years of experience between them. They both have different styles, training and preferences, which makes them an ideal business team. EllicottvilleNOW spoke with both artists about why they chose this profession and their plans for the future.

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NEW COORDINATOR, NEW VENUE FOR ROYCROFT WINTER FESTIVAL

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Publisher's PICK

IRISH CHRISTMAS IS HERE!

Bob McCarthy Foundation Welcomes Everyone to a "Magical" Community Event



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Irish Christmas made its debut in 2005 at the old Gin Mill (above). The fundraising event, now held at EBC, continues its mission to support local programs.

ELLICOTTVILLE - Let it snow! Here's just a little rundown for what's in store for you at this year's Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, happening at EBC on Friday, December 1st at 6:00pm. With the generous support of the Ellicottville Brewing Company, the 18th annual tradition will see all proceeds from special beer and wine sales go to the Bob McCarthy Foundation's programs. Brew master Dan Minner has created a special draft and the traditional McCarthy Irish Red to commemorate the legend at his event.

Come hungry as the "Taste of Ireland" will feature special dishes served up by local restaurants: Katy's (Guinness Irish Stew), Madigan's (Guinness Mack & Cheese), The Silver Fox (Bangers & Mash), Villaggio (Pasta & Meatballs - no Irish here) and Dina's (Tom's Irish Cream Bread Pudding). Believe it or not each of the food and bar items listed above can be had for a small donation of \$5 each, with all proceeds helping the Bob McCarthy Foundation.

If that was not enough, the event held in EBC's great beer hall kicks off at 6:00pm featuring an energetic live show from South Buffalo's Crikwater. Their up-tempo music conjures scenes of gritty, smokey Irish pubs, whiskey, pints of stout, and good craic. You will enjoy the multi-part vocal harmonies, engaging fiddle tunes, and intricate musicianship while chatting with old friends and browsing the extensive Irish Basket Raffle and live auction items.

EBC is sponsoring a champagne toast to Bob which will be accompanied by Asa Moss on the Bagpipes with a great Irish dancer. This will lead into the live auction which starts at 7:30pm, hosted by Brooks LeFeber. Brooks, a local legend, will surely entertain the crowd with a limited number of auction treasures which includes a special Bob McCarthy original along with a special chest, coat rack and pie box from Ed Frederickson. Hughey Dunn's rustic table is always sought after by furniture dealers. All auction items are accompanied by a home-made pie or baked item, keeping with the long tradition.

An exciting addition last year was an Irish basket raffle which will be held in the mezzanine area of the hall. Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szaicher and Mila Clauss created this area so all people attending can participate with many lucky winners taking home great gifts for a minimal donation (20 tickets for \$10). Many local businesses have provided great seasonal gifts and you can get a sneak peek as many live auction items and Irish basket raffle items are shown on the Foundation's website at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/events.



This fun event is always the holiday's most talked about, reflecting the generosity and compassion of our tight-knit community as so many turn out to support the cause. Hosted by The Bob McCarthy Foundation, this event serves to raise funds for our main initiatives, which are 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.

It was McCarthy who said, "I love doing Irish Christmas, which is a night of Irish magic. I don't know how the magic gets there, but it just does. That's the beauty of it." Well, last year's event was indeed magical with overwhelming support from our community kicking off the Bob McCarthy Foundation's transitional year with the largest proceeds in our 17-year history!

If you can't attend, you can donate to the cause at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com/donate or via the mail at McCarthy Foundation, PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A little goes a long way!

The evening will be a ton of fun for all! Bob always found a way to make the holidays magical... and this year it will be exceptional! Make sure you mark your calendar, as Friday, December 1st at 6:00pm at EBC will be one you won't want to miss!

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THE FUN WAY TO RUN!

Ellicottville Distillery's Liquor Mile Returns New Year's Eve



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Some people like to run and find it enjoyable. I, myself, am not one of those people. If I'm running, it's because I'm being chased by a wild grizzly or something. But if you are one of those individuals who love the feeling of the pavement beneath your feet and a crisp winter wind in your face, the Ellicottville Distillery has a great incentive for you. On December 31st, their "New Year's Eve 5K & Liquor Mile" will be hitting the streets.

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If you'd rather just run minus the alcohol, the 5K will actually take place before the Liquor Mile. The course is intended to be a mix of road and cross country by the Distillery. Though Bryan did say, "If it's an absolute mess, then we will probably just be doing laps on Robbins Road, to keep it safe for everyone."

Is there a cost for the run? Yes, and it's for a good cause. The 5K is \$25 per person; the liquor mile alone is \$15 a person, and it's \$35 if you decide to do both. All the proceeds will be going directly to Oishei Children's Hospital. The Distillery opens at 11:00am with registration for runners. The run will start at 12:00pm. But don't worry, this isn't all work and no play. Quite the contrary. After the running is done, the Distillery is hosting some great entertainment. There will be music from 5:00-8:00pm, followed by fireworks. If you get hungry, the Fiamatta Pizza Truck of Cloudersport, PA will be on-site most of the day. Starting at noon, they will be whipping up their delicious wood-fired pies. They've got your basic cheese and pepperoni along with their specialties like the Bee's Knees featuring fresh and shredded mozzarella, fresh garlic and basil, parmigiano reggiano and either regular or hot honey. (They are cash only, so make sure you're ready! Pizzas range from \$11 to \$15.)

For more information about the Distillery's 5K and Liquor Mile, call 716-801-0086. "This event is so fun!" said Bryan. "Runners take off at 12:00pm sharp! It will not be timed and everyone who participates can go at their own pace. You can pre-register at ellicottvilledistillery.com or you can also register day the day of the event!"

Is there more in the works at the Distillery besides the run? "We'll be releasing a 6-year-old bourbon December 16th and we'll have food and music for that as well," said Bryan. "And we'll be open the week between Christmas and New Year's, too. Oh, and don't forget, we'll be doing our annual Christmas Tree Funeral Fire on January 20th. Then we'll slow down for the rest of the winter months."

To keep up with the Distillery's ever-expanding events, visit the Ellicottville Distillery on Facebook and at ellicottvilledistillery.com.

FOOD PANTRY DONATION

Ellicottville Chamber Presents Check From Pancake Breakfast Proceeds

ELLICOTTVILLE - Each year, as a part of Christmas in Ellicottville, the Chamber organizes two pancake breakfasts with Santa. This year we are grateful to Villaggio and FTR for hosting these special breakfasts. Children and their families got a chance to talk to Santa and the Jolly Elf to express their wishes for under the tree. The breakfast raises donations for the Ellicottville Food Pantry in the form of non-perishable food items and cash donations. This year, on top of all the food donations (and there were a lot!), the pantry received \$691.00 from cash donations and from money raised by FTR's 50/50 drawings held on football Sundays. Thanks to the staff at both Villaggio and FTR for donating their time, Sysco for donating over 2,500 pancakes and syrup, and Tops for assisting with plates, juice and other items. Pictured: Val Germain of the Food Pantry (center) with Barb Pump and Brian McFadden of the Chamber.



SOUND HEALING FOR PEACE

Spiritual Healer Suzy Woo to Host Free Event at United Church of Ellicottville



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On Friday, December 8th at 6:30pm, Rev. Suzy Woo is offering this experience for all, for free, at the United Church of Ellicottville, 51 Elizabeth Street. It was the day John Lennon was murdered. This is an event to bring peace, forgiveness and healing back into our daily lives using sound and prayer.

Witness the deeply moving vibrations from large Nepalese gongs that have been prayed over, with some gentle guidance and the power of loving intentions, bathing you at a cellular level and dissolving the stress, sadness, resentment, anger and even old guilt and shame that has been stored and alive in your biofield. Living your life carrying these negative emotions over time results in imbalance and illness in the physical body.

As a faith healer, Suzy serves as a clear vessel and Spirit works through her. Having performed several sound healing events in Ellicottville over the past year, including outside of the Purple Doorknob and at the Gazebo, passersby expressed how powerfully the vibrations, combined with the mantras, impacted them. Some chose to sit and stay while others watched from the lawn, across the street or nearby.

To have world peace, it must start on a micro level; that is, an individual one. As one learns to love who they are, they can extend that love outwards, and the ability to forgive, or agree to disagree but still respect one another as human, as one global family, is always available. Allow this experience to wash away years of hurt and replace it with self-love, with the loving messages to release yourself from a punishing prison.

Suzy is hoping to bring her divine sound healing events to as many churches and stages as she can, to restore faith and hope where it has been lost or violated, or otherwise invalidated.

"God is very alive in all human beings and all living things," Suzy shares. "These events are a very powerful reminder that goes far beyond the intellect, that you are a reflection of God. God is not outside of you. Honor yourself as that expression of the Divine. Many people are moved to tears, many feel, smell or become aware of loved ones who have passed, and receive the healing or answers they have been seeking. Sound and spirit truly heal the soul."

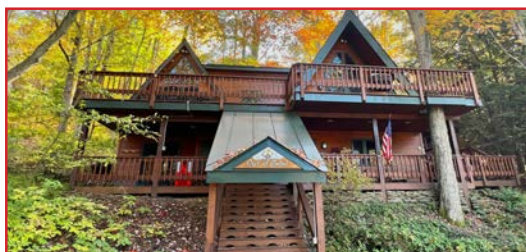
Sound healing events are made available for groups and special events. To inquire, please email hello@suzy-woo.com or call the shop Good for the Spirit Gifts of Ellicottville at 716-699-2871.

Rev. Suzy Woo, B.Msc, is a Spiritual Healer, Astrologer, and Psychic Medium specializing in Energy, Sound, Light and Crystal Healing. Suzy is the owner of Good for the Spirit Gifts, 11 Martha St., Ellicottville, NY. Follow her on IG/FB, find her at suzy-woo.com or call 716-699-2871.

SANTA IS COMING TO THE SPCA

OLEAN - The SPCA in Cattaraugus County will host Santa Claus this Saturday, December 2nd from 2:00-4:00pm at its Shelter at 2944 Route 16, Olean, New York. Everyone is welcome to come and sit on Santa's lap, provide Santa with their wish lists and have photos taken. While there, people can celebrate the Shelter's "Home for the Holidays" rehoming campaign by visiting with many cats, kittens and dogs. Santa says that "any good boy or girl, of any age, who has a dog, cat or kitten on his or her adoption or fostering wish list will be granted that wish - with an approved application, of course."

This family event will warm everyone's heart and is sure to make all of the dogs, cats and kittens at the Shelter feel loved. Becoming a volunteer at the Shelter is a wonderful way to preserve the Spirit of the Season year-round. Attendees are asked not to bring their animals to this event. For more information, contact Dr. Shaun Smith at 716-598-7883 or email Dr.Smith@Arklosophy.com.



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The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The kickoff to the holiday season started last weekend, November 24-26, with Christmas in Ellicottville. Downtown's business district offered a unique shopping experience within its walkable footprint filled with festive attractions and plenty of holiday cheer! Thanks to the event sponsors, visitors were able to enjoy holiday music throughout the streets, real live reindeer, visits with Santa, horse and wagon rides, as well as kids crafts, cookie decorating and more!

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REGIONAL

GROWING THE ART CULTURE

Roycroft Appoints Ellicottville Native as New Executive Coordinator



photo courtesy Sarah Salvilla of Artistic Boutique

Tami Fuller (right) grew up in Ellicottville and has developed a great following in the East Aurora art community. She is pictured with RALA President Peter Potter.

EAST AURORA - The Roycrofters-at-Large welcomes Tami Fuller as its new Executive Coordinator, marking the first change in leadership in two decades. Fuller replaces Deborah Muniak, who announced her retirement in September, after serving the association for over twenty years. Muniak put forward Fuller as her successor and the two have worked closely in the transition in leadership.

Fuller is a known presence within East Aurora and the larger arts community and works with the NY Council on the Arts as a 2022 Creatives Rebuild NY artist, a program defining culture-makers working to promote and revitalize the arts landscape in WNY post-COVID. She is a writer, editor, curator and arts educator and has significant ties to both the Arts & Crafts movement and the larger WNY arts community.

Fuller has worked closely with RALA for several years in a volunteer capacity, having curated and exhibited "The Evolution of Roycroft" at the Grove Park National Arts & Crafts Conference in 2022 and currently serves as the chair of the Roycroft Emerging Artists Program, one that she piloted and implemented with the assistance of the board in 2021. Her previous work with the organization, deep background in the Western New York arts community and experience in print and electronic media will be valued as she builds upon the legacy that Muniak established during her tenure.

Said President Peter Potter, "We are very grateful for Deb's service and we will miss her. We wish the best for her and her family. We are excited about working with Tami and look forward to a productive association as our organization approaches its 50th year in 2026."

RALA is looking forward to an exciting new period of growth and evolution of RALA as a critical arts service organization under Fuller's watch and is looking forward to expanding its presence and support services to its Artisans, the East Aurora arts community and the larger Arts & Crafts community nationwide.

The Roycrofters At Large Association was founded in 1976 with the mission to keep the Arts & Crafts Movement alive, guided by principles set forth by founder Elbert Hubbard. Roycroft Artisans have been accepted by the Roycrofters At Large Association's Master Artisans based on their high standards of work through a Juried process. Artisans proudly display the registered double R mark representing the quality of their work and are the only modern working artists permitted to represent themselves as "Roycrofters", representing the very strongest in quality workmanship and design core to the values of Elbert Hubbard and the original artists of South Grove Street in East Aurora. RALA is proud to carry this tradition forward and consider themselves stewards of the respected "R."

ROYCROFT WINTER FESTIVAL

The Roycrofters-at-Large Association (RALA) is also pleased to announce that this year's Roycroft Winter Festival, to be held on December 2 and 3, 2023 will have an exciting and significant change in venue. This year's Winter Festival, a long-standing tradition in East Aurora, will be held on the grounds of The Park School in Amherst.

Founded in 1912, The Park School of Buffalo is WNY's only co-ed, PreK-Grade 12 and Montessori school, and was also ranked #1 Best Private K-12 School in Buffalo and Erie County by Niche for its second consecutive year. Park was founded by a group of Buffalo parents who had met with the influential philosopher John Dewey. Under Dewey's guidance and with the leadership of his star student, Mary Hammett Lewis, Park began educating children in 1912 implementing Dewey's key insight that deep learning occurs through constant experimentation and problem solving. The curriculum has always been interdisciplinary, as such, the arts are integrated into all academic subjects. Park students are academically and socially prepared problem solvers equipped with confidence, critical thinking skills, and a desire to make the world a better place.

Earlier this year, RALA was approached with the opportunity to collaborate with Park School, and subsequent conversations revealed considerable mission overlap and a shared history in the Arts & Crafts movement, making the decision to hold this year's Winter Festival on the grounds of the school an easy one. This temporary change in venue is an exciting opportunity to connect the Roycroft Renaissance and the modern Roycroft Artisans with a broader segment of Western New York Arts & Crafts collectors who may have been prevented from traveling to East Aurora in previous years, and the Roycroft Artisans are looking forward to sharing East Aurora's proud Arts & Crafts traditions with the larger WNY arts community. This location's proximity to both the Northtowns and the City of Buffalo is in keeping with RALA's mission to promote and further the evolution of Roycroft.

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ART EMBEDDED IN SKIN

Black Cherry Tattoo Co. Opens in Jamestown, NY



@blkcherrytattoo

BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Tattoos used to be so taboo. Conservative people made rash judgments about the individuals who wore their tattoos proudly. In recent years, it's become a bit more mainstream and it's typical to catch a glimpse of a tat wherever you happen to be. Regardless of your stand on the topic, there is no denying that the people who do the tattoos are artists using skin as a canvas. And at 205 Cherry Street in Jamestown, NY at Black Cherry Tattoo Co., you'll find two of the best.

Owner Dan May and Co-owner Ann Maria share over 22 years of experience between them. They both have different styles, training and preferences, which makes them an ideal business team. EllicottvilleNOW spoke with both artists about why they chose this profession, where they studied and where they plan on going from here.



eNOW: What made each of you want to become a tattoo artist?

ANN: I've wanted to be a tattooer since I was in early high school. My mom was supportive of my drawing, but is super conservative so it was my secret obsession until I went to college. I've been spending a lot of time in tattoo shops and have had many friends in the industry since I was about 21 or so, and my love for it only grew with time. Finding a worthwhile apprenticeship is not easy to do, and I had my daughter when I was 19, so my goal went to the back burner for awhile. Once I moved to Jamestown four years ago, I was finally able to put in the work and time to make my goal happen and I love it more every day. Tattoos can really change how someone feels about themselves, and I love making people feel comfortable and beautiful in their own skin.

DAN: I got into tattooing by coincidence. I never had intended on pursuing my passion for art as a trade. I was stationed in Okinawa, Japan in the early 2000s and had become a collector of tattoos, and was doing some sketching for friends that wanted to get a design from someone they served with. One day, we all went into a local studio together and the Okinawan artist approached me and asked if I was interested in learning the trade. I told him I had joined the military for experience and to get more funds to go finish my engineering degree, so I wasn't really interested. He insisted I come hang out for a few weeks before I make my decision. Two weeks later, my heart was sold on it and I have been tattooing since.

eNOW: Where did you study and how long have you been in the industry?

ANN: I've been taking art classes since I was a child. I took art classes in high school and college, and spent a little time learning to pierce in college as well. (Although we don't offer piercing currently.) I learned to tattoo here in Jamestown, and have been tattooing for almost two years.

DAN: I continued to study tattooing in the studio until my tour was done in 2003. I flew home and was back on plane a couple weeks later and continued to work in the studio for a couple more years. In 2005 I started my first studio, Needle Slave Tattoo. From 2005 to the present, I moved the studio a couple times into larger facilities along with a few name changes and finally settled with Black Cherry Tattoo. Along the way, I took on five apprentices to grow the studio and share the experience that I was once gifted. Having that experience led to my continuous self-learning and then all of us sharing to help our advancement in the industry.

eNOW: What prompted you to open up a shop in Jamestown?

ANN: Dan and I chose to open the studio in Jamestown because we both have our families here. The kids go to Jamestown schools. I love the small town feel of the downtown area. You really feel like a part of a community here. There was a need for a calm, inviting tattoo studio in the area. We are a safe space for everyone. Somewhere that you feel comfortable being yourself, and know you will have a great experience, feel heard and respected, and leave with a beautiful tattoo.

eNOW: What type of art do you each specialize in? What are some of your favorite designs?

ANN: Before I was tattooing, I used mostly charcoal and pencils for my art. I enjoyed dark and creepy and detailed drawings, but now that I tattoo, I love bold vivid colors and

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MEETING NOTES

ELLICOTTVILLE VILLAGE BOARD

Board Accepts Resolutions for Replacement Streetlights, Elizabeth Street Repaving, and Downtown Parking Lot

BY COLLEEN EVANS

The Village Board of Ellicottville was called to order by Mayor John Burrell on Wednesday, November 22nd. The Village Board usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month but made an exception for the last-minute change in scheduling. Highlights from the meeting are as follows:

Starting off the meeting, the Board welcomed some good news to the floor. The sales tax check came in with an increase of \$13,500.00 from the prior year. Of course, any extra funding provided is a positive addition and will be put to good use for the village.

Accepted by the Board were three major resolutions for the replacement streetlights, Elizabeth Street repaving, and the Downtown parking lot. Each project was given the necessary approved bonds that are not meant to be exceeded. The Elizabeth Street repaving was approved for the largest sum of \$3,800,000 which is the planned cost of the project. The Downtown parking lot came in at an approved cost of \$200,000 which is the share the village will be taking care of in the financial planning. The replacement streetlights was accepted at \$230,000 to be used for all costs occurred in the project. The streetlights have a temporary replacement for the moment while planning allows for the needed materials to arrive. The Board hopes to see these come in mid-December if all goes according to plan.

While the temporary streetlights have been put in place, also added are the village's Christmas lights and decorations. A beautiful complement to the holiday season, they

illuminate the village's charm to be enjoyed by all.

An update from the Engineering Department was the approval of the budgeted RAFA system, which is a water and sewage management system to assist with the needs of the village's operations. Another notable upgrade to be mentioned is that the new village water storage tank is online and working. They also submitted their report which was approved by the Board with no issue.

The Department of Public Works had a few matters that they attended to as the village shifts into the winter season. They implemented the appropriate sweeping and cleaning of streets, installed new signs for the skatepark and new businesses, as well as milled and paved each side of the Martha Street Bridge. The report included some other minor improvements and was accepted by the Village Board members.

In Special Events, Doug Bush and fellow Board members discussed with excitement and approved the Christmas in Ellicottville and Christmas Stroll. Two festive events that bring about plenty of holiday cheer for the community and tourist alike. Christmas in Ellicottville was held Nov. 24-26th and the Christmas Stroll will take place on Dec. 9th.

The Village Board of Ellicottville will meet again on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00pm. For information, go to ellicottvillegov.com.

ELLICOTTVILLE TOWN BOARD

Members Discuss Short-term Rental Update, Winter Preparations, and Fundraiser Event for EVGV Trail

BY COLLEEN EVANS

On Wednesday, November 15th, the Town Board of Ellicottville held their monthly meeting which was called to order by Supervisor Matthew McAndrew. Approved were the minutes of the previous Town Board meetings, which included the October 18th Town Board meeting, two special meetings held November 2nd and November 8th, as well as a special Town/Village joint meeting which was held on November 9th. All meetings were passed and approved without issue. Other meeting highlights are as follows:

In Supervisor Matt McAndrew's Report, an update was made to the short-term rental arrangement with Granicus, a company that focuses on connecting people and local governments. The plan is for Granicus to have a presentable available for the Town of Ellicottville to be made mid-December.

McAndrew also reported (on behalf of Highway Department Mr. Brumagin's absence), that preparations have been made of the approaching winter weather. Sand and salt have been received and town vehicles are being winterized.

In the Engineering Department, there appears to be Change Order #5 in place for JD Northrup Construction. This order would be to add fencing to the North Well Site which will protect the generator and equipment that is exposed on the exterior of the building.

The Board is going to look into the matter regarding the need for fencing before coming to a decision.

Another detail to be added on a different topic matter is the Town Hall front door replacement, which is being contracted for a solid wood door. Once the contract is complete, it will be presented in full.

In New Business that was submitted to the Board was to adopt the 2024 Town Budget. The budget called for a slight increase in taxation which actually falls under the tax cap limit and will not have any notable effect on residents. The motion was accepted by the Board.

In Old Business, there was previous mention of a fundraising effort for the EVGV Trail. This action was approved by the Board and there will be a fundraiser held on December 10th at Villaggio. Be sure to keep an eye out for updates on the event and how to become involved.

The Town Board meets each third Wednesday of the Month and will next be called to order on December 20th at 6:00pm. For more information, go to ellicottvillegov.com.

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The school has three visual art studios and a woodworking shop. Park's partnership with the Roycroft Winter Art Show is a natural outgrowth of the school's history and mission.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Roycroft to host their winter art show. Art education is core to the Park educational experience and our students, families and teachers are very lucky to have the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by the wonderful artists who will be showing their work," said Keith Frome, President of Park School.

This year's festival will feature 24 Roycroft Artisans and Artists working in wood, fiber, gold and silver, copper, sculpture, fine art, leather and photography that represent "fine craft" and traditional artisan and fine art mediums alike.

The Roycroft Winter Show is a traditional opening of the gift giving season and offers a wonderful selection of handcrafted items made with the highest standards in craftsmanship. This year's festival will run from 10:00am-5:00pm on Dec. 2 and 3, 2023 in Clement Hall on the grounds of Park School, located at 4625 Harlem Road in Amherst, with ample and convenient parking. A nominal admission fee of \$1 will be charged for adults.



Raffle tickets for the RALA "Goodie Box" will also be available. The Goodie Box is a tradition of the organization for over 20 years and is the backbone of its non-profit fundraising initiatives. This year's box contains items created by Roycroft Artisans and Master Artisans valued at over \$6,000. The drawing will be held in February 2024 at the 37th National Arts and Crafts Conference, at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, NC. The winner need not be present.

Information on the Roycrofters-at-Large and membership options can be found online at www.ralaweb.com. Follow the Roycrofters-at-Large Association's social media pages on Facebook (www.facebook.com/roycroftartisans) and Instagram (@roycroftartisans) for updates and information on the 2023 Winter Show and to experience the Roycroft Artisans exceptional work.

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fun or silly designs. I've always wanted to tattoo, so any time I have my machine in hand I'm happy, but I love my bold designs. I also really enjoy dot work.

DAN: I have always been all over the place with my art and tattooing. I love working in different art mediums and genres of the tattoo world. Using what I learn in one to improve what I do in another has always kept me happy in the trade. On a personal side, I have always been a fan of doing dark art, black and grey or bold color work.

eNOW: Looking forward, what are your plans?

ANN: Looking forward, we have the room for one or two additional artists. We want to bring in guest artists from out of town; both Dan and I have connections with some amazing tattooers from all over the world. We would like to offer piercing, and are currently looking for a studied and experienced piercer.

eNOW: Could you give us the shop details, how to book an appointment, how far in advance that should be done, etc.?

DAN: We are @blkcherrytattoo on all forms of social media. We have our Facebook and Instagram, which is the easiest way to message us for an appointment. We also have Pinterest and TikTok. You can stop in to book with us as well. Depending on the tattoo size and design, our availability varies, but we do have walk-in times available. We are open evenings during the week, and at noon on Saturdays, but can do other hours by appointment.

If you want to add to your tattoo collection or are looking to have your first piece of artwork done, look no further than Dan and Ann at Black Cherry Tattoo Co. They've got you covered (ha - a pun!) and can help make your imagined design a reality. Make sure to reach out to them and book your appointment today!



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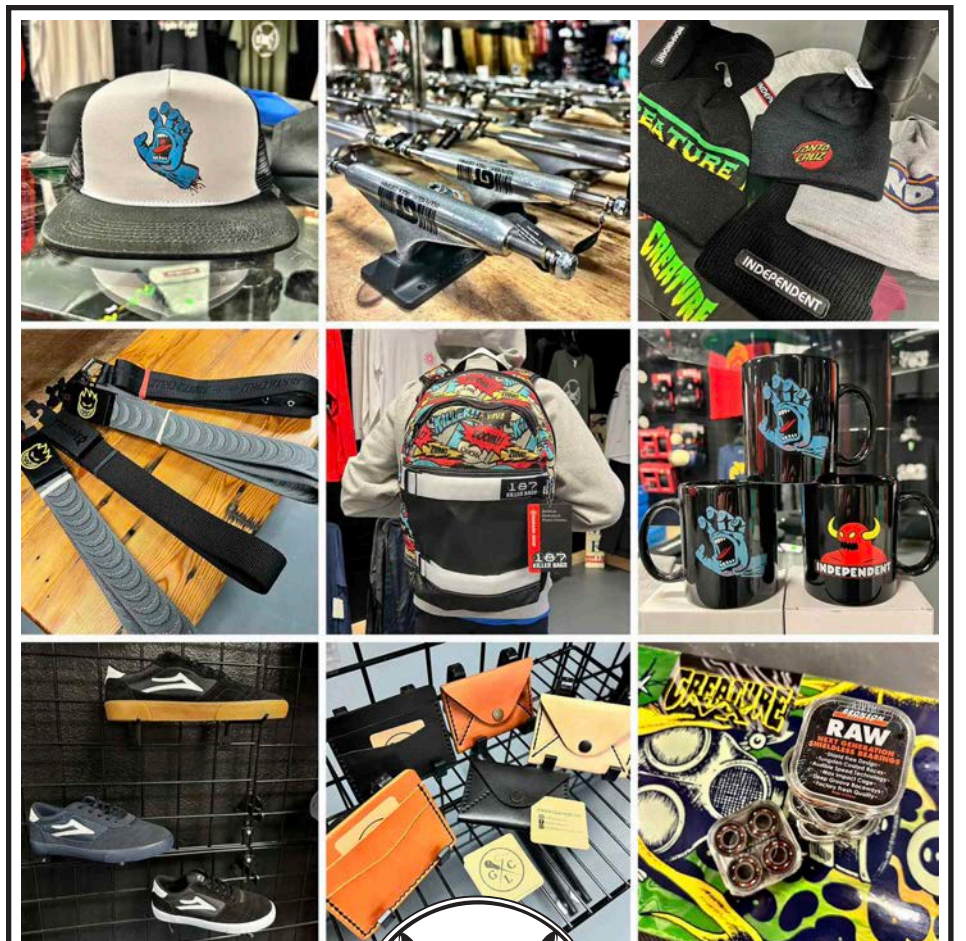
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INTERVIEW

Country Music Star Sara Evans to Bring Sounds of the Season to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino



DECEMBER 16 • 7:00PM

By Melanie Hulick

Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino will be in the holiday spirit when Sara Evans, a fan favorite Country Music Award winning star, ends her “Go Tell It On The Mountain Christmas Tour” with one show only on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Evans is the fifth most played female country artist on country radio, which gives you an idea why her shows have been sold out year after year with songs like “I Keep Looking”, “A Real Nice Place To Start”, “A Little Bit Stronger”, “Born To Fly” and “Suds In The Bucket”.

Starting out singing lead vocals at the age of six in the family formed band, The Evans Family Band with her two older brothers, the singer eventually moved on to a solo career which started with the release of her first album, “Three Chords and the Truth” in 1997. Though not a commercially successful album, Evans was out to prove she had what it took to be a successful artist and released her second album, “No Place That Far” in 1998 and her career started opening up. She has been a musical force since, with a new studio album to be released in 2024.

Her album, “Copy That” is a compilation of other artists’ songs sung as “cover songs”, done typically during the course of an artist’s live shows as a nod to that artist’s favorite songs. Taking on a new twist, the singer/songwriter put together an album of these songs along with continuing “the family music theme” she grew up on by having her son Avery play guitar on this unique, fun album as well as her two daughters, Olivia and Audrey, adding their vocals to the critically acclaimed project. “It was so fun... I can’t even describe it,” said Evans. adding, “Some things are just magical.”

Wearing multiple hats in the entertainment industry, she has added songwriter, producer, advocate, author and actress to her list of achievements, Evans has been nominated multiple times for every award you can think of while winning Female Vocalist of the Year in 2005 from the Academy of Country Music. In October of this year, she was asked to join the Grand Ole Opry, which was a dream of hers since she was a child. We talk about that in the following conversation.

When I caught up with Evans, we discussed her career and had some fun with Christmas questions to set the mood for her fans before they come out to see her December 16 at the Seneca Allegany Event Center.

We also talked about her stint on The Masked Singer and how her song, “Suds In The Bucket” almost didn’t make the album and the event that ironically came around full circle by being the first of it’s kind... which incidentally is her favorite song to sing live.

Make plans to come out and share the hits and some holiday magic with this star of country music. You’re sure to leave with that Christmas spirit in your heart.

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Learn more about Sara Evans: saraevans.com

A Conversation with Sara Evans

HULICK: You were just inducted into the Grand Ole Opry on October 7th by Crystal Gayle. Congratulations! When you were invited to join, your initial answer was “no”, which obviously was a joke. That’s funny. What was the whole experience like?

EVANS: From the moment Bill Anderson surprised me in August onstage at the Ryman with my Opry invitation, to Crystal Gayle inducting me in that sacred circle, it’s been surreal. I had been waiting to be asked to be an Opry member for years, so when it finally happened, it felt like a monumental night in my life and career; it really felt perfect. It was also so special that Bill Anderson, who invited me to become a member, was also on the bill the night of my induction.

HULICK: You’ve had an amazing career. Is music what you always wanted to do?

EVANS: Yes! I started singing on stage at 5-years-old all over Missouri with my brothers and sisters. I would be singing until 2:00am watching drunk people two step. Of course that wouldn’t fly today, but back then it was no big deal! My mom was instrumental in getting us into music. I actually went to college for 11 days to study music, and then realized I just needed to move to Nashville if I was really serious about making it happen. But I’ve always known that this is my God-given gift and what I was put on earth to do... other than be a mother!

HULICK: Who are your musical idols?

EVANS: Reba, Dolly, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Patty Loveless, Fleetwood Mac/Stevie Nicks... so many great artists have influenced me... I could go on for days.

HULICK: When you were asked to be part of The Masked Singer, were you all in right away or did it take some convincing?

EVANS: I mean the second they asked, I was all in! It’s such a fun concept for a family-friendly show. We worked so hard that week recording backup versions of the songs, learning choreography, rehearsing, etc. Filming days for TV are always super long. The craziest part was that my manager and I had to be covered from head to toe the entire time we were on set, so that we didn’t spoil the surprise. It was such a fun experience, especially getting to see Dick Van Dyke sing “When You’re Smiling” by Billie Holiday. I literally cried.

HULICK: You were the Mustang. The costumes are so elaborate. Do the contestants have any input on what they are going to be or the songs they will sing?

EVANS: Yeah! We had a few meetings before the show to go over costume ideas. They brought the idea of “Mustang” to me and when I saw their sketches for the costume, I thought it was amazing and perfect. For the songs, they told us what the night would be themed, so I came back with a few options that fit the category and we narrowed it down until we picked the one!

HULICK: Your song “Suds In The Bucket” is one of the first songs honored in a new category by CMT for social media only, “Trending Comeback Song of the Year”, which is for classic songs that withstood the test of time and are part of recent social trends that still resonate with fans old and new. The song actually was in jeopardy of not making the album, “Restless” because the record company didn’t think you should record it, but radio programmers were in love with the song. How ironic is it that the song would now be one of the first songs considered in this new CMT category?

EVANS: All I need to say is I’m always right! (laughs) I really pushed for “Suds”. We brought the demo to the label and as a musician I could really just hear its potential. That song has 9 lives... it had its big week at Country Radio where we were blessed with a 2 week Number One hit. Then every few years it gets discovered again and comes back to life. I love singing it live and watching the whole crowd singing along and it just makes them so happy.

HULICK: In 2020 you released your album, “Copy That” which was an album of cover songs. That’s one of the best parts of concerts when you get to hear which song your favorite artist(s) will do at the end of their show. You seemed to really enjoy doing that album. Will there ever be a “Copy That II”?

EVANS: You never know! I had so much fun making “Copy That” and am SO incredibly proud of it. Right now, we are in the studio cutting my first original studio album since “Words”. It’s been so fun exploring a new sound. What we are doing now is different from anything I have ever done. I’m definitely super into 70s vibes right now, so maybe I should do a decades themed “Copy That II”. But not anytime soon. (laughs)

HULICK: Do you have a message for your fans coming out to see you Dec. 16th?

EVANS: December 16th is the last night of the Christmas Tour, so my message to the fans is that they better bring the energy! I don’t get to play New York very often, so I always love getting back there and seeing the fans.

HULICK: Would it be alright if we talk Christmas for a few minutes since your show is on your Christmas tour?

EVANS: Absolutely! This will be fun!

HULICK: What is a favorite holiday memory you have as a child or an adult?

EVANS: I just love having my immediate family close to me (all the time) but especially during Christmas. I love making everyone feel welcome and cozy by cooking and smothering my kids with love.

HULICK: Do you have a traditional food that is a must-have for your family?

EVANS: I’m a down home cooking type of person. I grew up on a farm in Missouri and had 6 siblings. My mom would make us several home cooked meals every day, so I grew up learning how to make things like pot roast, fried chicken, etc. I don’t always eat like that, but for the holidays it’s fun to have those comfort foods and enjoy the meals together as a family.

HULICK: What was your favorite gift as a child?

EVANS: I got an Easy Bake Oven one year and was in heaven. I would imagine I was a cook and had my own restaurant.

HULICK: What is your favorite Christmas carol or Christmas song?

EVANS: This is a really tough question for me... I absolutely LOVE “O Holy Night” and the version that we do in the Christmas show. It starts out so quiet and intimate and really swells and gets HUGE in the chorus. It fills me with so much emotion and Christmas spirit each night. I would like to wish you and all your readers a very Merry Christmas!

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Basic Workout Principles For Success

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

I have been a certified personal trainer since 2006. Over the past 17 years I have had a lot of time to grow, learn and develop sure-fire ways to burn body fat and build muscle. I have also had the pleasure of training some remarkable individuals ranging in age from 9-years-old to 92-years-old. Each individual requires their own plan and exercises to achieve their goals, but this rule of thumb stays the same for all of my clients: Stick to sound basic principles. Here are some of the basics I have used over the years that have worked for me and me clients:

USE FREE WEIGHTS: Although machines can be useful tools to help individuals to start a strength training program, most experts agree that you can achieve more if you spend most of your time using free weights. Free weights will help the participant discover weaknesses and strengths that can go undiscovered with machines. When using free weights, your body has no assistance from mechanical devices. Your muscles not only have to lift the weight, they have to ensure that you stay balanced and stable. This requires considerable effort and muscle coordination. When your routines are based around barbell and dumbbell exercises, you can expect to see muscle growth happen more quickly.

FOCUS ON COMPOUND EXERCISES: If you want to build as much muscle as possible, it makes sense to emphasize exercises that work more than one muscle group. While isolation exercises have their place, of course, remember that if you are working one muscle group, then that is the only muscle group that will grow (i.e. bicep curl).

Compound exercises will multiply the effectiveness and results of your muscles. The following exercise will get you maximum return of the effort invested: Instead of just a squat, add a dumbbell push press or a kettlebell front lateral swing. Follow this up with a hamstring exercise like a deadlift with an upright row. Add exercises that will always compliment each other and use a push/pull movement to build it bigger.

EMPHASIZE THE ECCENTRIC PHASE: The eccentric phase of an exercise is the second part where you are lowering the weights, and the muscle in question is lengthening. This is where I tell my clients that “their range of motion” will make all the difference in their results. Also, slow down during this phase; do not let gravity do all the work. And remember, control is key to doubling the effectiveness of any phase. If you are working the muscles in both halves of the exercise, you will find that makes a real difference.

GET YOUR FORM RIGHT! A pet peeve here at CORE PERFORMANCE. If you allow yourself to exercise with poor form, you will get little or no benefit from your workout. You may even risk an injury. This is the main reason every trainer/instructor is fully certified and mentored before working with clients and teaching classes.

HAVE REALISTIC GOALS: If you employ all of the above strategies, you can achieve amazing results for sure. But, you need to be realistic. You cannot expect to work out hard for a week and see drastic results. It will take time and consistency. But, if you keep showing up and doing what needs to be done, you will get results.

Simple mathematics and biology tell us that if we keep pushing our muscles, they will continue to grow and stay strong. Now it is time to get your head into the equation and make your own magic. And, if you require extra accountability, sign up for a class or book some personal training sessions at Core Performance or a fitness center of your choice.

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

“A LITTLE SOMETHING” SMALL WORKS SHOW

Over 175 Pieces of Artwork Featured in Tri-County Arts Council Exhibition and Sale in Olean; On Display Now through January 13th



OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council is pleased to announce “A Little Something Small,” the fourth annual juried small works show, which is taking place now until January 13th in the Peg Bothner Gallery, located at 110 W. State St. in Olean. The public is invited to view more than 175 pieces of artwork submitted by over 65 different artists from Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua Counties. Each piece is available to purchase in person or online at www.tricountyartscouncil.org, and a portion of each sale supports the arts council.

Now in its fourth year, the TCAC’s small works show features more artists and pieces than ever before, and according to Sean Huntington, exhibition coordinator, this year’s selection is incredible. “Every year, this has grown,” he said. “In the first year, we had approximately 100 pieces, and in the second year, we had 130. Last year, we had 150. This year, we have 176 pieces, and the quality is amazing! These artists just keep topping themselves!”

Like last year, TCAC is giving out awards in two categories: Amateur and Professional. Colin Shaffer, Managing Director of Galleries for JCC, will select winners for the following awards: Best in Show, Best Professional, Honorable Mention Professional, Best Amateur, and Honorable Mention Amateur. Each award winner will receive a cash prize and a year’s Artisan Membership, which allows the artist the opportunity to sell in TCAC’s Artisan Market. The public has a chance to vote for their favorite in the “People’s Choice” award, voting until December 2nd.

Artwork ranges from watercolor, gouache, oil painting, photography pottery, jewelry, sculpture, stained glass, and more. Each participating artist submitted one to three pieces of artwork under 12 inches by 12 inches, and some have already sold out. This year’s

participating artists include: Sannie Adams, Stephanie Baker, John Balacki, Karen Barber, Bonnie Bennett, Jessica Ellen Boice, Rose Brawn, Judson Brown, Victoria Brown, Christopher Capozzi, Kate Caswell, Lisa Conn Conklin, John Crandall, Wanda Dean, Laurie Donner, Debra Eck, Corey Fecteau, Karen Fitzpatrick, Ruth Flood, Barbara Fox, Pat Shannon Gay, Sherri Geary, Stephanie Goodwin, Ed Green, Marshall Green, Theresa Heinz, Amanda Hulbert, Jodie Hooker, Noah Howard, Sean Huntington, Daniel Jordan, Peter Jones, Bonnie Leigh, Melissa Locke, Myriam Mayshark, Keith McKale, Lilly Milliman, Bradley Mitchell, Stephanie Mitchell, Kristen Muench, Jean Nevinger, Violet Nolder, Nancy Pascarella, Sarah Phillips, Jo Jo Pingitove, Eva Potter, Daryl Reding, Megan Saboda, Mathew Schmidt, Jessie Lampack Slattery, Carol Smith, Geraldine Nash Smith, Tiffany Smith, Debbie Stillson-Travis, John Stromberg, Darlene Subulski, Tara Walker, Deb Weatherell, Michael Weishan, Eileen Weishan, Jennifer Widger, Mikel Wintermantel, Jennifer Wolbert, Abby Zickefoose, and Glenn Zweggart.

While some pieces have already sold, over 175 works are still on display in the Peg Bothner Gallery of TCAC from now until January 13th, which is perfect timing for those who are planning to gift their piece! Every purchase supports TCAC, as well as local artists who have invested their time and talent in creating these one-of-a-kind pieces. “This show is a wonderful way for local artists to introduce themselves to new collectors,” said Huntington. “We have an impressive community of artists in this area.”

The Tri-County Arts Council advocates the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region. TCAC is always adding to their Artisan Market and class schedule at 110 West State St in Olean, NY 14760. To learn more or view artwork in the show, visit www.tricountyartscouncil.org and follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

COOKIE CRAWL AND RUDOLPH 5K RETURN THIS SEASON

Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Opens Registration for Fun, Festive Holiday Events

OLEAN – The Cookie Crawl and the Run Run Rudolph 5K Run are set for Friday, December 8th in Olean. Lyndsey Churakos, Member Services Manager for the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce stated, “The Cookie Crawl is a family-friendly community event where you pay a small ticket fee, receive an (empty) cookie box, and then go to local businesses along the downtown area and fill the box with cookies.”

Staff have lined up Angee’s Restaurant, Napoli Pizza, McCarthy Emporium, Bartlett Historical House, Four Mile Brewing, Paper Factory, and Jingle Bell Jubilee stops along the crawl. Attendees will redeem their voucher at each place as they crawl along Union Street under the holiday lights. They may start or end wherever, but don’t forget to stop at the Jingle Bell Jubilee under the pavilion and look for the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce tent. There the participants will get a small cup of cocoa. The fee to crawl is \$10/individual or \$30 for a family of four. To register, please go online to shop.oleanny.com or pop into the Chamber office to sign up. Cookie packs will be available for pick-up

after December 6th at the Chamber. There is a limit of 200 crawler packs, so order early!

“The Run Run Rudolph 5K walk/run is confirmed as well,” stated Meme Yanetsko of GOACC. Eade Fitness 24/7 is the host of the event this year. Participants will start at Eade Fitness in Delaware Park Center and will run under the holiday lights on North Union Street to Four Mile Brewing. The fee to register for the run is \$15 and includes a blitzen bag of bling. Participants are encouraged to show their holiday flair with awards of Shop Olean Gift Certificates being given to the Most Merry individual and group of \$25 and \$50, respectively. There will be no official time kept for this Festive Frolic. To register, please call 716-372-4433 with participant information or go online to shop.oleanny.com. Please note that with online ordering, there is an additional surcharge, however, if you call in the Chamber with credit card information, there is no surcharge. Additional information will be coming forward as more activities are confirmed. For more information or questions, please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email santa@oleanny.com.

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Thurs. February 1, 2024
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The whole reason we started making these calendars was to give back to those who help rescue animals, care for them, and find them their forever homes and to raise more awareness of the importance of adopting homeless animals versus buying. And also to spay and neuter your pets! It's hard to pick a rescue because they are all literally drowning in an overflow of animals and not enough help.

For the last 4 years, we've raised \$1,000 each year for a local rescue thanks to your support! The proceeds this year will go to Celebration of Canine Lives Sanctuary, Inc. in Cuba, NY. They are so close to finishing their dog room and we want to help them reach their goal so they can start taking in dogs in need!

There are a limited amount of printed calendars this year so don't wait to grab yours at BioDome Project in Jamestown (207 Pine Street) or PandaGoat Media House in Ellicottville (9 W. Washington Street). Willow and I also do some special deliveries in our areas upon request.

To learn more about CCLS and their mission, search them on social (Celebration of Canine Lives Sanctuary) or go to celebrationofcaninelives.com.

- Ashley Baron and Willow



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