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A New Ski Season is Underway!

Holiday Valley Celebrates the Start of Winter; New Mardi Gras 6-Pack Lift Makes its Debut



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By BRENDA PERKS

The start of ski season was a wet one, but that didn't deter passholders and visitors from gearing up and hitting the slopes. Holiday Valley officially kicked off the season last Friday, Dec. 1st.

"Opening Day was fantastic," said Dash Hegeman, Marketing Director at Holiday Valley. "We had a really good turnout of very passionate guests who were excited about getting back out on the snow and making turns. And we had the grand opening ceremony for the Mardi Gras 6, which was a historic moment for everyone involved."

Although the resort did close the lifts through this week, colder temps in the forecast mean the snowmaking team will fire up the guns again and the mountain crew will get back out on the mountain to push snow and groom the slopes in time for the resort's reopening this Friday, Dec. 8th. Friday is also the first night of night skiing and riding.

"The plan for Friday is to open with School Haus, Mardi Gras and Yodeler lifts," said Hegeman. "We are hoping to add Tannenbaum lift to the mix on Saturday." For up-to-date information, slope report and ticket pricing, head to holidayvalley.com.

PETERS & MORIARTY MERGES WITH HAMBURG-BASED LAW FIRM

A recent merger has been made between a local Ellicottville law firm, Peters & Moriarty P.C., with the long-standing Hamburg-based firm, Attea & Attea P.C. The joining of these practices brings on an array of legal services to be offered, along with the additional resources needed, to help each and every client in the area. The merger will operate under the name Attea & Attea and also welcomes Ellicottville attorney, Kathleen Moriarty to the firm.

The Attea & Attea law firm has often been on the scene within Ellicottville, NY over the past decades, with developments and numerous legal proceedings under their belt. It was this close involvement with the community that helped build a professional relationship between Brian Attea and Kathleen Moriarty.

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PROJECT CHRISTMAS HELPS FAMILIES FEEL THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS

This is the season of celebration. People coming together over a huge meal, making merry, opening gifts and sharing the joy with friends and family. But for some, that joy is overshadowed by the burdens of regular life who don't have the ability to provide gifts to their children during the holidays. Do not fret, this isn't a sad story; this is a Christmas tale and it has a happy ending. Ellicottville Central School's Project Christmas program was started long ago by the school nurse at the time, Betty Westfall. She noticed some of the students weren't that excited about the holiday season and realized their families may not be in a position to celebrate. So she came up with the idea that the school could help anonymously ... page 04

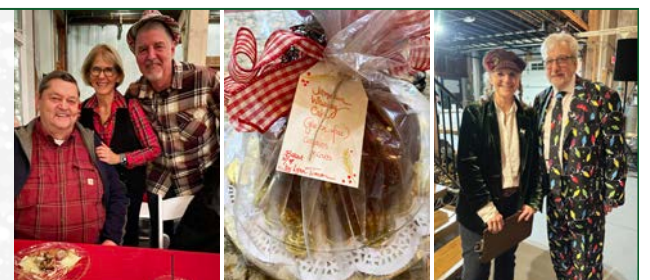
CCA & the Salamanca School District Team Up for a Good Cause

As the holiday festivities approach, we are reminded of the true spirit of Christmas and the best gift of all - the gift of giving. What better way to spread a little bit of magic and joy than by coming together as a community and supporting the Fill the Bus event on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm. The Fill the Bus benefit is celebrating its third year and continues to grow as a joint effort between Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) and the Salamanca Schools Transportation Department. They create this yearly event filled with seasonal fun for all ages, with a list of favorites to add to your holiday calendar! ... page 07

IRISH CHRISTMAS

This past Friday, the community came together to celebrate Bob McCarthy at the 18th Annual Irish Christmas, with proceeds going towards Santa's Workshop & the Santa Sheriff Program.

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Christmas On the Bricks

Cattaraugus Businesses Organize a Weekend of Holiday Shopping and Plenty of Cheer

By COLLEEN EVANS

Imagine a festive weekend spent strolling by storefronts, a warm drink in your hands, and finding the perfect holiday gifts. Brightly lit holiday décor wrapping around the Village of Cattaraugus and filling the streets - it's like you're in your own Hallmark Christmas movie come true. So then let's welcome the very opportunity to do just this. The first year of Christmas on the Bricks will kick off with a concert by the Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District Concert on December 7th at 6:30pm, followed by a weekend of magic and merry.

This event is a gathering of community businesses and members alike offering their time to spread some holiday cheer, with one of the most anticipated moments to kick off the weekend - a visit from the big man in red, Santa!

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EXPERIENCE THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

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Publisher's PICK

CHRISTMAS STROLL

Community Comes Together to Share in the Meaning of Christmas



ELLICOTTVILLE - Slow down the pace during the holiday rush and take some time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas during Ellicottville's annual Christmas Stroll. This year's Stroll is scheduled for December 9th. The Christmas Stroll welcomes all to a day of friendship as locals and visitors come together to remember the season and the story behind this special time of year.

"Ellicottville is a great place to come out and experience a relaxed pace and to take the time to enjoy a nice representation of the reason we celebrate during the holiday season," said Gwen Bush, organizer of the event. "Come out and remind yourself what Christmas is all about."

Holy Name of Mary Roman Catholic Church, located on the corner of Jefferson and Martha Streets, will have their display of Nativity and Angels for all to see. The sidewalks of downtown will be filled with the sounds of the season as festive music permeates the air, coupled with the soft voices of sauntering carolers. Keep an eye out for the Christmas elves who will also be out and about town at 4:00pm, spreading holiday cheer and handing out candy canes.

Local businesses have been busy decorating their storefronts, showcasing beautiful holiday themes for your enjoyment as you window shop throughout the afternoon. Once those noses are good and chilled, bring the little ones in from the cold for a hot chocolate break at The Tee Bar, which will be offering tasty holiday cookies from 4:00-5:30pm.

You'll be able to give your feet a rest between 4:15-5:30pm if you hop on the horse drawn wagon ride being offered in front of the Ellicottville Gazebo. Keep your eyes peeled for the carolers and LIVE camel that will also be strolling around the village.

At 4:30pm, a spectacle like no other will take over the village, as many of our K9 friends, dressed in their holiday best, will march alongside their owners down the main drag to the gazebo in this year's "Reindog" Parade. Those interested in participating in the Reindog Parade should meet at the post office parking lot at 4:30pm. There is no charge to participate.



Promptly at 5:30pm, the Ellicottville High School band will be performing Christmas carols before the main event. Then, the evening will come to a conclusion at the gazebo at 6:00pm with a Living Nativity featuring the local children of Ellicottville. Dressed the part to play the roles of angels and shepherds, these children will tell the story of that very first Christmas - the journey and the birth of Jesus.

"This pageant has become an iconic staple of the holiday season here in Ellicottville and is a great representation of the true meaning of Christmas," said Bush. "Come share in the story. Come celebrate the season and our community."

For more information on this year's Christmas Stroll including a full schedule of the day, head over to ellicottvilleny.com or call 800-349-9099.

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Project Christmas Continues to Assist Our Local Community



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

This is the season of celebration. People coming together over a huge meal, making merry, opening gifts and sharing the joy with friends and family. But for some, that joy is overshadowed by the burdens of regular life. With bills on the rise and inflation adding to the situation, some families do not have the ability to provide gifts to their children during the holidays. But do not fret, this isn't a sad story, this is a Christmas tale and it has a happy ending. The Ellicottville Central School's Project Christmas is here to help.

The program was started long ago by the school nurse at the time, Betty Westfall. She noticed some of the students weren't that excited about the upcoming holidays and realized their families may not be in a position to celebrate. So she came up with the idea that the school could help anonymously. The spirit continued when Mrs. Shirley Morton, the High School Secretary, took over as Chairperson of the Project. Mrs. Morton retired years ago and the Project was then handled through a committee of school workers, with the bulk of the work being handled through the Nurse's office.

Nurse Karin Hager, who is spearheading the Project currently, let us know that the program helps out over 30 local families. How is a family added to the list? "Families are added through confidential staff recommendations. We don't bring attention to the students who will be receiving donations when our ECS elf makes the deliveries. It's our practice to make sure those who are being helped, get to enjoy the holiday both peacefully and privately, like everyone else."

What can those families on the list expect to receive? Well, each student has 2 tags for clothing (a pair of pants/a shirt). Santa's helpers in the past have also been known to give gift cards, coats and toys. It is up to the "helper" as to what extra gifts they may purchase. Who are the helpers? You could be one of them!

Gift tags to purchase clothing or extra gifts for a child are available around the village at Dina's, Villaggio, M&T Bank, Holy Name of Mary Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the Baptist Church in Great Valley. Wrapped gifts with the tag on the outside should be returned to the business where the tag was picked up. The committee will be picking up the gifts mid-December. Monetary donations are also welcomed and can be sent to Project Christmas c/o Karin Hager, RN Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Route 219 Ellicottville, NY 14731.

So if you are in a good place this year and want to help someone who may be in a tough spot right now, consider stopping in at one of the above-mentioned locations and picking up a tag or two and be a family's secret Santa this Christmas.

Project Christmas doesn't end after the holiday is over. It keeps the spirit of the season all year. Nurse Hager said, "Project Christmas also watches over our students and their families during the remainder of the year for when an urgent need arises in their family. Project Christmas offers assistance in many ways besides gifts during the holidays."

"The hope is for the Project to continue as long as there is a need in our school community. The Ellicottville Community has always been very generous in helping others and the Project Christmas Committee is very appreciative of their thoughtfulness." Nurse Hager stated.

So take the opportunity, if you can, and help share the spirit of the season by anonymously assisting a family in our community by donating to Project Christmas before the middle of December. There's still time to make the season bright for someone who might a little help lighting up the holidays!

BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCH

Who has always wanted to have breakfast with The Grinch? Come out to the Little Valley VFW Post 8734 (located at 5460 Route 353 in Little Valley, NY) on Saturday, December 9th and you can! Enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for just \$5 per person (free for ages 2 and under). Breakfast will be served alongside the green menace of Whoville himself, who will share special treats and activities with all attendees since his heart grew three sizes last Christmas. He'll even be passing out treat bags with Make-Your-Own-Ornament kits to the first 100 kids.

A MAGICAL SUCCESS!

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas Fundraiser Brings Record Crowd



photos / Bob McCarthy Foundation

Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas this past Friday night (Dec. 1) at EBC was by far touted as the best ever. The largest crowd to date came out to celebrate the 18th annual fundraiser with great live entertainment by the up-tempo Irish Band Crikwater. Asa Moss provided a bagpipe introduction march yielding to a great Irish dancer, Sophia Mesch, accompanied by the band. EBC's champagne toast to Bob preceded the live auction hosted by Brooks LeFeber of brookslefeberauctions.com and at a frantic pace the bids started to soar.



Once again, bids for a great EVL-themed stainless steel fire pit created and donated by Barrett Price of Bear Metal Works in Buffalo skyrocketed. The custom fire pit saw rapid-fire bidding back and forth, finally being won by Anne Northrup, who is always a generous supporter. Bob's original creations were sprinkled in throughout with a very unusual piece, The Contraption, going for \$600. Ed Frederickson once again used his creative genius and wood-working skills to put together an array of hand-made gems in the Bob tradition. His beautiful ancient oak chest sold to Jeff Williams for \$900.00. His very interesting applewood coat rack kicked off the auction with Al Adams finally winning out. A bourbon basket replaced the traditional Irish whiskey basket donated by Cynthia & Mike, sold to our always generous supporter, Sean Cornelius. Always popular, the Nickolson's Condo on Anna Maria Island, was a frenzied back and forth bidding with Debbie Mazzariello finally prevailing. The auction was limited to 15 items, so again it was complimented with an Irish basket raffle with over 30 baskets of beautiful gifts. This raffle was organized by Erin Cornelius, Brooke Szpaicher, Mila Clauss & Niki Klein, and will be back next year.

This year's event could not have happened without our host, the Ellicottville Brewing Company, who again went above and beyond to support Bob's night! They are so generous to the Foundation donating the proceeds from special beer and wine sales to the fund. Brew Master Dan Minner had many great beers on tap to the delight of many in the crowd. Laura Kohler, Beth Hervey & Mike Rogers' expertise made staging this party easy and fun for the committee while EBC's spacious Beer Hall and their friendly staff were the perfect partners.

It was obvious that many of our benefactors opened up their hearts and wallets to support The Bob McCarthy Foundation's Santa's Workshop & the Santa Sheriff program. The auction was the second best ever to last year, but not by much. As always, a number of generous people chose to donate directly to the Foundation. As these donations normally continue through the end of the year, we anticipate surpassing previous years highs by over 15%, which is truly amazing.

PandaGoat Media, that is Brenda Perks and Meaghan Lucarelli, did a great job on the artwork and promotional material. Heather Sullivan of Heather J. Sullivan Consulting worked her magic with the website and Facebook. Brooks LeFeber hosting the auction, as always, made it both entertaining and successful with a local's flair.

Our great local publications, EllicottvilleNOW and The Villager provided promotion of the event both online and in print, helping us greatly. The Chamber of Commerce's online promotion featured with The Stroll weekend was also greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Dina's, EBC, Katy's, Madigans, The Silver Fox & Villaggio who brought "A Taste of Ireland" to new culinary level for the event. The food was fabulous and sold out quickly. Ellicottville's home bakers (too many to thank) whose special desserts are done as a tribute to their friend Bob and this tradition. We also thank the many local businesses who supported the basket raffle with their generous gifts. Many friends of Bob McCarthy helped make Friday night a success, you know who you are and we thank you all.

When asked how this started, McCarthy would answer "It started with a little magic". To be sure the magic came in the form of Ellicottville's residents, both permanent and part timers who bid or donated to the cause. The real magic is that this event is helping a number of local families have a better Christmas through Santa's Workshop & the Santa Sheriff program.

Bob, we all miss you but we will continue your tradition of giving. The Bob McCarthy Foundation (www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com) wishes all of you a great holiday season - We will see you next year. Thank you Ellicottville!

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FILL THE BUS THIS SATURDAY

CCA and the Salamanca School District Team Up



By COLLEEN EVANS

As the holiday festivities approach, we are reminded of the true spirit of Christmas and the best gift of all - the gift of giving. What better way to spread a little bit of magic and joy than by coming together as a community and supporting the Fill the Bus event on Saturday, December 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm.

The Fill the Bus benefit is celebrating its third year and continues to grow as a joint effort between Connecting Communities in Action (CCA) and the Salamanca Schools Transportation Department. Together the CCA's team, Angel Fisher, Corrie Phetteplace, and Bridget Sanford, join Christy Oakes and her team from the School's Transportation Department to create this yearly event filled with seasonal fun for all ages. This year you can expect a long list of favorites to add to your holiday calendar: basket raffles, pictures with Santa, a small petting zoo, and more! Even Buddy the Elf will be making an appearance, singing his heart out to all the best holiday karaoke songs. You will not want to miss that performance!

Adding to the holiday spirit, you can also find a "Letters to Santa" mailbox at the event where kids can bring their own letters ready to mail out to the North Pole. This has become a very sweet tradition for families to watch their own pieces of mail sent off to Santa in these specialty marked mailboxes.



A day filled with magical memories, the CCA and Salamanca School's Transportation Department kindly asks their guests to bring a donation to Fill the Bus! Talking with Bridget Sanford of the CCA on what is needed, she expressed, "CCA welcomes all food donations, especially canned items. A special 'Holiday Shopping List' is provided at this event for individuals shopping for donations at Save-A-Lot." So, there is an option to shop that day and gift as many items as you would like based

on the needs of the organization. A convenient way to stop into the Save-A-Lot and grab whatever you can to make a difference to those in need. Bridget also mentioned that the "CCA also accepts toys and books for distribution at this event", meaning you can bring or buy something special to really add to a family's holiday wishes.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to support the CCA's Nutrition Department which offers an in-house pantry, a community kitchen, and a community garden. The pantry is open daily to all Monday-Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm, as well as 1:00-3:00pm. The community kitchen offers hot meals to go, Monday-Thursday 3:00-4:00pm. The community garden is a wonderfully thought-out project that begins the process in March by growing vegetable plants in their greenhouse, distributing these plants to the garden or customers to take home, and then they are harvested to benefit the pantry and kitchen services. With events like Fill the Bus, the CCA is then able to use donations to go right back into the giving nature of the organization and directly benefit the area. They also accept donations throughout the year and welcome any volunteers looking to get involved in the organization. You can find out more information on Connecting Communities in Action on their website at www.ccaaction.org, as well as by reaching out to Angel Fisher, afisher@ccaaction.org for a volunteer application.

This is your chance to make your way onto the Nice List and come by the Fill the Bus event, Saturday December 9th from 10:00am-2:00pm. It will be held at the Salamanca Save-A-Lot, who graciously offered their lot at 35 Church Street. The organizers hope to see everyone join in on the holiday fun as Bridget Sanford of the CCA shares her well wishes for the event, "CCA and the Salamanca Central School Transportation Department look forward to another successful Fill the Bus Event on December 9, 2023. Everyone is welcome to stop by, listen to some holiday karaoke, take a picture with Santa, drop off a letter to Santa, check out our raffle baskets or enjoy some holiday cheer!" So, bring your friends and family to celebrate the gift of giving and surround yourself with holiday cheer as we support the community together.

CCA's next Fundraiser will be our annual Pot O' Gold Soup bowl Fundraiser in March 2024. Stay tuned for more details!

CHRISTMAS ON THE BRICKS

Cattaraugus Invites You to a Four Day Celebration to Kick off the Holidays



By COLLEEN EVANS

Imagine a festive weekend spent strolling by storefronts, a warm drink in your hands, and finding the perfect holiday gifts. Brightly lit holiday décor wrapping around the Village of Cattaraugus and filling the streets - it's like you're in your own Hallmark Christmas movie come true. So then let's welcome the very opportunity to do just this. The first year of Christmas on the Bricks will kick off with a kickoff concert by the Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School District Concert on December 7th at 6:30pm, followed by a weekend of magic and merry.

This event is a gathering of community businesses and members alike offering their time to spread some holiday cheer. It was originally headed by Rebecca Ellis, of Restyle Salon, and continued to grow in support by Anthony Nagel, Mayor of Cattaraugus, and multiple village volunteers. They worked their holiday magic and were able to put together an impressive agenda of activities and events to be enjoyed by all. With a lineup of several businesses, organizations, and vendors, one of the most anticipated moments to kick off the weekend will be from the big man in red, Santa Claus.

On Friday, December 8th from 4:00-6:00pm guests are welcome to come and meet Santa at the Bank of Cattaraugus' Courtyard, take a picture and find out if you're on the

"Christmas On the Bricks" continued page 14

JINGLE BELL JUBILEE

Greater Olean Area Chamber Plans a Plethora of Holiday Activities!



OLEAN - A Hallmark Christmas movie scene from the start, the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Jubilee is looking like another hit from the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce. Deemed as a holiday event featuring many activities and events - the holiday market, make and take craft, horse and wagon rides, and decorate the tree contest - the Jingle Bell Jubilee will be back at Lincoln Park this Friday, December 8th from 4:30-8:30pm.

The Lincoln Park pavilion is jam-packed with holiday vendors again this year: Basket Barn, 2 Sweet Desserts, JML Homemade, Lakeview Farm Alpacas, Bee Spit Meadery, The Crazy Daisy Lady, Whimsical Stone Creations, AnnMarie Baklava, Fat Root, Dark Matter Filaments, Rusty Rooster, Tracy's Lotsa Dots, Diane's Creativity, Sew Stitch'n Cute, Whisper Hill Farms, Pawlowski Woodworking, Ellicottville Green, Cattaraugus SPCA, GOACC, the Clay Aesthetic, Vintage Olean, The She Garage, Teri's Treasure Trunk, Swan Street Florist, Throwing Stone Studio, Bell, Book and Vinyl, Rolling Scones Baking Co., and Winey Shepherds. All but five of the vendors will be under the pavilion, with those five near the pavilion vending.

MAKE AND TAKES: Pfeiffer Nature Center, Tri-County Arts Council, tentative Swan Street Florist Shop and SerenHippity will host a table with make-n-take items and activities. Most all activities will be free to participants while supplies last.

Pizza Napoli will be catering on-site with their food truck serving up pizzas, calzones, sandwiches, and more. Sweet Ride Donut truck will have their fresh donuts and hot/iced drinks. Both Winey Shepherds and Bee Spit Meadery will have holiday warm drinks for those 21+ age.

"Jingle Bell Jubilee" continued page 12

PHOTO REWIND

Opening Day at Holiday Valley

Holiday Valley Resort welcomed skiers and riders to the 2023-24 Ski Season last Friday, Dec. 1st with the celebration of the new Mardi Gras 6-Pack. Kudos to the Snowmaking Team and Mountain Crew who work hard year after year to prepare the slopes for snow sliding fun!

Photos / Ashley Baron



Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas Another Festive Success

EBC hosted the 18th Annual Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas celebration Friday, Dec. 1st. The committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at this year's event, as well as the community for always coming together to show their support and generosity. Learn more at bobmccarthyfoundation.com.

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PROFILE

LAW FIRMS JOIN FORCES

Hamburg-Based Attea & Attea Merges with Peters & Moriarty of Ellicottville



BY COLLEEN EVANS

A recent merger has been made between a local Ellicottville law firm, Peters & Moriarty P.C., with the long-standing Hamburg-based firm, Attea & Attea P.C. The joining of these practices brings on an array of legal services to be offered, along with the additional resources needed, to help each and every client in the area. The merger will operate under the name Attea & Attea and also welcomes Ellicottville attorney, Kathleen Moriarty to the firm.

The Hamburg based law office was formed in 1972, with founding partner, Richard Attea, who is still practicing today. His son, Brian Attea, joined the firm in 1992 and became a partner in 2000 when they officially became Attea & Attea P.C. They have spent decades serving their clients and building a practice that allows for the upmost care and professionalism. With a team of seven attorneys and ten legal support staff and assistants, they have the means to dedicate themselves to all of their clients' needs.

The firm offers broadened legal services, including but not limited to; personal injury, estate planning and settlement, transactional work involving residential and commercial real estate, commercial development, business consulting, mergers and acquisitions, and commercial litigation. Within these offerings, you are treated to a knowledge staff with an array of legal expertise. This firm truly values what they have to provide and how they are able to commit those standards into each case.

The Attea & Attea law firm has often been on the scene within Ellicottville, NY over the past decades, with developments and numerous legal proceedings under their belt. It was this close involvement with the community that helped build a professional relationship between Brian Attea (Attea & Attea P.C.) and Kathleen Moriarty (Peters & Moriarty). Kathleen went on to describe that, "Brian was a huge mentor for me. He was the person I called if I had questions, so it was a really natural fit". Now with over twelve years of legal experience, Kathleen Moriarty is eager to continue to build her relationship and expertise with Attea & Attea P.C.

Kathleen Moriarty goes on, "I definitely look forward to a new professional challenge". The acquisition brings on a larger team to build relationships and grow connections. With an expanded territory of clients and counties, Kathleen also shares her excitement to bring on more estate work and further her skills within these opportunities.

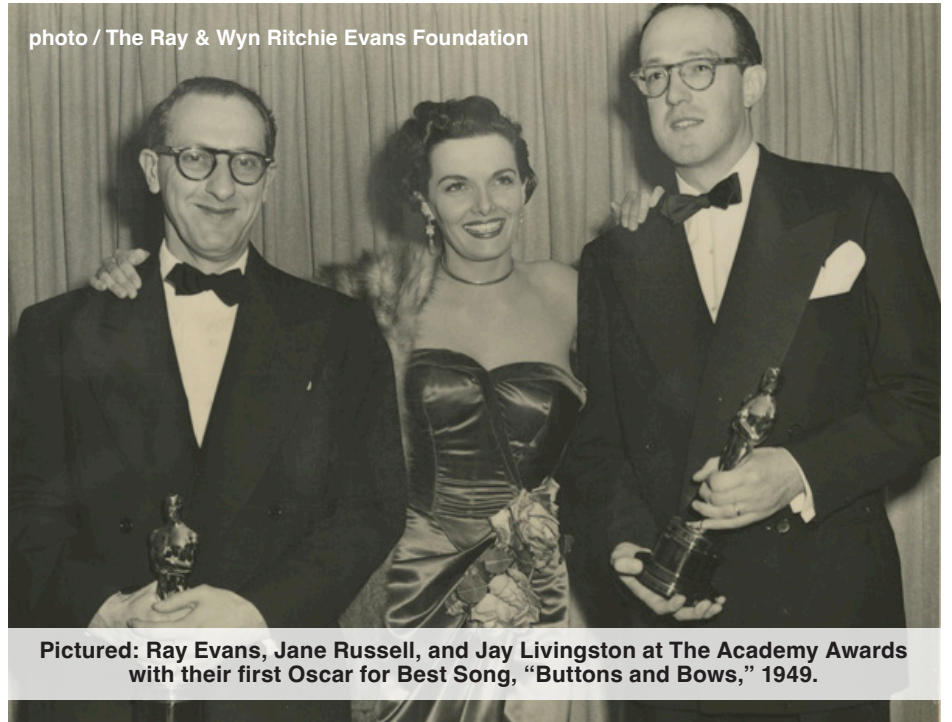
The merger fell into place at the perfect time and both parties acknowledged that it just felt right to bring them together. The two firms shared a common ground of providing the highest level of care to clients and a philosophy of respect and dedication. Brian Attea described how the process came to be in an ideal way. "The timing was perfect because we were in the process of beginning to look for an attorney who had experience in estate work and also in real estate and this was around the same time Kathleen was contemplating what her next steps were going to be, so we began talking about merging our practices."

Now working as a newfound team, Attea & Attea P.C. continues to provide their highest level of expertise to potential clients and do so with honesty and integrity. As quoted by founder, Richard Attea, "just make sure to take very good care of every person who comes through the door." It's the very philosophy that carries on within the firm and is the main focus of their everyday outlook. At Attea & Attea, your voice is heard and taken into every step of consideration as they work to bring you to the most successful outcome possible.

To further explore the services offered by Kathleen Moriarty and Attea & Attea P.C., you can reach out to the firm's website at AtteaLaw.com or their office number 716-648-7000. They are headquartered at 11 Main Street, Hamburg, NY 14075 and will also be running out of the Ellicottville location (previously Peters & Moriarty P.C.) at 8 Washington Street, Ellicottville, NY, 14731.

RAY EVANS

Silver Bells Songwriter Left His Legacy for His Hometown - Salamanca, NY



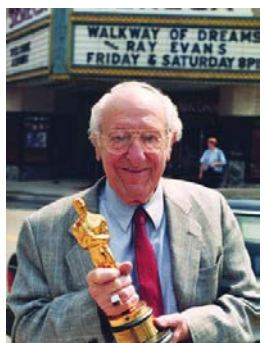
Pictured: Ray Evans, Jane Russell, and Jay Livingston at The Academy Awards with their first Oscar for Best Song, "Buttons and Bows," 1949.

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

Silver Bells, Silver Bells, it's Christmastime in the city. And what better place to truly enjoy the holiday lights and the feeling of Christmas but in the town that inspired the writer of that song, three-time Oscar winning Salamanca native, Ray Evans.

The Salamanca Chamber of Commerce began the annual celebration of their Silver Bells in the City last weekend. The annual tradition of celebrating the holidays in the city continues with Evans and his song in mind as the Seneca Salamanca Chamber of Commerce prepares for Silver Bells in the City festivities.

The Ray and Wyn Evans Foundation, the Seneca Salamanca Chamber of Commerce and its members have been busily planning and organizing their holiday events to help you ring in the holiday season. And now, they and the Ray and Wyn Evans Foundation are putting the finishing touches on the Cattaraugus County Living Arts Association's annual Silver Bells Holiday show at 7:00pm at the Ray Evans Theater, 10 Main Street on Friday and Saturday, December 8th and 9th. \$5 at the door will open a world of music, joy, festivity and pure delight delivered by the finest entertainers this part of the world has to offer. Also, On December 9th, the youngsters can enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Meyers Steakhouse 9:00-11:00am. Reservations are required; please call 716-945-3153 to make them.



The following weekend, Santa will be back at Connecting Communities in Action, 25 Jefferson Street, for Santa's Carnival on Friday, December 15th from 2:30-4:30pm. There will be games to play, and Mrs. Claus will be on-hand with other favorite characters to hand out prizes and enjoy watching children make artistic Christmas creations.

The celebrations wrap up at 3:00pm on Sunday, December 17th with the Community Choir Christmas Cantata. Riverside Chapel on 134 Broad Street is the sacred setting where you can be lifted up by the beautiful hymns and traditional carols of the season. Later that evening, at 7:00pm, the annual Christmas Cantata is being performed at The Holy Name of Mary Church on 20 Jefferson Street in Ellicottville. For more information on events, go to salamanca-chamber.org.

Here's a mini bio of Ray Evans for those who know nothing about this wonderful man. Ray Evans lived in NYC with his writing partner, Jay Livingston after college writing on Tin Pan Alley, and then Hollywood and Beverly Hills. One would think that Ray returned home as token gestures to visit his sister, Doris, who still lived in the family home on Front Street until her passing, and to support the endeavors of the Ray Evan Theater in his hometown. All that is accurate, but the truth is, he loved returning to Salamanca and visiting with old friends and new. He faithfully followed the Salamanca football team from the time he left Salamanca in the 1940s, keeping up on their successes and setbacks, always cheering them on all the way from Beverly Hills. In town, his favorite place was the Dudley Hotel, where he would order his usual – a hamburger. My husband and I took him to the Nickle Inn in Frewsburg one summer and he ordered a hamburger there, as well. He was a simple man who never allowed his fame to change him.

His stories were down to earth and entertaining. He was always in awe of the gifts life gave him and the talent he shared. Salamanca native, Linda Freaney, laughed as she told how he loved to talk about his beagles who loved to run away. He enjoyed telling the story about being in a European town, walking along the street and hearing one of his Oscar-winning songs, "Que Sera Sera" being sung by a woman on the second floor whose window was open. Like a shy kid, he would kind of do the "aw shucks" thing, realizing that it is his song that this woman in a foreign country far from America was singing. Another story he enjoyed telling was how the song, "Silver Bells" was almost called "Tinkle Bells" until his partner Jay went home and told his wife about the new song he and Ray created for Paramount. She was horrified and said to him, "don't you know what 'tinkle' means?" The name was changed.

Bonanza, a 1959 western show set in the 1800s, continues to be syndicated. It has a theme song written by Ray Evans and Jay Livingston that everyone familiar with the show can identify. Another of their theme songs is the theme from Mister Ed. (A horse is a horse, of course, of course ...) Songhall.org says this about Ray Evans and his partner, Jay Livingston: They were often described in the late 1900s as the "last great of the great songwriters of Hollywood."

His legacy is strong and lasting. Merry Christmas and please enjoy Salamanca's tribute to Ray Evans.

BLESSING OF THE SKIERS

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Annual Blessing of Skiers and Snowboarders will take place December 30th and 31st at Holy Name of Mary Church, 22 Jefferson Street, Ellicottville, NY during weekend masses (Saturday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9:45am). All are welcome.

LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Snowmobiling and Skijoring

By **INDREK KONGATS**

The first days of snow are always special; it's like spring cleaning only it's the start of winter! Put away all those warm weather items, shorts and sandals and dust off the ski equipment, snowsuits and mitts. Stack the firewood outside your front door, clean the chimney and start up the snow blower! "Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!"

There once was a time before snowmobiles, which wasn't that long ago, when winter transportation was strictly on a pair of skis attached to your feet. In fact, the very first snowmobile, invented by a Canadian by the name of Bombardier wasn't until 1922, just over 100 years ago!

Skis, on the other hand, date back to ancient times probably before that lovable caveman Gorg, from that famous syndicated B.C. comic strip, invented the wheel - but not the snow tire, that came later! (FYI footnote - B.C. comic strip was created in 1958 by Johnny Hart, an Ellicott, NY native!)

The first skis that were documented date back to 8000 B.C. and of course, you guessed it, they were made in China! The first ski featuring a camber and the modern day side cut wasn't invented until 1868 by a Norwegian by the name of Sondre Norheim of Telemark, Norway! These skis were called Telemark skis oddly enough.

Back to the snowmobile! The first driven skier was not by a gasoline burning combustible engine, but rather by one of Santa's trusty reindeer. For hundreds of years, the Sami people of Lapland (which included northern Finland, Sweden and Norway) harnessed their skis to their domesticated reindeer. Reindeer enabled Laplanders to travel quickly across vast open snowy meadows and across frozen lakes.

The Norwegians named this mode of transportation Skijoring. Skijoring even made its Olympic debut in the 1928! In 1912, some European countries began utilizing real horsepower to pull skiers, thus Equine Skijoring was invented. In 1915, Equine Skijoring crossed the ocean finding its way to Lake Placid, NY where it became a popular winter-time recreational activity.

Another adaptation to early Skijoring that's much more practical today is to harness dog power and that's where I come in. No, I didn't come up with the idea, but it somehow seemed obvious to a teenage boy full of clever ideas that occasionally led to mischief!

In the mid sixties, my family did a lot of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. This was the best way to get around during the long winter months at our northern Ontario lodge. My dad was a very avid ice fisherman. Surrounding our lodge were dozens of secluded lakes teeming with native lake trout and speckled trout. The problem was how to get to them. The snowmobile was around but we didn't own one so he took to his skis. It wasn't long before my brother and I beat him to ice hut using dog power. The family pet, a very large black and tan German Shepherd was recruited to pull us.

Anyone that has ever tried walking a dog without a training collar will know that the natural instinct for a dog on a lead is to pull. Yes, dogs love to pull and run! A combination that works well for the owner that has the ability to follow along without getting an arm yanked off or getting dragged to the ground. Dog power is an ingenious method of transportation; Dog sledding and Skijoring are two similar examples of cost effective means to harness all that energy.

The Skijor harness fits around the dog's body in a way that it doesn't hamper the dog's ability to run freely and pull a load with the least amount of effort. The harness is then attached to a long lead, which in turn is attached to another harness around the mid section of the skier. The equipment is basic; skis, poles and the Skijor harness assembly.

Our early Skijoring skis were nothing like what you see being used today by cross coun-



try skiers; they were more like the ones found hanging over your fireplace for decoration. Those wide old boards with the leather harnesses were excellent for what we needed them for and offered a very stable platform for being quickly driven over un-groomed terrain.

For the ice fisherman that wants to explore some virgin water without a snowmobile, Skijoring is just the ticket. Traveling over flat snow and ice covered terrain will be a snap.

Skijoring harnesses made by Neewa run approximately \$100 plus. Excellent skis for Skijoring are ones without medal edges. Asnes' model Breidablikk BC won't harm your dog if somehow it comes in contact with the ski. The specs for the Breidablikk 200cm ski is 86-62-74 equipped with BC or 75mm telemark bindings. A good alternative ski is the Black Diamond GlideLite 147cm Snow Treker 124-110-122 that came with a universal binding that works with ordinary hiking boots.

Another cool Nordic invention that's becoming increasingly popular here in the US is a kicksled made by ESLA of Finland. Although not exactly skijoring and not quite dog sledding, kicksleds are a personalized compromise serving the dog enthusiasts, ice fishers and hikers. The one huge advantage of a kicksled is that it has extra room to carry gear. These sleds can also be folded down to fit inside smaller vehicles or in a ski box. Unlike Skijoring, the kicksled comes with a brake, a major plus if your dog goes squirrel on you!

A dog is a great companion, especially when you are traveling into isolated territory where it is essential to be prepared for the worst. Falling through the ice or getting lost in a blizzard, your dog may be your only chance for survival. Most people wouldn't think that their family pet would be up to the task of pulling you on skis over some frozen tundra but you'd be surprised!

Indrek Kongats is an artist, traveler, outdoorsman, and business owner residing in Ellicottville. He operates River Dog Art Gallery in Houghton, NY, and his Breakaway Classic Adventures specializes in adventure travel destinations. Learn more about him at breakawayclassicadventures.com.

JINGLE BELL JUBILEE

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Staff from the Olean Family YMCA will be down Friday from 5:00-7:00pm and will have games for children to partake in including hot holiday bulb (like hot potato), scavenger hunt and more.

The horse and wagon rides will return Friday night. T&S Belgians of Houghton will be down with their horse and wagon for rides. Rides are \$2/person or family of 6 for \$10. Staging area will be on South Street south of the Lincoln Park and will run from 5:00-8:00pm. Lines for the rides WILL NOT start until 4:45pm that night and will be behind the pavilion. Tickets can be purchased as riders come through the line.

Badger and Butterfly Studios will be down at the Jingle Bell Jubilee and will provide free holiday face painting and air brushed holiday icons for people of all ages from 5:00-7:00pm. Some examples include Santa, candy cane, elf and more.

Get Your Cookies and Run! Two separate mini events will also be held in conjunction with the Jubilee. The Holiday Cookie Crawl is where attendees will redeem their cookie vouchers at 7 locations as they crawl along Union Street area under the holiday lights. They may start or end wherever, but an additional stop will be at the Jingle Bell Jubilee under the pavilion with a stop at pop-up vendor, Olean Chamber. The fee to crawl is \$10/individual or family

of four \$30. To register, please go online to shop.oleanny.com or stop in the Chamber office to sign up.

Run Run Rudolph Walk/Run participants will leave Eade Fitness at 6:00pm, winding their way through the streets of Olean to the roundabout at Main Street, and will run under the holiday lights on North Union Street to Lincoln Park. The fee for the run is \$15. There will be no official time kept for this Festive Frolic. To register, please call 716-372-4433 with participant information or go online <https://bit.ly/3o5yaCV>. Registration begins at 5:30pm at Eade's.

Olean Theatre Workshop, under the direction of Steve Ahl, is coordinating local groups with holiday music. The schedule is 4:30pm with OHS Bel Canto; 5:00pm with Allegany Limestone Central School Elementary School; 5:30pm with OTW Middle school class; 6:00pm with OTW High school class; 6:30pm with Tyrone Hall and CWOW; and 7:00pm-8:30 pre-recorded holiday music.

The Festival of Trees will be back at the park with ten local organizations decorating and then auctioning off their respective trees. Organizations include: Enchanted Mountain Garden Club; CASA - Trinity; WNY Heroes, Franciscan Sisters of Allegany and Associates, C.O.L.O.R.S. Association, Interfaith Caregivers, United Way of Cattaraugus County, League of Women Voters Cattaraugus / Allegany, The Pink Pumpkin Project, and St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store. The auction site is <http://bit.ly/3XZLIZ1> - you can view without registering, but if interested in bidding, you will need to register.

Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in their cottage is scheduled that night of Jubilee from 5:30-7:30pm. Children can visit with Santa through the windows and receive a special goodie bag from Mrs. Claus.

In addition to the Chamber's 47 corporate sponsors, special thanks to the following: Nick Shembeda Plumbing as the Sleigh Sponsor; A Jason Clemons Salon as the Visit with Santa Sponsor; Directions in Independent Living as the Chestnuts Roasting Sponsor (umbrella heaters), Cayas Canopies as Twinkling Lights sponsor, and Office for People with Developmental Disabilities as Holiday Melodies sponsor (music). Home Depot of Olean, Miller's Farm Markets and Pleasant Valley Greenhouse sponsored the Festival of Trees.

GOACC officials would like to stress that although all Jubilee activities are outside, standard precautions need to be followed by all festival patrons. (If you are sick or have symptoms, please stay home.) For more information or questions, please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email santa@oleanny.com.

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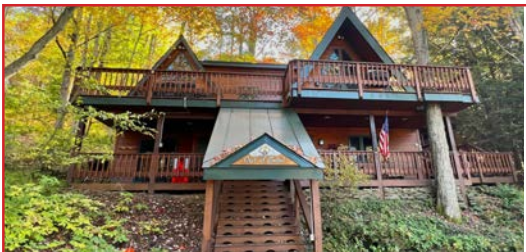
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SOUND HEALING: Reverend Suzy Woo will host a FREE sound healing session at the United Church of Ellicottville on Dec. 8th from 6:30-7:45pm. In the spirit of the season all are welcome to attend.

LLC NOTICES

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

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

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CHRISTMAS ON THE BRICKS

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nice list! This is his only appearance for the weekend so be sure to stop by. Of course, to add to the magic, at 6:30pm the Christmas Tree will be lit to brighten the holiday cheer along with an evening of caroling.

Following a Friday night filled with cheer, Saturday, December 9th brings another day to add to the festive fun. You'll find throughout the village an assortment of activities, shopping, refreshments, and live music. And if you think you can't cover all the village grounds, local businesses and members of the community have sponsored a hay wagon along with carriage rides! Families and friends are sure to lock in the perfect holiday memories with the sounds of horses click-clacking over the historic bricks through the winter wonderland. The carriage and hayrides will run at the intersection of Washington Street and Main Street.

If you find your way over to the Fireman's Club, you'd better have your Christmas List on-hand. They'll have an assortment of local vendors offering a wide range of products such as homemade jewelry, crafts, baked goods, ornaments, soaps, and more! Make sure you also check off the gift of giving by grabbing a ticket to the 50/50 raffle which benefits the Auxiliary's Christmas Angels.

Next up, hop back on a carriage ride and take yourself down to the Town & Country Disposal Shop or what may look like its very own "Whoville". Explore the Dr. Seuss-inspired holiday display and maybe you'll even find the Grinch himself, he'd love to take a picture or two! You can also make ornaments, grab a slice of pizza, and watch the green guy up on the screen while they play *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. It's the perfect spot for kids, or anyone, to take a break, get some food, and enjoy a craft to take home and remember the day by. Another fun activity for kids will be the scavenger hunt coloring pages, which includes 15 pages to be collected at various spots along the village that all reflect on local community businesses. A cute and creative way for kids to see and collect the village itself.

Saturday's packed adventures and activities run all day and there are just too many to count! You can find a full agenda listed on the Village of Cattaraugus Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/villageofcattaraugus.

Wrapping up the weekend, all homes and businesses located inside the Village of Cattaraugus are encouraged to decorate their best holiday displays for a spot in the Lighting Decoration Contest. There will be over 20 cash prizes awarded and judging takes place at dusk on Sunday December 10th.

Make your holiday memories one for the books by visiting Christmas on Bricks in the Village of Cattaraugus and be part of the first-year tradition with many more to follow. It's the perfect event to share with family and friends and we hope you enjoy a weekend full of festive flare!

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This group of 40 choristers have been preparing for this event for nine weeks! They will be singing John Purify's "Christmas Seekers." This is a collection of original and traditional carols strung together with narrations in between each song, which are biblical explanations of those who sought Christ at the first Christmas, and still seek him today! This year, choir members have created solos and small ensembles to add some variety and creativity to the festive event. These musicians will "be on first" before the Cantata begins.

There are two performances of the Concert: Riverside Chapel in Salamanca, NY at 3:00pm on Sunday, Dec. 17th, and again at 7:00pm at Holy Name of Mary Church in Ellicottville, NY. Free will offerings will be collected at each church to benefit the local food pantries, and there will be refreshments following the concerts in the basement community rooms.

As the saying goes for Christians, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season!" Come join in as we recreate the first Christmas. Keep the tradition going! Become a Christmas Seeker!

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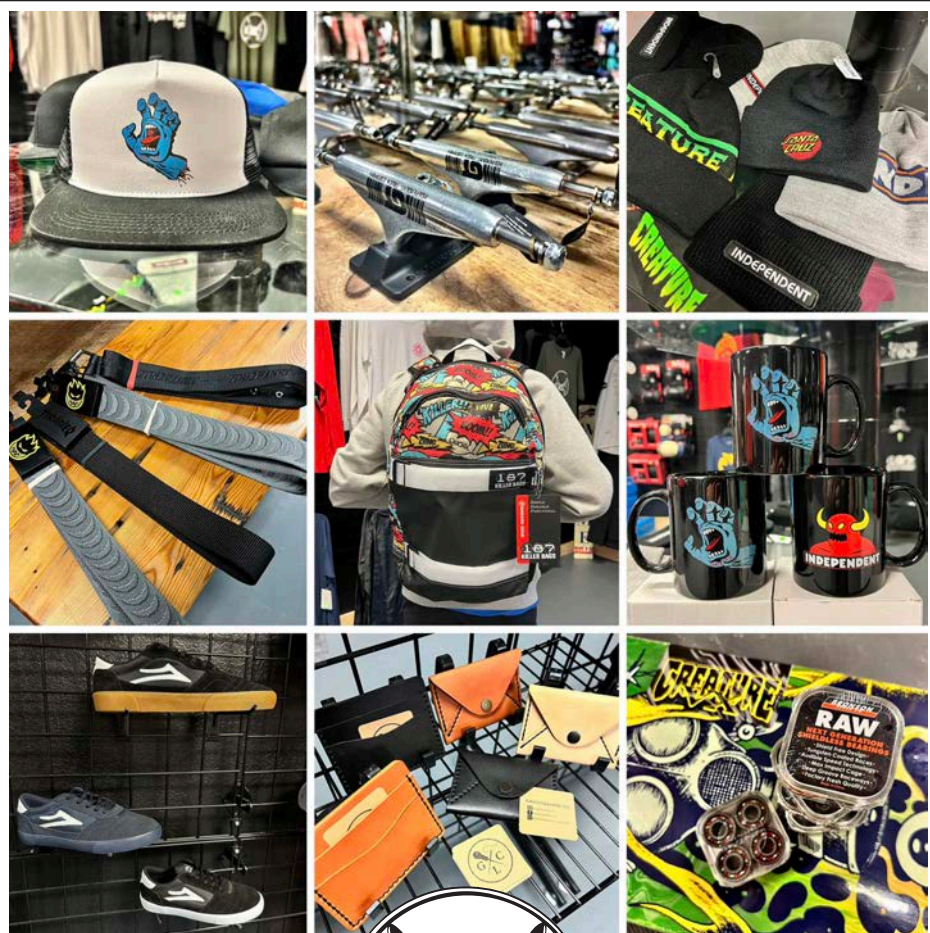
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