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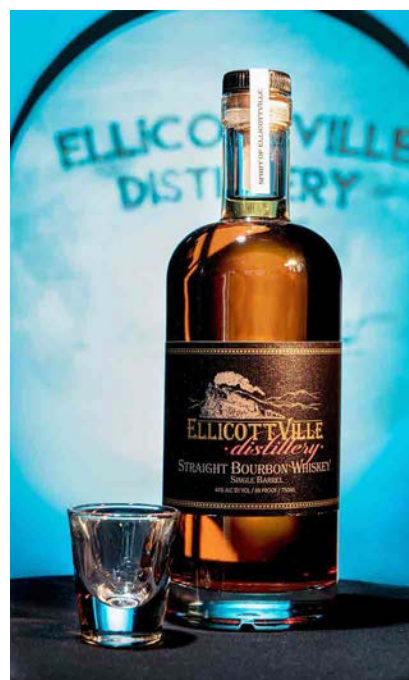
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## EVL: Your Holiday Marketplace

Last minute gift ideas and great dining options to keep you energized through it all



BY BRENDA PERKS

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### Local Artist Connection: Chris Maloney @Villaggio

As the entertainment industry starts making a comeback, after being silenced for over two years, we are going to feature local artists from time to time to highlight their music and the venues who give these artists the footing they need to get back in front of an audience.

For our first feature, we caught up with Chris Maloney, an acoustic singer that has been entertaining patrons for 30 years. You can find him every Sunday evening at Villaggio in Ellicottville starting at 5:30pm. And since Christmas is right around the corner, we had a lot of fun talking about some of his favorite things about the holidays.

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## THE LIONS CLUB OF ELLICOTTVILLE: NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

The Lions Club ... we all "know" about them, but would you be able to explain to a friend what they actually do? In most cases, the answer is probably no. You may grasp for, "oh, the people who collect glasses ..." or "I've seen the bubble gum machines." Seeing that there was a lack of visibility on this great organization, *ellicottvilleNOW* team writer Caitlin Croft decided to sit down with local Lions Club member Bob Illig to learn more about this group on both a local and international level, what they stand for, and how it all got started ... page 11

## Giving Back to the Community

The Kaleigh Wilday Fund awards grants to a number of local organizations



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The annual grants made from the Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund include several Ellicottville-based organizations, honoring the outpouring of love and support that the Wilday family has received from the Ellicottville community since the establishment of the Kaleigh Wilday Fund at CRCF.

Skip and Greta Wilday, now Ellicottville residents, have deep family ties within the community. As avid skiers and outdoor enthusiasts, the Wilday family spends much of the winter months in Ellicottville.

When their daughter, Kaleigh, passed away tragically in 2002, they established a fund in her memory. Over the years, the fund has provided over \$145,000 in grants that support youth development programming and activities.

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### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: GI THREADS

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For last minute gift giving ideas, check out the Holiday Marketplace spread on pages 12-13, organized by our local chamber of commerce (@visitellicottville). We're plugging some of our other top picks around town right here - all which support local businesses or causes. Here we go ...

### THE GIFT OF GIVING BACK

**WILLYGOAT CALENDARS:** Willow is one of the coolest dogs we know! And not just because she rides motorcycles and loves to play in the snow at Holiday Valley, but also because she's helping to save other animals. As a rescue herself, Willow has made it her mission to support her fellow four-legged friends. Each year she launches a new "Adventures of WillyGoat" calendar, with all proceeds donated to Empire Animal Rescue Society (EARS). We have these calendars for sale here at the ellicottvilleNOW / PaNDaGOAT Media office, but if you're hoping to snag one, you might want to do it soon. Only a few remain! For those down in the Jamestown area, you can get your paws on a WillyGoat calendar at The BioDome Project or at Sunshine Health & Wellness. Shipping is also available; just hit up @willygoat\_adventures on IG.

**IRISH CHRISTMAS:** An annual fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Ellicottville and honoring the late Bob McCarthy, Irish Christmas is an evening of "Irish Magic" - pairing handcrafted furniture and other locally donated gifts with a decadent pie or dessert made by one of Ellicottville's own. All proceeds go to Santa's Workshop and the Santa Sheriff Program, making Christmas a little brighter for many local families. This year's Irish Christmas auction will be hosted virtually on Friday, Dec. 17th. Turn the page for event details. If you miss it, you can still donate. Mail a check anytime, payable to Rotary Foundation, PO Box 101, Ellicottville, NY 14731.

### STOCKING STUFFERS

**LET'S GO BUFFALO:** I've got a little girl who is absolutely infatuated with the Bills (whether they're winning ... or not winning), so when I stopped into Daff (@daffevl) and discovered the most adorable Buffalo-inspired merch, my debit card was easily persuaded to purchase what I know will be some of her favorite gifts come Christmas morning. Miniature pillow ornaments, earrings, and stickers in various prints - plaid, camo, zebra - plus headbands, scrunchies ... "Go where the buffalo roam!" If you have a Bills fan on your gift giving list, you can easily check them off with a quick trip to Daff.

**FOR THE GUYS:** Don't you just love when small businesses work together? Hi-Y (Hemp) Farm of Little Valley recently launched a new product called Saving Face Beard Balm, and even more recently, they've teamed up with Blue Collar Workwear (@bluecollarworkwear) to offer their beard balm in BCW's Ellicottville and Olean locations. Inspired by the "do-it-your-own-way" spirit of the farm, this beard loving solution is packed with

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Holiday Marketplace boasts the spirit of the season; Holiday Mixer planned at the Fox



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"Not only is our village stacked with a variety of unique shopping, but you'll feel good knowing that you are supporting small, local businesses," said Jessica Wallace, Business Development Manager at the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "You'll find the latest fashion trends, fun kid toys, winter gear, stocking stuffers, home decor and more at over two dozen shops and boutiques, all within a 4-block walkable footprint. There really is something for everyone here in Ellicottville!"

Through a partnership with PandaGoat Media, the Chamber has put together a "Holiday Marketplace" featuring great gift ideas and specials available at many of the local shops. You can view the Holiday Marketplace catalog at [www.ellicottvillenyc.com](http://www.ellicottvillenyc.com) and at [www.ellicottvilleNOW.com](http://www.ellicottvilleNOW.com).

Along with all the independently owned specialty gift shops, Ellicottville offers a worldly menu of dining options - from American cuisine to Mediterranean fare to authentic Italian dishes - it's the perfect compliment following a busy day of shopping. And for those looking to make a night of it, there are plenty of overnight accommodations in and nearby Ellicottville to fit every budget.

Since launching its "Christmas in Ellicottville" campaign Thanksgiving weekend, the Chamber has continued to promote its member businesses and the 'Ellicottville Experience' through local event sponsorships, pop-up events and the Chamber's expansive digital outreach.

"We are grateful to have had so many of our local businesses hop onboard to help us promote the holiday season here in Ellicottville. It is because of these businesses that we are able to offer holiday-themed activities and push our campaign across various media outlets," said Wallace. "With the slopes now open and our Canadian friends able to join us, this season has been a festive one thus far that will continue right through the rest of the year!"

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses who provided sponsorship to help support the Christmas in Ellicottville events and the beautiful Christmas lights you see downtown: Ellen Fenton & Co., Silver Fox Steakhouse, Holiday Valley Resort, Holiday Valley Realty, Gado Gado, Kazoo II, The Banq, Dina's Restaurant, Stahlka Agency, Krysick & Co., American DND, and Daff.

The next holiday happening hosted by the Chamber is the Ellicottville Holiday Mixer, set for this Thursday, December 16th at 6:00pm at the Silver Fox Steakhouse. Open to everyone in the community, the Holiday Mixer is a chance to come together and celebrate in a fun, festive atmosphere.

"We encourage the community to come out and enjoy an evening of holiday fun while mingling and celebrating all the successes we've had this year!" said Wallace. "It's a chance for all of us to unwind, enjoy some food, drink specials, and celebrate! Wear that cute holiday party dress, or sport your ugly Christmas sweater, or just come casual. This is an evening for everyone!"

There is no entry fee for the Holiday Mixer, and reservations are not necessary. For additional information, contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 716-699-5046 or email [info@ellicottvillenyc.com](mailto:info@ellicottvillenyc.com).

## IRISH CHRISTMAS GOES VIRTUAL

Bid online this Friday, Dec. 17th at [BrooksLeFeberAuctions.com](http://BrooksLeFeberAuctions.com) or via FB Live



By ROTARY CLUB OF ELLICOTTVILLE

A tradition around the holiday season is "Bob McCarthy's" Irish Christmas", sponsored by the Rotary Club of Ellicottville. In our 16th year we had hoped to go back to a live event with the help of Ellicottville Brewing Co. However, in light of the recent surge of the pandemic, we must move to a "virtual only auction" like last year. We are cancelling the live event at EBC.

A Facebook Live broadcast of the online auction at [brookslefeberauctions.com](http://brookslefeberauctions.com) will replace the live event. This was a ton of fun last year and we have made some changes to improve the experience. Starting this week, you can view the auction items at Brooks' website and bid on them now or at the online auction Friday, Dec. 17th starting at 7:00pm.

We continue Bob's tradition by auctioning McCarthy and McCarthy-like unique pieces paired with fabulous baked goods from local donors. More than 20 auction pieces are on display at participating restaurants and businesses in the Village.

Bidding on and winning an item will be simple:

1. View & bid on each item on display at participating businesses using the the QR Code.
2. You can view and bid on all auction items online at [brookslefeberauctions.com](http://brookslefeberauctions.com).
3. Join FB Live & bid at [brookslefeberauctions.com](http://brookslefeberauctions.com) on Friday, December 17th at 7:00pm.

Remember, each unique handcrafted item is paired with a fabulous dessert from a local baker, just as Bob imagined. Of course, the actual dessert will not be on display as it will be baked fresh for the Dec 17th auction.



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- EBC – Hugh Dunn's Rustic Table
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- Katy's Café – Dan Aldrich Aerial Photo
- Katy's Café – "Dine Ellicottville" Gift Card Basket
- Kazoo II – Ed Frederickson's Bow Pie Box
- Madigan's – Ed Frederickson's Octagon Pie Box
- MSG – Ed Frederickson's Bow Pie Box
- Purple Doorknob – An Original McCarthy Pie Box
- Gin Mill – Foursome at Springville Country Club
- Silver Fox – Bob's Birdhouse & Wine
- Villaggio – Ed Frederickson's Night Table
- Ellicottville Coffee Co. – Wooden Star Box
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One of the favorites, the Traditional Irish Whiskey Basket, is not part of the online auction, so you can only bid on it in person at E-Ville Sprints & Wines located on Monroe St. Donated by Cynthia Gibbons and Mike Kay, this fabulous basket includes 6 unique bottles of Irish Whiskey and other surprises.

Get into the spirit of the season by participating in 'Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas'

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# BUSINESS

## NEW NAME, SAME REPUTATION

Kabob House re-opens its doors, reviving the Mediterranean in downtown EVL



By CAITLIN CROFT

Kabob House re-opens its doors for the winter season with a new name and a new look. Chef Sultan and Amber Rafi, owners/operators, have been hard at work to ensure that your dining experience is full of flavor and enjoyment. Amber took time out of her busy holiday schedule to fill us in on everything Kabob House.

**CAITLIN:** The biggest news is the name change from Rafi's Platter by Amber to Kabob House ... tell me about that, I love it!

**AMBER:** We changed the name because of our location in Olean - Rafi's Platter; it was getting confusing. Plus being in a town where the people come from all over, we needed something neutral for better branding. Now people don't ask what kind of food - they know what to expect.

**CAITLIN:** From personal experience the service at Kabob House has been attentive and friendly. It seems like you have a great team in place. Tell me about them.

**AMBER:** Our Staff Manager, Jannine, is working hard with our Head Server Jennifer Hall to deliver an experience when you dine. I work to empower them to implement the service we expect as owners. In the back of the house is my husband, chef Sultan, along with head cook, Xander. The two of them are directing the show.

**CAITLIN:** This wouldn't be an article if I didn't talk about your tzatziki sauce, greek dressing and my obsession with both. But for real, I get extra to make breakfast tacos in the morning with the leftover kabobs and dressings. What makes it different?

**AMBER:** Family recipes coupled with my love to create. I make the flavors and recipes by constantly playing with spices. To me, cooking is an art. Chef Sultan and I developed the menu together. We aim to enhance the flavors that Mediterranean offer, so it works for every pallet.

Kabob House is always on the lookout for ways to improve. And there is constantly something new and exciting coming out of their kitchen. Another of my favorites is the Tandoori Chicken Morsels served with a mango chutney. This is newer to the classic menu we have come to know and love. But we must talk about my absolute favorite ... the rack of lamb special. These are legitimate meat lollipops that fall right off the bone. A must-try whether you enjoy takeaway cozy at home or dining out with friends.

Kabob House is located in downtown Ellicottville at 32 Washington Street. You can experience this one-of-a-kind Mediterranean fusion Tuesday through Thursday until 9:00pm and Friday/Saturday until 10:00pm. Find them on Facebook and soon Instagram. Look out for their new Tuesday and midweek specials! For take-out, call 716-699-1018.

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## GI THREADS

Vintage and distressed clothing leads Gabby Iuculano to her dream job



By MARY HEYL

Who says you can't open a business in the middle of a global pandemic? Certainly not Gabby Iuculano, who not only started her own business in Lakewood, but also opened a second location in Ellicottville this fall! GI Threads, located at 29 Washington Street in Ellicottville, is a clothing and gift boutique that offers a wide range of fashionable wardrobe pieces, beautiful décor, and unique gifts - a must-stop shop this holiday season!

According to Yelp data, over 500,000 new businesses have opened in the United States since March 2020, a surprising number given the economic turmoil of the past two years. In fact, GI Threads owner Gabby Iuculano never imagined she'd find herself among these intrepid entrepreneurs, but since opening her doors last year, she can't imagine being anywhere else.

"I never thought I'd be in this position," said Iuculano on a busy Saturday morning in her Ellicottville location. "In March of 2020, I was playing basketball for Jamestown Community College, but then we couldn't do that at the time. I was bored out of my mind, so I started reworking vintage tees, distressing and washing old Levis, and just having fun with it." She shared photos of her clothing with her friends and Instagram followers, and soon, her side hobby quickly grew into a business that needed a brick-and-mortar location to keep up with demand.

"We started in Lakewood in a tiny little shop," she recalled. "It was a great starting point, and I wouldn't be anywhere without that store! Now, I have two locations in Bemus Point and Ellicottville. I opened in Ellicottville right before Fall Fest on October 7th."

Although vintage and distressed clothing is how GI Threads began, the business now carries new clothing, footwear, accessories, gifts, and décor from companies including Alo Yoga, Barefoot Dreams, Dolce Vita, Steve Madden, Nordic Beach, Z Supply, Mudpie, Demdaco, Dr. Squatch Soap, and many more. Iuculano said, "We have about 100 different wholesalers - probably more than that! Right now, it's a little tougher because there have been product shortages, but our wholesalers have been really good about keeping us in stock."

While online retailers can create significant challenges for small brick-and-mortar businesses like GI Threads, these challenges have actually created opportunities for the store to grow. It's true that many people turned to online shopping when the pandemic began, but Iuculano pointed out that shopping in an actual store is an experience that many people have missed and even prefer to the online experience. "I love being able to go into a store, try something on, touch and feel the different pieces," she said. "You don't get that when you shop online."

When customers visit Iuculano's brick and mortar locations, they completely avoid the stress of online retailers' "out of stock" notifications and shipping delays, which together have become a growing problem for nearly all gift-giving occasions since the pandemic began. "We have really anything you need for the holidays," Iuculano said. "There are so many great gifts - lots of Ellicottville and Buffalo Bills items - stocking stuffers, and great décor to get ready for hosting people!" What's not to love about a flannel sherpa jacket, a Buffalo plaid stainless steel tumbler, or a FLIKR portable fireplace that runs on rubbing alcohol?

According to Iuculano, opening and growing her own business over the past year and

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## LOCAL ARTIST CONNECTION: CHRIS MALONEY

Playing in bars before he could legally be in one, Chris Maloney takes his lifelong love of music and makes it a full-time gig; Find him Sundays at Villaggio

By MELANIE HULICK



### A Conversation with Maloney



**HULICK:** How long have you been performing?

**MALONEY:** About 30 years now.

**HULICK:** Do you do this full-time?

**MALONEY:** Yes.

**HULICK:** Right now you are currently playing at Villaggio in Ellicottville. Do you play other venues in the WNY area?

**MALONEY:** Well I play at Villaggio every Sunday night from 5:30-8:30pm. I'm from Elma and I play a lot around there, Buffalo and the suburbs. Over the summer I do the Grand Lady, which is out behind RiverWorks. It's a tour boat that has dinner cruises and brunch cruises.

**HULICK:** What type of music do you do?

**MALONEY:** I'm known for playing covers of pretty much all genres of music acoustically. My sets are always different. I take my cue from the type of audience I am playing for. I've been doing this for so many years, that I get a feel of what they like. If it's an older crowd I'll typically do some Paul Simon, Jim Croce and James Taylor. If it's a younger crowd I'll do some Dave Matthews and Bruno Mars.

**HULICK:** Have you always been interested in music?

**MALONEY:** Yes, ever since I was a teenager I was playing in bands out in bars before I was old enough to be in a bar. Music has always been my outlet and it's kind of a neat thing that I share that with other acoustic artists who consider music their outlet.

**HULICK:** Covid really disrupted the entertainment industry ...

**MALONEY:** Yes it has been really difficult. It's been really rough on the venues where we played as well. All of our hands have been tied. I'm just thankful to be getting back at it.

**HULICK:** Who were your musical influences?

**MALONEY:** My Dad is at the top of the list. He played and sang and I just wanted to be like him. My other influences growing up were Paul Simon, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Michael Jackson, as a kid. Then more and more influences as I got older. Being inspired and influenced by music is an ongoing thing for me. I find or write something new everyday.

**HULICK:** Let's talk Christmas! With it being right around the corner, let's have a little fun. Where will you be spending Christmas?

**MALONEY:** We always go to my parents' house.

**HULICK:** Do you have a favorite holiday food or recipe?

**MALONEY:** We always do the turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

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

**MALONEY:** Wow ... that's a great question! I would say my favorite gift came a little later in life and my sister got it for me. It was an autobiography of Bob Dylan. I was really in a big Bob Dylan phase at the time and at that time my sister lived in Pittsburgh, so she wouldn't have known that connection and somehow she got that book for me. I guess that was more emotional for me than anything. It was a good book by the way!

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

**MALONEY:** My favorite Christmas carol is Little Drummer Boy and my favorite Christmas song is called "A Christmas Song" by Dave Matthews. It's just a beautiful song.

**HULICK:** Thanks for spending some time with me. Merry Christmas Chris!

**MALONEY:** It's been a pleasure Melanie. Merry Christmas to you and all your readers.

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Maloney has been playing and singing for most of his life and enjoys the connections that he makes with the people who come out to hear him.

Born in Buffalo, Chris's Mom and Dad moved the family to Texas when he was about one year old. Moving back for his high school years, he and his parents are staying for good. Telling Chris how I and my husband are both "transplants" from Ohio and Pennsylvania since 1986, we both understood why we call this area home. There's no place like WNY.

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Asking him if he writes or records his own music he replied, "I do write and record music, but it is mostly just for me. I haven't really put any of it out there for people to hear."

Chris was a lot of fun to talk to and I am excited to bring you our conversation. Since Christmas is right around the corner, we had a little fun talking about some of his favorite things about the holiday, as you will read here.

So over the holidays, take some time to unwind and go listen to Chris. Make sure to stop by and say hello to him. He would love that. Merry Christmas everyone!

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BY CAITLIN CROFT

The Lions Club ... we all “know” about them, but would you be able to explain to a friend what they actually do? In most cases, the answer is probably no. You may grasp for, “oh, the people who collect glasses ...” or “I have seen the bubble gum machines.” Seeing that there was a lack of visibility on this great organization, Bob Illig and I put our heads together for this piece.

Sitting in our favorite place to chat and enjoy lattes, Katy’s Cafe, Bob filled me in on the Lions Club and all they stand for. There is a slogan for the club: “Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nations’ Safety.” Let’s take it back ...

The founding father, Melvin Jones, saw the social problems brought on by World War I and rapid industrialization. In response to his observations in 1917, he called for business club leaders from all over the country to form the Lions Club. It was decided the focus would be to move past the issues of business and address the betterment of their communities and the world. “The Ellicottville chapter is a fun loving group of like-minded individuals,” Illig told me.

The chapter here has seen its fair share of struggles over the past years. (We do not need to dig into the why ... I can only type about the “new normal” for so long.) The Lions Club is about being a part of something outside yourself. “Helping out feels good and we need more involvement from the next generation,” said Illig, and this is something I would echo to myself. In my own experience, working with various charitable organizations, writing for the paper, coaching, etc. allows me to be around people from different generations and it pushes my own “millennial thinking”.

In the local community at Christmas time, the Lions Club creates food and toiletry bundles for the schools to give to families in need. “The schools do a great job of communicating to us how many families to purchase for,” explained Illig. “We send packages to Ellicottville, Franklinville and West Valley.” ... Local Lions Club programs include sight conservation, hearing and speech conservation, diabetes awareness, youth outreach, international relations, environmental issues, and many other programs.

Another curious thing to me while hunting around on the internet for this article is that the Lions Club forbids discussion of partisan politics and sectarian religion. As someone who is very politically minded, it is important to remember when it comes to betterment of society these two things can slow progress. It is always best to focus on your immediate community and how you can support yourselves and then others.

The Lions’ motto is “We Serve”, which is akin to the ethos of Ellicottville. We aim to serve our locals and visitors with the highest and best service, and these characteristics have earned this area award after award for not just a few years, but generations. To me, that is a testament to the hardworking people in and around Ellicottville and sometimes they need support. It is good to know that the Lions Club and programs similar in nature exist in an area commonly overlooked when it comes to public funding.

In what was supposed to be a full interview with pre-planned questions, our conversation turned into a brainstorming session for the future. I am excited to see where the Lions Club in Ellicottville goes, and if you are looking to get involved without a major time commitment, I highly recommend the Lions Club. They have grown into a worldwide organization helping those in need.

Bob left me with this: “It is important in a community to belong to something. You need to be a representative that cares about belonging to something outside yourself, and what better than an established organization such as the Lions Club.”

The Ellicottville chapter meets approx. 7 to 8 times per year at Dina’s Restaurant with the next meeting scheduled for February 1st at 6:00pm. Show up and see what they are all about ... I promise you won’t regret it!

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# GIVING BACK

## KALEIGH WILDAY FUND

Several Ellicottville organizations, including the arboretum, receive grant funding



**Skip Wilday (center) with Nannen Arboretum Society Board members and advocates Nan Miller (left) and Pat Kerl (right).**

OLEAN - Again this year, the annual grants made from the Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund include several Ellicottville-based organizations, honoring the outpouring of love and support that the Wilday family has received from the Ellicottville community since the establishment of the Kaleigh Wilday Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation.

Skip and Greta Wilday, now Ellicottville residents, have deep family ties within the community. As avid skiers and outdoor enthusiasts, the Wilday family spends much of the winter months in Ellicottville. That time led to lasting friendships.

When Skip and Greta's daughter, Kaleigh, passed away tragically in 2002 and they decided to establish the Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund in her memory, the Wildays saw and felt the love that their friends in Ellicottville showed in supporting the fund. Over the years, the Wilday Fund has provided over \$145,000 in grants that support youth development programming and activities for youth as well as scholarships for area students, in Kaleigh's memory.

Grants are made each year on or around November 10th, Kaleigh's birthday.

This year's grants included four grants to Ellicottville-based organizations. The Ellicottville/Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund, Ellicottville Memorial Library, and Ellicottville Skatepark Fund each received \$1,000. The Ellicottville Memorial Library grant was made in memory of Edna Northrup. The Nannen Arboretum Society received \$500.

The Ellicottville/Great Valley Recreational Trail Fund at CRCF supports the efforts to build a recreational trail that will connect locations in Ellicottville and Great Valley. The first section of the trail was cleared in 2019.

The Ellicottville Skatepark Fund, also managed by CRCF, supports fundraising efforts to build and maintain a large, concrete skatepark in Ellicottville. Recently, the Ellicottville Skatepark Fund hit its fundraising goal of \$250,000, but the group is continuing its fundraising efforts to ensure that the skatepark built is the best it can be for area residents and to support future maintenance needs.

The Nannen Arboretum provides home garden and natural resource education and an opportunity for nature appreciation and leisure for Ellicottville residents.

Other grants this year, each for \$1,000, include:

- Cuba-Rushford PTA
- Cuba-Rushford Central School Alaska Trip Fund (CRCS Outdoors program)
- Cuba Circulating Library for youth programs,
- Kaleigh Wilday Every Kid Deserves a Y Fund at the YMCA of the Twin Tiers
- Olean General Hospital Foundation
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This year's grants total \$10,500.

The fund also supports two annual scholarships: the Kaleigh Wilday Scholar Athlete Award for a Cuba-Rushford Central School graduating senior who has played on a scholar-athlete team, and an annual \$1,000 scholarship for a Cuba-Rushford graduate attending Jamestown Community College.

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## CHILDREN IN THE ARTS

New fund created by the Fox Derwick family opens up doors for Olean youth



**From left to right: Hannah Derwick, Scott Derwick, Paula Fox Derwick, Alex Derwick, Liyah Derwick, William Fox and Sondra Fox.**

OLEAN - Recently established at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, the Fox Derwick Family Supporting Children in the Arts Fund will provide children and youth in the Olean community financial support to attend classes and programs in the fine and performing arts.

Grants from the fund will be made to offset program expenses and tuition for youth with financial barriers that may otherwise prohibit them from accessing the programs offered by three organizations - the Neighborhood School of Dance, Olean Theatre Workshop and Tri-County Arts Council.

The fund was established by Paula Fox Derwick, Scott Derwick, Sondra Fox and William Fox in honor of Paula and Scott's children, Alex, Hannah and Liyah Derwick. The idea to establish the fund was cemented while watching Liyah, who is now 11, thrive in these programs. Liyah is currently enrolled in six classes at the Neighborhood School of Dance, is actively involved in Olean Theatre Workshop and has taken classes and workshops through the Tri-County Arts Council.

"Because of our adopting journey with Liyah, we became more aware of the need for families that have a disadvantage financially to be able to offer these extras to their kids," Paula said. "We call them extracurricular, but they're not - they're so needed. We want children and youth to be able to figure out different, and hopefully healthier ways to express themselves."

The three organizations that the fund will support have been instrumental in the lives of each of the Derwick's children.

"Growing up in a smaller town like Olean was tough. I was one of those people who saw a movie and was like, 'I wish I was doing that!' or doing something really big artistically," Alex recalled. "It's sort of tough in a smaller town to have such gigantic aspirations, but it's really cool that there are arts programs."

From a young age, Alex discovered that the arts were his true passion. Programs through the Arts Council and Olean Theatre Workshop, as well as the encouragement of an art teacher, helped him embrace and pursue that passion.

"I had an amazing art teacher in high school, Kelly O'Brien, who in a lot of ways helped me actually get everything together to apply to SUNY Purchase, which was my undergraduate alma mater," he said. "For an hour each morning, we would just drink coffee and draw and paint to get ready for me to get into college. It is people like that and extracurricular activities that can influence you and drive you to want to do something more with your life that you may not be sure you are capable of. That's the power of these types of programs."

Alex now owns and operates a print shop, The Bigfoot Press in Bangor, PA, with three friends he met at SUNY Purchase, where he studied printmaking.

While Hannah, who works in research at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, may not have gone on to a career in the arts, she said that the programs offered by the three grant recipient organizations have played an important role in her life.

She was involved with Neighborhood School of Dance for more than 10 years. While she does not consider herself a dancer, she said that the program fostered confidence and

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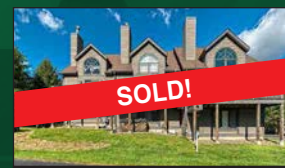
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# REGIONAL

## Greater Olean Area Chamber announces availability of 2022 Squirrel Calendar + Trivia Contest

By **KATHLEEN KELLOGG**

OLEAN - Woodland in the City (Woodland) and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce (GOACC) have created the fifteenth edition of the Woodland in the City Squirrel Calendar for 2022! The calendar features local families who turned in photos with their relatives appearing with the squirrels throughout Olean.

Once again, this edition includes information on all the squirrels in town. It also showcases National Squirrel Day, National Squirrel Awareness Month, and many 'nuts' days – peanut, almond, etc. A map depicting locations of all squirrels is also listed inside. The calendar, sold at the GOACC office, sells for \$10 with limited copies (100) available.

In other squirrel news, GOACC has many squirrel items/memorabilia for sale. The Chamber has peace love and squirrel tees, plush squirrels, a squirrel ornament, Woodland squirrel bookmarks, and the third printed edition of Woodland in the City Squirrel Guide Book. Items range from \$1 - \$15. Most of the items listed above, including the squirrel calendar, can also be purchased online at [shop.oleanny.com](http://shop.oleanny.com).

GOACC's holiday hours are 8:00am-5:30pm Monday through Friday until December 23rd. For more information on the squirrel retail items, please stop in the GOACC office at 301 North Union Street, Olean, or call 716-372-4433.

### SMALL BUSINESS TRIVIA

The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is challenging you with a game of Small Business Trivia. Purchase a card for \$5 available at the GOACC office and let the fun begin! If you think you know your local businesses pretty well, the Chamber is challenging you to put that theory to the test and maybe win yourself some Chamber gift certificates.

"At the Chamber, we are always looking for ways to support our members and engage the community," stated Erica Dreher, Member Services Manager. "Hopefully, this trivia game will get you thinking about the businesses in town you may have forgotten or not known about at all. We will also be adding extra entries for every receipt attached to your card from purchases made at these local spots. We hope people will have fun figuring out the places on this card and go out and support them."

Cards are on sale now, and the more cards sold, the more money you can win! Total number of cards sold x \$5 in Chamber gift certificates will go to one lucky winner. One complete card with all answers correct gets you one entry, plus extra entries for bonus questions answered correctly, and as stated above, for purchases at locations on the card. For more information call 716-372-4433 or email [erica@oleanny.com](mailto:erica@oleanny.com).

### Holiday Valley Offering Covid Testing

HOLIDAY VALLEY - A second COVID-19 testing site in the Ellicottville area will be available starting Thursday, December 9, 2021. The location is in the Holiday Valley Facilities building at 6129 US Route 219, just south of the Ellicottville Health Center. Testing times are Thursdays from 2:00-6:00pm, Fridays from 2:00-6:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am-1:00pm. PCR (molecular) and antigen tests are performed at no cost, thanks to Community Testing Service. The rapid test results are available within 5 to 10 minutes and the PCR test results are available within 24 to 48 hours. Appointments and insurance are not required.

### Christmas Movie Marathon at the Library

Join the Ellicottville Memorial Library on Thursday, December 23rd for a Christmas Movie Marathon! A selection of children's Christmas movies will be playing inside the library from 10:00am-4:00pm; stop in for a movie or stay all day! Library staff will have some tasty holiday treats to share, but children should bring a lunch if they plan to stay for the day. Movie choices include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, A Charlie Brown Christmas, Arthur Christmas, Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, The Polar Express, Frosty the Snowman, and The Muppet Christmas Carol. For questions, please call 716-699-2842 or email [info@ellicottvillelibrary.org](mailto:info@ellicottvillelibrary.org).

## CCIDA Will Back Financial Incentives for Allegany Crossings LLC

By **KATHLEEN KELLOGG**

The Cattaraugus County Industrial Development Agency Board, meeting Tuesday, Dec. 7th in Ellicottville, agreed to an inducement resolution for the estimated \$12 million project that will be spent to convert the former Kmart shopping center to self-storage units and retail businesses. The project is touted as a potential "gateway" to the community because of its location at Exit 24 along I-86.

According to CCIDA Director Corey Wiktor, Developer Cornell Capital Holdings, headed by Olean native Dana Cornell and his New Jersey partners, intends to renovate the 60,000 square foot structure to accommodate climate-controlled self-storage, and to create another 40,000 square feet for tenants.

Tuesday's vote means the project will provide partial abatements in sales and use taxes and mortgage recording taxes under the 10-year payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) arrangement for the added value of the improvements. It is expected that new real property revenue of about \$355,028 will be returned to taxing authorities as PILOT payments. As an "adaptive re-use" project, property and school taxes will remain at the current level for the life of the PILOT, for tax abatements of about \$1,616,052 based on the projected \$12 million investment. The CCIDA backing will provide a sales tax exemption of \$480,000 on expenditures estimated at \$6 million, along with a mortgage recording tax abatement of \$90,000, based on a projected \$9 million mortgage. Developers promise to create about 40 local construction jobs, as well as two full-time permanent positions within two years of completion.

The 23-acre property has been vacant for decades, but a former developer had spent \$800,000 to replace the building's roof and the Cornell group has now begun preliminary cleanup and demolition at the site.

"If you drive by you'll notice quite a change," Wiktor told Board members, adding that an Allegany contractor, Kinley Corporation, is on the job. "You can't get more local than that."

The Allegany Town Planning Board, as lead agent, has declared the project will have no adverse environmental impacts.

Wiktor told Board members potential tenants have approached him about possibilities for further development associated with the conversion.

The Board then reviewed the status of two area solar projects, approving a lease arrange-

ment and assistance for Pivot Solar NY 3 LLC's proposed 2.3 MW community solar array at 11165 Worden Rd. in Delevan. Gordon Woodcock, of Project Development in Community Solar, appeared on behalf of Pivot and said Pioneer Central School and the Yorkshire Town Board have submitted letters of support.

The solar installation will be constructed on about 14 acres of a 141-acre agricultural property and will cost around \$4,677,500, creating one full-time job, along with three part-time independent-contractor jobs. In a 25-year payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement, the company will receive a partial real property tax abatement totaling \$3.3 million and will make \$481,262 in PILOT payments over 25 years, based on a \$6,000-per-megawatt payment formula that will factor in annual increases of 3%.

The town's Planning Board will act as lead agency in the project and has determined there is no need for an environmental impact statement because there are no major environmental impacts expected. Pivot will be required to perform decommissioning and restoration of the project site at the end of the 25-year agreement.

Also authorized was a one-year delay in the start of the December 2019 PILOT agreement terms for developer of the West Valley Solar LLC Project. The action comes on the the Board's vote in October to amend the PILOT when West Valley Solar claimed construction delays.

The clock will be started again for 5 MW solar arrays on 54 acres straddling Buttermilk Rd. at the 3,300-acre former Western New York Nuclear Service Center, this time to enable a merger involving West Valley Solar. The project's parent company, BQ Energy LLC, will combine the West Valley with seven other projects as part of a merger. The merged company will be called DG West Valley Solar, LLC.

According to CCIDA attorney Robert G. Murray of Harris Beach PLLC, the agency's acceptance of the merger required an "omnibus" resolution and allows BQ Energy to collateralize all its solar projects under development, as a "massive restructuring" takes shape to include projects in Allegany, Cortland, and Jefferson Counties. Board members briefly discussed the solar industry's potential for selling or merging smaller solar developments as energy credits run out and the possibility for future applications followed by mergers.

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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Core Performance: Tips to Keep Your Fitness and Diet on Track During the Holidays

BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

The holidays can be a real challenging time of year for your waistline and fitness routines. You may wonder, "Is it possible to celebrate the season without packing on extra pounds?" The answer is YES!

Being health-conscious doesn't necessarily mean that you can't enjoy the holiday season and have a little bit of what you fancy. It simply means that you should continue to be vigilant and be prepared for the festivities.

There are many ways in which you can help to strike a balance between maintaining a healthy diet and joining in the fun. For instance, start your day off with exercise. Exercising in the morning can help ensure better behavior all day long, according to a study published in the journal *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*. Using brain scans, researchers found that when women worked out in the a.m., they not only moved more the rest of the day, but they also responded less to pictures of tempting food compared with the days they didn't do a morning workout. The upshot: fewer cravings for high-fat fare.

Also, avoid banking calories. Cutting back all day so you can indulge at an event that night only sets you up for a pig-out. Why? Because you're freaking starving! "It's easy to get out of control when you're faced with high-calorie choices," says Tanya Zuckerbrot, RD, author of *The Miracle Carb Diet*. "Be sure to eat healthy throughout the day, aiming for lots of fruits and veggies, whole grains, and lean protein."

Choose your alcoholic beverages carefully - trust me when I tell you this IS a struggle - but it can be the difference between a handful of calories and a few hundred calories, which adds up significantly when multiplied by half a dozen cocktails (or a dozen?) throughout the evening. I have found if you alternate a glass of water and a drink, you can save yourself a lot of extra calories.

It's really tempting to throw on baggy sweaters and loose pants this time of year, but wearing form-fitting clothes can actually make you pay more attention to what you eat and whether your body changes from week to week. If the pants you put on last week feel a little tight this week, don't throw them in the back of your closet! Wear them anyway,



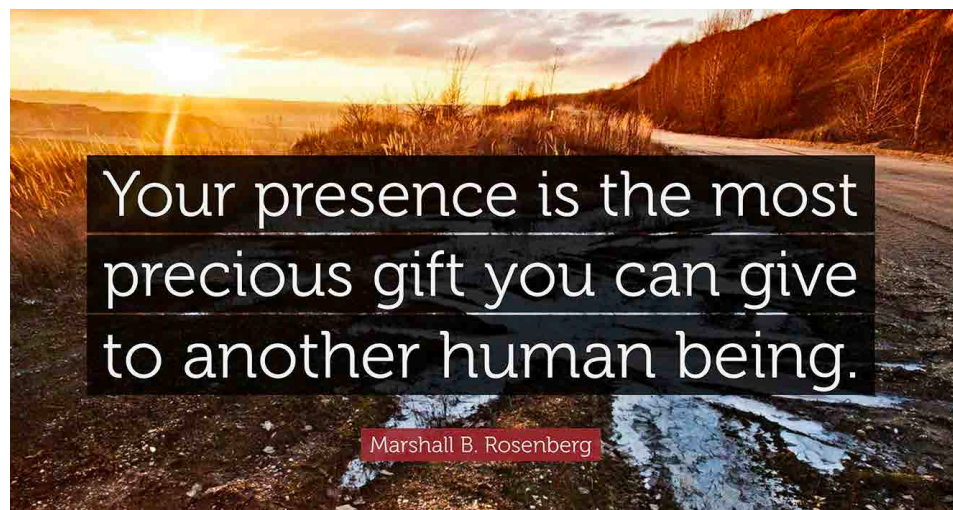
and just pay more attention to your other healthy habits.

And lastly, be awesome the next day! Don't let one night ruin your next day. Just because the holidays are a time to celebrate, doesn't mean every day needs to be a celebration. Set aside one or two nights a week to really enjoy yourself, but stick to your usual routine the rest of the time.

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## Staying Connected: The Gift of Presence

BY TREVOR BRACHMANN



As the days get darker and the air gets colder at the start of the winter months, humanity prepares to celebrate the year they have had and the return of light moving forward with a myriad of religious holidays. These days, the earth and star-centered origins of these ceremonies are a bit clouded, but the importance of family and keeping the light shining through the dark in the form of holiday exuberance remains. In my opinion, that is the key during the winter - finding the things and cherishing the people that bring us the light and warmth from the source of our own center during a time when we are typically spending more of our time inside - literally and figuratively - exploring our mind and hearts in self reflection.

Lately, there has been a tendency for the phase of capitalism and expectations on the consumers to 'rule the days' leading up to our celebratory gatherings - for us to host our guests just right, of filling the coffers and meeting the demands of our starry eyed children and others we love. We are constantly being sold the dream that we don't have whatever 'it' is, and that we need it. We can very easily generate a lot of stress by putting demands on ourselves, oftentimes imposed only by ourselves and what we think we need to make things just right for everyone else.

People may have expectations, but for the most part, the people who love us want you to feel good. We want the happiness and joy to be reciprocal, and that comes from gratitude and appreciation. We may impose the expectation that to receive that we need to provide objects and gifts. Presents. However, in reality - especially in the day and age of screen-glued eyes - a deeply appreciated and increasingly rare gift is our presence. Holding space for someone who needs it. Truly listening to someone's expressions. Supporting and encouraging someone who is down or someone who is trying something new.

It is a wonderful feeling to see someone you care about unwrap a gift and beam with excitement and surprise. I'm not discouraging this form of giving. Rather trying to encourage cherished memories to be made, relationships to be deepened, realization and appreciation for the amazing connections you have in your life. These are things that will live on long after people pass or go their separate ways; after your children grow and fly from the nest. Say yes when you can, and no when you have to. Don't overextend yourself. Try not to place yourself in situations or conversations that could build resentment. Be authentic. Be patient. Be encouraging.

Being present with those around you means also being present with yourself and recognizing how you truly feel. From there, move forward with grace and care for yourself and for those around you.

I feel pretty blessed to have grown up in Ellicottville, with the community virtually centered around the winter months. Once the snow flies the whole town starts buzzing with excitement and activity. I spent a lot of my summer days just waiting for the time when I could get back on the slopes. That is certainly not the case for a lot of folks. Winter can be a cold dark time with not a lot going on. If you don't have a winter activity and aren't interested in finding yourself out in it, be a little extra patient and present with yourself. Take some Vitamin D, try to find some form of activity and exercise, some craft to master. And if you still find yourself in some sort of unsavory attitude, do your best to be honest and open without paying it forward. An open mind and an open heart leaves room for more light to get in, and our attitudes are contagious.

*Trevor Brachmann is an artist, beekeeper and a budding small farmer living just outside of the village. He is currently undertaking a fine jewelry education course and looks forward to sharing his work in the not-so-distant future. Trevor finds his inspiration in nature and through the wonderful people around him.*

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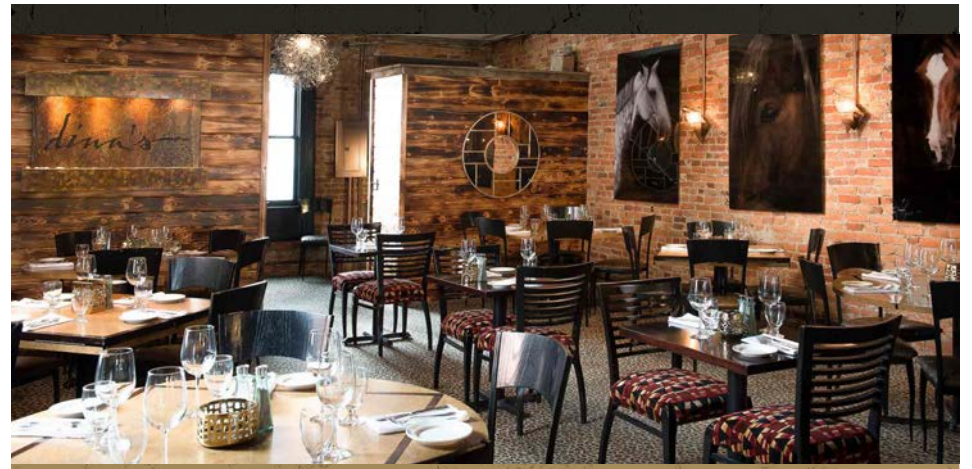


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**"THE JACK":** For the non-meat eater, let's "tac-o-bout" chef Joey's taco of the week over at the Taqueria. The Jack is a delicious, 100% vegan option filled with shredded jackfruit and seared pineapple, topped with candied red Fresnos, guava BBQ sauce, cilantro and chili flakes. I have yet to experience this colorful creation, but it's definitely on my "must try" list for this weekend. Taqueria's new menu items drop this Friday. Keep tabs on their IG page (@ellicottvilletapbottle).

Want to know what we think of The Jack? Follow us on IG (@ellicottvilleNOW) and check our Story regularly. We'll post up other good eats and #shoplocal product picks as well. #SupportSmallBusiness #HappyHolidays!

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## IRISH CHRISTMAS GOES VIRTUAL

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## GI THREADS

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a half has been an incredible experience that has brought her even closer to her family, especially the memory of her father. "Entrepreneurship runs in my family," she explained. "My dad owned his own construction company before he passed away. He has been my knight in shining armor, and I'm just trying to make him proud."

Iuculano is very excited to be in Ellicottville and wishes to thank the community for their support. "I'm extremely grateful to be in this community," she said. "I'm so happy to be here! I've received such a warm welcome, and my family and all my customers have been so supportive - it's absolutely amazing." GI Threads is open from 11:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Sunday. The website [www.gitreads.com](http://www.gitreads.com) continues to be updated, but customers can always check out the latest offerings on GI Threads' Facebook and Instagram pages.

## KALEIGH WILDAY FUND

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"We are so grateful to be able to give back to the areas of Kaleigh's life that were important to her," said Skip Wilday. "It is wonderful to still be able to keep her spirit alive in the Ellicottville area and surrounding communities. Thanks to the generosity of all of the donors over the years, we are able to continue to grow on the grants of the past and continue to support causes for our youth."

Donations can be made to the Kaleigh Wilday Endowment Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Olean, NY 14760 or online at [cattfoundation.org](http://cattfoundation.org).

## CHILDREN IN THE ARTS

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friendships during her youth. She also discovered a love of pottery through workshops at the Tri-County Arts Council.

"Those workshops definitely fostered a love of arts and crafts," she said. "It is a relaxing and fun activity for me and is a good way to challenge my mind."

As the name of the fund indicates, the support and love of the arts is a family affair for the Derwicks. Paula's parents, William and Sondra Fox, helped foster a love for the arts in Paula and her brother, Billy, during their youth. They even drove Alex to Jamestown for art classes to foster and support his passion and craft.

Through the fund, that family love for the arts will be carried on and will provide support for youth in accessing the arts for many years to come, which means a great deal to them.

"I've seen the positive impact on all three kids and it's amazing," said Scott. "I just think it's exciting that we can have a goal to create a fund that will be around long after we're gone that can still have a positive impact on the kids of Olean."

Alex echoed that sentiment. "I'm really excited about more people in our community that may not have the access otherwise having a chance to find out that they have a love for these things once they get up on the stage or get a pencil or paintbrush in their hand," he said. "Once the practice starts and you find out that you love it, it's something you just can't turn off, and it's a really beautiful thing."

For Paula, this fund is another step in embodying a family value in giving back to the community. "I've always tried to practice giving back to the community with our kids," she said. "This is just another way to honor these three organizations that have played critical roles in my children's lives and being able to give back to our community in some way is just the Fox Derwick family way."

It is the significance of the causes supported that make giving back all that more important to them. "If we can play some role in making sure that these programs always exist in Olean, then we have done our job," she concluded.

"I applaud the Fox and Derwick families for their vision and generosity in supporting the arts in the community, especially for children," said Karen Niemic Buchheit, CRCF Executive Director. "Their examples show how enriching the arts of have been in their own lives and now they are 'paying forward' the same opportunities."

Donations can be made to the Fox Derwick Family Supporting Children in the Arts Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760 or online at [cattfoundation.org](http://cattfoundation.org).

## MEETING NOTES: CCIDA

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BQ Energy has focused on brownfield development for its projects. Once the 10 MW West Valley Solar array is built, the sponsor intends to dedicate 2 MW of energy for the community use and 8 MW for larger consumers.

Wiktor updated the Board on the progress of the Great Lakes Cheese Co. project in Franklinville, which was expected to soon close on a 180-acre land acquisition and PI-LOT Agreement. He noted that the Agency is being reimbursed for all expenses. He also reported that the developer will follow recommendations from the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to not disturb the burial site of a long-ago resident. He said the developer decided to place a 50-foot buffer around the spot and on Dec. 6th had received verification of the burial site in an archaeological study. Also, a public review is underway for a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit, to allow release to Ischua Creek of more than 700,000 gallons of water from milk processing. He said approval is expected in January and there are "lesser concerns" for air quality, referring to a tall filtration stack to divert emissions away from a nearby trailer park and school.

During upbeat discussion regarding the health of the agency's Financial Reports, Wiktor predicted several more solar projects will come forward for approval and three to five new applications will enter the process in January.

He said the agency has been "kept busy" with \$120 million in investments for 19 projects in 2020, and in 2021 there have been 12 projects valued at \$534 million.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

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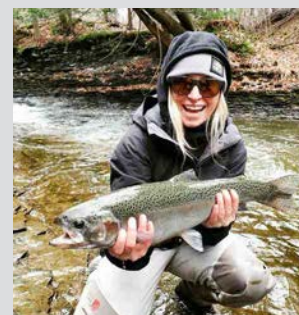
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