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# Publisher's PICK

Ski & Snowboard Raffle / SOUP-to-SKATE event raising money for the Ellicottville Skatepark





#### By Anjanette Nicolazzo

It's a growing sport. One that has no boundaries. Skateboarding welcomes everyone, regardless of age, race, or tax bracket. Public skateparks are popping up in communities across the U.S., encouraging our youth to get outdoors and be active. It's an affordable sport that can cut down on your child's screen time, while providing them with much-needed exercise in a world that heavily depends on technology for entertainment. The best, but most overlooked part? It's a great way to make new friends.

The Village of Ellicottville, in partnership with a group of local skateboarding advocates dubbed SK8EVL, has been awarded a Built to Play Skatepark Grant through the Tony Hawk Foundation and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation. Built to Play Skatepark Grants offer up to \$250,000 in matching funds to public skatepark projects across western New York and southeast Michigan. Through the same grant program, Ellicottville also received a \$50,000 Environmental Impact Award to fund processes and design features that would lessen the environmental impact of the proposed concrete skatepark.

Fundraising efforts to raise the match for the Ellicottville Skatepark are underway, with the most recent being a ski and snowboard raffle. Thanks to generous donations from Mud, Sweat n' Gears - a pair of skis - and Doug Anderson - a snowboard - SK8EVL has been busy selling raffle tickets, with the drawing taking place during the Bad Ski Suit Party at Madigan's on Saturday, Feb. 29th. Madigan's has stepped up to the plate as well, offering to donate the entry fees from their event to the Ellicottville Skatepark.

"We're grateful for the support of our local businesses, the community, and our visitors," said SK8EVL committee member Brenda Perks. "We are excited about this project, and we're taking every opportunity we can to advocate for it. Holiday Valley and HoliMont recently provided us with space to set up an information table and sell tickets for the raffle, and it was a pleasure to talk with so many people who expressed their support to have a skatepark here in Ellicottville. In a resort town such as this, having a state-of-the-art skatepark is a perfect fit!"

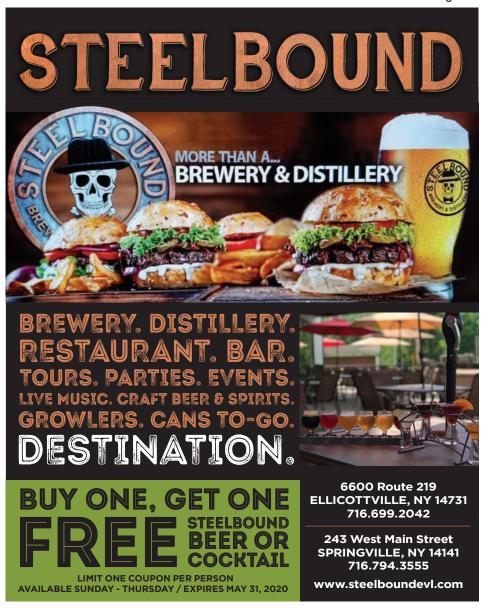
SK8EVL has a number of fundraising events in the works, with the next one booked for the end of March. SOUP-to-SKATE, a soup bowl fundraising event, is set for Sunday, March 29th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Finnerty's downtown Ellicottville location.

"This is a truly unique community fundraiser that showcases the creativity of our local students, along with delicious recipes from our community members," explained Perks. Upon arrival to the event, attendees will get to choose a one-of-a-kind ceramic bowl handmade by Ellicottville Central School and Allegany-Limestone Central School students under the direction of art teachers Deb McGowan and Nicole Missel. Fill your bowl with samples of salads, soups, chili and more. The bowl you choose is the bowl you get to take home!

A limited number of pre-sale tickets are available which guarantees you a student-made bowl. Pre-order your tickets for \$25 each at the Ellicottville SNOWED-IN / PaNDaGOAT Media office (9 W. Washington Street, Ellicottville), through any SK8EVL Committee member, or through Ms. McGowan at Ellicottville Central School.

There are also a limited number of spots open to compete in the Soup & Chili Cookoff. Gather up your most famous recipe to showcase at SOUP-to-SKATE. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Entry is FREE! The day will also feature live music and basket raffles, with all proceeds going towards the construction of the Ellicottville Skatepark. Every dollar raised will be matched by the Tony Hawk Foundation / Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation!

For additional information about SOUP-to-SKATE, to enter the soup & chili cookoff, or to donate an item for the basket raffles, contact Perks at ellicottvilleskatepark@gmail.com or 716-244-7573. If you cannot attend March 29th's SOUP-to-SKATE event, you can still support the cause. An Ellicottville Skatepark Fund has been established with the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to help raise the donations needed for the required match. Those wishing to donate to the fund can do so by visiting www.sk8evl.com.





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#### **WINTER CARNIVAL AT HOLIDAY VALLEY**

While March means the season is starting to wind down, that doesn't mean the fun has to. Winter Carnival, an action-packed weekend at Holiday Valley, provides fun for the entire family, and it will take place the weekend of March 14th-15th. Where to begin? It's difficult to name an event that's the most popular. Snowbar (which is exactly what it sounds like) draws a massive crowd at the bottom of Yodeler, where the snowmakers pile snow and create a giant ... bar made of snow. The snowmakers will serve you cold beers while music rocks, adding to the party atmosphere that includes lawn games and a hang bar contest. Activities for the kids include face painting, tubing and a scavenger hunt. On Sunday, plan for the Retro Synchro Ski Competition, then a Beer Slalom on Yodeler, the costume parade and the Dummy Downhill - the latter two are perennial favorites. Holiday Valley is offering a free Classic Season Pass to the best-dressed in Sunday's costume parade down Mardi Gras slope, so get creative! Winter Carnival goes non-stop all weekend, and you can find a full event schedule at www.holidayvalley.com.

#### CELEBRATING ELLICOTTVILLE'S BICENTENNIAL: FIRESIDE CHAT WITH EDNA NORTHRUP

Ellicottville celebrates its Bicentennial this year, and if there is anything you should make a point to attend during Holiday Valley's Winter Carnival, it's the Fireside Chat at Holiday Valley with local legend Edna Northrup. Edna, a matriarch of the town and one of the founders of Holiday Valley, will discuss historical stories at length upstairs in the Main Lodge. You'll also be able to peruse historical artifacts on loan from the Ellicottville Historical Society both Saturday and Sunday, March 14th and 15th from noon-3:00pm; Edna's chat will begin at 1:30pm sharp. Edna will tell you about how Holiday Valley was founded and some insight into the early years of the resort. Enjoy complimentary hot chocolate, mulled wine, Molson and a special whiskey distilled by Bryan Scharf's Ellicottville Distillery.

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# HOLIDAY VALLEY POND SKIMMING AND MOUNTAIN DOG COMPETITION

Whether you participate or watch, Pond Skimming is one of the best events Holiday Valley puts on all season. Skiers and snowboarders will attempt to skim across a manmade pond at the bottom of Yodeler on Saturday, March 28th. You'll laugh (at the costumes), you'll cry (at some of the crashes) and you will most certainly be entertained. Last year, someone dressed as a giant slice of pizza made it all the way across the pond holding a pizza box - which everyone thought was a simple prop, until he opened it up and started distributing fresh slices! Registration is free and begins at 11:00am, with the event starting at 1:00pm. Kids 18 and under need a parent signature to participate. All participants will receive a one-day pool pass for the Holiday Valley Pools. On the same day, the 2nd annual King of the Mountain dog competition takes place! Holiday Valley asks that only amateur dogs compete, and that your pup gets along well with others. Registration is free and begins at 11:00am with a maximum of 15 pups. A raffle will also be held to support a local animal shelter. Find more details about these events at www.holidayvalley.com.



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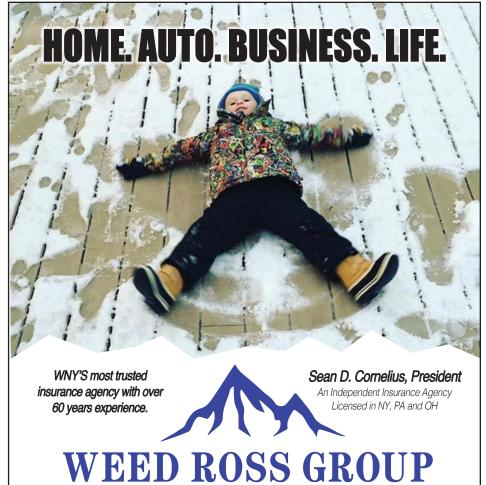
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HoliMont hosts original events every season like Contractor's Day. 600 area contractors and tradesmen came out this year for a fun day on the slopes. The event is sponsored by some of the largest companies in the region and beyond. Make sure to mark your calendar for next year's event which will take place towards the end of January.



The Snowsports programs have turned out some amazing winter athletes over the years. HoliMont skiers and snowboarders have competed at some of the largest venues on earth including the Winter Olympics! As a member at HoliMont, your kids can take part in our premier programs that will give



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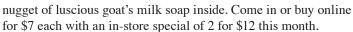
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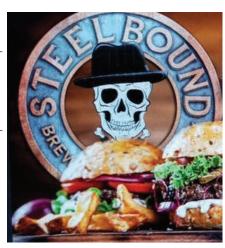
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# snowTRENDS

#### THE OFF-SEASON ... WHAT OFF-SEASON?

A Ski Town in Summer is Just as Exciting! Check Out These Warm Weather Events, Slopeside

By Anjanette Nicolazzo







#### HAPPY HALF, 5K AND BEER MILE Saturday, May 9th

From casual speed-walkers to seasoned runners prepping for an upcoming marathon, the Happy Half and 5k has something for everyone - including an official Beer Mile! This rolling, scenic course heads along the outskirts of Ellicottville, offering fast times and a super fun atmosphere. The race starts bright and early at the Main Lodge at Holiday Valley, with half marathoners taking flight at 10:00am, followed by 5k runners departing at 10:20am.

Known for its fun race distractions, including unicorns, bubbles, and smiley faces, runners can expect to have a high-energy morning at Holiday Valley's Main Lodge. Get amped at the race start with live music and an enthusiastic mc, and finish with a short, uphill climb back to the lodge. Both half marathoners and 5k runners receive a custom designed finisher's medal and a men's or women's specific t-shirt, included with entry fees. After you cross the finish line, hit the after-party for great food, entertainment, and beer provided by the award-winning Southern Tier Brewing Company.

If running 3+ miles isn't your style, or you're looking for another round of fun after you cross the finish, the Southern Tier Beer Mile starts at 1:45pm with two waves. The Beer Mile is simple: drink four beers, one every 1/4 mile. If you'd like to race with a team, a two-person beer relay starts at 2:00pm. Of course, all beer provided is from Southern Tier.

For more information and to sign up, visit happyhalfrun.com, or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/evlhalfmarathon (yes, this race is held by the same team who hosts the EVL Half and 5k). Although costumes are never required, feel free to wear your happiest outfit and check out past race pics. After all, this day is about putting the FUN into running.

#### HOLIDAY VALLEY MUDSLIDE Saturday, June 20th

This 10+ obstacle, family friendly mud run (celebrating its ninth year!) starts with a ride up the Spruce chairlift to the top of the mountain at Spruce Lake, runs along the ridgeline, then down the hill. Pick your poison by joining the long wave at 6 miles, or the short wave at 4 miles. Children as young as 7 years old can run on the 4 mile course, but they must be accompanied by an adult. A Kids' Mini-Mudslide course is a 1/2 mile long and includes several obstacles plus the mudslide.

The first waves of both the long and short courses are geared for those more aggressive participants that are interested in competing for event overall prizes; however, all waves are timed. In case you're feeling especially tough, the long wave offers a touch of uphill running.

With a max capacity of 1,200 competitors, pre-register online to save your spot and receive a discounted fee for early entry. Prices increase on May 13. All competitors will receive a swag bag packed with goodies, a finisher's medal, plus a hot dog and 2 beers (or beverages).

Certainly you'll finish the Mud Run a bit ... muddy. Changing facilities are available post-run. You can shower under the snow guns and change into dry clothes to enjoy the after party, mud-free!

The post-race party will be held on the Champagne Sundeck just outside Yodeler Lodge, with great music, games, and refreshments. Swing by Vendor Village to check out several local shops and fun booths. Friends, family, and spectators are welcome to purchase food and beverages and join in the fun!

For more information and to sign up, visit holidayvalley.com, or find them on Facebook at facebook.com/holidayvalleymudslide. Costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded to the most creative. Make the Mudslide a special weekend and enjoy special lodging rates at all Holiday Valley hotels and rental properties. Ask about adding tickets for Sky High Adventure Park to your lodging package!

#### SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Friday - Sunday, July 3rd, 4th & 5th

Known for hosting acts like Don Felder, former lead guitarist of the Eagles, America, and Pat Benetar, the Summer Music Festival will not disappoint! Headliners this July 4th include Tommy DeCarlo, the current lead singer of the band Boston, and the legendary Steve Augeri, former lead vocalist of Journey. The Buffalo Philharmonic wraps things up on Sunday the 5th, followed by a state-of-the-art fireworks display.

This weekend-long festival of fun is proudly produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and its sponsors. During the day, village streets will be bustling with vendors, an arts and crafts show, entertainment, and the pet parade. If relaxing is your thing, the pools at Holiday Valley are a great place to recline in a lounge chair to catch some rays. Kick your evenings off before heading to the main stage by listening to live music at the Holiday Valley Cabana Bar with a fresh strawberry daiquiri in hand.

Located at the base of the School Haus slope at Holiday Valley Resort, the main stage is nothing short of state-of-the-art. You're guaranteed a great view from seating at every angle, and it's a short walk from all the base amenities at the resort. Another fun fact: the Summer Music Fest is one of the only outdoor concert venues that allows visitors to bring in coolers with whatever your heart desires in it! Pack a picnic, some chilled beverages, your lawn chairs and blankets, and don't forget the glowsticks for the kiddoes!

Presale tickets are available now, and are \$40 for the Saturday concert, and \$35 for Sunday, July 5th. Gates open at 6:00pm both nights. Tickets are general admission lawn seating, so get there early enough with your blankets and chairs to claim a nice piece of the slope. For a more intimate experience, VIP package include two tickets to the VIP Gala Dinner on Saturday, July 4th, and two tickets for both concerts on Saturday and Sunday evenings, which includes access to the side stage VIP lounge and the VIP seating area at the front of the stage. Additionally, your name will appear in the festival program as a sponsor of the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or go to www.ellicottvilleny.com.



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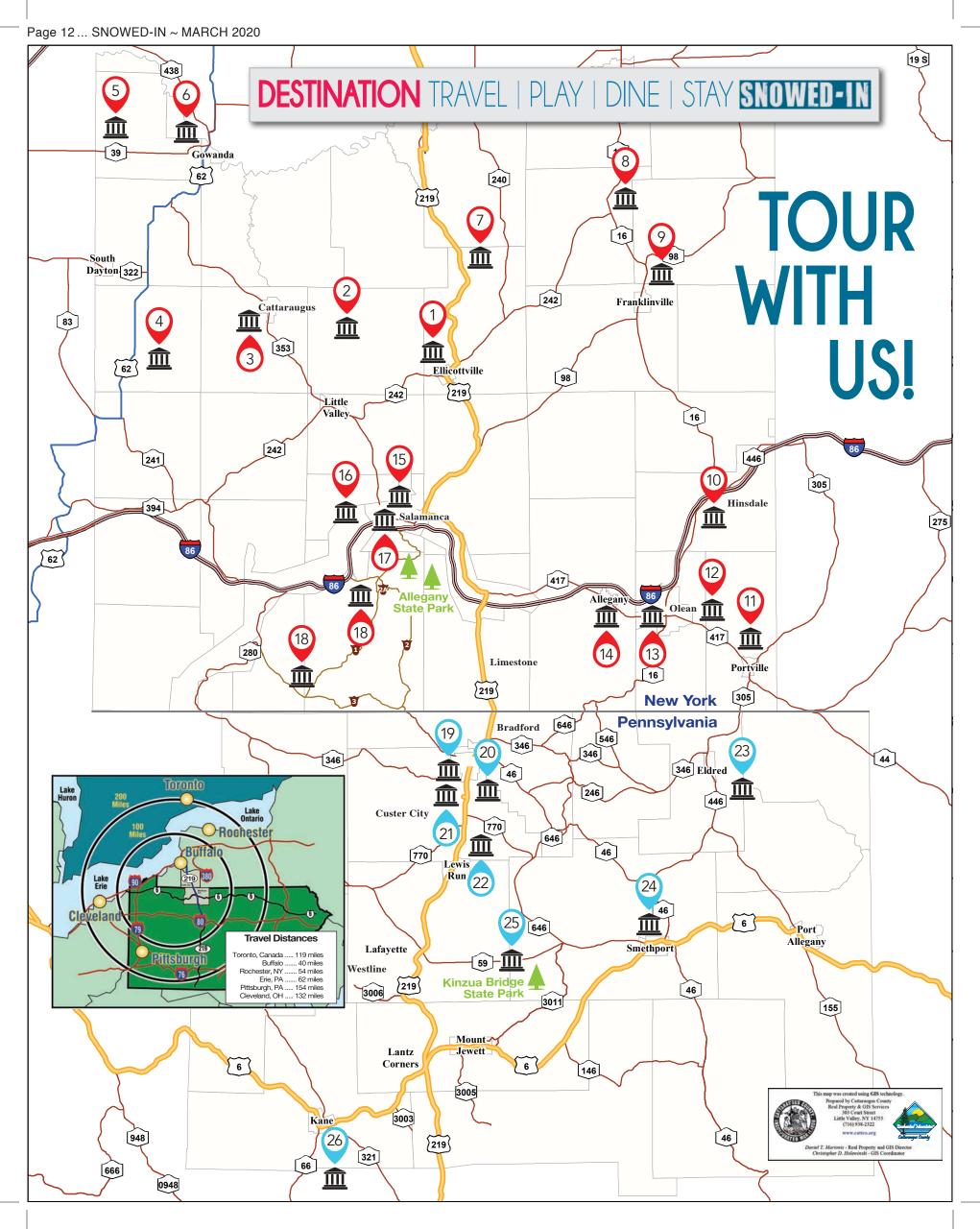




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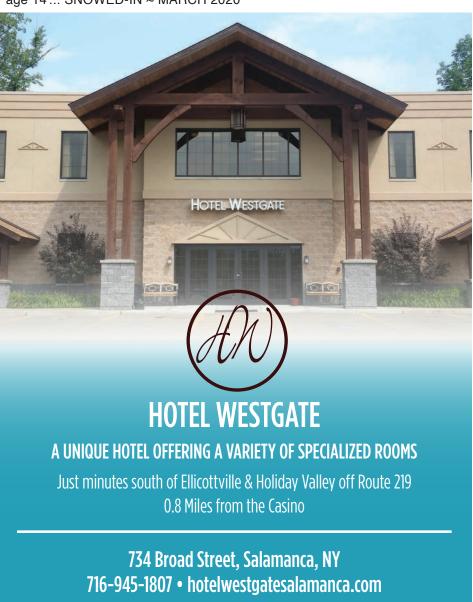
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# **TOUR WITH US!**

Take a step back in time at these must-visit historical museums along the Cattaraugus-McKean County Trail

By Spencer Timkey



# ELLICOTTVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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Ask around, and people know Ellicottville as a resort town. The brunt of the money comes from tourism, exemplified by our two resorts, bustling downtown with shops and restaurants and seemingly endless places to stay. But had you asked Ellicottville's original residents, they'd have no idea what it would eventually become. In 2020, Ellicottville celebrates its Bicentennial ... 200 years of your favorite ski town.

The Ellicottville Historical Society and Ellicottville Historical Museum are planning quite the celebration for the big 2-0-0. A myriad of events will coincide with the museum showcasing artifacts and other culturally-significant pieces. The building, located on the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets, formerly housed a historian's dream: a bank, a church, a County Clerk office and a millinery shop. (I Googled it for you - a millinery shop was a store that sold hats).

While the museum is only open on weekends from June through September, the work doesn't stop. Historical Society President Dawn Westfall and members of the Bicentennial Committee have been working on the celebration over the past year; since the Holland Land Company founded many of the surrounding towns (ours included), many bicentennials are coming up.

There are three main events for the Bicentennial celebration. The first, at Holiday Valley over Winter Carnival, will see living legend and one of Holiday Valley's founders Edna Northrup discuss the early days of Holiday Valley and some other historical insights. Plus, since the museum isn't open during the winter and many of Ellicottville's visitors can't visit, the historical society will take artifacts and other fun historical objects to Holiday Valley. Expect to see things like an old flag likely used for Civil War recruitment and a pencil drawing (measuring approximately 18" x 24") of a handle manufacturing business from the 1880s, the details of which were previously unknown. The second event, the actual birthday, goes down in April. And the third, a July homecoming.

The Ellicottville community has answered the challenge of a high-end celebration. Local artist Barbara Fox created a cancellation stamp celebrating 200 years that will be used by the local Post Office. Ellicottville Distillery owner Bryan Scharf created a commemorative whiskey, after someone found a bottle from a past era labeled "Pride of Ellicottville" - which will be served at Edna Northrup's Fireside Chat.

The Historical Society is also selling Bicentennial calendars that showcase old photographs of the town and village. They're \$15, and all proceeds benefit the celebration and Ellicottville Historical Museum. You can find more information on the museum at their Facebook page.



# Onöhsagwë:de' CULTURAL CENTER

82 West Hetzel Street, Salamanca, NY 716-945-1760 senecamuseum.org

Nestled in the heart of the Allegheny Mountains and next to Allegany State Park in Salamanca lies a new, state-of-the-art building. The former Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, rebranded as the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, is a dedication to the history, prehistory and current culture of the Iroquois with a heavy emphasis on the Seneca. The Cultural Center provides an unmatched experience in learning and celebration. The translation of Onöhsagwë:de' means "house opening".

The Cultural Center's role is part museum and part community advancement. Housing thousands of culturally-significant objects from the Six Hodinöhsö:ni' Nations - Seneca, Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga and Tuscarora - it remains the go-to spot for history and preservation. Located across Route 86 from the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, it moved from its previous location in 2018.

The collections are unique to the culture. Expect to see art, basketry, antler carvings, pottery, beadwork and cornhusk, plus the applications and significance of each. And the exhibits on display? Immerse yourself in experiences that teach you about The Creation Story, milestones, lacrosse and even an authentic Seneca log cabin. Learn why children receive their clans from their mothers in the Seneca Women exhibit, or the exhibit on the Kinzua Dam.

The Center has multiple events and new exhibits coming in the near future. The 1st Annual Youth Art Show on Saturday, March 28th gives young aspiring Hodinöhsö:ni' artists a chance to showcase pieces like beadwork, art, photography, basketry, paintings and other traditional art. The Mother's of All Tours exhibition opening on May 11th highlights Hodinöhsö:ni' women who have made significant contributions to the communities they reside in. The museum will also participate in the Smithsonian's Museum Day (April 4th, free admission at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum), Museum Week (May 11th-17th), Routes to Art via the Tri-County Arts Council (May 16th-17th, free admission) and Heritage Days (June 6th-7th). Heritage Days is the largest festival of the year, with singing, dancing, Richard Hamel (who specializes in wampum belt reproduction), and renowned artist Robert Griffing will be available to meet as well.

The Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center is located at 82 W Hetzel Street in Salamanca. Hours, prices, events and more information can be found at their website (www. senecamuseum.org) plus more information on the center. There's a full selection of purchasable products both at the museum in their store and on their site as well.



# ELDRED WWII MUSEUM

201 Main Street, Eldred, PA 814-225-2220 eldredpawwiimuseum.com

Eldred's WWII Museum, a dazzling dedication to history's greatest conflict, is a must-visit and very much worth the drive. Once a munitions plant that made ordnance for Allied forces during World War II, the museum ranks amongst the very best in the country in terms of sheer artifacts. Curator Steve Appleby does an outstanding job in creating a feeling of immersion - telling the stories and showing the artifacts that make you feel like you're in 1943.

The museum's mission statement is to educate current generations on the lessons learned during the War and post-War years, provide context and interpretation of the conflict and to commemorate the sacrifice made by both those who fought and helped at home. The latter ties into the museum's origination - after the munitions plant opened, many of the local men went to fight. Of the 1,500 employees, over 95% were women. These are the types of facts you can come to learn at the museum.

You can see things such as sand from Normandy Beach and a gyroscope from a torpedo (the only other one known to be in existence rests at the Smithsonian). There's a room full of clothing from the different armed forces - both Allied and Axis - plus countless exhibits that paint the picture of the men and women who served.

While the museum covers a broad spectrum of the war, it also focuses on individual subjects like women in the workforce, the Holocaust, the Navajo Code Talkers and many others. It showcases the stories that make up the sum of the war - individuals whose stories are all uniquely fascinating and important. For those that wish to learn more after visiting the museum, the Robert A. Anderson Library (located upstairs) boasts a collection of over 8,500 volumes, plus documents, videos and veteran interviews not found elsewhere.

A heavy emphasis on education means the Eldred WWII Museum offers free access to school groups. They offer specialized tours focusing on particular subjects, and staff members often times travel to schools, libraries and universities to speak on subjects pertaining to the war. They often host programs, the most recent commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. Keep an eye on their website or Facebook page for announcements on future commemorations, such as Victory in Europe/Victory in Japan Day.

All in all, the Eldred WWII Museum and Learning Center should be on your list to visit. More information and a full operating schedule is available at www.eldredpawwiimuseum.com.

# BRAND NFW BU77



Country Duo Big & Rich bringing their sound to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino

Saturday, April 11th | 7:00 PM

By Melanie Hulick

Big & Rich, America's Technicolor cowboys, are bringing their sound to the Seneca Allegany Events Center at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, Salamanca, NY this spring. The country music duo has been one of the most relatable and musically relevant acts since exploding onto the scene in 2003. With 2004's triple-platinum "Horse of a Different Color," they tapped into a wide spectrum of popular music to produce an instantly recognizable sound. See them live Saturday, April 11th and hear all your favorite hits - from "Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy)" to "Lost In This Moment" and more.



**HULICK:** Do you have a Buffalo connection? **RICH:** One of our biggest songs ever, "Comin' To Your City", has been the opening song for college football on ESPN for 13 seasons every Saturday morning. In the song it says ... "Chippewa's where we go when we're up in Buffalo"! We've been singing to 15 years now, so every time we rip that lyric up in your area people go nuts!

HULICK: Well that is definitely a Buffalo connection!

RICH: Throughout the years when we've had time either after the show or a day off, we go down to Chippewa and that's where everybody is hanging out. The people are great in that area! It's a work hard, play hard atmosphere, which is what we love. It's what my whiskey is all about. Redneck Riviera Whiskey is sold all throughout the area, so we love it up there!

HULICK: Do you and Big Kenny travel by bus on tour?

RICH: Yes. We got a couple buses out there ... our Big & Rich bus and then I actually have the Redneck Riviera Whiskey bus that's on the road and will be at the show comit, I give a full 10% of every bottle that's sold to a group solled The Folde of Henry which is an argument that such bids the pure like the standard that the such bids the pure which the such bids the pure which the such bids the pure like the pure like the such bids the pure like t called The Folds of Honor, which is an organization that puts kids through college that lost a parent in combat. In two years my whiskey has funded over 100 college grants and is now in over 10,000 retailers across the U.S. That is unheard of for any brand.

HULICK: You are very good at fundraising. Obviously we know that because of your win on Celebrity Apprentice a few years ago.

RICH: You know I turned that show down three seasons in a row. I thought the show was extremely entertaining, but I also saw how a lot of people didn't come off very well, so I didn't know if I wanted to step into that. I finally said yes because I set a goal to raise one million dollars for the kids at St. Jude's Hospitals. By the time it was over I had won the show and raised 1.4 million dollars. So it was a great thing to do and it really propelled me into a lot of philanthropy for places like St. Jude's, The Folds of Honor and things beyond that. It's something I've always done ... trying to give back to other folks and put a spotlight on people that need help around our country. Now I know the President of the United States ... whoever thought that was possible?

**HULICK:** Well it was incredible John ... the money you raised. When I saw you were on the show I remember thinking this isn't something I would have thought you would do, but I rooted for you the whole way and I have to say that you handled yourself so well. So I was thrilled at the end! RICH: (laughs) Well thank you very much!

**HULICK:** Do you have a message for your fans waiting to see you April 11th? **RICH:** First I would like to tell them thank you for being fans and for being such loyal, energetic, work hard, play hard people in the Big & Rich nation out there. There's millions of Big & Rich fans out there and upstate/WNY, in my opinion, is the "real New York" ... that's what I call it ... it's not New York City ... it's New York and I've always had a great respect for peoples' work of this up there. ethic up there ... their patriotism for our country. I think that's probably one of the reasons they like Big & Rich ... and they love to have a good time at the end of the day! We can't wait to get there and have a Big & Rich time with everybody!

## A Conversation with JOHN RICH

**HULICK:** There's a lot of excitement building around your show on Saturday, April 11th at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. **RICH:** It's gonna be good. We've always had a very strong fan base in the

upstate/ WNY area ... always, so we look forward to going back.

HULICK: I've never seen your show. Could you please tell me a little bit

about what goes on?

RICH: The Big & Rich show is a 90 minute show that spans everything from our first songs like "Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy)" all the way to the more recent songs like "California" and "Brand New Buzz". What's cool is watching the fan base stretch all the way back to the very early parts of Big & Rich all the way to new fans that are getting turned on to what we do. Sometimes I'll ask the audience to raise your hand if this is the first time you've ever been to a Big & Rich show and we'll have 50% to 60% raising their hands, which is a pretty awesome thing. One thing we do at every show, and have done for over a thousand shows without missing one, is before we sing our song "The Eighth of November", which is about a Vietnam veteran, we bring active duty military and veterans up onto our stage, read their names, rank, where they served, when they served and then give them the microphone and let them say whatever's on their mind. Then we set them down at the Big & Rich Heroes Bar where they get a shot of my whiskey, Redneck Riviera Whiskey, and we do a toast with the audience and sing "God Bless America". Cowboy Troy will be there and he brings a whole new element to the show. There are wild party moments in our show, and then there are real serious moments in our show.

**HULICK:** Speaking of your song, "Save A Horse (Ride A Cowboy)", it got a lot of play when Cheryl Burke & Drew Lachey did their freestyle dance to it on Dancing with the Stars a few years ago .

and wide open that song is ... it gives people a great excuse to have a good time. So we always cap our show off with that one every night.

**HULICK:** When you write songs, do you set aside a certain amount of time and say we are going to write songs now for however many weeks or so, or is it whenever wherever?

RICH: Well sometimes it's whenever, wherever ... but most of the time when I'm working a lot I'll get little short ideas like a title or a melody, maybe a chorus or some lyrics and I'll catalog all those and make notes on those. Then later in the year when I'm not working as much I'll sit down and write tons and tons of songs. That's the way I've always done it. Songwriting is kind of a mystery ... you don't know when or where those ideas will show up so you pay attention to those and make sure you don't let those ideas get away because the chances of remembering them the next day are very short ... you gotta grab them when they hit you.

Tickets to Big & Rich start at \$45 and can be purchased at senecaalleganycasino.com. For more info on the country duo visit www.bigandrich.com. For more info and a store locator on Redneck Riviera Whiskey visit www.redneckriviera.com.











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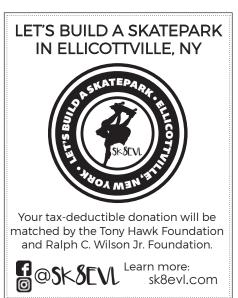
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By Allegheny National Forest Visitors Bureau

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Dan Lyons from Sportsmans Outlet of Bradford offers advice on the best local streams in the area.





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"Trout are #1," explains Dan Lyons, who works at Sportsman's Outlet, with the top three trout species in our area being brook, brown and rainbow. As far as the best streams to fish, Kinzua Creek near Westline is a favorite. The artificial-only section of this stream has recently been extended from Westline to Route 219. It is considered by many as one of the top five streams for trout fishing in Pennsylvania. As an extra bonus, Keystone Select now stocks this stream, easily adding over 10,000 stocked trout to a stream already known for its native trout."

The Tunungwant near Bradford is a Class A stream, where you can pretty much fish year-round. Dan Lyons further explains, "This stream is one of those in which the native brown trout can reach up to 18" in length. It takes an experienced fisherman to successfully land one of these older trout. The native brown trout can live to be 20 years old and during their lifespan they have learned a few tricks; they are smart." It is customary to catch and release native trout. Marvin Creek in Smethport is another excellent trout stream with a fly-fishing only section.

The shop carries supplies for both fly-fishing and spin fishing. For spin fishing, the Okuma Cascade Combo includes the rod, reel and some line for only \$15. If you want to give the sport a try or want to take the kids fishing, this is a great inexpensive place to start. For the more experienced fisherman, they carry the higher quality St. Croix rods which start at \$120.

For fly-fishermen, they offer a variety of lengths, from 8'6" up to 11', 2 lb. weight and up. The smaller shorter rods are for those looking for more action, the 7 lb. weight and up are usually used for fishing steelhead during the fall in Lake Erie.

All types of bait are available, live bait, nymphs which are sinking bugs are usually the most successful, with dry flies being considered the most challenging as they float on the top of the water simulating a dead bug. Dan had all kinds of advice about "matching the hatch." He recommended watching Trout Unlimited on YouTube as a good way to get started.

The knowledge shown by the staff on fishing was super impressive. The store also runs different fishing contests, and they sell all types of sport clothing, boots, and everything you need to get outfitted for your fishing adventure.

#### **TALKING TURKEY**

At this point, Dan started talking turkey as we crossed over to the "blast" part of the store to learn about spring turkey hunting, guns, ammunition, and turkey calls. Dan explained, "In the spring, the turkey are very active strutting and mating; they are on the move. The turkey like to play the ridges. Turkeys have such an advantage as they have great eyesight. They can spot you long before you see them. This adds to the excitement, making spring turkey hunting one of the most exciting types of hunting in our area."

In the firearm section, store employee Wesley Clark explains some of the options regarding the best types of equipment for turkey hunting. "For turkey hunting, you will want a good shotgun and for ammo, a turkey load. For ammo, I recommend the Hornady, heavy magnum, #4 shot. It is a little more expensive, but has the best consistency and the grouping stays." Elaborating on shotguns, Wesley continued, "Basically, for shotguns, there are two systems: the inertia system or the gas system. The difference being with the gas system the bolt always moves forward, while the inertia system is under the shot's control." Wesley knows all the pros and cons of both types of shotguns, demonstrating a variety of both. The Browning A5 was a recommended gas system and the Berettta A 400 for the inertia system.

Avian Turkey Decoys are recommended as the best on the market as they are inflatable, easy to carry, easy to set up, and very lifelike. The store also has an amazing selection of turkey calls; a few top recommendations being Cro Mac, Zink and Quaker Boy. An interesting side note: Quaker Boy turkey calls are made in Bradford, Pennsylvania and in Orchard Park, New York.

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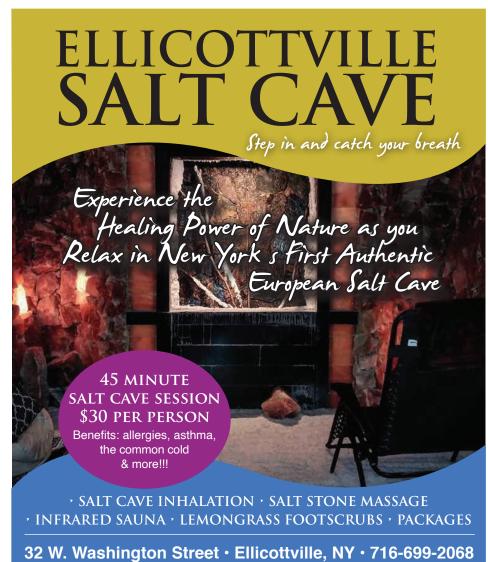
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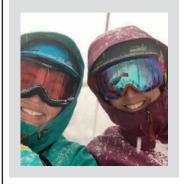
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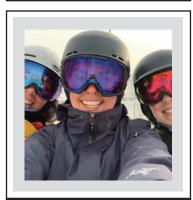
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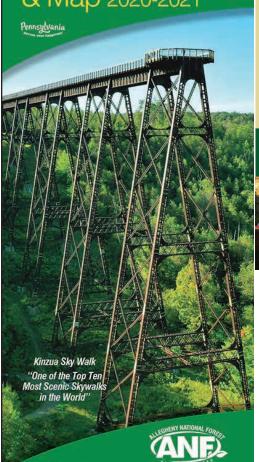


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