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Get Ready for Holiday Valley's Wildest, Muddiest, Most Fun Competition You'll Do All Year; There's Still Time to Sign Up!



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ELISA HUGHEY'S VIRTUAL 5K RUN/WALK FOR THE ARTS

It may be virtual, but that doesn't mean it is less impactful. Elisa's Run for the Arts is celebrating its 7th anniversary since the passing of its namesake, Elisa B. Hughey, who lost her valiant battle with colon cancer in June 2016 at the age of 48. Elisa, wife of Inigo de Orbe and mother of two sons, Adrian and Ignacio, loved the arts. She received a Master's in Art Education from Buffalo State University and a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Buffalo. After diagnosis, Elisa found that her love of art was not enough to take her mind off of her battle, so she began running for health and for sanity. Amazingly, in 2013, post diagnosis, Elisa won her first ever marathon for her age group at the Buffalo Marathon ... page 07



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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

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Enter CLAWS. CLAWS is an acronym created by Calla Lee Wagner for Cats Lives Are Worth Saving. Before CLAWS there was Betsy Peyser (Betsy's Consignments) who, with help from Calla Lee and her mom, Teresa Mercer (Rover Makeovers) were the go-to folks when stray cats were a problem in the community. Melanie Pritchard (ERA Team VP Real Estate) added her hands to the challenge of keeping strays fed and ultimately trapped, immunized, and spade/neutered.

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GRIFFIS SCULPTURE PARK ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

Griffis Sculpture Park will host their annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 20th from 12:00-6:00pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York. Headlining the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is Jim Donovan & Sun King Warriors from Pittsburgh, with a number of other can't-miss artists. The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service and more! ... page 11



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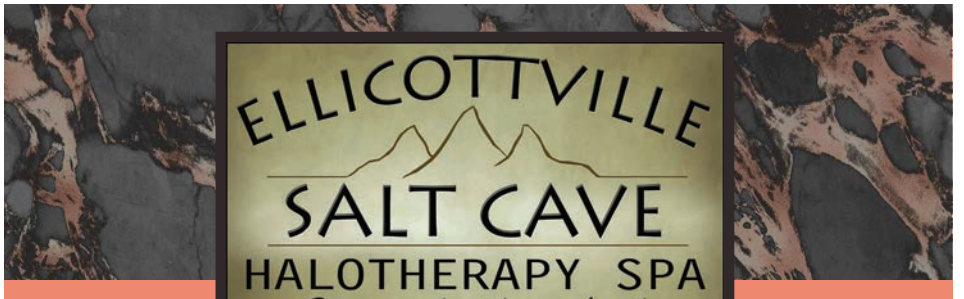


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Publisher's PICK

TITANS TRACK STAR DOMINATES AT STATES

Franklinville-Ellicottville Junior Sprinter Tyvetta Herman Sweeps Division II Speed Events; Sets Track Record in 400m Dash



photo / Rich Rumfola

BY RICH RUMFOLA

Before Franklinville's Tyvetta Herman could get ready for her prom last Saturday night, she had some business to take care of on the track at the Section VI State Qualifier meet at West Seneca West High School.

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After a second straight day of overwhelming strength and flat-out speed, Herman proved herself to be the undisputed "Queen of Speeds" in Western New York for 2023, as the junior sprinter left all the other girls looking at her back as she crossed the finish line as the Section VI Champion and State Meet qualifier in all three events - and with only a few hours to spare before the big dance!

"It's really rewarding to see that the work that I put in actually gave me the results that I desired from the start of the season," Herman said of her big day. It was a sentiment that was echoed strongly by her mother (also named Tyvetta), a former high school track standout herself, and also the Titans' girls team coach. "Not only does she spend the time working hard in practice," Coach Herman explained, "She spends the extra time in the weight room working out and puts in the work after school to get better in academics."

For the state qualifier meet, athletes were divided into two divisions (large school, small school), where the winner of each event moved on to the NY State Championships, to be held June 9-10 at Middletown High School in southeastern New York.

Herman's dominant performance in the finals began with a razor-slim victory in the 100m dash, as she broke the tape with a time of 12.45 seconds, edging out Cheektowaga's Amiya Verse by just five hundredths of a second (12.50) with a strong lean at the finish line.

In her next finals appearance of the day, the 400m dash, Herman made the most of her opportunity to repeat in the event she had won in 2022. The greatest distance of any of the "speed" events in track, the 400m dash requires athletes to sprint out of the blocks at the starter's pistol and continue full-out the entire way around the 1/4-mile oval to the finish line.

Her decisive victory in last season's 400m dash, also at West Senior High, propelled her into her first outdoor State Meet, where she ultimately finished with the 6th-best time.

Immediately after she had crossed the finish line with a blistering-fast mark of 57.43 seconds in this year's qualifiers, many observers knew that Herman had posted an impressive time, but her second win of the day became a little sweeter when news spread through the crowd that she had broken the nine-year-old track record by six tenths of a second!

When asked which of her three State Qualifying events might be her favorite, Herman explained her affinity toward the 200m dash - the last event of her day. "I like the 200 because I'm always the most nervous for the 400 - it's a big event - it's also a hard event," she admitted. "And then the (200m dash) just feels like a reward at the end of the meet to finish off with what I have left."

Herman completed the speed runner's trifecta about an hour after winning the 400m dash; as she 'rewarded' herself with another first-place finish - claiming victory in the 200m dash with a time of 25.17 seconds.

With her starting blocks in hand and having mowed down the competition one event at a time, Herman walked off the track and admitted with a smile, "Now all I've got to do is get ready for the prom!"

TITANS GIRLS TEAM FINISHES STRONG

The Titans' girls team closed out an impressive 2023 campaign with a second-place finish in the rain-soaked Cattaraugus-Chautauqua Athletic Association league championships at Falconer May 19-20 and became the three-peat champions of Section VI Class D with

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A CLASSIC AFTERNOON

Ellicottville Distillery's 3rd Annual Classic Car Show Drives in June 25th



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Who doesn't love to spend a beautiful weekend afternoon perusing classic engines while sipping a handcrafted cocktail? The perfect opportunity to do so will be waiting for you at 5462 Robbins Road in Ellicottville on Sunday, June 25th from 10:00am-3:00pm when the Ellicottville Distillery hosts their 3rd Annual Classic Car Show.

When ellicottvilleNOW spoke to co-owner Renee Scharf about the event, she was quick to let us know that this year will be better than ever! "Every year it's grown bigger and bigger... we hope that continues and everyone has a great time."

The Classic Car Show is family friendly (even pets can come!) and event-goers will be treated to a well-manicured venue. Stroll through the grounds and take in the display of muscle cars, antiques and classics of all kinds. If you'd like to display your classic, it's just a \$15 registration fee! Cars will be awarded trophies for placing 1st in a number of categories. There will also be a 50/50 and a few other raffles for guests to participate in.

The Distillery itself will be open to provide their signature cocktails and spirits (and a few new ones!) Their new summer menu boasts some fabulous options. If you're a vodka drinker, the Spiced Dice can show you a good time with peppercorn, basil, lemon and watermelon. Or maybe you are into something that's more on the sweet side? The Steam Crest can be your jam, with the Distillery's Maple Bourbon Creme, vanilla and cream soda. Their famous slushee machine will be rocking all afternoon as well. Owner Bryan Scharf and his team have a drink to suit everyone, including non-alcoholic options for the littles and the non-drinkers in the family.



One too many? Soak up the alcohol with a trip to the on-site food truck. The Ramcore Truck is venturing out to the Ellicottville Distillery and will serve up their Italian Sausage, Philly Cheese Steaks, curly fries and the ever popular loaded fries for car show enthusiasts - perfect food to go with anything you may be drinking at the event. (Who doesn't love an expertly crafted steak and cheese sandwich?) And let's not forget about the entertainment. It wouldn't be an event without some live music. Popular acoustic duo The Chillbillys will be playing all your favorite tunes from 2:00-5:00pm. They cover many genres and are always striving to cater to what the crowd wants to hear - from background music to dance party jams. They play all over WNY and are a local favorite.

IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

The Distillery is known for all the good causes that their events support and the car show is no different. Proceeds from the 3rd Annual Classic Car Show will be donated to Oishei Children's Hospital. Renee said, "We chose them because our daughter was born extremely early and spent her first 72 days there. The staff there is amazing and they made such a scary situation a better one. We are so thankful for everything they do and giving them support is the least we can do."

Looking ahead, the Distillery has an impressive line-up of events in the works. Their next big event is the E.A.R.S Critter Cruise Dice Run that supports the Empire Animal Rescue Society, June 17th. The Distillery is the last stop on the run, where food, entertainment and awards will be presented. The following day (Sunday), will be the start of the Summer Sundays live music series. The first performance will be by another local favorite, Meet the Bacons. Joe and Robin Bacon are an acoustic husband and wife duo that play a variety of rock, country, Americana, folk, blues and reggae in WNY. (Fun fact: The couple is also part of the 4-piece band, "The Restless Soles" and the 4-piece Celtic Rock band, "Poor Old Goat".)

Keep your eye out for other upcoming events such as the Annual Pig Roast in July and their 4th Annual Distilled & Chilled Music Festival in August. All of these great events, in one great place! Stay up-to-date by visiting ellicottvilledistillery.com, following Ellicottville Distillery on Facebook page or call 716-597-6121.

JUST ANNOUNCED!

The BPO & Jeans 'n Classics to Perform a Rock Symphony in Ellicottville



ELLICOTTVILLE - With ticket sales for Ellicottville's Summer Music Festival already on track to break last year's record, the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce announces yet another exciting performance booked for this year's big stage.

Jeans 'n Classics, a group of world class rock musicians who understand orchestra culture and are committed to growing a younger, loyal audience for symphony orchestras across the U.S., has just signed on to bring their sound to Ellicottville on Sunday, July 2nd when they perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra. Faithfully interpreting the music of legendary rock and pop albums and artists - with their own special signature flair - Jeans 'n Classics will surely attract the attention of all age groups. Whether you're fifteen, twenty-five or sixty-five, you'll discover a newfound love for their orchestral rock arrangements.

"It has become tradition over the past few years to invite a unique act to perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for our Summer Music Festival," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "The BPO is a wonderful performing group on their own, but we are always looking for unique opportunities to really rev up the excitement meter for our events and introduce the BPO to a new audience. This year's pairing with Jeans 'n Classics is without a doubt something that will be remembered by all who come to listen."

As for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, they need no introduction. Formally organized in the 1930s and a staple performing group of Summer Music Fest since the early 1980s, the BPO continues to soar regionally and nationally, and even around the world! The Buffalo Philharmonic has issued more than 50 recordings in its history. It has toured abroad twice: a six-city European tour in 1988, and a four-city tour of Poland in 2018.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra with guests Jeans 'n Classics will perform slopeside at Holiday Valley Sunday evening, July 2nd beginning at 8:00pm. (Gates open at 5:00pm.) The evening will begin with the U.S. and Canadian national anthems, a salute to our military and their families past and present and conclude with the BPO's rendition of America's songs, choreographed to a majestic fireworks display!

Pre-sale tickets are available at a discounted rate through June 18th for just \$50 and can be purchased directly at ellicottvillenyc.com. To learn more about this year's Summer Music Festival, including Friday's theater performance of Grease at the Ellicottville Gazebo, Saturday's headliner at Holiday Valley, The Players, featuring former members of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire, contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 716-699-5046 or click over to ellicottvillenyc.com.

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Cost and start times are as follows: Long Course - \$65, 10:00am and 11:00am starts. Short Course - \$65, 11:15am and 12:30pm starts. Kids Race (for ages 4-11) - \$20, 1:30pm and 2:00pm starts. Registration for all courses is due by June 16th.

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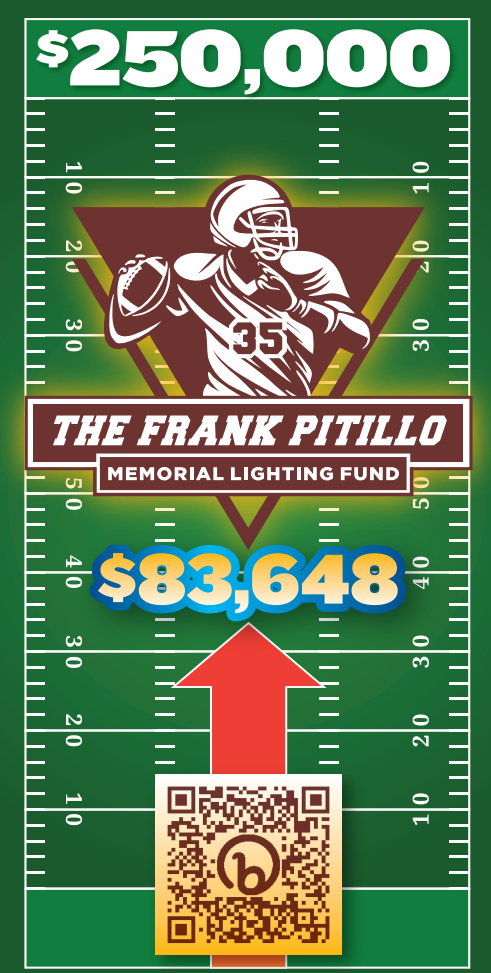
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COMMUNITY

ELISA HUGHEY RUN FOR THE ARTS

Virtual Run Honors Special Woman and Supports Local Art Scholarships



Photo / Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It may be virtual, but that doesn't mean it is less impactful. Elisa's Run for the Arts is celebrating its 7th anniversary since the passing of its namesake, Elisa B. Hughey, who lost her valiant battle with colon cancer in June 2016 at the age of 48.

Elisa, wife of Inigo de Orbe and mother of two sons, Adrian and Ignacio, loved the arts. She received a Master's in Art Education from Buffalo State University and a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Buffalo. After diagnosis, Elisa found that her love of art was not enough to take her mind off of her battle, so she began running for health and for sanity. Amazingly, in 2013, post diagnosis, Elisa won her first ever marathon for her age group at the Buffalo Marathon. In 2014, she again thumbed her nose at cancer, continued running and finished the Boston Marathon in just under four hours.

How Run for the Arts began: The weekend following her death, friends gathered for an impromptu 5K run to toast Elisa and honor her. It was here where her friends, Gwen Bush and Elizabeth Lowes, suggested a run be held annually as a fundraising event for art scholarships for a local student, in Elisa's memory. And thus, was born The Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts, under the guidance of her sister, Brenda Hughey. As with so many events like this, since COVID, the "run" has been virtual.

Here's how it works, as posted on Brenda Hughey's FB page: "How to participate VIRTUALLY: Plan a 5k run, walk or other activity of your choice for Saturday, June 17th. Take a photo of yourself doing the activity, your route or whatever you'd like. Pets are encouraged to participate. Post your photo to Elisa B. Hughey Scholarship for the Arts on Facebook or email Brenda Hughey at hugheybl@gmail.com. Thanks for your participation and honoring our beloved Elisa together."

So, bottom line: Gather up some friends, do fun things and remember Elisa as you do it!

Over the years, the fund has raised over \$30,000 – and will continue to sustain the annual art scholarship. This year, the foundation is distributing two \$1,000 scholarships, one each for Visual arts students from Ellicottville and West Valley, Elisa's two "home-towns." It will also support a summer arts program at the local library and ongoing community arts projects, some of which are "in the works, but not finalized." Contributions are always appreciated. To make a donation, go to www.elisahugheyscholarship.com.

In a recent conversation with Elisa's sister, Brenda, she said this: "The pandemic forced us to shift to a virtual version of Elisa's Run for the Arts, and it's been a great thing to now have family and friends able to join us from all over to remember Elisa together. We are grateful for our many dedicated supporters and the incredible growth of the Elisa Scholarship Fund over the past few years."

EAST AURORA TO ELLICOTTVILLE

3rd Annual EA2EVL Bicycle Ride to Benefit the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

EAST AURORA - Following two sold out years, the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT) is once again hosting a 42-mile charity bike ride from East Aurora to Ellicottville this fall. The EA2EVL Fondo - or non-competitive bike ride - will take place Saturday, September 30th followed by a finish line party at Holiday Valley. Registration is open at www.ea2evlfondo.com for an early bird discount rate of \$69 until August 15th.

The 2021 and 2022 EA2EVL events raised over \$100,000 in donations for the 27-mile ECRT rail trail that runs along a former rail line from Orchard Park to Ashford, NY. According to Mary Brummer, ECRT Board President, the team has made incredible progress with those funds.

"Thanks to the generosity of our EA2EVL sponsors, riders and donors, we've cleared and improved the first 1.5 miles of the ECRT trail, starting at the Orchard Park Village Depot, and will welcome the public on it by mid-June," Brummer shared. "With the funds raised from this year's event, we'll continue to push the trail south, opening and improving sections in the town of Aurora into West Falls."

The bike event starts in East Aurora at 42 North Brewery and travels south down scenic Route 240, riding on the road parallel to the ECRT trail from West Falls into Concord. The course continues through the fall foliage and rolling hills to Route 242 into the

"EA2EVL Road Ride" continued page 14

CLAWS IN ELLICOTTVILLE

Donations Requested to Help Care For and Control Stray Cat Population

BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

The average mature cat can have 3 litters with a total of 12 kittens per year. Out of those litters of kittens, about 4.7 of them are females, which in turn means they will most likely have litters of their own. In 7 years, that can amount to 420,000 kittens!

Allow me to introduce you to CLAWS. CLAWS is an acronym created by Calla Lee Wagner for Cats Lives Are Worth Saving. Before CLAWS there was Betsy Peyser (Betsy's Consignments) who, with help from Calla Lee and her mom, Teresa Mercer (Rover Makeovers) were the go-to folks when stray cats were a problem in the community.

Since about ten years ago, Melanie Pritchard (ERA Team VP Real Estate) joined the group and together they founded CLAWS and added her hands to the challenge of keeping stray cats and kittens fed and ultimately trapped, taken to a vet to be checked over, immunized - including against feline leukemia and LIV (the feline equivalent of human HIV), neutered or spayed. With luck, homes are found, or they are released knowing they won't multiply.

Betsy tells us that presently there are two feeding stations set up in the village for the strays, but they are losing one in the center of town. The house has been sold and renovations will begin, removing the station. More than one feeding station is needed, so Betsy has asked that we put out the call for anyone who might have a shop or under porch area in the village where strays could come to be fed. She suggested anywhere around Monroe Street or EBC so the displaced cats will be able to find it. A feeding box/shelter is provided, the cats are fed every evening and winter snow is cleared around them. They are well tended.

As I heard the story, I began to wonder why anyone would do this, uncompensated, for such a long time. As Betsy tells it, when she returned from Colorado some thirty years ago, she noticed stray cats in a barn across the street and decided to do something to care for them. Perhaps caring for strays is like eating potato chips where you just can't stop with one. That, and she said she couldn't stand by and not do anything for those homeless creatures. Next thing she knew she was feeding and rescuing cats and finding homes for kittens. She acquired a live trap and started trapping those that looked in need of help and took them to the vet to get whatever else they needed. And yes, she footed the bills. About ten years ago, Melanie Pritchard came onboard. Being involved in animal rescue most of her life, she also leads with her heart and an open checkbook.

The team acknowledged that they needed a fundraiser to support their feeding stations, their trapping, and their vet bills. The Rotary offered them the hall for the event, the village of Ellicottville bought them four Have-A-Heart traps, and many of our local businesses and restaurants donated food and prizes for the affair. The community was supportive of the cause, and they were able to bank money to keep their cat charity going. But that was several years ago, and the stray cats keep having kittens in a continual cycle.

No one wants unhealthy stray cats in the neighborhood. There will always be stray cats because unneutered and unspayed strays multiply. This community owes a debt of gratitude to these women who have carved out large portions of their lives to rescue and care for community strays, any time, any season. And, oh yes, when asked the cost of care per cat, it ranges between \$200 and \$500, not including food. Throughout the years they have rescued 50 to 60 cats, not to mention the ones that they have kept. Add that up, why don't you?

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

In speaking with Melanie, she had a few suggestions for our readers. She strongly urges people who have pet cats (even if indoor cats) to have them immunized, chipped, and spayed or neutered. "If you have one cat at home, please consider making room for a second," said Melanie. "Older cats need homes and love, too. It is honorable to open your home." She also recommends Catio and full cat enclosures or cat fencing made by purrfectfence.com which makes it impossible for cats to scale and get over.

It is time for another fundraiser. If anyone is interested in helping to organize a fundraiser for CLAWS, please reach out to Melanie Pritchard at 716-480-8409 or Betsy Peyser at 716-699-6131. In the meantime, monetary donations can be made by writing a check to CLAWS and mailing it to Melanie at PO Box 1061, Ellicottville, NY 14731. If you notice a stray cat in your neighborhood for more than a few days, you can contact Betsy or Melanie. And please remember that when they rescue the cat, they will be paying vet bills, so please offer a donation if you are able.

CLAWS wants to thank their amazing and selfless donors who step up to the plate when called. They especially want to thank Laurie and Dr. Timothy O'Leary of Almost Home Animal Sanctuary in Little Valley for their unwavering generosity and support.

BUSINESS

DANA'S HEATING & PLUMBING

From Wedding Bells to Water Heaters, How One Couple Found Their Path



BY MARY WEISER

Planning to attend a wedding or two this summer and wondering whether to write the happy couple a check or buy them a new blender? For one couple, Dana and Misty Ukolowicz, the money they received as wedding gifts is what enabled them to start their own business, Dana's Heating and Plumbing. Now, almost 10 years later, the Ukolowicz's business has grown to serve customers all over the Ellicottville area, from East Randolph to Franklinville. So why not write a check? You might just help someone's entrepreneurial dream become a reality!

Born and raised in Salamanca, Dana Ukolowicz completed the HVAC program at YTI Career Institute in York, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation, he began working for C.R. Powers Heating & Air Conditioning in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where Misty is from. When a hunting accident forced Dana to take a leave from work, he visited his hometown and began thinking about relocating. "Dana said he always wanted to move back home," Misty noted. "He brought me up here, and I loved it - I said I never wanted to go back. We ended up moving here!"

While Dana worked for a local heating and plumbing company for a short time, the couple's ultimate goal was to own their own business. "We got married and used the cash from the wedding to start the business," Misty explained. In addition to Dana and Misty, the company includes another employee. The Ukolowicz's are also open to working with students in vocational programs. "If anyone is looking into getting a bit of experience, we'd be willing to work with them," said Misty.

While the business name includes "heating and plumbing," Dana's work includes so much more. Misty explained, "We do heating, air-conditioning, electrical, plumbing, installations of full furnaces, air conditioners, mini splits, baseboard heaters, boilers, and septic tanks. We also do all of your water fixtures, drains, repairing and installing toilets and new lines." Currently, many of the calls Misty receives are for air conditioning checks due to the recent heat wave. "Right now, we're doing lots of air-conditioning checks, just to make sure everything is up and running and there's enough refrigeration to cool the air," she explained. "We always encourage people to call as early as possible when the weather changes so that we can get them on the schedule and allow time to order any parts that might be needed."

For the Ukolowicz's, the best part of owning their own business is the flexibility and ability to make their own schedules, as well as the sense of community with their customers. "It's nice meeting other people and talking and getting to know our customers," said Misty.

Dana's Heating and Plumbing primarily serves homeowners within a 10-mile radius of Ellicottville, including East Randolph, Little Valley, Great Valley, Humphrey, Salamanca, and Franklinville. The company provides free estimates and can be reached via phone call and text at both of the following numbers: 716-801-5420 or 716-801-1789.

"Any questions, please call or text us," said Misty. "We're glad to see if we can help out! Even if it's a small project or something that you're not sure if we do. We're able to come out and point you in the right direction!" Follow Dana's Heating and Plumbing on Facebook for more information.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

From Book Sales to Trash & Treasure Sales, You'll Find Something Special

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Memorial Library is currently hosting their annual Book Sale, which continues through June 17th during regular library hours. Browse through a large selection of donated books - from fiction and nonfiction books to puzzles and DVD's, they've got a little bit of everything! All proceeds from the sale will go to support the library.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Route 242 in Ellicottville will hold their annual Trash & Treasure Sale this Friday, June 9th from 9:00am-4:00pm and Saturday, June 10th from 9:00am-3:00pm. A staple fundraiser for the church since 2008, you can expect to find clothing, shoes, toys, houseware and more. Visit the Treasure Cafe, set up inside the church, and grab a Sahlen's hot dog or hot fudge sundae if you need a break while you're shopping.

ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY

Community Fund Grant Supports Olean Police Department Drone Purchase



Pictured L-R: Wendy Brand, CRCF grant allocations committee chair; Karen Niemic Buchheit, CRCF executive director; OPD Chief Ron Richardson; Dylan Ensell, OPD patrolman, Olean Mayor William Aiello; Ethan Lyle, United Way of Cattaraugus County vice president, Sue McAuley, United Way executive director; and Lucy Benson, CRCF board president, with the drone purchased by the Olean Police Department with grant funding from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation and United Way of Cattaraugus County.

OLEAN - Thanks to support from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation's Community Fund and the Bill & Cathy Fraser grant program at the United Way of Cattaraugus County, the Olean Police Department recently acquired a new drone that will serve as a tool to enhance the public safety of those in the greater Olean area.

The CRCF board of directors approved a grant of \$1,500 to the Olean Police Department for the drone purchase in 2022, but due to the need for additional funding and supply chain-related delays, the drone was acquired this month. For the Olean Police Department, the drone will serve as a tool that helps further the public safety of the community it serves to protect.

According to Dylan Ensell, a department patrolman, the drone will particularly help in search efforts for missing persons and serves as an important tool in incidents like hostage situations and gun threats and helps keep both responding officers and members of the community safe.

"The City of Olean Police Department has assisted other agencies in the county with missing persons cases within the past few years. During these incidents, time is of the essence to ensure the safety of the missing person along with the first responders," said Ensell. "Technology, such as drones, enables police departments to address situations quicker and with more effective response times to various calls."

Drone use has provided other area departments and first responder agencies in the surrounding areas with valuable support in recent years, added Ensell.

"In 2021, the Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Office responded to a domestic dispute where

"Olean Police Drone" continued page 11

NEW DIRECTOR APPOINTED

Kirk Windus to Take Over Executive Director Position at CRCF

OLEAN - The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF) board of directors has named Kirk Windus its next executive director of CRCF. Windus is currently the Foundation's communications and fund development manager - a role held since 2016. Windus will bring his years of institutional knowledge and well-established relationships with donors and community partners to the executive director position, currently held by Karen Niemic Buchheit, who will be retiring Sept. 1, 2023 after 13 years of service.

Windus will assume the executive director position August 1st and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Foundation and ensuring that CRCF has the resources to continue achieving its mission of assisting community members in their philanthropic endeavors, thus enriching the quality of life in our community. He will work in partnership with the board and provide leadership for the continued implementation of CRCF's strategic plan, provide oversight of the organization's marketing and fund and donor development, and will collaborate with community partners to improve the lives of Cattaraugus County residents.

"On behalf of the entire CRCF board of directors, I want to welcome Kirk Windus to the executive director position at the Foundation," said Lucy Benson, CRCF board president. "We are looking forward to working with and supporting Kirk in his new role. We know that his experience with CRCF and years of learning under Karen Buchheit's leadership will serve him well in guiding CRCF as the community's supportive, responsive and trusted leader in philanthropy."

Windus began his career at CRCF after graduating from St. Bonaventure University,

"New Executive Director" continued page 14

PHOTO REWIND

Ellicottville Central Track Teams Reach Class D Championship

ECS Boys and Girls track teams had stellar seasons this year, training hard and crushing their runs all the way to the finals. Photos below are from the Section VI Class D Championship held at Randolph on May 26th. The girls team won its third consecutive Class D title that day and the boys team competed their hardest as well, taking 5th place at the Championship. See the article in this week's issue for details on girls track star Tyyetta Herman, who crossed the finish line as the Section VI Class Champion in multiple events. Congratulations Ellicottville Central School Track Teams on all you've accomplished during the 2023 season!

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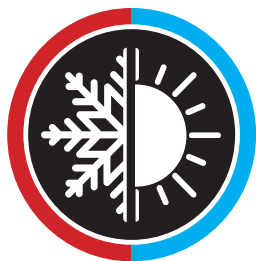
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Olean Gallery Currently Featuring Seneca-Iroquois Art



OLEAN - The current Tri-County Arts Council exhibit, "Haudenosaunee, Art of the Now" "Survive, Alive, Thrive," features the works from culminating show for Seneca-Iroquois National Museum's artist in residency program funded by the Appalachian Regional Commission's Area Development fund. Artists in the residency program include Samantha Jacobs, Lorinda John, Penelope S. Minner, Alicia Sanford, Antoinette Scott, Bernadette Scott, Kristina Tome, and Leeora White

In late summer of 2021, Appalachian Regional Commission Area Development with Southern Tier West grant funding came through for the Pathways to Success: Artist in Residency (AiR) Program at Seneca Iroquois National Museum. A call out for indigenous artists to apply went out in October 2021. Eight artists heeded the call from both Cattaraugus and Allegany territories. Their talents ranged from making corn husk dolls and weaving to painting and sewing. Each AiRs received a modest stipend to participate in a variety of activities that would inspire them to create a piece of art that they would donate to the museum. This show at Tri-County Arts is an acknowledgement of the challenges met during this time, but more importantly a celebration of the successes of overcoming obstacles and the creativity that arose as a result.

All the activities took place during the Covid 19 Pandemic, which everyone met with resilience. Participants made the best of a tough situation and each AiR took part in virtual, live, and hybrid professional development workshops with partners in the program. John Sheehan from the Seneca Salamanca Chamber of Commerce presented the first workshop on how to be the best salesperson. He also gave the artists his secret FORM (Family, Occupation, Recreation, Money) equation for building successful sales relationships. Fred Frighthner, Director of Marketing Communications at W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery did two separate workshops on telling stories about products along with a writing workshop. Picking up from there, Tom Cullen led the AiRs in a discussion on "recognizing and identifying your audience in order to attract your dream customer." Tri County Arts Council Director Emeritus Mikel Wintermantle and Artist Educator Allison Braun did a hands-on workshop focused on displaying and photographing art. Artists got to play with light boxes and learn all about the power of their cellphones to make their work pop! Hayden Hanes brought the previous topics together and presented on photographing your work and how to tell your story. Brian Kelly hosted a 'Creating and Editing Websites' Workshop at The Hub in Olean. Sharon Loudon, the former director for Chautauqua Visual Arts, presented a virtual talk on making a living as a working artist, which covered grants, fellowships, arts markets, and commissions. The artists also participated in several arts markets arranged at the museum and they took a trip to K-Art in Buffalo and participated in a Q&A about fine arts galleries with the gallery managers.

In addition to forming new relationships between Seneca Iroquois National Museum and organizations in Olean and Allegany Village, and supporting the creative economies, the final piece to the Pathways to Success program is the mini-gallery boxes. This was an idea inspired by the mini-libraries that have been popping up in communities and neighborhoods across the United States. The idea behind the mini-galleries was to place art and the institution within the communities to make the exhibits accessible and give people a taste of what they will find in the museum. Seneca Nation Arts and Cultural Placed Based Tourism Initiative is an example of a cost-effective foundation for a continued partnership and project to create permanent resources that will benefit all partners.

Funds were used to create these permanent place-based displays, which encourages cultural exploration of the region. These Mini Galleries capitalized on partnerships and lessons learned from the workshops. Additionally, the hope is that the Mini Galleries will be a replicable model that other museums and cultural institutions can use, helping to further promote SINM. The Seneca Nation's Training and Employment Resource Center's construction training program led by Jim Ray, created the Mini Galleries using their students and instructors. This program provided hands-on "trades/construction" training to displaced, underemployed, and/or disabled Indigenous peoples. The SINM, because of their integral role in fostering cultural programming as a practice of maintaining cultural continuation, has served and continues to serve as an excellent hub for all community partners to work through. Since participating in the Pathways to Success program, half of the AiRs received funding through Creatives Rebuild New York fellowship and are fully employed as working artists with tools and skills to carry them through the end of the program in 2024.

The opening reception was catered by Chef Lorinda John from LoMade Meals and beverages provided by an anonymous donor.

For more information on this and any other exhibits at the Tri-County Arts Council, visit the website www.tricountyartscouncil.org or call 716-372-7455. TCAC has updated its Artist Market and is open to the public from noon to 6:00pm Tuesday to Friday, and 12:00-5:00pm Saturday.

GRIFFIS SUMMER FESTIVAL

Sculpture Park Announces Line-up for their August 25th Music Event



Griffis Sculpture Park will host their annual Summer Festival on Sunday, August 20, 2023 from 12:00-6:00pm. It's a day filled with music, creativity, nature, exploration and much more. The festival started in 2013 and has become a "must-attend" event in Western New York.

Headlining the Griffis Sculpture Park Summer Festival is Jim Donovan & Sun King Warriors from Pittsburgh. The band is best described as a blend of rhythm heavy roots rock, with a strong dose of big barreling drums. Jim is an original member of the popular jam band, Rusted Root and co-author of their mega hit "Send Me on My Way." The band previously played the summer festival in 2017, opening for 10,000 Maniacs.

Buffalo's beloved PA Line will be bringing their unique, harmony-packed, funky, folk-rock sound that has been described as "Mumford & Sons meets Rusted Root."

Griffin Brady and Sly Boots Circus will bring their world beat drumming and performance to the event. This Buffalo outfits uplifting sounds and energy, gets people up, inspired and dancing.

Olean's Isaac Spaeth & friends will perform an exploratory musical piece on Larry Griffis Jr.'s sculpture, "The Castle Tower."

Solo artists, Ruby from Buffalo and Mikee Strongmen from Silver Creek will open the festival with separate performances.

The event also features a vendor village, a kid's crafts area, food stands, and beer & wine service and more. The annual event is a major fundraiser for one of the nation's oldest and biggest sculpture parks.

The Griffis Sculpture Park stage is at the top of the Mill Valley Road section of the park. Patrons are allowed to bring chairs, coolers. There is a shuttle to the top.

The Griffis Sculpture Park is owned and operated by the Ashford Hollow Foundation, which also owns the Essex Arts Center in Buffalo, NY. The mission of the Ashford Hollow Foundation is to promote the visual and performing arts as well as construct a dynamic relationship between the arts and education in Western New York to better its young people and the greater community.

Tickets are \$25. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.eventbrite.com/e/griffis-sculpture-park-annual-festival-tickets-642172012777.

OLEAN POLICE DRONE

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an individual inside a residence advised 911 operators that he would harm his children if the police tried to enter the residence," said Ensell. "They leveraged their drone to be able to get a look inside of the residence, without putting any of their officers in danger. They had observed via the drone that the individual was highly intoxicated and had fallen asleep, at which point they were able to safely evacuate the children."

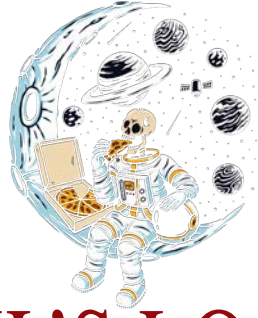
The new drone will also allow the Olean Police Department to assist agencies in surrounding cities, towns and counties when handling dangerous calls or missing persons cases.

Additionally, the drone's thermal capabilities can be used to assist local fire departments when responding to fires by locating hot spots, heightening the safety of both firemen and police officers responding to calls.

Together, grants from CRCF's Community Fund and the United Way of Cattaraugus County's Bill & Cathy Fraser grant program covered 25% of the funding for the \$9,000 grant. Grants from the Stitt Foundation and Cutco Foundation made up the remaining \$6,500 for the drone.

"The purpose of the Foundation's Community Fund is to respond the changing needs of our community. We have seen how important a drone can be in cases of missing persons and other situations we have seen in our area in recent years," said CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemi Buchheit. "This piece of equipment will be a huge help to our local first responders in times of need, and our board of directors is excited to have supported the Olean Police Department in acquiring it."

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STONE-FIRED SENSATIONS

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If you're up golfing, biking or hiking at the Valley and your tired legs just can't get you all the way back into town, you can always book your reservation for John Harvard's Brewhouse, located inside the Tamarack Club. They've got a brand new summer menu and the pizza options are amazing. Go Very Veggie, Buffalo Chicken or maybe be brave a try the Prosciutto and Pear. You can add Mike's Hot Honey to any pie for .75¢ and gluten free crust is always available. Part of their menu is also available in the Holiday Valley Cabana Bar!

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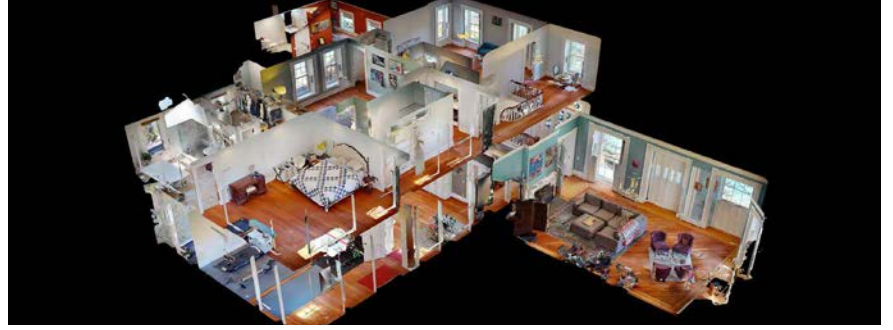
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F-E TITANS TRACK

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a dominant team showing at Randolph one week later.

As a team, the girls took sixth place in the small schools division at the state qualifiers last weekend at West Senior High.

Other standout performances from last weekend's State Qualifiers include the throwing tandem of sophomore Elizabeth Price and senior Megan Jackson. The girls finished one behind the other in the discus, where Price's fifth-place throw of 101-11" was two short inches further out than Jackson's sixth-place toss of 101-9". The following day in the shot put, Jackson took home fifth place with a toss of 33-3 1/2", while Price's throw of 31-2" was good enough for 11th place.

In one of the more demanding events in the sport, senior hurdler Anna Slavinski finished seventh in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:12.30 and also brought home a top-15 time in the 100m high hurdles. In her first season competing in the pentathlon, junior Abby Chudy finished in 4th place in the discipline that includes the high jump, long jump, shot put, 100m hurdles and 800m run.

Senior distance specialist Alysa Williams finished in 8th place in the 2,000m steeplechase and took home a top-15 finish in the 800m run with a time of 2:35.73.

TITANS BOYS BRING HOME SOLID RESULTS

Hot on the heels of a fifth-place team finish at the Class D Championships at Randolph on Friday, May 25, the Titans Boys Track team was paced at the State Qualifiers by freshman distance runner Grant Cornell, who scored a top-five finish in the 3,000m steeplechase with a time of 10:32.28. Cornell pushed through the 90-plus degree heat during the final event of a very long day on Friday in West Seneca to earn a top-12 finish in the 3,200m run with a time 11:06.64

Sophomore pentathlete Ben Edwards took fourth place overall in the five-event competition, his score was helped by a second-place finish in the 110m high hurdles (17.27 seconds). One of the best all-around athletes on the boys squad, Edwards also finished fourth in the 1,500m run (4:45.03) and claimed two more top-five finishes in the jumping events (high jump 1.6m and long jump, 5.36m).

During the preliminary heats on Friday, sophomore hurdler Maddox Johnson finished the 400m hurdle event in 1:03.23, just a touch over one second behind the time that would have gotten him into the finals on Saturday.

Senior discus thrower Dominic Breton brought home a top-15 finish from the State Qualifiers with a toss of 110'-5".

NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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where he studied journalism and mass communication. In the years since, he has worked to advance the mission of the Foundation by increasing its visibility and footprint in the community through marketing, communications and public relations. He has also assisted with the Foundation's fund and donor development efforts. Most notably, he has managed the Foundation's Cattaraugus Gives program, a day of giving for the Cattaraugus County region, which has raised more than \$1 million since 2018 for area nonprofits.

"I am honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as the next executive director of the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation and to work with our board of directors to continue to realize and advance CRCF's mission," said Windus. "I was born and raised nearby and consider this community home, and I look forward to the opportunity to work to improve the lives of Cattaraugus County residents through philanthropy and grantmaking."

A native of Bolivar, Windus resides in Olean. He can be reached at kirk@cattfoundation.org.

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EA2EVL ROAD RIDE

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town of Ellicottville. The event ends at a finish line party at Holiday Valley, open to the public, featuring food, drinks and live music with Never Ben. Transportation will be offered to bring riders back to East Aurora, or riders can get special rates for lodging at Holiday Valley.

In addition to the registration fee, riders who fundraise an additional \$100 for ECRT will receive a commemorative shirt and tickets for food and drinks at the post-event party. Participants who raise \$500 or more receive an EA2EVL bike jersey, with a special "yellow jersey" for the top fundraiser.

"We're excited to launch EA2EVL 2023," said event sponsor John Cimperman, Founder of 42 North Brewery. "For the past two years, this event has surpassed all of our expectations, giving riders of every level an opportunity to enjoy an epic fall ride followed by a great party, while supporting the ECRT Trail."

National Fuel, Tom's Pro Bikes, 42 North Brewing, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Phillips Lytle and Craig Small Law are sponsors of the 2023 event. Tom's Pro Bikes will also provide tech support to riders on the course. Learn more about ECRT at www.ecatrail.org.

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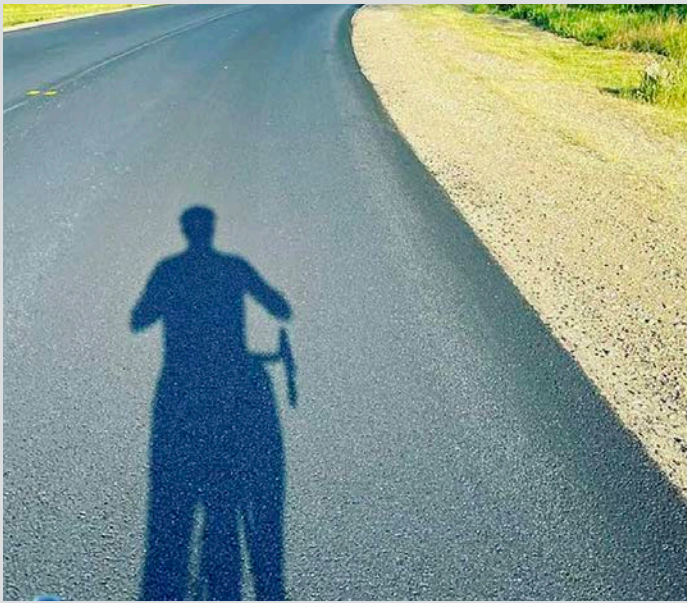
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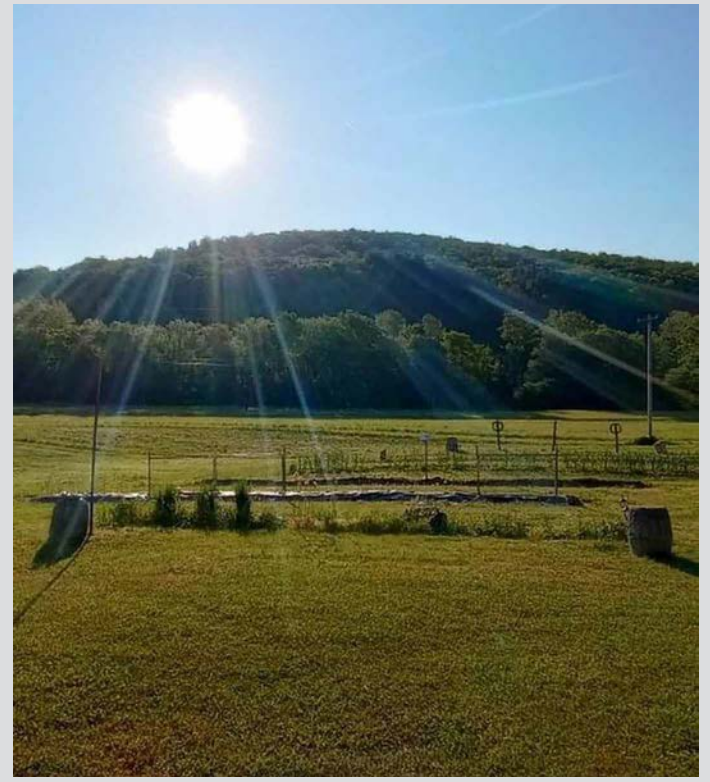
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