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WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PREPARES FOR PHASE 1B

It's been a hot minute since you've heard anything about the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP). What was once the nation's sole commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing plant has been working on dismantling the facility and cleaning up the area. It's a huge project with a lot of moving parts that many in the community are intrigued to learn more about.

Currently, they are in Phase 1A of decommissioning and cleanup work, which is expected to be completed in 2025. Contracting for Phase 1B will be awarded by the DOE for the underground work, which includes below-grade soil remediation and disposition work of remaining facilities, and is estimated by the DOE to be approximately 10 years of work with budget allocations between \$1B to \$3B.

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THE HISTORY OF THE ELLICOTTVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

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A Comedic Spin on the Art of Magic

Modern Day Magician Michael Kent to Perform at Ray Evans Theater



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BY COLLEEN EVANS

Ladies and gentlemen, step into a world of magic and wonder! A one-of-a-kind event is making its way to the Ray Evans Seneca Theater, and this is your chance to see a modern-day magician. Comedian and master of magic, Michael Kent, is sure to provide a night to remember!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27th to catch Michael Kent in action! Kent is known for giving a facelift to the old ways of magic and adding a comedic spin to his sets. He welcomes his guests to join in on the fun from their seats to the stage with interactive routines and audience participation. With the mind-blowing effects of a magician and the crazy antics of a comedian, this show is one that should not be missed!

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PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

An Inside Look at the Ellicottville Volunteer Fire Department



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By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

Here's a little history for you. After a fire in 1890 destroyed an entire block on the north side of Washington Street, citizens came together to form a group that would provide an obviously much needed fire fighting service to the community. In October of the same year, 30 names were pulled from a hat full of 54 volunteers and became the first members of what was then known fondly as Vedder Hose No. 1. Also in 1890, a 14-member company was formed, called The Bartlett Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

In 1894, the town leased the old library (now the Ellicottville Historical Society) and changed the name of the company to H. F. Northrup Hose Company after H. F. Northrup, who at the time was the Village president.

Skip ahead to 1920, the fire district map was completed and a steam whistle was used to alert fires, with the number of blasts designating which district the fire was located. Later that decade, the first fire truck was purchased. It was a 1923 GMC that later became the only piece of firefighting equipment for the East Leon Fire Department.

In 1939, a Diamond-T Fire Truck was purchased by the Village Board by bond for \$5,000. (This is still a part of the EFD and makes appearances at community events.) Around this time, the first fire siren was purchased to replace the steam whistle. (It was rumored that our fire company had some of the best fire fighting equipment in the county at the time.) And in 1940, the first actual Village Fire Hall/Meeting Room was built by Joseph Scharf.

Finally in 1945, the H. F. Northrup Hose Company was incorporated into the Hook and Ladder Company and became the Ellicottville Fire Company, boasting a total of 51 members on the roll.

PRESENT OBJECTIVE AND POSITIONS

Our Ellicottville Fire Department (EFD) is 100% volunteer operated. Mr. Jack Rogan, Director of the department shared that, "Our people are on completely volunteered time, 24/7, 365 days a year. Many volunteers are released from work to attend to calls, which is very generous of employment to allow this! We still make house calls - doctors don't even do that very much anymore!"

Their objective remains, as it always has, to provide fire protection and emergency services to the Town and Village of Ellicottville, almost half of Mansfield and adjacent territories, promoting fire protection, fire inspection, and fire safety and education in our local schools, homes and businesses.

The positions in our local department are: Chief, 4 Assistant Chiefs, Fire Captains, Fire Wardens and Fire Police. The executive organization is: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

"Being a member of the Ellicottville Fire Department is more than giving back to the community. It is an integral and important part of the community. If EFD is not the best equipped and manned volunteer department in the area, maybe even county, we are only a fraction off, maybe by about a 50-foot section of hose," Jack chuckled. More volunteers are always welcome and much needed.

BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

How do you volunteer to join the EFD? Well, first you have to be at least 16 years of age or

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THE BOB MCCARTHY FOUNDATION

2023 Produces Great Success; Foundation Looks Ahead to 2024



Pictured: Foundation members Greg Cappelli & Anne Northrup with local supporters Jane & Dennis Eshbaugh and Kim Duke, at last month's Irish Christmas fundraiser.

The holiday season was very active with Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas, a great success with Santa's Workshop helping 29 families/117 individuals in the Ellicottville area. With this hectic year-end schedule, it finally dawned on us that it has been a little over a year since the Bob McCarthy Foundation was transitioned from the Foundation for Youth and Family Support.

Our 501c3 charitable foundation is dedicated to acting as a bridge between families and supportive assistance while trying to level the playing field for many in our community. Transitioning these two entities into a single foundation allowed us to focus more precisely on our mandate while streamlining our efforts and expanding community involvement. We are now able to react quickly to an identified need within the community, bringing solutions that other agencies cannot do in real time.

For those of you who don't know, the Foundation is over 18 years old with our roots coming from two other support groups with a long history of assistance in Ellicottville. The Foundation for Youth was chartered in 2005, while in 2008 a critical local support group, the Family Support Center at ECS closed while almost simultaneously, the local Salvation Army group disbanded as well.

With the hole created by these closures, a number of local volunteers, including the late Sherman Wilkens, stepped forward to fill the void by establishing a Family Support affiliate with the mission to confidentially provide help and guidance to those in need, while trying to structure help to be self-sustaining.

Over the years we conducted numerous fundraisers - many created by the "mad" genius of the Voice of Ellicottville, Bob McCarthy. Bob, a long-term teacher of Special Ed students in Buffalo and a ski coach in Ellicottville, moved to Ellicottville, his winter home, after retirement. Bob's fun fundraisers like Celtic Thunder, Americana Folk Art & Music Fair, Farm Fest, Snowboard Auction, Another Day in Paradise, Tuscan Moon and many more continue to be that of local lore.

Bob's most recognized event, Irish Christmas, was started to provide funding for Family Support's "Santa's Workshop" helping families at Christmas. After his passing in June of 2016, the Foundation renamed this wonderful evening "Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas". This event now provides the bulk of the funding for most of the Foundation's work. We continue to ensure that 100% of the donations that are made go back into the Ellicottville community without any administrative costs as we remain a completely volunteer organization.

Although this community is blessed with good fortune, many families struggle providing basic needs in the home. These difficulties put a strain on family finances, emotions, health and schedules. Therefore, families may require some extra patience and understanding while certain issues are worked through and hopefully healed. The Foundation focuses on identifying the needs through the school and other agencies in tune with the issues that families face. From this we support many varied programs like:

- Quarterly support for the local Ellicottville Food Pantry
- Support for families who cannot pay for heat, food or clothing
- Help for victims of acts of God and ongoing health issues
- Summer student reading camps
- Summer "After Park" program
- Ellicottville Library Summer Intern program
- Annual ECS and BOCES Scholarships
- Support for many individual students to help level the playing field financially
- And many more

Our only means of finance are from fundraisers, donation boxes in local businesses and individual donations with the bulk coming via donations at Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas. In all, our generous community gives back in incredible ways.

We are excited about the changes implemented over the past year and look forward to continued work in the community. We continue to reach out and invite your input and invite you to join us in our mission. In 2024, we plan to roll out an Ellicottville Specific Seniors program and will provide further information soon once our plans are finalized. In the meantime, please feel free to contact anyone on our Board of Directors for information. Thanks to our wonderful community.

Bob McCarthy Foundation Board of Directors:
Katy Arena, Greg Cappelli,
Kathleen Moriarty, Anne Northrup

A COACH'S POINT OF VIEW

'Your Turn' Women's Ski Clinic at Holiday Valley



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By JANE ESHBAUGH

I've had the pleasure of being a coach for the "Your Turn Women's Clinic" with Lisa Densmore Ballard for the last 3 years. Not only has this been game changing for the women who attend, but it is so satisfying for me to see those women improve their skiing and have more fun on the snow. Lisa's formula is very straight forward: give women two days on snow where they're only responsible for themselves, teach them about equipment basics so they know what to look for, give them simple tips on how to be more in control, and challenge them to reach new goals.

The first day after a light, nutritious breakfast and introductions, the women select their demo skis for the morning session. As one of the four Holiday Valley female instructors, I meet my group, take some warm-up runs and figure out some root skills we all need to work on. I present a combination of specific drills to the ladies, but all the while keeping things moving and fun. Lisa spends time with each group giving her unique and straightforward feedback, and then she takes video of each participant. When we meet for our well-deserved lunch, she reviews the video and reinforces what she has presented to each individual. After lunch, the women can select different skis, then

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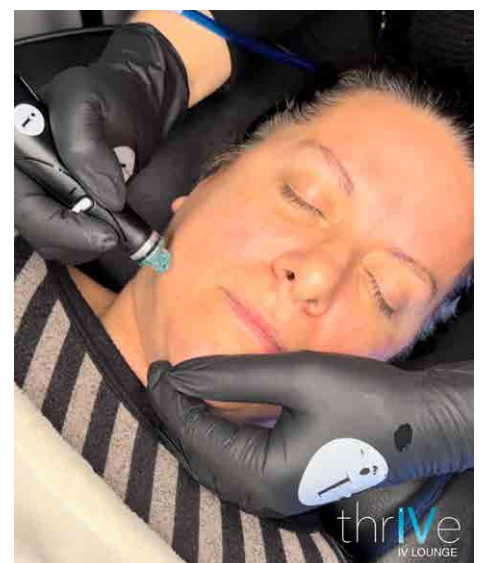
GIVE YOUR BODY A REFRESH

Thrive IV Lounge Adds HydraFacials to List of Services; Event Feb. 3rd

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Living in ski country, we know that winter is beautiful but it's also hard on your body. It's cold, you need more energy (definitely lacking Vitamin D around here right now), and the air is exceptionally harsh on your skin. There's nothing better than hollering up in your cozy chalet with a hot cup of whatever you like, but that can't solve all of your physical problems... or can it? If you give Thrive IV Lounge (located at 5 E. Washington Street in Ellicottville) a call, it could!

What do we mean? Let's start with what Thrive is exactly. And there is no one better to tell you what they offer than owner Caylee. ellicottvilleNOW had a chance to talk with her about the business, the services they offer and their newest addition, which has an amazing promotional event coming up.



eNOW: Thrive IV Lounge has been in Ellicottville for a bit now. Can you explain what your business offers?

CAYLEE: At Thrive IV Lounge, we offer a wide variety of IV infusions as well as intramuscular injections (IM) to help you feel your best and stay that way! So, whether you are looking to fight fatigue and increase energy naturally, get over a cold or the flu, or if you just had a little too much fun in downtown Ellicottville the night before, we have got just what you need! Living in this lovely part of the United States, we are prone to being deficient in essential vitamins such as vitamin D3 and B12. In less than five minutes, we can help supplement you via IM injection and you can be on your way and start feeling better! As we approach two years in business, our goal remains the same: to bring our community and clients options to optimize their health as well as services that allow them to feel their best - not only on the inside, but on the outside too. Our business is constantly evolving and growing, which is why we focus on continued education in order to provide the best care and services to our clients. We are thrilled to be able to offer such advanced and specialized services, including our latest and greatest, the HydraFacial!

eNOW: What is a HydraFacial and how does it work?

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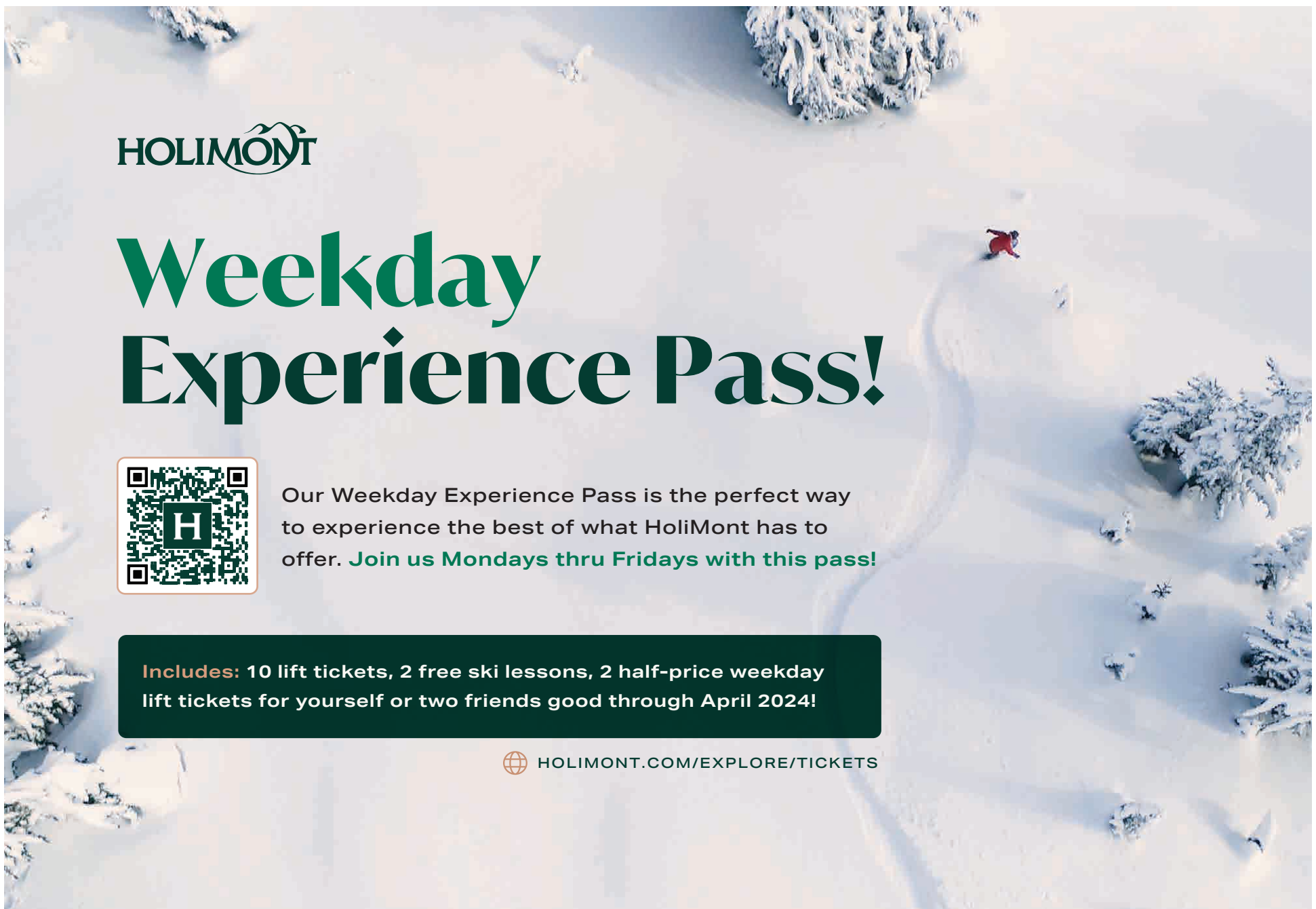
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THE DUELING PIANOS

Ellicottville Brewing Company Brings Competition, Music and Fun to Little Valley



By PATRICK FERRINO

Nothing goes better with a specialty EBC pint than some live music... and some friendly competition! We've only about a week until WNY's Hi-Octane's Dueling Piano Show takes Ellicottville Brewing Company by storm. On Friday, January 26th, the Little Valley location is sure to be filled with talent and fun as guests enjoy food and a complimentary beverage with their ticket purchase. The event will begin at 7:00pm.

NOT JUST MUSIC... IT'S AN EXPERIENCE

Events manager, Hannah Riter, is determined to drive guests to EBC's all-new Little Valley location. Being barely a year old, events like the Dueling Piano Show help to get the word out about EBC Little Valley. "The more people we can get there to see how beautiful it is, what food we offer, what beer we offer, and what kind of events we offer as well, the better," Riter said.

Everybody loves music. It's said to bring people together, and Ellicottville Brewing Company is no stranger to this. "We definitely offer live music at all of our locations, including Little Valley," Riter said.

However, in their effort to "get people to the space," according to Riter, EBC Little Valley aims to take on something different than the average musical ambiance. "It's more of a show and not necessarily something that you listen to in the background," Riter said. "We thought it'd be an experience for everyone in the community. The pianists interact with the audience, and they're entertaining you the whole time."

Riter told how WNY's Hi-Octane Dueling Pianos reached out to Ellicottville Brewing Company, interested in bringing their performance and art to the Little Valley location. The staff is excited too, as this sort of show is new to EBC. "I've never seen one in person," Riter said.

WNY's Hi-Octane Dueling Pianos brings the joy of music, performance and piano to brewpubs, restaurants and other event spaces to entertain communities in the greater Western New York region. The reviews tell the whole story. The company's Facebook page features guest commentary from past shows, emphasizing how it's "one of the funniest shows [I've] seen in a long time" and "completely entertaining and fun." Video clips of highlighted moments from past shows can also be found on WNY's Hi-Octane Dueling Pianos' Facebook page.

The community is clearly as excited about the Dueling Piano Show as we are. They sold out the show, and Riter said, "The whole place will be packed for dueling pianos". If you didn't get tickets, don't worry! EBC Little Valley certainly isn't done with its fun-filled events. Up next, Galentine's Day Brunch on February 4th will serve an all-you-can-eat buffet and crafts to indulge in with your gal pals. The event will run from 11:00am-2:00pm.

You can grab tickets through Eventbrite and find additional information on EBC Little Valley's Facebook and Instagram pages @ellicottvillebrewinglv or online at www.ellicottvillebrewing.com.

GET FLOCKED!

Unleash the Flamingos and Support Art Programming for Kids

OLEAN - If you happen to find several pink flamingos in your yard in upcoming weeks, don't be alarmed - you probably have been "flocked." The "Flock" fundraiser is being conducted by the Tri-County Arts Council in Olean to raise funds to support our kids' arts programming for 2024. It's time to trash up the neighborhood for a good cause, and flock your friends for any occasion. There are approximately 20 flamingos, including a few artsy ones and special signs! We will deliver within a 25-mile radius of Olean, NY City Center and set them up or you can take them yourself to set up. Outside that radius, for delivery, there will be a small mileage charge. For more information and to purchase this service, check out <https://www.tricountyartscouncil.org/flocked>. Your tax-deductible gift will positively impact all of our kid's programming successful implementations and for that we are grateful. Our programs thrive because of your gifts, membership fees and support. None of these opportunities are possible without you.

MODERN DAY MAGICIAN

Michael Kent to Perform at Ray Evans Seneca Theater in Salamanca



By COLLEEN EVANS

Ladies and gentlemen, step into a world of magic and wonder! A one-of-a-kind event is making its way to the Ray Evans Seneca Theater, and this is your chance to see a modern-day magician. Comedian and master of magic, Michael Kent, is sure to provide a night to remember!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 27th to catch Michael Kent in action! Presented by the Seneca-Salamanca Chamber of Commerce and the Seneca Mothers Against Drugs (SMAD) and hosted by the Ray Evans Seneca Theater, this is not your typical magic show. Michael Kent is known for giving a facelift to the old ways of magic and adding a comedic spin to his sets. The Columbus, Ohio native has been looking for laughs through magic since his younger days, making friends and chasing girls with his quick tricks. Now the professional magician finds himself performing for the masses from 40 states to 13 countries overseas.

Kent welcomes his guests to join in on the fun from their seats to the stage with interactive routines and audience participation. With the mind-blowing effects of a magician and the crazy antics of a comedian, this show is one that should not be missed! An instant hit for you and your group, this is sure to be an unforgettable evening. And for those really looking to take their experience up a notch, be sure to purchase the VIP Meet & Greet hour, starting at 6:00pm, to get a chance for a one-on-one with Kent, along with appetizers and mocktails to enjoy.

The Ray Evans Theater, perfectly situated in the center of Salamanca, is a gem of its own, showcasing history and talent all in one. Kent will be among the many to grace the stage of the 1945 historic building. The theater itself is named after a local legend and songwriter,

"Modern Day Magician" continued page 14

COMING TO THE CASINO

Seneca Allegany to Welcome Scotty McCreery in April; Tickets on Sale Friday

SALAMANCA - Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino will deliver another knock-out night of music when Scotty McCreery performs in the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, April 13th at 7:00pm

Tickets go on sale this Friday, January 19th at noon and start at \$45.

Scotty McCreery burst onto the scene as the Season 10 winner of the hit television talent program "American Idol." From there, he quickly won the hearts of critics and audiences alike with his deep singing voice, traditional Country style, and downhome Southern charm. He has amassed a wave of hits, including "Five More Minutes," "In Between," "Damn Straight," "I Love You This Big," "The Trouble With Girls," "See You Tonight," and more. McCreery also made history as the first Country artist and youngest male artist of any genre to debut his first solo album on the Billboard "Top 200" chart.



In addition to Scotty McCreery, other performances at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino include: Brantley Gilbert February 10th, and LIVE March 2nd.

To purchase tickets: Seneca Resorts & Casinos uses all paperless ticketing for all events at all of its properties. Tickets may be purchased online at SenecaNiagaraCasino.com, SenecaAlleganyCasino.com or ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased in-person at 8 Clans inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino or The Logo Shop inside Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. A secure link, sent by either e-mail or text, allows guests to save tickets to their phone or mobile device.

More information is available by calling 1-877-8-SENECA (1-877-873-6322) or visiting SenecaAlleganyCasino.com.

Destination FUN

Upcoming Events to Mark On Your Calendar

JANUARY 19

@ ALLEGANY STATE PARK
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FAT BIKE RIDES

Allegany State Park is hosting monthly fat bike rides! Meet other fat bike enthusiasts at these Friday night fun rides: January 19th, February 16th, and March 15th at 6:30pm, with the rides starting at 6:45pm. Bring warm clothes, a helmet, a head light, and sense of adventure. Check in will be at Camp Allegany in January and February and the Red House Administration Building on March 15th. For more information on this event please visit <https://www.facebook.com/alleganystatepark>.

JANUARY 19-21

@ DOWNTOWN ELLICOTTVILLE
800-349-9099 | www.ellicottvillenewyork.com



Fill your Ellicottville experience with a lively weekend of great blues music during Ellicottville's annual Winter Blues Weekend. The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is excited to present this high-energy, soulful celebration in the heart of our village, with over 15 regional acts performing in all the downtown hot spots. The music kicks off Friday evening and continues through Sunday afternoon, making it a weekend you won't want to miss. All performances are free to enjoy!

JANUARY 20

@ ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY
716-597-6121 | www.ellicottvilledistillery.com



Is your Christmas tree just lying around wasting away in your living room or yard? Now that the holidays are over, it's time to take that baby down! Bring it to the Ellicottville Distillery in anticipation of their annual Christmas Tree Bonfire on Saturday January 20th. The Distillery will open at 12:00pm that day. Come out and enjoy a drink (or five), listen to live music with Kody & Herren from 5:00-8:00pm, and then get toasty around the fire at 6:00pm. Need your tree picked up? Contact the Distillery!

JANUARY 20

@ HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
716-699-2345 | www.holidayvalley.com



RED BULL RAIL JAM

If you love sliding on steel, come out to Holiday Valley at the Fiddler's Terrain Park on Saturday, January 20th from 6:00-8:00pm for a rail jam that should not be missed! Sponsored by Red Bull, this competition is bound to be action-packed and a ton of fun. DJ Tyler Swift will be rockin' the mic and keeping the vibes high! A safety waiver is **REQUIRED** and can be downloaded by visiting the Holiday Valley event page and brought to the event (along with a parent signature for anyone 18 and under). Helmets are mandatory and inverters are not allowed. Don't miss out on your chance to jam!

JANUARY 20

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JANUARY 24 & 25

@ HOLIDAY VALLEY RESORT
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YOUR TURN WOMEN'S SKI CLINIC WITH LISA BALLARD

Holiday Valley Snowsports School is featuring the 10th annual YOUR TURN women's clinic on Wednesday and Thursday, January 24 and 25, 2024 led by Lisa Ballard, a widely acclaimed coach and ski racer and assisted by several of Holiday Valley's finest women instructors. Intermediate skiers who can ski the blue squares through advanced skiers who want to take their skiing to the next level will benefit from this clinic. The clinic will begin at 8:00am with registration and breakfast. Pre-registration is advised as attendance is limited. Please call 716-699-3506 with any questions.

JANUARY 26

@ HOLIMONT SKI RESORT
716-699-2320 | www.holimont.com



HoliMont Contractor's Day is an event filled with many fun activities that take place on and off the slopes. This year's activities will include the 36th annual Dave Pitkin Memorial Ski Race, dedicated to him to commemorate his enduring spirit, his contributions to the HoliMont Racing Club, and his part in creating the racing hill. Participants can also enjoy the infamous Bombardier Ball Drop, lunch provided by Dina's at the Mont, a vendor market and an Après Ski Party. This event is sponsored by many local businesses and helps to celebrate and support our local community. Join in the fun for one of our most favorite days of the year!

JANUARY 26

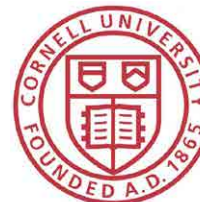
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Prepare for an exciting night filled with laughter, requests, and friendly competition as two comedic pianists engage in a musical duel with the audience. The WNY Hi Octane Dueling Piano Show incorporates the audience in a request-driven, high-powered presentation of music, comedy and fractured songs, all designed to create an evening of sing-a-long, thump-the-tables-a-long, and dance-a-long insanity! Mark your calendars and join EBC in Little Valley for an evening of non-stop fun and entertainment. Ticket purchases include a complimentary pint of beer or glass of wine. Email info@ellicottvillebrewing.com for ticket information.

JANUARY 27

@ CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
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CLEAN-UP CONTINUES ON WEST VALLEY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Dept. of Energy and NYSERDA Preparing for Phase 1B Through Bidding Process; American DND to Host Meet and Greet January 24



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

It's been a hot minute since you've heard anything about the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP). What was once the nation's sole commercial nuclear fuel reprocessing plant has been working on dismantling the facility and cleaning up the area. It's a huge project with a lot of moving parts that many in the community are intrigued to learn more about. With so much information and rumors swirling around, how exactly does the average person process it all?

LET'S START AT THE BEGINNING

The WVDP is a 150-acre area owned by the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) that was commissioned and licensed to be a commercial nuclear reprocessing plant, which between the years of 1966-1972, processed 640 metric tons of nuclear waste. Then in 1980, Congress passed the WVDP Act, an act which required the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to begin removing the waste and transporting it to a federal repository for disposal.

This means they need to solidify any liquid waste, develop containers that will be suitable to hold it during transfer and get it over to the federal facility for disposal as soon as possible, all while decommissioning the tanks and buildings at the West Valley project site. This is a task that they began working on back in 2002. In 2010, the DOE and NYSERDA published a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), addressing the phases of decontamination. The DOE has been performing the decommissioning and cleanup work in phases (www.wv.doe.gov).

Phase 1A is currently ongoing and progressing nicely and is expected to end sometime in 2025, or possibly 2026. The current "Prime" Contractor is CH2M Hill, BWXT, West Valley, LLC. (CHBWV). Their website, which also contains additional information about the project, is www.chbwv.com.

THE NEXT PHASE

Phase 1B is next and the DOE and NYSERDA are working on selecting a new Prime Contractor for this next phase through an unrestricted, nationwide competitive bidding process. The formal RFP Solicitation was just published by the DOE on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The full text and RFP solicitation documents can be found at www.emcbc.doe.gov/seb/wvdpphase1B. Phase 1B work includes below-grade soil remediation and disposition of remaining facilities, and is estimated by the DOE to be approximately 10 years of work with budget allocations between \$1B to \$3B. Bids are due on February 26, 2024, and the DOE anticipates making an award/selection sometime within the next year or so.

After Phase 1B, they will move onto Phase 2. Phase 2 is to address the four underground waste tanks, the two on-site waste disposal areas, the non-source area of a groundwater plume and several other minor facilities.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

If you are interested in more details on the project, the DOE does have a very strong outreach program. They conduct quarterly public meetings and participate in eight monthly meetings with the West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF) on an annual basis. During Phase 1A, all three groups came together for updates on the progress of the project, which will continue

throughout the next stages of planning and work performance. In 2022, the site held an in-person informational session for the Town of Ashford residents to discuss the upcoming demolition of the Main Processing Plant. Anyone can attend these Community Outreach monthly meetings which are held at the Ashford Office Complex at 9030 Route 219 in Ashford NY. The future meeting schedules, past meeting minutes, and presentations can be found at www.westvalleyctf.org.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR

The Project began demolition of the Main Plant Processing Building (MPPB), which is the last remaining "major" facility at the site. Completed demolition of the Vitrification building and the Load In/Load Out Facility, completed the permeable treatment wall soil and structure removal project, re-instated rail operation, and safely containerized and stored radioactive waste in concrete casks awaiting shipment to a federal repository.

LOOKING AHEAD LONG-TERM

The above grade demolition of the MPPB (Phase 1A) should be complete by 2025 and the next prime Contract for Phase 1B will be awarded by the DOE for the underground work. DOE and NYSERDA intend to make an integrated path forward for the Phase 2 decommissioning activities as work is performed for Phase 1B over the next 10 years. Farther ahead, by approximately 2030, the DOE expects to complete the decommissioning of the below-grade portions of the Main Processing Plant and the Vitrification Facility. If a disposal option for the rest of the waste is available, by the end of 2033 the DOE could complete the processing, packaging, shipment, and disposal of the remaining waste facilities.

After that time, any remaining clean-up will focus on the removal of what they call "orphan" waste, which is waste that currently does not have a pathway for disposal. Optimistically, full clean-up activities at the WVDP should be completed by 2043.

If you're like me, you're still sitting here after all that scratching your head. That was a lot of information and there are still a lot of questions - What does employment look like as work is completed and there is nothing else to do? How is the area around the plant being affected? What are the plans for the area/property after clean-up is completed? Only time will tell, and it's best to follow the websites listed above and stay tuned for additional updates as they are provided from time to time by the US-DOE and their Prime Contractors.

In the meantime, there's a LOT of work to do and one local company which has been working at the site since 2011 is trying to make sure other local WNY businesses and contractors can help with the cleanup. American Demolition & Nuclear Decommissioning, Inc. (American DND) is sponsoring an introductory meet and greet at the West Valley Fire Department Banquet Hall, (9085 Route 240, West Valley, NY) on Wednesday afternoon, January 24th from 2:00-6:00pm. Representatives from American DND will be available to talk about the next bidding Phase 1B of the project as well as to talk about opportunities for those interested in becoming a part of future work. Be sure to attend the event to learn more about this massively important project.

And if you want to view the full strategic vision plan, visit www.energy.gov/em/west-valley-demonstration-project-wvdp.

NURSING PROGRAM AIMED AT ENTERING THE WORKFORCE SOONER

Part-time LPN Program at CA BOCES CTE Centers in Olean and Belmont Can Now Be Completed in One Year

OLEAN - Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES recently received approval that allows their previously part-time Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program to be completed in one year of full-time study.

The one-year LPN pilot program is now being offered at the CA BOCES CTE Center at Olean and will be offered at the CTE Center at Belmont in the fall of 2024. CA BOCES Principal of Workforce Development and Community Learning, Matt Fanton, said that the new program designation will create better outcomes for students and for the community.

"With the new, more efficient program layout, we will have trained professionals heading out into hospitals and medical offices sooner," he said. "This is beneficial for students and for the regional workforce."

CA BOCES Practical Nursing Program Director, Jody Joseph, said that she is pleased with the recent program update and is focused on maintaining high-quality curriculum.

"We work closely with regional nursing coordinators to make sure we are continually

preparing our students for any changes in the medical field," she said. "This new program format allows students to still gain all of those necessary skills for the field, but with the capability to be in the workforce sooner."

Fanton added that even more program expansions are a goal for the future. "The demand from students and the local medical community is there," he said. "As we complete our pilot offerings and expand to our other centers, we are hoping to find larger facilities in the community specific to our program so we can serve even more students."

For more program information, visit caboces.org or call 716-376-8200.

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LIFESTYLE

Breakaway Classic Adventures: Muskies Exposed

By **INDREK KONGATS**

Did you know? Western New York is Musky capital of, not only this state, but all of the USA!

Locally we have great musky fishing in Chautauqua Lake, the Niagara River, the Allegheny River, the Finger Lakes and numerous smaller lakes. WNY residents have the added benefit to being within an easy drive to Ontario's Georgian Bay, where the Canadian Record Musky was caught by Kevin O'Brien, a whopping 65-pounder, and the 1000 Islands of the St. Lawrence River that produce a behemoth 69lb brute!

To celebrate our region's importance in the Musky World, WNY is hosting the 3rd Annual New York Musky Expo on Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th at the Chautauqua Suites Hotel in Mayville, NY, right across the street from Chautauqua Lake.

Show hours are Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday 9:00am-2:00pm. The New York Musky Expo is organized by Master Musketeer and President of New York Muskies Inc – Chapter 69, Captain Katia Rivers from Rochester, New York (pictured, right). Captain Rivers is a 5-time winner of the Muskies Inc Tournament Championship! In just one season, the Musky Queen Katia landed 81 Muskies!

Famous Chautauqua Lake is a mere 45 minutes to an hour away from Ellicottville, starting at Jamestown, NY and ending in Mayville, NY, approximately 17 miles in length. At an elevation of 1,308 feet above sea level, Chautauqua is higher than any of the Finger Lakes and is one of the highest navigable lakes in North America - definitely the highest musky lake that I know. Musky over 50 inches and 50 pounds are not only possible but have been recorded in this lake's history.

Chautauqua's musky population is supported by an annual stocking of 13,000 fingerlings (8.5 to 9 inches) by the hatchery at Prendergast Point. Special regulations govern and safeguard the musky population. The season opens June 1st and ends November 30th; a minimum size limit of 40 inches and a daily limit of one fish can be kept.

Another interesting fact is that the management and culture of muskellunge was born on the waters of Chautauqua Lake, dating back to 1888. The Prendergast Hatchery is the only one raising a pure strain of muskellunge, eggs collected only from Chautauqua Lake.

Both species of musky are present in the lake - the smaller hybrid Tiger musky (a cross between a northern pike and muskellunge) are feisty and more aggressive than its larger cousin the true muskellunge, *Esox masquinongy*.

The strategies for catching musky are as varied as the lures manufactured to catch them, something that you'll witness in person when you attend the Expo, a gazillion different lures and even more different color combinations! No one system works best and no one lure always catches the fish. Personal preference plays the biggest roll in catching the biggest musky. The more hours you spend on the water, under your ideal conditions, using your ideal bait will catch you your biggest muskies. It's really a matter of numbers - the more lottery tickets you buy the better your chance of winning the jackpot.

For example, if you believe that muskies bite the best when the weather is ugly, high wind, rain, cold temperatures, then these are the days that you fish with confidence. Under these conditions you feel sure that you'll catch a fish. Therefore, you will! Not because these are the only conditions that trigger a musky to hit, but rather because you understand through trial and error where the musky is during these conditions and how aggressive they might be. Thus you present the right lure the right way in the right spot. It's very much like watching the Bills run their offense. If Josh Allen isn't connecting with Stefon Diggs, then they'll need to go to their run game with Allen and James Cook. Similarly in musky fishing, hurling heavy musky lures all day is hard work and not always productive so you'll have to switch to running lures behind the boat.

Expanding your repertoire of techniques and strategies is important in becoming a better musky fisherman. Knowing when to hold-'em and when to fold-'em is a universal truth and



there are many other parallels in the games that we play with real life experiences. Making the right decision at the right time takes practice, patience and self-motivation to keep on trying after a series of failures.

Muskies are called the fish of a thousand cast. If you do the math, in order for Katia to land 81 fish in a single season, she must have had to make 81,000 cast. If every cast takes 30 seconds then she must have spent 84 8-hour days to catch all those fish. I am sure she'll be at the show so make sure you ask her how she did it!

Fly fishing for musky is even more challenging. Typically with several backcasts needed to present your fly, a fly fisherman will have to make 3 casts to a regular tackle fisherman's one. The fish of 1,000 casts is all of a sudden the fish of 3,000 casts for the fly fisherman. Although the percentage of strikes for the fly fisherman might be a little higher, if you could only cover as much ground as someone trolling for musky, the number of daily or even seasonal catches is very small. The challenge of catching a fish on your terms - not theirs - is the greatest reward even if it's only one!

Muskies must be appreciated for what they are, the greatest freshwater fish in existence. They are beautiful, majestic, hard hitters and leapers. They fight to the end and therefore they have to be handled with care so that they can be released to fight again. Without cradling a Musky in your arms, you'll never really understand how truly awesome nature is.

Come on out to the Musky Expo, meet the guides, learn their secrets, buy some tackle and take in the seminars that will teach you how to use them! There are lots of activities for the whole family including a Kid's Corner, where anyone under 17 years in age will get a free used musky lure donated by one of the many exhibitors. The cost of the show is \$15.00 per day or \$20 for both days, kids 12 and under are free!

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

WOMEN'S SKI CLINIC

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we're back on snow for the afternoon with group appropriate drills and more mileage. I'm careful to keep it simple and ski a lot!

We break in the afternoon for some down time, then meet for happy hour and a very informative boot clinic by one of Mud, Sweat n' Gears' master boot fitters. Dinner is provided by Edna's at the Tamarack Club and by dessert everyone is ready for a good night's sleep.

The second day we'll enjoy another breakfast and Lisa will introduce basic ski racing tips. After selecting new demos, we run gates - not to become World Cup racers, but to refine our skiing skills and give us more confidence in slightly uncomfortable situations. There's no timing involved, just skiing a nice rhythmical course that's mostly just fun. Watching these women skiing gates for the first time is amazing as they progress from being a little scared to embracing a bit more speed and being comfortable with turning where the gates dictate. Lots of pole clicking happens as the women support each other while they improve.

Lunch happens, then the women can choose to participate in one of 4 specialty clinics which most likely will include skiing bumps, skiing steeps, "Hand Jive" (what to do with those silly ski poles), and skiing powder and crud. The wrap-up is back inside where Lisa is available for more individual feedback and then she awards some awesome door prizes. It's such a thrill to see the camaraderie that has developed, the new ski buddies they've found and of course the new confidence the women have gained in their skiing.

Your Turn Women's Clinic on January 24th and 25th has just a couple spots left so register now at www.holidayvalley.com/womenskiclinic/.



HYDRAFACIALS AT THRIVE

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CAYLEE: HydraFacial is not your typical facial. This integrative system holds over 80 patents, as it uses vortex fusion technology to rejuvenate and give your skin the hydration that it is begging for, especially during these cold winter months. At Thrive, our HydraFacialists are specially trained to provide each client with a customized treatment that will target your specific skin type and any issues that may be present. So, whether your skin concerns include acne, dryness, redness/rosacea, or even fine lines and wrinkles, we will create a customized treatment plan using medical grade skin care products to give you the HydraFacial that is best for you!

eNOW: You're hosting a special event to promote the new service. Details?
CAYLEE: If you are interested in trying this amazing treatment, join us for our HydraFacial Signature Event, happening Saturday, February 3rd from 3:00-6:00pm. All guests will enjoy an Express Signature HydraFacial for just \$50, regularly priced at \$175! There will be complimentary hand HydraFacials, delicious mocktails, event-only offers on select services and packages, as well as the opportunity to be entered to win our Platinum HydraFacial, valued at \$299! Come and see what all the talk is about with this skin revolutionizing facial at Thrive IV Lounge. It's not just a facial, it's HydraFacial. Reserve your spot for this event. Space is limited.

eNOW: Anything else you want to add?
CAYLEE: Stay tuned for more exciting announcements to come and be sure to follow us on our social media so you don't miss a thing!

You can do just that by following Thrive IV Lounge on Facebook and Instagram @thriveivlounge, visiting their website at thriveivlounge.com and calling to book appointments and get more details on services at 716-244-3286. Do yourself a favor and snag an appointment for the HydraFacial promotion or just get an appointment to boost your immunity for the winter season. If you are feeling too fatigued to leave your comfort zone, they offer concierge services where they can bring the treatment to you. You don't have to lift a finger, just call and schedule your appointment. Then you can officially say #igotpokedinevl.

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NOW HIRING: The Gado-Gado team in Ellicottville is looking for an addition. We're looking for a hardworking and motivated individual to work alongside us. Must be available on weekends and festivals! Email resumes and a brief introduction to gadogado98@hotmail.com. *This is a yearly position, not seasonal.

EMPLOYMENT

IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Ellicottville Central School District has an opening for a **FULL-TIME BUS DRIVER** (CDLB License with appropriate endorsements) New York State Education Department Fingerprint Clearance, a Clean Driving Abstract and CDLB License with appropriate endorsements is required. The District is also looking to hire **SUBSTITUTE BUS and VAN DRIVERS**. Applications are available by calling Todd Lovell, Transportation Supervisor at 716-699-2316 (ext. 1305) or via email (tlovell@ecsny.org). The deadline to apply is Friday, January 26, 2024. EOE

COMMUNITY

VISIT ST. JOHN'S FOR SATURDAY SERVICE: St. John's Episcopal Church is located at the village of Ellicottville's historic four corners. We host a visitor-friendly service every Saturday beginning at 5:00pm. Any and all are welcome to attend!

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: The Ellicottville Memorial Library is now recycling used/empty and new/unused printer cartridges, cell phones/smartphones, old laptop computers and tablets. Please remove user info, passwords and unlock all phones and tablets before you donate. Computer hard drives will be cleaned of all personal information by CGRP. The library makes a profit on the sale of these items. Please include AC adapters and cords when possible. Just drop the items in our collection box. Thank you for helping us recycle! The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maples Road. For questions, call 716-699-2842.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Little Valley Bridge of Hope Church (formerly the United Methodist Church) will host a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 27, 2024 from 4:00-7:00pm at their location, 109 Court Street, Little Valley, NY. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and desert. Dine with us or take out. Cost is a free-will donation. All proceeds will go towards repairing our Sanctuary. For questions or further information please call 716-938-6150.

ELLICOTTVILLE FIRE DEPT.

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older. Then you need to undergo training. This is called Fire Fighter 1, a mandatory state training program. The different levels of training allow individuals to take on different tasks on an emergency call once they are ready.

Education/Trainings/ Seminars:

- Pump operation
- Fire scene management
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- Rope and rope rescue
- Equipment operations and driving
- Officer education
- Interior firefighting
- Search and rescue training
- Training on EFD equipment: (CO2 detection, thermal imaging, radio operation, airpack operation, and personal safety)



We can't forget to mention the Ellicottville Joint Fire Commission. The Ellicottville Joint Fire Commission are appointed members of the community who act as the financial directors of budget and expenses of equipment and supplies (trucks included) for the Ellicottville Fire Department, allowing the necessary equipment, education, and supplies to be included in the budget. All expenditures are submitted and approved/denied. It is a unique organization, as it is one of very few joint fire commissions that represents the village and town.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Keep in mind, it isn't all emergencies and fighting blazes all the time. To add some examples, Jack shared some of the company's most memorable volunteer moments. Jack has been a part of the department for 60 years. Besides the scary moments of the job during fire rescues and emergency runs, there are also more lighthearted times. They once had to rescue a buffalo from a pond up on Horn Hill when the buffalo farm was still up there. (That had to be a bull of a job!) They've had to rescue an individual stuck waist deep in a swamp, and have of course rescued a cat or two from a tree.

The volunteers also work activities in the local community, like the Open House at the Fire Hall, giving fire truck rides during events, parade participation, teaching fire prevention and safety courses and putting on the infamous annual Easter egg hunt at the Village Park.

You can find more information on their Facebook (Ellicottville Volunteer Fire Department), on their website at ellicottvillefire.com or by calling 716-699-2717. Meetings are held every first Monday of the month at 7:30pm and every Tuesday evening (6:00-6:30pm) on work nights at the firehall which is located at 30 Fillmore Drive in Ellicottville, NY. The Ellicottville Joint Fire Commission and the Ellicottville Fire Department want to thank the community of Ellicottville and its surrounding areas for their continued support.

MODERN DAY MAGICIAN

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Ray Evans, as well as its Seneca Nation representation of the land. There is plenty to see and enjoy between the acts and laughs while taking in the beauty of the building.

The Ohio Top 30 Famously Funny comedian Michael Kent is ready to entertain and blow your minds with his stage presence and performance. Having been featured on the hit TV show Penn & Teller Fool Us, you now can be the judge on how well the magic lands and how many laughs you will have along the way. Classic routines, alongside organically original material and magic, will keep your mind guessing. Kent has been praised as a fan-favorite for his spin on the old takes paired with effortless punchlines packed in. His endless hits continue to please crowds with memorable renditions on the multiplying bottles, the rubber chicken, and a deck of cards; you will not have the chance to question his secrets if you cannot stop laughing. Deemed as "wildly original" to "clever, sarcastic, and absolute fun!", make your way to see Michael Kent while tickets are still available.

This event will be held January 27th at 7:30pm (VIP access at 6:00pm) at the Ray Evans Seneca Theater, 10 Main Street, Salamanca, NY. Find more information on the event and ticket pricing through the Seneca-Salamanca Chamber of Commerce website at www.SalamancaChamber.org. You can also look into the man of the hour himself, Michael Kent, at www.MichaelKentLive.com.

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andrea.solar.716: Sweet sweater. @buffalobills @ellicottvillenow



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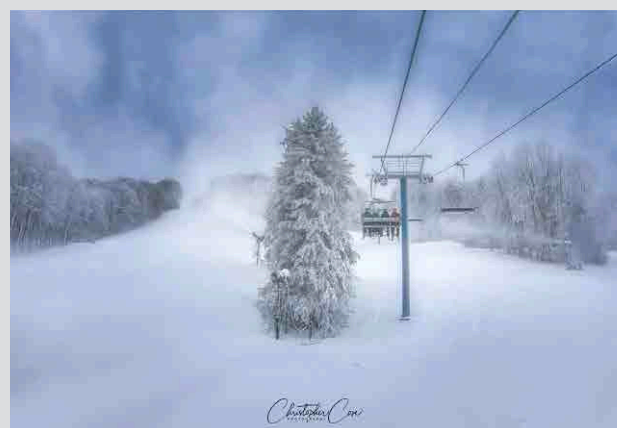
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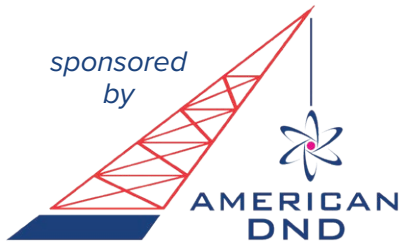
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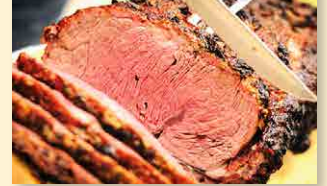
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