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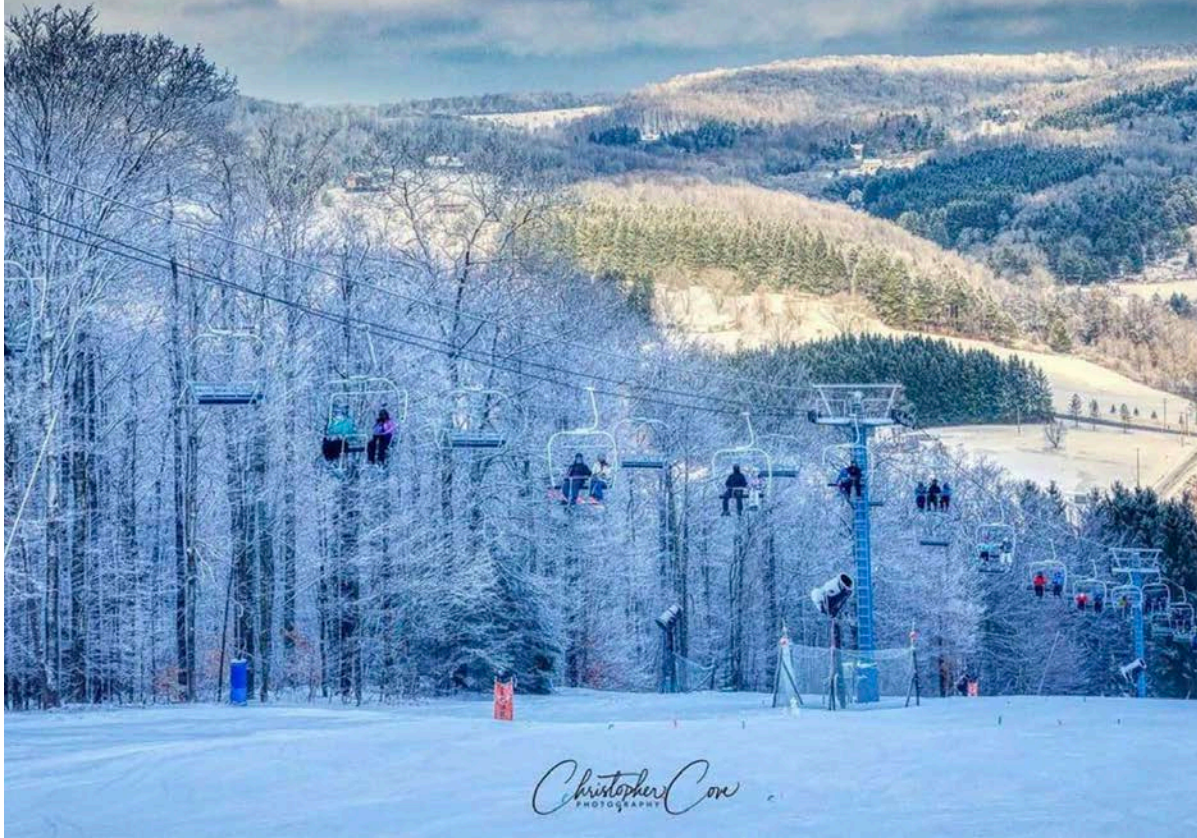
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HoliMont Partners with Resort Planner

Master Plan by World-Renowned Company to Transform HoliMont Into a Four-Season Destination

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By MARY HEYL

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ALLEGANY STATE PARK ANNOUNCES SPRING EVENTS

The weather is improving (slowly), spring is here (somewhere) and the time to get outdoors is now! (Or later this week when the sun is out.) This is the season of gardening, picnicking and pre-bbq bbqing. There's no better place to enjoy the outdoors than Allegany State Park. Located in Salamanca, NY, it's just a stone's throw away from Ellicottville and is hosting a wealth of upcoming events.

Visit the Quaker Run side of the park on May 6 for "I Love My Park Day". This is the day when thousands of volunteers across NYS come together to clean up local parks and public lands. It's actually the largest single-day volunteer event in the state! Volunteers will plant trees, restore trails and many other improvement projects to help prepare the park for the start of the season.

May 6 will also host the annual Allegany Adventure Run.

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From Farm to Table: 11th Annual Farmer-Neighbor Dinner

We live in farm country. It's a beautiful place of rolling hills, wide open fields and such a natural bounty that our farming community is exceptionally diverse. This means you can find various types of produce, milk and meat products close to home. Having a good relationship between farmers and their communities is key to keeping the flow moving forward. And what better way to get to know our local farmers than the Cattaraugus County Agricultural Annual Farmer-Neighbor Dinner, happening April 12 ... page 09

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Have a Crush On Your Food!

Edible Crush Custom Catering Makes Planning Any Event Fun... And Easy!

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Erin Horton ran independent restaurants and large corporate ventures for nearly 20 years before starting Edible Crush Catering. She has traveled nationally and internationally, and won numerous awards. This Culinary Institute of America graduate has come home, with more than a few accolades on her resume from being the first female Executive Chef for Delaware North's Parks and Resorts Division to Store Chef for Wegmans' Orchard Fresh grocery store concept.

Quite honestly, she came home hoping she could enjoy her two kiddos and not work for a bit. But, once people in the community heard she was back, they kept her quite busy, asking to work her culinary magic for company luncheons, social affairs, weddings, etc.

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LOCAL MUSTARD MAKER ANNOUNCES NEW SPRING PRODUCTS

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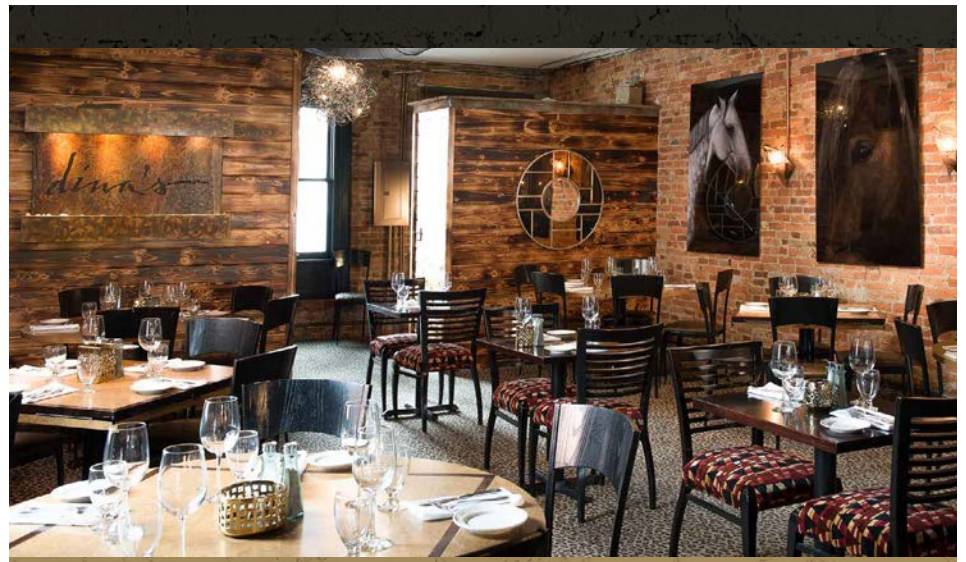
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Publisher's PICK

\$9 MILLION IN UPGRADES

Holiday Valley Announces Capital Improvement Projects to be Completed for the 2023-24 Ski Season, Including New Chairlift, Inn Renovations and More



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Additional investments include: a three-year renovation project on The Inn at Holiday Valley, the purchase of a new PistenBully 600 snow groomer, continued investments into the snowmaking system, and renovations to John Harvard's at the Tamarack Club. In total, Holiday Valley plans to invest upwards of \$9 million back into the resort as it prepares for the 2023-24 winter season.

"It's wonderful and exciting to continue to grow Holiday Valley and offer more to our guests," said Holiday Valley President and General Manager, Dennis Eshbaugh. "Our mission is to create fun for every visitor and our mantra is quality first."

The Holiday Valley Mountain Operations team will do the majority of the 6 Pack build, as they have done with all of the chairlift projects at the resort.

Approximately 35 rooms per year will be renovated at The Inn for the next three years until all 102 rooms are complete. A small convenience store will also be built into the lobby area, which will allow guests easier access to snacks and drinks. The Inn at Holiday Valley first opened in the 1994-95 winter season.

A new PistenBully 600 snow groomer will be added to the Holiday Valley grooming fleet. This groomer is not only perfect for maintaining the slopes of the resort in terms of its efficiency and operation but it is also lighter than any groomer in its class and more environmentally friendly.

This past winter has showcased just how important a strong snowmaking system is to the success of Holiday Valley. More automation will be added to the system, allowing the Snowmaking Team to maximize its efficiency. Additionally, aging water and air pipelines will be extracted from the ground and replaced with new lines in order to create an even more effective snowmaking infrastructure throughout the resort.

This fall, John Harvard's, the restaurant at the Tamarack Club, will be undergoing a redesign that will open the space up more and see a new design to the bar area, thus providing guests with fantastic views of the slopes while they dine.

More information can be found at holidayvalley.com.

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The Giraffe Team to Showcase New Release and Present Donation Check to Ellicottville Skatepark Saturday at the Ellicottville Memorial Library

A great event is coming to the Ellicottville Memorial Library this Saturday, April 1st from 2:00-4:00pm. The Giraffe Team has invited the community to celebrate their new book, "Power Poems for Giraffes", which through the sale of each book a dollar will be donated to help generate funds for an orphanage in Uganda, Africa and also to the Ellicottville Skatepark Scholarships. A donation check to SK8EVL, the organization spearheading the construction of the Ellicottville Skatepark project, will be presented on this day.

The public is invited to share in the celebration with skateboards, balloons and giraffes! (Bella, the lovable, 4-foot-tall toy giraffe will be in attendance for photo ops.) Copies of Power Poems for Giraffes will be available for sale and can be signed by co-authors Katie Benatovich and Charity Burlingame.

There will also be plenty of activities for kids, lead by the book's illustrator, Carey Ann Welch. The Ellicottville Library is located at 6499 Maples Road. The Giraffe Team's motto is "A World Love Family"... everyone is welcome! For more information, email info@treetopspublishing.com or find TreeTops Publishing on Facebook.

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CHANGES ARE ON THE HORIZON

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According to Widger, this is HoliMont's first formal master plan, and Ecosign was the ideal choice for a consulting firm. "Ecosign has completed over 450 resort development projects in 47 countries spanning six continents, including six Olympic Winter Games and several Alpine World Ski Championships," he explained. "The decision to choose Ecosign was a collaboration between our Leadership Team and Board of Directors to help HoliMont stay true to our 'Keep Building' Core Value."

Ecosign was founded by Paul Mathews in Whistler, British Columbia, Canada in 1975 and has focused its mission around designing "the most efficient, humanly pleasing mountain resorts in the world." Toward that end, the consulting firm has been providing services such as resort and ski area master plans, resort village design, four season recreational planning, competitive snow facilities design, and more for nearly 50 years.

Widger noted that HoliMont's big picture-goal is to be a four-season resort with offerings for members and guests 12 months of the year. The next two to three years will comprise the planning and growth stages for the resort, with continued improvements and enhancements to the summer and winter venues. During Ecosign's visit, the team hosted a Stakeholders Address during which they shared their background and experience in resort planning, as well as their goals for HoliMont, which directly address the resort's big-picture goal of becoming a four-season destination. The consulting firm shared project examples from all over the world including Whistler Blackcomb and Sun Peaks Ski Resort in British Columbia, Canada; Changbaishan International Ski Resort in Jilin, China; Le Massif de Charlevoix in Quebec, Canada; and Ruka in Kuusamo, Finland.

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Widger said the address, which was followed by an open comment and questions section, was well received by members who were "positive, curious, and hopeful" about Ecosign's vision for HoliMont. "I feel they will be a great fit for HoliMont and had lots of great questions and insight during their first site visit," he said. "They were impressed with the family atmosphere and number of young families and children skiing and riding."

To learn more about Ecosign's plans for HoliMont or view a recording of their Stakeholders Address, visit <https://holimont.com/resources/>.

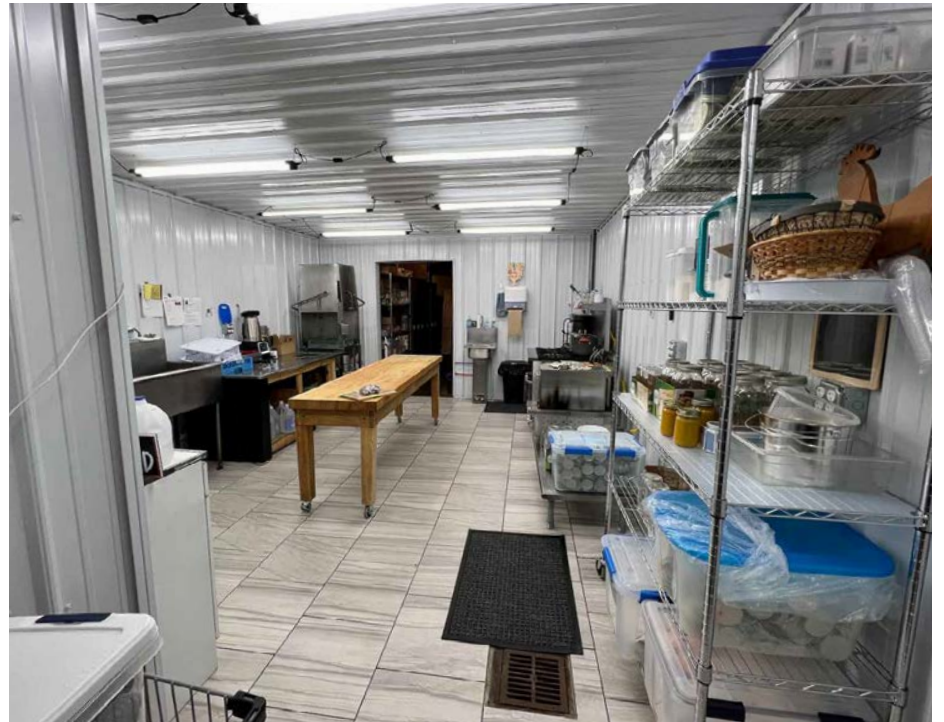
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AUNT DEB STEIN'S MUSTARD

Local Mustard Maker Announces New Products for Spring



BY MARY HEYL

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Stein has been making her hot mustard recipe for many years for her family and close friends, but last year, she went "pro" at the urging of her husband and children.

"My husband and I used to go to a bowling alley in Randolph, and the woman who owned it used to serve it but would never give her recipe out," she explained. Before Twilight Lanes closed permanently, the owner gave Stein the recipe, much to her surprise! Ever since then, Stein has enjoyed making it, with some minor changes to meet state requirements.



For Stein to become a small-scale food processor, she had to obtain a Processing License through the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. After many online courses, tests, and trips to Cornell University in Ithaca, Stein obtained this license, which is required for the sale of any food item that is altered by baking, canning, preserving, freezing, dehydrating, pickling, brining, bottling, and more. Requirements vary based on the type of product being made and sold.

"Because mustard is considered an 'acidified food,' I had to send the recipe to Cornell to get it approved," Stein explained. "They have to test all the ingredients and each batch to make sure nobody can get sick from it. This approval makes it 'legal' to sell."

Once Stein received her processing kitchen license and had her recipe approved, she set up shop in the former Brooks Market in Little Valley. "My husband and I remodeled the kitchen in the back, and that's where I make it. The kitchen had to be approved through the Department of Ag and Markets, and I get tested every few months," she explained. "It's been great! Right now, I can't make enough mustard!"

So what is it about Aunt Deb Stein's Hot Mustard that makes it so appealing? "I use either Hungarian or hot wax peppers or inferno peppers," Stein said. "We try to grow most ourselves, but some we do buy. That's the major ingredient. I make a milder version every now and again, but it's the hot mustard people really seem to like. I had both the mild and hot recipes approved by Cornell."

Speaking of recipe approval, Stein is excited to share the news that her recipe for hot pepper jelly has recently been approved. "I'm just waiting on approval for my mango hot pepper jelly," she added. "I check my email ten times a day! I also have my hot salsa recipe approved. I think it tastes best on pork. My husband is a hunter, and on game meat, he says it tastes really good. The mustard makes a great dip - I bring it to work with pretzels. With cream cheese and crackers, it's really good!"

Word is spreading about Aunt Deb Stein's Hot Mustard. Over the past year, Stein has been selling large quantities at small craft shows, and her mustard is also available at local businesses including HoliMont, the Jenny Lee Feed Mill in Cattaraugus, and Sixt Lumber in Little Valley.

Due to the cost of shipping heavy jars, Stein doesn't do a lot of mail orders; however, customers can contact her through Facebook or email and make a plan for local pickup at one of the businesses that carry her products.

"The folks at HoliMont have been great about letting me put it in the office," she said. "We get a lot of walk-ins at HoliMont and boy, do they buy mustard! Sometimes they ski, too."

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PHOTO REWIND

Pond Skimming Makes a Splash at Holiday Valley

Sunday, March 26 saw a huge crowd (and lots of sunshine) at the base of Yodeler to watch costumed competitors attempt to skim across an ice-cold pond on their skis/snowboard. Congrats to everyone who made it across, and a big applause to all those who didn't!

photos / Ashley Baron



"ChuteFest" Party Means the End is Near

In true ski town fashion, Ellicottville's most diehard skiers came together to celebrate what will soon be the end of the 2022-23 ski season. The traditional ChuteFest parking lot party never disappoints with fun outfits, good grub and camaraderie. Cheers!

photos / Ashley Baron



BUSINESS

SWAN STREET FLORIST

How a Woman from Salamanca Made National News with a Soup Can and a Gun



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

This is an old story. Perhaps one local old-timers from Salamanca will remember all too well, but one worth retelling for the chuckle factor.

My knowledge of these events all started when I called Swan Street Florists to order some flowers to be delivered. The transaction eventually took several phone conversations because there was a delivery delay due to a storm. I don't know about you, but for me, these many conversations mean I have a new BFF and before long, we were sharing stories. One thing led to another, and my new BFF James said, "You really ought to call our previous owner, Carol, who is now retired. She has a funny story about some things that went on here years ago." (Her daughter, Amy Rivera, now owns the shop.)

AN EASY TARGET

Carol Ellis is the daughter of Leonard and Shirley Weatherly who raised four kids on Swan Street running what was then Leonard's Grocery as a second-generation owner. Apparently, the store was an easy mark. It was burglarized many times. Leonard was likely an easy target because he was handicapped with cerebral palsy, limiting use of one of his arms. Born above the store, he spent his whole life there, running it with his wife for forty years. When he turned 60, his daughter, Carol, concerned for his physical limitations, suggested he sell the store to her.

And so it happened that he did. On the very day he sold her the store (September 1984), after it was closed for the evening, Carol's sister, Elizabeth, had come in from Florida for the festivities. There was a TV in the store, so she stopped in to hang around and watch.

No sooner was Carol setting down the punch bowl for the community celebration they were having the next day when the door flew open and in walked a man in a trench coat with a stocking over his face and a gun in his hand, announcing a robbery. Now, Carol, being an old hand at facing off would-be burglars (it happened several times before) knew she had to not only subdue him somehow, but also keep him there for the police or she could not press charges if he got away. She learned this from previous robberies when the bad guys got away, were found later, but were not apprehended on the property or with goods so nothing happened.

She wasn't letting that happen again.

As for the gun, she had toy guns waved at her before. She was fearless as she grabbed the stocking off his face (thinking he would be someone she knew – he was not). She yelled to her sister to lock the door and call 911 which must have made him rethink things as he tried to get out of there. But by then, Carol had grabbed a tomato soup can and clocked him on the head with it, got him down, grabbed the gun and smacked him with that and got on top of him to hold him down. When he tried to get up, she yelled to her sister to help come sit on him. When he struggled, she told her sister to kick him in his most vulnerable spot to which her sister said, "I can't, you are sitting on..."

Which is how the police found them - sitting on the bad guy.

Apparently, this story, retold to the grand jury had the ladies on the jury positively tittering, and supporting Carol completely. Incidentally, the wanna-be thief was not a local kid, as Carol had assumed, pre-unveiling. He was a vagrant from Lackawanna. He headed to Salamanca because he heard about the one-armed store owner who was a pushover.

And, oh yes, the gun was real and had one shot loaded in the chamber. Carol Ellis recalls the fact that it did not discharge a "God wink." Undeterred, they had the community celebration the next day as planned.

FROM GROCERIES TO GARDENIAS

Finally, after two years of jumping every time the door closed in the grocery store at night, Carol decided to switch gears and started selling flowers. After all, what better thing is there to do with a four-door beer cooler???

This story made local news, then Buffalo news and then, somehow found its way to the news desk of American radio broadcaster for ABC News, Paul Harvey. His programs reached as many as 24 million people per week. If you were glued to your radio back in September of 1984 you might have heard mention of this story about the fearless Weatherly sisters in Salamanca, NY. Some stories are just worth re-telling.

EDIBLE CRUSH CATERING

Have a Crush on Your Food!



By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Erin Horton, a native of Springville, ran independent restaurants and large corporate ventures for nearly 20 years before starting Edible Crush Catering. She has traveled nationally and internationally with a CMC (certified master chef) and won numerous local and National awards and competitions! This Culinary Institute of America graduate has come home, with more than a few accolades on her resume from being the first female Executive Chef for Delaware North's Parks and Resorts Division to Store Chef for Wegmans' Orchard Fresh grocery store concept.

After a period, she came home, quite honestly hoping she could coast, enjoy her two kiddos, and not work for a bit. But, once people in the community heard she was back in the area, they kept her quite busy, asking to work her culinary magic for company luncheons, social affairs, weddings, etc. It became clear to her that she would have to start her own catering business.

As luck would have it, Erin found a full commercial kitchen in the village of Springville at 39 E. Main Street (it used to be a restaurant), and she was in business. Well, of course, it sounds simpler than it was. She ran it on her own for years, with partner Rob stepping in the last few years. Together, they made the seemingly impossible into possible. (Which seems to be their business motto - more about that later). She loves food, loves presenting it in a unique way people will be excited about... she wants her clients to have a crush on food, hence, Edible Crush.



When you call Erin and Rob, they don't come to see you armed with pre-printed price sheets and set menus. Edible Crush truly is one-of-a-kind, allowing the client to make the suggestions and decisions based on their desires and their budget. This is when Rob and Erin take an opportunity to see what venue they are working with, which gets Rob's creative juices flowing. Rob's culinary role in the kitchen is strictly as sous chef. His forte is logistics. He can create something the venue might be lacking, like a corner table he needed at a location for a party - yep, he made it. The grazing boards, as they like to call them (rather than charcuterie boards), are often presented on beautiful wooden platters, shaped for the occasion, and created by Rob.

In their words, "We have no hard and fast policies and procedures and are very open to working with other food and beverage vendors."

The entire process is customer driven, and the customers are given the unique opportunity to have their project viewed through three very different lenses - theirs (the dream), Erin's (the culinary expertise), and Rob's (facilitating the most interesting/exciting presentation possible). Their complementary but different backgrounds provide them with an opportunity to create not only the food, but all the custom pieces. And, aside from events, they do home custom catering for that special meal where you are catered to in your own home. Ahhhhh!

Erin claims that "Rob is a tremendous force and the peace behind the chaos. There is nothing he can't do or figure out. As a lifelong builder, furniture designer, electrician, plumber, and renaissance man, he brings the impossible into the possible." Remember that motto mentioned earlier?

S.S., a client, left this accolade on their FB page. I quote a portion here: "There is so much heart in what they do. I think the ideal catering I hoped for was something that tasted good and didn't break the bank. Edible Crush encompassed those things but went so far above and beyond any expectations we ever even thought to have that we're both still in awe (and figuring out what event we can plan next just for the food!)"

Together, this team and their staff bring anything imaginable to the table - and it looks as amazing as it tastes. Their dichotomy of skills, mastery of fundamentals and dynamic working relationship makes the customer the winner. Ready to plan your next catered event? Edible Crush can be reached at 716-359-8286 or 716-361-9400.

COMMUNITY

“CATCHING FIRE”

Tri-County Arts Council Exhibits Ceramics from Scott Creek Fire Place



OLEAN - An opening reception for the current Tri-County Arts Council exhibit, “Catching Fire,” was held last Saturday, March 25 inside the TCAC Gallery. The exhibit features the ceramics from a collaborative at Scott Creek Fire Place. Catered by Fusion on Main of Allegany and sponsored by ACME Business, the reception welcomed the community at the TCAC building, located at 110 W. State St., Olean.

“Catching Fire,” will remain on display through May 6 in TCAC’s Peg Bothner Gallery and showcases the process, pottery and people from Scott Creek Fire Place in Sheridan. The kiln site is nestled among grape vineyards, on an old horse pasture, with a creek flowing through its backdrop. Here, Marv Bjurlin gathers woodfire potters around the hearths of six kilns at this privately-owned site. Potters find their intrigue with clay, wood and fire in a communal atmosphere of work and play.

Potters include Marvin Bjurlin, Linda Currier, Lisa Eppolito, Elliott Hutton, Ann Janik, Marcia Merrins, Anne Mormile, Sherry Nugent, Kevin Raymond, Alberto Rey, Jessie Simmons and Sarah Zielonka, with more than 100 pieces of pottery.

TCAC officials wish to thank ACME Business for supporting this opening reception. Per Acme Business’ website: “Acme Business has been providing our customers with quality goods and services since 1962. We offer a variety of productivity solutions to increase the efficiency and work-flow of our customers’ daily business practices. Acme Business offers the latest in cyber security and digital office technology. Believing our customers deserve the best no matter what your business needs may be.”

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

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NEWS

Area Organizations Share Nearly \$275,000 in Grant Funding in Early 2023

OLEAN - Four donor designated funds at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation have together supported \$274,753 in grants to organizations designated by their donors so far this year. The Mildred Milliman Fund, established by Mildred Milliman, made possible grants to 34 organizations, together totaling \$234,735.

The largest grant, \$196,021 to the Olean General Hospital Foundation, will support the purchase of a new phacoemulsification machine, which breaks up and removes lenses of the eyes that are affected by cataracts, according to Steve Jackson, Olean General Hospital Foundation president. According to Jackson, the machine allows for a procedure that utilizes ultrasonic technology to break up cataracts into smaller pieces that can then be easily extracted.

The second largest grant from the fund provided \$5,514 in fiscal support to the SPCA in Cattaraugus County. Other grants from the fund this year include:

- Beautification Fund for Olean Community - \$3,692
- Camp Good Days & Special Times - \$2,283
- Roswell Park Alliance Foundation - \$2,283
- St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital - \$2,283
- SPCA serving Allegany County - \$1,627
- American SPCA - \$1,457
- Best Friends Animal Society - \$1,457
- Humane Society of U.S. - \$1,457
- International Fund for Animal Welfare - \$1,457
- National Anti-Vivisection Society - \$1,457
- National Wildlife Federation - \$1,457
- World Wildlife Fund - \$1,457
- Blinded Veterans Association - \$1,142
- Guiding Eyes for the Blind - \$1,142
- American Cancer Society - \$972
- American Heart Association - \$972
- American Kidney Fund - \$972
- American Lung Association in New York - \$972
- American Red Cross - \$972
- March of Dimes, WNY Division - \$972

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FROM FARM TO TABLE

Meet Your Local Farmers at the 11th Annual Farmer-Neighbor Dinner April 12th



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

We live in farm country. It’s a beautiful place of rolling hills, wide open fields and such a natural bounty that our farming community is exceptionally diverse. This means you can find various types of produce, milk and meat products close to home. Having a good relationship between farmers and their communities is key to keeping the flow moving forward. And what better way to get to know our local farmers than the Cattaraugus County Agricultural Annual Farmer-Neighbor Dinner, happening April 12 at the West Valley Fire Hall (9091 Route 240) starting at 5:30pm.

EllicottvilleNOW had the great opportunity to speak with event coordinator Deborah Miller about the upcoming event and what makes it so unique.

eNOW: This is the 11th Annual Farmer-Neighbor dinner; how did the event get started?
DEBORAH: The Cattaraugus County Ag and Farmland Protection Board wanted a way to showcase Ag in the County. A sub-group from this board was formed and they created the Farmer-Neighbor Dinner.

eNOW: What is the cost of attendance and where can tickets be purchased?
DEBORAH: The cost is \$25 per dinner and tickets can be purchased by contacting the Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning and Tourism: Lisa Wilson 716-938-2242. But hurry! We are very close to being sold out!

eNOW: Could you let us in on this year’s menu?
DEBORAH: The dinner is prepared from all locally grown items from around Cattaraugus County and surrounding areas. This year’s dinner will include items such as beef, turkey, bison meatballs, craft beer, upstate milk as well as other items.

eNOW: There are usually exhibitors there to talk with attendees; can you share some of who will be exhibiting this year?
DEBORAH: Of course, we have a lot of great farms that will be exhibiting this year. There is Farm Credit East, The Evans Agency, Cattaraugus County Soil & Water District, Cornell Co-op Extension, NY Sustainable AG Working Group and others.

eNOW: What makes this unique event important to the community?
DEBORAH: Cattaraugus County is home to a vibrant and diverse agricultural industry in which good communication is essential to developing and maintaining good relationships between farm and non-farm neighbors. The Farmer-Neighbor Dinner event is a way to bring the county’s farmers and their neighbors together for a night of fellowship and understanding. It will also be a way for the county’s farmers and businesses to showcase what they have to offer each other.

Thank you Deborah for taking the time to speak with us about the event and all the great things it has to offer. To learn more about the Cattaraugus County Agricultural Development or to join in on any of their great workshops, visit agcatt.com.

A NIGHT OF BROADWAY HITS

Ray Evans Theater in Salamanca Offers a Grand Evening Out, March 31st

SALAMANCA - The community is encouraged to come out to the Ray Evans Theater, located at 10 Main Street in Salamanca, NY for a “Night of Broadway Hits, the Miscast Edition” on Friday, March 31 from 7:30-9:30pm.

This fabulously, unique event showcases some of the best performers in our area who will be singing Broadway favorites from past and present shows at the theater with a brilliant twist - all of the songs are gender swapped! Just picture the characters of The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Steven Soundheim’s Assassins, Next to Normal or even the Rocky Horror Picture Show trading places with the opposite sex, just to name a few. Presented by the Cattaraugus County Living Arts Association, this is a show you don’t want to miss!

This is a family-friendly event and admission is only \$5 per person at the door. More information can be found on the Ray Evans Facebook page. Turn your evening into Dinner & a Show! There are many wonderful restaurants to choose from, including Myers Steakhouse in Salamanca, or Katy’s Fly-In of Great Valley!



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“I LOVE MY PARK DAY”

...and Other Spring Events at Allegany State Park



photo courtesy ptny.org

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

The weather is improving (slowly), spring is here (somewhere) and the time to get outdoors is now! (Or later this week when the sun is out.) This is the season of gardening, picnicking and pre-bbq bbq-ing. There's no better place to enjoy the outdoors than Allegany State Park. Located in Salamanca, NY, it's just a stone's throw away from Ellicottville and is hosting a wealth of upcoming events.

You can visit the Quaker Run side of the park on May 6 for the “I Love My Park Day” event. This is the day when thousands of volunteers across NY state come together to clean up local parks and public lands. It's actually the largest single-day volunteer event in the state! Volunteers will plant trees, restore trails and many other improvement projects to help prepare the park for the start of the season. So if you like to volunteer, this is the perfect event for you. Details and volunteer opportunities for this event can be found on ptny.org.

Also on May 6, on the opposite side of the Park in the Red House area, people who like to run will be gearing up for the Allegany Adventure Run. What's an adventure run you ask? It's a wild and challenging experience covering one of three courses (whichever suits your fitness level). There is a 5k, 13k and a 27k course through 100% forest trails. The 5k is good for those who would like to walk or run, the 13k is sure to get your lungs working and is good for experienced, non-technical trail runners, and the granddaddy of them all, the 27k is a time limit imposed course perfect for those with a good deal of trail running experience. Course details and available camping locations can be found at heartrateup.com.

Don't worry though, it's not just all work and no play at the park. May 20 is the annual Allegany State Park GeoBash. What began as a simple complimentary picnic in the park has grown into a large-scale event. (They even have a merch store, so you can remember the event with some neat swag like stickers and shirts.) Besides food and entertainment - pizza, pies, and the Stepping Stones Flashmob - there is also the chance to win a “Cooler of Goodness” loaded with items for the perfect camping trip - camp chairs, camp sink, camp toaster and more. Visit the Allegany State Park GeoBash Facebook page to keep up-to-date on anything new coming to the event.

I don't think anyone can forget that this year is the 65th Allegany Nature Pilgrimage. This three-day outdoor learning experience combines fun with a variety of nature-based activities - an event for both experienced naturalists and inquisitive beginners alike. Held at “Camp Allegany” in the Red House area, registration is open now and you can grab early bird pricing through April 24. Guests must plan their own lodging and food and should always come prepared for the weather. (Sunscreen, sturdy footwear, umbrella, binoculars if you like, etc.) There are a variety of small-group programs throughout each day and in the evenings under the big tent, is where the keynote speakers will

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SEED SWAP AT LUCKY DAY

Growers and gardeners, community members and guests are invited to visit the hay barn and carriage house bakery at the the Lucky Day Homestead, 5111 Roszyk Hill Road, Machias, NY on Saturday, April 22 from 10:00am-4:00pm to swap seeds or plants with like-minded folks. Several local farms and growers will be set up with their goods, honey, micro-greens, beef and pork, seeds to swap, plants to exchange or purchase. This is the perfect opportunity to start the spring season introducing yourself to these growers and farmers and establish a relationship to patronize them throughout the season, and also learn what they offer through the winter. Bring your plants or seeds and enter the swapping station, where you and other seed collectors will center around a table to trade and barter your items, each giving and taking to add to your own gardens. Tubers, roots, trees and shrubs welcome!

This is an all-day leisure event; snacks and refreshments will be available for sale in the carriage house bakery. Owner Emily Tingue says, “We are hoping to have some lectures from gardeners; please check back in the discussion on our Facebook event page for more information as we move closer to the date.” Any questions about the April 22 Seed Swap or to learn more about Lucky Day Homestead, call Emily at 716-353-0193. This event is FREE; come and go as you wish throughout the day!

MARCH MADNESS

Jr. NBA Skills Challenge Returning to Olean in April



OLEAN - March Madness will continue into late April with the Jr. NBA Skills Challenge coming back to Olean! The City of Olean Youth and Recreation and the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the challenge for Saturday, April 22 and will provide boys and girls, ages 13 and younger, the opportunity to improve upon and showcase their fitness through five fundamental basketball skills: shooting, lay-ups, dribbling, passing, and defense. The program is free for all participants and organizations. Boys and girls compete separately in two different age groups: 11U and 13U.

“We are excited to be asked again to host this skills challenge for our area children. Last year, we had 24 participants,” stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

For Olean's 2022 Challenge, New Life Christian student athlete Marci Hutter and Olean Intermediate Middle School student athlete Liam Ruggles both placed first in their divisions in Olean, and Allegany-Limestone student athlete Jamison Dubin placed second in Olean. All three were invited and joined other top scorers from local competitions around the country to participate in their closest geographical regional competition; for Olean, it was in Cleveland. Miss Hutter went through that round and earned a trip to the finals in New York City. She went to the NBA Draft as a guest of the Jr. NBA Challenge and toured NYC!

Boys and girls need to sign up and register online at <https://jr.nba.com/skillschallenge/>. Participants will compete in each of the five standardized skills to earn a total cumulative time resulting in a final score:

- Dribbling - challenges participants in stationary, zig-zag, and speed dribbling.
- Shooting - challenges participants to make jump shots from the elbow.
- Lay-Up - challenges participants to make lay-up shots.
- Passing - challenges participants to accurately pass towards a target and receive a pass.

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LIVE IN CONCERT

REO Speedwagon to Storm Into Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino June 24

SALAMANCA - Spring may have just sprung, but Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino is preparing for an entertainment heatwave when REO Speedwagon storms into the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, June 24 at 7:00pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 31 at noon.



REO Speedwagon helped define the Arena Rock age of the 1970s and '80s.

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To purchase tickets for Seneca Resorts & Casinos Shows: 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.

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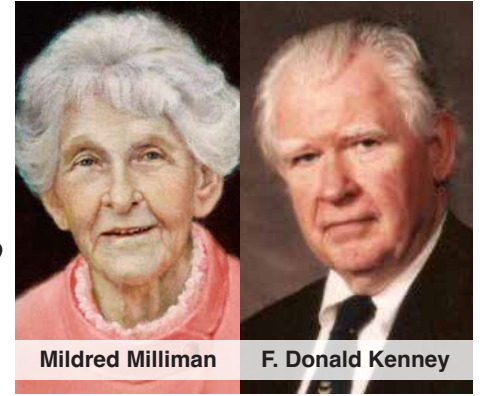


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- Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - \$899
- United Spinal Association - \$802
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Mildred Milliman F. Donald Kenney

The Lewis and Doris Reisner Fund, established by Dr. Lewis C. Reisner, a long-time Olean OBGYN, and Doris Reisner, a dedicated community volunteer and one of the original founders of the ReHabilitation Foundation (now Intandem), provided a grant of \$9,561 to the Olean General Hospital Foundation. The Reisners' daughter-in-law, Ruth Reisner, represents the family in working with the Olean General Hospital Foundation to determine the annual use of this grant.

The Doris Reisner Fund, also established by Doris Reisner, supported 10 annual grants totaling \$7,991, including:

- American Cancer Society - \$1,240
- St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - \$1,240
- The ReHabilitation Foundation - \$1,240
- Empire State Association for the Deaf - \$827
- Genesis House of Olean, Inc. - \$827
- HomeCare & Hospice - \$827
- Interfaith Caregivers Inc. - \$827
- American Friends Service Committee - \$413
- SPCA in Cattaraugus County - \$413
- American Diabetes Association - \$413

The F. Donald Kenney Fund, established through the estate of F. Donald Kenney, an Olean native, philanthropist and patron of the arts, provided a \$22,466 grant to the Tri-County Arts Council in support of the Southern Tier Biennial. The Biennial is a juried art competition for artists in the rural tri-county area, providing them the opportunity to participate in a high-level arts competition that is followed the next year by a showcase gallery for the competition's winning artist.

Established in 1994, CRCF is growing good by connecting donors to the causes they care about most in the region. Grants from the foundation support many areas, including education, scholarships, health care, the arts, community development, human service, and youth development. To learn more, call 716-301-CRCF (2723), email foundation@cattfoundation.org, or visit online at www.cattfoundation.org. CRCF is also on Facebook (facebook.com/cattfoundation) and Twitter (@CattFoundation).

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be located. A full schedule and a list of helpful things to pack can be found at alleganynaturepilgrimage.com.

A rather new event is the "Get Outdoors and Get Together Day" returning for its 2nd year on June 10 on the Quaker side beach. The Office for People with Developmental Disability and

the New York State Parks have joined forces to offer a selection of accessible activities, along with the use of adaptive equipment so people of all abilities can enjoy a day outdoors. Entrance into the park will be free that day for anyone who would like to attend. There will be free games, guided fishing, hiking, archery and so much more. Don't miss out... this is fun for everyone! Keep track of all activities offered at parks.ny.gov.

Last (for Spring season) but certainly not least is the "Raccoon Rally" happening on the Red House side of the park on June 18. As the longest standing mountain bike race in the region, this year's event will again start and end on the Allegany State Park Summit Trailhead. Kicking off at 10:00am, novice, beginner and sport and expert classes of bikers will battle it out for awards and prizes. There is also a free kid's race, so bikers of all ages are welcome. The awards ceremony and raffle will be held after the race is over at the top of the summit as well. Register for the event at heartrateup.com.

Besides all of these great events, you can just visit the park daily for a nice cookout, fishing trip or relaxing nature hike. (The beach at Red House season is June 24-September 4, weather permitting.) Or you can always plan a fantastic camping trip between May 19 and October 28 and enjoy a few days away from technology. Some cabins even have electricity if you don't want to totally rough it. For camping reservations and general information visit parks.ny.gov or call 716-379-6450. No matter what you decide to do, you should definitely make it a point to pay the park a visit as soon as you can! Get outside... it's good for you!

MARCH MADNESS

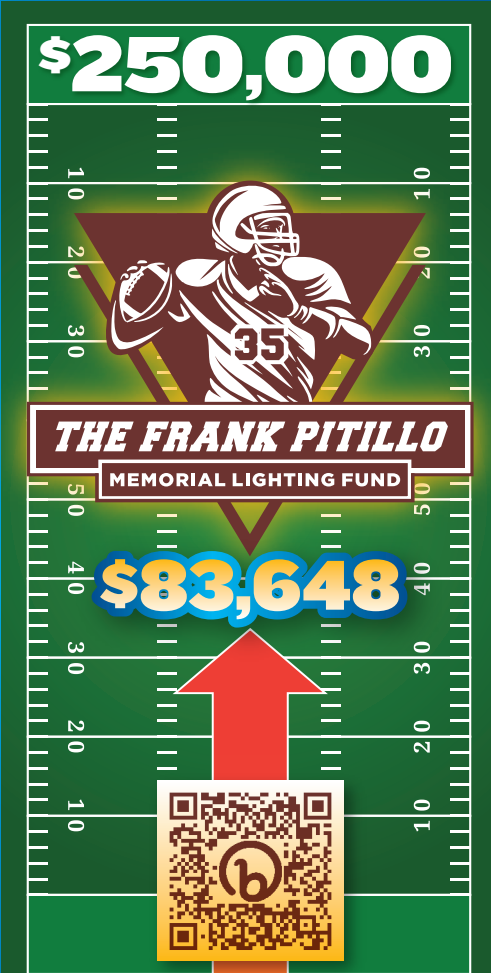
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- Defense and Bonus Free Throw - challenges participants in defensive lane slides, sprinting, and free throw shooting.

"The City of Olean is excited to co-host this challenge. Our St. John's gym is the ideal space to host this as the facility has new flooring," stated Kris Shewiary, City of Olean Youth and Rec Director. He added, "Through our winter basketball leagues as well as summer programs, the City has a built in audience that is familiar to our programs and activities."

The challenge will run from 10:15-11:45am. GOACC and the City are also looking for high school students who need community service hours to help volunteer. For more information on volunteering or on the skills competition, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

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COMMUNITY

THE FITNESS CENTER AT ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL (weight room) is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (on days that school is in session) from 4:00-7:00pm through May 31. Individuals must sign in each time. For additional information, please contact the school at 716-699-2316.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The Cattaraugus County Department of the Aging's Senior Wellness and Nutrition Program needs your help. We are currently looking for volunteers for our Meals On Wheels program. Volunteer drivers can choose to offer their time one day, two days, three days, four days or FIVE days per week! It only takes about an hour of your time to help those in need. Our goal is to make sure no senior goes hungry and you can help us make that happen. To learn more, please call 716-373-8032.

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Limited seating, early bird pricing available through May 1. This event is expected to sell out early, so don't wait on reserving your spot to transformation in the wisdom of the mountains! Additional details and ticket ordering can be placed at www.suzy-woo.com/lions-gate-spiritual-retreat.

Suzy's Star Readings: Welcome to Aries Season, the Official Kickoff of Spring!

By Suzy Woo, B.Msc

The true mark of the new year is with the first new moon in Aries, the very first sign of the zodiac. It rules the head, the ego, the identity. It is the ruler of new beginnings and taking action.

The element of Aries is fire. Fire is the oomph energy to get things in motion. It's an energy that says "just do it" and lights a fire under our behinds to get out of hibernation mode. After a seed is dormant in the soil over the cold season, fire energy suggests, "Awaken. It's time to grow. Break free from your shell." It is the spark from fire energy that helps that seed crack open, break ground and be seen.

The three fire signs are Aries, Leo and Sagittarius. The first is realizing self; it rules the first stage of life, forming the identity. The next, Leo, brings more stability and kinship. And the last, Sagittarius, becomes the evolved self; more spiritually and morally integrated.

Delight in Mother Nature's gentle alarm clock of singing birds that gently awaken and greet you, welcoming you to a new day, a new opportunity to shine. Are you ready? The full moon is April 6 at 12:34am - what a wonderful time to clear the decks. Burn off your energetic brush, take some nice deep breaths and get ready to truly embrace the new energy that has prosperity and your name written all over it! All you have to do is reach out for it by affirming you are ready, and take positive action! You can't take old baggage into this new energy or everything will feel super sluggish.

We have two powerful new moons in Aries this year - one was March 21 the day following the equinox, and the next is just before midnight April 19. If you didn't set your new moon intentions or create a vision board for the whole next year in March, I strongly recommend that you do it with this new moon.

Another super important thing to mention is we have a solar eclipse on April 19 - pay attention to what you feel this day, write things down. You may not feel very energetic when the sun (our strength) is eclipsed by the moon (our emotions). Not a day to file papers, not a day to launch, not a day to start anything new... a great day to reflect, get ideas on paper, a great day to meditate or pray, to ask for guidance and signposts from your spirit guides and/or your higher power. Avoid surgeries and medical procedures on this day and be careful around sharp instruments.

This month carries a bright entrepreneurial spirit! If you have been thinking about launching a business, GO FOR IT! Just know though that this is a beginning energy, not a one-and-done type of mindset. Don't rush, because this fiery Aries energy loves to just jump in and figure it out as they go. When it comes to a business though, you must be strategic



for success. Plan, research, consult, test and then launch. Don't launch first.

My advice is to brainstorm, research, and write all your ideas down. Start to poke around in your chosen industry, field and niche. As we move from Aries to Taurus season later in April, that is when the energies slow down - that will be the time to craft and write your business plan. We are moving to a model of less corporations and more independent businesses so I am here to help you say yes, it is time. The world needs your talents, so bring them to the marketplace!

Announcement: If you would like to learn with me or attend my Lion's Gate spiritual retreat, tickets are now available. Please visit the events page of my website, suzy-woo.com, to read all about it!

Enjoy this wonderful, bright, new, positive energy. Stay in the light, stay in your heart and trust that things are working out for you... and they will. Wishing you joy and success now and always. Your sister from the stars,

- Suzy Woo

Rev. Suzy Woo, B.Msc, is a Spiritual Healer, Astrologer, and Psychic Medium specializing in Energy, Sound, Light and Crystal Healing. Suzy is the owner of Good for the Spirit Gifts, 11 Martha St., Ellicottville, NY. Follow her on IG/FB, find her at suzy-woo.com or call 716-699-2871.

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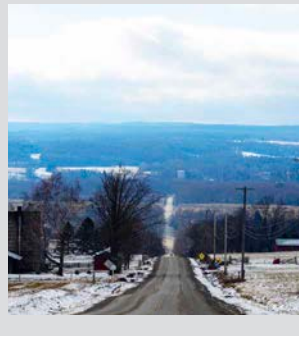
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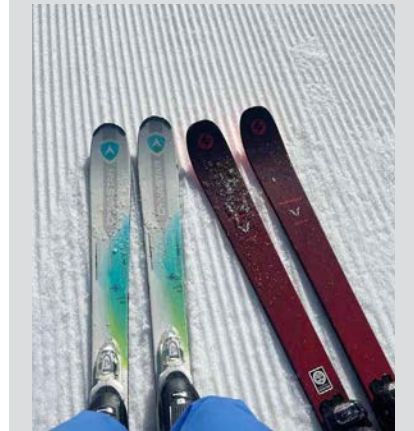
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