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# Publisher's PICK

The Dr. Dennis R. DePerro Memorial Scholarship: Late Bona president's legacy lives on through endowment



Dennis (far right) with the Pietrobattista family, descendants of the founder of St. Bonaventure University, Fr. Pamfilo da Magliano, who was brought here to start the University by Ellicottville residents Nicholas and Mary Devereux in the 1850's.

Photo taken in Magliano, Italy October 2019.

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Just as the men's basketball team began to get hot on its way to both Atlantic 10 Conference regular season and tournament titles, heartbreaking news came down the line. On March 1, 2021 Dr. DePerro died from complications due to COVID-19. He was 62.

"A day after Dennis passed, his wife Sherry asked if we could set up a scholarship in his memory," said Bob Van Wicklin, Bona's vice president of advancement. "He would have wanted to help others in the wake of everything that's gone on. Within a few days, we had reached \$50,000 - we had put a donation link in his obituary, as the family asked for donations in lieu of flowers. People really responded to it."

Before long, the fund reached \$70,000. The presidents of the Atlantic 10 Conference, meeting via Zoom, spoke on the impact Dr. DePerro made and pledged an additional \$50,000. As an endowment, the fund will give off 4% to 6% annually to students needing financial assistance.

Recently, Van Wicklin posted a photo of handwritten thank you notes he would send out to donors. Instagram asked if he'd like to turn it into a fundraiser, which he did. By the end of the day, he had hit his goal of \$1,000.

"It's exactly what Dennis would have wanted," Van Wicklin said. "He spent his entire life working in enrollment and admissions and helping universities navigate financial trouble. When he became president, one of his major thrusts of energy was to boost enrollment. Which he did."

Previous regimes figured the local markets - Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse - were too saturated, instead focusing on students further away. But as a South Buffalo native, Dr. De-Perro thought they were wrong. Lo and behold, his first three years on the job saw three of the largest incoming freshmen classes Bonaventure had seen in the past 15 years - with the number of enrollments from those local markets doubling in the first year alone.

"He had experience at Le Moyne University (of Syracuse) as the vice president of enrollment management before becoming dean for the professions school, which included Health," Van Wicklin said. "Our board of trustees had voted to move forward with a School of Health Professions, and Dennis was hired in part because of his experience with that."

Dr. DePerro understood that a rising tide lifts all boats, and adding a curriculum of this caliber would benefit the university as a whole. The \$18 million school will be housed in the first few floors of the newly-renovated Francis Hall.

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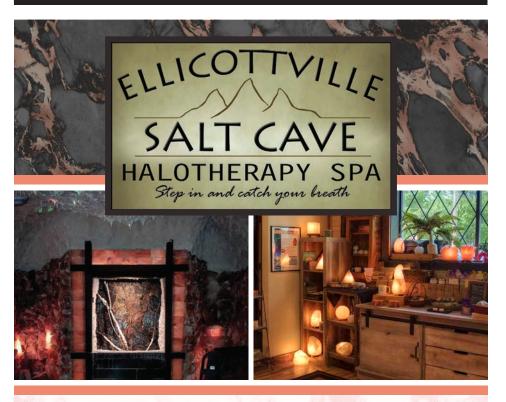
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### TRAIL TALK

WNYMBA and local mountain bike enthusiasts gearing up for the season; trail maintenance day planned

#### By Dash Hegeman







Bike and Bean is Ellicottville's local source for bike tune-ups, trail information, and tasty burritos.

As the saying goes, time flies when you're having fun. And so just like that, the ski and snowboard season has come to an end. But with every ending comes a new beginning, and for many of you that means it is now time to break out your bike and get ready to ride!

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As you prepare for the upcoming mountain bike season, there are a number of things you should do in order to get ready to ride. Outside of both the physical and mental aspects of hitting the trails successfully, below are a few more things for you to consider as you get ready for your summer mountain bike adventures.

#### **BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY**

The Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA) has been a driving force when it comes to the creation and cultivation of the diverse trail system in this region. Currently, the group is embarking on its annual early season trail maintenance work.

On Saturday, April 10th at 10:00am, the group will be meeting at "The Hut" parking lot at McCarty Hill State Forest to kick off its spring cleaning efforts. Anyone is welcome to join and WNYMBA will provide the tools and a lunch to all participants (but feel free to bring your own snacks). WNYMBA Trail Stewards will have a predetermined agenda of what needs to be worked on so once everyone gathers, they will break everyone into smaller groups and hike to the various project sites that need to be attended to.

"Spring clean-up is probably the most important trail work for WNYMBA," said Jacob Bodway, WNYMBA Club President. "We locate downed trees that need to be removed and work on 'deberming' the side of the trail. This typically involves using a McLeod tool and 'out-sloping' the trail to create drainage. We also look for chronic wet areas and work on armoring them with either rock or with logs (called 'corduroy'). A good bit of our spring clean-up also involves leaf-blowing the trails, which helps speed the drying process. Without leaves to hold in moisture, the trails tend to air out and dry quicker.'

After a solid three to four hours of clean-up, the group will take to the trails for a group ride; assuming the trail is dry enough to ride. As the WNYMBA mission statement says: "Good places to ride don't just happen. One has to work for them."

Check out the Western New York Mountain Bike association at www.wynmba.org.

#### LEARN FROM A LOCAL

No matter what your experience level of riding is, chances are there is someone in the area who knows the local trails better than you do. In Ellicottville, that person is Israel (Izzy) Morris. Izzy, a self described trail rat and overall biking enthusiast, grew up in Ellicottville and has ridden all over the world but now resides back in his hometown and is using his knowledge of the trail system to run a touring company that is focused on showing people the ins and outs of the local trails.

EVLTours is Izzy's passion business that allows him to merge his love of riding bikes with his desire to help people learn about the intricacies of the local trail system; thus helping to build upon the local bike scene.

What some people may not realize is that the Western New York Region offers a variety of riding conditions and opportunities. As Morris states, "Big Merlin always seems to be prime and has a great flow and is easy enough for a novice rider, but you can incorporate that into an epic ride and get techy on Black Trail and Bent Rim with some great rock gardens. Overall, the area has something to offer for everyone. You can ride to the top, drive or now take a lift (more on that later).

You can find out more about Izzy and EVLTours at www.evltours.com.

#### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOP

Local shops are the lifeblood of any popular town activity and Ellicottville's Bike and Bean is no different. This unique bike repair and rental shop, located at 11 Martha Street in Ellicottville, also features a full service burrito bar for all of your post-ride nutritional needs.

Owned and operated by Dennis Baldwin, Bike and Bean is the go-to spot for local bike enthusiasts to congregate and talk bike tech, get service work done and of course, grab a healthy bite to eat. And when it comes to service work, Baldwin's recommendation is to plan in advance. "Now is a great time to get your bicycle in for service. Plan ahead for your tune-ups; as more bikes come in, the turnaround gets longer.'

Let's face it, the past year has been, at best, an odd if not surreal experience for everyone. But as we have learned, the great outdoors is a fantastic place to be and an easy place to stay socially distant. And that is one of the things that Baldwin is looking forward to this summer. "I am excited for events to (hopefully) return in this upcoming season. Bicycle races, group rides and festivals were definitely missed last year.'

WNYMBA's Bodway seconds that sentiment. "I really enjoy our camping weekend events. We have one scheduled on June 18-20th at Jake's Rocks in Warren, PA. This event is a great time. We have group rides, and everyone camps at Dew Drop Campground. I'm also looking forward to our Youth Series Program on Wednesday nights in August. This was hugely successful last year. Kids of all ages are invited to come to our Wednesday group ride at Sprague Brook or at Loud Performance. We have skill clinics, group rides led by ride leaders, and snacks once the ride is done. It's so awesome seeing kids on bikes, learning the basics, and improving from week to week."

Make sure to purchase a WNYMBA local trail map when you are at Bike and Bean. Cell phone coverage out on the trails isn't always ideal so while map apps are great, the WNYMBA map is a critical wealth of information that will serve you well this summer.

If you haven't already, find and like Bike and Bean on Facebook to get updates on rides, hours of operation and delicious menu updates.

#### **NEW FOR 2021: LIFT ACCESS**

For those of you who view mountain biking in the same vein as skiing/snowboarding, pedaling uphill might not be your favorite endeavor. If you're in that boat, Holiday Valley has great news for you. This summer, starting May 22nd, the resort will be running the Spruce Lake lift every Saturday and Sunday through October 31st.

"We're offering lift serviced mountain biking for the first time this summer, weekends

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### REGIONAL NEWS

### A MAMMOTH OF A PLAYGROUND

Randolph, NY winner of the "Play Everywhere Design Challenge"; receives grant to rebuild playground at Weeden Park to reflect historic mammoth discovery







"Randolph Mammoth Natural Play" will transform aging, negle<mark>cted tennis courts into archeological excavation sites</mark> so kids can pretend to be archaeologists searching for fossils.

#### By Mary Heyl

Nearly 87 years ago, a small group of men were charged with the task of excavating an area that would become the pond for Randolph's Fish Hatchery, one of 12 in New York state. But on May 19, 1934 what appeared to be a fairly straightforward task soon garnered the attention of geologists all over the northeast, for what that group discovered had never been found in New York state before: two large tusks with a combined weight of approximately 150 pounds and a large skull, weighing nearly 200 pounds! Indeed, the group had accidentally unearthed the remains of a Columbian Mammoth, one of the most complete mammoth specimens ever found in New York state.

In just a few months, children in Randolph will have the same exciting experience as these pond excavators when the town's Mammoth Natural Play area opens at Weeden Park. Recently, the Randolph Area Community Development Corporation (RACDC) learned that it was one of 19 winners of the Play Everywhere Design Challenge, presented by KABOOM! and the Built to Play initiative and supported by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation.

This design challenge awarded \$1 million to communities in western New York and southeast Michigan building landmark play spaces that, when construction is completed, will provide kids with equitable opportunities to play. The Play Everywhere Design Challenge invited communities to submit creative design ideas that make it easier for families to incorporate play into everyday moments. According to KABOOM!, "Winning projects will bring play into public spaces in unconventional ways in neighborhoods that have experienced significant disinvestment."

Deborah Miller, RACDC director, said the design challenge began in September of last year, and the RACDC learned it was a finalist in October. At Weeden Park, "The play area will be installed at the old tennis courts," Miller explained. "The play area will mimic the natural surroundings of Weeden Park with many of the features looking like trees and rocks. There will be replica mammoth bones for the kids to excavate."

An important feature of the play space is its accessibility for children of most ages and all

abilities, said Miller, who noted that the playground is ideal for those aged three and older. Importantly, the new design will repurpose an underutilized portion of the park, which already serves the community in several ways through its sports fields, pavilions, and existing playgrounds.

"Weeden Park is utilized by many different people, and we felt repurposing the tennis courts, which are no longer used, would be a great use of this space," she said. In addition to informational signage about the historic mammoth discovery, "The play area will mimic the natural surroundings making it visually appealing. We are incorporating the Randolph Mammoth, making the space not only fun but educational."

All 19 winners of the design challenge were provided with the opportunity to work with design experts to support the development and execution of their project. The RACDC was the only organization in Cattaraugus County named among the winners of the design challenge, which also includes winners in Almond, Chautauqua, East Aurora, Houghton, Perry, Rochester, Springville and Warsaw, New York.

Miller is looking forward to the opening of the play space and said, "We are working on finalizing the design and hope to break ground in May or June with completion being the end of October." The community will play an active part in the creation of the space, as volunteers will help construct the new play area.

The Built to Play initiative aims to give kids in western New York and southeast Michigan more opportunities for unstructured, kid-driven free play. This need was identified in the regional "State of Play" reports conducted by the Aspen Institute and supported by the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, and through research conducted by both The Skatepark Project and KABOOM! Is a national nonprofit that partners with regional foundations to build kid-designed play spaces in underserved communities. To learn more about the Play Everywhere Challenge, including the other winning designs, visit https://kaboom.org/stories/play-everywhere-design-challenge-winners.

### #ALL4OLEAN RAISES \$4K

Community members rally to raise much needed funds to replace damaged Welcome signs in Olean

OLEAN, NY - Last November, John Crawford of Olean created a GoFundMe page for the Welcome to Olean Signs to fundraise for the restoration of the damaged signs. "Paul Petruzzi and I spearheaded a grassroots GoFundMe effort when the Welcome to Olean signs were damaged months back and you - the community at large - came through, big time! The money that you donated will ensure that these signs get the needed repair job this spring and we will work towards making them more visible and illuminated at night," reported Mr. Crawford, University Pittsburgh Bradford Professor and City of Olean Councilman.

Crawford presented a check for \$4,085.57 (after fees) to Meme Yanetsko of the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our most generous community. The monies in turn were deposited into the Beautification Fund at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation.

"Just last spring, crews from Four Mile Brewing and Intandem had placed new lettering on three of the four signs," said Yanetsko, GOACC COO. "Monies for that project came

from the Beautification Fund. We were devastated with the destruction of the letters on the signs – Jarrad Childs from Four Mile Brewing was able to gather enough lettering to 'create' two signs. Our group will be meeting in April to go over the best way to secure lettering for vandalism and to brainstorm the two other signs."

The sign out on Route 16 near Bradford Publishing/Olean Times Herald will need to be raised due to the brush growth along the highway. The group will also seek out locations for a new sign at the entrance to the city coming north on Route 16 in the Seneca Heights area.

Crawford added, "We will come back to the community in late April with our plans as well as costs of the additional sign creation and fixtures that will be needed – we will do another fundraising effort through CRCF seeking donations."

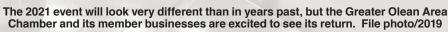
The signs were erected in the early 1990s as part of a collaborative effort between the

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### HOME SHOW PALOOZA

Olean Home Show returns in 2021; combines in-person and virtual platforms





OLEAN, NY - What is a Home Show Palooza 2021? The HS Palooza is a combo in-person one-day event and a virtual palooza of options to participate through online demos, live videos, a virtual guide and printed passport - all showcasing home show vendors. Home Show Palooza 2021 will be held in the Olean area May 14-27, 2021.

Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO reported, "As the entire world enters into a 'new' normal, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is presenting a new option for this year's Home Show. GOACC is partnering with Olean Times Herald in the promotion efforts for our vendors. The normal route at the Olean Rec Center wasn't an option as the numbers for inside large gatherings wouldn't be conducive for our show. A member committee/board member mentioned the pavilion in Lincoln Park as an option for a one-day show ... great idea!"

Like the popular Farmers Market but a home renovation market ... with options for more space available throughout the park. This will be held Friday, May 21, 2021. Those two alternatives bring a limit of 40 businesses.

"The Chamber tossed in virtual and in-your-store choices," added Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. "We feel that vendors will get a great promotion bang for their buck! The list of opportunities is below. Please give us a call with questions"

There are four options for HS Palooza'21: Virtual Vendor, Booth Space, Park Space, and Virtual Palooza Vendor.

- The VIRTUAL VENDOR has lots of great benefits: quarter page ad in the home show guide; a 30-second video of your business product/service for the show and your use after (This is limited to the first 20 vendors to sign up with payment); promotion of your business for 14 days from May 14-27th consisting of ads in the Bradford Publishing Company's publications, Olean Times Herald online directory, website listing, social media posts, Facebook event page posts; and placement of your business on the Palooza'21 savings passport.
- The BOOTH SPACE consists of a 10x10 space under the pavilion, one 8-ft table provided, no chairs; and all options under virtual vendor.
- The PARK SPACE comprises a 10x10 space in the park, one 8-ft table provided, no chairs, no tent; and all options under virtual vendor.
- The VIRTUAL PALOOZA VENDOR option has one of ten Facebook Live demos during Palooza '21 week; and all options under virtual vendor.

The option fees range from \$250-350 with discounts for GOACC members.

Why should you attend the Home Show? As Yanetsko explains, "Home Show Palooza events are designed for homeowners - such as yourself - who are in all stages of remodeling, landscaping and decorating their homes. Each of our events includes home improvement and remodeling exhibits with product demonstrations and sample interior and exterior vignettes. Many of our exhibitors go to great lengths to provide you with visual, interactive experiences designed to stimulate your creativity and dreams for your home improvement plans."

GOACC is committed to bringing a full slate of events to the community. GOACC's top priority remains in the health and safety of its guests, vendors, volunteers and all involved who help make these events GREAT! Area businesses are encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible. GOACC members will receive discount booth space. For more information on the Home Show or other GOACC events and activities, please call GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email member@oleanny.com.

### MAESTRO MOODS

Tri-County Arts Council to exhibit watercolors & charcoal sketches by Olean artist



OLEAN, NY - The Tri-County Arts Council is honored to exhibit the celebrated "Maestro Moods" watercolors and charcoal sketches by the award-winning Olean artist, Peg Bothner, from April 16th-May 22nd in the gallery, 110 W. State St., Olean. An Artist Reception will be held from 1:00-5:00pm on Sunday, April 25th. For reservations please visit https://signup.com/go/OPRrdGi. Gallery hours are 12:00-6:00pm Tuesday through Friday, and 12:00-5:00pm on Saturday.

Bothner's watercolors, mixed media, and charcoal sketches with an orchestral theme reflecting her love of music will be featured in the exhibit. As in all her many portraits and watercolors of individuals, animals and dancers, her drawings of musicians abound with a lively joy and spontaneity, each revealing a unique and sophisticated style by an equally warm and lively artist.

Her art has hung in galleries and museums throughout Western New York including the Albright-Knox in Buffalo. She studied with watercolorist Robert Blair who was director of the Olean Art Association and Catherine Nelson of Alfred University. The Olean Art Association later became the Cattaraugus Arts Council and more recently has expanded to include Chautauqua and Allegany Counties as the Tri-County Arts Council.

Bothner was honored by the then-Cattaraugus County Arts Council for her community spirit which was so evidently on display as she created charcoal portraits of each resident at the Cattaraugus County nursing home over many years. This was done voluntarily, and the original portraits were provided to the residents' families. In 1992, she was commissioned by Cutco to draw scenes of the company's factory and office. The project resulted in 15 charcoal, pencil and watercolor pieces which are on display in the OBDC building, 301 N. Union St., Olean.

Bothner first discovered her love for drawing at age 10 when she took her first art class from a neighborhood artist in Hartford, CT. "She would set up a still life for us each week in her living room," she said, warmly recalling the eggplant and spotty bananas she first learned to paint. After high school she studied with a Yale University professor from whom she developed skills in pastels and watercolors. Later, she attended the Woodstock of the Art Students League from New York City where her expertise in watercolors expanded. "It was time well spent," she said. "Later, I simplified by going into black and white or charcoal."

She and her late husband, Dick, a biology professor at St. Bonaventure, moved to Olean in 1958 where they raised their four children.

Reflecting on her vibrant career as an artist, which has sustained her through many of life's hurdles and challenges, Bothner admitted, "I don't know what I would do without it."

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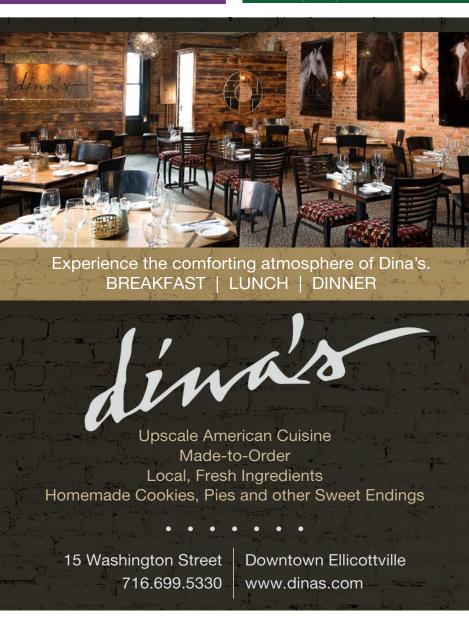






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### FOR THE RECORD

Village Zoning and Planning Part Two: Why Does It Matter?

By Caitlin Croft

Currently as I write this article overlooking Sugarloaf Mountain in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, the drive out here gave me time to reflect on the make-up of the communities I passed. Now, you're probably wondering, "Caitlin, what does this have to do with Planning in Ellicottville?" ... but there is a point, I promise. Meandering through Maine where the communities seemed older than Ellicottville, I noticed there were no compact business districts like what we have in Ellicottville.. In our village, there is a predominant 'business district' with a downtown feel. Many of the places I saw in Maine are all residential style homes converted to hold businesses and it all felt scattered and started to look the same. That also could have been an effect of 10+ hours on the road, but I digress. As much as the scenery is breathtaking, it made me think how lucky we are to have the building pattern that our planning and village boards work diligently to preserve.

So what are we trying to preserve and how do zoning districts and site plan layouts play into this? I reconnected with Gary Palumbo, our Town/Village Planner, to discuss these topics. To paint a broad

brush stroke, there are the following types of zoning districts: commercial, industrial, residential, low-density, medium-density, high-density, conservation and agricultural/residential. Within each category there can be 'sub-categories' (for lack of a better word). An example, Village Commercial 1 versus Village Commercial 2 or VC-1 versus VC-2. To make it even easier to understand, there can be overlay districts, in this case Ellicottville has one zoning overlay - the historic.

To start with the downtown, iconic parts of Ellicottville, the Historic District includes parts of the Village Commercial Districts and Village Residential. "In the Village of Ellicottville, the Historic District is an "overlay" on top of the underlying zoning district. So the land use and dimensional standards are the same," Palumbo told me. "However, certain exterior construction activities in the Historic District require a slightly different review for the purpose of ensuring the character and heritage of the Village are not significantly impacted." In working with these design regulations, we keep continuity within the community and keep that "small town, pedestrian scale" look that our visitors crave.

The goal is to preserve built environments that represent the Village's cultural, social, economic, and architectural history. "The Village's Historic district has been on the National and State Registers of Historic Places since 1991," Palumbo stated. By maintaining the historically significant elements and characteristics of the Historic District, the Village is at the same time protecting its attractiveness to homebuyers, residents, visitors and shoppers, and thereby supporting the local economy as a community which is partially dependent upon the tourism industry.

As we move out of the downtown area, we have the Village Residential (VR) District and Residential Development - Medium Density (MD) Districts. These districts "place their emphasis on a variety of single-family residential styles and densities. In the Village, the main difference is not in the types of uses that are allowed, but the architectural styles."

The VR district is comprised of the older residential neighborhoods that contribute to the Historic District with many homes well over 100 years old. They are characterized by 1-½ to 2-story homes with prominent front porches and access to the rear where barns use to occupy the space where garages now stand. The driveways are along the side of the house, and garages are detached, typically behind the house. "Now, the Village MD district includes some older neighborhoods outside the Historic District and newer development of homes are located on larger lots than the VR District. In the new developments, homes are more automobile-centric with attached garages towards the front of the property. These homes can be more modern in style," Palumbo said.

The big difference between the VR District and the MD District is similar to an older urban historic district and post-war suburban housing. One is not better or more valuable than the other; they are just variants on single family neighborhoods and serve different objectives. "The Village Zoning lays out the purpose for each district," Palumbo advised. "In the VR District, the goal is to preserve the existing character and to encourage the continuation of the historically significant structures. While the MD District is also primarily a single-family land use category, it allows more flexibility in lots sizes, arrangement and architectural style."

To move back into the commercial zones, there are three classifications within Ellicott-ville and I hear frequently, "WHY? Why does such a small area need three?" To this, Palumbo answered, "That's a good question, Caitlin. Similar to the VR and MD zoning districts, I look first at the purpose or intent of the district. The purpose of every zoning category is also "aspirationally" described in the Comprehensive Plan." (There are copies of the Comprehensive Plan available at ellicottvillegov.com.) The Village Commercial (VC) District along parts of Washington Street and Monroe Street are in the Historic District and similar to residential neighborhoods in the Historic District. "One goal is to preserve the physical structure that gives 'main street' its distinguishing character;



row buildings with commercial on the first floor and apartments upstairs, oriented along the sidewalk and street, narrow lots/building fronts with large ground floor windows and numerous doors."

These are all traits of a "walkable" central business district, which our boards have worked hard to protect and maintain. The newest addition of that is the EVGV Trail that will connect the Town and Village. They add to the attractiveness to residents and visitors; who doesn't love to walk to the shops and restaurants we offer? However, Palumbo says, "The VC-2 and VC-3 commercial districts are off the main commercial streets and where the historic development was not retail. Another key difference is that some parts of the VC-2 and VC-3 Districts represent a change from previous non-retail commercial uses and today can be re-purposed for a mix of office, commercial and residential uses."

With our final gear change for this article we take a look at the industrial district with a new emphasis on its repurposing. I asked Palumbo's opinion on whether this is good for the village and his

response surprised me. For background, there are two ways to achieve redevelopment of a commercial or industrial district. Our Town and Village comprehensive plans recognize that demand for manufacturing and light industrial development has diminished while recreational tourism has increased. "To serve that trend, it is understandable that landowners want to propose new uses that include commercial or residential uses in or on former industrial spaces." The intriguing part: "On the other hand, as demand for tourism-related development increases, we need to carefully consider that once industrial space is changed to commercial or residential uses, it will be harder to accommodate future demand of industrial development – if and when that happens."

Palumbo reminded us, "We need to remember local land use controls (zoning) can only guide and set parameters for development. The true deciding factor in land development is the market demand that triggers private investment." So why does all of this matter if market demand is the true deciding factor? It matters because these zoning regulations give the municipality (YOU) a voice in how growth looks in your area and protects the interests of the community as a whole.

I will always end these articles with the notion that if anything struck your interest, get involved, go to public meetings and become an integral part of your community. For more information on Ellicottville visit ellicottvillegov.com or evlengineering.com

#### DR. DENNIS R. DEPERRO SCHOLARSHIP

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When the pandemic hit and uncertainty reigned, Dr. DePerro pushed to do whatever he could to keep the Bonaventure experience as close as possible. Thanks to his leadership, 90% of classes remained in-person and the university didn't suffer financially as badly as others did.

"He would drive his golf cart around campus and thank students for wearing their masks," Van Wicklin said. "We got through the entire ordeal thanks to him."

After his passing, stories began surfacing of the type of president he was. Thanks to Bonaventure's small student and faculty size, the entire campus stays connected. Students at schools with larger campuses - and budgets - may never have the chance to meet the president of the university. Dr. DePerro made a point to not only know your name, but your parents' names.

"This is the most fitting way to honor his legacy at Bona," Van Wicklin said. "He had told me 'once I retire, I hope they don't throw my name up on something. I would rather have my legacy be one of action, not words,' and that's what makes his legacy what it is."

The next president of St. Bonaventure has outstanding groundwork laid for the success of the university. For alumni, the work Dr. DePerro did to keep St. Bonaventure relevant and successful will be a debt that can never be paid back - but he was the type of leader that wouldn't have asked for anything in return.

To donate to The Dr. Dennis R. DePerro Memorial Scholarship fund, head to www. sbu.edu/drdeperro.

An Ellicottville native and fiercely proud St. Bonaventure alumnus, Spencer Timkey writes on local retail and lifestyle. Go Bonnies!

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### HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Cardio is Not the Only Tool to Blast Belly Fat

By Kim Duke, Certified Personal Trainer

Sunshine and warmer weather are the perfect combination to get off the couch and get moving. Taking a brisk walk/run or riding your bike is a great way to get your heart pumping. And while the deer are shedding antlers, humans are trying to shed some of their winter weight ... especially around their belly. Gaining weight in your stomach area can be caused by two S's - stress and sugar - and over this past year we have endured plenty of stress and found comfort in foods you may not even realize are loaded with sugar.

When you experience stress, you release cortisol (the fight or flight hormone). Cortisol enables the body to mobilize fat and energy from other areas and direct them to the abdomen, where cortisol can make energy readily available for vital organs. Elevated cortisol levels also tend to make our body crave sugar for quick energy, and this perfect storm increases weight gain directly around your middle.

Adding extra cardio to your daily routine is an excellent way to reduce stress. However, to reduce stubborn belly fat, cardio is only part of the solution. A Penn State research group put participants who wanted to lose stubborn belly fat into three groups: a no exercise group, aerobic exercise only group, and an aerobic exercise and weight training group. All participants had their diets adjusted to include more fiber and less sugar and all lost around 15 pounds, but, the weight lifters shed six more pounds of fat than those who didn't pump iron.

Other research on participants who don't weight train as they adjust their diet shows that while they are losing fat, they are also losing muscle. However, if you weight train as you diet, you'll protect your hard-earned muscle and burn more fat.

Plus, the term cardio shouldn't describe only aerobic exercise. Circuit training with weights typically raises your heart rate at least 15 beats per minute higher than if you were to run at 60-70 percent of your max heart rate. Lifting also increases the number of calories you burn while your butt is parked on the couch. That's because after each



strength-training workout, muscles need energy to repair their fibers.

So, during this spring season, get outside and move and add some weightlifting to your routine. If you are a beginner to this type of exercise, there are experts available at Core Performance that will help to teach you routines and form and motivate you as well.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training located at 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. Kim resides in Ellicottville where she raised her two sons, Zach and Nik. For more information about her studio visit her Facebook page or www.coreperformancefitness.com. Kim can be reached at 716-698-1198.

#### **MOUNTAIN BIKING**

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on Spruce Lake Chair," said Jane Eshbaugh, Holiday Valley Marketing Director. "The plan is to give bikers a ride to the top where they can access the 35+ miles of WNYMBA single track trails, then take the Holiday Valley flow trail back down to the bottom. It's a great addition to the activities we offer at Sky High!"

Ten bike carriers will be installed on the lift and for \$30, riders will have the ability to ride the lift to the top of Spruce Lake and hit the single track trails back to the bottom of the lift

Speaking of single track, last summer, HoliMont started the framework of a flow trail that runs along a good portion of its terrain; starting near the top of the Exhibition lift and ending at the Greer lift. There you will find a combination of manmade and natural features that will test your technical skillset while also putting a smile on your face.

#### WHEN EVERYONE WORKS TOGETHER ...

As a riding hub with miles of great trails at its doorstep, the town of Ellicottville is an ideal location for your biking adventures this summer. The community of people and the local businesses who have supported the WNYMBA efforts have been instrumental in the growth of the sport and it seems likely that trend will continue.

"We've seen tremendous support from local businesses, local bike manufacturers, local breweries, and local bike shops," Bodway stated. "This support has helped us secure monies for trail tools and trail expansion and has helped expose us to new riders within the region. Secondly, we're seeing the mountain bike community finally begin to work together to achieve common goals. It took a couple years to convince area riders that WNYMBA has their best interests in mind, and that as long as people get involved, their voices will be heard and the progression of our trails will reflect that."

Mountain biking is about persistence. "I would urge new riders to be patient and to stick with the sport," said Bodway. "Mountain biking is a challenging activity, but the rewards of building confidence, improving physical fitness, and gaining a renewed appreciation for nature pays off in the long run. Second, I encourage new riders to join us for a group ride or to attend a WNYMBA event. The main mission of the club is to 'have fun on bikes,' ultimately that's what mountain biking is all about."

Whether you are pushing your riding to the limits or just going out for an evening cruise with your family, Ellicottville offers something fun for everyone.

### **OLEAN WELCOME SIGNS**

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Chamber, what is now InTandem, and various local civic groups. They were repainted about a decade ago, but had been allowed to deteriorate due to lack of interest. In July 2019, a push to fix up the signs began. The crews from Four Mile and Intandem had completed the one near Applebees, one out on Buffalo Road, and one out by the former tile plant. The one at OTH needed the most work and lettering hadn't been placed yet as masonry, tree removal and other duties were needed first.

For more information on the signs, please email info@oleanny.com. If interested in donating to the signs, please visit http://bit.ly/beautification-fund-olean and please note that your donation is for the Welcome to Olean sign. Questions on the donation process, please email foundation@cattfoundation.org.

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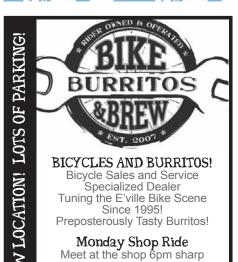
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Mary J. Klahn, Village Clerk

### **FUNDRAISER**

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Cattaraugus County 4H Club is hosting a drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, April 17th from 3:00-7:00pm at the Cattaraugus County Fairgrounds in Little Valley. Cost is \$8 presale or \$10 at the gate, \$5 for kids 7 and under. Tickets are available at the Cattaraugus County 4H Office. All proceeds will be used for ribbons and awards at the 2021 Cattaraugus County Fair. For more information call 716-699-2377 ext. 130.

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

A community Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday, April 16th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242, Ellicottville from 1:00-6:00pm in the church's Community Room. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment.

### AREA NON-PROFITS RECEIVE OVER \$11,000 IN SUPPORT

OLEAN, NY - Nine area nonprofits recently received grant support from four charitable funds at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation established by donors to make annual grants to designated causes, with grants together totaling \$11,168.87.

The Luella Potter Endowment Fund, Kay and Oliver Williams/Rushford Endowment Fund, Jim and Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund and the Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church all make annual grant distributions approved in March to nonprofit organizations designated by the establishing donors.

The Kay and Oliver Willliams/Rushford Endowment Fund recently supported seven grants, together totaling \$6,375.84 to organizations designated by Oliver Williams that he and his wife supported during their life in the Rushford area. This year, the First Baptist Church of Rushford, United Methodist Church of Rushford and Rushford Library all received \$1,117. Podonque Cemetery, Boy Scouts in the Cuba-Rushford area, Rushford Cemetery and Rushford Concert Band each received \$756.21. The fund also supports an annual grant for a scholarship to the CRCS Outdoors Conservation Camp in January of each year.

The Luella Potter Endowment Fund made possible a \$2,182.84 grant to the Southern Tier Catholic School System and Archbishop Walsh Academy. Established by a group of parents of children attending Southern Tier Catholic School, this fund provides annual support to the Olean Catholic school in honor and memory of Potter, a long-time beloved teacher at STCS. Since 2004 the fund has supported over \$30,000 in grants to bolster Catholic education.

The Jim and Gail Olson Mercy Flight Fund made possible a \$1,168.12 grant to Mercy Flight WNY for use at the Olean Mercy Flight station. Established by Gail Olson, this fund supports Mercy Flight WNY, a not-for-profit provider of emergency airmedical transport and supporting services.

The Rev. Leo J. Gallina Endowment Fund for St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church supported a grant of \$1,442.07 to the St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church in Bradford (PA). Established by Fr. Leo Gallina, this fund provides for annual grants to support parishioners in need and community outreach efforts at the church.

Donations can be made to the any of these funds at the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, 301 North Union St., Suite 203, Olean, NY 14760, or online at cattfoundation.org.

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### **OBITUARY**

Donna F. Suain Giannattasio February 2, 1961 - March 1, 2021

ORTVILLE - Donna F. Suain Giannattasio died Monday, March 1, 2021 at age 60. She was born February 2, 1961.

She was the beloved wife of the late Tom Giannattasio, dear mother of Tom (Margaret) Giannattasio and Toni Giannattasio; loving grandmother of Ellie, Lucy and Leo; beloved daughter of Melissa Speedy and Harold Suain; sister of Mark (Tracy) Suain, David (Gina) Suain, Nancy (Todd) Yohe, Melissa (Mark) Steiner and Joan (Randy) Connor; and dearest friend and partner of Richard Bales. She was also survived by many nieces and nephews.

There will be no prior visitation. Due to the pandemic restrictions, a Celebration of Donna's Life will be held at a later date.



In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Donna's memory to Sisters of Charity Hospital, 2157 Main St., Buffalo, NY 14214.

Arrangements made by Amigone Funeral Home, Inc. Please visit Donna's tribute page to share memories and condolences at www.amigone.com

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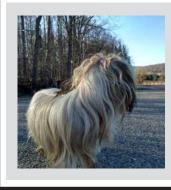
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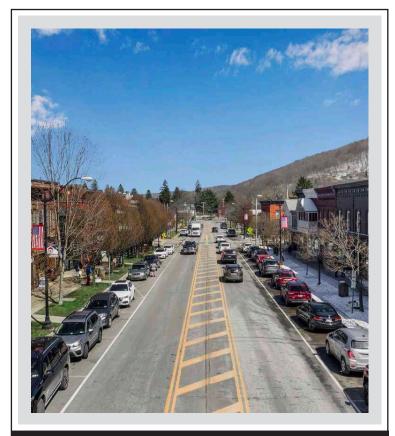
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