

HillTap Festival Returns to Holiday Valley

The One-Of-A-Kind Music Festival is Back for its 3rd Year; Includes Three Bands and a Full Day of Adventure



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PUMPKIN HOLLOW FURNITURE: BRINGING NEW LIFE TO OLD PIECES

Single-use, disposable, easily replaceable products make it so much more tempting to just "buy a new one," rather than repair the thing that isn't quite working or is showing signs of age. But to Mark Bukowiecki, "Anything can be fixed," and it's this philosophy that inspired his business, Pumpkin Hollow Furniture. In fact, "The worse it comes to me, the better it looks to me in the end."

Located at his home on Pumpkin Hollow Road in Humphrey, Bukowiecki's business is the result of many years of experience in carpentry and furniture repair.

"In 2006, we moved here from Buffalo," he explained. "My wife was teaching, and I started getting into carpentry. I became a carpenter with a couple of local contractors in Ellicottville."

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WESTERN NEW YORK MAPLE FESTIVAL EXPANDS FOR 2023

One of the longest-running festivals in the area, Franklinville's annual Western New York Maple Festival is taking place during the weekend of April 29-30th and this year's event is bigger than ever! In 1963, the Franklinville Jaycees (junior chamber of commerce) founded the festival to celebrate the many maple syrup producers in the region, while highlighting all that Franklinville has to offer. "This year, what we've done is expanded the festival into the Park Square Historic District, because we wanted to make it walkable, highlight our downtown, and introduce people to new businesses and business owners," said Ashley Schumaker, festival chair. "There really is something for all ages to enjoy all weekend!" ... page 11

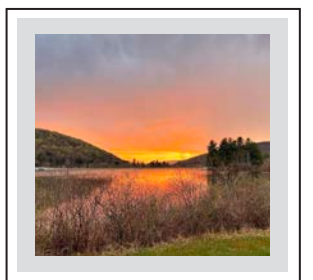
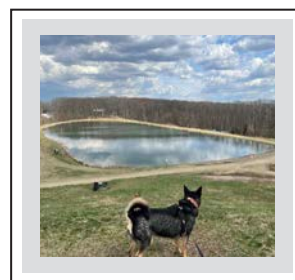
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The weather is begging us to get outside and do something, but what? Do we go hiking? Do we go for a picnic? Do we get the family together and go for a drive?... (if you've taken out a loan for your gas this week, of course). Why not make a day of it and do all of these things? Head out to Rock City Park, located at 505 Route 16 S. in Olean, NY when they officially open on May 1st and enjoy everything this long-loved natural attraction has to offer ... page 11

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Changing Gears Mountain Bike Consulting

Opening the Door to Outdoor Adventure



By RICH RUMFOLA

While working as the facilities manager for a large local business in the summer of 2020, Great Valley's Burt Little saw the world change as the covid pandemic pushed people out of their houses and into all forms of outdoor recreation. Sporting goods stores and manufacturers quickly sold out of equipment meant to be used and enjoyed outside.

A self-proclaimed adrenalin junkie and lifelong cyclist, Little realized that for all those new mountain bike owners, pedaling a new bike around the parking lot at the local bike shop isn't quite the same as heading out onto a trail at the local state park. It was with the idea of bridging the gap from the store to the trail that his new business, Changing Gears Mountain Bike Consulting was born.

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ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY FILLS YOUR SUMMER WITH FUN

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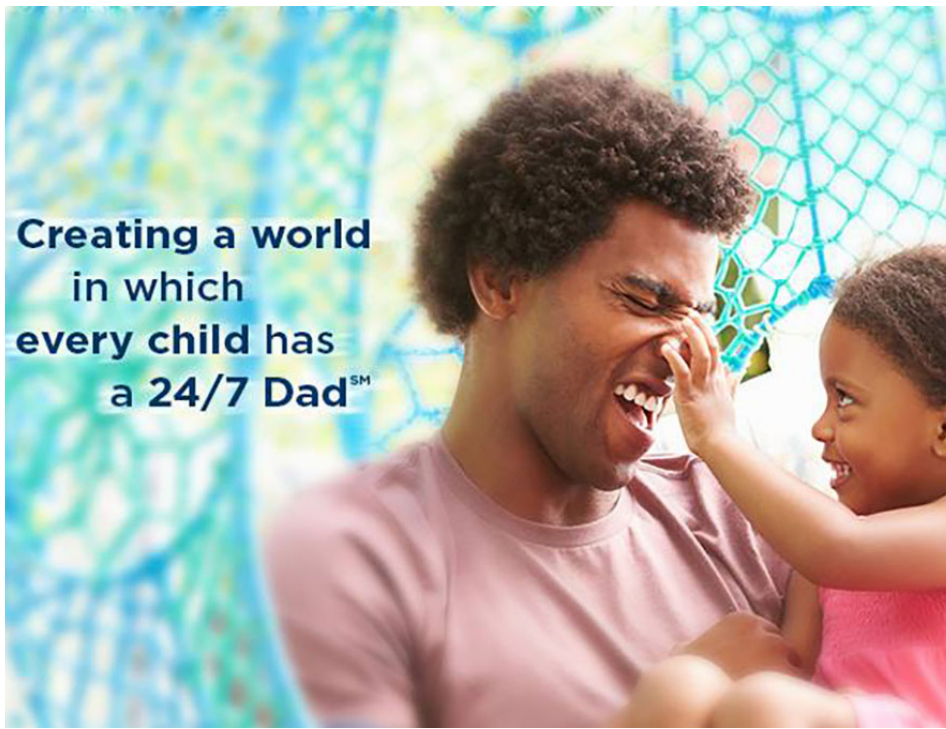
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FATHERHOOD & FAMILIES INITIATIVE

Connecting Communities in Action Helping to Better Family Relationships



Creating a world in which every child has a 24/7 DadSM

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

We've all heard of Connecting Communities in Action in Salamanca, NY, but do we know exactly what they are or what they do? Here's a little history... Connecting Communities in Action, Inc. (CCA) is a non-profit organization whose goals are to build resilient communities through emotional, physical and economic security. The Salamanca location is one of hundreds of Community Action Agencies throughout the U.S.

They try to help those in need meet their most basic needs and they work with many public and private partners to help those marginalized individuals have hope and opportunities. They serve the elderly, the disabled, the disadvantaged, families and solo individuals alike.

When most of us think of families or custodial issues, innately we think of the mother and the children. But what about the single fathers or the fathers who have issues relating to their family life? The CCA has partnered up with the National Fatherhood Initiative for their "Responsible Fatherhood Initiative". The National Fatherhood Initiative is the nation's leading provider of research on father presence and involvement.

This initiative is designed to help fathers and those in a father-like role improve their economic stability, develop and maintain healthy relationships, and develop/improve responsible parenting skills. The focus of the group is to promote fatherhood and the importance of being a positive role model for children. The group is open to any male who plays a role in a child's life - father, step-father, grandfather, uncle, friend.

EllicottvilleNOW asked Bridget Sanford, Director of Planning & Resources at the CCA, how they came up with the initiative and she said, "Fourteen years ago, CCA partnered with DSS in implementing The Fatherhood Connection (founded by Reggie Cox). It was an initiative to locate and engage fathers, uncles, grandfathers, and other male mentors with the vision of combating fatherless America and the multifaceted areas impacted by this systemic issue. Over time, CCA has had the opportunity to partner with COI (Chautauqua County) with another Fatherhood program called 24/7 DADS. So now both "programs" work in tandem under the umbrella of The Fatherhood Initiative - where we encourage men to think steps, NOT PROGRAMS. The initiative is about inviting men into a movement rather than just a class. The idea is that combining information plus application will yield transformation - which in turn will strengthen the relationship fathers have with their children and overall strengthen the family unit and thus strengthening the surrounding communities."

We thought that sounded like a very important plan. Bridget agreed, "It is important. It empowers fathers to learn to become better men for their children and those around them. The movement is intended to capture the heart of a man/father in order to strengthen the inner character for the betterment of the children, family, workplace and community the men reside in and work in. When fatherlessness is addressed as a byproduct, crime and teen pregnancies go down while educational prowess, school attendance, and child support increases."

"The movement and Fatherhood Initiative treats dads as people to be encouraged rather than "projects to be fixed!", Bridget continued. "The common dad has many areas of his life where people tell him where he gets it wrong and then often negative feedback on what he must do in order to succeed. The problem with that approach is that it is short-sighted and doesn't produce long-term results. The understanding of boyhood, manhood, and fatherhood as well as the brotherhood that is formed in this setting, gives dads the encouragement for when they get it right. The values we work hard to instill are Affirmation, Approval and Celebration."

We also asked Bridget how she thinks the initiative will impact families. Bridget stated, "While there is no silver bullet for success, what the program has shown is men rising to the challenge of doing more than paying their child support and 'buying milk and diapers' every now and then. The topics that are covered (Emotional Intelligence, Anger Management, Anger Eradication, Healthy Communication, Healthy Relationships, Personality Profiles, Love Languages, Smart Money and more workshops) guide and help men discuss, apply and report back the next week (accountability) for the personal and family growth that takes place. Fathers initially take the 12 or 13-week journey, but then are invited to continue to attend as much as possible to keep the support and account-

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A PLACE TO PLAY BALL

Ellicottville Sports Boosters & Local Businesses Work Together on Softball Dugouts



photo / Ellicottville Sports Booster Club

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Baseball is the All-American sport, legendary for bringing people to the stands for hot dogs, popcorn and home-runs. Softball is a direct descendant of baseball with very few noticeable differences, such as the balls being larger, pitches are done underhand and the diamond is a little smaller. Ellicottville Central School has a wonderful softball diamond that until now, was just missing one thing: a dugout for the teams to sit between innings.

Thanks to the Ellicottville Sports Boosters Club and a number of local volunteers, that is no longer the case. Over this past weekend, they came together to build dugouts for the softball diamond behind Ellicottville Central's playground. Great Valley Builders supplied the project with discounted materials, APEX Construction did the concrete pour, J.D. Northrup Construction covered the site work, Dana John Construction is working on the builds, and Chris Woodarek will be handling the metal roofing.

President of the ECS Sports Boosters club, Todd Palmatier said, "We knew the softball field needed a place for the teams to put their equipment and to rest. We wanted to make sure it was done right. We have to thank all the local businesses and community volunteers like the Lady Eagles Head Coach Matt Finn, Eileen Snyder Finn, Sports Booster Club member Karl Northrup, his wife Jill Northrup, Shawn and Heather Lafferty, Mike Andera, Chris Keenan, Chris Mendell, Dave Whitmer, Jon Fisher, Andrew Kruska and the Lafferty and Finn girls who came out to help get the project going and to supply everyone working with hot dogs and drinks while the work was being done."

Todd stated that the project isn't going to be totally completed until most likely around summer but that both dugouts are ready to use right now, so the girls will have a great home base for the duration of the 2023 season. Thank you to everyone who made this project possible. Good luck Lady Eagles!

HILLTAP FESTIVAL RETURNS

Expanded Festival to Include 3 Bands & Full Day of Adventure at Holiday Valley

EAST AURORA — 42 North Brewing Company and Holiday Valley Resort are again teaming up for the 3rd Annual HillTap Festival™ at Holiday Valley on July 22. This one-of-a-kind festival merges music, craft beer and outdoor adventure at one of the most scenic venues in the region, atop the mountain at Spruce Lake.

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Following Kody & Herren will be the Buffalo-based Ten Cent Howl, bringing their up-tempo, Americana sound to the festival. Finally, the festival will wrap up at the base of the mountain with a special performance by the Jamestown, NY based band, The Probables. The Probables will be bringing their bluegrass sounds to the festival as part of their 2023 Destination Tour.

"This is one of our favorite events of the year. There is no better place to merge craft beer, roots music, and adventure. It's truly a one-of-a-kind venue," said 42 North Brewing Founder, John Cimperman.

The HillTap Festival begins at 12pm and runs until 9pm. Attendees will park at the Tannenbaum Lodge and take the chair lift up to the festival. This year's vendors and experiences include SUP demos by SUP Erie Adventures, bike demos by Freewheel, Henna Art by Buffalo Henna, Axe throwing by Hatchets & Hops, Holiday Valley e-bike demos, and Mud, Sweat, n' Gears. Additionally, food will be available from Fat Bob's BBQ and Villaggio.

Early bird tickets are now on sale for \$35 which includes a chair lift ride to Spruce Lake, a full day of music and access to the vendors and demos. Children 10 and under are admitted free, accompanied by a paying adult.

For more info & tickets to the HillTap Festival, visit <https://www.hilltapfestival.com/>.

GET OUT & HAVE A GOOD TIME

Ellicottville Distillery to Host a Variety of Events



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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BLUEBERRY VODKA RELEASE: Let's start with May 15th. That's the release date for their new batch of Blueberry Vodka. The Distillery will open at 12pm that day and the celebration is followed by live music from area favorite Kody and Herren from 4:00pm-7:00pm. Kody and Herren play original roots music and both of them are multi-instrumentalists. They always aim to entertain the audience.

START OF SUMMER BONFIRE: As I said, summer is just around the corner and there's no better place than the Distillery to welcome the season at their Start of Summer Bonfire on May 27th. The Distillery will be open at noon, the fire will be started later in the evening and besides coming in for a delicious slushy or cocktail, there will be live entertainment provided by Porcelain Train, the acoustic Americana duo with a unique blend of harmony from 5:00-8:00pm.

EARS DICE RUN: Ellicottville Distillery slides into June with a great cause being the final stop for the EARS (Empire Animal Rescue Society) Dice Run on June 17th. There will be animals that are up for adoption for visitors to meet, a 50/50 drawing, basket raffle, food, music and more. EARS is just asking guests to bring a small donation of Purina Canned Dog/Cat food. Those who do will be entered into a drawing for a special mystery prize. (Prizes and pets, sign me up!)

CAR SHOW & BBQ: Sunday, June 25th the Distillery will be hosting their Annual Car Show & BBQ from 10:00-5:00pm. Car entry is just \$15, with the best cars winning trophies and the proceeds going to the Oishei Children's Hospital. There will be a 50/50 raffle and live music with the Chillbillys Trio from 2:00-5:00pm. A great way to end the weekend.

FIREWORKS, CORNHOLE & ROASTED PIG: July is a burst of activity with a fireworks display planned for the evening of July 3rd. You can get in the spirit beforehand at 6:00-10:00pm when The Beard & The Bird, along with Nashville Recording Artist Stacy Antonel perform.

The Annual Cornhole Tournament returns July 8th. The Tournament will start at 3pm, 2 people per team, \$30 a team with double elimination. Live music will have the party jumping and food will be available. Register for the event by calling 716-597-6121.

And July 22nd is a good ol' fashioned Pig Roast. Come out at 12:00pm and enjoy some tasty pork and a glass of Appleshine. Live music will be provided by WNY rock band Little Liar from 3:00-6:00pm. They play covers and originals you can rock out to.

TASTE OF ELlicOTTVILLE: The Distillery is popping in August! The Taste of Ellicottville falls on the 12th and 13th this year. A perfect time to visit and see what special brews are on offer and you can bet that there will be live music happening that weekend. (If they have them, I'd grab a slushy. Doesn't matter what kind, they're all good.)

DISTILLED & CHILLED MUSIC FESTIVAL: August 19th is extra special because it's the 4th Annual Distilled and Chilled Music Festival. This is a one day only, admission at the gate event. A whole line up of musicians will be performing on the Distillery's outdoor stage. They've already lined up Ten Cent Howl, Kody & Herren, The Beard & The Bird and Jason Mirek for this year. Food trucks will be in the parking lot and a multitude of vendors will be peddling their wares (like baked goods, pickles, jewelry etc...) around the field. It's a fantastic event that the whole family can enjoy. More information on the performers and vendors will be made available closer to the date. Keep your eye on the Ellicottville Distillery Facebook page for details.

WHISKEY ON WHEELS: New this year is the Whiskey on Wheels at the Attica Arcade Railroad. This is an adults only (21+) event. Guests will enjoy a sampling of drinks from the Ellicottville Distillery while riding the rails. The 2+ hour trip is completed with live music and snacks. The train will depart at 5:00pm on August 26th.

OISHEI GOLF TOURNAMENT: Another great cause is the Oishei Golf Tournament the

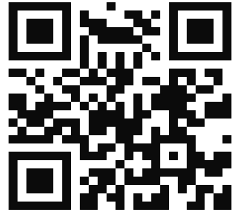
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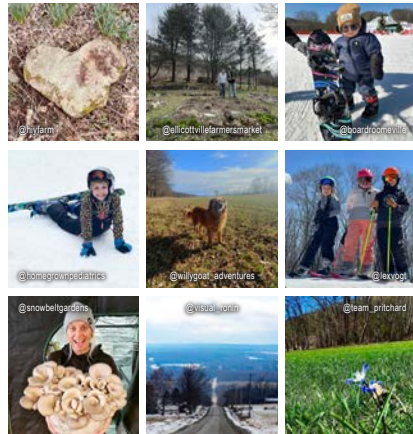
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716.699.2068
ellicottvillesaltcave.com

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716.597.6121
ellicottvilledistillery.com

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21 Monroe St. • EVL
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716.699.2345
holidayvalley.com

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BOMB BREAKFAST

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716.699.8660

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MAY 20

River Park, Allegany
oleanny.com/events/#may-mayhem



Introduced in 2022, that event consisted of several water and land events. For 2023, the M3 will consist of Float the Allegheny, non-timed regatta running from South Union Street in Olean to the Four Mile/1st Street in Allegany. The event will also feature a timed regatta. Those staying after, there will be a fun festival atmosphere for all – music, food, refreshments, cornhole and more.

JUNE 2

Throughout the Greater Olean Area
oleanny.com/events/#strolean



StrOlean is defined as an event to be held throughout the Olean area; event goers are able to saunter, amble, wander, walk North Union Street and all over the Allegany, Hinsdale, Olean and Portville communities; and able to enjoy food, music, fine arts, and fun for all ages. Working with the city and members of the business community, the event aims to bring folks to the downtown shopping district for an evening of fun.

JUNE 2-4

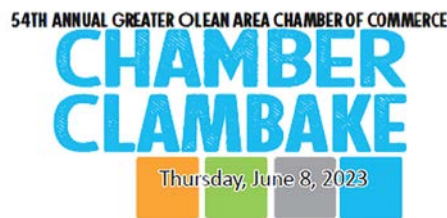
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The tournament, based on basketball played in driveways throughout the U.S., will include players who have no experience to those who have played college and semi-professional basketball. Primarily based on their age and level of experience, players will be placed in divisions where they will be most evenly matched. Depending on the number of teams placed in a specific division, players and the teams they're on will be playing for first- and second- and third trophies. Also teams that finish last in their divisions receive "Toilet bowl" trophies.

JUNE 8

Lincoln Park, Olean
oleanny.com/events/#chamber-clambake



55th Annual Chamber Clambake, Caterer-Old Library Restaurant, Lincoln Park, Olean, 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Chamber's unofficial kick off to the summer time in the Olean area. Attendees enjoy CLAMS, loads of food, fun, music and prizes! Chamber member, Old Library Restaurant, will serve up raw clams, steamed clams, clam chowders, and clams casino. The menu will also include Beef on Weck, Italian Sausage, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Roasted Chicken, Macaroni Salad Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Assorted Fruit, Vegetables & Dip and a Sundae Station. Attendance averages 475 Chamber members and guests.

JUNE 22

Jamestown Community College, Olean
oleanny.com/events/#challenge



The race (5K Run and 2.1 Mile Walk) is open to both corporate and community teams. The challenge concludes with "Olean's Largest Office Party" complete with individual awards and community teams and corporate team awards: Fastest Male Team, Fastest Female Team, and Fastest Coed Team. Teams need to be determined before race -- as running or walking -- if competing as a team. Community Team is a team of friends, family, non-employment associates. Corporate Team is a team of employees of said company (this includes spouse if spouses' employer doesn't compete).

JULY 17

Bartlett Country Club, Olean
oleanny.com/events/#golf-classic



The classic features corporate and community teams playing for bragging rights and the traveling trophy. This scramble format golf tourney features a 2 putt rule, no handicaps, and a putting contest on hole #17. TEAMS: Corporate Team consists of current active employees within same company who are employed full-time year-round. Community Team is a team of friends, family, associates captained by a GOACC member. 1st Come 1st Serve Teams. Registration opens at 12:00pm. Shotgun Start at 1:00pm. For tickets and more information, please call 716-372-4433.

AUGUST 18-19

War Veterans Park, Olean
oleanny.com/events/#dice-run



The dice will be 'shaken and rolled' for the 2nd annual DW Memorial Dice Run. The event is named after Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston who were instrumental in the Rally in the Valley Dice Run- this event will generate funds to benefit area youth through scholarships at Olean City Schools and Archbishop Walsh through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation. The two-day event features a street dance, music, food, fun, activities and dice run with \$2000 in prizes.

SEPTEMBER 19

War Veterans Park, Olean
oleanny.com



The Allegheny River Running Fest will feature four competitions: Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and a kids run! A good portion will have you running along the picturesque Allegheny River on the area's Allegheny River Valley Trail. Awards will be given to the top three male and female finishers for each race event. Also, a commemorative item (to be determined) will be awarded to the top three finishers in the race's five-year age groups. The Last Squirrel Award will be presented to last finisher of the half marathon! #squirrelcity

OCTOBER 26

Lincoln Park, Olean
oleanny.com/events/#tailgate



New to TEAM GOACC lineup of events, Tailgate Thursday is an evening to celebrate FALL. Who doesn't love a good tailgate party? Attendees will celebrate football, food and friends. They will enjoy loads of chicken wings from more than 6 local vendors and refreshments from our local Four Mile Brewing Co. – and don't forget there will be cornhole to play, music to hear and maybe, possibly a football movie or game for everyone to watch!

BUSINESS

PUMPKIN HOLLOW FURNITURE

Bringing New Life to Old Pieces Through Repair and Reupholstery



By MARY WEISER

Single-use, disposable, easily replaceable products make it so much more tempting to just “buy a new one,” rather than repair the thing that isn’t quite working or is showing signs of age. But to Mark Bukowiecki, “Anything can be fixed,” and it’s this philosophy that inspired his business, Pumpkin Hollow Furniture. In fact, “The worse it comes to me, the better it looks to me in the end.”

Located at his home on Pumpkin Hollow Road in Humphrey, Bukowiecki’s business is the result of many years of experience in carpentry and furniture repair. “In 2006, we moved here from Buffalo,” he explained. “My wife was teaching, and I started getting into carpentry. I became a carpenter with a couple of local contractors in Ellicottville.” In 2008 when the recession slowed down the economy, Bukowiecki responded to Raymour & Flanigan’s newspaper ad for a furniture repairman. “I said, ‘I think my skills will transfer over,’ and I ended up working there for 10 years,” he said.

Although he worked primarily out of the Olean Raymour & Flanigan, Bukowiecki did service work throughout western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. “It was a lot of driving, but I really got to know the area and gained a lot of experience repairing furniture,” he noted. Although primarily self-taught, he received a significant amount of training at Raymour & Flanigan and has been mentored for many years by an upholsterer in Olean, Tim Spiller. Now, Bukowiecki is the furniture repairman for Bear Mountain Furniture in Great Valley.

While there are fewer repair people now than there used to be, “There are definitely people still doing it, but I think it’s directly reflective of the throw-away mentality,” he explained. “Every industry across the board is making the life of the product less and less so that we come back more and more to replace it; we’ve become conditioned.”

After several years on the road driving to repair jobs, Bukowiecki is happy that much of his work allows him to spend time around the people whom he loves most. “While the heart of my purpose is to be around my family, perhaps the spark that started my path to creating my own business was designing and building my own sectional sofa,” he said. “After years of seeing some common and repeat issues with modern furniture design, I knew I could add my touch to bypass as much as possible.”

Even those products with a “limited lifetime warranty,” which is the expected life of the product, are only built to sit in someone’s home for approximately seven years, said Bukowiecki. Furniture made with mass-produced upholstery materials and particle board framing assembled with glue and two-inch framing staples “can be made better than originally designed with the right kind of repairs,” he explained. “If that piece finds the wrong action, it will pop apart,” said Bukowiecki. “But if I can put it together with an angle bracket and screws, the hold is better by some magnitude. Even reupholstering something with higher quality fabric makes such a difference.”

In fact, repairs and reupholstery are the most common jobs Pumpkin Hollow Furniture does. One of Bukowiecki’s favorite projects involved a chair given to him by a friend several years before. “I had it outside, kicking around in the weather for a couple of years before I even touched it,” he recalled. “I call it the ‘nightmare chair,’ because it was a bane for me—for awhile!” Now the chair, which could have been destined for the dump, is a beautiful furnishing in Bukowiecki’s home. “The fact that it’s comfortable—that’s the cherry right on top,” he said.

Even the most challenging projects are rewarding for Bukowiecki, for that’s where he’s learned the most. “Pulling staples is probably the least fun part of it, but you learn so much,” he noted. “You learn how to apply your body, the physics of it—even when you jab yourself, you learn so much about technique!”

While Bukowiecki has involved all three of his children in his work, his daughter Nola is the one who seems most drawn to it. “I have two boys and one girl, and she (Nola) is the one that comes with me more often than not,” he said. “She’s really artistic, very good with drawing, and definitely got the eye.”

For more examples of Bukowiecki’s work, follow Pumpkin Hollow Furniture on Facebook. He can be contacted by phone at 716-604-6426 or email at pumpkinhollowfurniture@gmail.com.

CHANGING GEARS

New Mountain Bike Consulting Company Opens the Door to Outdoor Adventure



By RICH RUMFOLA

While working as the facilities manager for a large local business in the summer of 2020, Great Valley’s Burt Little saw the world change as the covid pandemic pushed people out of their houses and into all forms of outdoor recreation.

Sporting goods stores and manufacturers quickly sold out of equipment meant to be used and enjoyed outside; from inline skates to kayaks to bicycles - even puppies were in short supply!

A self-proclaimed adrenalin junkie and lifelong cyclist, Little realized that for all those new mountain bike owners, pedaling a new bike around the parking lot at the local bike shop isn’t quite the same as heading out onto a trail at the local state park.

It was with the idea of bridging the gap from the store to the trail that his new business, Changing Gears Mountain Bike Consulting was born.

“During the pandemic, the industry grew so much in terms of bike sales, but there was a void in the actual riding and the skillset of new riders,” Little explained. “People were buying these really nice mountain bikes thinking they could just go out and ride, but they were getting discouraged and not using the bikes.”

As an active member of the Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA), Little recognized the opportunity to help all those new mountain bike riders learn how to ride safely and build the skills necessary for enjoying the sport over the course of a lifetime.

Together with his partner Christie Milanowski, a bicycle rider new to the sport of mountain biking, Little created an ‘Introduction To Mountain Biking’ program, where people of all ages could learn the most important aspects of the sport in a free, friendly and un intimidating setting.

Little designed an instructional course where everyone from kids to seniors could learn helmet safety and how to properly fit other safety equipment. He also included instruction on the basic components of a bike and its proper setup, along with how to make sure everything is ready before a ride.

His day-long programs are staffed with respected mountain bike instructors who conduct ‘balance clinics,’ where new riders discover how to correctly maneuver over small obstacles like rocks and logs and are educated on the various types of trails to ride.

“We had our first big event last June in Ellicottville and it was really exciting,” Little said. “We had families there with lots of kids and we grilled hot dogs and it was the first time that we set up a whole riding arena.”

Little credited a strong partnership with the Loud Performance bike shop (in Bemus Point and Ellicottville) for having an entire fleet of demo bikes on-hand for people to ride during the clinic.

In designing his own intro to mountain biking seminar, Little realized he had developed a viable business plan for helping others conduct their own programs. “We’ve grown so much with this concept that we decided to transition from a nonprofit business to an LLC with it,” he explained. The change has provided him with the flexibility to offer his services to other organizations - mainly for mountain biking clubs in the region - whom he helps create and support venues for these unique educational events.

“We partner with these groups to create their own ‘Introduction To Mountain Biking’ skills clinics,” Little said. “We help event organizers determine their needs and then we help with the staffing and logistics to carry out fun, safe, events.”

He also explained that a common focus for his skills clinics is to get people past the mindset of needing to be a heavily-skilled, big-jumping rider to enjoy mountain biking. “We’re trying to show people that you can go out and ride trails like Art Roscoe (cross-country ski trail at Allegany State Park) where there aren’t any mountain bike features (berms, rollers, etc.) and you can get the same concept as if you’re riding a single track mountain bike trail.”

Little and Milanowski are Trail Stewards for the trail system at the Golden Hill State Forest outside of Great Valley - a trail system which Little says is adaptable to all skill levels of riding and especially beneficial for being non-threatening to new riders.

“Changing Gears” continued page 12

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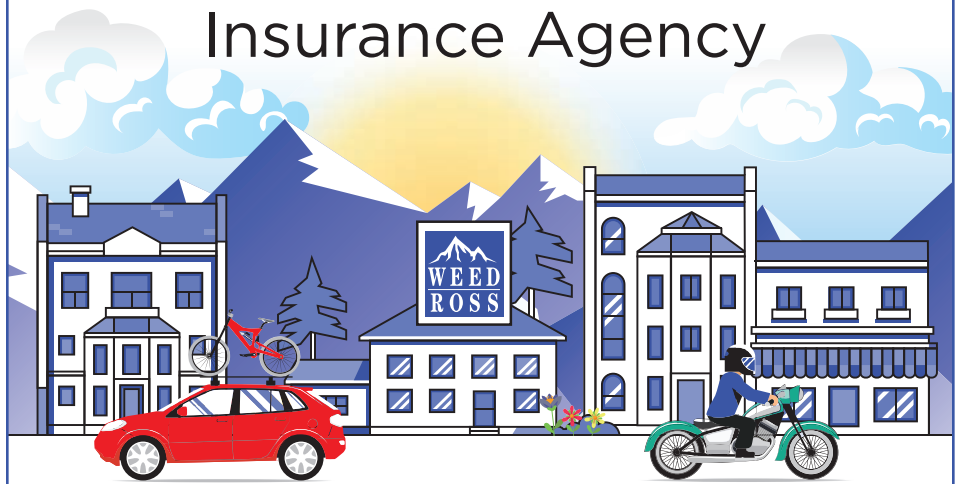
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WNY MAPLE FESTIVAL

Experience Two Days of Maple Bliss in Franklinville



By MARY WEISER

One of the longest-running festivals in the area, Franklinville's annual Western New York Maple Festival is taking place during the weekend of April 29-30th and this year's event is bigger than ever! In 1963, the Franklinville Jaycees (junior chamber of commerce) founded the festival to celebrate the many maple syrup producers in the region, while highlighting all that Franklinville has to offer. "This year, what we've done is expanded the festival into the Park Square Historic District, because we wanted to make it walkable, highlight our downtown, and introduce people to new businesses and business owners," said Ashley Schumaker, festival chair. "There really is something for all ages to enjoy all weekend!"

2023 marks the 59th year of the festival, as the festival was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to Covid-19. Despite the brief hiatus, the festival is just as popular as ever. In fact, this year, vendor registration has exceeded Schumaker's expectations.

"Last year, we had 81 vendors, and so far, we have 158 now registered," she said. This number does not include those maple syrup producers who have their own designated maple tent, which is spearheaded by Wright Farms. "The tent usually features six or more maple producers whose products are sold unlabeled to highlight everyone equally." Non-maple vendor booths include crafts, paintings, jewelry, hand-made toys, and so much more. "There are some really unique items this year," said Schumaker. "Our vendors come from all over the area. Most are from an hour to an hour and a half away, but we also have vendors who travel from Rochester and northern Pennsylvania."

NEW ADDITIONS

In addition to an expanded festival area, other new offerings for 2023 include participation of local wineries, breweries, and distilleries. "We're starting small with just a few, but hoping to grow this in the future," Schumaker noted. Other downtown highlights for 2023 will include mechanical bull rides, food vendors, and Sugar Goat Baking and Grazing Co., who will also be bringing their goats!

It's not the WNY Maple Festival without the "All-U-Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast," which will be in the elementary school cafeteria from 7:30am to 2pm on Saturday and Sunday. "We'll be serving buckwheat pancakes and sausage links, and Wright Farms is providing the syrup. We've made some changes to ensure even higher quality and consistency," said Schumaker, who also owns her own restaurant. "Last year, I took over the chair position, but this is my first full year in this role," she explained. "I've volunteered for many years, and even when I wasn't officially part of the committee, I've always made a point to be involved in some way." Even as a high school student, Schumaker enjoyed being part of the festival, as she was crowned Maple Queen in 2008.

MAPLE FEST KING & QUEEN

Indeed, the festival brings the entire community together, as the school, which continues to host the Maple King and Queen contest, the Franklinville Historical Society, and the Franklinville Fire Department are also heavily involved. In front of the school, carnival rides will run throughout the weekend. On Saturday at 11am, the WNY Maple Festival parade will showcase local businesses, community organizations, volunteer fire departments, the high school band, school groups and of course, the Maple King and Queen. This year's parade will feature a float contest with separate divisions for school groups and local non-school businesses and organizations with monetary prizes and trophies!

Both the historical society and fire department host their own basket raffles throughout the weekend. Schumaker is pleased to announce the return of the fire department's car show on Sunday, which is also the day of their annual chicken barbecue (noon until sold out at the fire hall on Main Street). To view the full schedule of events, visit www.wnymaplefestival.com and follow Franklinville's Annual Western New York Maple Festival on Facebook.

"This community is amazing," Schumaker noted. "It's incredible how many people and organizations come together to make this weekend happen." There is still time to get involved! For those wishing to volunteer or donate basket raffle items, Schumaker recommends emailing wnymaplefestival@gmail.com or signing up online at www.wnymaplefestival.com/volunteer/.

ROCK CITY PARK OPENS

Clean Attraction Offers Hiking, Climbing and Family Fun for All



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

The weather is begging us to get outside and do something, but what? Do we go hiking? Do we go for a picnic? Do we get the family together and go for a drive?... (if you've taken out a loan for your gas this week, of course). Why not make a day of it and do all of these things? Head out to Rock City Park, located at 505 Route 16 S. in Olean, NY when they officially open on May 1st and enjoy everything this long-beloved natural attraction has to offer.

First, let's start with a little history about the park. It's been an attraction since 1890, famous back then for its Bon Air Hotel and dance pavilion. There was even an amusement park on-site equipped with a merry-go-round, box ball alleys and photo houses.

Today, thousands of guest come out to enjoy the natural beauty of the rock formations of what many call one of the Eighth Wonders of the World (Rock City is home to the world's largest exposure of quartz conglomerate) and to explore the 45-minute hiking trail. Don't forget to get your photo taken with the Park's "Bigfoot" while you're there! All visitors can receive a map with a guide that tells you about some of the rock formations you'll see along the trail.

Rock City Park is family friendly, open to all ages (children under 16 should be supervised by an adult) and offers many spots just perfect for an impromptu photo op, like the balancing rock or dining hall pass. They have the RCP gift shop open daily from 9:00am-5:00pm that carries great souvenirs, refreshments and snacks, an extensive museum, fluorescent rock room, and numerous picnic areas. A one shot stop for a great day out in the spring and summertime.

But that's not all the park has to offer. They also host special occasions and events - weddings, reunions, school field trips, business gatherings and more. Weddings are often held on the scenic vista that overlooks Allegany's Enchanted Mountains. The park pavilion can hold up to 50 guests. You can call ahead to book an event (or to take an advantage of their group/senior citizen discounts) by reaching out to owner Cynthia Smith at 716-560-8579.

You also can't forget the giant Gem-Mineral-Fossil show, celebrating its 15th year in 2023, the park's annual Fall event, where guests pay a small admission fee (kids under 12 are free) for a day taking in the autumn foliage, visiting many rock and gem vendors, jewelry vendors and the RCP Shop. Vendors will be offering geodes, mineral specimens, handcrafted gemstone jewelry and more. Last year they had about a dozen vendors! So come stroll along the trail, do a little shopping, take a break studying the museum or grabbing some grub at the on-site food vendors. This is a great family friendly event, both educational and entertaining. The show runs from 10:00am-5:00pm. For more details, visit rockcitypark.com.

There is also something special in the works for the 2023 season. But owners Cindi and Dale Smith aren't sharing what it is until May 20th. Be sure to follow their Facebook page to see what they have planned. They did say it was something big!

Some good things to note: The park is open daily starting May 1st through October 1st from 9:00am-5:00pm, only closing during occasions of inclement weather. Cost of admission is \$5 per person, children ages 6-12 are \$3, with available group and senior discounts. The cost includes not just the trails but any shows/events happening during the day. Dogs are allowed as long as they remain on a leash and their waste is collected in a plastic baggie. The 45-minute long hiking trail is not handicap accessible but they do offer a 20-minute virtual tour of the park. There are bathrooms on-site and those are handicap accessible and parking is typically free, unless there is a special event taking place.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will present a conference for caregivers of those living with Alzheimer's disease or dementia on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Franklinville Jr./Sr. High School, 31 N. Main St., Franklinville, NY.

The conference will offer the opportunity for Cattaraugus County residents to learn more about Alzheimer's disease and dementia, along with outlining the support and resources available in the area to assist them as caregivers. Registration is required and can be done online at bit.ly/CattConf23 or by calling 800.272.3900. The conference is sponsored by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York and supported in part by grants from the New York State Department of Health.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Take a Walk - Movement is Essential for Healthy Living

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Physical activity is essential for healthy living. But you don't have to run marathons or do other high-intensity activities to stay healthy. Walking is an excellent aerobic exercise with a host of benefits. And it's low-impact and accessible, so it's a great option for many people. The right walking routine can keep your mind sharp and your body healthy. From a better mood to more energy, you'll find plenty of reasons to keep walking.

Walking offers rewards with every step. Hippocrates proclaimed that "walking is man's best medicine." The good doctor also knew that walking provided more than mere physical benefits when he suggested "if you are in a bad mood, go for a walk. If you are still in a bad mood, go for another walk." He was alluding to what so many who came after would attest, that walking not only nourishes the body but it also soothes the mind while it burns off tension and makes our troubles recede into a more manageable perspective. Walking has a way of lifting your spirits because it's manageable and yet each step is earned and real.

It's when I walk that I feel the most creative; it's where I come up with so many of my ideas for articles. And I am not alone in this process. J.K. Rowling observed that there is "nothing like a nighttime stroll to give you ideas." Even the resolutely pessimistic Friedrich Nietzsche stated, "all truly great thoughts are conceived while walking."

Creativity and improving cognitive function are just a few of the many benefits walking provides. This approachable exercise that can help you maintain a healthy weight boost energy and enhance your sleep.

If you want to be more active in order to boost your heart health, walking is a great place to start since it has been proven to lower blood pressure, control your blood sugar and reduce your risk of heart disease. And since walking is a low-impact exercise that's easy on the joints, it can be a good option for people with arthritis, fibromyalgia and other conditions that affect musculoskeletal health. It may even relieve aches and pains associated with these conditions.

With Springtime offering more daylight and warmer temps, you can't help but see how many folks who are already outside strolling the streets of their neighborhood sidewalks or hiking the local trails hoping to boost their fitness, sense of community and mental health. The benefits of walking are as endless as the miles there are to roam. So, what a perfect season to lace up, get outside and take a walk.

Skip the couch after dinner and go for a walk instead. Post-meal walks can help your body



break down food, speeding up digestion. Walking is a heart-healthy exercise that deserves more credit than it often receives. Regular walks may help with everything from lowering your blood pressure to boosting your creativity.

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 directly at 716-698-1198.

FATHERHOOD & FAMILIES INITIATIVE

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ability going. In attending longer than the 12 week classes, there seem to be more long-term results."

The Responsible Fatherhood Initiative is just only one of many that the CCA is working on. "We also have victim/survivor services, weatherization, shelters, food security, Safe Harbor training for adults and students in learning more about the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. We also lead and collaborate with many other Cattaraugus County agencies and service providers in the Trauma Informed Care Initiative (NEAR Science training, Resilience Film, and Trauma Informed Coalition)."

Thank you, Bridget, for taking the time to share some great details about the Responsible Fatherhood initiative and some of your other programs. You can learn all about what Connecting Communities in Action does to support the people of our communities by visiting coaction.org.

CHANGING GEARS

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Also a member of the production and sales force at Brewhouse Bicycles in Bemus Point, Little explained how Changing Gears will be collaborating with Brewhouse Bikes this summer for regular Sunday rides, with a tentative plan to alternate between the single-track mountain bike trails at Golden Hill and the Art Roscoe gravel trail at Allegany.

He was excited to talk about his upcoming project between Brewhouse Bikes and the GROC club (Genesee Region Off-Road Cyclists) for a series of four "Taco Tuesday" evening rides at the Dryer Road Park in Victor for riders of all skill levels, which he says will be introduction/exposure events, geared toward skills improvement and getting families out to ride together.

Little affectionately refers to the Taco Tuesday rides as 'No rider gets left behind' events, which will feature stronger riders out front, less experienced riders following and a special rider (nicknamed The Sweeper) to make sure everyone makes it back home. "We tend to build these rides to go about 3-5 miles and try to keep the skill set to where people are comfortable," Little said.

Little also said he looks forward to the handful of opportunities for "Introduction" events to be held in Ellicottville this summer and says he anticipates announcing dates for other events as tentative spring calendars turn into firm summer schedules for the area's mountain bike clubs. He says he has teamed with the Northern Allegheny Mountain Bike Association to help design and set up skills clinics at a bike park in Erie, PA.

Looking to the future, Little has plans to launch a weekly podcast that will cover all aspects of his business and the local mountain biking scene. He also plans to broadcast some of his events live so people can get exposure to his message without being physically present.

For anyone interested in improving their skills in the sport of mountain biking, or for those who are interested in buying a bike or new cycling gear or even looking for advice on a great place to ride, check in with Burt Little at Changing Gears Mountain Bike Consulting on his Facebook page and open a whole new world of outdoor adventure while pursuing a more fit lifestyle.

ELLICOTTVILLE DISTILLERY EVENTS

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Distillery hosts each year. On September 14th, join them out at the Elkdale Country Club, located at 4676 Route 353 in Salamanca, NY for an 18-hole shotgun golf game. It is \$90 a person or \$360 a team, and you don't even need a whole team to sign up. Live music, cocktails and dinner will follow immediately after. Call or text 716-801-0086 or 716-597-6121 to reserve your spot.

VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES: September 16th marks the return of the Vintage Motorcycle Showcase. Guests can come on out and get a look at a large collection of Vintage Motorcycles while sipping a delectable cocktail. There will be live music, food trucks on-site, 50/50 raffle to benefit Oishei Children's Hospital. For those who are bringing their bikes, there is a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for best in show. Visit the Facebook event page for details on how to register.

SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: Throughout the whole of the summer, starting June 25th through September 3rd, every Sunday the Distillery will be home to live music. From local bands to big city performers, you will find someone inside or outside playing tunes from 2:00-5:00pm. The series starts on June 18th, with Meet the Bacons, Kody & Herren on July 2nd, Live Music with Grace Lougen on July 9th etc... the list is getting bigger all the time! Check the Facebook events page to stay up to date.

Whoa, that's a lot of events and that's not even all of them. This is just the list of confirmed items. Keep your eye on the Ellicottville Distillery Facebook page for news about the Liquor Run, Punkin Chunking in November, the Christmas Tree Bonfire, NYE Fireworks and more.

No matter what kind of entertainment you enjoy, if you come out to Robbins Road in Ellicottville, NY, you are bound to have an amazing time.

ERA RAISES FUNDS FOR UNITED WAY



ELLICOTTVILLE, NY – ERA Team VP Real Estate is proud to announce they have recently raised over \$8,000 to distribute to multiple United Way organizations. The company and its team of 100+ agents and staff joined forces to raise funds for United Ways across Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Warren and McKean Counties, in conjunction with their "Where We Live" year-long campaign, with a focus on giving back to the community. Each month, ERA Team VP selects an organization or group to focus fundraising and awareness efforts on

and United Way was selected for the month of February.

"We knew we wanted to find a unique, effective way to give back and what better organization than United Way! United Way's efforts in our communities are invaluable to the people they serve and we are thrilled to help them in any capacity we can," said Bill Soffel, Broker/Owner of ERA Team VP. "We have been part of the Cattaraugus County community for more than 30 years and take our role as local leaders very seriously. Commitment to community is part of our company's DNA, a value we share with the ERA Real Estate brand globally."

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WRITERS WANTED: Send cover letter and samples to info@ellicottvilleNOW.com.

EMPLOYMENT

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COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, April 21st from 1:00-6:00pm in the community room at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 6360 Route 242, Ellicottville, NY. If you are an eligible blood type (O, B or A) consider making a Power Red donation. You can schedule your appointment by going to redcrossblood.org.

ECS FITNESS CENTER: The ECS Fitness Center (weight room) is now open to the public. The Fitness Center is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (on days that school is in session) from 4-7PM through Wednesday, May 31, 2023. Individuals must sign in each time you use the Fitness Center.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rotary Club of Ellicottville Opens Scholarship Window to ECS Students

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Rotary Club of Ellicottville would like to announce that there are several opportunities for Ellicottville Central High School seniors to receive scholarships this graduation year. First, Rotary District 7090 is awarding three scholarships, two \$1,000.00 scholarships and one \$1,500.00 scholarship for families with a median income of under \$37,000. The process for applying for these scholarships can be found on the Rotary District website at rotary7090.org. Go to the Committees tab, scroll down to The Rotary Foundation and then District Scholarships. Applications should be given to any local Rotary member. The deadline is April 30. Also, the local Club is offering two \$500.00 scholarships this year to be made available to ECS and BOCES graduating seniors. Applications for these will be available at the ECS HS guidance counselor office Applicants can also go to the Rotary Club of Ellicottville website at ellicottvillerotary.com for more information. The deadline for this is May 20.

Additionally, the Rotary Club of Ellicottville is applying for a District matching grant to be used for scholarships for the 2024 graduating class.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville and Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce will also be involved in a community clean up day, this Saturday, April 22, in recognition of Earth Day. If you see people wearing either Rotary or Chamber of Commerce vests roaming the streets on Saturday afternoon, honk your horn or say hello.

If you would like to be a part of a fun and community serving team, call Club President John Weismantel at (716) 228-7288.

OLEAN JR. NBA SKILLS CHALLENGE

OLEAN - Although no official deadline to sign up, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and City of Olean Youth and Recreation officials are encouraging those interested in participating in their Jr. NBA Skills Challenge on April 22 to pre-register.

"Parents - it's very simple to sign up your 13U and 11U child online - three steps - go to jr.nba.com/skillschallenge/; then click on Player Registration; type in Olean's zip code (14760) and then choose Register," reported Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

Children who participate will have the chance to show off their basketball skills in five fundamental drills (shooting, layups, dribbling, passing, and defense). For those placing at the challenge, invites for regional and divisional rounds may be schedule. Boys and girls need to sign up and register online at <https://jr.nba.com/skillschallenge/>.

The challenge will run from 10:15am to 11:45am. on Saturday, April 22 at the St. John's Gym/ City of Olean, 921 North Union Street, Olean. 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.

FIND THE GOLDEN TICKET & WIN!

OLEAN - The Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby announced a new fundraising effort to help support their team, The Hellbilly Heartbreakers. The local Roller Derby league is selling Wheely Wonka and the Bruise Factory candy bars. These chocolate bars will be sold for \$3 and inside, five lucky winners will find the golden ticket and win a Golden Season Ticket for free season entrance. Season tickets are normally \$25 so why not take your chances?

The Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby was founded in 2010 by a group of local women to provide our community with an environment that enhances personal growth and development through sport. Their mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of our community by believing in the value of the individual, the strength of the team, and the power of the female spirit. They are committed to redefining the classic sport of roller derby, while giving it relevance. Flat-track roller derby is a full contact sport played by independent strong women. They inspire women on and off the rink, as well as serve our local community.

The 2023 Hellbilly Heartbreakers roster includes twelve competitive skaters, seven training pool/reserve skaters, and five officials. The Hellbilly Heartbreakers will be playing four home games, that will be held at the William O. Rec Center in Olean and will travel to three away games.

These limited-edition Enchanted Mountains Roller Derby chocolate bars will be sold by each of the Hellbilly Heartbreakers teammates as well as the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce office located at 301 N. Union Street in Olean. For more information on this fundraiser or their 2023 season, email Enchanted Mountain Roller Derby at emrd@gmail.com or visit their website www.enchantedmountainrollerderby.com.

THE CONTINENTAL GLACIERS

Nannan Arboretum to Host Educational Program with Tim Baird on May 3rd

ELLICOTTVILLE - On Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Ellicottville Town Center auditorium at 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, Tim Baird will explain all the physical changes that occurred as a result of the glaciers. A \$5 fee will be collected at the door. Refreshments will be served.

A retired science teacher and prominent birder, Baird will look at the physical changes that occurred within the glaciers. Photos and explanations of the many geographical features will be presented. Even the soils were affected, while some parts of the county were totally untouched.

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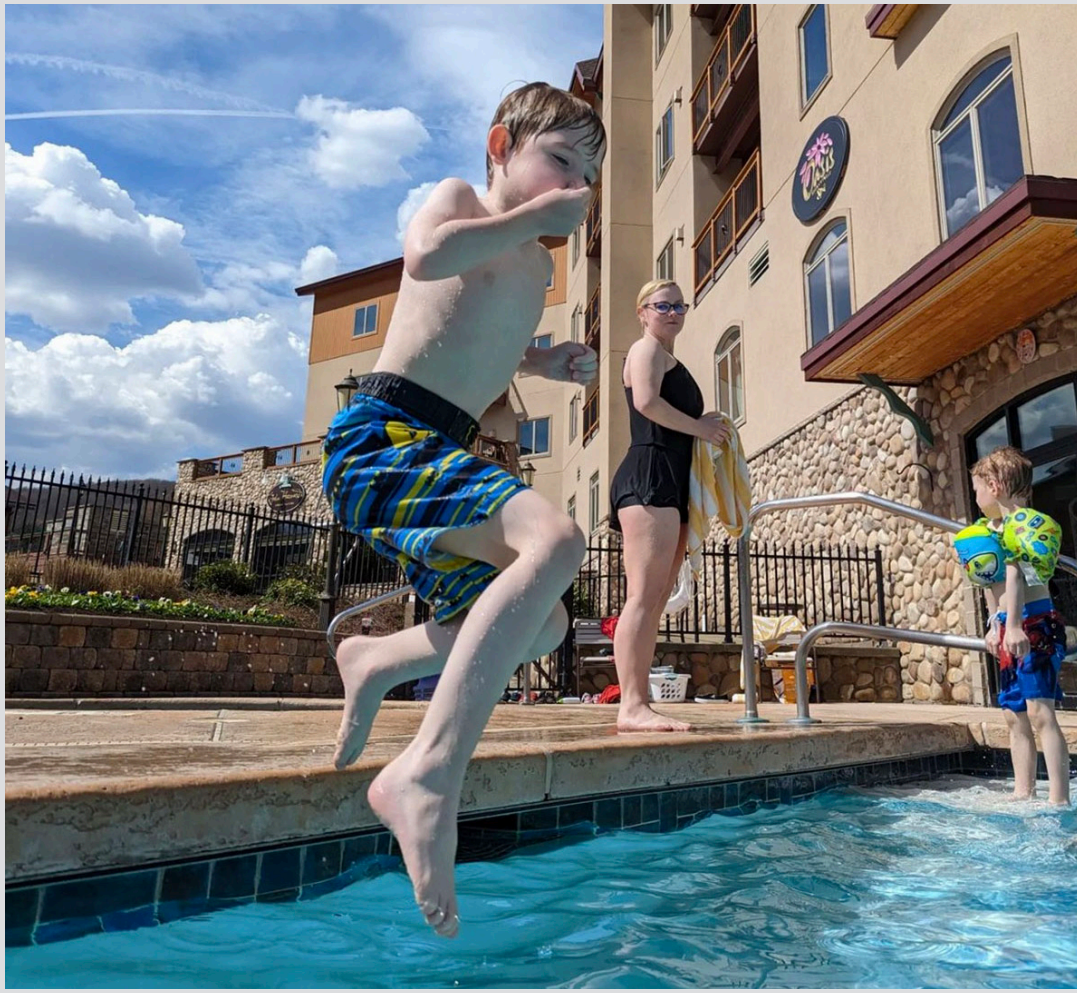
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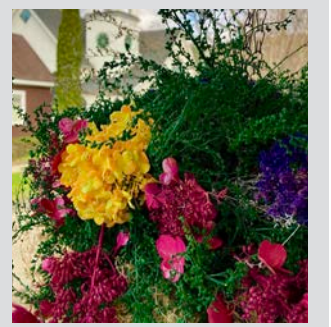
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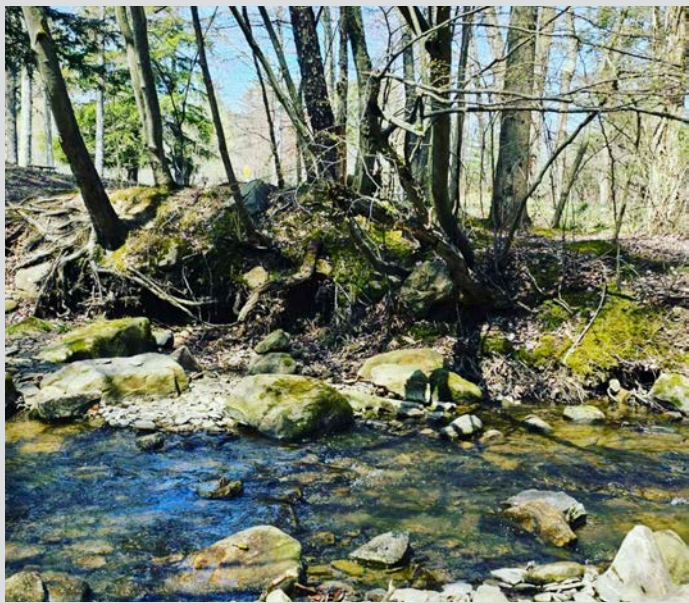
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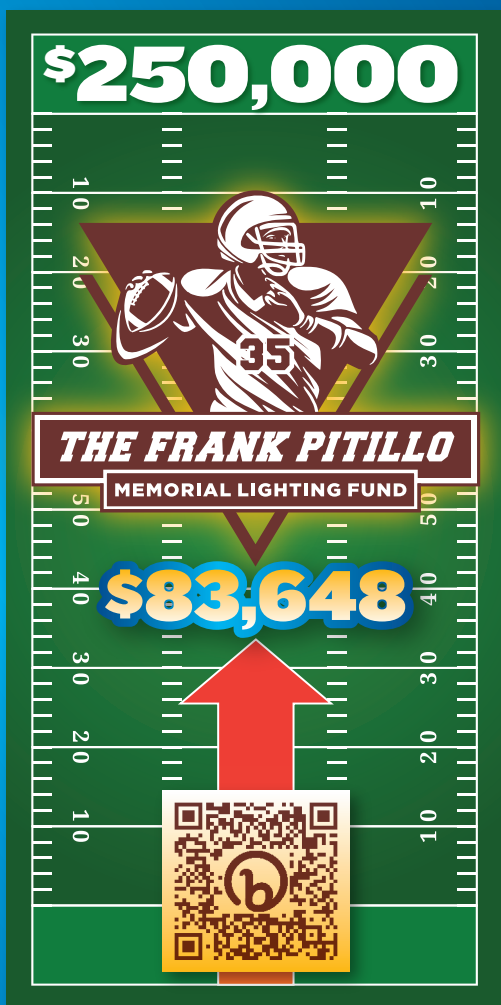
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