

“Spring” for the Arts Fundraiser

Ellicottville Central School Art Program to Get a Big Boost From Local Artists



Cathy Lacy (left) is one of many local artists who will have a palette up for bid. She is pictured here with ECS art instructor Deborah McGowan. Many student artworks will also be available for sale.

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ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE RETURNS FOR SEASON 2

Who needs an excuse to get outside in this summer? The Enchanted Mountain Challenge is the perfect reason to go on an outdoor adventure. Back for its second year, this season’s Challenge promises to be very exciting. ellicottvilleNOW recently connected with one of the event creators, Kristen Thomson, about how this real life scavenger hunt got started & what’s in store this year.

“The original Challenge was created because during Covid, we were home here with no internet and we needed to find something creative to do to keep our four then-pre-teen and teenage kids busy. So we started creating scavenger hunts around our house and property. I also have a love of history and learned some cool facts about our property, which got us looking into the history of Franklinville as a whole.”

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OLEAN THEATRE WORKSHOP PRESENTS “THREE DAYS OF RAIN”

In the words of Olean Theatre Workshop Executive Director Steve Ahl, “When we’re younger, it can be hard for us to see our parents as real people and not just stoic ‘Mom and Dad’.” It’s this very idea that “Three Days of Rain,” the Olean Theatre Workshop’s upcoming play, explores as it takes audience members on a journey through time to see how a brother and sister come together in the year following their father’s death to really understand the man who raised them. “Three Days of Rain” will run at 7:30pm from May 4-6th and at 2:30pm on May 7th. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or online at www.oleanworkshop.org ... page 11

Bee’s Gold Honey: Sweet Treats and a Wealth of Knowledge

The slightly snowy Sunday was dank and dreary, warmed by the gracious geniality of Bee’s Gold Honey owners, Nadja and Fabio Pires and their elderly rescue furbaby, Jello. They love the countryside, so naturally, they found themselves in Ellicottville, and found the perfect country place on Steckman Road in Machias. They wanted to care for living creatures, but even working remotely, they had only part-time to devote to their land. Alpacas, goats, and bunnies were out, so the natural choice was beekeeping ... page 08

DESTINATION: FUN!

Take time to explore some of the best outdoor adventure hot spots that our area has to offer!

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ECS Baseball Team Builds Towards Playoffs

Solid Core of Seniors Bolstered by Freshman Pitching Sensation, Cameron Mendell

BY RICH RUMFOLA

Nearing the mid-point of the 2023 season, the Ellicottville Eagles baseball team improved its record to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in Cattaraugus Chautauqua Athletic Association Division 3 league play with a 9-3 victory over visiting Hinsdale on Saturday, April 22.

Freshman pitching sensation Cameron Mendell used 101 pitches to get through all seven innings of the first complete-game victory of his young career - striking out 10 batters and holding the visitors scoreless through the first five innings, as the Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead and never looked back. While Mendell was shutting down and shutting out the visiting offense, Eagles batters were giving him all the run support he would need.

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SKY HIGH ADVENTURE PARK OPENS FOR THE SEASON MAY 5TH

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"I credit my art teachers growing up for fueling my motivation to pursue a career that allows me to utilize my artistic talents," said Brenda Perks, ellicottvilleNOW publisher/graphic designer. "And as parents, we encourage our children to be creative, to think outside the box and express themselves in healthy ways. As they grow into adulthood, that creativity, if nurtured from a young age, can transfer into a career of their dreams, like it did mine. Even the less obvious art forms - designing homes, shaping snow park features, hairstyling, welding - they all stem from a foundation of art."

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"Being able to offer students an outlet through art is important not only for general creative expression, but for many, it's a way for them to cope with the emotions that come with being a kid or teenager," said McGowan. "It's a way for them to unload their feelings, which is so important for mental health. And the more opportunities we can offer them, the better chances these kids have of finding their niche and connecting with their inner selves. Who knows where art will take them in life?"

The public is invited to view and place silent bids on completed palettes during a special "Spring" For the Arts Open House scheduled for Friday, May 5th from 5:00-7:00pm at the Ellicottville Memorial Library. Hosted by McGowan and her art students, the event will not only showcase these wonderful works of art, but ECS students will also set up a Bake Sale, so bring your sweet tooth and cash in-pocket to enjoy a tasty treat while perusing one-of-a-kind art. Complimentary appetizers will be provided by Villaggio and the Gin Mill.

To add to the local art showcase, many of McGowan's students are creating their own masterpieces on 8"x10" canvases, which will also be displayed at the Open House and available for sale. With a price tag of \$20 each, it's an affordable way to support the local arts and go home with a beautiful piece to call your own. Plus, all those attending the Open House will be automatically entered into a special door prize drawing.

For those unable to make it to the Open House, plan to stop into the library anytime through May 11 (during regular library hours) to check out the palettes, place your bids or purchase remaining student canvases. Starting May 12, palettes will be relocated to various businesses in the village, opening up even more exposure and bidding opportunities for these wonderful works of art. Look for posters around town listing participating artists and locations. Bids will close at the end of business on Monday, May 29 with winning bids announced that week.

Want to learn more about the artists involved and other exciting additions to this really cool, much needed and doubly appreciated fundraiser? Keep tabs in upcoming issues of ellicottvilleNOW and watch for the event page to drop on Facebook soon! Any local business interested in donating an appetizer or door prize for the Open House or would like to display a palette at their location, please call or text Deborah McGowan at 716-353-1725.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

ELLCOTTVILLE - 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. Rotary District 7090 is awarding two \$1,000 scholarships and one \$1,500 scholarship for families with a median income of under \$37,000. The deadline is April 30. Information can be found at rotary7090.org. The local Club is offering two \$500 scholarships this year to be made available to ECS and BOCES graduating seniors. The deadline for this is May 20. For more information and application form, go to ellicottvillerotary.com.



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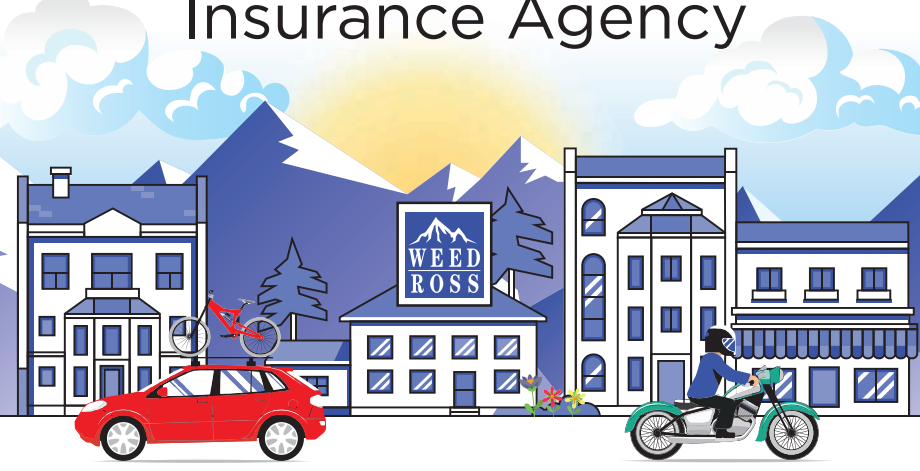



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TREETOP ADVENTURES

Sky High Adventure Park at Holiday Valley Ready to Open for the 2023 Season



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

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Sky High Aerial Adventure Park is a series of bridges, platforms and zip lines built up in the trees. The bridges are made out of various materials such as logs, ladders, hanging chunks of wood... you can even glide on a snowboard in one of the courses! Bridges and zip lines connect the platforms together to form a 5-acre section near the Tannenbaum Lodge. Navigate your way from platform to platform; the more challenging courses require as much strategy as they do balance and strength.

The park consists of 13 courses that vary in levels of difficulty. (The harder the course, the higher up in the trees you are.) The courses are ranked by color, similar to runs of a ski area: 3 yellow courses, 5 green, 2 blue, 2 single black diamond and 1 double black diamond (appropriately named The Commando). All courses except The Commando have at least one zip line. Interesting stats: Sky High is the largest aerial park in New York State and the 3rd largest in the U.S.! There are 142 platforms, 170 elements and 43 zip lines, with the longest being 350 feet.

Cost for the park varies depending on session length and if you will be including any of the other activities that Sky High has to offer. (Example a 3-hour aerial park session is \$62 for adults and \$54 for juniors; an aerial park session and unlimited access to the Mountain Coaster is \$80 for adults and \$72 for juniors.) The park will operate from 9:00am-6:00pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting May 5th and then will open daily starting June 17th.

OTHER SKY HIGH ACTIVITIES

Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster: Similar to a roller coaster, except it's built on the mountain! One or two riders sit in a "car" that is attached to the rails and pulls you up the hill, then it follows a zig-zagging path down the mountain. Each car is equipped with a handbrake, allowing riders to control their speed as they descend down the mountain. There are some rules that must be adhered to when considering the coaster, such as: drivers must be at least 8-years-old and 54" tall and be able to demonstrate they understand the staff's instructions to be a driver. Children must be at least 3-years-old and over 38" (without shoes) to accompany a driver who is at least 16-year-old. Riders must be able to perform certain physical tasks to participate. If two riders are on one car, the combined weight cannot exceed 350 lbs. This is for all riders' safety. The Mountain Coaster will open May 19th.

Climbing Forest: The Climbing Forest is a natural 3-D version of a climbing wall. (It's one of only three in the U.S.!) Franz Muller of Monkey Hardware (out of Germany) and Bahman Azarm of Outdoor Ventures (who also designed Sky High Aerial Park) have created a unique attraction in the woods of Holiday Valley. There are nine trees outfitted with color coded climbing holds. Difficulty runs from yellow (super easy) to extremely challenging (purple). Every climber has a harness that is clipped into an Auto Belay system so once a climber reaches the top of the tree (up to 45 feet in the air) they just let go and the belay system slowly lowers them to the ground. There is also a kids' area that has two trees that go up about 6 feet. The minimum age to take on the climbing forest is 5-years-old with a weight of 30 lbs. The Climbing Forest will open on weekends starting May 6th and will operate daily starting in June through September.

Mister Happy Gem Mining: For some educational family fun at the park, head over to the Mister Happy Gem Mining. Great for anyone over the age of two, this attraction welcomes you to experience the old-time tradition of panning for "gold". Miners can purchase a bag of gems; three options available: a 3 lb. bag for \$10, a 5 lb. bag for \$14 or the motherlode - a 10 lb. bag for \$25. Dump the contents of the bag into a screened frame and wash the grit away in the water of the 65-foot-long sluice to unveil the treasures in your bag! Identification cards are included for those who wish to learn about what types of gems and fossils they've discovered.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Teachers are Changing the World - One Student at a Time



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

PTA.org reminds us that "The pandemic has ushered in a new way of teaching and learning. From in-person to virtual to a hybrid learning environment (some all in one school year!), our students have faced challenging, yet innovative times in their learning and development - and teachers have been at the heart of it all! It's time to show them our love and appreciation so let's give the teachers in our lives a special thanks for all that they do during Teacher Appreciation Week. That's because Teaching is a Work of Heart!"

The first full week of May is designated as National Teacher Appreciation Week by the National PTA and the NEA (National Education Association). This year, it is Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12, 2023. Teacher Appreciation Day is Tuesday, May 9. We can thank Eleanor Roosevelt for initiating National Teacher Appreciation Week in 1953. Since 1984, the National PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has selected a full week to honor the teachers who skillfully and wholeheartedly "use their passion, skills, hard work, and dedication to educating our children."

So, how do you honor your teacher? Skiptomyou.org has plenty of gift ideas for teachers and sweet tags to attach to pencils, snacks, etc. Here are a few: handwrite a note of thanks or appreciation to your teacher. A gift card from any coffee or sweets shop for a quick morning pick-me-up. Here's an oldie: take your teacher an apple or a favorite treat or snack. Decorate the classroom door with hearts or a banner: "class of the coolest teacher," etc.

HIGH RATINGS

Per niche.com, "Ellicottville Central School District is an above average, public school district located in Ellicottville, NY. It has 619 students in grades PK, K-12 with a student-teacher ratio of 13 to 1..." District with the best teachers in Cattaraugus County - #2 of 13.

Those excellent ratings happen because of many things - administration, grounds, buildings, programs, support persons, parental involvement, etc., but face it, teachers are the backbone of the schools. If we don't have dedicated teachers who care deeply about our kids, we will rate at the bottom of the pile.

I moved to Ellicottville in 1974 because I had three bright kids who needed a solid education and of them, two who needed a whole lot of guidance. ECS rated exceptionally high, so I felt confident moving here. They did not disappoint. The teachers got to know them, took the time to understand their needs and lifted them through the hurdles they encountered. Teachers like Judy Brown, Carl Calarco, Nancy Rogan, Mr. Takagi, Mark Ward, Mr. Hall, etc. left their imprints on my kids, as today's teachers do on yours, at ECS or elsewhere.

Today's generation is as devoted as they were almost fifty years ago, as they themselves must deal with new phenomena - cell phones, online bullying, the threat of shootings, test scores, etc. It's a new and different world, yet these teachers continue to show up, to teach from their hearts, to use their own funds for supplies, to work through holidays and nights and, judging from the low response I received (did not receive) for these teachers to toot their own horns, they are more interested in doing their jobs than talking about themselves.

One teacher, I believe, spoke for all of them when she wrote: "The most rewarding part of my job is to help our students learn academically as well as socially so they can become productive members of our community. Having a former student seek me out to give me a hug or a high five is priceless."

My eldest, who now teaches/coaches as a second career, said this: "Why teach? To impact society positively and empower kids to effect change. How do I know when I am getting across? When they focus on an assignment after procrastination and slay it. Don't like? Administrative paperwork. Like most? Learning from the kids as much as they learn from me."

Judy Brown, now retired after many years of teaching summed it up best. "I just love teaching."

There's that heart thing I mentioned.

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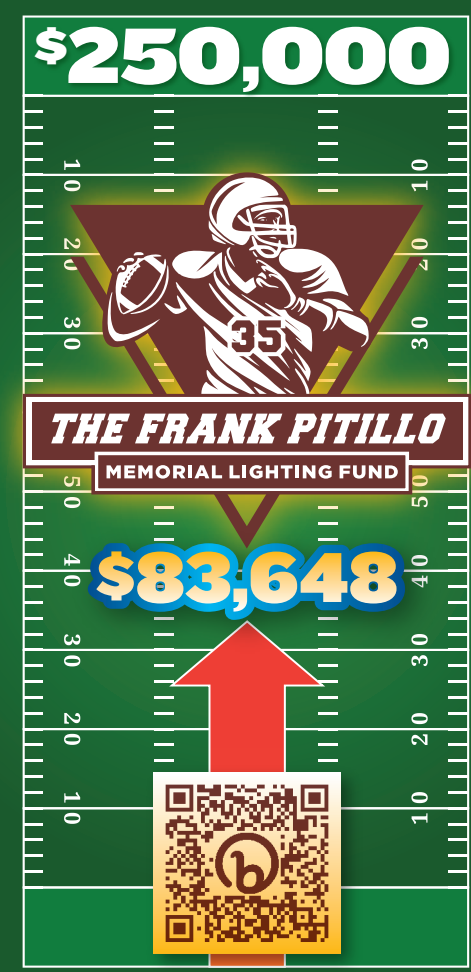
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SCHOOL SPORTS

ECS BASEBALL

Eagles Baseball Program Builds with Eye Toward Playoffs



photo / Rich Rumfola

By RICH RUMFOLA

Nearing the mid-point of the 2023 season, the Ellicottville Eagles baseball team improved its record to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in Cattaraugus Chautauqua Athletic Association Division 3 league play with a 9-3 victory over visiting Hinsdale on Saturday, April 22.

With a solid core of mostly upperclassmen playing strong defense behind him, freshman pitching sensation Cameron Mendell used 101 pitches to get through all seven innings of the first complete-game victory of his young career - striking out 10 batters and holding the visitors scoreless through the first five innings, as the Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead and never looked back.

While Mendell was shutting down and shutting out the visiting offense, Eagles batters were giving him all the run support he would need - as they built an insurmountable, 9-0 lead through five innings.

"He's got a rare talent, for sure," commented Ellicottville Coach Chris Mendell on his young pitcher/leadoff batter. "He's another one of those athletes, it just doesn't matter what he does, whatever he picks up he's going to be good at it and certainly baseball is his best sport."

Because pitchers are on a strict pitch count mandated by Section VI Athletics, and because all teams will play three-four games per week for the rest of the regular season, high school coaches cannot rely on one pitcher to get them through all those innings and are compelled to develop a core pitching staff of (at the very least) four dependable arms.

If you asked Mendell, he'd like that number to be closer to six competent pitchers, so from now until the playoffs start in about a month, he's going to be focusing much of his attention on the skills progression of his pitching staff.

"Our season's going to come down to how well our pitching staff develops," Mendell explained. "I'd like to get more strikeouts, but I'm not as concerned about getting more strikeouts as I am on cutting down on walks."

Pitchers are allowed to throw a pre-determined 'maximum' number of pitches, depending on how many nights' rest they had following their last pitching appearance. Recognizing the fact that pitchers get stronger over the course of a season, the maximum amount of pitches goes up twice over the course of the season. For example, in the month of March, pitchers are allowed to throw as many as 85 pitches in a single game but then are required to have four nights' rest before being available to pitch again. In April, that number goes up to 105 pitches and then bumps up again to 125 max pitches per game in May and June.

Mendell explained how the pitch count rules puts an added premium on a pitcher's ability to throw strikes and record strikeouts. "On the pitch count, if you're walking guys, that means you're throwing pitches that aren't getting guys out and the pitch count goes up," he said. "So we've got to be more effective and efficient with our pitches to get deeper into games with the pitch count."

Without much effort, the average fan of Major League Baseball should be able to rattle off a litany of million-dollar pitchers who walk too many batters and still struggle with control, so it's no big leap to imagine how the same problem might plague high school athletes. However, as the days get longer and spring turns to summer, young baseball arms invariably get stronger and most get more accurate - so Mendell looks forward to the task of building a pitching staff that can win playoff games - and he still has some time to do it.

Senior flamethrower Caedon Wyatt remains the linch pin of the Eagles' pitching staff. Wyatt started three of the six games Ellicottville played so far and has pitched to a 3.15 ERA over 13.1 innings of play. He has one win and one loss to his record and has struck out 20 of the 82 batters he has faced to this point in the season.

Offensively, Wyatt leads the team in RBI's with seven, and hits at a .286 clip. Meanwhile, Caedon's brother, Braylon, spends the bulk of his time at the shortstop position and is currently batting .250 with six RBI's and five runs scored.

Both possess uncommon speed and wreak havoc on the opposing team's defense, especially when they happen to be on base at the same time.

Aside from Caedon Wyatt and the young Mendell, junior catcher Hunter Smith has worked

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ECS TRACK

F-E Titans Track Teams Looking For Three-peat Championships In 2023



photo / Rich Rumfola

By RICH RUMFOLA

Looking at the calendar, you'd think high school spring sports have just begun, but if you look at the schedule for the Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans Track and Field teams, half of the 2023 outdoor season is now water under the bridge, and the biggest and most-anticipated meets will come in the next few weeks.

Having won back-to-back Section VI Class D championships in the past two seasons, the Titans girls and boys teams are both poised once again to boast the best track and field athletes in all of Western New York.

Last Saturday, Olean High School played host to the first big meet of the season for many of the area's schools, and the defending champion F-E Titans posted enough strong finishes to once again find themselves near the top of the team scoring leaderboard, with the girls team bringing home a second place finish, while the boys team captured fourth place among the 17 'small' schools that competed.

Having capped off a magnificent outdoor season in 2022 with a sixth place finish in the 400m dash at the State Championships, senior sprinter Tyyetta Herman led the scoring for both teams at Olean, as she picked up right where she left off and dusted the field in the 100m and 200m sprints. Herman also placed second in the long jump and finished the 400m dash in second place, trailing only Allegany-Limestone's Angelina Napoleon, who set new meet and track records with her dominant performance in the 400m dash.

"We're strong in everything," explained Titans Girls Coach Tyyetta Herman (yes, she has the same name as her speedy daughter). "We're strong in the sprints, we're strong in the distance events and we have Libby Price who has qualified for sectionals and took second in the discus with a personal record throw of just over 100 feet." Quite happy with the progress she's made thus far from a recent knee surgery, Price also brought home a 9th-place finish in the shot put.

Herman explained that a number of her girls have already posted times/distances that are either better than (or close to) their top marks from last season, but with more than three weeks before all the most important competitions begin, the girls coach is confident there is still plenty of time for her athletes to get stronger and to build on the great start they've already had.

Hurdler Anna Slavinski also brought home some impressive results from Olean, as the fleet-footed senior demolished the competition in the 400m hurdles, where the second-place finisher crossed the line 2.5 seconds behind her. Slavinski also finished ninth in the 200m dash and quite impressively, placed second in the pole vault with the temperature dropping and a steady rain falling in the late afternoon at Olean. By the time they ran the final attempts in the pole vault pit, Slavinski and teammates had been on site for more than seven hours and most of the other competitors had finished for the day.

Senior distance runner Alysa Williams took 8th place in the 800m competition, 13th place in the 1,500m run and in an event that featured the current national record holder for all women under 20 years of age (Angelina Napoleon, from Allegany), Williams finished the 2,000m steeplechase in third place.

As the Titans graduated a number of the stronger athletes from last year's boys championship squad, coach Derek Schunke's team was paced at the Olean meet by a strong contingent of some of the youngest members of the team, like sophomore hurdler Ben Edwards, who took 4th place in the 110m high hurdles and 3rd place in the 400m hurdles.

"We lost quite a few seniors from the boys team," Schunke said. "We're also down in terms of the number of boys we had come out this year, as opposed to in the past, but our main focus is to get better each year and I'm hopeful we'll be in the positive column with wins over losses when we get to the end of the season."

Continuing on with the youth theme at Olean, freshman distance runner Grant Cornell claimed 4th place in the 3000m steeplechase and 6th place in the two-mile run, while sophomore Billy Slavinski brought home a 4th-place finish in the shot put. Senior weight man Tyler Gibas earned a top-nine finish in the shot put and a top-25 finish in the discus. Also a senior, Dominic Breton tossed the discus just a tad under 100 feet, which was good enough for 13th place and he claimed a pair of top-20 finishes in the long jump and triple jump.

At the beginning of each new season, coaches and athletes are provided with a "provisional

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COMMUNITY

TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE

Bee's Gold Honey of Machias: Sharing Education (and Sweet Treats) from their Land



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

The slightly snowy Sunday was dank and dreary, warmed by the gracious geniality of Bee's Gold Honey owners, Nadja and Fabio Pires and their elderly rescue furbaby, Jello. I was curious about the art of beehive keeping. The Pireses answered my bee questions, gave me tastes of their pure products and encouraged me to further pursue looking into hives of my own.

Nadja and Fabio came to Amherst from Brazil in 2006 after retiring there from Praxair, but then re-entering the job force when Fabio was sent to the U.S. as an engineer for Linde Air. They love the countryside, so naturally, they found themselves in Ellicottville at Holiday Valley, learning to ski. As those of us who have all too willingly succumbed to Ellicottville and the surrounding area's charms, they too, fell in love and found the perfect country place on Steckman Road in Machias, minutes from the center of Ellicottville. What was more than perfect, although they did not realize it at that very moment, was that their property is in an area with very little farming (no chemical runoff), with marsh and forest and lots of wildflowers and trees. They wanted to care for living creatures, but even working remotely, they had only part-time to devote to their land. Alpacas, goats, and bunnies were out, so the natural choice was beekeeping.

"As we learned how valuable these little creatures are for our own existence on this planet, because they pollinate most of the crops we depend on for food, and also how much trouble they are in because of multiple threats, we made it our mission to try and help them survive and thrive as much as we can, hoping they will eventually overcome all the challenges they face," states the couple.

The Pireses can be found at farmers markets in Buffalo and assorted events in both Erie and Cattaraugus County. They will have a popup at the 59th Annual Maple Festival this coming weekend, April 29th and 30th on Main Street in Franklinville. Their wares include summer and fall syrup (yes, they are different, both in color and taste, based on the seasonal local flowers and trees their bees visit), whipped honey crème and beautifully handcrafted cards created by Nadja, using natural flowers, weeds and grasses picked and pressed from their Machias property. She also uses these treasures from nature to skillfully adorn each paper bag that holds your chosen honey product. If you find yourself interested in starting hives of your own, or if you need more to add to your colonies, they also sell honeybee nucs and mated queens to be picked up from the farm in Machias from late May through August 2023. Nucs (Nucleus colonies) are small, fully functioning Northern honeybee colonies in a box with 5 deep frames (9" tall) containing a mix of bees of all stages and a mated laying queen.

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BEE AND HONEY FACTS

- Honeybees are super-important pollinators for flowers, fruits, and vegetables.
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- If the queen dies, they can replace her by selecting a young larva and feeding it a special food called "royal jelly."
- The average worker bee lives for just five to six weeks. During this time, she'll produce around a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey. Yet, all told, they collectively produce 2-3 times more honey than they need for food, so that's good for us!
- Bees boogie. To share information about prime locations, they do the "waggle dance," performing a figure-eight and wagging their body to indicate the direction of the great food source.

Bees are cool. Let's support our bees. Not every bee is a honeybee, but every bee is a pollinator and without pollinators, the door to nature and all its wonders closes. Do your part. Put away the pesticides, cut back on lawn mowing, help make your gardens and yard safe for bees by creating bee hotels. Find out how: friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/make-a-bee-house.

EARTH DAY CLEANUP

Rotary Club and ECS Students Take to the Streets of Ellicottville



ELLICOTTVILLE - Despite threatening skies and cool temperatures, the Rotary Club of Ellicottville had a very successful village clean-up last Saturday, held in conjunction with Earth Day and the Rotary District 7090 Great Lakes Watershed Project.

Clean-up supplies were provided by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Ellicottville Public Works and Holiday Valley Resort. Manpower was provided by the Rotary Club and Ellicottville Central School High School students. Finnerty's Restaurant served as home base and the restaurant very generously donated pizza and wings for all to enjoy after the clean-up.

The task would certainly have been more daunting if not for the way Ellicottville keeps itself a clean community with the help of local restaurants and businesses and the Alley Katz organization which cleans and maintains flowers and plant beds throughout the downtown area. The Rotary Club would like to thank all who helped and plans to do another clean-up in the Fall. If you would like to be part of a fun and helpful team, please call Rotary President John Weismantel at 716-228-7288. The Rotary Club of Ellicottville meets two Wednesdays each month at the American Legion on Maples Road and hosts social nights routinely at local restaurants.

CREATE YOUR TEAM AND RUN!

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OLEAN - HomeCare & Hospice Foundation is preparing for its 27th Annual Hospice Walk & Run on Saturday, May 20 at 10:00am at St. Bonaventure University. Registration will begin at 9:00am. This event will help raise awareness for hospice services and provide families the opportunity to honor lost loved ones. All runners, walkers, strollers, and pets are welcome. Participants are encouraged to create teams and raise pledges with all proceeds benefiting HomeCare & Hospice Foundation and the services they provide throughout Allegany, Cattaraugus, Genesee, and Wyoming counties. A moment of silence will be held with the Hospice spiritual care team at the grotto by the Swan Business building before the race at 10:00am.

To register visit HospiceWalk.givesmart.com. If you are interested in being an event sponsor or volunteer, contact the Olean HomeCare & Hospice office at 716-372-2106.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

"Connect - Collect - Inform - Inspire"... First Meeting Set for May 3rd

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Historical Society hosts meetings the first Wednesday of every month from May through October. Meetings take place at 7:00pm at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Road. All meetings are open to the public and are free to attend. Here's what attendees can look forward to this season:

May 3rd will feature guest speaker Candace Broughton, Town of Otto Historian. The Town of Otto is celebrating their bicentennial! Come hear more about the Town's history and plans for celebration.

Historical Walking Tours: This summer, EHSM is offering Saturday Historical Walking Tours around the village. You will learn about some of the founding fathers and the houses they lived in. Each walk will start at 1:00pm at the Gazebo and will take approximately 1 to 1-½ hours. Cost is \$10, cash or check. Dates: June 17, July 22, August 19, and September 16.

This year's Ellicottville Historical Society Field Trip will be to The Buffalo Transportation Pierce Arrow Museum in Buffalo. The museum is featuring a display of Thomas Flyer cars. George Schuster of Springville was in a Thomas Flyer in the 1908 Great Race around the World. He and the crew won the Race. If you haven't heard the story, it is a fantastic one! On Thursday, June 29th the Ellicottville Historical Society would like to meet at the post office and car pool up the see these cars. The cost is \$20 per person. Lunch will follow.

For more information about the Ellicottville Historical Society and any of its upcoming meetings and events, or to sign up for this year's field trip, please contact Ellen Frank, EHSM vice-president, at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528.



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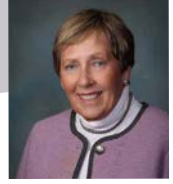
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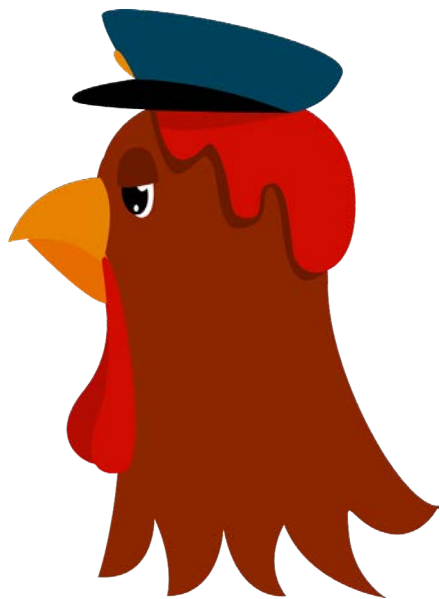
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RECREATION

NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE

Find the Clues, Solve the Crime, Win a Prize



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Who needs an excuse to get outside in WNY this summer? The Enchanted Mountain Challenge is the perfect reason to go on an outdoor adventure. Back for its second year, this season's Challenge promises to be very exciting. ellicottvilleNOW recently connected with one of the event creators, Kristen Thomson, about how this real life scavenger hunt got started and what's in store for this year.

eNOW: The Enchanted Mountain Challenge is one part scavenger hunt and another part history lesson... how did you come up with the idea to create this type of event?

KRISTEN: The original Challenge was created because during Covid, we were home here with no internet... (we just got internet service connected to our house last spring)... and we needed to find something creative to do to keep our four then-pre-teen and teenage kids busy. So we started creating scavenger hunts around our house and property. I also have a love of history and learned some cool facts about our property, which got us looking into the history of Franklinville as a whole.

We were excited about the information we found out... who knew so many really neat historical events took place here in Franklinville?? We thought... probably a lot of people don't even know! So we wanted to highlight our history and tell not only residents here but from afar about some of the unique happenings in our area. We also felt that while people will travel to Ellicottville for a variety of activities and events, we think people drive on by Franklinville and don't stop to see or experience some of the great things we have here. So this was also meant to introduce our local businesses and community to a larger population of people. Finally, we like to be active and be outside, and we love escape room games and puzzles, so we thought this would be a great opportunity to combine all of these factors into one fun experience!

Believe it or not, the entire first Challenge was created on a beach in Barbados. But since opening the bakery, we've been too busy to stick our toes in the sand. So this year's was created piece by piece in local restaurants or outside. We both need a change of scenery for the inspiration to get creative!!

eNOW: Now in its second year, what's new for the 2023 Challenge?

KRISTEN: This year's mystery has a completely different storyline and takes place in a completely different historical period. This year, our participants will be helping to solve a crime. So instead of seeking a hidden item like last year, this year will be a "whodunnit". This year's Challenge will run between three towns instead of two. So participants will be going to Franklinville and Ellicottville and now also to Olean!

eNOW: What are some of the prizes individuals or teams could possibly win?

KRISTEN: Last year's participants vied for a \$500 cash prize, several gift certificates to local restaurants and stores, and an Ellicottville Brewing Company prize pack. We expect to have more prizes this year, and either offer a larger cash prize or additional cash prizes.

eNOW: What is the cost to participate? Are teams needed, or can you choose to do the Challenge solo?

KRISTEN: It is \$55 per person or \$180 for a group of four. You definitely can do the Challenge solo; you do not need a team to complete it. However, because the clues and puzzles are very different from each other, sometimes people find that having more brainpower - and especially people who think a bit differently from each other - might give them an advantage in solving the clues quickly!

eNOW: The Challenge runs into September so if a team begins, must they finish right away or do they have until then to finish?

KRISTEN: The Challenge should take about a day and a half to complete. Some people choose to do it over a weekend, other people solve one clue at a time and return regularly to do another clue. The best thing about the Challenge is that you can stop and pick back up where you left off. Each clue leads to the next, and you can start or stop as often as you want. It's not a race. If you only have an afternoon one month, and a morning or two the next month, for example, you still can get the Challenge completed. Take as much time as you need, as long as you complete the challenge before September 5th."

eNOW: Anything else you and your husband have in the works?

KRISTEN: Our bakery that we own, Sugar Goat Baking and Grazing Co., will now be offering ice cream! We have a full menu of Perry's soft serve custard, 16 flavors of Perry's hard ice cream, rotating flavors of our own gourmet ice cream, extra thick milkshakes, root beer floats, a ton of awesome sundaes and our own chocolate chip cookie ice cream

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MAYVILLE SPORTSMAN SHOW

Expo to Honor Local Veterans and First Responders



MAYVILLE - Veterans and first responders will be honored with free admission at the upcoming Spring Sportsman & Gun Show on Saturday, May 6 from 9:00am-5:00pm and Sunday, May 7 from 9:00am-3:00pm at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville, NY. General admission to this family-friendly expo is just \$5, with free admission to kids 17 and under accompanied by an adult.

The two-day expo will feature several educational seminars taught by local professionals. Seminar topics will include fly tying, walleye fishing tactics, turkey hunting and calls, fly fishing casting techniques, and firearm use of rifles, shotguns and pistols.

A broad range of sportsman's exhibitors and vendors will feature special show pricing. Vendors and items include guns and ammo, outdoor recreational gear, hunting and fishing clothing and boots, power sports vehicles, archery, collectible vintage sporting goods, turkey calls, fishing guides, land management, pistol courses, food vendors, decoys, outdoor power equipment, holsters, gun smithing, waterfowl conservation, and more. Breakfast and lunch specials will be available at Chautauqua Suites during the show.

A portion of the expo proceeds will benefit local veterans group, the Joseph P. Dwyer Program. There will be several opportunities for attendees to make additional donations to this organization during the expo.

Joseph P. Dwyer was an Army medic who returned home from Iraq with a brain injury and post-traumatic stress. He opted to self-medicate to cope with his emotional and physical pain, ultimately resulting in the loss of his life. In 2013, the Joseph Dwyer Peer Suicide Prevention Program was born out of this tragedy through the requests of his parents to the NY state legislature.

The Dwyer Program is designed to be a non-clinical peer support program with the goal of introducing veterans to others in the area for friendship and camaraderie in a variety of ways, depending on the veteran's interests and physical limitations. In Chautauqua County, the program offers activities such as a Monday morning coffee hour for Vietnam vets, a weekly Dungeons and Dragons group, and special events and outings for families, female veterans and spouses, and widows of veterans.

By providing opportunities for our heroes to connect with other veterans, the Dwyer program helps them recover some of the familiarity and camaraderie of military life. One of the Monday morning coffee participants stated, "If I didn't have your coffee hour to come to on Mondays, I would probably still be in my chair on Wednesday."

In the last six years, the program has grown to include 300 veterans from age 22 to 85 from each branch of the service.

Veterans of any age are encouraged to join the program. There is no cost or paperwork required to participate, discharge status does not come into play, and a PTSD diagnosis is not required. Donations to the Dwyer program can be mailed to Chautauqua County Mental Hygiene, Attn. Paul Meyers, 2 Academy Street, Mayville, NY 14757.

For more information about the Dwyer program, visit <http://dwyerchautauqua.com> or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/DwyerChautauqua>. For more information on the Spring Sportsman & Gun Show, please call Chautauqua Suites at 716-269-7829. Expo sponsorship opportunities and additional vendor spaces are available. Chautauqua Suites is located at 215 West Lake Road, Mayville, NY 14757.

BIRDING AT ESHELMAN

Pfeiffer Nature Center to Host Spring Bird Walk Saturday, May 13th

PORTVILLE - Bird watching is a quiet and relaxing way to connect with nature. Join Pfeiffer Nature Center for their annual spring bird walk through the wetland and scrub areas of their Eshelman Property. A well-known location for regional birders, Eshelman hosts a multitude of migratory and resident birds and other wildlife. Visitors may see and/or hear dozens of species that frequent the area as they slowly walk along grassy, gentle trails. The guided walk starts in the parking lot off Yubadam Road and will be led by Tim Baird, President of the Cattaraugus County Bird Study Club. Please bring binoculars if you have them. This activity is free and open to the public. Registration is not required; however, minors must be accompanied by an adult. Location: 1420 Yubadam Rd, Portville NY.

PHOTO REWIND

New Life Comes to the Arboretum Ahead of Arbor Day Celebration

The Nannen Arboretum welcomed three new trees this week (including a new Oak and a Scarlet Curly Willow) donated by the Ploetz Family and delivered and planted by Draves Tree and Landscaping. These trees will be honored at this Friday's Arbor Day Celebration, 11:00am-3:00pm in the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive. Posters and photos of the early days of the Arboretum will be on display and several of the Ploetz family, Nannen family and original Arboretum members will be available to chat. Light refreshments will be provided and anyone is welcome to attend.



Community Celebrates Our Local Ski Industry Workers

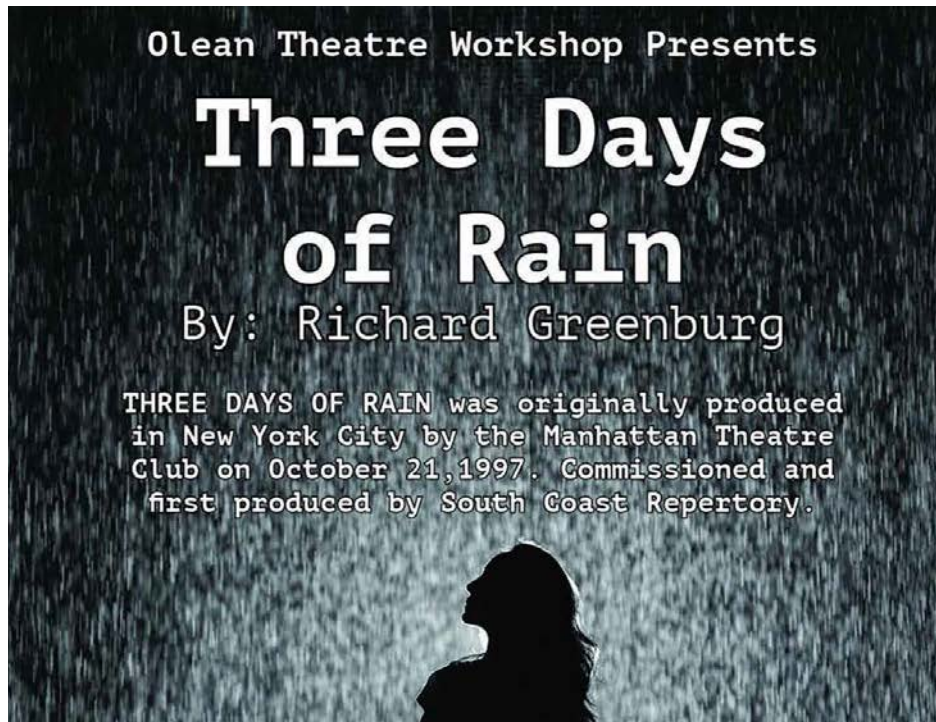
On April 20th, Villaggio hosted their annual Snowmakers Ball, honoring crews from both Holiday Valley and HoliMont. The event also served as a fundraiser for the Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund, to replace the lights at Ellicottville Central School's football field. Villaggio owner Nick Pitillo expressed his sincere appreciation to both resorts and to our community: "HUGE shoutout to our friends at the Snowmaker's Ball! Not only did we have a blast celebrating the mountain crews of our two ski resorts, but we also raised \$1,279 for the lights! Thank you to all who attended!"



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LIVE ON STAGE

Olean Theatre Workshop Presents "Three Days of Rain" May 4-7th



BY MARY WEISER

In the words of Olean Theatre Workshop Executive Director Steve Ahl, "When we're younger, it can be hard for us to see our parents as real people and not just stoic 'Mom and Dad.'" It's this very idea that "Three Days of Rain," the Olean Theatre Workshop's upcoming play, explores as it takes audience members on a journey through time to see how a brother and sister come together in the year following their father's death to really understand the man who raised them. "Three Days of Rain" runs from May 4-7th at the Washington Street Theater in Olean.

Richard Greenberg's 1997 drama, "Three Days of Rain" is perhaps most well known as actress Julia Roberts' Broadway debut. In 2006, Roberts, Paul Rudd, and Bradley Cooper starred in a limited run of the play, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and is considered by many critics as Greenberg's best play. "It's a really interesting play," said Ahl. "It reminds me of the show 'This is Us' because the first act and second act are different timelines. The first act is the children in their thirties and the second act is the parents when they're in their thirties."

THE SETTING

The first act takes place in the 1990s, and the characters - a brother and sister and their friend - have come together approximately a year after their father died. "They're waiting to hear what they received in his will and they find a journal he wrote," Ahl explained. "The journal allows them to get to know him better, especially since he seldom spoke while they were growing up."

Act II goes back in time to April of 1960, to show the father, his business partner, and the mother when they are the same age as their children at the beginning of the play. "We see how their father started the business, how he and the mom became a couple, and eventually how they became a family. It's a show about self-discovery and how our parents are more than just 'mom and dad' but real people. This play is more of an intimate production. There are even moments when actors speak right to the audience; it's a play about everyday life and self-discovery that I think anyone can relate to."

THE CAST

Interestingly, the show features just three actors who portray the characters in both acts. Ahl added, "The entire show takes place in the same apartment. You see a transformation of what it looked like 30 years before - it was a great time for our stage designers and costumers." In addition to the three actors, the show includes the director, assistant director, two stage designers, and three theatre techs working on lights, sound, and stage.

The play will run at 7:30pm from May 4-6th and at 2:30pm on May 7th. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or online at www.oleanworkshop.org.

ABOUT OLEAN THEATRE WORKSHOP

"Three Days of Rain" is the Olean Theatre Workshop's last production of the regular season. Other shows from this season included "The Mousetrap," "Miracle on 34th Street," and "Cheaper by the Dozen." Completely volunteer-based, the Olean Theatre Workshop has been in existence since 1983 when a group of local directors came together to create a community production of "Annie" in order to raise money for new stage curtains while the Olean High School auditorium was undergoing renovations. The show was so popular with the children involved, as well as their parents, that a permanent program was created to continue giving children and community members opportunities to perform and present a variety of productions.

While the cast and crew of "Three Days of Rain" are all adults, most other productions, such as "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" have included several children. A key component of the Olean Theatre Workshop are the children's workshops, which include weekly classes for children in grades PreK-1, grades 2-4, grades 5-7 and grades 8-12. "The high school group always does a musical at the end of their season," Ahl explained. "This year, it's 'Seussical the Musical' during the second weekend in June." Soon, the Olean Theatre Workshop will be announcing their selection for their annual Shakespeare in the Park, a free show that takes place in Oak Hill Park during the second weekend in August.

To learn more about the Olean Theatre Workshop, including children's workshops, auditions for Shakespeare in the Park, volunteer opportunities, or to make a donation, visit www.oleanworkshop.org and follow The Olean Theatre Workshop on Facebook.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY & SUPPORT

Directions in Independent Living to Host a Number of Upcoming Fundraisers



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Everyone likes to get out, right? Even more so now that the weather has turned sunny and warm. And everyone likes to support a good cause... so what about doing both at the same time? Directions in Independent Living, located at 512 W. State Street in Olean, NY, has organized some great upcoming events (including golf and a wine walk - not at the same time, of course.) ellicottvilleNOW spoke with Agency Development Director Keith Adkins about what their events support and what can be expected heading into summer and through the fall of 2023.

"At Directions in Independent Living, our team is dedicated to fostering a sense of community and support," Adkins explained. "We believe in the power of collaboration and creativity, which is why we work closely with our staff, volunteers, and local partners to develop exciting and engaging events. By listening to the needs and interests of the communities we serve, we can create events - like the Golf Scramble and Wine Walk - that not only raise funds for our programs but also bring people together for a good cause."

WINE WALK

And good causes they are! The 2nd Annual Wine Walk is set for Saturday, May 20th from 1:00-4:00pm down Union Street in Olean. This is an event that you must pre-register for, so be sure to sign up soon, at www.oleanilc.org/events.html (must be age 21 or older). Each participant will receive a wine tasting glass with the purchase of their ticket. Each vendor or business will offer two tastings at each location. (Please note that you must finish your tasting and rinse your glass at each stop as you cannot walk away from a booth with an open container.) Some booths will be offering up hors d'oeuvres and others will have discounts, coupons or specials available. Pick up your bracelet, passport, and wine glass at the table in Lincoln Park starting at 12:30pm, with wine served starting at 1:00pm.

GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Annual Charity Golf Scramble returns on June 9th at the Allegany Hills Golf Course. Registration starts at 8:00am; the cost is \$75 per player or \$300 for a team of four. Golfers of any experience level are welcome to join in and have a day full of friendly competition and fun to support a great cause. Last year's event was a huge success, thanks to the amazing support from their sponsors, participants and the Ischua Valley Country Club. This year's Charity Golf Scramble promises to be another fantastic event, and they look forward to seeing you on the green. To register or inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Caitlin Metler at cmetler@oleanilc.org.

WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

So what great cause are these events supporting? Adkins advised, "Our events are important to attend for several reasons. Firstly, they help raise crucial funds to support the vital programs and services offered by Directions in Independent Living. These programs aim to enhance the lives of people with disabilities, and by attending our events, participants directly contribute to their success. Secondly, our events are unique to the area because they combine entertainment with a sense of purpose. We strive to create enjoyable experiences that promote inclusivity, raise awareness about disability issues, and foster a sense of community."

There are also plans in the works for even more events as 2023 moves along. "While we are currently focused on the success of our Golf Scramble and Wine Walk events, we are always exploring new ideas and opportunities for future events," Adkins stated. "At this time, we do have a Walk Ride Run fundraiser event planned that we do with the local schools for September, and also our 3rd annual Warm Drive in December where we collect hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves for our local folks that might be in need of them for our brutal winters. We hope to plan more events later in the fall, and we encourage everyone to stay tuned for updates by following our social media channels and checking our website for announcements."

Adkins finished with, "I just want to close out with a thank you. To the community, we'd like to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and involvement. Your participation in our events and generosity make a significant difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities. We encourage you to continue to engage with Directions in Independent Living and invite your friends, family, and colleagues to join us at our events. Together, we can create a more inclusive and supportive community for all."

To keep up to date on what's happening at Directions of Independent Living or to sign up for any of their events, visit www.oleanilc.org.



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LLC NOTICES

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Daily City Train LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/5/23. Office location: Cattaraugus County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail/email process to: The LLC, 7079 California Hill Rd, Salamanca, NY 14779, dailycitytrain.skate@gmail.com. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: The Village of Ellicottville Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 2nd at 4:00 pm at the Town & Village Hall, located at One West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York re: 2023-2024 Budget. Copies of the tentative budget are available in the Village Clerks office. Mary J. Klahn, Village Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: PLANNING BOARD: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2023, beginning at approximately 5:30 P.M. at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public input and comments on: Zoning Permit 2022-227—an application by 4646 Genesee LLC for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review to allow an indoor entertainment establishment (hatchet throwing) with food service in a portion of an existing commercial retail building. The site is located at 5 East Washington Street, identified as tax map parcels 055.36-1-21. Plans for this project are on file and available for review in the Engineering Department Office located at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. The Planning Board will take statements at the public hearing from all persons interested in the project. Persons wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

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ECS BASEBALL

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his way into the starting pitcher rotation for Coach Mendell, parlaying off-season effort into this season's success.

"He spent all winter working on things and he's figuring it out," Mendell said of his star catcher's progress from behind the plate to the top of the mound. "He's developed himself to the point where now I think he's going to be an effective pitcher for us at playoff time and definitely for next year."

As a catcher, Mendell has nothing but praise for his junior backstop. "As far as defensive catchers go, he does a phenomenal job of controlling the game. I don't think there's another catcher in the area that's better at blocking balls and receiving balls than Hunter."

As good as Smith's defensive skills may be, he swings a smoking-hot bat and leads the team in batting average (.350), hits (7), triples (2) and runs scored (11). If they made stolen base statistics available to the unwashed masses, they would probably reveal that Smith has also swiped the most bases of anyone on the team as well.

Anyone who has watched Ellicottville boys sports over the past school year will certainly agree that Gian Nuzzo has had a senior year to remember. He quarterbacked the football team to the Class D championships last fall, almost singlehandedly engineered an impossible comeback in the Section VI basketball semi-finals and this spring for the first time since the seventh grade, Nuzzo picked up a baseball and decided to give it a go. The result? He is the starting centerfielder for the varsity team, where he has thrown runners out at home on two separate occasions and trails only the catcher, Smith, for the team lead in batting average (.333) and runs scored (5).

"(Nuzzo) is a huge addition for us," Mendell admitted. "He's a guy, who when the lights are on, he performs his best - when it matters most." Nuzzo and the rest of the boys of summer will take to the field next at Pine Valley on Saturday, April, 29. First pitch, 11:00am.

ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

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sandwiches, which is our homemade vanilla ice cream sandwiched between two of our homemade chocolate chip cookies. We are excited to continue to offer our bakery items and even more excited to begin offering ice cream!

eNOW: Anything you'd like to say to the community about the Challenge?

KRISTEN: We are just very thankful that we have had such a warm reception, and so thankful to our sponsors last year, especially at our clue locations for always playing along and making sure they were really active participants when challengers came by for clues. We love learning about the history of this area, and while we do create a storyline for the Challenge, we do incorporate a ton of historical facts. Our wrap-up video at the end of the Challenge goes through the whole story and will help people learn what was fact and what was fiction. But we hope this is a fun and unique way to get excited about history! If anyone is interested in learning more about last year's story, including all of the clues and how they were solved, we have a wrap up video on YouTube. Access the video or register for this year's Challenge at enchantedmountainchallenge.com.

SKY HIGH ADVENTURE PARK

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Chairlift Rides: Don't forget that besides all the Sky High fun, there is also the option of enjoying a scenic chairlift ride up to Spruce Lake. Take the lift back down or opt to work those leg muscles and hike down to the bottom. For the mountain biker, chairlift access is available so you can take the work out of peddling up and save your energy for riding the miles of trails located at the top of the mountain. The Spruce Lake chairlift will start spinning June 16th and will operate Saturdays and Sundays through October 29th from 11:00am-5:00pm.

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times list," which gives the minimum times and distances that will qualify an athlete to compete in the Section VI championships in each event. However, only the top 16 times/distances in each event will move on to the sectionals, which means even if an athlete achieves the provisional time, they would still have to post a result in the top-16 to move on. The other way to qualify for sectional competition would be to beat the provisional time/distance by a certain margin and therefore achieve an "automatic qualifier" status for that event.

An impressive number of Titans athletes from both the boys and girls squads have achieved either provisional or automatic qualifiers already this season.

With the exception of the relay events (which feature four-person teams competing against one another), track and field seems to be the ultimate individual sport, but don't tell that to either of Titans head coaches - they'll be quick to point out that every individual accomplishment goes to lift the entire team.

"Sometimes you're going to run events that you don't want to run," Herman said. "But it's not just about yourself, it's about the team."

"You get a score when you finish at the top of an event," Schunke said. "You get five points for first and three for second and one for third and all those points contribute to a team score - and ultimately, they'll determine which team wins or loses."

He also went on to explain the strategy behind entering athletes into events where they're likely to achieve the results that will help the entire team win. "Ideally that's what you're building toward through the whole season. It's the team wins first and then with sectionals, it comes down to individual performances to move on."

Moving on from Olean, the Titans will travel over the hill to the Allegany-Limestone high school Friday, April 28 for the Allegany Invitational. The first gun goes off at 4:30pm.

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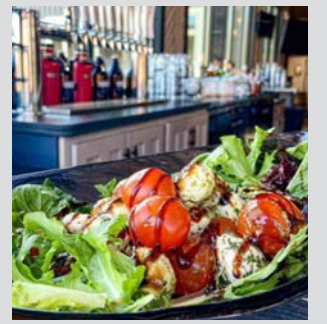
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