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## ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE

A Creative Story Packed with Local History Will Lead You on a Mystery Adventure This Summer



By MARY HEYL

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## SENECA NATION RECEIVES TWO SKATEPARK GRANTS

The Seneca Nation announced it will soon be home to two new concrete skateparks as the result of two distinct grant awards from the Built to Play Skatepark Grant fund. These awards, secured by the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Community Planning & Development Department, will provide for permanent concrete skateparks on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories of the Seneca Nation. In order to move this project from concept to reality, the Seneca Nation will host two community input meetings this month ... page 08

## LITERACY OF LOVE

Fundraiser set for June 18th to help support the children of Uganda



By KATHY ELSER

Cari Matejka, CEO of Literacy of Love (LOL) & middle school teacher, began her journey to Africa through St. Bonaventure University. After visiting Uganda in 2010, she has gone back every year since. By 2016, the African children had captured her heart and she began to build the Literacy of Love community, a non-profit organization, whose mission is to provide a real home for these children.

In June there will be several opportunities to learn more about this organization, including a photo exhibit called 'Art from the Heart' at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of St. Bonaventure. Then on June 18th, there will be a fundraiser at the Ellicottville Distillery for BeerGanda.

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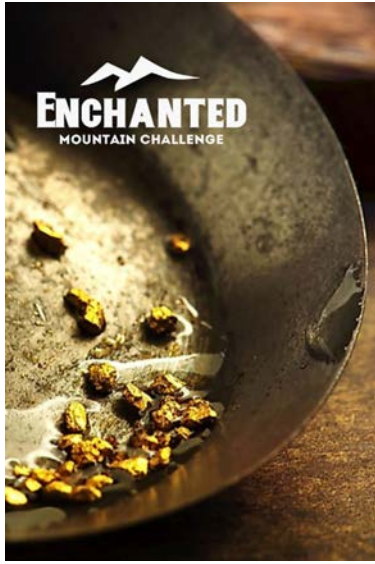
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# Publisher's PICK

Solve the Mystery of the Enchanted Mountain Challenge



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BY MARY HEYL

At 9 Pine Street in Franklinville sits a stunning Queen Anne-style Victorian house. With beautiful porches, multiple round towers and ornate woodwork, the home is an architectural gem, a surprising find given its age. It's safe to say that the home's original owner was a person of means, and while professions such as doctor, lawyer, or banker might come to mind, Simeon Robbins was none of these. In fact, his was a journey that was as surprising as it was prosperous, an anomaly that still captures the imagination of local residents and is the premise of the Enchanted Mountain Challenge.

Creators Shaun Thomson and Kristen Vanderwarker, co-owners of Proper Farms in Franklinville, are excited to introduce the First Annual Enchanted Mountain Challenge, which kicks off Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28th and runs through Labor Day on Monday, September 5th. With elements of a scavenger hunt, an escape room, geocaching, and hiking, the Enchanted Mountain Challenge is designed to be a weekend-long adventure, although participants can begin on any day of the week and return to continue at any point through Labor Day.

While largely based on historical facts, the challenge involves a creative story line that takes participants on a journey into nature and local businesses in Franklinville and Ellicottville to uncover clues that lead to a fictional secret that has been guarded for generations. Thomson explained that this secret has to do with Robbins, whose actual life is no fiction. "In the 1800s, this gentleman traveled to the Yukon territory in Canada in search of gold and did really well for himself," Thomson explained. "Very few out of the hundreds of thousands in pursuit of gold found anything, and he actually did strike it rich. He used some of the money and built his home on Pine Street in Franklinville called the Miner's Cabin, and the architecture is beautiful."

Built in 1895, the home is now under the ownership of the Ischua Valley Historical Society and played an important role in the idea behind the challenge. "We've always had a strong interest in local history," Vanderwarker explained. "We started really focusing on the history of our own house. The property was part of a farm owned by one of the main people involved in the Underground Railroad here and helped transport escaped slaves via Ischua Creek. We took our love for history and creativity and our desire to help other people discover our little town and created this challenge!"

Each year, the theme of the challenge will change, as will the storyline and clues. "We have named this year's challenge 'The Heart of Sarah,'" Thomson said. "It's this gold nugget, and Sarah was the miner's wife. We've taken a lot of history and merged it into our own embellished story about it. Each clue is like a puzzle that needs to be solved, and while it's challenging, it's all very solvable."

As participants make their way through Ellicottville and Franklinville, they'll travel to different businesses that have partnered with the challenge creators to provide clues. "You might have to give the employee a code word, and if you give them the wrong one, they're going to act as though they have absolutely no clue what you're talking about," Thomson explained. "But if you give them the right word? You could get a scroll, a map, another puzzle to lead you to your next clue!"

Approximately half of the clues are in each town, and there is not very much back-and-forth between the two, Thomson explained. However, it can be fun to make a weekend out of this challenge and stay in Ellicottville or Franklinville! While clues are not easy, they're not impossible, and Vanderwarker said that there is always an option to receive a bit of help. Everyone who finishes the challenge will be entered into a drawing to win some impressive prizes, including cash and prizes from the challenge's sponsors.

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The BPO teams up with Strange Magic for this year's Summer Music Festival



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"We are ecstatic to have two highly orchestrated groups come together for one special night that families of all ages can enjoy," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "To have the Buffalo Philharmonic paired with one of the world's greatest tribute bands ... we can't wait to hear them together! It will be dynamite!"

Indeed, Strange Magic is nothing less than dynamite. The band was chosen to represent ELO on the AXS TV show, "The World's Greatest Tribute Bands" in 2017 (the same year that key members of the original ELO were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame). The concert was broadcast live across the nation from the world famous "Whiskey a Go Go" in Hollywood, California. Now performing at theaters and outdoor venues across the country, Strange Magic delivers the sound and spectacle of a classic ELO show! Not only do they sound just like ELO, but the band members even LOOK like the original cast!

Not familiar with ELO? Surely you've heard a few of their songs over the years ... Electric Light Orchestra is an English rock band that formed in Birmingham in 1970 by songwriters and multi-instrumentalists Jeff Lynne and Roy Wood with drummer Bev Bevan. Their music is characterized by a fusion of pop, classical arrangements and futuristic iconography. During the 1970s and 1980s, ELO released a string of top 10 albums and singles, including two LPs that reached the top of British charts: the disco-inspired *Discovery* (1979) and the science-fiction-themed concept album *Time* (1981). Some of their biggest hits from over the years include 'Mr. Blue Sky', 'Livin' Thing', 'Evil Woman', 'Do Ya', and of course, 'Strange Magic'.

Get ready to time-travel back to the classic rock era of the '70s ... it doesn't get any closer than this!

Want to pack in more music during your holiday weekend in Ellicottville? On Saturday, July 2nd, The Voices of Classic Rock will take the stage at Holiday Valley. Rock out to the sounds of Practically Petty - a Tribute to Tom Petty, who will open for Asia featuring John Payne, with special guests John Elefante, former lead singer of Kansas, and Lou Gramm, founder and former lead singer of Foreigner. Whoah! That is a LOT of music, making this year's July 4th weekend in Ellicottville one you'll want to book NOW!

Pre-sale tickets for Saturday's "Voices of Classic Rock" and Sunday's BPO featuring Strange Magic are on sale and can be purchased through the Chamber's website, [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com). Tickets are \$45 for each evening if purchased before June 1st. (Price bump takes effect June 1st, with the final price increase at the gate.). Kids 12 and under are free to attend.

For additional information on this year's Summer Music Festival, including VIP packages or to purchase your tickets, go to [ellicottvilleny.com](http://ellicottvilleny.com) or contact the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or [info@ellicottvilleny.com](mailto:info@ellicottvilleny.com).

## FAST COMPANY IN 2022

Franklinville-Ellicottville Titans Track & Field Teams post up strong results



Lady Titans' sophomore speed merchant Tyyetta Herman takes the lead over Portville's Jenna Wyant inside the last 10 meters of the race to win the 400m dash at the Golden Falcon Invitational at Falconer High School April 30th.

BY RICH RUMFOLA

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Led by the Herman sisters, sophomore Tyyetta and senior Tarryn, the girls team came out strong in the first big competition of the season and won the Small Schools Division at the Olean Boosters Reid's Food Barn Invitational, Saturday, April 23rd at Olean HS.

Tyyetta's blazing fast speed provided for a pair of second place finishes (in the 200m and 400m dash events) and a fifth place finish in the 100m dash, while her older sister Tarryn used superior strength to finish fifth in the discus and sixth in the shot put.

A week later at the Falconer Golden Falcon Invitational on April 29th, the Herman sisters once again led the way for the Lady Titans, as the speedy Tyyetta had a day, taking home a win in the 400m dash and a second place finish in the long jump. She also came in third in the 200m dash and finished fourth in the 100m dash. The only reason she didn't place in more than four events is because they only let you compete in four!

Older sister Tarryn took second place honors in both the shot put and the discus at Falconer, while junior hurdler Anna Slavinski cruised to her second, second-place finish of the season in the 400 meter hurdles - Anna also finished second in the same event at Olean.

In the 100m hurdles, the Hurlburt sisters look to be a force to be reckoned with this season, with senior sister Mandy claiming second place in Olean and sophomore Audrey powering to an impressive victory over a strong field of hurdlers at Falconer.

Junior distance runner Alyssa Williams also came up big at the Golden Falcon Invitational, as she navigated her way over the hurdles and through the water obstacle to a third-place finish in the 2000m steeplechase. She added another strong, third-place finish in the 800m run.

The Lady Titans took second overall of the 19 girls teams competing in the Falconer event; while the F-E Titans' boys team finished in sixth place out of 16 teams.

The F-E Titans are coached by Derek Schunke (head coach, boys team) and Tyyetta Herman (head coach girls team; Tarryn and Tyyetta's mom) and assisted by Gwen Bush, Bill Weigel and Neil Shoemaker.

When asked about the idea of what it means to have a strong team in a sport driven almost entirely by individual performances, Bush explained, "Our combined team (Franklinville-Ellicottville) works so well together because the coaches really put in the time and effort to build the bonds between the two school systems. "That's why our athletes get along so well, because they know we're all pulling together as a team."

On the boys side, the Titans have relied on senior power to consistently provide the top finishes for the team.

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# MEETING NOTES

## Ellicottville Village Board: Recycling issue sorted out; 9% spending hike; 2022-23 Village Budget approved

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

The Refuse Committee has been dissolved, but officials may reconsider lowering fines in the Ellicottville Village Refuse Law.

The Ellicottville Village Board voted to take those actions at the April 19th meeting, following a report from Village Trustee Caitlin Croft.

"Town and Country (the Village's refuse disposal contractor through 2024) has purchased a new truck and the issue of not picking up recyclables at the road is done," Croft reported.

She also recommended lowering fines from \$250 to \$25 for the first offense of failing to remove emptied containers from the curb, and \$50 and \$150 for the second and subsequent offenses. Her committee has also suggested looking into different provisions for second homeowners; and asking them to pay a fee to Town and Country - or to a private individual - to walk emptied containers back to the home; and to include the service the next time the refuse contract is let out to bid.

Croft also reported that a line of communication has been opened for community recycling education after village officials fielded a false complaint to the state Department of Environmental Conservation alleging a recent amendment to village law had removed recycling requirements and that state recycling laws aren't being followed locally.

Mayor John Burrell said the DEC is aware that the claim is not true, adding the Department of Public Works has no time to move trash cans from the curb for absentee owners and the clerk shouldn't have to bill customers for this service.

"We are blessed to have so many part-time property owners and they take care of their properties very well. As part-time property owners they have an obligation to know what is going on in the community. They hire people to mow the lawn, rake leaves, plow driveways, shovel the sidewalk. I don't feel it is the responsibility of the village to take on the additional burden to take the cans back to the house," said Burrell.

Trustee Sean Lowes suggested that Town and Country could bill property owners for the service and predicted there may be only a dozen who want it.

Village Attorney Richard Stanton said he will investigate the fee structure and look into regulations for certified mail, or an alternative to door notices as an attempted service on ticketing

violators. The issue, and possibly a proposed amendment to the town law, will be discussed at the May 17th meeting.

In another matter, the Board adopted a 2022-2023 budget to take effect June 1st, and also agreed to an override of the state's 2% tax cap. There were no comments from the public on the budget.

The plan was drafted during several work sessions involving Board members and staff, and carries a tax rate of 2.12% per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an increase of 4%. The amount to be raised by taxes is projected at \$295,160, or an 8% increase. The Village's total taxable assessed value also increased 4%, or nearly \$5.17 million, for a total value of \$139,213,674.

Appropriations of \$1,330,504 in the General Fund reflect an 11% increase in spending, against an expected 1% increase in total revenues of \$934,930. The plan includes a \$100,414 General Fund contribution from the unexpended fund balance.

Sewer Fund spending will increase 5% to \$891,127, with a 5% decrease in the \$729,966 expected in sewer revenues. A \$161,161 contribution from the unexpended fund balance - nearly doubled from the 2021-2022 amount - is responsible for the lowered revenues needed.

A law requiring prior written notice of dangerous conditions in public right-of-ways also brought no public comments prior to the Board's unanimous vote for passage. The measure will give the Village a chance to repair problems before civil claims or damages can be pursued by aggrieved parties.

Among other business matters, the Board discussed beginning a \$20,000 project to replace a portion of sidewalks needing repair and consented to the Chamber of Commerce's request to allow Griffis Sculpture Park's installation of a bronze sculpture of artistic gymnast Gabrielle Douglas, a 2012 Olympian who was named an Individual All-Around Champion and has received other titles. The likeness will remain in place at the corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets from May through Fall Fest.

Approval was also given for a letter of support for Cattaraugus County's grant application for funding construction of the planned Mill Street tourist parking lot. It was reported that an archaeological survey found no artifacts at the site, which may have been a creekside pathway

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## Ellicottville Town Board: Tremendous volume of real estate sales has driven down 2022 equalization rate

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

Property owners in the Town of Ellicottville will see their properties assessed at 84% of full market value, according to Assessor Harry Weissman.

"I can't keep our level of assessment at or close to 100% of full market value this year ... there are too many sales," he reported to the Ellicottville Town Board during their April 20th meeting, leading up to the May 1st deadline for the tentative 2022 assessment roll and a May 24th Grievance Day at Town Hall.

Weissman said last year's equalization rate was at 97%, but "the real estate market has exploded," with increased construction, an increased desire for vacation and primary residences here plus investment in residential rental properties and vacant land. Ellicottville's large number of condos and townhomes also creates challenges for valuation. He said the Town needs to do a re-val project for the 2023 roll and he will investigate affordable consultant options in the next few months to assist with the project.

By 2025 the Town may be in position for a partnership with the County of Real Property Services, he told the Board members. That agency has taken over assessment functions in 14 other towns and has the technology and staff to do a revaluation. "No matter what happens to the values, the same number of (tax revenue) dollars have to be raised," he said.

The Board accepted Weissman's appraisal but took no action. Town Supervisor Matt McAndrew invited him to meet on May 25th, along with Councilman Steve Crowley, to review a February market value appraisal by KLV Appraisal Group for the west wing of the Town Center on Parkside Drive, now occupied by the Cattaraugus office of the Cornell Cooperative Extension. The appraisal was to serve as the basis of the Town's future lease agreement with the Extension.

Engineering Director Ben Slotman said 10 contractors were in attendance for Town Center Renovation Projects' Pre-Construction Meeting. He said the building will remain open for business and accessible to the public through the main entrance as construction proceeds, with no disruption of the court system schedule.

Slotman also reported that the Capitol Water Project remains on hold. Last month, unexpect-

edly high bids had increased project costs over the \$5.2 million budget and other portions of the project did not receive bids. Changes to the scope of the project could potentially affect the funding received by the Town. The Board held a special meeting on the topic April 14th, with Slotman and Town Accountant Andy Toth in attendance.

The Board received J.D. Northrup Construction's offer to hold its bid price on the distribution contract and water storage tank improvements of the project beyond a 45-day limit, until May 6th or beyond. A bid on a separate portion of the project has been rejected.

Councilman John Zerfas presented a map of the township showing six remote areas that will not receive high-speed internet from Spectrum or Armstrong, two companies now working on connections in the town. Zerfas said he has requested these areas be placed at the top of a list of new service areas for connection in the next round of state funding.

In other matters, three new employees have been hired to fill openings: Gregory Keyser as Planner, James Davis of Ashford as Dog Control Officer, and Highway Superintendent Kevin Woodin of Ellicottville, who is already a Highway crew member. In a unanimous vote, the Board authorized sending Woodin to a training session.

The Board also agreed to a \$1,400 increase in the approved \$12,763.50 price of a 2021 Highway F-350 4X4 truck from Emerling, to upgrade an 8-foot plow to 10 feet.

Also approved were the release of one easement and acceptance of a surface access easement to cross the property at the proposed Tiny Homes Village project. Easements at Quackenbush were also approved, subject to attorney approval.

Finally, McAndrew announced a new beer, EVGV Trail Ale, will be unveiled by Steelbound Brewery and Distillery at a May 7th fundraiser benefitting the construction of the Ellicottville-Great Valley Trail. The event will run from 2:00-6:00pm at the brewery at 6600 Route 219 N.

The Ellicottville Town Board will hold their next regularly monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:00pm. For more information contact Town Clerk Robyn George at 716-699-2240.

# REGIONAL

## LITERACY OF LOVE

Efforts to support the children of Uganda set for June 18th at Ellicottville Distillery



By KATHY ELSER

Cari Matejka, CEO of Literacy of Love (LOL) speaks about her passion to help those less fortunate than herself. Cari, a middle school teacher, began her journey to Africa through St. Bonaventure University. After visiting Uganda in 2010, she has gone back every year since. By 2016, the African children had captured her heart and she began to build the Literacy of Love (LOL) community, a non-profit organization. The mission is to provide a real home for these children so they can develop a sense of belonging and where they are ensured an education.

These children come from poverty that is unknown to us in rural western New York. The village homes are typically made from mud with one large room and no indoor plumbing. Water is gathered daily from a communal source. Many children who live at the LOL home arrive with disadvantages such as little or no education, malnutrition, disease, and disabilities. Having a real home for these children gives them a stable core, a sense of family.

Most of the children's families are so poor they cannot provide basic needs. In some cases, the family situation is volatile and abusive. LOL provides structure, counseling, and guidance for the children so that they can see hope for their future. Over this past Christmas season, Cari was at their LOL home and invited a widowed mother to spend the holiday with her two children that live there. The widow told her children and Cari that the home was "paradise". Paradise in which her children have a safe home to live, can attend school, have clean clothes to wear and food to eat every day. How very different our lives are when we think of Paradise.

The future mission, says Cari, "is to become an independent community in which graduates of the program help to start businesses, mentor younger students and help change the future for these children and their families." Cari further noted that graduates are already actualizing their goal with small businesses, such as a barber shop, a welding shop and soon a medical center. With these grown children now becoming productive citizens of Uganda, sustainability is in sight.

Hope for a future for these once destitute children is becoming a reality. Cari notes that she is torn between two worlds, and she works every day to keep the mission growing and moving forward. What can you do to help her continue this important work? Of course, donations are always accepted, but sponsoring a child to attend school is her main focus. Education will help raise these children above their circumstances. If you are interested in learning more, visit Cari through her Literacy of Love website at [literacyoflove.org](http://literacyoflove.org) or follow her on Instagram and Facebook by searching 'Literacy of Love'.

In June there will be several opportunities to learn more about this organization. From June 3rd through June 21st, there will be a photo exhibit called 'Art from the Heart' at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of St. Bonaventure University. There is no cost to attend.

Then on June 18th, there will be a fundraiser at the Ellicottville Distillery for Beer-Ganda. A \$50 ticket gets you admission to attend the event in which a live band will play while you sample beers from brewers from across New York State. Basket raffles, a silent auction and food vendors will also be there. The event runs from 2:00-5:00pm.

Cari states that "the needs are endless, but the possibilities are endless too." Her mission breaks the cycle of generational poverty while providing a family that gives these children hope.

## MORE SKATEPARKS ON THE MAP

Seneca Nation Awarded Two "Built to Play" Skatepark Grants



CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY, SENECA NATION - The Seneca Nation announced it will soon be home to two new concrete skateparks as the result of two distinct grant awards from the Built to Play Skatepark Grant fund. These awards, secured by the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation (SNIDOT) in cooperation with the Community Planning & Development Department (CPDD), will provide for permanent concrete skateparks on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories of the Seneca Nation. The newly funded parks will be located at the Cattaraugus Community Center in Irving, NY, while a second park location will be determined through community meetings and fundraising efforts on the Allegany Territory.

"As a Nation focused on our seventh generation, we put a tremendous amount of our heart and soul into our Seneca youth," said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. "We can all easily recognize the importance of having access to engaging outdoor activities. Since 2019, community members have been pursuing a Built to Play Skatepark Grant from The Skatepark Project. Today's announcement is a win-win for skateboarders and BMX riders in our communities, as well as our leaders here today. This administration is thrilled to see this vision come to fruition."

"For the past four years, we at The Skatepark Project have been working alongside the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation to help communities throughout southeast Michigan and Western New York," said Trevor Staples, Built to Play Skatepark Manager. "This partnership with the Seneca Nation is the Built to Play program's first sovereign government project. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation has seen the need for public skateparks in the region, and routinely provides funding for those communities that wish to work to develop them."

Following this announcement, fundraising will begin immediately to reach the \$250,000 goal set for the Seneca Skatepark located on the Allegany Territory in Salamanca, NY. These funds must be finalized by January 10, 2023 in order to proceed. Funds allocated for the Seneca Skatepark on the Cattaraugus Territory will fully cover the cost of construction. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2022 at the Cattaraugus Territory Seneca Skatepark, while construction will wrap up in the Fall of 2023 at the Allegany location.

"We are committed to creating a fun and safe place where our youth can get involved with skateboarding and help build healthy and active lifestyles," said Seneca Nation Tribal Councillor William "Billy" Canella. "These skateparks will be an exciting addition to our communities."

In order to move this project from concept to reality, the Seneca Nation will host two community input meetings this month. The first meeting will be held on May 17th at the Allegany Community Center (ACC) on the Allegany Territory at 6:00pm. The second will be held the following evening, May 18th, at the Cattaraugus Community Center (CCC) in Irving, NY, also at 6:00pm.

## EVGV TRAIL BEER RELEASE PARTY

The Ellicottville Great Valley Trail Committee would like to invite the public to celebrate the launch of their EVGV Trail Ale. Representatives from the trail will be on site at Steelbound from 2-6pm on Saturday, May 7th and have information on the trail's progress. There will be live music from local artist Tui Osborne from 2-3:30pm. EVGV Trail Ale will be available to purchase, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Ellicottville Great Valley Recreational Trail. The beer will be available at other area locations later this spring, but why not come out early to support a great cause!





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# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Core Performance: Dawn Rowland's Journey to Become a CPT

BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Dawn and Steve Rowland have been blessed with three very talented athletic children. This is how I know them. For many years we shared sidelines and bleachers cheering on our young athletes and watching them grow into adolescents. Dawn was passionate about sports since she herself was a very skilled athlete back in high school, excelling in softball, basketball, volleyball and track. She shared her passion either on the side lines or sometimes behind the bench coaching kids to be their best.

In life, Dawn had a full plate that kept her in constant motion but didn't allow much of an opportunity to focus on her own health and well-being. That shifted in 2018 when Dawn joined a group of folks on a Beachbody team. There she learned about meal prep and fitness. She even ran in the EVL Happy Half 5k. Her body had changed, her attitude had changed and she felt great. But - as we all know - consistency is the key to change and things get in the way.

Fast forward to 2020 - the Pandemic! Sitting on the sidelines or even playing in a sporting event was taboo. I only saw Dawn through social media posts and wondered how during this arduous time period when everyone seemed to be gaining weight, she was losing weight. We were able to finally see each other during the summer of 2021 when Dawn shared that her weight loss was not something she planned but caused instead by what she now refers to as "an unfortunate blessing". Dawn's world had fallen off its axis and she had two choices: help to right it or walk away from it. She started to dedicate herself to feeling healthy and growing stronger both physically and mentally. Every time she worked out with me, she wanted to know more about the process, the why's and how's. She was also very afraid that this would just be another phase in her life and truly wanted to make this a forever reality.

So, I encouraged her to look into becoming a personal trainer. I know how this profession can truly change not only others' lives, but also that of the trainer. I also know that if you invest time and money into something, you are more likely to stick with it. And so she did just that. She took her CPR classes, studied hard for months, and this past March 2022 she gained her certification as a certified personal trainer.

Throughout this process, Dawn's world did right itself. She feels stronger and clearer about the path that is ahead of her. She is ready to take on clients and help them to achieve their best versions of themselves as she has done for herself. If you are interested in meet-



ing with Dawn for an assessment and a fitness direction, please feel free to reach out to her at [dawnerowland@gmail.com](mailto:dawnerowland@gmail.com).

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## Slam Dunk Sign Ups: Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Returning to Olean

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OLEAN - THE MACKER is on the schedule in Olean! Entries are now being accepted for the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament, to be played June 10-12th on Delaware Avenue downtown. The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce and its 46 corporate sponsors are co-sponsoring this year's Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament.

More than three thousand registration postcards were mailed last week to team captains from tournaments held in Norwich, Hornell, Warren, Ithaca, Rochester from 2019, and Olean last year in 2021. An additional 7,000 are being sent this month to schools in Allegany, Chautauqua, McKean and Cattaraugus Counties. Entry deadlines for teams interested in this year's tournament are Friday, May 20th for applications that are submitted by mail, and Monday, May 23rd for internet entries. The entry fee for a four player team is \$148.

The three-day festival of basketball begins on Friday, June 10th with a Corporate Cup Basketball Contest and early registration; and continues through the division championships on Sunday, June 12th. The tournament is open to players of all ages and experience levels who are computer-matched by age, height and experience so that all participants can be competitive.

Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO reported, "Gus Macker National has about 30 tournaments spread out across the states; down about 10-15 cities for 2022. In a normal year, the Macker would be played in 35-45 cities. We are excited that all of our New York State 'sister cities' are back on the calendar in 2022."

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, second and third place trophies. Also teams that finish last in their divisions may receive "Toilet bowl" trophies.

In addition to the Chamber's 45 corporate sponsors, other major support for the event is being provided by Sparky Pizza, Third Base Bar & Grill, Olean Rotary Club, Olean Medical Group, Duggan & Duggan General Contractors, A Jason Clemons Salon, Napoleon Engineering Services, Adam Service, SoleMates and Friends of Olean Library. Additionally, the important roles of media sponsorships are being provided by WBRR, WMXO-FM and WPIG-FM.

Every player in the Macker is guaranteed at least three games, so no matter how you fare the first time on the court, you're not out by any means. Those who do make it on to the championship rounds can look forward to trophy presentations for first through third places. All registered players also receive a t-shirt for participating in the event, which is made by possible by area sponsors.

Want to play? Registration forms are available online at [www.macker.com](http://www.macker.com). Offline forms for registration via U.S. mail are available at the Greater Olean Area Chamber office. For more information on the Gus Macker tournament, referees, sponsorships and volunteer opportunities, please contact GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).

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**ENCHANTED MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE**

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Those interested in the challenge can watch the introductory video on the challenge's website at <https://properfarmsny.com/pages/enchanted-mountain-challenge>. There, participants can register individually or as a group of four, at a savings of \$10 per person. Importantly, the challenge does not sell out and you can start and finish at your own pace. The answers to all clues will be revealed on the challenge's website after Labor Day.

"Google will be everybody's friend," said Vanderwarker, who recommended a charged cell phone for the journey. "It's also a good idea to bring comfortable walking or hiking shoes, a water bottle, and a jacket or umbrella in case you're caught in the rain." Most people of an average fitness level can easily complete the challenge, and for those with young children, there is a separate youth challenge. Geared toward children ages 3 to 10, the youth challenge involves the whole family and takes between three to four hours to complete. Because clues are located in both villages, an adult driver is still needed to complete the youth challenge.

Thomson and Vanderwarker know firsthand how much the entire family will enjoy it! Vanderwarker explained, "This idea for the challenge was born out of the fact that we had all four of our kids here at home in 2020. We don't have good internet access here and needed creative things for them to do. We developed fake court cases, did some silly 'Shark Tank' stuff and developed some pretty epic scavenger hunts to get them using their minds and get outside. We thought this would be an epic thing to do in our town!"

Toward that end, the couple spent over seven months designing the challenge, including researching local history, writing clues, partnering with local business, and building the website and accompanying videos for the challenge. "We are donating a portion of the proceeds to the historical societies in the area," said Vanderwarker. "We're so grateful to the local historians who preserve the history in our small towns. We worked extensively with the folks at the Cattaraugus County Historical Museum in Machias and the Ischua Valley Historical Society, and we couldn't have done this without them!"

For more information, visit <https://properfarmsny.com/pages/enchanted-mountain-challenge> or email [enchantedmountainchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:enchantedmountainchallenge@gmail.com). For the latest updates and to countdown to the kick-off day, follow Enchanted Mountain Challenge on Facebook.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

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With the senior hurdlers leading the way, Cayden Hatch finished in second place in the 400m hurdles at both of the early-season meets, while Connor Terwilliger notched two top-10 finishes in the 110m hurdles. He finished second at Falconer and tenth at Olean.

At Falconer, Hatch also launched himself into a third place finish in the long jump and sprinted to fourth place in the 200m dash. He also took home a fifth-place finish in the 110m hurdles.

Senior high jumper Maddox Bush leaped into a pair of top-five finishes thus far, finishing tied for third at Falconer and fifth at Olean. Pole Vaulter Wyatt Tinelli, also a senior, sprung into second place at Falconer and had a fourth-place effort in Olean.

Also worth noting, the future is now for 8th graders Grant Cornell and Bianca Bush, both of whom posted strong finishes at the Olean Invitational. Cornell, a distance runner, finished the 3,200m run (two miles) in seventh place and the 1600m run in 11th place, while Bush finished sixth in the high jump, right behind sophomore teammate Abby Chudy. She also ran a leg in the 4X800m relay and competed in the 800m run.

"They're very young, but they decided to move up this year and it seems to be really working out for them," Bush explained of the team's youngest members. "Grant started running last fall for the Cross-Country team and had success. And Bianca, my daughter, is a very dynamic runner and fills in a lot of different roles on the team."

Looking forward to the remainder of the season, the F-E Titans track and field teams travel to the Hornell Invitational on May 6th and two weeks later, they'll travel back down the I-86 to Falconer for the CCAA Championships, Friday, May 20.

The athletes compete together as team for the last time in the Class D Championships at Randolph May 26th and from there, they will advance in their individual events only - for as long as they're successful.

**VILLAGE BOARD**

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used long ago by Native Americans. A title search is also underway as the Village awaits funding from Cattaraugus County and prepares to purchase and take possession of the property before the month's end. The Board agreed to a possible borrowing from the Sewer Fund balance if the County's aid arrives before June 1st to pay back the Sewer Fund.

The Board also voted to release Tiny Home Village's sewer and water easements at 6881 NYS Route 242, pending a review and possible amendment by the Village Attorney.

The Ellicottville Village Board will meet again for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6:00pm. For more information, contact Village Clerk Mary Klahn at 716-699-4636.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**THE GREEN CEMETERY ASSOCIATION** is holding its annual lot owners meeting on May 19, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Town of Great Valley office building located at 4808 Route 219, Great Valley, New York. All lot owners are invited to attend. For additional information call Green Cemetery Association Sec./Treasurer Becky Kruszynski at 716-378-9099.

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## Community-wide Garage Sales

Olean area households encouraged to sign up to be included on the map

**OLEAN** - Officials at the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce have scheduled the Community-wide Garage Sale for Saturday, May 21st from 9:00am-4:00pm. The Chamber is encouraging people to get up in their attics, basements, and garages and start sorting and cleaning. Erica Dreher, Member Outreach Coordinator at GOACC states, "Garage sales are very well attended events. More than 100 houses participated last year and more than 222 maps were handed out. We encourage residents to hold garage sales at their homes or join with neighbors to hold block sales."

For anyone who is interested in holding a garage sale at their home, they need to register their address with GOACC and can then be placed on the garage sale map for a \$5 fee. GOACC will need your address and a short list of items that the home will be selling. The week of the garage sale days, please stop back to the chamber and pick up your FREE Garage Sale sign that has space to list your address. Households will also pick up information packets from the Cattaraugus County Health Department. The packet contains information on how one can clean their private facility, guidelines on how to place merchandise out and to limit the number of buyers to the sale at one time.

Deadline to enter is Tuesday, May 17 at noon. Maps depicting the locations of the garage sales will be available on Friday, May 20th and also will be outside the GOACC office on the morning of the sales from 7:00-9:00am. Mail or drop off garage sale information to GOACC, 301 North Union Street, Olean. You may also fax information to 716-372-7912 or email info@oleanny.com. The event has no rain date. Household sales will go forward rain or shine. For more information on the garage sale, contact the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433.

## On Exhibit at Tri-County Arts Council

Painter Samila Susic exhibits "BIRDS" at the TCAC Art Gallery

**OLEAN** - The Tri-County Arts Council (TCAC) is presenting "BIRDS" by painter Samila Susic now through May 20th at the TCAC Art Gallery, 110 W. State St., in Olean. "The work is powerful, colorful, and bold," said Paula Bernstein, executive director at TCAC. "Samila's work will allow you to see the flight of a hummingbird in a new light."

The "BIRDS" series comes to life through observation and documentation of hummingbird flying patterns. The driving force behind this series is a fascination of non-verbal communication between flying partners. "My intention is to embrace and present their graceful moves and striking beauty through elements of color, texture, and movements," said Susic, a native of Bosnia. "By bracketing photo references and transferring them into paintings, the hummingbirds started to perform their dances on my canvases."

For more information on the artist, visit her website, www.samilasfineart.org. For more information about the show or upcoming classes, contact the TCAC at 716-372-7455, or www.tricountyartscouncil.org.

## Earth Day Clean-up

Ellicottville Rotarians remove a truckload of litter from streets and sidewalks

**ELLICOTTVILLE** - The Rotary Club of Ellicottville canvassed the Village on Saturday, April 23rd, picking up trash from roadways, sidewalks, creek beds and common areas. Club members removed a truckload of litter during this inaugural Earth Day project. The effort was part of the Rotary District 7090 Great Lakes Watershed Clean-up 2022.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville plans to make this an annual event. Volunteers embracing Rotary's motto of "service above self" will continue to keep Ellicottville a clean, popular, destination. Please contact event organizers John Weismantel at 716-228-7288 or J.P. O'Connell at 716-697-8314 if you are interested in helping in a future clean-up. To learn more about the Rotary Club of Ellicottville, including upcoming meeting dates, visit www.ellicottvillerotary.com.



## A New Class of Master Gardeners

Catt. Co.'s new crop of apprentices are ready to work in their communities

**ELLICOTTVILLE** - Cattaraugus County Cornell Cooperative Extension is pleased to welcome a new class of Master Gardener Apprentice Volunteers, ready to participate in the County's new Master Gardener Program in the local communities. Congratulations to these MG graduates: April Ramahdan, Kameron Ramadan, Jasmine Hall, Tara Leonard, Jill Boeck, Brett Maybee, Jessie Styers, Carolyn Peterson, Emma Boutelle, John Balacki, Lori Whittington, Jeanne Brown, Patricia Eshelmen & Antonio Chudy.



Cornell's Master Gardener program prepares volunteers to be peer educators who build relationships with community audiences to integrate local experience and research-based knowledge in planning for and initiating steps to manage gardens, lawns, and landscapes with an emphasis on food security and environmental stewardship. Master Gardener Volunteers are experienced gardeners who have completed a 55-hour core training curriculum covering topics ranging from Plant Biology, Integrated Pest Management, Composting, Vegetable Gardening, and much more. Cattaraugus County's new crop of Master Gardener Apprentices are ready to work in their communities as advisors, experts, and neighbors. They may be assisting a local community or school garden near you, responding to horticulture questions sent to the CCE office, or conducting soil tests for residents.

Interested in learning more about the Master Gardener Volunteer program or having a Master Gardener as a guest speaker? Call the office at 716-699-2377 x 106 or contact Program Coordinator Shannon Rinow at smr336@cornell.edu.

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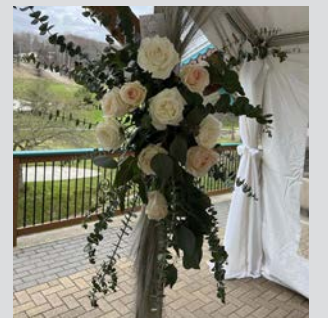
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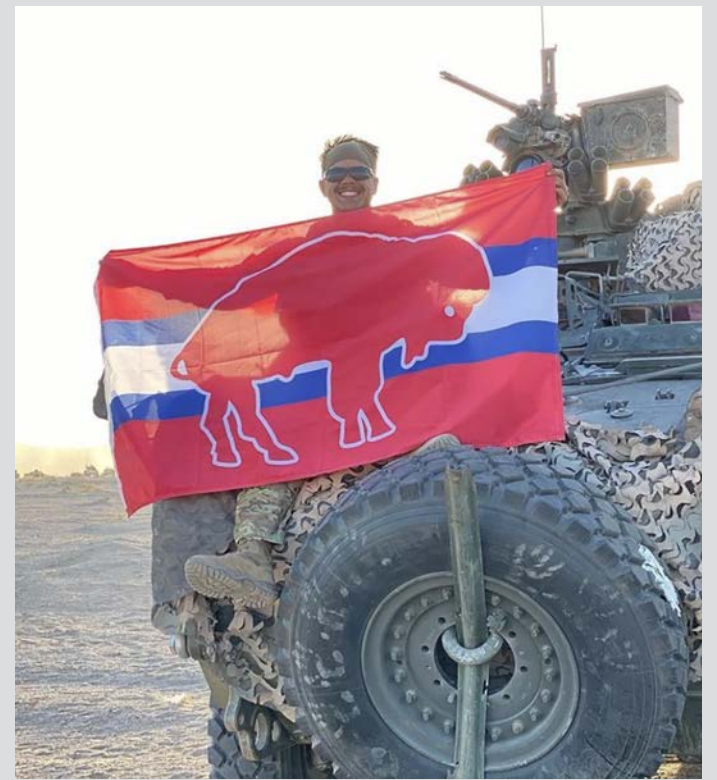
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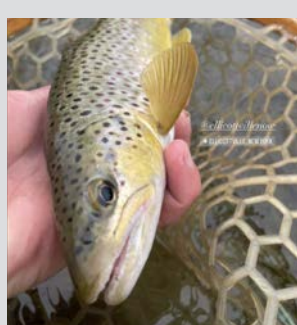
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