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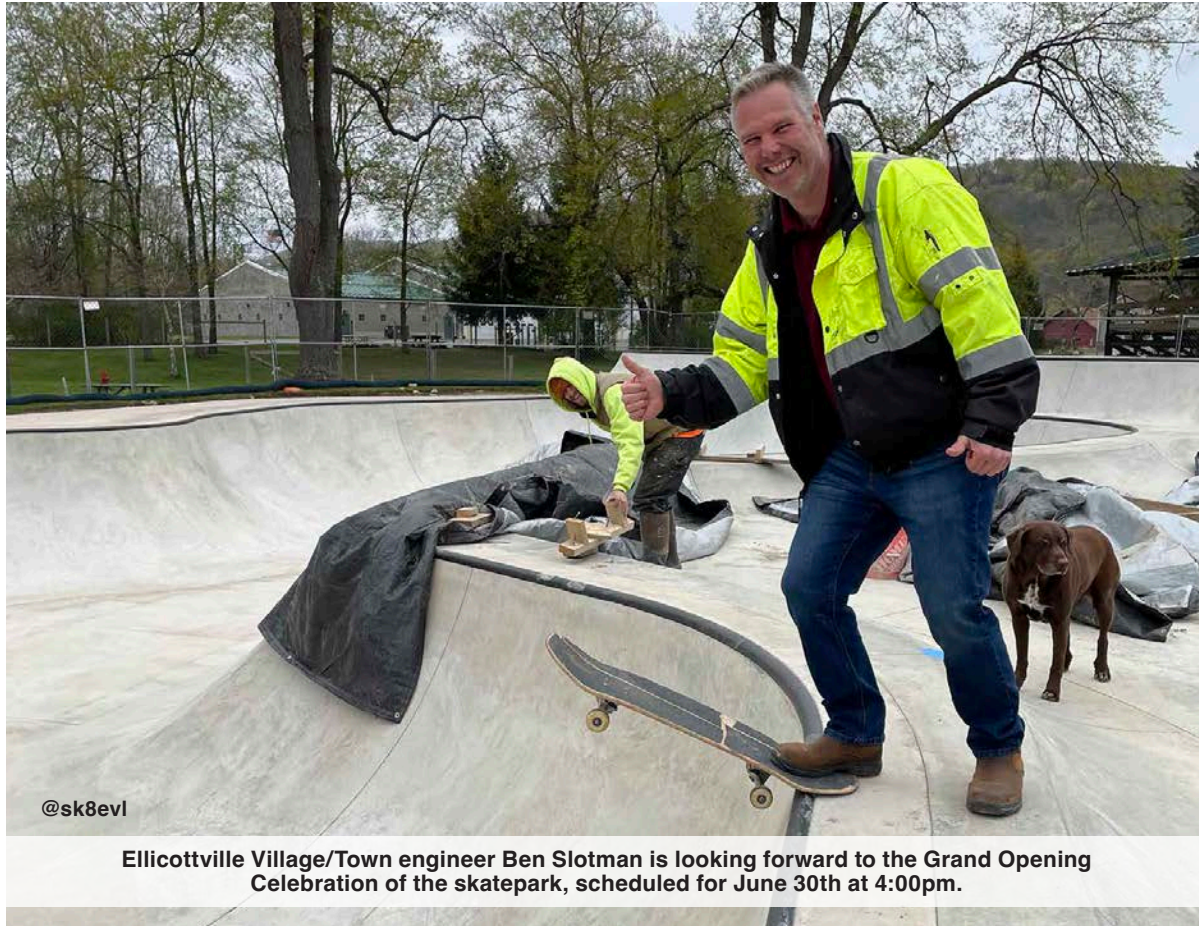
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New Concrete Skatepark Ready to Roll

Village of Ellicottville and SK8EVL Committee Plan Grand Opening Celebration



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ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE

You may have been one of the lucky ones in the 60's to have first attended an Allegany Nature Pilgrimage at Allegany State Park, aka "the wilderness playground of Western New York." The program has been around long enough for you to now take your grandchildren to this amazing outdoor learning experience for naturalists of all levels and ages. Simply put, from their website, "The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities."

What's the big deal about this program, you ask? Well, it's local, yet you'll get a comprehensive worldview of nature when you are done. You will learn about birding and botany, butterflies and bees, dragonflies and damselflies, art, edible wild plants, rocks and fossils. And that's not even the half of it.

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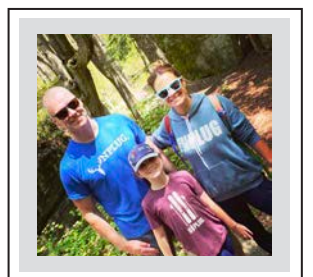
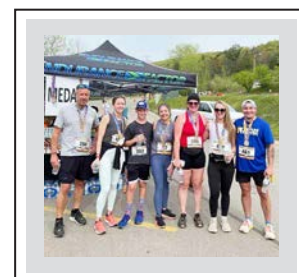
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Onoville Marina Opens for the Season

Boaters Take to the Waters for Another Season of Fun

By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Now known as one of the Chautauqua-Allegany region's finest, yet most affordable marina and park, Onoville is open for the 2023 season! The area is "God's country" beautiful for a day trip and your chances of seeing bald eagles and osprey are very good.

And you can make a great day out of visiting. You can rent a boat (seasonally) from the Ono Outfitters and Oasis Boat Rentals when they open at the end of May and take a spin through the beautiful waters. You can stop at the Onoville General Store or the Turtle Pit to grab some snacks to munch on your trip, then when you come back to shore, you can hit up one of the local restaurants around the Marina for a good meal to end the day.

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Publisher's PICK

FRESH CONCRETE READY FOR SKATEBOARDS

Village of Ellicottville and SK8EVL Committee Plan Grand Opening Celebration of New Public Skatepark



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"On behalf of SK8EVL, we can't thank the New Car Dealers of WNY Charitable Foundation enough for their support in this endeavor," said Brenda Perks, SK8EVL lead advocate. "Their \$100,000 donation turned into \$200k as a result of The Skatepark Project and RCW Jr. Foundation's Built to Play matching grant program. Add to that all the support we've received from businesses and community members right here in Ellicottville, as well as support from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation (CRCF), and we now have a state-of-the-art facility that welcomes all ages, all skill levels, and most importantly, a safe space where our youth can be active, develop friendships and express themselves through the sport of skateboarding."

Built to Play Skatepark Grants are offered through a partnership between The Skatepark Project and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. The grant initiative offers matching grant funds of up to \$250,000. The Built to Play Skatepark Program supports community groups and municipal entities throughout Western NY and SE Michigan that are seeking to create free, public skateparks that serve low-income communities. Built to Play Skatepark Grants also include an additional \$50,000 to fund processes and design features that lessen the environmental impact of the skatepark. Ellicottville received the full match as well as the environmental impact award.

CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit praised the SK8EVL committee for their efforts to raise funds for the skatepark project. "It is no small feat for a group of volunteers to raise \$250,000," said Buchheit. "It is a testament to the dedication of Brenda, her husband Chris and the SK8EVL committee that they were able to raise such a total for this skatepark. Because of their efforts, there will be an incredible space for skateboarders, roller skaters, BMX riders and more that is unlike anything in Cattaraugus County to date."

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

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Great Valley Fire Company Organizes 1st Annual "Nada Regatta"

Red Rain will take the stage Friday evening, June 9th at 7:00pm to welcome guests to the first annual Nada Regatta in Great Valley, New York.



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

If you're a local like me, you know all about the Great Valley Regatta. Watching the amusingly costumed participants make their way down Cattaraugus Creek while drinking copious amounts of beer and camping out on Klawitter Road where the bonfires and parties lasted all through the night... it was legendary. All that is now a thing of the past. Regatta has been gone since Covid hit three years ago and it doesn't seem like it will ever make a comeback, but no worries, the Great Valley Fire Company has come up with a new tradition.

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The line-up of bands for the inaugural weekend is impressive, featuring favorites like Mo Porter, Hazzard County and Red Rain. Concerts are being held behind the Fire Department Clubhouse (directly across from the Fire Department, located at 6035 Depot Street in Great Valley, NY) and for all those who might have been worried, fear not... beer will be served there. There will also be food vendors and breakfast service, too!

LIVE MUSIC LINE-UP

FRIDAY: Gates opens at noon

- 3:00-5:00pm: Freedom Hills
- 5:00-7:00pm, Clockout Friday
- 7:00-9:00pm, Red Rain - a Buffalo-based band performing hits from the 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s.
- 9:00-11:00pm, Mo Porter, - a local favorite, the Mo Porter band has been playing together for over 15 years, belting out the classics from Van Morrison, Lynyrd Skynyrd, The Doors and more.

SATURDAY: Gates open at 10:00am

- 12:00-2:00pm, Interstate Daydream - Rick Emily and Marge Tucker make up this talented duo.
- 2:00-4:00pm, Remedy
- 4:00-6:00pm, Hazzard County - one of Western New York's best options for Modern Country music from a band that consists of experienced musicians with over a century of combined knowledge between them.
- 6:00-8:00pm, Welcome Distraction - WNY's most versatile rock party band. They do outdoor, indoor, festivals, weddings, birthdays... any occasion! Playing everything from Bruno Mars to ZZ Top, they are sure to be a crowd pleaser.
- 8:00-10:00pm, Rockmaninov - the weekend rounds out with a live performance from this well know 4-piece rock group.

Band and event merchandise will be available for purchase at the venue, as well as 75th Fire Company Anniversary t-shirts and hoodies.

Keep in mind there are some rules to abide by. You CANNOT BYOB (bring your own beverages) into the music event area; alcohol will be on sale at the venue. You should bring a comfortable lawn chair but DO NOT BRING tents or canopies. Hard coolers are NOT allowed but soft coolers are. You will be required to present photo ID to access the beer tent.

There will be limited parking near the venue, with overflow parking available by the campgrounds. They will have a shuttle service available for all campers and anyone using the overflow parking on Klawitter Road and will run one hour prior to and after the bands perform.

You can still camp on good ole' Klawitter Road for Nada Regatta. A weekend camping pass is \$75 and it offers access to the campgrounds on June 9th at noon - June 11th. Each campsite measures 20' x 50'. Six people and one vehicle are permitted per campsite.

If you don't pick up the weekend pass, camping spots are on a first come, first served basis. One camper per site. All registered campers with vehicles may not leave until Sunday morning, to keep weekend traffic flowing smoothly. No camping is permitted out-

"Nada Regatta" continued page 14

START OF SUMMER BONFIRE

Let's Get This Party Started ... at the Ellicottville Distillery



Porcelain Train, a local favorite featuring husband and wife duo, Ralph and Tamala Fonda, will provide the entertainment at this year's Summer Bonfire.

By JESSICA SCHULTZ

The weather is beautiful, school is winding down and summer has arrived. It's the season of BBQs, swimming, biking, hiking, and outdoor activities galore. Ellicottville offers a great variety of things to do during the warm weather months and the Ellicottville Distillery, located at 5462 Robbins Road, is one of the places that is no slouch in the entertainment department. They've got a full calendar of events from now through August that is jam packed with awesome parties, bands and more... starting with their annual Start of the Summer Bonfire on May 27th.

Owners Bryan and Renee Scharf love to invite guests out to their little haven outside of town to share a delicious drink, made with their fine distilled on-site spirits. (That Maple Bourbon Creme slaps on its own, or pro-tip, as a float)

"Our Summer Bonfire event is FREE to attend. We just ask people to bring a chair or something to sit on of their own," said Renee. "This isn't a 21-and-up event; everyone of all ages is invited to attend. We have a few outside games that will be set up in the yard including cornhole and our huge jenga boards."

As for live music, well known local favorite, Porcelain Train are on the bill. They are the acoustic husband and wife duo of Ralph and Tamala Fonda, playing a wide variety of music including covers of Folk, Classic Rock, Country and an Americana mix of their own originals that combine thoughtful lyrics with unique rhythm and harmony. A great band for the whole family to enjoy!

And you aren't going to have to go hungry at the event. The Buckaroos Food Truck out of Wyoming, NY will be on-site. They specialize in poutine - traditionally fresh cut fries smothered in brown gravy with squeaky fresh cheese curds. From original to specialty selections like pulled pork, Philly cheesesteak and more, they also offer just the fresh cut fries and a few other tasty fried treats. (Fried Oreos for dessert sounds great to me!)

Renee wanted to remind everyone who is of drinking age but still a kid at heart that, "usually Saturdays we have our slushee machine up and running with an alcoholic beverage of some sort." (This past weekend during their Blueberry Vodka release party, that slushee machine was killing it!)

OTHER EVENTS ON DECK

In talking about further plans, Renee stated, "Saturday, June 17th is our next big event. It's the EARS Dice Run. Ellicottville Distillery will be the final destination in the run. We'll have basket raffles set up and of course some animals will be here looking for their forever home. While we are asking people to bring canned food (animal) for donation, it is a FREE event to attend."

The following day, Sunday, June 18th will be the kick-off for the Distillery's live music Sundays! Each Sunday will feature a different band performing live for guests, with their first set-up welcoming Meet the Bacons from 2:00-5:00pm. Joe and Robin Bacon make up the acoustic duo that play a mix of Reggae, Rock, Americana and more... always worth coming out to see!

"We have so many things in the works. The Start of the Summer Bonfire really is just the beginning of the season fun we've got in store for everyone," said Renee. "We're finishing up the details for our Classic Car Show and BBQ in June, our Pig Roast in July, and of course our huge Annual Distilled & Chilled Music Festival in August." Renee explained, "It's the 4th year and it's happening rain or shine. Tickets are available now. They are \$10 pre-sale, or you can pay at the gate the day of for \$15. (Kids under 12 are FREE!) Music, food trucks, vendors... bring your lawn chairs and enjoy!" More details on the line-up of bands and vendors will be in ellicottvilleNOW closer to the event date of August 19th, so keep your eye out!

SEE YOU MAY 27TH AT THE DISTILLERY!

"But first, come on out to the Distillery on May 27th for our Summer Bonfire. The Distillery will open at noon, Porcelain Train will perform from 5:00-8:00pm and we'll be lighting the fire towards the evening," said Renee.

You can say goodbye to Spring and hello to Summer while listening to good music and enjoying a signature cocktail by the fire. Sounds like the perfect way to kick off the warm-weather season for sure! For additional details, follow Ellicottville Distillery on Facebook and Instagram or call 716-597-6121.



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ADIRONDACK ART

Artist: Cathy Lacey
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Cathy Lacey is a retired art teacher who works part-time at the Ellicottville Memorial Library and still teaches art classes there. She enjoys working in mixed media and her work is a tribute to her many summers spent in the Adirondack Mountains.



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 Palette Location: The Tee Bar
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Ellicottville native Sara Goode is adept at painting, drawing, graphic design and so much more. As an artist, welding really sparks her creativity, so much so that she built her own business, Ellicottville Arc Custom Welding. She makes furniture and creates amazing art.



CARDINAL CREATION

Artist: Barbara Fox
 Palette Location: Nature’s Remedy
 26 Monroe St. • 716.699.4372

Barbara Fox is a painter recognized for watercolor and oil mediums, still life, figure and floral subjects. Fox’s meticulously crafted works are exhibited & collected internationally, and have been selected for publication in fine art books & received numerous awards.



WHIMSICAL WILDFLOWERS

Artist: Jenna Hadley
 Palette Location: Ellicottville Oasis Spa
 6447 Holiday Valley Rd. • 716.699.8996

Jenna Hadley is an Ellicottville Central School graduate who is currently finishing her bachelor’s degree in business administration at the SUNY Fredonia campus. Her palette submission is a whimsical wildflower display that she hand wood-burned.



BLAZING BLUE HORSES

Artist: Randy Zahn
 Palette Location: The Tee Bar
 8 Washington St. • 716.699.9079

Randy Zahn is a 36 year old artist from Sinclairville, NY. He designed his Swedish Horses palette based on the memory of his great grandmother’s kitchen. The torch marks and stamped paint help give the work an aged look, so it wouldn’t look as new.



OLD SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Artist: Felicia Elom
 Palette Location: Villaggio
 7 Monroe St. • 716.699.2199

A graduate of Ellicottville Central School, Felicia Elom attended the University of Buffalo and now resides in Jamestown, NY. She has a diverse art style and enjoyed turning her palette into a tribute to old 90s kids shows, like Aaahh!!... Real Monsters.



MAGICAL MOSAIC

Artist: Jenn Powers
 Palette Location: The Gin Mill
 26 Washington St. • 716.699.2530

Local hair dresser Jenn Powers is a mixed-media artist who did some time in graphic design and who loves nature and reclaiming art as functional works. She used to create home decor, furniture and whimsical pieces as well as drawing & painting as foundation.



A GLASS OF ART

Artist: Samantha Stock
 Palette Location: Villaggio
 7 Monroe St. • 716.699.2199

ECS Student Samantha Stock’s palette was inspired by the classy brunch vibe of the Town of Ellicottville. Samantha is currently a senior and is planning on pursuing a future in the art business via an education starting at Alfred University.



MAGICAL MOONSCAPE

Artist: Garret Lapi
 Palette Location: Villaggio
 7 Monroe St. • 716.699.2199

Garrett Lapi is an Ellicottville Central School graduate that currently works as a chef at the Old Library Restaurant in Olean, NY. He decided to emphasize a desert moonscape for his palette, using bright blue hues for the sky and darker colors for the earth.



WINE WONDER

Artist: Cole Lapi
 Palette Location: Villaggio
 7 Monroe St. • 716.699.2199

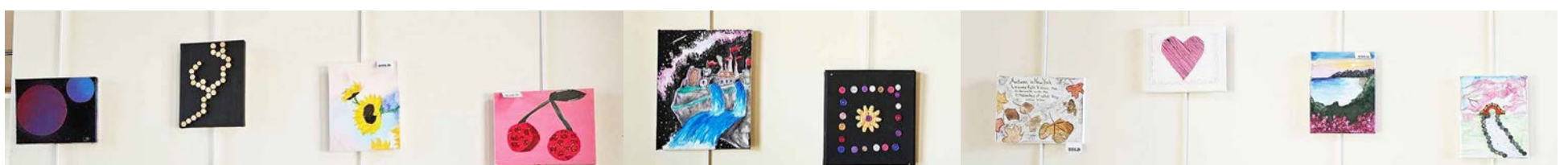
Cole Lapi is another graduate from Ellicottville Central School who pursued a degree in mechanical engineering. He used his heritage and degree to design his palette submission, using a red wine to stain the background before engraving his design onto it.



STUDENT ART CANVASES

Artists: Variety of Ellicottville Central Students
 Location: Ellicottville Memorial Library
 6499 Maples Rd. • 716.699.2842

Visit the Ellicottville Memorial Library for a chance to view and take home one of the beautiful canvas pieces done by local Ellicottville Central School art students. Showcasing their rising talents, pieces vary from abstract to fantastical and are available for purchase.



COMMUNITY

CORNHOLY MOLY

New Tournaments on the Horizon at Olean Cornhole Club; Looking for Sponsors



OLEAN - When Charles Givens, president of the Olean Cornhole Club, tossed bags with his friends back in early 2021, little did he know that his sport of choice with family and friends would develop into a club! "I love cornhole. We would gather weekly at different locations and toss our bags. In October 2021, the Olean Cornhole Club was created. By establishing an official cornhole club, it puts a professional air to the sport," stated Mr. Givens.

Olean Cornhole Club has weekly competitions held Wednesdays at the Christopher Columbus Lodge in Olean. Doors open at 5:30pm, with bags flying at 6:30pm. Folks that attend are guaranteed 6 games. Mr. Givens added, "We are gearing up for some exciting tournaments soon and looking for sponsors to help us make it happen! We need new equipment and support to make these events a success."

Their club is made up of a diverse group of individuals who share a passion for cornhole and enjoy the camaraderie and competition that the sport provides. By sponsoring the club, your company will have the opportunity to gain exposure to a wide audience of residents and visitors who attend their events.

Sponsorships that are available include the tournaments and equipment levels. The 3rd annual Belleisle Memorial Corn Hole Tournament will be held in July. This tourney will support the fight against drunk driving and suicide awareness. This tournament has two levels of sponsorships: Level 1 is \$150 and Level 2 is \$300. The level perks include: logo on poster, promo on the club's social media sites, and company name on trophies.

The Olean Cornhole 2nd Anniversary Bash will be held in Fall of 2023. The sponsor levels are same as the above.

The final opportunity of sponsorships is equipment level. The Club is looking to purchase new boards. These boards will be seen by a wide variety of people from all across New York state when we host events or live stream. The price of this sponsorship is a one-time fee of \$350. This will include your provided logo on one set (2) of Boards.

Mr. Givens stated, "We believe that our club provides a valuable service to the community by promoting an active and healthy lifestyle, fostering a sense of community, and providing a fun and engaging activity for all ages. We would be honored to have your support in achieving these goals."

Some say cornhole was invented in 14th century Germany. Others credit the Blackhawk tribe of Illinois. Still others point to a Kentucky farmer in the 1800s. Whatever its origins, the game cornhole emerged as a favorite pastime in Cincinnati about 24 years ago and soon spread like wildfire to backyards, beaches, breweries, and campgrounds across the United States. Playing the game is simple. Groups of two or four players take turns pitching bags into opposing cornhole platforms with the goal of scoring a corn bag in-the-hole (the bag must come to rest completely inside the platform), worth 3 points. Bags landing on the platform, but not completely in the hole, score 1 point. The first player or team to reach 21 wins.

For more information on the Olean Cornhole Club, please call Mr. Givens at 585-307-4767.

ECS BUDGET VOTE RESULTS ARE IN

Proposition 1: The basic budget will provide funds for all of the educationally related services and the maintenance of the school building. The budget was at the sum of \$14,906,437 for the 2023/2024 school year. Votes came it at 190 for and 31 against.

Proposition 2: The Ellicottville Board of Education was authorized to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$62,675 to lease one 66 passenger school and one 60+OWC passenger for each of the next five years (five annual payments), commencing with the 2023/2024 school year. The vote was 199 for to 20 against.

Proposition 3: The Ellicottville Board of Education and the Ellicottville Central School District were authorized to levy taxes annually in the amount of \$75,000 and to pay over such monies to the trustees of the Ellicottville Memorial Library. Vote was 181 for to 39 against.

Lastly, the Board of Education Member Elections were held, with the two candidates who received the most votes elected to serve a five-year term beginning July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028. The two candidates with the highest vote count were Jenna O'Connell with 171 and Debra Golley with 158.

ALLEGANY NATURE PILGRIMAGE

Allegany State Park Combines Fun with an Outdoor Learning Experience



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

You may have been one of the lucky ones in the 60s to have first attended an Allegany Nature Pilgrimage at Allegany State Park, aka "the wilderness playground of Western New York." The program has been around long enough for you to now take your grandchildren to this amazing outdoor learning experience for naturalists of all levels and ages. Simply put, from their website, "The Allegany Nature Pilgrimage is an annual outdoor learning experience. It combines fun with a variety of nature-oriented activities." You'll find the Program Schedule for Classes, Walks, and Fieldtrips at www.allegannaturepilgrimage.com (presently confirmed – could change) which can help you plan your weekend. Please note: no pets are allowed on the pilgrimage.

The Nature Pilgrimage is held at "Camp Allegany" in the Red House area of beautiful Allegany State Park, NYS's largest state park covering a vast 65,000 acres (101.5 square miles). Red House Area is the northeastern half of Allegany State Park. Here you will find Stone Tower, the Summit Fire Tower (built in 1926, the tower is open to the public during times when the park is open), Red House Lake, Bridal Falls, the Art Roscoe Ski Area, and the Administration Building (the original one in 1921 was a converted schoolhouse).

If you've ever read about the good work done by the CCC – especially during the WWII war years, this park is a perfect example of it. Wikipedia informs us that "the park was developed extensively between 1933 and 1942 when the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) took on the project of building roads, bridges, camping areas, trails, picnic areas and a ski resort. The CCC were also responsible for numerous conservation projects from reforestation to stream bank retention and wildlife improvements."

What's the big deal about this program, you ask? Well, it's local, yet you'll get a comprehensive worldview of nature when you are done. You will learn about birding and botany, butterflies and bees, dragonflies and damselflies, nature photography (on your iPhone), and art, mushrooms and edible wild plants, rocks and fossils and orienteering (how not to get lost in the wilds), wildflowers and grasses and sedges, frogs and fauna and the incredible richness and gifts of old growth forest. This program also offers classes in yoga, and papermaking, etc. This is not a complete list, so please go online at allegannaturepilgrimage.com and get all the information about the program. There you will find registration details, leader bios, event details, etc. Lodging and food are your responsibility, but the site will help you through those details as well. There is one deadline – a Saturday evening meal (BBQ chicken) is available but must be pre-ordered no later than May 20th. Learn more about logistics on the Event Details page.



Pro tips: pack bug spray, sunscreen, tick repellent spray (plus wear long and wear light)-<https://mountainjourney.com/avoid-ticks-while-hiking/>), sturdy footwear (leave the flip-flops at home), rain gear, a hat, water bottle and coffee mug (java available at registration building Friday afternoon and Saturday morning), binoculars and camera, blanket and/or lawn chair. Per the program Chairman, Lon Myers, "Last minute walk-ins will be accepted for a single day fee." Unfortunately, you cannot pick only one or several programs – "one fee entitles the registrant to attend any of the over 130 programs. As a volunteer group, it would be very difficult to administer a pay as you go event."

Thanks go out to these organizations who have sponsored and supported the pilgrimage since its inception:

- Audubon Community Nature Center (Jamestown, NY)
- Buffalo Audubon Society (Buffalo, NY)
- Presque Isle Audubon (Erie, PA)
- Burroughs Audubon Nature Club (Rochester, NY)
- Allegany State Park

Reminder: you'll also want to get to know the park well and find your favorite spot for the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse since the park will be in the path of totality (1 minute and 42 seconds). While you are at the park, check to see how the administration will be handling the influx of visitors on that day – don't be left out! Happy learning and adventuring!

PHOTO REWIND

Old West Co. Bringing Country Style to Ellicottville

Last Saturday, May 13th saw a nice crowd gather at 18 Washington Street when Ellicottville's newest shop, Old West Co., opened its doors. Local daughter and mom duo of Ariel and Tammy Clark were overjoyed to share their country western styles with everyone who came to visit.

photos / Jessica Schultz



Ellicottville Distillery Blueberry Vodka Release Party

Also on Saturday, May 13th, Ellicottville Distillery celebrated their new batch of Blueberry Vodka with a live performance by Kody & Heron, snacks from K.B. Food Truck and signature cocktails and slushies, highlighting their freshly distilled spirits. If you missed it, stop by this weekend!

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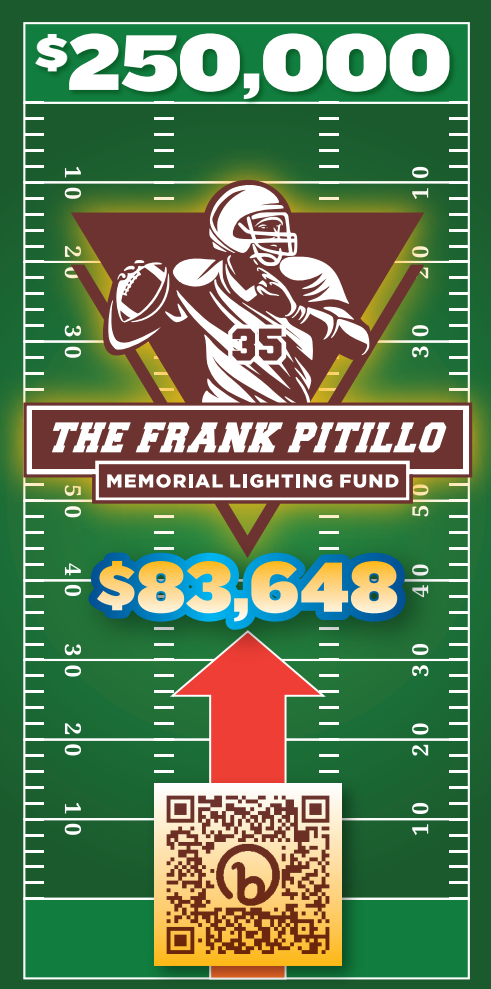
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LINK & LEARN SEMINAR SERIES

CRCF Offering New Social Media Learning Opportunities



OLEAN - The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation will hold its second Non-profit Link and Learn Seminar of the year, "Keep it Simple Social: An accessible approach to social media marketing for nonprofits," to be led by marketing experts Shelley Jack and Tracy DeRose on June 2.

The session will help nonprofit professionals and volunteers learn more about the impact effective social media marketing can have on their organizations and will provide practical tips and advice to achieve desired outcomes through social media.

Attendees will learn how to identify the best social media platform for their nonprofit and how their work through that platform can drive awareness, engagement and action for their cause.

The session will be held on June 2 from 12:00-1:00pm at the Laine Place building, 301 North Union St. in the third-floor Carney Training Room.

Shelley Jack is a marketing strategist and educator, whose consultancy, Shebe Marketing, helps thought leaders and organizations create greater business and social impact by (1) cultivating or clarifying the organization's identity - branding - and (2) integrating the brand into who they are as an organization -marketing.

Since its inception in 2014, the consultancy has offered marketing and branding audits, strategy, training and organizational development for a range of clients in higher education, manufacturing, healthcare, tourism and non-profit organizations.

In addition to the consultancy, Jack has held varying leadership roles for both organizations and marketing agencies in advertising, public relations, corporate communication, branding and marketing strategy.

As an educator, Jack has over 15 years of experience as a faculty member and in professional training. She has taught classes in marketing strategy, branding, content marketing, social media marketing and organizational communication. She has also lived abroad teaching English as a Foreign language and cross-cultural business communication.

Jack has an M.S. in Integrated Marketing Communication from St. Bonaventure University and a B.S. in Communication from Houghton College.

A copywriter, editor, and graphic designer, Tracy DeRose has worked in news, as well as the public relations and marketing fields in the Olean area for more than 30 years.

Currently, she is a public relations and branding specialist with Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, working with local school districts to boost their communications with families and the greater community.

Through her work with Cutco Cutlery Corp. and Vector Marketing Corp. as well as Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES, she has created content for everything from multi-million-dollar marketing campaigns and large-circulation sales catalogs to employee communications and school newsletters.

A serial volunteer, Tracy has worked with groups like CRCF, the Olean Food Pantry, Allegany Little League, Allegany-Limestone PTO, and the Allegany-Limestone Academic Boosters Club, to help them raise awareness for and educate their audiences about their mission.

A registration link is available at cattfoundation.org/nonprofit-link-and-learn-series.

The workshop will be held in person only.

"We are thrilled to have Shelley Jack and Tracy DeRose share their expertise on social media with our area nonprofits," said CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit. "Shelley's experience as a marketing strategist will intersect perfectly with Tracy's experience in communications for both corporate and civic causes."

"Nonprofit attendees will walk away from the session with practical knowledge they can take back to help their organization further their mission and achieve important strategic goals," she added.

The final session of the year, set for September 22, will focus on Cattaraugus Gives and will be led by Kirk Windus, Cattaraugus Gives coordinator and CRCF communications and fund development manager.

ONOVILLE MARINA PARK

Boaters Take to the Waters for Another Season of Fun



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It's always interesting to peek into the history books and learn a bit about the places we frequent and how they came to be. Consider the marina located on the Allegheny Reservoir in Frewsburg, NY, north of the Allegheny National Forest and west of Allegany State Park.

Now, before you think you found a typo in that sentence (Allegheny/Allegany), let me clarify. From Wikipedia, we learn that in the 1700's the Delaware Indians called all the creeks and waters meeting together Alligewinenk or, "land into which they came from distant parts." They called the river itself Allgewi Sipo – which whites then changed to the French, Alleghene, while the Six Nations tribes called the river Ohio (Ohi:'i:o) meaning "river beautiful" in the Seneca language. There is a NYS sign on Interstate 86, on Seneca lands, indicating the name of the river below as Ohi:Yo'. To further educate you, areas around the river have an alternate spelling of Allegany as in the village of Allegany and Allegany State Park. BTW, the river is 325 miles long, and water from the Allegheny River eventually flows into the Gulf of Mexico via the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers.

Onoville Marina sits on land known as South Valley which was settled by the Quakers in 1798. Ironically, although Seneca leaders, Cornplanter and Handsome Lake, had a few problems with a sawmill the Quakers built and then tore down in respect for the Seneca leaders, it was the Quakers who helped the Senecas keep their land which the Ogden Land Company wanted to acquire. Alas, no one, not even President John F. Kennedy whom the Senecas wrote to for intervention, could help when, in 1965, the Kinzua Dam was constructed, and the town was doomed to be evacuated and razed along with many small communities along the river. A hamlet known as Onoville sat where the marina was built.



Now known as one of the Chautauqua-Allegany region's finest, yet most affordable marina and park, Onoville is open for the 2023 season! Seasonal camping sites are already sold out. (You need to jump in at the first of 2024 to have a chance of getting one.) Weekly camping is sparse as well, so get online today if you want to spend more than a few hours in the area, and your schedule is flexible. It's very worth the time online if you can get the dates you want, with 91 miles of shoreline and secluded bays waiting for your visit. The area is "God's country" beautiful for a day trip and your chances of seeing bald eagles and osprey are very good.

And you can make a great day out of visiting. You can rent a boat (seasonally) from the Ono Outfitters and Oasis Boat Rentals when they open at the end of May and take a spin through the beautiful waters. You can stop at the Onoville General Store or the Turtle Pit to grab some snacks to munch on your trip, then when you come back to shore, you can hit up one of the local restaurants around the Marina for a good meal to end the day.

Two great options are the Horseshoe Inn Bar & Grill and The Hide-A-Way. The Horseshoe has been around for a very long time and is located at 1105 W. Perimeter Road in Frewsburg, NY. They operate Thursday through Saturday from noon-9:00pm and on Sundays from noon-8:00pm. They serve traditional American food in a friendly atmosphere. The Hide-A-Way is located at 2597 Route 394 in Steamburg, NY and is open everyday from 11:30am-9:00pm, except Fridays and Saturdays, when they are open until 10:00pm. They specialize in homestyle family meals both formal and casual. Their motto is: "From the moment you walk in, you're family."

For more information, please visit <http://OnovilleMarina.com>. Onoville Marina Park, 704 W. Perimeter Road, Frewsburg, NY, phone 716-354-2615.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Starting a Workout Program? Be Prepared for DOMS: Delayed Onset Muscle Soreness

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Starting a workout program can be challenging. Making the time to exercise, creating a balanced routine, and setting goals are hard enough, but add to that the muscle soreness that comes with adapting to that regimen, and it may be difficult to stay on track.

After participating in some kind of strenuous physical activity, particularly something new to your body, it is common to experience muscle soreness, say experts. "Muscles go through quite a bit of physical stress when we exercise," says Rick Sharp, professor of exercise physiology at Iowa State University in Ames. "Mild soreness is just a natural outcome of any kind of physical activity," he says, "and they're most prevalent in beginning stages of a program."

Exercise physiologists refer to the gradually increasing discomfort that occurs between 24 and 48 hours after activity as delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS), and it is perfectly normal. Delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS) is a common result of physical activity that stresses the muscle tissue beyond what it is accustomed to. To be more specific, delayed onset muscle soreness occurs when the muscle is performing an eccentric or a lengthening contraction. Examples of this would be running downhill or the lengthening portion of a bicep curl. The mild muscle strain injury creates microscopic damage to the muscle fibers. Scientists believe this damage, coupled with the inflammation that accompanies these tears, causes the pain. "The aches and pains should be minor," says Carol Torgan, an exercise physiologist and fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, "and are simply indications that muscles are adapting to your fitness regimen."

No one is immune to muscle soreness. Exercise newbies and body builders alike experience delayed onset muscle soreness.

Exercise physiologists and athletic trainers have not yet discovered a remedy for DOMS, however, several remedies such as ice, rest, anti-inflammatory medications, massage, heat, and stretching have been reported as helpful in the process of recovery. Stretching helps break the cycle, which goes from soreness to muscle spasm to contraction and tightness.

Probably the most important thing is to have a cool-down phase after your workout. This can involve finishing with a light jog or walk for 10 minutes or more followed by stretching.

Delayed onset muscle soreness usually affects only the body parts that were worked, so perhaps you can work other muscle groups while letting the fatigued ones recover. It's also a process of muscle conditioning. I usually stress this with my newer clients that the



next time they do the activity, there will be less muscle tissue damage, less soreness, and a faster strength recovery.

Soreness can serve as encouragement in a workout program because people like immediate results. Muscle doesn't visibly [grow] overnight; nor does your time in the mile drop from eight to six minutes, but something like soreness can give people encouragement that they are in fact working the muscle.

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

ART IN THE WILDS 2023

Artists Announced for this Year's Fine Arts & Crafts Show



Kane's Seventeenth Annual Art in the Wilds art show is in the works! The popular fine art and fine crafts show will be held Saturday, June 24 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, June 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Fine artists and artisans submitted applications and photos to a jury panel which decided on the final slate of participants for the 2023 show. Artists were chosen for the quality of their work, and with consideration to balancing the variety of media.

Last year the artists were thrilled to be back doing a live show because they missed the interaction with the browsers and buyers in their booths. The Art in the Wilds committee has been planning throughout the year, and again will be planning for a safe show for everyone.

Art in the Wilds is pleased to welcome the following artists to the 2023 Show:

Ceramics/Pottery: Lana Heckendorn, Karen McKee, Krysta Robinson, Amanda Wolf, Francine Zajac

Fiber arts: Pamela Bartl, Connie Blair, Debbie Penley, Jill Rouke.

Glass: Amy Hahn, Michelle Hoff, Kalpana Lehman

Jewelry: Gerina Faison, Peggy Houser, Christina Krautz, Donna Little, LeAnne Marquis, Deborah Moyer, Kaylee Taylor, Diane Wright.

Leather: Elie Abdelahad

Mixed Media: Victor & Megan Huston-Field, Dawn Johnson

Painting/Drawing: Chandler Beatty, Al Dornisch, Denise Drummond, Laura Gardner, Jack Paluh, Ellen Paquette, Alexis Rodefer

Photography: Jane Axman, Larry Downey, Rocky Holland, Gene Pembroke, Curt Weinhold

Sculpture: Anthony Arkus

Wood: Gregg Kristophel, Jack Northrop, Robert Vrboncic

Art in the Wilds is a family friendly event and a great way to enjoy a day at Evergreen Park. Each year the two-day show draws thousands of people from throughout western Pennsylvania and New York. "This wonderful art show would not be possible without the support of our generous community-minded sponsors," said Julie Cleland, President of Art in the Wilds. As a 501(c)3 non profit organization, Art in the Wilds is able to promote the show with local and regional advertising. Donations also provide needed services for the weekend.

Supporters include grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Kane Community Development Foundation, the Cleland Endowment and the Northwest Charitable Foundation. Major sponsorships include Zook Motors and Ed and Julie Malmstrom.

In addition, Art in the Wilds partners with several organizations including the Kane Chamber of Commerce, Allegheny National Forest Vacation Bureau, PA Route 6, and the Wilds Cooperative of Pennsylvania.

For more information visit www.artinthewilds.org or Facebook.

BOCES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

CA BOCES Honored by State Legislature; Resolution, Citation Mark Anniversary



Olean, NY - CA BOCES is among the 37 BOCES statewide that were recently recognized with a state Senate resolution and Executive Chamber citation marking the 75th anniversary of the BOCES system.

"New York State greatly benefits from and owes much of its success to its many prominent educational institutions, and as such, welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge the Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) as they celebrate their 75th anniversary," the governor's citation reads in part. (Full text here: <https://www.boces.org/about-boces/boces-a-history/executive-chamber-citation/>)

The BOCES system has its origins in Section 1950 of state Education Law, which authorized the creation of boards of cooperative educational services. What began with just a few local supply teacher programs has grown into a statewide network serving nearly all of the state's more than 700 school districts.

Together, the 37 BOCES educate tens of thousands of students each year, including nearly 42,000 career and technical education students, more than 16,000 special education students, and more than 16,000 adult learners. Locally, CA BOCES serves 22 school districts and approximately 17,000 students in our region that spans 2,159 square miles.

CA BOCES District Superintendent, Scott Payne, said that he is proud of the work being done by BOCES' throughout New York and in the Cattaraugus-Allegany region. "Our team – no matter the role they play – is focused on providing the services and experiences that best serve the students in our region. I have no doubt that that commitment will continue for many more years to come."

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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, daily-citytrain.skate@gmail.com. Purpose: any lawful activity.

MEETING UPDATE

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Town ZBA meeting originally scheduled for June 1st has been rescheduled for May 25th. Please call Greg Keyser (Town Planner) at 716-801-3016 if you have questions/concerns.

NADA REGATTA

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side of the designated camping area on Klawitter Road. Check-in will be at the front of the entrance and only those who are registered to camp will be allowed into the campground.

Keep in mind there will be no ATV vehicles, no glass bottles and just to be clear, this is NOT A REGATTA. The Great Valley Volunteer Fire Company isn't responsible for anybody who chooses to float down the creek. Use of canoes/kayaks is not permitted in the campgrounds. Also, though they love animals, the fire company requests that you leave your pets at home, as they aren't allowed in the campground or at the festival venue.

All of this info is very helpful so that everyone can enjoy the festival experience. The Great Valley Volunteer Fire Company wants to thank everyone in the community and surrounding areas for their continued support and hopes that everyone enjoys the 1st Annual Nada Regatta.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit greatvalleyfireco.com and hit the contact button to leave a message and they will get back to you shortly after. You can also visit their Facebook page to keep up with any new info prior to the event.

GUS MACKER DEADLINE EXTENDED

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Registration Deadline Extended to May 22

OLEAN - Macker officials from the organization's headquarters in Belding, Michigan have extended the deadline for Olean, NY registration. Entries are still being accepted for the Olean Gus Macker Basketball Tournament. The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce is calling for visitors, students and community members to sign up for the June 2-4 Gus Macker three-on-three basketball tournament.

Entry deadline for teams interested in this year's tournament are Monday, May 22 at 11:59 PM for applications that are submitted on-line for internet entries. To register on-line, go to www.macker.com. The entry fee must accompany the team's application and be paid by credit card. The entry fee for four player teams is \$160. Offline applications can be brought to the Chamber no later than 3:00pm on Friday, May 19th to be sent up with the others that the office has collected. The Chamber anticipates having over 160 teams and 6,000 spectators from a 100-mile radius to attend the 3-day event and see this as a great opportunity to showcase Olean.

"My blood pressure hasn't done well this past week - with the slow uptick of the teams entering the tournament," joked Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. Team counts were at 40 - May 5; 63 - May 9; 72 - May 13; and then May 15th - 94 teams. "The Macker shows updates in real time online for host cities. It's known that a Macker won't be held if 100 teams aren't signed up. Last year, the team count was similar - I believe that the make up of players are now focusing on one sport throughout the year, many also may have other sports commitments (but we knew that, but figured Jamestown held it in early June for many successful years)," she added.

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

"If I was a betting person, I would say that we will be close to last year's 125 teams entering the 2023 Olean Macker," she continued. The Macker budget for 2023 is based on 160 teams.

The major sponsors of this year's tournament are the 45 corporate partners of the Chamber. They fronted the \$10,000 franchise fee to bring the tourney to town. Organizers also are looking for volunteers to keep score, serve as referees, assist with water and food distribution, and help set up and tear down. To volunteer or for more information, please contact the Chamber at 716-372-4433 or info@oleanny.com.

SKILLSUSA ADVISOR OF THE YEAR

CA BOCES Animal Science Instructor Recently Recognized

Belmont, NY - CA BOCES Animal Science instructor from the CTE Center at Belmont, Cassandra Ploetz, was recently named both regional and state SkillsUSA Advisor of the Year.

The Skills USA program features competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the nation. Contests begin locally and continue through the state and national levels. Key areas of competition include communication, construction, heavy equipment operation, welding, animal sciences, health sciences, hospitality and tourism, human services, information technology, leadership, manufacturing, and STEM. Competing students are led locally by staff advisors who help students understand the framework of the events and prepare for competition.

Ploetz has been teaching Animal Science at the CTE Center at Belmont for seven years and has been the Skills USA Advisor for the past five years. Of the SkillsUSA program, she said: "There are a lot of great things about being the Skills USA Advisor...but the real magic and greatest impact comes in seeing students who have a talent, guiding them to competition category that best suits them as individuals, and then watching them bloom. They may not always be a medal winner, but they grow and mature into better citizens. SkillsUSA offers this group of up-and-coming students a place to feel and be successful and celebrated."

She also noted the many benefits of the SkillsUSA program for students. "Students benefit from Skills USA in so many ways and each is different from one student to the next," she said. "I get phone calls and text messages from teachers and parents saying, 'I cannot believe my student actually did that' or 'This has been a huge and transforming experience for my student'. For many, getting out of their comfort zone is an enormous piece. Other students find out from competing with other students regionally and state-wide that they need to keep pushing their skills to the next level. The benefits of Skills USA are truly endless."

Jim Schifley, CA BOCES Assistant Superintendent for Career and Technical Education, said that he is proud of the recent recognition. "Our staff at all centers put in many hours and provide lots of support to our CTE students as they prepare for the Skills USA competitions," he said. "It is a true honor for Cassandra to be recognized in this capacity."

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