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## Welcome to Lift Access in Ellicottville

HoliMont Bike Park Fires up the Sunset Lift for Another Summer of Downhill Mountain Biking

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BY BRENDA PERKS

HoliMont welcomed a wave of mountain biking enthusiasts last Saturday, May 27 when they opened up the Bike Park with lift access for the 2023 summer season. Over 200 members and guests took to the trails, anxious to put their two wheels in motion. The Park Crew have been hard at work reshaping and fine-tuning the trails in anticipation of the season. The team is currently cutting new trail to add to the already impressive trail system, including a jump trail slated to open later this summer.

HoliMont currently offers 8 downhill mountain biking trails that make up just under 10 miles of track. Up-hill lift service on HoliMont's Sunset lift operates Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am-4:30pm. HoliMont will add Friday lift service (12:00-7:00pm) starting June 16th. Bike Park season passes can still be purchased at [holimont.com](http://holimont.com), and on-site mountain bike rentals are available through Loud Performance, located at the base of Sunset lift. To learn more about the HoliMont Bike Park including the new Friday Race Series, visit [holimont.com](http://holimont.com) and follow @holimont\_parks on IG. See more photos from last weekend inside.

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## KING OF THE HILL RACE RETURNS

If you're going to be king of the hill... better make it over to Chapel Hill! On Saturday, June 24th when the King of the Hill race returns to Chapel Hill Raceway in Great Valley. According to Chapel Hill promoter Jim Smith, this long-anticipated race hasn't been held since before the Covid-19 pandemic, and it promises to be an exciting race. For those who are looking for a fun, adrenaline-pumping afternoon just 15 minutes away from Ellicottville, the King of the Hill race is the place to be.

Located at 4716 Chapel Hill Road in Great Valley, Chapel Hill Raceway opened in 1997 as a go kart track. Current owner Ronnie Flaim installed fencing and walls to turn it into a 1/7th mile asphalt three-quarter midget racetrack, and for the first time ever, Chapel Hill is welcoming the New York Champ Kart Series to the King of the Hill race.

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## 6TH ANNUAL CRITTER CRUISE DICE RUN HELPS ANIMALS IN NEED

'Tis the season of sunshine, outdoor adventure, and motorcycles. Surely you've seen riders out and about traveling the open roads. Maybe you're one of them. Or maybe you're not but you'd like to be. Maybe anyone who loves to ride would be happy to do it for a good cause. All riders are welcomed at the Alice Perkins 6th Annual Critter Cruise Dice Run on Saturday, June 17th. The event supports the Empire Animal Rescue Society and their mission to transport, foster and re-home the many dogs, cats and other animals that are rescued from varying circumstances. [ellicottvilleNOW](http://ellicottvilleNOW.com) reached out to one of the owners of Iron Valley Motor Company (kickoff point of the event), Charlene Roblee, to learn more about how they became involved ... page 07

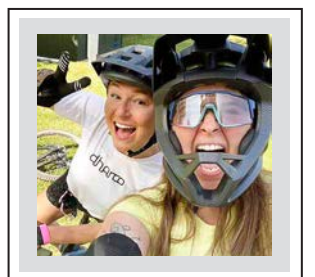
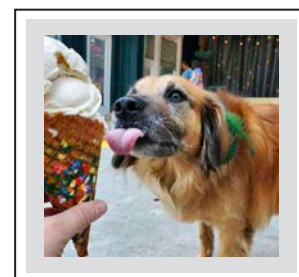
## New Civil War Exhibit at Cattaraugus County Museum

One hundred sixty-two years ago, on June 12, 1861, the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry was presented a flag at Camp Weed near The Battery in Manhattan. Their flag depicted the NYC shield of arms painted in the center with a red scroll above the seal with the regiment's name and below a light gray-blue banner with the words, "Presented by the City of New York." Over a century and a half later, the flag, which suffered severe deterioration, has been semi-restored and is now on display not far from Ellicottville ... page 11

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## Carson Waterman: A Retrospective

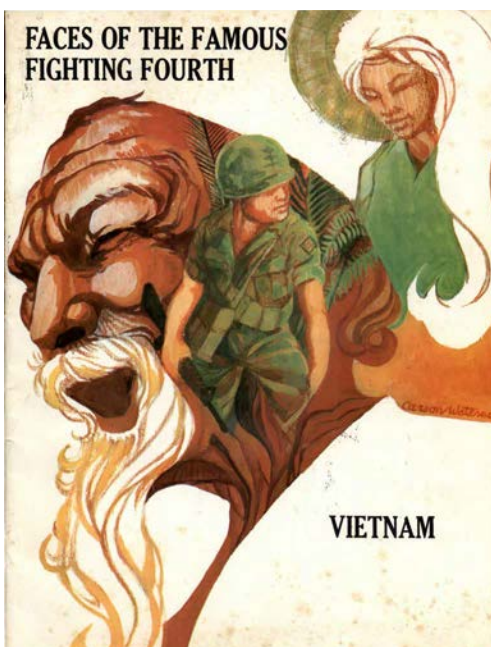
Seneca-Iroquois National Museum Showcases Distinguished Seneca Artist

BY MARY WEISER

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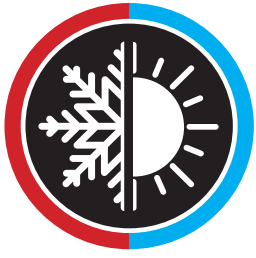
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## HERITAGE DAY IS BACK AT THE ONÖHSAGWË:DE' CULTURAL CENTER

What are you doing on June 10th? You could be heading down to 82 West Hetzel Street in Salamanca, NY to visit the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center for their Annual Heritage Day Festival. This FREE event blends the experience of Hodinöhsö:ni' culture and traditional celebrations with modern conveniences and entertainment. Heritage Day is also all about people coming together. It's a family-friendly event featuring artists and food vendors and demonstrators, like traditional arts like basket weaving and straw doll making ... page 11



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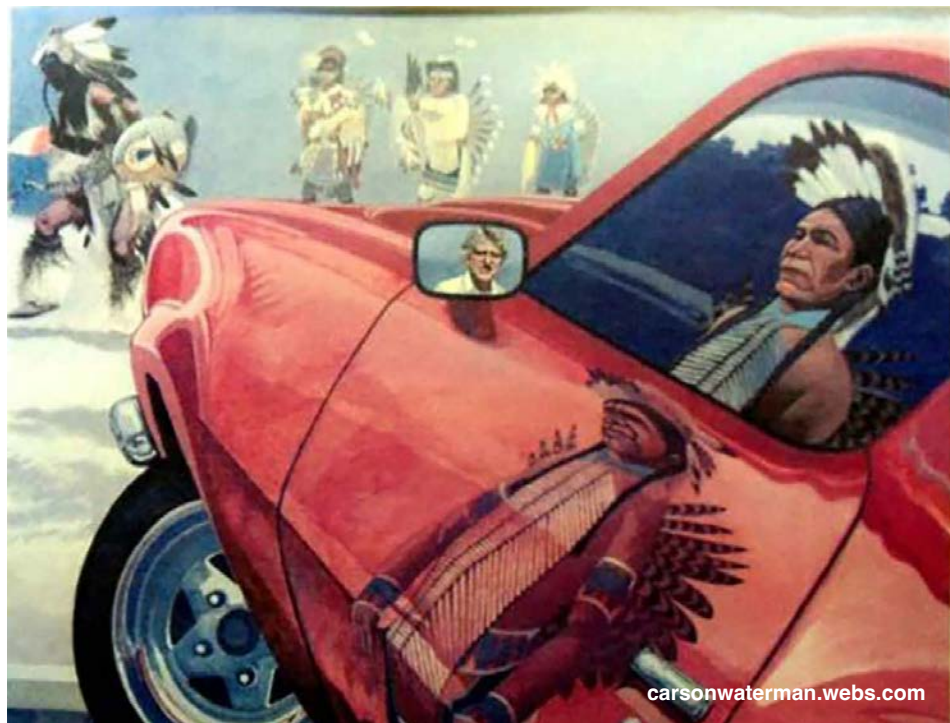
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# Publisher's PICK

**"ART IS SELF-EXPRESSION"**

A Celebration of History and Culture:  
Seneca Iroquois Museum Features Carson Waterman Retrospective



BY MARY WEISER

From his early childhood at the Thomas Indian School, to his service in the Vietnam War, to the shut-down of 30 miles of the New York State Thruway, artist Carson Waterman has witnessed many watershed moments in history. Throughout his decades-long career, he has dedicated his life to a simple - yet powerful - lesson he learned in art school: "Art is self-expression." It's this mantra that has allowed Waterman to share his unique story through his artwork, which is being featured in a brand-new exhibit at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum that opened just last week on Saturday, May 27th.

"Carson Waterman: A Retrospective" is a celebration of Waterman's life and work, as he is one of the most prolific and impactful artists to represent Onondowa'ga history and culture. A member of the Snipe Clan, Waterman continues to live and paint in Salamanca, though he spent his early years on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation. Even his earliest memories include art, said Waterman. "I remember being interested in art when I was around five years old," he explained. "I was in the Thomas Indian School... I had just turned five, so I was in the youngest building with kids that went up to eight years old." Working with government-issued legal paper and crayons, Waterman discovered a love of drawing. "The older boys were in a group drawing war stuff - I recall them making war noises, airplanes, and drawing these war scenes, so I tried to join them, and they kind of pushed me aside because I was so young!"

This didn't deter Waterman, who continued pursuing his love of art - and football - throughout his high school years at Gowanda Central School, where many Seneca students matriculated when the Thomas Indian School closed in 1957. "After high school, I was talking to my guidance counselor, and I asked if there were any schools that I could attend nearby that just focused on art," said Waterman. "I found this small art school in Cleveland, the Cooper School of Art. Cleveland, being on Lake Erie, turned out to be a really busy art community, and it was mostly because of the printing industry that thrived there because of the shipping industry and the lake."

In addition to studying fine art, Waterman learned quite a bit about commercial art, too, as many Cooper instructors had worked as artists for American Greetings, which is headquartered just outside of Cleveland. By the time Waterman reached the end of his schooling, about half of his portfolio was fine art and half was commercial art. "At the time, Vietnam was a very unpopular war, and everyone was being drafted," Waterman recalled. "I kept my grades up, and as soon as I finished, I got my draft notice. I thought maybe I could use my art skills and avoid Vietnam, but I did get orders to Vietnam, and while I was there, much of the time I would draw."

Part of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry Division, Waterman served in the central highlands of South Vietnam under Major General Donn R. Pepke. "It was all jungle - mountains and very heavy jungle," he recalled. "I carried a sketch pad with me in my rucksack, and every chance I got, I did drawings of other soldiers and everything I saw. Most everyone wrote letters, and I got kind of a scolding because I didn't send enough letters home!"

The course of Waterman's military career changed when he did a drawing of one of his lieutenants who had a broken ankle and had to go back to the rear. "The drawing I'd done of him, he took with him and he showed other officers," said Waterman. "They then became interested in me, and I did some drawings for them. The right officer came along, and he took my artwork to another office who was able to show the division commander, General Pepke. He sent orders for me to come back to the rear and do artwork for him! That saved my life."

Three months passed before Waterman was able to leave the front lines, due to a troop shortage. "When there were enough men to replace enough of us, I was able to go back," he said. "I was given special orders attached to the public information office to read through and select stories coming back from battle and do illustrations and drawings of what those stories were about." These stories and Waterman's illustrations were published in the division newspaper, as well as the quarterly magazines, such as "Faces of the Famous Fighting Fourth."

Upon his return home from Vietnam, the Seneca Nation's education program was just beginning. "They asked me if I'd work for them, so I developed a small art organization," Waterman recalled. "I worked with kids in grade school up to seniors, and were producing

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# SCHOOL SPORTS

## ELLICOTTVILLE BASEBALL'S CINDERELLA STORY ENDS

#5-Ranked Eagles Play for Title Despite Losing Record

By RICH RUMFOLA

Having lost the last six regular-season contests in a row, and sporting a 5-13 overall record, it seemed about a 50-50 shot that the Eagles wouldn't make it past their opening round match-up at Brocton. The way it actually played out is that the Eagles were just one more great day away from winning the whole thing and moving on to the Far West Regionals versus the winner of Section V. The following is a game-by-game account of their recent playoff run.

### CLASS D QUARTERFINAL ROUND

#4 Brocton vs. #5 Ellicottville, May 23 @ Brocton Senior HS

Ellicottville's diamond dogs found themselves in the semifinal round by virtue of a dramatic, 11-7, come-from-behind, upset victory over the Brocton Bulldogs on Tuesday, May 23 in the quarterfinal round at Brocton.

When the game began, the Brocton starting pitcher was simply not up for the challenge and was unable to find the strike zone before he was replaced in the first inning with no outs yet recorded, the bases loaded with Eagles, and the visitors ahead by three runs.

The Eagles punched a total of six runs across home plate in the top of the first, but right away in the bottom of the inning, the home team Bulldogs scored three runs of their own and chipped away at the Ellicottville lead until a 6-0 Eagles surplus turned into a 7-6 Brocton lead by the end of the third inning.

After the huge offensive outburst to begin the contest, Eagles bats fell silent and the Bulldogs held the visitors at bay until the final stanza, when yet another Brocton pitcher lost the strike zone and got shelled by Eagles batters for five more runs.

Senior pitcher Caedon Wyatt tossed the complete game for the visiting Eagles, striking out five and overcoming an unsightly five defensive errors behind him that led to five unearned runs early on and probably a much closer contest than it should've been. In the game, Wyatt tossed 125 pitches (69 for strikes) and completely shut down the Bulldogs' offensive attack over the final four innings, giving the Eagles the chance to come back with the big five-run seventh inning that propelled them into the semifinal round.

"The thing about Caedon, he's a senior and he's always going to fight until the end," said Eagles coach Chris Mendell. "I told him it's a long game and to stay in there and keep grinding (and he did) and he gave us the chance to win."

For the afternoon, the Eagles' offense was paced by junior first baseman Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge and senior outfielder Christian Swalcy. Coolidge went 3-4 at the plate, including two runs batted in and two runs scored, while Swalcy came up big with two hits in four trips to the plate, scoring once and driving in another run.

Outfielder Owen Chudy filled the stat sheet on his batting line with a 1-3 performance at the plate. The junior scored once, walked once and drove in a pair of runs, including the eventual game-winner on a fielder's choice in Ellicottville's huge, seventh inning comeback.

Senior outfielder Ian Zeher also brought home two base runners with a 1-3 day at the plate.

### CLASS D SEMIFINAL ROUND

#5 Ellicottville vs. #8 Barker, May 25 @ Ellicottville Central School

Proving the old adage that there's something special about the coach's kid, freshman pitcher Cameron Mendell took the ball to start the game and then took it home with him as a trophy seven innings later, after leading his team to a 6-3 victory over the visiting Barker Raiders in the semi's and a berth in the Class D championship game.



photo / Rich Rumfola

The youngest player on the field that day, Mendell stepped up big-time in the biggest game of his life, limiting the visitors from the shores of Lake Ontario to just three runs scored on four hits and four walks in the complete-game win for Ellicottville.

"It feels pretty good," the young pitcher admitted after the game. Smiling broadly, he added, "The whole season's been a rough ride and now it's finally coming together and it's just the best feeling in the world to me."

Mendell found the strike zone with nearly 60 percent of his 110 pitches. He kept the visiting Raiders' batters off-balance throughout the entire game with a steady mix of breaking balls; he struck out six.

"For a freshman, the moment's not too big for him," Coach Mendell said of his son after the win. "He proved that throughout the year and he proved it again today."

Almost as impressive as his pitching performance was, the young pitcher also accounted for all the run support he would need in the game. As the Eagles' leadoff batter, Mendell went 2-4 at the plate, scoring four times and driving in one more run. Without finishing his thought, Coach Mendell implied that things generally don't work out so well in a game of this magnitude with all that pressure being put on the shoulders of such a youthful player.

"Typically, with a playoff game - a semifinal game - if you hand the ball to a freshman to start the game, well, you know..." Mendell admitted, then quickly added, "But I never had any second thoughts - he's got a rare talent and he showed that again - both at the plate and on the mound."

Aside from Mendell's big day at the plate, other Eagles swinging the hot bat included junior catcher Hunter Smith and senior centerfielder Gian Nuzzo, each of whom racked up a pair of hits that scored baserunners. Smith also chipped in with a pair of stolen bases.

With the Eagles stubbornly clinging to a 5-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, Men-

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## ELLICOTTVILLE SOFTBALL SQUAD DOWNED IN SEMIS

Successful Season for the Lady Eagles Comes to a Close in Westfield

By RICH RUMFOLA



photo / Rich Rumfola

Flying high after a comfortable 12-7 victory over visiting North Collins in the opening round of the Class D playoffs, Ellicottville's Lady Eagles hit the wall just two days later in the semifinals at Westfield, where the #1 seeded Lady Wolverines showed why they're heavily favored to win it all again, eliminating the visiting Lady Eagles from further play with a lopsided 16-0 win.

Westfield's star pitcher, Haleigh Dellow, tossed the complete game shutout, striking out 11 Ellicottville batters and yielding a scant three hits over seven innings of work. Clearly the outstanding player of the game, Dellow also chipped in with a huge day at the plate, as the senior fireballer went 4-6 at bat, scoring three times and driving in three more on

two doubles and a home run.

It marked the second time in the last two years that Dellow and the Lady Wolverines eliminated Ellicottville from playoff action.

The #4 seed in this year's Class D playoffs, the Lady Eagles advanced to the semifinal round matchup versus Westfield by virtue of their five-run victory over #5 seed North Collins, on Monday, May 22 at Ellicottville. The quarterfinal round contest between Ellicottville and North Collins featured a pair of teams which both have Eagles as their school's mascots and squaring off against each other for the second time in a week.

In both contests, it was the Ellicottville (Lady) Eagles who came out victorious, and in the playoff game, the home-standing hitters scored runs in all but the first inning and used a five-run power surge in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

Coach Matt Finn's squad finished the 2023 campaign with a 10-6 record overall, and sported a 6-3 record in Class D action.

The Lady Eagles were a bit of an offensive juggernaut at times and racked up 168 runs with hot bats and quick feet. In fact, there were eight Ellicottville hitters with a batting average north of .300, while two more girls hit between .250 and .300!

Finn's fabulous five hitters included senior catcher Allison Rowland, junior shortstop Jaida Mendell, freshman pitcher Ande Northrup, senior centerfielder Ryah Quinn and sophomore first baseman Courtney Marsh.

On the defensive side of the field, Ande Northrup took the mound for all but a handful of innings and gave her team the chance to win every time she took the mound.

Sophomore pitcher Keelin Finn made a few mound appearances down the stretch of the regular season and was the Lady Eagles' opening pitcher in each of her team's playoff games.



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# COMMUNITY

## CRITTER CRUISE DICE RUN

Alice Perkins Memorial Motorcycle Event Supports Empire Animal Rescue Society



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Tis the season of sunshine, outdoor adventure, and motorcycles. Surely you've seen riders out and about traveling the open roads. Maybe you're one of them. Or maybe you're not but you'd like to be. Maybe anyone who loves to ride would be happy to do it for a good cause.

All riders are welcomed at the Alice Perkins 6th Annual Critter Cruise Dice Run on Saturday, June 17th. The event supports the Empire Animal Rescue Society (E.A.R.S.) and their mission to transport, foster and re-home the many dogs, cats and other animals that are rescued from varying circumstances.

All those interested in supporting our furry friends can register on the day of the event from 9:30-11:00am at the kickoff point, Iron Valley Motor Company (between Little Valley and Salamanca). Cost is just \$15 each for drivers and passengers, which includes food and drink. Kickstands go up promptly at 11:00am, with the end destination being Ellicottville Distillery on Robbins Road at approximately 4:00pm.

ellicottvilleNOW recently reached out to one of the owners of Iron Valley Motor Company, Charlene Roblee, to learn more about how they became involved with the event and where riders will be headed during the Run.

**eNOW:** This is the 6th Annual E.A.R.S. Critter Cruise. What made Iron Valley Motor Co. want to be a part of it?

**CHARLENE:** This motorcycle dice run is in memory of Alice Perkins. Alice was a volunteer for Empire Animal Rescue Society who donated her time and money to the organization. We were asked by one of the E.A.R.S. members to be a part of the event by hosting the dice run at our Motorcycle Repair Facility. We have a nice size field that we will be able to accommodate everyone in and a beautiful setting that should create a great starting point for the run. We are excited to be involved and hope that our connection with motorcyclists will help raise a nice contribution to the E.A.R.S. commitment to animals. We also love animals, so it truly seemed appropriate. Check out our mascot, the mother herder of our pack!

**eNOW:** What is the route participants will be traveling, and what is waiting for them at the finish line?

**CHARLENE:** The route will start at Iron Valley Motor Company, 4978 Route 353, Salamanca, NY. We are very close to Little Valley, but our address is technically Salamanca. We will be riding to the Old Tool Tavern in Randolph, on to the Trillium in Cherry Creek, over to the Wicked Glen in Gowanda, and then to conclude at the Ellicottville Distillery. The grand culmination will involve a Chinese auction, 50/50, free food for the participants and volunteers, a DJ, and \$100 for the High Roller and \$100 for the low roller. There will also be adoptable dogs, puppies, cats and kittens.

**eNOW:** How does the dice run support E.A.R.S.?

**CHARLENE:** The dice run will give 100% of all donations raised to the organization, so they can put it towards spaying/neutering, feeding, housing and treating the many animals that they are responsible for. It's a noble thing that they do at E.A.R.S. The least we can do is help support the cause.

### ABOUT E.A.R.S.

The Empire Animal Rescue Society is a foster-home-based rescue group that is 100% fully volunteer run. They work full-time in identifying animals in need of rescue, transporting said animals to foster homes and executing safe and responsible pet adoptions. They rescue both locally and beyond. Say a volunteer was on a road trip and they saw a lost/wounded dog on the side of the highway, they are pulling over to pick it up and if it has an owner, help the dog get home and if it does not, finding it a safe place to go. Simply put, they rescue animals 24/7. (That's pretty amazing.)

They abide by a simple mission: rescue as many companion animals as humanly possible in the most efficient and safest manner. The adoption process is rigorous; you must first complete the detailed adoption application, call your vet and release prior records to E.A.R.S. (If you are a first-time pet owner and don't currently have a veterinarian but have grown up with family pets, please list your family's vet and contact info.) You must supply either a current or previous neighbor reference. Then email the form to [empirerescue@gmail.com](mailto:empirerescue@gmail.com). (Keep in mind that preference is given to those who have a verifiable veterinary reference, a home or residence, completed all the forms correctly

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## KING OF CHAPEL HILL

Racing Returns to Chapel Hill Raceway



BY MARY WEISER

If you're going to be king of the hill... better make it over to Chapel Hill! On Saturday, June 24th when the King of the Hill race returns to Chapel Hill Raceway in Great Valley. According to Chapel Hill promoter Jim Smith, this long-anticipated race hasn't been held since before the Covid-19 pandemic, and it promises to be an exciting race. For those who are looking for a fun, adrenaline-pumping afternoon just 15 minutes away from Ellicottville, the King of the Hill race is the place to be.

Located at 4716 Chapel Hill Road in Great Valley, Chapel Hill Raceway opened in 1997 as a go kart track. Current owner Ronnie Flaim (pictured above) installed fencing and walls to turn it into a 1/7th mile asphalt three-quarter (TQ) midget racetrack. The Mighty TQ Midgets, a non-wing racing series with members from New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, will be returning to King of the Hill. Smith, who is president of the Mighty TQ Midgets, said King of the Hill is one of 18 races slated for the Mighty Midgets' 2023 season, which includes races throughout the tri-state region. "It's a nice, banked track," said Smith. "With 18 karts out there, it's an insane race - almost like an indoor track!" With the return of King of the Hill, Smith is hoping that there will be even more races at Chapel Hill in the years to come.

For the first time ever, Chapel Hill is welcoming the New York Champ Kart Series to the King of the Hill race. The NYCKS, a traveling champ kart series, will bring three divisions: junior (5-9), junior (10-14) and senior. While normally a dirt track series, the NYCKS is looking forward to hitting the pavement on June 24th, and Smith hopes this is the first of many races with NYCKS at Chapel Hill. "We're hoping that if this goes well with the champ kart series, that they will come multiple times," he said. "On the 24th, we really want to revitalize King of the Hill, and we're hoping it grows."

Although Smith has been promoting at Chapel Hill since 2016, his history with TQ racing goes back many more years. "I remember being a little kid getting pushed around in these karts when I was five," he recalled. "Back then, pushing them was how you started them!" After many years in the industry, Smith has seen quite a few changes, especially in terms of technology, but one thing remains constant, and that is passion for the sport. "It's a great time," he said. "[At Chapel Hill] I run the TQ series and the track, and I love it. When I first heard the rumor about a track in Great Valley, I knew I wanted to bring my kart down there. Ronnie and I are good friends to this day!" June 24th will be the first time that owner Ronnie Flaim will race in King of the Hill, as he normally runs the race with Smith. "My brother, Patrick, will jump into his role for the race," Smith explained.

Tickets for King of the Hill are \$10, and food trucks will be set up during the event, which begins at 3:00pm and will most likely run until approximately 5:30pm, according to Smith. For more information, follow Chapel Hill Raceway on Facebook or call Jim Smith at 716-381-0345.

## MASTER GARDENER HELP DESK OPENS

Master Gardener Coordinator, Shannon Rinow, Ready to Assist in Gardening Quests

ELLICOTTVILLE - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County's Master Gardener Program is excited to announce their NEW Master Gardener Help Desk will open Wednesday, June 7th for the 2023 gardening season!

Cattaraugus County Master Gardeners are ready to help with your gardening questions, plant or animal identification or other gardening issues. Bring your questions to the Help Line by telephone, e-mail or walk-in on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm starting June 7th and continuing every Wednesday during the growing season.

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# REGIONAL

## TIS THE SEASON FOR SEAFOOD

Greater Olean Area Chamber Clambake Set for June 8th



Summer has arrived and it's promising to be beautiful. Great weather to spend the day outdoors, grilling delicious foods and enjoying the bounty of nature. The Greater Olean Chamber of Commerce wants to make that easy for you by inviting you out to Lincoln Park (100 E. State Street in Olean, NY) from 3:30-8:30pm, rain or shine for their Annual Clambake.

What's a clambake? Well, that's where you take some adorably tasty clams and steam them in a pit oven until they are ready for devouring. But it isn't just traditional steamed clams here. They will also have raw clams, clams casino and both Manhattan and New England clam chowders. (That's some variety right there.)

Don't like clams? No worries! This event has something for everyone to enjoy. Food stations are set up from 4:00-7:00pm, Catered by the Old Library Restaurant, and will boast an array of hot dogs, Italian sausage, hamburgers, beef on weck, Greek chicken and veggie kabobs, macaroni, potato and pasta salads. There will also be assorted fruit and frozen novelties to treat yourselves with. Beverages will also be available, including select wines and draft beer.

Tickets for Chamber members and guests are \$70 and non-members tickets are \$75. The ticket admits you into this wonderful food event. There is ample parking around Lincoln Park, so getting to the venue is simple. This year's Presenting Sponsor is John J. Irving, from the local financial services company that bears his name. Please RSVP for tickets by calling 716-372-4433 and save your spot for this delightful dinner today!

## CATT. COUNTY ONE STOP

Job Center Offers a Number of Different Workshops for Job Seekers

OLEAN - The schedule of workshops from the Cattaraugus One Stop Career Center for June has now been released. The schedule includes a wide range of set workshops as well as explanations of other programs that the center provides each month.

The One Stop Center's goal is to provide constructive, convenient information to employers, businesses, workers and job seekers in Cattaraugus County. Bret Marvin, the center's manager stated, "We are part of a nationwide workforce development system designed to help capable employees find and train for better jobs and to help employers find and train qualified employees."

One of the highlights of the center is the resource room. Job seekers can use the room to research local jobs, careers, scholarships, and labor market information at their own pace, on their own. One Stop staff are on site to answer questions you may have. Some of the resources available include computers, internet access for job searching on-line, job announcements posted and a vast resource library.

The orientation/career planning workshops are scheduled for June 8 and 22, both from 9:30am-12:00pm. This workshop provides an overview of the job search and career development resources and services offered through the One Stop. In addition, it will provide you with an introduction to the Resource Area.

Mr. Marvin continued, "This workshop is an intro to the center for new job seekers, but also is very essential for those reentering the workforce after layoffs or career changes".

June 7 and 21 the Computer Workshop for Beginners are scheduled from 9:30-11:00am. This workshop provides an introduction to basic computer skills. You will learn the difference parts of the computer, how to turn it on and off, how to sign on, how to search the internet plus, learn about various resources that are available and much more. Class size is limited.

Starting the Job Search program is set for June 22, 2:00-3:00pm. This workshop is geared toward reviewing the entire job search process: from discovering likely employers to use your best skills, keeping track of your job search, applications, resumes and likely interview questions. You will receive the 'Job Hunting Handbook' to address your specific needs with activities to maximize your effectiveness

Most services are offered at no cost to the job seeker. The One Stop Career Center is located at 175 North Union Street in downtown Olean with hours 8:30am-4:30pm. Monday through Friday. For more information, to register for the workshop, or questions, please call 716-375-2890 or visit online at [Cattco.Org/one-stop](http://Cattco.Org/one-stop).

## MLB PITCH, HIT & RUN

Student Athletes Take to Bradner Stadium to Showcase Their Baseball Skills



OLEAN – The Olean Oilers Baseball Team, GOACC and the City of Olean hosted the MLB Pitch, Hit and Run on Saturday, May 27. The next day, the Oilers players were back in town gearing up for their season that begins next month in game play.

Thirty-five student athletes came to the Bradner Stadium to showcase their baseball skills: pitch – test the accuracy of the athlete's throw by hitting a strike zone target; hit - hit the ball off of a tee as far as possible; and run - see how quickly the athlete can run from home to first. The student athletes were split into sport divisions – baseball or softball; and age divisions 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 and 13/14.

1st place winners for the baseball division includes: (7/8) Jack Matz, 3rd grader from Portville Central School with favorite baseball team, Houston Astros; (9/10) Matthew Myers, 3rd grader from Ellicottville Central School with favorite baseball team, New York Yankees; (11/12) Brayden Cook, 6th grader from Olean Intermediate Middle School with favorite baseball team, Toronto Blue Jays and (13/14) Mason Baldwin, an 8th grader from Bolivar Richburg with favorite baseball team, New York Yankees.

1st place winners for the softball division includes: (7/8) Reagan Taylor, 1st grader from EastView Elementary, Olean with favorite baseball team, New York Yankees; (9/10) Leah Calkins, 3rd grader from School Street Elementary, Bradford with favorite baseball team, New York Yankees; and (11/12) Riley Sudbrook, 6th grader from Olean Intermediate Middle School with favorite baseball team, Cleveland Guardians.

Athletes are tested, and their measurements are recorded. Based on their scores, they advance from a local event to a Team Championship held in MLB stadiums. Top scores then qualify for an all-expenses-paid trip for two to compete at the National Finals, which is hosted at the World Series.

"Olean is considered a local event, so all results aren't final until July 31. At that time, RCX Sports who is handling the competition for MLB, will calculate all scores from the age/sport division and determine those who go to team championships.," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO.

Major League Baseball® Pitch Hit & Run is a free event that provides boys and girls ages 7 to 14 an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills, while earning a chance to attend and perform during the MLB® World Series!

The Olean Oilers 2013 season will kick off away at Dansville Gliders on June 5th, 5pm. Their first game in Olean will be KIDS DAY, Thursday, June 8th with students from the Olean City School District enjoying the Oilers baseball game against Genesee at a 10:30am first pitch at Bradner Stadium. The Olean Oilers first 'home' opener will be Saturday June 10th in a doubleheader featuring Rochester Ridgmen. Season tickets can be purchased at Sports Locker for the Oilers. Also, donations are still needed for the Fourth of July Fireworks that the Olean Oilers are fundraising for. According to the page on GoFundMe, the Oilers are 15% in towards their goal of \$10,000.

For more information on the MLB challenge or to volunteer for the Chamber's other events, please call 716-372-4433 or email [info@oleanny.com](mailto:info@oleanny.com).

## STROLEAN STARTS THIS WEEKEND

OLEAN — This year's Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce's StrOlean event is set for Friday June 2, 2023. This year we have more than 40 organizations throughout the area that are registered to sell, organize an event, or be a food vendor for StrOlean 2023. "We encouraged businesses, non-profits and school groups to participate in StrOlean," stated Sarah Blovsky, GOACC Member Services Director. There are several different vendors for StrOlean that include pop-up markets, events, and food vendors.

Pop-Up Markets will include arts & crafts, artisans, catalog/home party, farm market stands, artwork, jewelry and more! Some of the StrOlean events include Retriever Training by Jim Beverly, story time with The Salvation Army, Bouch's Automotive's open house, a stomp rocket event with the Challenger Learning Center, a job fair, and a cardio dance class with the Neighborhood School of Dance. Food vendors include but are not limited to, The Hungry Burro, Inner Magnolia, and ZET's Italian ice cart. For more information on StrOlean, please call GOACC at 716-372-4433 or email [events@oleanny.com](mailto:events@oleanny.com).



# PHOTO REWIND

## HoliMont Bike Park Opens for the 2023 Season

On Saturday, May 27th, HoliMont celebrated the start of the 2023 Bike Park season with well over 200 mountain bikers anxious to put their two wheels in motion. HoliMont currently offers 8 downhill mountain biking trails that make up just under 10 miles of track, with more in the works. Up-hill lift service on HoliMont's Sunset lift operates Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00am-4:30pm. HoliMont will add Friday lift service from 12:00-7:00pm starting June 16th. To learn more about the HoliMont Bike Park, visit [holimont.com](http://holimont.com) and follow @holimont\_parks on Instagram.





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# HISTORY

## HERITAGE DAY

A Festival of Culture and Creativity Returns to the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center



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BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

What are you doing on June 10th from 10:00am-5:00pm? You could be heading down to 82 West Hetzel Street in Salamanca, NY to visit the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center for their Annual Heritage Day Festival. This FREE event blends the experience of Hodinöhsö:ni' culture and traditional celebrations with modern conveniences and entertainment.

A little backstory... Called the Iroquois Confederacy by the French and the League of Five Nations by the English, the confederacy is properly called the Haudenosaunee Confederacy - meaning People of the Long House. As of the publishing of this article, their brand new living longhouse replica will be open to the public on the museum grounds. This was a traditional dwelling that could house multi-generations of families and were typically built over 20-foot long. Visitors can stop by the longhouse when they come out to enjoy the festival this year.

Also new this year is the Carson Waterman exhibit. (Covered in detail in the Publisher's Pick article this week, page 03.) A celebration of the distinguished Seneca artist and "National Treasure of the Seneca Nation", the exhibit will be a career-spanning retrospective of Waterman's life and work.

Heritage Day is also all about people coming together. It's a family-friendly event featuring artists and food vendors and demonstrators. Demonstrations can include traditional arts like basket weaving and straw doll making. (You'll have to visit the center on Heritage Day to see all of the great demonstrations live.) Or maybe you'd like to participate in some of the traditional events?

### DEMONSTRATIONS AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

Acting Museum Director Hayden Haynes let us know there will be a Jack Sticks tournament at 12:00pm on Heritage Day. Jack Sticks (alternatively known as double ball or poor man's lacrosse) is an old Iroquois style game that is still played to this day. It was played mostly by women and children due to it being a safer version of traditional lacrosse and it mimics the same principles. Using sticks to carry the ball to the designated goal posts, teams of 5 are required (you can have up to 8 for subs) and the first team to 5 goals wins. Prizes are awarded to participating teams. The Clubhouse will be open for refreshments throughout the day and will host a luncheon around 3:00pm at Seneca Connections. Deadline for team entries is June 8th for ages 13-17. There's still time to sign up; just reach out to Hilton Johnny-John at 716-801-1907 or Seneca Connections at 716-945-1790 ext. 3521.

If sports aren't your thing, perhaps you like to dance? The Smoke Dance Competition is one of the highlights of Heritage Day. Smoke dancing was originally a war dance performed by Hodinöhsö:ni' men before they went off to battle. The smoke dance is a faster tempo that women and children may also participate in. The dance is dependent on different drumbeats, chants and specific foot movements, and though it may seem effortless while you watch the talented performers, it's actually very complex. There are multiple classes for the competition from tiny tots to age 55+, with the best dancers in each being awarded for their participation.

### ARTISAN MARKET

You'll love browsing the artisan market. From woodworked tools, jewelry and decor to handcrafted instruments, there is a wide variety of options for beautiful gifts. (Or grab some things just for yourself, no judgement here.) Each artisan is unique and highly skilled in their craft. (I think there is nothing quite like a pair of hand beaded earrings.) And of course, the museum itself does have a gift shop with apparel, salves, tinctures and more.

When you get hungry, you can indulge in a selection of traditional Hodinöhsö:ni' cuisine. Frybread, corn soup, salt pork... so many tasty treats abound. If you want to make any of the delicious items you try at the festival, grab a copy of The Standing Pot in the museum gift shop! And again, the Seneca Connections will be open for refreshments throughout the day as well.

What a great way to spend a day! Come visit the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center for Heritage Day with the whole family and learn about a beautiful culture while enjoying great demonstrations and performances. You can also visit the museum Monday through Friday from 10:00am-4:30pm. (They are closed Saturday and Sunday.) For more information on upcoming events and classes, call 716-945-1760 or visit senecamuseum.org.

## NEW CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT

Restored Flag of the 37th NY Volunteer Infantry on Display at County Museum

Pictured: Katya Zinsli at Cattaraugus Museum, May 20, speaking about the three years of work she and fellow student Nhat Nguyen did to restore the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry flag - part of Cattaraugus County's history.



BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

One hundred sixty-two years ago, on June 12, 1861, the 37th New York Volunteer Infantry was presented a flag at Camp Weed near The Battery in Manhattan. Their flag depicted the New York City shield of arms painted in the center with a red scroll above the seal with the regiment's name and below a light grey-blue banner with the words, "Presented by the City of New York."

The 37th NYVI, mainly composed of Irish immigrants from New York City, also consisted of two companies recruited in Cattaraugus County - Company H from Allegany, known as "Chamberlain Guards," and Ellicottville's Company I, known as "Cattaraugus Guards." The flag was carried in and out of many battles of the Civil War but then, at the battle of Chancellorsville (April 30 - May 6, 1863) the 37th suffered casualties reducing its strength by one-third. It was here that the flag was captured by the Confederate Army and effectively ended the 37th NY. Yet, the mystery was the whereabouts of the flag at the end of the war. It was gone. Who had it?

### WHERE DID IT GO?

In a newspaper article in the Ellicottville Post, dated 9/20/1893, reference was made to the flag being "presented to the veterans association of Cattaraugus County by the Rev. W.S. Hubbell of Buffalo, who secured the flag at the taking of Richmond and who has since had it in his possession."

The article goes on to tell that the rebels captured it at Chancellorsville and it was not recaptured until Capt. Hubbell saw it in the rebel senate chamber during the fall of Richmond and reclaimed it. In 1914, the flag was then donated to the new Cattaraugus County Museum in Little Valley. Unlike many small municipalities, Cattaraugus County found a way to raise funds necessary to put up a building dedicated to the Civil War veterans from the county rather than various monuments. Veterans themselves donated items which made up the original collections, many with little information, if any at all. Without a curator for several decades, items were not catalogued so many items were a mystery, including the flag which had been donated with very little useful information attached.

Displayed for many years, folded in an 18 by 20-inch case, it began to deteriorate and was removed from display. It sat in a box with acid-free paper for thirty years, when in 2020 it was entrusted to the Patricia H. and Richard Garman Art Conservation at Buffalo State University and placed into the hands of Buffalo State grad student, Katya Zinsli who began the laborious work of restoring the flag. When Zinsli was done with the program, she passed the delicate operation into the able hands and keen eye of fellow student and second year fellow in the Garman Art Conservation program, Nhat Nguyen.

Ms. Zinsli, presently the Lunsler Conservation Fellow in Objects Conservation at the Smithsonian Art Museum in Washington D.C. was on hand for the unveiling ceremony of the semi-restored flag on Saturday, May 20th at the Cattaraugus County Museum in Machias, located at 9824 Route 16.

### SEE IT FOR YOURSELF

Upon my visit, I was shown the box that holds the precious remaining bits and scraps of the flag which, frankly, look like a miracle would have to take place to put the rest of the pieces together. Seeing those scraps gives an even greater appreciation of the work, patience, steady hands, and sharp eyes necessary to restore the artifact. The flag, and several other local Civil War relics, are currently on display at the Museum. You must stop and consider a saddle that is on display and imagine yourself riding on it in battle.

The museum has converted quite a few of its cases into Civil War memorabilia displays. Personal items, letters, coins, rifles, uniforms all help to paint the picture of a terrible time in our history that must not ever be forgotten. History is a great teacher. Carl Jung said, "History is not contained in thick books but lives in our very blood." Visit the Civil War exhibit and get to know your own history.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Civil War, you are invited to a talk on Cattaraugus County Civil War Soldiers by Brian McClellan on June 19th at 6:30pm on the side yard of the Olean Point Museum, rain or shine. For more information visit catco.org or call 716-353-8200.

Sources: Many thanks to Susan Allen at the museum for her help and Western New York Heritage Magazine, spring 2023 edition.

# HEALTH & FITNESS

## Core Performance: Studio vs. Gym / Summer Classes Announced

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

I created Core Performance Fitness and Training in 2009 because I felt gyms were designed to fail their members. Typically, folks sign up for a gym membership for a variety of reasons and are excited and committed for about 2 weeks. Then, with no direction or guidance and no one to be accountable to, they stop coming altogether.

My studio was designed to prevent this from happening by providing customized fitness plans that not only guide the client, but also educate them on the what and why's of muscle development and movement. It was created so that every client or participant in a group fitness class/personal training feels that they were getting the most effective workout to meet their specific needs. It was designed to be a safe environment that promotes proper form under the supervision of a professional and certified trainer/instructor. Our job at Core Performance is to motivate, educate and ensure the safety of all of our members. That is what sets our studio apart from a gym.

Core Performance does not have a membership fee. You can drop-in for a class or sign up for a variety of packages for either fitness classes/personal training. All of our instructors and trainers are certified. Our goal at Core Performance is to provide a community that supports and encourages anyone brave enough to take that first step to a healthier and more fit life. We do our best to make fitness fun, challenging and functional.

This summer Core will offer a variety of morning classes. If you are an early riser, join us for the 6:00am class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This class has its roots in the TRX Strong and Fit classes that only TRX certified trainers are qualified to instruct. It also has circuits and old-school elements that will continuously challenge participants. What it does NOT have is jumping and jerking movements. Our cardio comes from muscle exertion.

At 7:00am every Tuesday morning Core offers a Deep Stretch class with meditation at the end of each class. This class is the class you didn't know you needed until you take it. It is not yoga or Pilates, however, you will see elements of each of these. You will leave this class more limber and relaxed than when you arrived.

We are excited to announce our dear friend Mila Clauss will be joining our team this summer for an 8:00am workout that includes cardio, legs and a new segment called "arms and light weights" which Mila explains is deceptively challenging. And of course, Mila will include her famous core routine that always leaves our participants sore but happy. This class is a pre-sign up only and will run the month of July on a flexible schedule. (The schedule is posted on our Facebook and website page. You can also get a hard copy at our studio at 55 Bristol Lane.)



Finally, Core offers an 8:30am class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This class is also a TRX sequence that is taught by a TRX certified instructor. The format follows a circuit that takes participants through TRX, weight training and core routine. Cardio is low impact yet calorie burning.

For more information about Core Performance Fitness and Training, check out our website/Facebook page or call us at 716-698-1198.

*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](http://www.coreperformancefitness.com).*

## Suzy's Star Readings: Hello June! Slow Down and Lean In

By SUZY WOO, B.Msc



Welcome to June; and happy birthday to the multi-tasking, joke-cracking Geminis! There is a lot going on in the sky this month, which always has an impact on our perspective and perception since we are created from the same stuff that the planets are. Good news - we're going to be able to catch our breath this month.

Let's start with the moon. The full moon is like a spotlight on our emotions. June's full Strawberry moon is June 3rd in the joyful and generous sign of Sagittarius. This combination of chatty, funny Gemini with a jovial, jolly and generous moon in Sagittarius invites you to come out and play, and really laugh it up. Work with these energies June 1st through 5th by deciding to take a chance; break your routine and do something different. Say yes to a party or a spontaneous weekend getaway. Go on an outdoor adventure, have fun, travel, and socialize. The new (dark) moon will be in Gemini on June 18th - that is for setting your new intentions for the next 28 day cycle.

Gemini rules words, thoughts, and how we communicate. Let me give you a self-help tool to try in alignment with the energy of Gemini. What are the stories we tell ourselves? What does the voice in our head say? Is it kind, or is it vile? Take this month to pay attention to the inner narrative and trace it down. Where is it really coming from? How does it feel? Open your heart and decide you are going to change the narrative. Decide to flip the script. It's time for that amazing bright essence of yours to come out from the closet, journey to the surface and shine. This world needs you in it. You don't have to be a world leader... just be yourself, fully. Keep a journal. Gemini loves information. Research topics that interest you, make notes how you can incorporate your findings into your life. Say kinder things to yourself, such as "I am love. I am creation itself. I am learning to love myself in new ways every day."

Set a random alarm on your phone; when the alarm sounds, note what you are thinking about? Most of our thoughts are actually negative. The secret to change is simple aware-

ness. When you are aware of your thought patterns, you can move into the energy required to change them to more favorable, loving ones. You are not who the world defined you as. You are you. And it's time to let that 'you' surface and shine.

We have 3 retrogrades happening this month. Pluto (the underworld, destruction and power, elite and big money, including sex) retrogrades out of Aquarius and back into Capricorn June 11th - expect the banking, financial and big corporate realm to be rattled again, hard now and in coming months. Big time. Saturn retrogrades without changing signs June 17th - it will be in, and stay in Pisces for the next 2 years. Bossy restrictive Saturn is not comfortable in dreamy, nebulous Pisces. Expect more exposure in organized religion and charities. "False prophets" comes to mind. This also speaks to big money in charities that did not serve the population they claim. What comes to me intuitively is Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. And Neptune will retrograde without changing signs June 30th. It will stay in Pisces, its home sign. Quiet, spiritual, altered states, the mystic, meditation and medication, sleep, prayers, charity, spirituality, inviting us to go deeper. The theme here is to slow down and lean in when it comes to your own beliefs, meaning in a higher power. Where do you fit in?

You are a spiritual being of light, having a temporary human experience. Does that resonate with you? Things like this will be nudging you to consider that maybe there is life on other planets and other locations in the universe. Maybe we shouldn't trust certain people in authority. Maybe we should not be concerned with a title, because that is a label given by man.

Gemini is big with media - expect plenty of gossip, the shadow side of Gemini - and don't partake in it. I expect news about pharmaceuticals, alcohol and drugs, the film industry. I wonder if Bill Cosby will resurface in the news or another like him makes the news. It's always interesting to see how it plays out. We may be surprised to see in the media who else has blood on their hands.

What I would forecast with the combination of these retrogrades is that more ugliness will show itself and we have to go inside and sift through it, to weigh things with our moral compass, what is clearly not in alignment with our personal and spiritual values and truths. I think the word of today and moving forward is discernment. You will have to decide what is and feels right for you, even though others won't agree.

Let your month be light. Enjoy the parties around the full moon, have light conversations easy and breezy during the month. Avoid gossip and those who practice it. Love yourself and practice discernment, and you will start to see your life improve in all kinds of wonderful ways!

I would love to hear from you! Email me with your thoughts, reflections or questions for future columns at [hello@suzy-woo.com](mailto:hello@suzy-woo.com) or if you would like your personal astrology done, you can book an appointment with me at [suzy-woo.com](http://suzy-woo.com).

Enjoy the outdoors, and laugh - a lot! Sending love and gratitude to every one of you. Your sister from the stars,

- Suzy Woo

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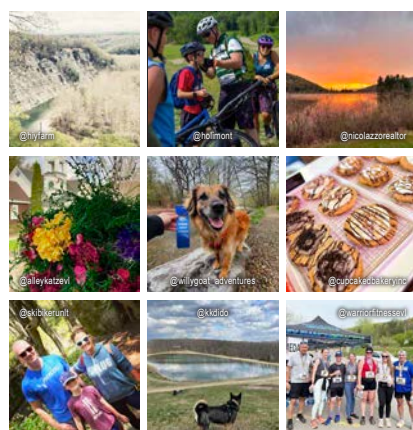


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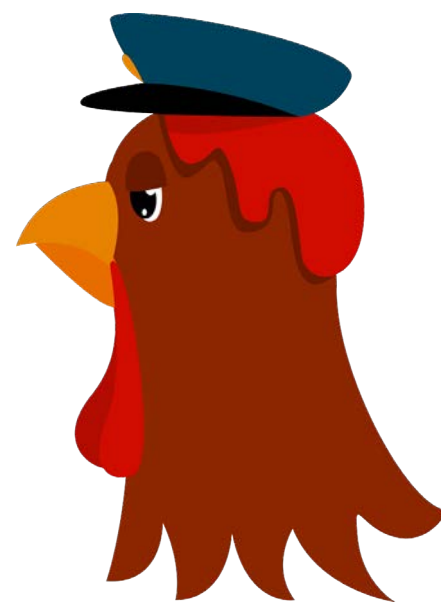
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**PARK PROGRAM:** The Town of Ellicottville will again be hosting the Summer Park Program and Swim Lessons. You can sign up on Monday, June 5th from 4:00-6:00pm at the Ellicottville Village Park.

**ELLICOTTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING:** Wednesday, June 7th at the Ellicottville Memorial Library at 7:00pm. Open to everyone and free to attend. Guest speaker: Don Dwyer who will present "The Music of Stephen Foster". Don is a musician, singer and songwriter from the Buffalo area. He has shared the music and stories of the American Civil War with audiences in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Tennessee.

## EAGLES BASEBALL

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dell doubled to left-center field, then Smith came up to bat right behind him and stroked a booming shot down the left field line that scored Mendell and put the visitors deeper in the hole for their final at-bats in the seventh.

Nuzzo's base knock in the first inning plated Mendell and gave the home team the early 1-0 lead.

### CLASS D CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND #2 North Collins vs. #5 Ellicottville, May 27 @ JCC

As for the Class D championship game held at Diethrick Park on the campus of Jamestown Community College, having watched the No. 5 seed Eagles play in their previous two playoff games, their 11-1 loss in six innings to No. 2 seed North Collins could only be described as an anomaly, where everything that could go wrong did go wrong - at least two or three times.

For starters, the Eagles managed only two hits in six innings versus North Collins fireballer, Derek Ebersol, who fanned 11 Ellicottville batters and walked only two. Ebersole also hit a pair of batters with pitches, one of which led to the only run of the day for Ellicottville.

Trailing 7-0 after the second inning, Ellicottville scored in the top of the sixth to erase the zero from their side of the scoreboard when catcher Hunter Smith came home after first baseman Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge got plunked by a pitch with the bases loaded. Then in the bottom of the sixth and leading 7-1, North Collins plated four more baserunners to get the win by 10 runs.

Despite finishing the 2023 campaign with a 7-14 record overall and 3-7 in Class D competition, the Eagles were just one more great day away from winning the whole thing and moving on to the Far West Regionals versus the winner of Section V.

Offensively this season, Ellicottville was led by junior slugger Hunter Smith, who recorded a .321 batting average in 51 at-bats. Smith also led the team in stolen bases (21) and tied with Cameron Mendell for the lead in runs scored (22). He only struck out seven times the whole season long.

Gian Nuzzo also enjoyed a big season at the plate in 2023, as the senior center fielder/pitcher went 14-52 at the plate, including a triple and two home runs. When there were Eagles on the basepaths, Nuzzo was absolutely clutch at the plate, driving in a team-high 20 runs. He also scored 15 runs and walked 10 times.

From the time they were very young, brothers Caedon and Braylon Wyatt provided each other with plenty of athletic competition, with one or the other always finishing in first or second place. Their senior season of baseball was no different, as the two finished neck-and-neck on the offensive stat sheets. Caedon's batting average of .250 was a scant six percentage points better than brother Braylon's .244 and to continue on that theme, Caedon walked once more than Braylon (11-10) but also struck out one more time than his brother (20-19). Caedon outpaced Braylon by three hits (13-10) and three RBI (14-11). Both players were hit by a pitch exactly eight times and each recorded a sac-fly. By now, you may have noticed the trend...



As the team's leadoff batter, freshman Cameron Mendell might've liked to see his batting average a little better than the .220 mark he finished with, but his amazing number of walks (17) was about 30 percent better than his closest teammates.

One of the true functions of any good leadoff hitter is the ability to see lots of pitches by not swinging at balls and fouling off marginal strikes. In this way, his teammates on the bench get a good look at what the other team's pitcher is trying to accomplish and with 17 walks and 22 hits to his credit, Mendell made a very effective batter to have at the top of the order.

One of the oldest, truest sayings in baseball is that good pitching beats good hitting and in their first two playoff games, the Eagles definitely had the better pitchers.

Throughout the regular season, Caedon Wyatt was the team's ace, and he logged a 3-3 won/loss record and pitched to a 3.84 ERA over 42 1/3 innings of work. He faced 247 batters in 2023, giving up 23 earned runs on 45 hits, striking out 48 and walking 50.

Cameron Mendell, the Eagles' number two starter this season, pitched to a 4.07 ERA over 34 2/3 innings of work and finished with a 2-4 record. He also recorded the team's only save this season. The freshman hurler tossed 647 pitches to 171 batters, striking out 31, walking 35 and giving up 20 earned runs.

## CARSON WATERMAN

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some very nice artwork. We showed the artwork in the council chambers so that when our council met, they'd see what they were doing. They then decided to build our museum, and I worked there for 13 years developing exhibits and doing artwork." In the late 1980s, Waterman got married and decided to strike out on his own when his daughter was just one year old. "I wanted to see if I could make a living producing artwork; I wanted to carry it as far as I could," he explained.

In the years that followed, Waterman became one of the most sought-after Seneca artists in the country. Since the late 1980s, Waterman has traveled to powwows and art shows throughout the region, the U.S. and abroad. With shows in Santa Fe, New York City, Germany, and more, Waterman has shared his Seneca heritage with people all over the world. "I consider one of the greatest influences from art school was a question of 'What is art?' and one of the answers is that art is self-expression, and that really struck home with me because of who I am: I'm a member of the Seneca Nation," he said. "I always looked at who I am and produced works that interpret and are accurate to our history and our culture so that I can influence our young people to follow the same direction."

Waterman's retrospective features works that span many decades of his career, including his time as a combat artist in Vietnam, New York State's violation of the SNI tax agreement, and the thruway shut-down, and more, with prints available for sale. Waterman shared his presence with the public at the exhibit's May 27th opening, which was also part of the dedication ceremony for the longhouse replica.

For public examples of Waterman's work, visit the Allegany River Rest Area, the Seneca Nation's resorts and casinos, as well as the Buffalo Metro Rail. Prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Waterman was approached for an exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian, and he hopes to resume this project soon. For more of Waterman's work, visit [www.carsonwaterman.webs.com](http://www.carsonwaterman.webs.com); he can be contacted for commissions at 716-969-1127.



## E.A.R.S. CRITTER CRUISE DICE RUN

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and/or are the best "lifestyle match" for the animal of interest.)

All of this work requires a fair amount of funding to help support the volunteers with all the requirements that the animals need. The 6th Annual Critter Cruise is the perfect event to help them out. Not a motorcyclist? You can attend the afterparty at the Ellicottville Distillery even if you aren't participating in the Dice Run portion. Though that portion of the event is FREE, they just ask that you bring a can of Purina dog or cat food. (If you do, you'll be entered into a drawing for the possibility of winning a mystery prize.)

E.A.R.S. would like to extend their thanks to Iron Valley Motor Company for offering the starting point and to the Ellicottville Distillery for hosting the afterparty. They also want to thank their Gold Sponsors: Whitcomb Home Improvement LLC, A&F Trucking and Excavating, M&M Junction, The Joint; and their Supporting Sponsors: Murphy's Concessions, The Bear Brick and cyberspokes.com. And of course, a huge thank you to all the volunteers, participants and members of the community who are planning to come out and support such a great cause on June 17th.

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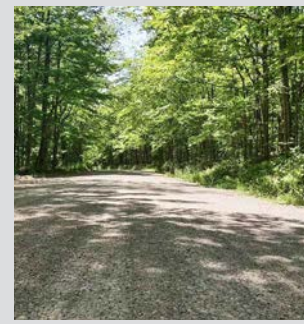
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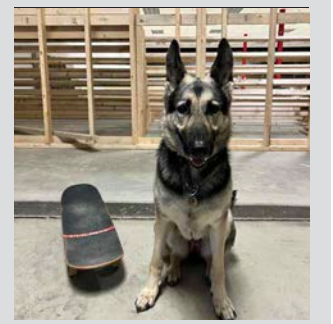
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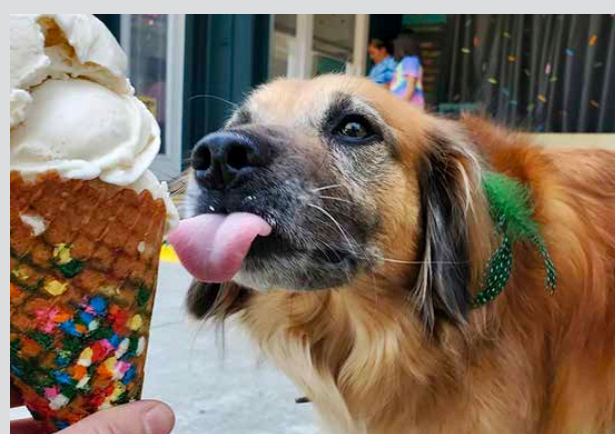
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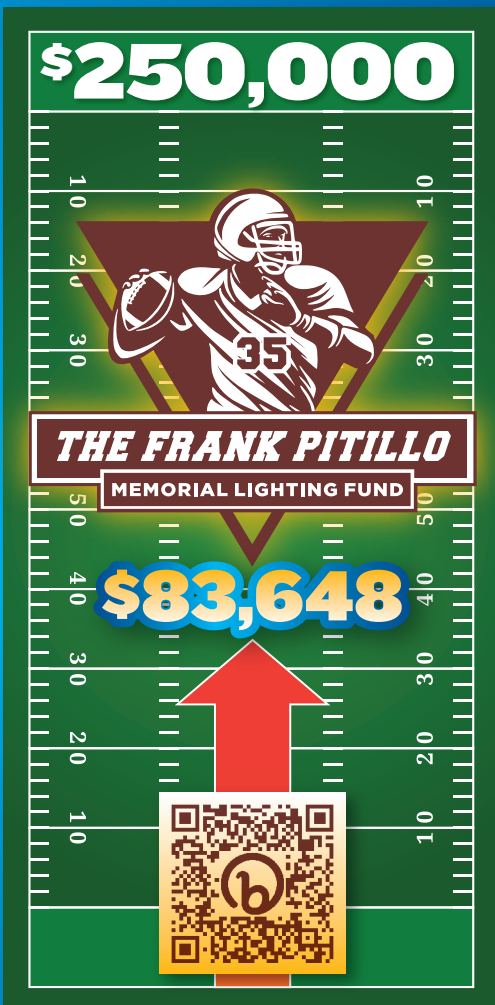
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