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Area golf courses welcome a solid start to the season as the popularity of the sport continues to grow



By Spencer Timkey

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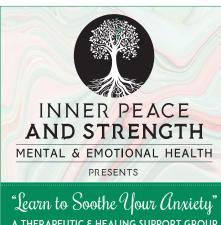




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The game looked different. Pins stayed in holes, carts had single riders and post-round hand-shakes turned into fist bumps or nods. Bunkers, unable to be raked, stayed unkempt.

Professional golf changed dramatically. There was no roar from the gallery when superstar in the making Colin Morikawa drove the 293-yard Par 4 No. 16 at TPC Harding Park en route to his first PGA Championship win. The Masters — "A Tradition Unlike Any Other" — moved from April to November, and the only ones to see Dustin Johnson don his first Green Jacket were the select few at Augusta and those watching from home. Professionals played at empty courses, producing silent rounds and eerie scenes for the cameras.

Despite these pandemic-induced restrictions, it didn't stop the people from discovering — or rediscovering — the beauty of the game. According to the National Golf Foundation's 2020 report, golf experienced a record surge. Golf lost 20 million rounds in the spring due to closings and restrictions, only to record 61 million more than 2019 through the summer and fall of 2020. The last time the game saw such an uptick was after Tiger Woods' legendary 1997 Masters win. (Writer's note: besides my dad, Tiger Woods is the primary reason for my love of the game.)

Every PGA Professional you speak with says the same thing: that last summer shattered records. Local courses like Randolph's Cardinal Hills and Ellicottville's Holiday Valley booked seemingly endless tee times. If there's a silver lining of the pandemic, it's the staggering number of people that embraced outdoor activities for the first time. Skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking and the like all saw similar increases.

Golf's resurgence, in part, can be attested to those who champion the game for everyday people. Sam "Riggs" Bozoian, a Barstool Sports personality, cultivates golf through things like the Barstool Classic and the Foreplay Podcast — Barstool's golf pod — that help break the stereotype golf is strictly for the affluent. Brands like Uncommon Golf vie for a different feel to the game, encouraging golfers to play their own way.

For too long, PGA professionals and golf's leadership stayed locked in the ways things had always been done, which stigmatized golf as stuffy and boring. But in recent years, we've seen courses adapt to what people want — including allowing music in golf carts (at a respectable level, people!) allowing professionals to wear shorts during practice rounds and embracing new ways to grow the game.

An entire generation that looked up to Tiger during his dominance became the new faces of golf. His impact on the game's growth can't be understated, and it coincided with the surge during the summer of 2020. Tiger's miraculous 2019 Masters win reinvigorated the game's popularity. The field is wide open in any given tournament or Major because of the vast talent the game now boasts, and the PGA began offering incentives for professionals with the most



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EDDIE SZPAICHER GOLF CLASSIC

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"Eddie was my father-in-law, and he was a bartender next to the ski shop where I work (The City Garage). Before I even started dating his daughter, I knew who he was," Clauss laughed. In fact, many in the community got to know Szpaicher there, and even more people got to know him because of his passion for sports, including golf, and enthusiastic support of his three daughters, all athletes themselves.

Just six months after Szpaicher passed away, one of his close friends, Jay Stoddard, organized the first tournament in his memory. "It was the largest day of golf in Holiday Valley history," Clauss recalled. "I can't remember the exact number, but we had over 200 golfers for two shotguns, one at 8:00am and one at 1:00pm. It was such an amazing day!"

Every year since, including last year, the Eddie Szpaicher Golf Classic has been held at Holiday Valley, and every year, it fills to capacity. Last year, due to Covid, the event was scaled back to one shotgun start with 144 golfers - still an impressive number - and it is already full for 2021.

Even though registration has closed, Clauss said that any individual or business can still be a hole sponsor, which is the primary source of fundraising. Since its creation, the tournament has given \$50,000 in scholarship awards. Each year, the Eddie Szpaicher Scholarship Fund awards two \$2,500 scholarships to two graduating Ellicottville Central School seniors who participated in at least two different sports and have an 85 or better average. This year's scholarship recipients are Logan Frederickson and Noah Steinbroner.

Many golfers, especially those who knew Szpaicher, make an annual tradition out of participating in the golf classic. Clauss noted that the event has also grown to include new golfers, too. "This year, more than ever, I've had more people that are just new to the tournament, and a lot of people who have played in it before and are inviting another foursome," said Clauss. "That's an overwhelming response! Some of them didn't even know who Ed was, but they like to support it and enjoy the event. It's just gotten bigger and bigger!"

Those who are interested in sponsoring a hole can visit bigedgolf.com/hole-sponsors or email Clauss at tclauss27@gmail.com.

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For PGA Pro Steve Carney, it just wouldn't be summer without the Ellicottville Library/WNY PGA Pro Am Tournament. On Monday, August 9th, Holiday Valley's Double Black Diamond Golf Course welcomes pros and amateurs alike to this tournament, which ben-

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OLEAN CHAMBER GOLF CLASSIC

This year's event will raise money for the Michelle Krahe Peace Scholarship Fund





OLEAN - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce's Golf Committee met this past March to discuss its annual Chamber Golf Classic. As the 2020 edition was held during COVID with restrictions, the committee is excited to move forward with its 8th annual Chamber Golf Classic on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Bartlett Country Club, with most COVID restrictions lifted.

"During the meeting, Dwayne Randal, golf pro at Bartlett, stated that by our date in July, the course should be pretty much back to normal," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. "The Committee did keep the box lunch out with the golf carts however, as many would come right from work to the course and wouldn't be able to eat."

The format of the Classic will be a scramble with a limit of 30 teams and no handicaps. The committee has decided to go with mulligans this year, which will be the first for the Golf Classic. Registration will open at noon that day with a shotgun start set for 1:00pm. Dinner with awards and cash bar will take place at 6:00pm.

"The mulligans were added so we could gift more monies to the charity," said Yanetsko. "Each year the committee decides on a fund through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to donate to. Past recipients have included Meals on Wheels, Swizzy's Cause, Interfaith Caregivers, United Way, McHone Scholarship, Mental Health, and last year was Canticle Farm. My family lost our leaders this year with mom (Irene) passing away in January and dad (Dave) in February. The committee surprised me with suggesting that we donate to our sister's / their daughter's fund – Michele Krahe Peace Scholarship Fund that sits with CRCF. I was speechless and very appreciative."

The classic player fee is \$125 per player/\$500 per team and includes greens, golf cart, lunch and dinner. Hole sponsorships are available to business organizations at a \$100 fee per hole. If you have 120 small items that you would like to place in the bag, please let GOACC know. Items could include pens, koozies, free drink token, etc. For those that aren't able to golf but would like to come for dinner and awards, the fee is \$40.

"The Classic features corporate teams and community teams," explained Erica Dreher, GOACC Member Services Manager. "A Corporate Team consists of employees within the same physical company with current active employees who are full-time year-round. A Community Team is a team of friends, family, and/or non-employment associates captained by a GOACC member."

Dreher added, "Last year, the Classic had 24 teams. We are hoping to fill the course with 30 teams for 2021. Back again this year: every team member's drive has to be used at least twice, a putting contest before tee off at hole #17 will be held, and a 2-putt rule."

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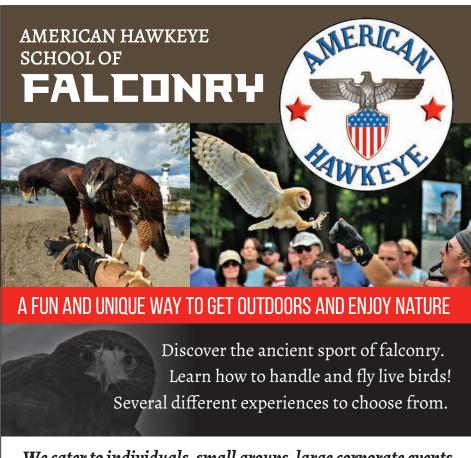
The golf winners from the 2020 Chamber Golf Classic were for the Corporate Division, Siemens with teammates: Jeff Crouch, Rich Davis, Marcus Aiello and Bob Forness; and for the Community Division, Scott Rotary Seals with Josh Rodman, John Forrest, Brian Rodman, and Scott Barry.

History of this event: Four Chamber members met with GOACC staff back in the Fall of 2013 regarding the highly successful Corporate Challenge 5K. Ledgie DeRose, Jeff Crouch, Frank Higgins, and Scott Derwick all have participated (or their companies) in

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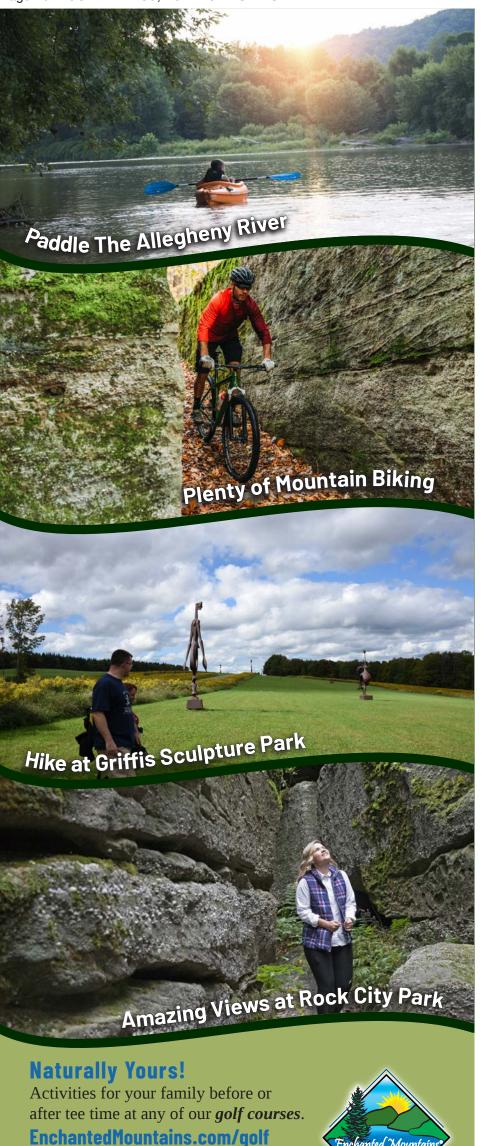
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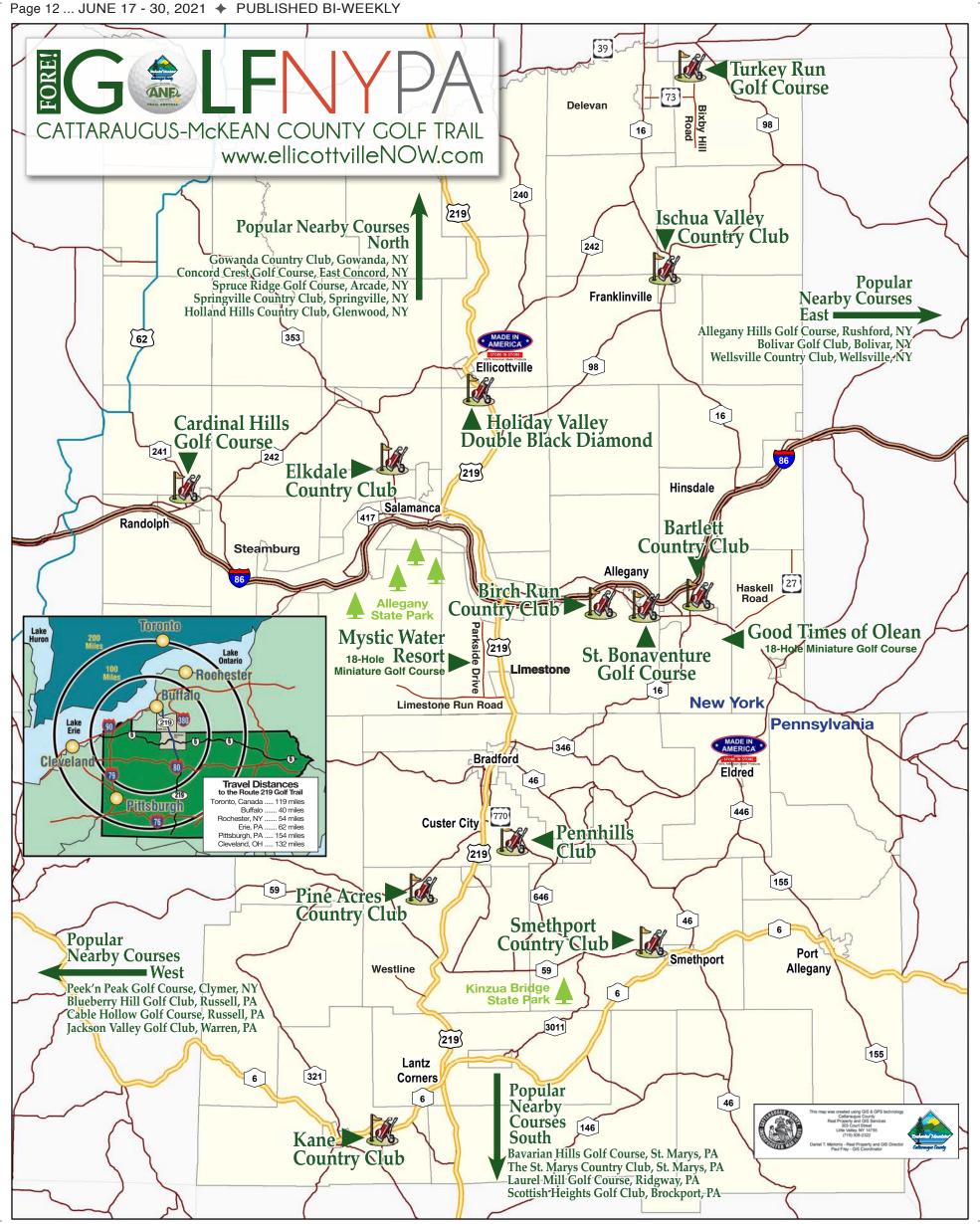
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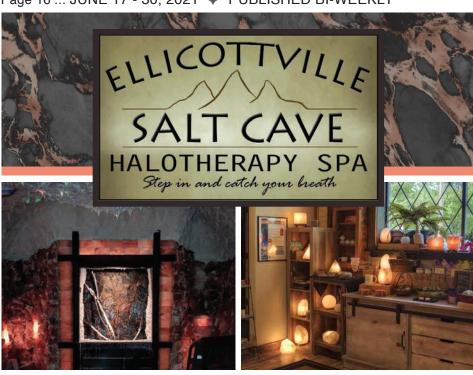
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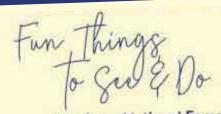


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ART IN THE WILDS

One of the most anticipated juried art shows returns to in-person event





By Mary Heyl

Since 2006, Evergreen Park in Kane, Pennsylvania has come alive with activity during the last weekend of June. In and among the towering pine trees, dozens of white tents are erected each year, as 40 artists in all mediums from the tri-state area set up for one of the most anticipated juried art shows in McKean County.

Last year was quite different, however. No tents, food vendors, or crowds filled the beautiful park, as Art in the Wilds went virtual, like so many other events that were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Through their website (www.artinthewilds.org), Art in the Wilds gave artists the opportunity to showcase their work through photos so that interested buyers could contact the artists directly to order their work.

"Last year was pretty rough," said Jackie Buonanducci, director of marketing for Art in the Wilds. "Artists and art in general really took a hit during the pandemic." This year, though, the event is returning to Evergreen Park, said Buonanducci, a decision that the board arrived at after many months of careful planning. "We spent a lot of time talking about if we should have a show, and if we did, how to do it. When the vaccine came out, that had a big impact on our decision. We'd been keeping track of other events and what they were doing, so we finalized our decision in March." Marilyn Blackmore, vice president and former executive director, has been working closely with Merry Ryding to help her transition to her new role as executive director. Buonanducci explained, "They've been working together for two years planning this out. I anticipate that this year is going to be even better attended than before!"

The feedback from artists has been wonderful, to say the least. "The response has been absolute relief," Buonanducci said. "And gratitude. Last year and even this year, there have been so many cancellations, and these artists count on these events to share and sell their work. It's really important to us for them to know that we're doing everything we can to keep them safe."

Toward that end, Art in the Wilds is spacing out tents to allow more room for foot traffic and demonstrations. This year, there are 36 artists participating, including 12 artists who participated in last year's virtual show who were invited back for this year's in-person event. There are also additional cleaning/hand-washing stations in the park this year, per CDC guidelines.

This year, visitors can expect to see a great variety of art and handmade wares from categories including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting and drawing, photography, sculpture, and wood. Each artist and crafter that applies for the show must go through a rigorous judging process through the Art in the Wilds committee, and only 40 artists are selected to participate each year.

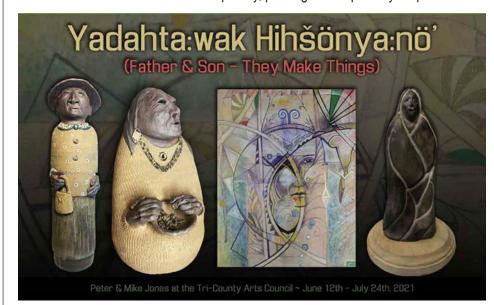
Several artists return each year to the show, including Stacie Johnson-Leske, whose ceramics and demonstrations are always enjoyed, Buonanducci noted. Another returning artist is Amy Hahn, whose work, at first glance, appears to be composed of individual brush strokes that capture the details of her subjects. Hahn is actually a glass artist, and her stunning mosaics are made of many, many carefully placed pieces of glass.

Megan Gillis creates jewelry by metalsmithing. "I am amazed by the intricate and delicate forms and components of the leaves and flowers - each one is unique, one of a kind," she said. "My love of these floral components is a paramount component of my work."

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YADAHTA:WAK HIHŠÖNYA:NÖ'

Arts Council exhibits neo-traditional pottery, paintings & sculpture by Iroquois artists



OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council is honored to exhibit the exquisite neo-traditional Native American pottery, sculpture and paintings of Peter and Mike Jones. Their exhibit, Yadahta:wak Hihšönya:nö' (Father & Son - They Make Things) is running now through Saturday, July 24th in the Tri-County Arts Gallery in Olean, NY.

The work of both artists reflects their Native American heritage and issues that have impacted the Hodinöhsö:ni' or "People of the Long House."

Peter is an internationally renowned potter and sculptor who works mostly in stoneware and white earthenware clay. He resides on the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Peter studied under the Hopi artist Otellie Loloma while attending the Institute of American Indian Art in New Mexico. His pottery, some of which is derived from traditional Iroquois pit firing, hand-built coiling, and slab construction, is admired and collected by community members, Native American art collectors, and museums across the country and internationally. His work is "neo-traditional," which is a modern interpretation of precolonization Iroquois pottery.

"Our traditional pottery died out around the 1500's," he said, adding, "the transition to European kettles and metal pans replaced our early pottery. In 1977 I began researching our pottery to find out how it was made and what they were used for. Now, I think I have come to a pretty fair representation of the methods used by our ancestors in making pottery. After re-introducing this style of pottery back to our own people, I began to wonder what our pottery might look like today had we continued to produce our pottery."

Peter is also a sculptor, creating figurative work depicting people in native Iroquois clothing, often with a humorous twist.

His work is in private and public collections world-wide, including the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Heard Museum, the Iroquois Indian Museum in Howes Cave, NY, Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center in Salamanca, Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Oklahoma, and Indian Arts and Crafts Board in Washington DC.

Mike is renowned in his own right for his paintings and sculpture. His work reflects his deep respect for his Onondaga and Seneca artistic heritage, learned as a boy from his father.

"I began working in clay at a very young age under the guidance of my father, Peter Jones, who taught me how to hand-build Iroquois pottery," he said. "Since the original pottery died out around the 1500's, my father and I were some of the first ones to revive this art form. I am primarily self-taught in regard to my drawings and paintings and am influenced by a diverse set of painters and illustrators - Native and Non-native alike - such as: TC Cannon, Dan Namingha, Earl Biss, MC Escher, Gustav Klimt, Jackson Pollock and Salvatore Dali"

In addition to his father, Mike gives credit to several Native sculptors who include Tom Huff, Stan Hill, and Allan Houser who have influenced his clay sculpture. Mike's work is in collections nationwide, including the Heard Museum, the Iroquois Indian Museum, and the Indian Arts and Crafts Board. Mike's art is in the Permanent Collections of the Heard Museum, Phoenix, Arizona; Iroquois Indian Museum, Howes Cave, NY; Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, Salamanca; Southern Plains Indian Museum, Anadarko, Ok; and Indian Arts and Crafts Board, Washington DC.

For more information about this exhibit, contact the Tri-County Arts Council at 716-372-7455. The Tri-County Arts Gallery is located at 110 W. State St., Olean, NY. Additional info can be found at myartscouncil.net

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By Kim Duke, Certified Personal Trainer

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Golf is a game that depends on rotation of the body to deliver power from the ground through the core to the club and finally the ball. Most golfers find it surprising that the lower back - or lumbar spine - is not designed for a lot of rotation. However, you continue to see golf exercises that target flexibility and range of motion in the lower spine. The more effective training strategy is to build stability in the lower spine while working to optimize mobility and power in the hips and upper - or thoracic - spine. One way to both improve performance and reduce the risk of injury is "core" training. The easiest way to think of your core is your body minus your arms and legs. From your hips to your shoulders, that's your core, your power center and your key to performance and longevity.

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Core Performance Fitness Center offers TRX training classes which are taught by a certified instructor. For more information about how to improve your core stability and body alignment, feel free to contact me at kduke65@gmail.com

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 at 716-698-1198.

Inner Peace and Strength: Was the Year of COVID-19 a Trauma?

By Laura Widger, LCSW





As masks lower and we begin to smile, grin, and smirk at community members in the grocery store again, we are going to need some time to digest and process the year of the pandemic. Two questions, particular, may arise: Did we just experience a trauma

or traumatic event? And what does that mean for our ongoing emotional/mental health and wellness?

Let us hear what the experts define a trauma as. The American Psychiatric Association classifies mental adjustments, disorders, and symptomologies in the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders (DSM-5)." In this manual a trauma is defined as: a deeply distressing or disturbing event that overwhelms an individual's ability to cope, causes feelings of helplessness, diminishes one's sense of self and one's ability to feel a full range of emotions and experiences. Therefore, for many of us, the answer to the question: Was the year of Covid-19 a trauma ... is a well defined yes.

The year of Covid-19 has triggered a plethora of emotional, physical, and economic issues that may result in adjustment disorders, trauma induced disorders, as well as post traumatic stress disorders for many Americans. An adjustment disorder is an emotional or behavioral reaction to a stressful and traumatic event in a person's life that persists for 6 months or less. Adjustment disorders can encompass: depressed moods, anxiety, mixed anxiety and depressed moods, disturbances of conduct, and mixed disturbances of emotions and conduct.

According to Psychiatric Times, "Different groups of people have reported and met the qualifying criteria for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) according to the DSM-5, as a result of the pandemic: those who have themselves suffered from serious Covid-19

illness and potential death; individuals who, as family members and health care workers, have witnessed others' suffering and death; individuals who have learned about the death or risk of death of a family member or friend due to the virus; and individuals who have experienced extreme exposure to averse details (journalists, first responders, medical examiners, and hospital personnel), etc. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder incorporates the following symptoms: distressing memories and dreams, flashbacks, psychological distress if an environmental cue reminds one of the initial trauma, avoidance, an inability to remember important aspects of the traumatic event, negative beliefs, distorted cognitions, negative emotional states, disinterests in activities, feelings of detachment from others, inabilities to experience positive emotions, irritability, self-destructive behaviors, hypervigilance, startled responses, difficulties with concentration, and sleep disturbances. Lastly, Acute Stress Disorder and Unspecified Trauma and Stressor Related Disorders are also among very common human responses to the stressors/horrors/fears of this past year.

With all this information detailed above, and if you find yourself experiencing prolonged traumatic symptoms, what can you do? The most important intervention is to speak about or journal about your experience. Silence and secrecy often perpetuates the problem and its symptoms. Next, subtle lifestyle changes can help improve current levels of functioning (focus on one's breath, practice mindfulness meditations, practice yoga, get a massage, eat a well balanced nutritiously rich diet, find ways to find peace/relaxation/stillness within the mind daily). Next, experiment and try various strategies to enhance your sleep cycle (incorporate music into your bedtime routine, have a shower then read something light and funny before bed, and power off screen time 45 minutes before bedtime). Also, there is never any shame in reaching out to a professional therapist for help to remedy current symptoms. A simple Google search of mental health therapists in Cattaraugus County will give you a list of providers near you. Lastly, if you or your loved one is struggling with thoughts of not being here any more or thoughts of suicide, please do not hesitate to call Cattaraugus County's 24-hour crisis hot-line number at 1800-339-5209.

I leave you with this quote by Karen Salmansohn: "Give yourself time to heal from a challenge you've been dealt. Letting go of hurt doesn't happen overnight. It happens in slow, small steps forward. Be gentle and patient with yourself."

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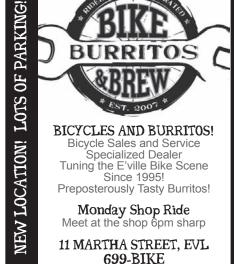




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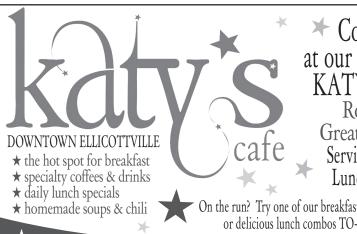
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NOW THIS... BY SPENCE

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social media interactions. The Brooks Koepka-Bryson DeChambeau feud is the best (and to be completely honest, hilariously petty) rivalry in sports, offering endless meme-worthy content and video clips.

As more of the population became vaccinated and restrictions began to ease, spectators showed up and showed out at professional tournaments. It culminated in last month's PGA Championship at the Ocean Course on South Carolina's Kiawah Island. Phil Mickelson — the People's Champion, Lefty, Mr. Calves — became the oldest player to win a Major at 50 years, 11 months and 7 days. While this feat would have been incredible unto itself, the coronation happened while he walked down the 18th fairway with a (borderline out of control) mob of people behind him. At that moment, you could feel it.

Golf is both gloriously elating and maddeningly difficult. You can't out hustle a golf course, instead relying on a mixture of mental toughness and inner Zen to play at your best. You are competing with others but mainly yourself. There's nothing like it.

A lot of factors played into golf's recent ascendence, but at the end of the day it is the people that played the biggest role. It gave us an escape during the one of the toughest times we've seen, and it's being rewarded with staggering numbers on courses nationwide. It's now apparent that golf isn't going anywhere. Golf is back.

An avid golfer and lover of the game, Spencer Timkey unsuccessfully drives for show and putts for dough. He continues to chase the dream of consistently being a single digit handicap. Tiger Woods will win again.

GOACC GOLF CLASSIC

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the run/walk but wanted to add another dimension to the corporate challenge. That day, the 1st GOACC Corporate Golf Classic was developed! The idea behind the golf teams would be employees/spouses of participating employers similar to registration guidelines of the challenge.

For more information on the Corporate Golf Classic, please contact the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com. Information can also be found on the Chamber's website, www.oleanny.com and facebook page, www.facebook.com/OleanNYChamber.

TEE UP AT HOLIDAY VALLEY

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efits the Ellicottville Memorial Library.

Carney, who has been organizing the tournament for the past 18 years, said the tournament is still accepting registrations. "It's open to anyone, members or not, as long as they have a handicap," said Carney. "Each pro who plays from the WNY PGA is allowed to bring someone with them. When we make the foursomes, we usually put two other people who know each other with them."

Even those who participate annually in the tournament are guaranteed a new experience, as they are placed with a different pro each year. "We have pros from Erie to Canandaigua who come out for this tournament," said Carney. "Many of them travel with a member or a friend from quite a distance to come here. It's a great day!"

The tournament typically includes 24 to 30 foursomes, with an 11:00am shotgun start. Golfers have lunch at the turn, and after the tournament, dinner is served outdoors, weather permitting. Carney said, "We have hole contests on all the par threes, closest to the pin, long drive, and par 3 shootouts for the pros. It's really just a fun day for the charity!"

All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Ellicottville Memorial Library. "I enjoy the camaraderie of all the pros coming," said Carney. "It's really nice that the amateurs get to come out and play, and it ends up being a pretty good competition! The golf pros win cash prizes, and gift certificates are awarded to the amateur players." Those interested in golf tournament raffle tickets can purchase them at the Ellicottville Memorial Library from now through August 9th.

Carney recommends that prospective participants register early, as the tournament usually fills quickly. For more information and registration, contact the Holiday Valley Golf Shop at 716-699-3909 or email Carney at scarney@holidayvalley.com.

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Marilla Bridges Trail System, located just west of Bradford, features a variety of trails from the scenic 1-mile loop around the Marilla Reservoir to the challenging Marilla Springs Trail, Marilla Rocks Trail or Bullis Hollow Trail. In all, there are over 40 miles of trails around Bradford, making it a great overnight hub for those interested in hiking or backpacking.

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ART IN THE WILDS

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Photographer Rocky Holland is returning this year to bring his visitors face-to-face with the beautiful and sometimes unnoticed elements of nature. In Holland's words, "Nature is something that can change year after year, but never really change! A decline in one subject matter will almost mean a spike in another. I always get excited when someone says, 'I didn't know they were even around here!' With photography, I show them they are indeed!"

New artists this year include Christina Krautz (jewelry), Kalpana Lehman (glass), Laurie Leonard (jewelry) and Jeanne Russel (ceramics). With such an impressive group of new and returning artists, Buonanducci said the jurors who determine the show's two awards, Best in Show and Best Artist Overall, have their work cut out for them!

Although there is no student art show due to the pandemic, Buonanducci is pleased to share that there will be several food vendors this year, including the Mt. Jewett Rotary, Kamp Kountry Lemonade, North Country Kettle Corn, Nick's Crab Cakes, PDL Catering, and more. As always, admission and parking for the event are free. Saturday show hours are 10:00am-5:00pm and Sunday hours are 10:00am-4:00pm. Per the park rules, no pets are permitted, with the exception of service dogs. For the latest information about Art in the Wilds, including artist spotlights, photos, and more, follow @ArtInTheWilds on Facebook or visit them on the web at www.artinthewilds.org.

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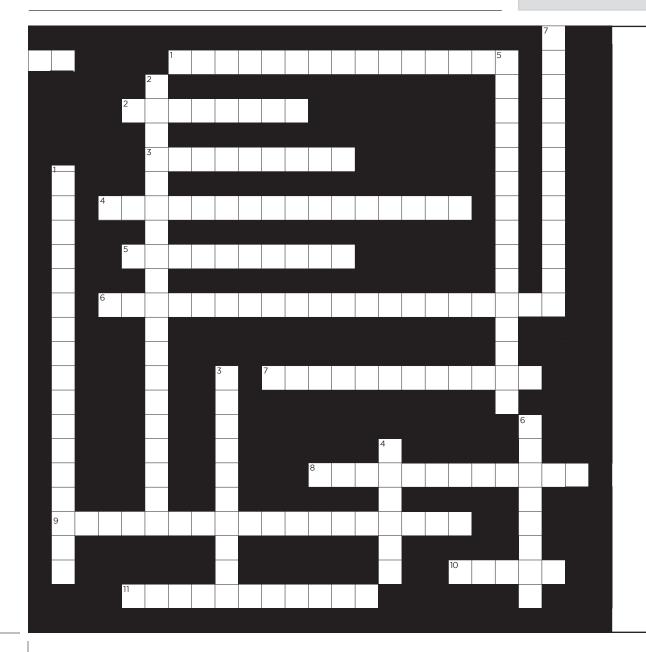
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The Ellicottville Historical Society is happy to announce that they will be hosting three in-person meetings this year. Each meeting will feature a different guest speaker and will take place at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Road, Ellicottville, NY starting at 7:00pm. Space is limited and masks will be required. If you would like to attend any of the meetings, please call Ellen Frank of the Ellicottville Historical Society at 716-699-2276 to reserve your spot. Historical Speakers for 2021 include:

- July 14th: Mark Dunkelman will talk about his book, "Gettysburg's Coster Avenue: The Brickyard Fight and the Mural." He will have his original pencil sketch for the mural on display, and will have copies of the book available for sale.
- August 11th: John Burrell will present "His Family History in Ellicottville." (This has been changed from June 9th.)
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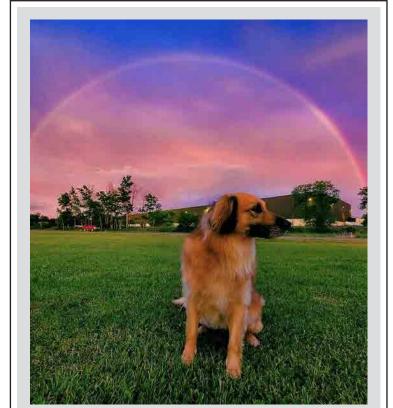
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