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It's festive. It's nostalgic. It's tradition. And it's here! Ellicottville's Summer Music Festival is an experience that keeps families coming back year after year. Outfit your family in red, white & blue, pack up the blankets and picnic baskets, and come listen to some of the greatest musicians rock the stage at Holiday Valley. It's three days of super celebrations featuring live music, outdoor theater and the most adorable pet parade this side of the Mississippi! Many of the downtown activities are free, concert tickets can be purchased the day of at the Holiday Valley Gate, and the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce couldn't be more excited about this year's line-up!

The weekend starts off Friday with a production of *Grease* at the Gazebo downtown. Saturday morning, the ever-popular pet parade takes place down Washington Street, with animals of all sorts dressed in their festive best. As we head into Saturday night, performing at the base of Holiday Valley will be The Players formerly of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire, with opening act Barracuda: America's Heart Tribute Band. Sunday brings us the Buffalo Philharmonic accompanied by Jeans 'n Classics, bringing their signature 80s flair, and closing out with a fireworks show!

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WOUNDED WARRIOR CONCERT

Pre-pandemic, people would get together and attend huge concerts and party like life couldn't end. Then Covid hit and everything froze. It's been a journey getting back to some semblance of normal. And that got me thinking... how do the many veterans who've served come back from what they've faced in their time in the armed forces? How can we help support them? Well, look no further because the Southern Tier Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert is back for 2023 and aims to be better than ever before.

ellicottvilleNOW spoke to Allegany Native, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Miller about what's in store for visitors at this year's event and how the concert supports fellow veterans that may be in need of some help. As a veteran himself, Colonel Miller gave this a lot of thought after he was shot in a domestic terrorism incident at Fort Hood 9 years ago.

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GAZEBO SERIES: FREE ENTERTAINMENT RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the return of the Gazebo Series, sponsored by Niagara Label Company, which invites the community out to the Village Gazebo every Thursday evening for free, live entertainment. A popular celebration on the summer events list, the Ellicottville Gazebo Series attracts families (and even their pets) to gather together. It kicks off Summer Music Fest Weekend this Friday, but will return to Thursdays every week thereafter. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your frosty beverages, even a snack, and enjoy a different musical act each week from 7:00-9:00pm at no charge! For this year's Gazebo Series Schedule ... page 04

There's a New Moon on the Rise in Ellicottville

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Holiday Valley and HoliMont to Host HillTap and Saddle Pond Party, Respectively



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Ski season might long be over and summer is definitely in full swing here, but that doesn't mean that our resorts are taking a break from hosting some awesome events for everyone to enjoy.

42 North Brewing Company and Holiday Valley Resort are again teaming up for the 3rd annual Hilltap Festival at Holiday Valley on July 22nd. Tickets include a chairlift ride to the top of the mountain where event-goers can experience a full day of music and adventure, with mountain biking, standup paddleboarding (SUP), and a full lineup of outdoor vendors.

HoliMont will be welcoming back the Annual Saddle Pond Party on July 22nd and 23rd, complete with bike rentals, demos, paddlesports, disc golf, swimming and even fishing. It's an outdoor adventurer's dream come true!

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Happy Fourth of July!

What's on Your "FUN" List This Independence Day Weekend?



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BY CAROL FISHER-LINN

It's Independence Day - time for great outdoor fun in and around our community. We all know the big stuff that is going on in Ellicottville... Summer Music Festival at Holiday Valley, Gazebo Series downtown - this year's series kicks off Friday with a live theater act from 7:00-9:00pm. Grease! It's free and pet friendly! Bring your chair, picnic basket and cooler, bug spray, blanket and enjoy!

The Summer Music Festival, produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, is perhaps the biggest event of the green season. Says Chamber executive director Brian McFadden, "We've been doing this for over 25 years! You can bring your chairs, blankets, picnic baskets, and there are no parking fees! It's a one-of-a-kind event for the whole family." Visit the chamber online (ellicottvilleny.com) for full details and tickets. Their Saturday concert will showcase The Players formerly of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire. Their annual Sunday event featuring the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will culminate with a fantastic fireworks display. Prepare to be awed!

Earlier on Saturday, bring your pets and enter the village-wide Pet Parade. Dress them up, let them ride their skateboard if they are so talented, or pop them in a stroller and just show them off for all to see and admire. There's no fee to participate, but you must register at Katy's Café at 10:15am. When they are done parading, take them to the park and cut them loose in Elmer's Dog Park where they can all share their parade highlights with one another.

For more dog-friendly adventures, Fido is welcome at Allegany State Park, Pat McGee Trail, Zoar Valley, Rock City Park and Nannen Arboretum. Just be sure to check leashing regulations and carry a pickup bag, please. Dogs and climbers are also welcome at Griffis Sculpture Park in East Otto off Route 219 in Ashford - all 400 acres and 250 large scale sculptures can be climbed on. It is America's largest and oldest sculpture park. Cash admission is by honor system. You simply drop \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors through a slot in the yellow box at the main gate. Kiddoes under the age of 10 are free. Be honest now, no cheating. The kids are watching!

If you desire water play, Spruce Lake at Holiday Valley is accessible by foot, lift (on weekends) or vehicle. The gate at the top of Holiday Valley Road is locked at 5:30pm daily. Kayak, paddleboard, or inflatables are okay, but no motorized vehicles. PFDs are required for all boats and SUPs. No glass bottles, no alcohol, no messes left behind. Pack in, pack out! The lake closes at dusk.

Sky High Aerial Adventure Park at Holiday Valley is another thrill you may not want to miss. The largest in New York State and 3rd largest in the U.S., it is a series of platforms, obstacles, bridges and ziplines built in a 5-acre section of the woods. The challenge: to navigate through all the platforms of a course. There are 13 courses with varying levels of difficulty. Can you say Double Fun???

HoliMont has loads of summer fun on Saturday, July 1, starting with their amazing and challenging bike park (open 10:00am-4:30pm), food trucks, live music by Bleeding Hearts Band from 6:00-9:00pm, and fireworks at 10:00pm.

The newest addition to local fun stuff is the skateboard park in the Village Park. Open dawn to dusk, skateboards, roller skates, scooters and bikes are welcome. This park was a gargantuan effort of a small handful of incredibly tenacious community-minded individuals. Please treat it respectfully and leave it as you found it.

What's a holiday in a country town without a rodeo? Ellicottville has its very own for the past 34 years presented by John and Karen Kent and their family on Sommerville Valley Road. This is one of the largest IPRA/APRA sanctioned rodeos in the Northeast! It runs from June 29th through July 1st at 7:00pm (with fireworks afterward) and July 2nd at 2:00pm. For more information on this event visit ellicottvilleroдео.com.

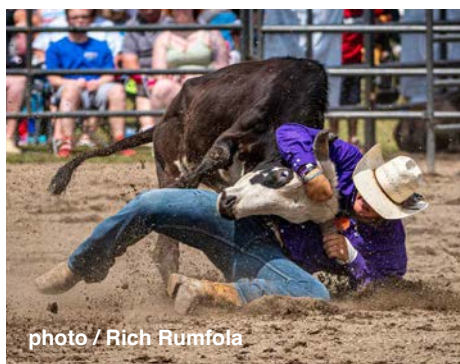


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NEW MOON RISING

The Bob McCarthy Foundation Begins Plans to Transform Annual Fundraiser



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Katy said that our idea is to throw a great party to honor Bob McCarthy's while thanking the Ellicottville community for its unconditional support over the years. We want the party to be accessible to all so we will set a low admission price. Kathleen added that this will be a laid-back event without auctions but with plenty of fun and surprises for the guests. Anne commented that the area businesses are always asked to contribute and we thought it would be a great idea to honor them without putting the tap on them again. It is time to thank all of our loyal donors and supporters over the years.

This past year, the Bob McCarthy Foundation transitioned from the Foundation for Youth and Family Support to become Ellicottville's own Foundation, as Bob imagined. Focused on supporting youth, seniors and the less fortunate in our community, we continue to expand our service.

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GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

New Public Skatepark Made Possible Through Fundraising and Grants

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The park adds to Ellicottville's already incredible recreational landscape, and is set to become a hub for skateboarders, rollerskaters and BMX riders of all ages and skill levels.

The "New Car Dealers of WNY Ellicottville Skatepark" is a culmination of the passion of local skateboarding advocates and a matching grant awarded by The Skatepark Project, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation, and the title sponsor.

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

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

"The Ellicottville skatepark is a fantastic addition to the region's youth sports and recreation scene. Traditional sports don't appeal to all youth, and many show a strong interest and desire to be active on their own terms," said Mary Wilson, Life Trustee with the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation. "That's where action sports like skateboarding come in, providing them with more opportunities to be active, social, and independent. We are pleased to support this impressive project, and we commend all the community members and funders who collaborated to make it possible. It represents a passionate partnership for play that Ralph would be proud of."

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SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Concerts and Theater and Pet Parades... Oh My!



BY BRENDA PERKS

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LIVE THEATER

Who could ever forget John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in the 1978 musical, Grease. Taking place in the summer of 1958, Sandy Olsson, the new girl in town, and Danny Zuko, the school's coolest greaser, have a secret summertime romance - but when they get back to school, everything is different. Sandy attempts to navigate the tricky Rydell High School social waters and catch Danny's attention again, but Danny is chiefly concerned with maintaining his tough-guy reputation. In the end, the Pink Ladies help Sandy figure out how to win back the leader of the Burger Palace Boys.

It's one thing to watch Grease on the screen; it's a whole different experience to see it played out live! Kick off your Summer Music Fest weekend with a live performance of Grease at the Gazebo downtown, Friday, June 30th at 7:00pm. Blankets, chairs, picnic baskets and the whole family are welcome, FREE!

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

It wouldn't be Summer Music Festival without the music. This year's Saturday night lineup at Holiday Valley includes...

THE PLAYERS FORMERLY OF CHICAGO AND EARTH, WIND & FIRE: Performing at an outdoor venue at the base of Holiday Valley Resort on Saturday, July 1st at 7:00pm, fans can expect to hear all the greats from these legendary icons. Who are The Players? Bill Champlin (two-time grammy winner and member of Chicago for 28 years) will be joined by Keith Howland (former guitarist of Chicago), Jeff Coffey (former lead vocalist of Chicago), and Gordon Campbell (former drummer of Earth, Wind & Fire). With hits like "If You Leave Me Now," "You're the Inspiration" and "Hard To Say I'm Sorry" from Chicago, coupled with the likes of "Shining Star", "Boogie Wonderland" and "September" from Earth, Wind & Fire, The Players will have you reminiscing about the good old days.



OPENING ACT: As if The Players aren't already enough to sell the show, the Ellicottville Chamber has booked another iconic band to get event-goers revved up. Barracuda-America's Heart Tribute will prime the audience with their legacy sound. Mastering top hits including "Crazy On You", "Alone", and of course, "Barracuda", the band is known for their monster vocals, brilliant musicianship and unceasing over-the-top performances which has created a solid foundation for this fabulous tribute to HEART. Taking everyone on a musical journey back in time, Barracuda-America's Heart Tribute articulately recreates the phenomenal songs of the 70s, 80s and 90s that are still loved by loyal Heart fans around the world. (Pro tip: Wear practical shoes. Leave the stilettos at home and go with comfort. We're certain you'll be on your feet as soon as these guys hit the stage.)

BPO AND FIREWORKS: It wouldn't be an Independence Day birthday celebration without a colorful display in the night sky. And it wouldn't be Summer Music Festival

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ELLICOTTVILLE SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

It's no secret that Ellicottville is famous for its eclectic festival schedule, truly offering something for everyone. One of the biggest weekends of the summer is here! Summer Music Festival will take over the village and Holiday Valley Resort June 30-July 2. From a pet parade to some really big names in the music industry performing slopeside, this is definitely one weekend not to be missed. Check out the full weekend's schedule right here, and be sure to purchase your concert tickets online on the Chamber's website. Children 12 and under are free! This Independence Day holiday, come out and enjoy a sunny weekend in Ellicottville filled with great music, adorable animals, shopping and dining, all nestled amongst our two neighboring ski areas!

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

GREASE: THE MUSICAL Friday @ 7:00 PM Downtown @ The Gazebo

Surely many of you will remember the 1978 hit film, Grease, featuring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. Based on the musical which hit the big stage in 1972, a local Buffalo group is bringing nostalgic songs and dance to fans in the 14731.

Sandy Olsson, the new girl in town, and Danny Zuko, the school's coolest greaser, have a secret summertime romance - but when they get back to school, everything is different. Sandy attempts to navigate the tricky Rydell High School social waters and catch Danny's attention again, but Danny is chiefly concerned with maintaining his tough-guy reputation. In the end, the Pink Ladies help Sandy figure out how to win back the leader of the Burger Palace Boys.

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CONCERT: BARRACUDA A HEART TRIBUTE BAND Saturday @ 7:00 PM Slopes of Holiday Valley

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SUNDAY, JULY 2ND



CONCERT: BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Sunday @ 8:05 PM Slopes of Holiday Valley

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will return to Ellicottville July 2nd at the

Summer Music Festival. The concert will kick off with O' Canada and the Star Spangled Banner, and the evening will conclude with everyone's favorite 1812 Overture and Stars and Stripes Forever by the BPO, set to an incredible fireworks display.

The BPO will be joined this year by Jeans 'n Classics. Jeans 'n Classics is a group of musicians who understand orchestra culture & are committed to help in the building of younger, loyal audiences for symphony orchestras across North America. While most definitely not a tribute act, Jeans 'n Classics faithfully interprets the music of legendary rock and pop albums and artists, with their own special and signature flair. Symphonies far and wide have heralded the quality of their orchestral scores. Their reputation precedes them for providing lush, fully realized arrangements of rock and pop classics for rock band and symphony, and top notch, easy-to-work-with performers who truly know how to deliver a great rehearsal and live show experience with professionalism, humor, and finesse.



CONCERT: THE PLAYERS FORMERLY OF CHICAGO AND EARTH, WIND & FIRE Saturday @ 9:15 PM Slopes of Holiday Valley

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HILLTAP FESTIVAL

42 North Brewing Co. Announces Expanded Music Lineup and Full Day of Adventure



EAST AURORA - 42 North Brewing Company and Holiday Valley Resort are again teaming up for the 3rd annual Hilltap Festival™ at Holiday Valley on Saturday, July 22nd. In addition to a second stage for music, the Hilltap Festival will also offer RV camping at Holiday Valley and tent camping at neighboring resort, HoliMont.

Hilltap Festival tickets include a chairlift ride to the top of the mountain where event-goers can experience a full day of music and adventure. Activities include mountain biking, standup paddleboarding (SUP), and a full lineup of outdoor vendors. Additionally, 42 North, Fat Bob's, and Villaggio will offer food and beverage.

MUSIC LINE-UP AND ACTIVITIES

This year's music bill has been expanded to include three bands. Opening up the festival atop Spruce Lake will be the roots duo from Springville, NY, Kody & Herren, followed by Buffalo-based band, Ten Cent Howl, bringing their up-tempo, Americana sound to the festival. The festival will wrap up at the base of the mountain with a special performance by The Probables from Jamestown, NY. The Probables will be bringing their bluegrass sounds to the festival as part of their 2023 Destination Tour.

"This is one of our favorite events of the year. There is no better place to merge craft beer, roots music, and adventure. It's truly a one-of-a-kind venue," said 42 North Brewery Founder, John Cimperman.

The Hilltap Festival begins at 12:00pm and runs until 9:00pm. Attendees will park at Holiday Valley's Tannenbaum Lodge and take the chairlift up to the festival. This year's vendors and experiences include SUP demos by SUP Erie Adventures, bike demos by Freewheel, Henna Art by Buffalo Henna, Axe throwing by Hatchets & Hops, Holiday Valley e-bike demos, and Mud, Sweat n' Gears.

PRESALE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Advance tickets are now on sale for \$45 which includes your chairlift ride to Spruce Lake, a full day of music, and access to the vendors and demos. Children 10 and under are admitted free, accompanied by a paying adult.

For more event information and tickets to the Hilltap Festival, visit hilltapfestival.com.

CELTIC MOON

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In its 17th year, the Bob McCarthy Foundation's holiday program, Santa's Workshop provides Christmas gifts, monetary help and holiday dinners to bring cheer to those less fortunate during the holiday season.

The Bob McCarthy Foundation continues to quietly provide special help to all in the community with eye glasses, hearing aids, medical durables and other needs to help level the playing field for all.

As most of you know, the Foundation draws major funding from Bob McCarthy's Irish Christmas every year. For those of you who don't know, the Bob McCarthy Foundation's efforts fund many other great programs like the Ellicottville Library Summer Intern & Reading Program, Katie's EYWIC After Park Program, and Leah's Summer Reading Camp and more. This year we awarded five scholarships to ECS and BOCES students. We provide critical quarterly funding for the Ellicottville Food Pantry as well as yearly grants to the Alley Katz and Ellicottville Historical Society.

Greg indicated the reason we decided to delay the restart of Celtic Moon to 2024 is the board's workload rolling out a new Seniors Program to focus on transportation, technology and medical assistance. You will see more information about this later in the year.

Before you ask, "Why Celtic Moon?"... well, the moon has a significant role in Celtic lore. It is associated with the goddess Arianrhod who is known as the goddess of rebirth and the weaving of cosmic time and fate. We remember Bob and his Celtic roots that played such an important role in his dedication to our community.

You can find more information on the Foundation at www.bobmccarthyfoundation.com or on our Facebook page. Watch ellicottvilleNOW for more news on the rising and all things McCarthy!

SADDLE POND PARTY

Saddle Up! HoliMont's Annual Family-Friendly Event Returns July 22nd & 23rd



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Ski season might long be over and summer is definitely in full swing here, but that doesn't mean that HoliMont is taking a break from hosting some awesome events for everyone to enjoy. Welcome back to the Annual Saddle Pond Party, which returns July 22nd and 23rd.

Snowsports Director Travis Widger said that this year is shaping up to be better than last year. He also wanted everyone to know that, "camping is welcome and encouraged this season. We have a number of dry campsites to park a camper or RV and numerous sites for tents. Dry camping is offered at \$25 a night or \$40 for the weekend." It's a great way to make sure you don't miss out on any of the festival activities!

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AT ITS BEST



What makes the Saddle Pond Party so festive, you ask? First and foremost, the Bike Park atmosphere is always fun and family friendly. Take advantage of bike rentals, demos, paddle sports, disc golf, swimming and even fishing. It's an outdoor adventurer's dream come true. The fresh air, miles of open country... something special happens when you get together with the people you love at HoliMont!

Of course it wouldn't be a festival without some great vendors. The EVGV Trail will be there to promote the continuation of the trail, CRKT Life will be there selling Cricket Protein, and Kona Bikes will be hosting a demo on Sunday 7/23, just to name a few. (Additional vendors are being confirmed each week!)

And then there's the music. Saturday's stage will feature 10 Delaware. Formed in 2009, the band features Chris Pusateri on lead vocals, Dan Fiorella on lead guitar and vocals, Jonathan Buck on bass and vocals, and Chuck Haaland on drums. They'll perform a variety of guitar driven modern era tunes along with classic and dance songs.

As this is a family friendly event and HoliMont is always "Family First", there will be a number of activities for every age in the family to enjoy - yard games, badminton, Kan Jam, cornhole, along with all the others already listed above.

Let's talk about food. Saturday's options will include Carson's BBQ, slinging their delicious BBQ chicken and ribs, Wanderer Hut with their Polish menu of kielbasa, pierogis along with some tasty desserts, and plans also include an Ellicottville Brewing Company station set up for micro-brews and beverages.

One super important thing to note: in case you are on the fence... this is a FREE EVENT! There is no cost for admission, though one trip lift tickets up to the pond are \$10 (or \$25 for an all-day pass.) Lift access during the Saddle Pond Party will run 10:00am-4:30pm each day with camp and fun afterwards. To keep up-to-date with new details as they are released, visit holimont.com or follow @holimont on IG/FB.

HOLIMONT BIKE PARK FIREWORKS

HOLIMONT - Are you ready for an explosive evening filled with heart-pumping music, ice-cold beer, and mouth-watering food? Join HoliMont Resort on July 1st at the HoliMont Bike Park for an unforgettable fireworks display that's sure to dazzle and delight! Schedule is as follows: Bike Park with lift service: 10:00am-4:30pm, Music by Bleeding Hearts: 6:00-9:00pm, Fireworks: 10:00pm. Whether you're a passionate mountain biker, a music lover, or simply looking for a beautiful show of color, HoliMont invites you to come celebrate with them this Fourth of July weekend. Follow @holimont on IG/FB.

PHOTO REWIND

National "Go Skateboarding" Day

Celebrated each year on the summer solstice, Go Skate Day brings a showcase of talent and encourages beginners to come out and join the movement. Both Ellicottville and Jamestown organized Go Skate Day events, on June 21st and 24th, respectively.

photos / Matt Brahaney, Ellicottville



photos / Ashley Baron, Jamestown



National "Day of the Gong"

Also on Wednesday, June 21st, Suzy Woo of Good for the Spirit Gifts hosted an Energy Healing Soundbathing experience at the Ellicottville Gazebo. It was a beautiful afternoon of positive affirmations and metaphysical healing. Be on the look out for more to come from Suzy.

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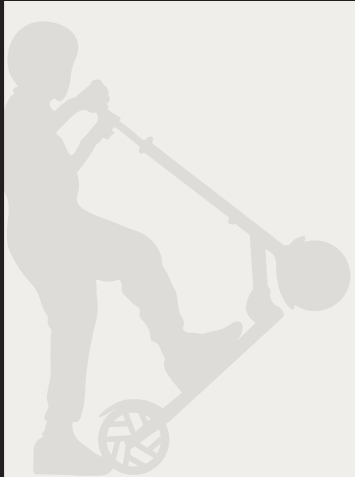




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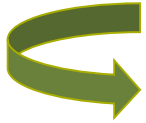
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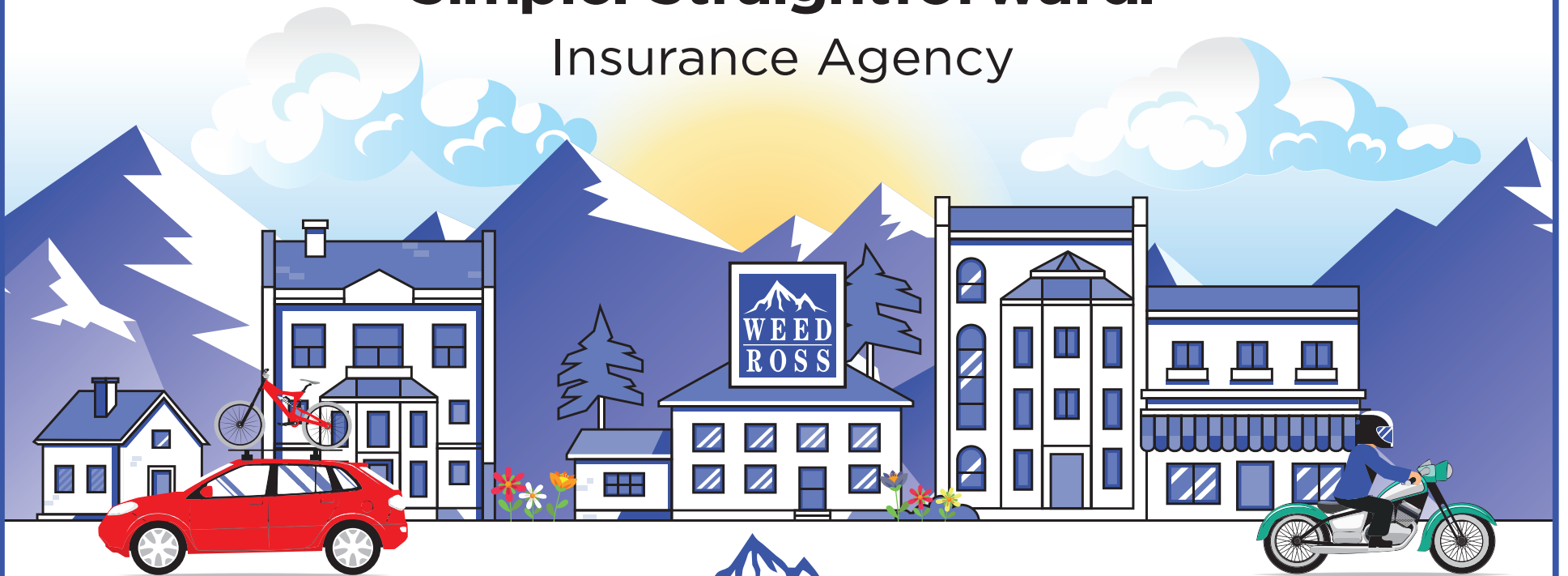


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FIELD TRIP

HIDDEN VALLEY

Where the Deer and the Antelope (and Watusis, Bison and Camels) Play



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By CAROL FISHER-LINN

Some days you just want to get out of town. For those of you who missed seeing the herd of buffalo who resided on Horn Hill Road in Ellicottville for many years but are now gone, you can still find a few dozen on Route 242 toward Machias along with an equal number of elk. It's a crap shoot when you can see them, and when you do, it's at a distance. Fact: There are around 15,000 completely wild and free American bison (in the U.S.) aka 'buffalo', with 5,000 of them living in Yellowstone National Park. Before Europeans began hunting them, their numbers hovered around 30-60 million. There are also around 530,000 buffalo on protected land in private herds. Herbivores, they are the biggest mammals in North America, weighing up to a few tons and standing about 6 feet tall. But don't be fooled by their heft, they can run at around 35mph!

At Hidden Valley Animal Adventure Park - less than an hour away - you can come ALMOST nose to nose with bison, elk (white ones, too!) and creatures (400 representing 40 species) you have only read about in National Geographic, like nilgai and eland. Better than a zoo, you can either drive your own vehicle on a designated road through the park (better chance for nose-to-nose adventure) or grab a tour bus and get up close and personal (through the open sides) with an ogling ostrich, gregarious, giggling goats, coy camels, bodacious bison, zany zebra, alluring alpacas (look for the new white baby), graceful gazelles, wandering watusis (I have to admit I did not see them sliding to the left and then to the right doing the watusi dance, but they were pretty amazing to watch), Judah, the 15 year-old tortoise no larger than a soccer ball, miniature horses, and donkeys and emus, oh my! By the way, emus are the second largest bird only to the ostrich and are said to be one of the oldest species of birds on this planet. And check this out - the male does the incubation and nurtures the babies. Probably still not as extreme an ordeal as the male Emperor penguin which stands for nine weeks with the egg on its feet in brutal cold and snow and care for it until momma returns... but no penguins at the park.



It is so obvious that this is a family affair with every animal treated as an extension of the Hans Boxler family. Hans, a farmer and animal lover, and his wife, Rose, opened the gates to this dream adventure in 2010, now being carried on by the Boxler clan after his passing seven years ago. With so many animals to feed, medicate, vaccinate, and otherwise care for, (including hand feeding the babies if moms won't) they are all bright-eyed, curious, and eager to interact with their visitors. In winter, some are moved into winter housing and since so many of these animals are from warm climates, they are moved into heated barns. Manager and Hans' daughter, Barbara Dominesey, tells me that, although many animals are appropriately tagged, some have their own personal name and their own story. You will meet their oldest family member, Randy, the camel, and a one-horned longhorn steer named 'Lefty' or 'Miles,' depending which tour guide you have. When called, these animals will generally come running if they are not already at the road waiting for the tourist bus to stop so people can feed them from the cups of feed purchased with their ticket. Imagine reaching out, ready to pour feed into their huge gaping mouths, huge tongues out and ready. They know the drill.

The little guys in the small animal area also know the drill. Once you marvel at the stunning peacocks in full feather and are astonished at their harsh, loud calls, go through the gates and be immediately greeted by goats of many colors, tongues hanging out, even nuzzling your pockets or bags. Here, you will find the donkeys. Further in, prepare to discover the pure delight of watching teeny, nimble, baby goats romping and springing up the hilly terrain onto boulders or the picnic table - listen carefully and you'll hear more oos and ahhs than you hear at a baby judging contest. Keep your cameras ready! TikTok has nothing on the cuteness overload in this place! Afterward, board the bus and start your big animal adventure. (The buses, at this point, can accommodate one wheelchair each.) An hour later, disembark at the lodge so you can use the facilities to wash your hands, buy a souvenir and food for the Koi fish at the Trading Post and get something to eat. Although patio tables are reserved for paying customers, you are welcome to bring a blanket and spread a picnic out on the lawn around the pond, if you desire.

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IT'S A BIRD! NO, IT'S A... PLANE?

46th Annual Model Aircraft Show Flies Into Hinsdale July 8-9th



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Have any of you seen those neat RC planes that you can launch into the air and fly around? If you haven't, now is your chance to head out to the STARS Flying Field, located at 5006 W. Shore Road in Hinsdale, NY on July 8-9th for their 46th Annual Fun Fly Event.

Happening from 10:00am-5:00pm both days, you can see all types (and sizes) of model aircraft take to the sky and perform an impressive number of stunts and aerial acrobatics. (Note: These aren't your kid-friendly RC models; these are hobby grade, professional creations.) There will be miniature jets, helicopters, warbirds and more.

Event organizer Gary Fitch gave us a small background on how it all got started. "Briefly, this flying event began as the Southern Tier Aero Radio Society (STARS) primary fundraiser, 46 years ago. The goal was to raise enough money to purchase land and develop a model aircraft flying field that our club controls, this after losing several flying fields that we didn't own. Our goal was accomplished after 24 years, and today the event is still our primary fundraiser to help us pay for taxes, ground maintenance equipment, building maintenance and upkeep."

With an event this huge, they are always adding new features. This year the event is co-sponsored by the "AMA" Academy of Model Aeronautics - District II (New York & New Jersey). District II will be raffling off a new model aircraft to a lucky spectator on Saturday, July 8 at 3:00pm.

FLY EVENTS AND CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Their roster will feature a noontime show on Saturday, July 8 with three separate attractions. First, they will have control line flying demonstrations to include "combat using streamers attached to the aircraft" and "precision aerobatics". The second event will be a "climb to time" where pilots have 30 seconds to fly as high as they can before they have to cut power and glide. The last three to land win trophies. The last noontime event will be an "egg drop". Model aircraft will have a cup attached to the top of the wing with a raw egg in it. Each team consists of one pilot and one person on the ground with a skillet. The pilot takes off and gains altitude then rolls upside down dropping the egg. The team member on the ground has to try to catch the egg with the pan. (I hope the person who catches the egg is wearing a helmet, just in case.) Trophies will be awarded for the most successful drop and catch.

This exciting weekend will once again include a Classic Car Show on Saturday with trophies to the top three cars. If you wish to participate, cost is \$10 per car. Throughout the weekend, model aircraft of all types and sizes will fly. You may see real jet (turbine engines), military warbirds, civilian aircraft, helicopters, and unbelievable 3D flying of both fixed wing aircraft and helis! (It sounds like a high-flying good time... do you see what I did there?)

FOOD, MUSIC, AND ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Don't worry about going hungry while you're watching all the in-air happenings. Hot dogs, white hots, soft drinks and water will be available on-site. On Saturday evening there will be a BBQ dinner; cost is \$15.

There will be entertainment on the ground as well. Music will be played all day and into the evening during dinner. Raffles for pilots and wanna-be pilots, and for ladies will take place, along with 50/50 raffles. Model flying will continue right into the night with aircraft that are lit by LED lights from within.

This fundraiser doesn't only support STARS, it also supports a great cause. Gary said, "A portion of our gate proceeds and car show entries will go the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation."

The Southern Tier Aero Radio Society "STARS" is one of the oldest model flying clubs in the U.S., founded in 1932. They are a Chartered Club, among 2,600 others nationwide, with the Academy of Model Aeronautics of Muncie, IN. STARS is an AMA Gold Leader Club and has received three different national AMA awards, one of them being the National Heritage Award and Plaque. STARS is open to new members and they have a free flight training program for members where almost anyone can learn how to fly. They are about Fun, Family and Fellowship and they look forward to sharing this great activity with you! For more information contact Gary Fitch at 716-341-2813 or email Gary at gmfitc@hotmail.com.

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WHICH CAME FIRST?

Name: The Egg
Status: Retired
Location: N/A

It's hard to believe that 12 years ago, the beloved "Egg" was burned away. A feat of great woodworking artistry, the weather and time had taken its toll on the beloved sculpture, so it was time to say goodbye and open the space for other works of art. Over 100 people showed up to the spectacle and gave a fond farewell as the "Egg" was turned into a pile of carpenter nails and ashes. The great riddle, the chicken or the egg? The egg went first.



TIME FOR A BATH

Name: The Bathers
Status: Live
Location: Mill Valley Road Site

The Bathers have made their home in the Mill Valley pond section of the park for many years. Depicting ladies in various stages of entering or enjoying a nice relaxing bath. The pond adds to the illusion that they are but a moment away from meeting the water. It's a serene scene that can be viewed from any side of the pond. They are just a few of the "nude" statues guests will find within the park.



TO BE OR NOT TO BE...

Name: The Poet
Status: Live
Location: Rohr Hill Road Site

The Poet was created in 1967 by Larry W. Griffis Jr. This long-legged sculpture speaks to our writer's side. Poems uplift the spirit, stir the soul, and question our most important aspects of life. At one festival in the late 1960s, a poet actually climbed the legs of the sculpture and stood in the body and recited his musings. It was quite a moment, and the gathered crowd enjoyed it immensely. It still stands in its place at the Rohr Hill side of the park.



SAID THE SPIDER TO THE FLY

Name: The Spider
Status: Live
Location: Rohr Hill Road Site

The Spider is another in Larry Griffis Jr.'s bug series and is a wonderful representation of this arachnid. Notice the eight legs, lack of wings, and no antennae - these attributes are specific to a spider. Did you know spiders cannot chew? They use their fangs and stomach fluids to dissolve prey into a chitinous soup. This sculpture has long been a favorite for kids and adults alike to climb on for a daring photo session, with no chance of being digested.



AN ODD WAY OF THINKING

Name: Steel Abstract
Status: Live
Location: Mill Valley Road Site

This is the work of John Bjorge, who creates works that continue to explore geometric angles and also displays John's mastery of welding and finishing his sculptures. He used an angle grinder to smooth out all the seams that hold the sculpture together. A welded bead if laid down properly is almost like a line of toothpaste. Yet the next level of finishing is to grind it so the steel looks like it fits together seamlessly. His works shows abstract at its best.



LOOKING AT THE STARS

Name: The Astronomer
Status: Live
Location: Mill Valley Road Site

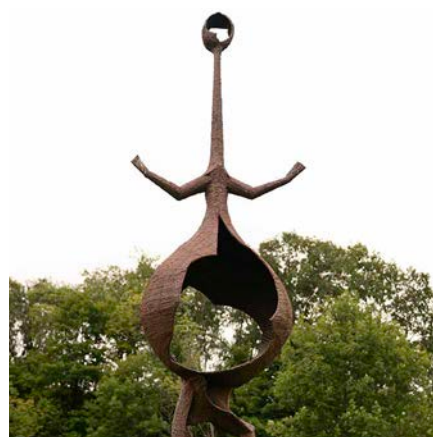
A new installation brought to the park by artist Trevor King. King works on open-ended projects that ruminate on the endurance of the human spirit in the face of time and mortality. For him, the making of an object is an act of witnessing, and a medium used to articulate the poetic relationships between people, place, history, and the momentary. He also has two other pieces installed in the park for guests to figure out and enjoy.



UP IN SMOKE

Name: Campfire Smoke
Status: Live
Location: Mill Valley Road Site

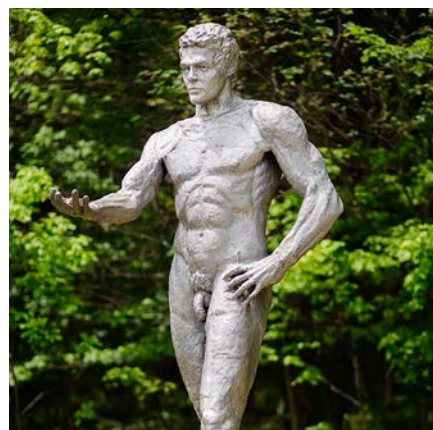
This piece is called "Camp Fire Smoke." It was created during an international sculpture conference that took place at the park. This piece by Ojars is often mistaken as a tornado, but the artist actually very successfully mimics a smoldering camp fire, with the smoke rising up. Looking closely, you can see the amount of detail placed into each whirl of the plume. It's located at the top of the Mill Valley Road section.



SEEING THE FUTURE

Name: The Oracle
Status: Live
Location: Rohr Hill Road Site

The Oracle is 16 feet tall and weighs 2,100 pounds, created by Larry W. Griffis Jr. The Oracle is the seeker, the forecaster, the seer of things not seen by others. This mindful work speaks to the one who looks into the future and chooses the right path. Oracles were thought to hold both a blessing and a curse, as they saw whatever future was more prominent at the moment but could change at any given time.



WHAT'S YOUR PHILOSOPHY?

Name: The Aquarian Man
Status: Live
Location: Rohr Hill Road Site

This 8-foot figure was created by the founder Larry's first son, Larry Griffis III, who is also a sculptor. Larry first started in the toy business, creating for Fisher Price and Hasbro toy companies. Larry left the toy business to concentrate solely on sculpture. He has completed multiple commissions of figures, animals, and abstract sculptures. The Aquarian Man reaches out his hand inviting guests to share their thoughts with him.



EVER SEEN LABYRINTH?

Name: The Maze
Status: Live
Location: Top of Mill Valley Road Site

This piece is a favorite for camp and school tours. The attractive, bright colors draw the students in from afar, as they enter the maze laughing and cavorting. The piece was created by Larry W. Griffis Jr and Wes Olmstead out of found object steel plates with the shapes already cut out. It's whimsical and delightful to walk through. Reminding you that even if you get lost in the world, you will always find your way out.



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FLAIR'S WARRIORS

Non-Profit Ready to Start Assisting Families with Sick and Disabled Dogs



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By MEAGHAN LUCARELLI

At this time last year, we published an article about Flair's Warriors - a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping families together by offering on-going financial assistance for sick and disabled dogs for those in the Western New York area. Founder Alex Popiela started the organization in honor of his dog, Flair, who passed away from Addison's Disease. Alex couldn't keep up with the piling hospital bills and had to make one of the most difficult decisions to put Flair down. This is where Flair's Warriors comes into play so that other fur families don't experience the same future.

For more than over a year, Alex, his brother Tyler, and the rest of the team have been working hard at raising funds so they can begin offering assistance to those that need it. They had quite the busy schedule, too. One of their first events was at the Broadway Market in Buffalo during the 2022 Easter Season, and were back again just this past April. Then in August, they had their booth set up at Bark Bash, hosted by Knox Farms in East Aurora. I think it had to be one of the hottest days of the year, but that didn't stop all the dogs from coming out and having fun!

Fast forward to November and they held their first, ever so successful, meat raffle at the Moose Lodge in Hamburg. And that "ever so successful" is not sarcasm. That place was so jam-packed full that it was hard to move, and people were almost sitting right on top of each other. Alex said they had to start turning people away because the venue was that full. But despite the crowd, it brought in so many donations and everyone had a great time (especially me and my family - who won a LOT of meat that night).

Just last week on June 22nd, Flair's Warriors was part of the Big Tree Inn's Golf Tournament at Byrnclyff Golf Course in Varysburg, NY. They had a great turnout and the weather cooperated beautifully. All proceeds of the tournament were donated to Flair's to help them continue their mission.



Flair's goal was to start providing assistance at the end of 2022, and by early December, they had reached that goal! They finally have the means to start helping, but they have yet to have the opportunity to do so. "We've had some applications, but no one really followed through," said Tyler. Alex adds, "We're hoping to get in with some vets. I think that's probably the biggest thing we've got to do now; see if there's anyone that'll realize when they see people in situations where they struggle with paying for medications is that they can reach out to us."

This past May, Flair's participated in Bark in the Park in Clarence, which is geared towards dog charities. There were a lot of rescues there that came over to talk to Tyler at their tent, who told these rescues what they were all about. Tyler explains, "These rescues are the other form of prevention. First there's us going to the vets who see it firsthand and give them what their options are, and hopefully we become an option that they can give to these people. But the other option is when people go to the rescues to give up their dogs that are already sick, this way the rescue can say, 'Rather than give them to us, why don't you look into Flair's Warriors?' So we're hoping there's two different sides that can push them to us."

Alex emphasizes that the important thing for them is trying to find ways for people to know who they are and what they're all about. "We have all these fundraising events and it's great that we're raising money, but we want to start helping people now. Our biggest thing is getting out there, trying to get people to understand," he said. They want to make sure that people that have issues paying for medications for ongoing medical/therapeutical issues, that they can reach out to Flair's Warrior and they'll help pay for said medications. They would much prefer you choose that route than resorting to giving them up or abandoning them. "We just want to find a way for the community to know who we are."

To continue getting their name out there, Flair's has more events lined up for the rest of

"Flair's Warriors" continued page 20

WOUNDED WARRIORS

Concert Raising Funds for Disabled Veterans Returns to Allegany July 15th



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

Pre-pandemic, people would get together and attend huge concerts and party like life couldn't end. Then Covid hit and everything (actually everything) froze. It's been a journey getting back to some semblance of normal. Which got me thinking... how do the many veterans who've served come back from what they've faced in their time in the armed forces? How can we help support them? Well, look no further because the Southern Tier Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert is back for 2023 and aims to be better than ever before.

ellicottvilleNOW spoke to Allegany Native, Lieutenant Colonel Patrick Miller about what's in store for visitors at this year's event and how the concert supports fellow men and women veterans that may be in need of some help. As a veteran himself, Colonel Miller gave this a lot of thought after he was shot in a domestic terrorism incident at Fort Hood (Texas) nine years ago.

eNOW: The Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert is back. What's new for this year's event?
MILLER: After a 3-year hiatus due to Covid, the Southern Tier Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert is officially back for its 4th annual event. This year's benefit concert is similar to previous years, with live music, food, drinks, autographed merchandise from the Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres and Bonnies available for raffle, and special guest appearances by local WNY celebrities, professional athletes and politicians. The biggest difference this year will be the addition of local food trucks as the primary food option for participants. Just like the Benefit Concerts from 2017-2019, 100% net proceeds will be donated to support wounded and disabled Veterans through organizations like the Fisher House, Homes for our Troops and WNY Heroes.

eNOW: How much is admission? Is this a family friendly event?

MILLER: Cost is \$25 for a ticket to enter. Tickets are available on Eventbrite.com. Children 12 and under are free. It is ABSOLUTELY a family friendly event. We want everyone to be able to come out and celebrate the men and women who've served their county proudly and enjoy a great day of entertainment together.

eNOW: Speaking of entertainment, who will be performing and what types of music do they each play?

MILLER: This year's headliner is rising country music superstar Conner Smith! Conner is rapidly moving up the charts with hits like 'Take it Slow,' 'Creek Will Rise,' and 'How it Looks From Here.' Other acts include national recording artists out of Nashville like Maggie Baugh, who opened for Dylan Scott at the 2018 Benefit Concert, and Buffalo's own Eric Van Houten. Lastly, local phenom Brianna Blankenship rounds out this star-studded lineup.

eNOW: Food trucks are new for this year... what flavors can we expect onsite?

MILLER: We'll have Hungry Burro, which serves burritos, rice bowls, nachos and more. Larry's Food Wagon will be slinging their Philly cheese steak sandwiches, fresh cut fries, chicken tenders and Italian sausage with peppers and onions. And Mollee's Sweets will grant your dessert dreams with their cookie sundaes, cake pops, cannolis and cheesecake slices. Both canned/bottled alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will be available as well.

eNOW: How does the concert benefit wounded/disabled veterans?

MILLER: My entire purpose and intent of this benefit concert is to ultimately raise money and awareness for wounded and disabled veterans. This includes both local and non-local veterans throughout the U.S. The money raised will go directly to organizations including Fisher House, Homes for our Troops, and WNY Heroes, for them to work towards better mental and physical health for veterans around the country.

eNOW: Anything else you would like to add?

MILLER: We're extremely excited to bring this back to the area. Covid kind of derailed this in 2020; but this is something I wholeheartedly believe in. After surviving the 2014 Fort Hood shooting, I don't take one second for granted and I promised myself to make the rest of my life count. Similar to returning from deployments overseas and spending two and a half years in Baghdad, Iraq. I appreciate everything and everyone... every minute of every day; and this is a way I can give back to the community that supported me and my family during those dark days after the Fort Hood shooting, while simultaneously raising money and awareness for wounded and disabled veterans.

The 4th Annual Southern Tier Wounded Warrior Benefit Concert is being held at the Allegany Fireman's Park (Allegany, NY) on Saturday, July 15th. Gates open at 3:00pm. Get your tickets ahead at eventbrite.com, and visit their Facebook page for current and future details on the concert.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Let's Talk About Core Strength

By **KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER**

Ellicottville has always been a destination for skiers, hikers and mountain bikers. Now with the opening of the outdoor public skatepark and Daily City Train's new indoor skatepark, our little town offers a haven for riders of every ability. But before you get on that board/bike/scooter, you should know that your body needs to be in sync with your equipment. And of course, where does all your balance and control come from? ... YOUR CORE STRENGTH.

The core is a group of muscles that stabilize your pelvis and spine (and therefore influences the legs and upper body). Core strength is less about power and more about the subtleties of being able to maintain the body on an ideal posture - to unload the joints and promote ease of movement. To "engage" your core, think about bracing for a punch to the gut. The trick to a strong core is to keep that engagement at all times - standing, sitting, twisting, etc.

A good core program relies less on mindless repetition of exercise and focuses more on the awareness. People with good core strength learn to identify and activate the muscles needed to accomplish a task. Learning to activate the core requires concentration and leads to being more in tune with the body.

For people who are using equipment like skateboards and mountain bikes, your core needs to be ready to activate to an ever-changing terrain. Therefore, I typically train my clients on unstable surfaces like a balance board or BOSU ball. This "instability training" adds a real-life element to the core challenges you will find while using your board or bike. TRX bands are another excellent way to strengthen your body from the core to the legs and arms by using your own bodyweight as your resistance and muscle builder. Plyometrics and isometrics are also excellent techniques to strengthen your core for these activities.

There is no one method of core strengthening that works for everyone. While building



the core starts with awareness and control, athletes can further challenge their stability with more complex movements that can be guided by athletic trainers and other fitness specialists.

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

LOVE LETTERS OF A UNION SOLDIER

Ellicottville Historical Society to Present Edgar Shannon's Story at Next Monthly Meeting; Historical Walking Tours Also on the Summer Schedule

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Historical Society hosts regular meetings the first Wednesday of each month May through October. Meetings are held at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Road, at 7:00pm. All meetings are open to everyone and are free to attend. On Wednesday, July 5th, Tina Scherman will present "Love Letters of a Union Soldier"... "Dear Frant, I seat myself to commune with you through the medium of the pen... I can hardly realize that I am going to war." So begins the first letter of Edgar Shannon, who had just joined the 154th New York Volunteers, which he wrote to the girl he left behind back home in Leon, New York. Their ensuing correspondence unfolds into a story of a love blossoming amid the Civil War's terror, hardship, victories and defeats. Come hear the story of Edgar Shannon's story through his letters to his beloved girlfriend, Francelia "Frant" Hunt, as portrayed by Tina of the

Leon Historical Society.

The Ellicottville Historical Society is also offering Historical Walking Tours around the village on select Saturdays through summer. Learn about some of the founding fathers and the houses they lived in. Each walk will begin promptly at 1:00pm and will take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours to complete; please meet at the gazebo 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the tour. Cost is \$10 per person, cash or check. Tour dates are: July 22, August 19, and September 16. For more information or if you have any questions regarding the Historical Walking Tours or the Ellicottville Historical Society's regular meetings, please contact Ellen Frank, EHSM vice-president, at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528.

Suzy's Star Readings: Happy Birthday Cancer! Dress Up, Treat Yourself... But Don't Overindulge

By **SUZY WOO, B.Msc**



July is a notable month - firstly though, happy birthday to all the Cancers out there! Cancer is a "Mama Bear" protective energy that loves to mother, nurture and nurse people. Cancerians are excellent healers and caregivers; they are highly intuitive, sensitive, super sentimental, and the most emotional of all the zodiac signs. Think of the Cancer crab - a tough outer shell but a soft middle. That's a Cancer. Tough when they need to be, they will point their finger in your face, yet they are hurt easily.

We start the month with a big super-moon in Capricorn early on the 3rd - the Buck full moon peaks at 7:39am. You may feel ambitious to close down projects of the spring, or buttoning up the graduation parties, and to get going on your summer projects, like opening the cabin, getting the boat in the water, etc.

Cancer and Capricorn are signs opposite one another. They represent mother/nurturer and father/provider energies, so you may be reflective of your own parents during this time, or your own parenting techniques and abilities.

The ruler of that full moon, Saturn, has gone retrograde, so there may be a bit of a lonely feeling this fourth of July (because we are under the influence of full moons for a day on either side of it). Maybe you're missing someone this year as you open the cabin or launch the boat; or it could be a sadness that your baby/ies are growing up and don't need you as much anymore. There might be a bit of loneliness with this full moon.

It's important to allow for these feelings - note, FEELINGS! We are in Cancer season and you will be more emotional this month. Allow these feelings to move through you. Give them a voice, process and release under this full moon. Full moons are spotlights. So this

month it's a spotlight on your emotions, your parents, your family, your parenting and family traditions. Weep, laugh, journal or create. It's important to allow your emotions to process. Find a way to be thankful for it all. After all, it brought you to where you are today!

We have a new moon in Cancer on the 17th; it will help you to finish crying and pick up a paintbrush, freshen things up and make them your own. Make new plans for what brings you joy. There is another larger transit happening that occurs every 18 months. The nodes of the moon are changing signs out of Scorpio and Taurus and moving into Libra and Aries. This is great for those who struggle trying to find ways to set a healthy boundary with others. If you want to really say 'no' but end up saying 'ok' then this will help you to reclaim your own personal power.

The next year and a half will surface the issues where others have stolen your sunshine and disrespected your boundaries, offering you a healthy space to forge a stronger, bolder version of yourself. A you that becomes more empowered, focused and determined to do what is right for you!

By the end of the month most of the outer planets will be retrograde so a re-view- re-new- re-consider energy for many things going on in the background of our lives as we come up with refreshed life strategies but this time, we will also have goddess of love and beauty, Venus, also going retrograde in prideful and entertaining Leo.

That loosely translates to: Dress up, go to concerts, treat yourself, but be careful not to overindulge.

If you would like to see how these energies play out for you in your personal life, you can schedule a reading with me on my website, suzy-woo.com.

I'm also hosting a very powerful and life-changing retreat in August - the Lion's Gate Spiritual Retreat is Aug. 11-13th at Holiday Valley. It features an all-in-one price, lodging and meals included or you can commute if you are local. If you've been waiting for a sign of how to move forward in your life, THIS IS YOUR SIGN. More details on my website under the Events tab.

Enjoy your July my friends! Your Sister from the Stars,

- **Suzy Woo**

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JULY 22 - 23

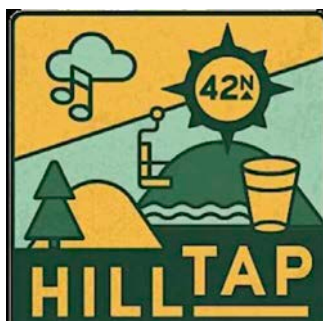
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Introduced last year, the Saddlepond Party is a great summer event at HoliMont featuring chairlift rides, mountain bike demos, kayaking and fishing at the top of HoliMont, live music, vendors and more. Event-goers can expect food by Dina's at the Mont, beer and wine tastings, plus, the bike park will be open! This is a festival atmosphere, where guests can come and enjoy a day by the water, spend some time outdoors hiking, biking and just enjoying the weekend. More information on this event is available at holimont.com.

JULY 22

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The 3rd annual 42 North HillTap @ Holiday Valley will be hosted atop Spruce Lake on Saturday, July 22nd. This day-long adventure will allow guests to experience the natural beauty of Spruce Lake combined with live music, food, drink, and outdoor recreation. A FULL DAY OF MUSIC AND ADVENTURE AWAIT! This year, a stage will be added at the base of the mountain for a third band, The Probables. Early bird tickets are available until June 1st for \$35; \$40 June 1st through July 21st, and \$45 on the day of the event.

JULY 28 - 30

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AUGUST 5

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stroll, shop and dine in this fine village? Browse through Betsy's high end consignment shop (open daily noon-4:30pm) next to the Salt Cave where you can book a soothing massage or buy their relaxation related products. Other spots for massages are Anew Beginning on Monroe Street and Ellicottville Oasis located inside the Tamarack Club at Holiday Valley. Shop for crystals and all things spiritual at Good for the Spirit Gifts on Martha Street, or buy crazy socks at the Purple Doorknob - you'll be awhile!

Need an ice cream fix? Drive a short distance out of Ellicottville on Route 242 to the Ashford Junction Depot. They have more ice cream flavors than spots on a Dalmatian. (Ok, that's a stretch, but they have a lot!) In the Village, pop into Watson's or The Tee Bar, or if you are in Salamanca, stop at Tony's by Parkview. For something a bit more adult, sample wines at the Winery of Ellicottville or ask Shannon Carscallen at E-Ville Spirits for a good recommendation.

When you've squeezed everything you can but the squeal out of things to do in Ellicottville and surrounding areas, top off the weekend at Chautauqua Institution on Tuesday, July 4th at 8:00pm by attending the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra at the Amphitheater, Led by CSO Principal Pops Conductor Stuart Chafetz.

Happy, safe Independence Day from the whole happy zany crew at ellicottvilleNOW!

SKATEPARK GRAND OPENING

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"With Brenda and Chris Perks leading the way, the Ellicottville community has come together to create an incredible new recreational resource for the young people of the area," said Benjamin Anderson Bashein, Executive Director of The Skatepark Project. "The Skatepark Project is proud to be a part of helping make the Ellicottville Skatepark a reality."

The skatepark is designed and built by Grindline of Seattle, Washington. For more information about the new skatepark, follow @sk8evl on Instagram and Facebook.

ABOUT THE SKATEPARK PROJECT

Founded by Tony Hawk, The Skatepark Project (TSP) is a nonprofit organization working to increase access to outdoor recreation and free play through the creation of safe and inclusive community skateparks. TSP provides the resources, advocacy skills, grants and fellowship programs that guide skaters in creating their own community skateparks, from conception through construction. This is a collaborative process between skaters and city authorities to invest in capital improvements that will enrich a community for decades. The Skatepark Project's grant programs have awarded over \$11 million to help fund nearly 700 public skateparks in all 50 States, enjoyed by an estimated 8 million people annually. The organization's International Program has provided technical and financial support to assist youth through the Skateistan educational programs in Afghanistan, Cambodia, and South Africa. To get involved, visit skatepark.org.

ABOUT THE RALPH C. WILSON JR. FOUNDATION

The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation is a grantmaking organization dedicated primarily to sustained investment in the quality of life of the people of Southeast Michigan and Western New York. The two areas reflect the devotion of Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. to his hometown of Detroit and greater Buffalo, home of his beloved Buffalo Bills NFL team. Prior to his passing in 2014, Mr. Wilson provided that a significant share of his estate be used to continue a life-long generosity of spirit by funding the Foundation that bears his name. Based in Detroit, the Foundation began with a grantmaking capacity of \$1.2 billion over a 20-year period, which expires January 8, 2035. This structure is consistent with Mr. Wilson's desire for the Foundation's impact to be immediate, substantial, measurable, and overseen by those who knew him best. For more information visit www.rcwjrf.org.

HIDDEN VALLEY ANIMAL ADVENTURE

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Marvel at the graceful swans and feed the Koi while you are there.

The summer season has begun! Hidden Valley Animal Adventure is open daily except Wednesdays (open on July 5th) through Labor Day. Hours are 10:30am-5:00pm. After Labor Day, they will open Saturdays and Sundays through October (also open on Columbus Day), rain or shine. Tours go out regardless of weather, unless thunderstorms are imminent.

The Lodge (200 capacity) hosts catered banquets and events for corporate team building, company picnics, parties, holiday celebrations and weddings. It's also a great venue for chamber meetings or special community occasions. Book soon! You don't want to miss out on your 2023 or 2024 event in this amazing space... bring a busload! Watch their website for upcoming events this season featuring Nashville music performers on stage in the Lodge.

Tickets to Hidden Valley Animal Adventure are available online or can be purchased onsite. Go to www.HiddenValleyAdventure.com or call 585-535-4100. The park is located at 2887 Royce Road, Varysburg, NY 14167. Tell them Carol at EllicottvilleNOW sent you!

SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

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in Ellicottville without a performance by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performing to explosive colors in the night sky. As the tradition continues, the BPO will close out Summer Music Festival Sunday evening beginning at 8:00pm on the stage at Holiday Valley. Strategically performing to an extraordinary fireworks display, this is an event with "family" written all over it!

JEANS 'N CLASSICS: A group of world class rock musicians who understand orchestra culture and are committed to growing a younger, loyal audience for symphony orchestras across the U.S., Jeans 'n Classics will accompany the BPO during their performance this Sunday, July 2nd. Faithfully interpreting the music of legendary rock and pop albums and artists - with their own special signature flair - Jeans 'n Classics will surely attract the attention of all age groups. Whether you're fifteen, twenty-five or sixty-five, you'll discover a newfound love for their orchestral rock arrangements.

"It has become tradition over the past few years to invite a unique act to perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra for our Summer Music Festival," said Brian McFadden, executive director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "The BPO is a wonderful performing group on their own, but we are always looking for unique opportunities to really rev up the excitement meter for our events and introduce the BPO to a new audience. This year's pairing with Jeans 'n Classics is without a doubt something that will be remembered by all who come to listen."

As for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, they need no introduction. Formally organized in the 1930s and a staple performing group of Summer Music Fest since the early 1980s, the BPO continues to soar regionally and nationally, and even around the world! The Buffalo Philharmonic has issued more than 50 recordings in its history. It has toured abroad twice: a six-city European tour in 1988, and a four-city tour of Poland in 2018.

PET PARADE

Speaking of pets, perhaps the most adorable feature of Summer Music Fest is the parade of animals down Ellicottville's main drag, dressed in their festive best. Dogs, goats, ponies, ducks, guinea pigs, lizards... all types of pets are invited! It's quite a show for spectators! No registration required; everyone can participate! The Pet Parade will begin its march at 11:00am Saturday; those interested in participating are asked to register at Katy's Cafe between 10:15am and 10:45am.

And there are so many other great parts of the festival that shouldn't be missed. Of course, you'll want to carve out some time to saunter the sidewalks of the downtown business district. Ellicottville has an eclectic variety of shopping opportunities - from artisan pottery at Alexandra to western inspired apparel at Daff to Ellicottville logo'd souvenirs at The Tee Bar to remember your visit (grab a soft serve ice cream while you're there). Fill up the old gas tank with a fresh chicken or steak burrito from Bike & Bean, a hearty bacon tomato jam burger from Steelbound Brewery, or opt for a healthy poached pear and gorgonzola salad on the patio of Dina's Restaurant.

How much excitement can you pack in one weekend? Besides high energy concerts and theater performances, a pet extravaganza and all the shopping and dining you could ask for, Ellicottville boasts a menu full of other activities to fill your schedule - wine tastings, brewery tours, mountain coaster rides, ziplining, mountain biking, paddleboarding, historical walking tours or just simply sitting under a shade tree and taking it all in... what are you waiting for! Head to ellicottvillenewyork.com to plan your Ellicottville adventure during our biggest festival of the summer! See you this weekend!

FLAIR'S WARRIORS

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the year. You will most likely see their tent at this year's Bark Bash again on Saturday, August 5th from 10:00am-3:00pm. If you missed out last year, I highly recommend stopping by this time around. There will be vendors, food trucks and so many dogs. You can also look forward to another meat raffle! They will be hosting this one at the Matthew Glab Post in Lackawanna. This year's location can hold a lot more people, and they have a whole separate area for the bar which opens up the room and leaves more space to move around. Basket raffle donations are welcome again and most definitely appreciated. (They had well over 100 last year!) If you're interested in donating, you can get in touch with Alex by calling 716-289-9640 or emailing alex@flairswarriors.org. More details to come once the event gets closer.



So to wrap this all up, here's what we know: Flair's Warriors helps Western New York families pay for medications for dogs with medical conditions to prevent abandonment/euthanasia. They have the funds to do so, but no one has jumped on that opportunity. If you need assistance or know of anyone that needs assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. They are eager to help, but keep in mind that they do not pay for surgeries or medical procedures.

For more information on Flair's Warriors, to donate to the organization or apply for assistance, please visit flairswarriors.org. Make sure to follow them on Facebook and Instagram (@flairswarriors) to keep up with news and more upcoming events.

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EMPLOYMENT

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EMPLOYMENT

THE ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Maintenance Worker: The Ellicottville Central School District has an immediate opening for a full-time (40 hour per week) Maintenance Worker. Applicants should have working knowledge of modern buildings and grounds maintenance and repair practices; knowledge of safety precautions and practices associated with maintenance work; knowledge of the practices and techniques of one or more of the standard trades; mechanical aptitude; manual dexterity; industry; ability to understand and follow instructions; physical condition sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position. The work involves responsibility for performing a variety of mechanical and other building maintenance, repair, and construction-related tasks. The work may involve the part-time operation of a truck, automobile, or other automotive equipment. Salary will be based on experience, with a minimum rate \$15.25 per hour, plus benefits. EOE. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, July 12, 2023. Candidates are invited to apply at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>.

P/T Cafeteria Worker: The Ellicottville Central School District has an opening for a part-time, 10-month cafeteria worker with a start date of September 5, 2023. The starting rate for this position is \$15.00 per hour. EOE. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 24, 2023. Candidates are invited to apply at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>.

Bus Driver: The Ellicottville Central School District has an opening for a bus driver with a start date of September 5, 2023. The starting rate for this position is \$18.00 per hour. EOE. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 24, 2023. Candidates are invited to apply at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>.

Teacher Aide: The Ellicottville Central School District has openings for full and part-time, 10-month teacher aides with a start date of September 5, 2023. The starting rate for this position is \$15.00 per hour. EOE. The deadline to apply is Monday, July 24, 2023. Candidates are invited to apply at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>.EOE.

LIBRARY READING PROGRAM

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Memorial Library will conduct a 5-week Summer Reading Program for the youth of our community. For the last 12 years, the Bob McCarthy Foundation has provided a grant to allow us to hire a local student (a senior in high school or currently attending college) to serve as our Summer Intern. We are so appreciative for this funding which not only benefits the children, but also provides valuable, paid work experience for the intern. The Library develops this program every year because we know that fostering a love of reading in children is vital. Through fun activities, challenges, and incentives, we motivate children to read. This in turn has the added benefit of helping children maintain their reading skills over the summer. The Summer Intern has made a huge difference by allowing us to develop and provide increased programs and activities to the 90+ children that sign up each summer.

The program starts on July 3rd and kids can begin signing up on June 30th. The national theme for this summer is "All Together Now" and we will be focusing on kindness and friendship. Each week will have its own mini theme, such as kindness to animals and kindness within our community. We can think of no better example of this kindness than the Bob McCarthy Foundation which is an exceptional organization that changes lives, lifts people up and whose members work tirelessly to make this community a better place. For more information, call the library at 716-699-2842.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, beginning at approximately 5:30 PM at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of this notice is to receive public input and comments on: Zoning Permit 2023-172 - An application by Drew McGowan for an Area Variance to allow the expansion of a non-conforming accessory dwelling unit that exceeds the maximum allowable size for apartments. The project is located at 15 Adams Street, further identified as tax map parcel 55.027-2-13. Plans for this project are on file and available for review in the Engineering Department Office located at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. The Zoning Board of Appeals will take statements at the meeting from all persons interested in the project. Individuals wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD: VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2023, beginning at approximately 5:30 PM at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of this notice is to receive public input and comments on: Zoning Permit 2023-192/193 -An application by John Read for Site Plan and Architectural Design Review to allow the construction of a two-unit townhouse. The project site is located at 10 and 12 McKinley Drive, further identified as tax map parcels 55.036-2-13.15 and 55.036-2-13.16. Plans for this project are on file and available for review in the Engineering Department Office located at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, New York 14731. Prior to the meeting, documents may also be viewed on the Village website at www.ellicottvillegov.com. The Planning Board will take statements at the meeting from all persons interested in the project. Individuals wishing to do so may submit comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board, 1 West Washington Street, P.O. Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, dropped off in person to the same address, or emailed to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com.

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Bob McCarthy Foundation Announces Ellicottville Class of 2023 Recipients



ELLICOTTVILLE - The Bob McCarthy Foundation continues its tradition of providing scholarships to graduating students at Ellicottville Central School and BOCES CTE Center at Ellicottville. The Foundation awards a \$500 scholarship to students that demonstrate a good work ethic, determination and community service. Our goal is to support students pursuing higher education and/or entering the trades. This year a total of 5 scholarships were presented by Erin Scheers-Cornelius to the recipients at ECS and Kathleen Moriarty-Fleming to our recipient at BOCES.

BOCES CTE CENTER AT ELLICOTTVILLE RECIPIENT

Connor Matheis graduated this year and has chosen to enter an apprenticeship in carpentry. Connor completed 3 different internships this year – Wooley Mammoth Construction, Thompson Heating & Cooling, and K & J Cutting Edge Millwork - making a strong impression at each company. Connor is also a Volunteer Fireman/Lieutenant, an eagle scout, a SkillsUSA member, FFA member and a 4H member. Connor has been active in school and community volunteer work, having volunteered for Habitat for Humanity builds and organizing fundraisers for various charities and community clean-up events.

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL RECIPIENTS

Alysa Williams who will be attending Alfred State for Agribusiness Management is a member of the National Honor Society. Alysa has been involved in the Cattaraugus 4H Club of ten years participating in Leadership roles at the County Fair. She has participated in various community service activities through 4H while helping the Food Pantry, EARS and the SPCA.

Katie Krotz who will be attending Cornell University for Animal Sciences, graduated as the Valedictorian of her class with an Advanced Regent Diploma. Katie has served as President of the Student Council and President of the National honor Society for 2 years each. In addition, she was a member of the Drama Club, Jazz Choir, World Language Club as well as a member of the Quiz Bowl Team. With all of these activities she still found time to volunteer in various fundraisers and organizations in the community.

Bryce Wood will be attending SUNY Fredonia for Computer Sciences, where he received the Presidential award for Excellence & the SUNY Honors Award. Bryce has participated in Band, Chorus, Jazz Choir, Soccer, Robotics, Drama Club, ski club and the Quiz Bowl Team. Bryce volunteered at the GV Food Pantry and served in Peer Tutoring at ECS.

Katrina DeChane who will be attending Jamestown Business College for Business in Accounting graduated as a Salutatorian as a member of the National Honor Society. Katrina has served on the Student Council as the treasurer. Katrina has volunteered for various school events as well as the Senior citizens Dinner and fundraisers for the library and participates in many church activities.

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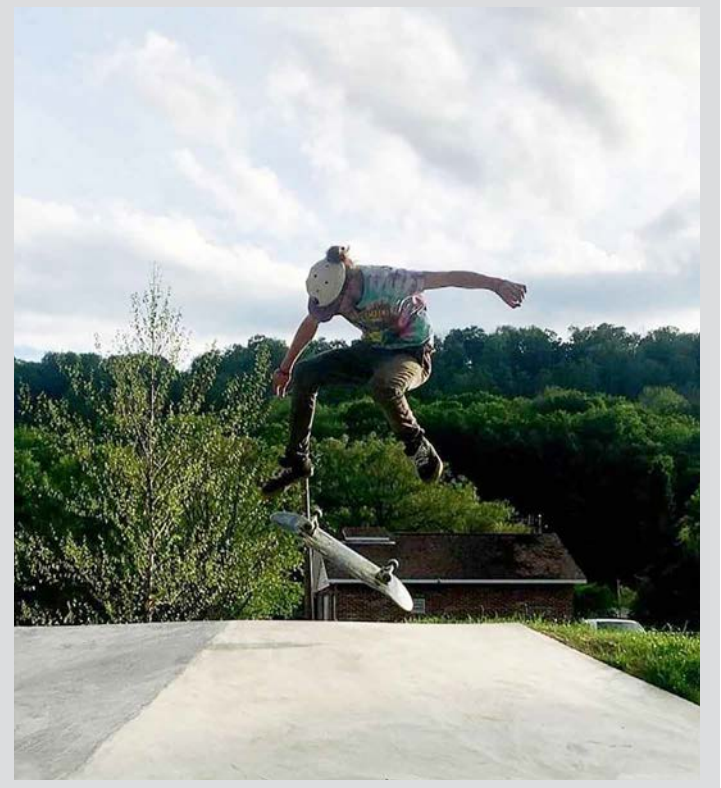
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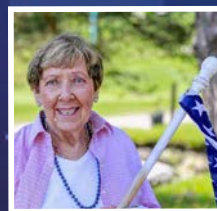
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