

Summer Events are BACK!

Ellicottville gearing up for a season full of favorites: Summer Music Fest, Stroll the Streets, the Taste and more!



By BRENDA PERKS

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ELLICOTTVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PLANS BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

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Allegany State Park: An iconic WNY landmark is celebrating 100 years!

For those who don't know, tucked away just outside of Salamanca, NY is a Western New York gem called Allegany State Park. With approximately 65,000 acres of land, three lakes and an abundance of wildlife, Allegany State Park is a fantastic way to spend time in the great outdoors. In fact, the park has been referred to as "the wilderness playground of Western New York."

EllicottvilleNOW caught up with Adele Wellman, Environmental Educator 1 at Allegany State Park, to talk about park activities and things the park is doing to celebrate the centennial.

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Pride at Salamanca High

School shows solidarity and support for LGBTQ+ students



By Elijah George

In the wake of social activist movements rising to prominence with exponential growth and in support and awareness flooding the past two decades, it's an undeniable observation to say that such movements have made a large impact on greater society.

With advocacy from the Salamanca Social Activist Group, on June 3rd, a large ceremony took place, wherein the Salamanca High School collectively raised the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag up on a pole in the front of the school. To an outsider, this may seem like an insignificant event. But to all whom were in attendance that day, and to some that weren't but still held immense support, it was a victory of epic proportions after a long and hard-fought battle.

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TRAVEL: WALK THE TRACKS ACROSS THE SKY

The Kinzua Viaduct was once the highest and longest railroad viaduct in the world, until a tornado in 2003 took out all but six of its towers. These remaining towers were reinvented as the Kinzua Sky Walk, which now welcomes visitors from all over the globe. At a height of 225 feet and 624 feet long, the skywalk has a partial glass floor overlook at the end of the pedestrian walkway which features the historic railroad tracks. Views are breathtaking. ... page 14

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Summer in Ellicottville

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Ellicottville has already kicked off its summer FUN with the launch of their newest themed weekend, Red Head Days, held last month. (Did anyone get a glimpse of Sam Sheehy riding the unicorn? It truly was a magical sight to see!) Holiday Valley hosted their annual Mudslide obstacle race for all ages, and all the hot spots downtown have welcomed back live music inside and out. It's good to be back!

Speaking of live music, the first fairway of Holiday Valley's golf course is ready for its transformation into one of the best outdoor concert venues in the region. If you're a Journey or Boston fan, no doubt you'll be in attendance for this year's Summer Music Festival featuring Steve Augeri (former lead singer of Journey) with opening act Tommy DeCarlo. Catch them Saturday evening. (Yes, you can purchase tickets at the gate.) Come back Sunday evening for the coveted Buffalo Philharmonic and fireworks. Kids 12 and under are free; picnic baskets welcome! Check out the weekend's full schedule on page 05, which also includes a live set by the Girls of Grosh and the absolutely adorable Pet Parade.

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, which produces the Summer Music Festival, is also gearing up to bring back the rest of their summertime events, including Jazz & Blues Weekend (July 23rd-25th), the Taste of Ellicottville (August 14th-15th), and Rock N' Roll Weekend (Sept. 17th-19th). Keep tabs on all of their events at ellicottvilleny.com

CHEERS!

What better way to celebrate America's birthday than with the Winery of Ellicottville's Red, White and Blue? The owners will tell you these flavors pair well with all American classics like hamburgers and hot dogs. (Does it get any more American than that?) Stop by their Monroe St. location and pick up your RWB variety pack, and taste test some of their other iconic flavors, such as the American Pinot Noir, Riesling, and Sweet Rosé.

On the flip side, we'd like to send out a big fat welcome to Fattey Beer Co., which opened its newest location here in Ellicottville last week. Housed in the former Groove Fitness building on Route 219 north, owner Nik Fattey invites everyone to stop in for a cold one, or shop beer, ciders, seltzers and wine to go. The best part: they are dog friendly! Now you can enjoy a fresh brew with your best friend by your side. I'd say Fattey Beer Co. is a keeper! Open daily at noon.

POTTERY AND CHICKENS AND GOATS, OH MY!

Summertime also affords the opportunity to hit up all those unique little destinations that have accumulated on your "must-visit" list over the course of winter. One location I highly recommend is Horn Hill Pottery. And it's right here in Ellicottville! Owner Ed Doherty and his wife, Deanna, have created a tranquil and inspiring environment in their own backyard, where you'll often find Ed busy at the wheel in his studio/showroom, while chickens and goats and the family's two dogs roam around the grounds. But it is not just the beauty and craftsmanship of Ed's pottery that is captivating (although his work is absolutely stunning) ... Stories of the family's life experiences in India and Korea, told over a cup of fresh brewed coffee (in an HH pottery mug, of course), showcase the true essence and cultural background of Ed's trade.

Visit Ed and Dee up on the hill (6806 Horn Hill Rd., Ellicottville, use the 2nd driveway) or shop Horn Hill Pottery online and on Instagram (@hornhillpottery). You'll be glad you did! ... Plus, free goat therapy is a wonderful thing.





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EVENTS

STROLL THE STREETS

Friday evening entertainment and farmers market return to downtown July 9th



By CAITLIN CROFT

The best excitement is always the unexpected, and unexpected is just what people have come to love about Ellicottville's Stroll the Streets. Whether it be fire dancers or face painters, the streets of Ellicottville come alive on Friday evenings in the summer. Shops spill out onto the streets to offer later shopping hours along with promotions, sales and deals.

Stroll the Streets is a great way to end your week or kickstart your weekends here in Ellicottville. Now in its sixth year, STS coordinator Jessica Gilbert expresses her excitement for the 2021 season. "There is still all the family fun, a little bit of music, and of course community involvement you have come to know," she told ellicottvilleNOW. Ellicottville's own Tui Osborne will be a frequent performer this summer, bringing his melodic voice to all that stroll on by.

The original concept of STS was to develop more awareness of the family friendly environment Ellicottville offers - an event that families can plan their arrival around and create a reason for shops and boutiques to stay open. This way they say, 'Oh, let's go to Ellicottville for dinner and get there in time to 'stroll the streets'.

Stroll the Streets has grown into something special for the local community and visitors. As one stroll-goer stated, "There are some people you will only see on Fridays for STS. It is so unique to see the locals gather with their friends and families; there aren't many places anymore that you can let your kids run around and not worry about them; they are safe."

"We did partner up with the farmers market a few years ago, and having these two events run parallel and simultaneously has been really great," Gilbert added. "And something new that we're doing this year is our passport has gone digital."

Traditionally, visitors would get a piece of paper, charged to wander around to participating businesses to get their passport marked off. In doing so, you could redeem a completed passport for some sort of special, discount or sweet treat. "This year it will be based off a google form that you can access by scanning a QR code," explained Gilbert. "Once all of the fields are completed, you can redeem your passport at the Farmers Market for your winnings."

The passport has truly become a fan favorite for the local kids and visitors alike. "One cool thing about going digital is that we can enter all participants for a season ending Grand Prize Pack with prizes from all of the participating vendors."

On the Farmers Market end of the Village (set up on the lawn of the 1887 Building), you can expect to see the return of many of the staple vendors from 2020 such as The BioDome Project, Ellicottville Distillery, Johnny's Stand and Ellicottville Greens. With everything from local produce, syrup, honey, pottery, potted plants, handmade jewelry, soaps and alpaca goods, you are guaranteed to find something locally produced to brighten your day. The Market is a place that aims to provide a community setting that allows local vendors to showcase their hard work, goods, and produce. Western New York is home to such a wide variety of talented people and this is a great outlet for them to present their work and connect producers directly to consumers.

Stroll the Streets and the Ellicottville Farmers Market kick off July 9th, running every Friday from 4:00-7:00pm into September. Look to their social media pages on Facebook and Instagram for real time updates and what events to expect each week. One thing I have come to learn, is that no two Fridays are alike so why not trek downtown each Friday evening, fill up your fridge with local goods and dig into that good old community feeling.

"HILLTAP" AT HOLIDAY VALLEY

42 North to debut new festival at Spruce Lake; combines music, beer and adventure



EAST AURORA, NY - 42 North Brewing Company is hosting the 1st Annual HillTap Festival at Holiday Valley Resort in Ellicottville, NY on Saturday, July 24th. HillTap will be a day-long festival that integrates craft beer, music, and adventure sports atop the mountain at Spruce Lake.

HillTap will be a first of its kind event at Holiday Valley Resort. In addition to a full day of music, festival admission includes day-long chairlift rides and vendors from across the region including Fat Bob's BBQ, Hatchet & Hops, and LOUD Performance.

"We look forward to creating a new summer tradition at Holiday Valley," said event producer and 42 North Brewery Founder, John Cimperman. "The opportunity to host an event at the top of the mountain is truly unique. We could not think of a better spot to merge craft beer, roots music, and adventure."

Niki Klein, Resort Services Director at Holiday Valley added, "It's great to partner with 42 North on this event. Their adventurous spirit fits our DNA. We encourage attendees to spend the morning hiking and biking the trails and then spend the afternoon up at Spruce Lake."

The music line-up for HillTap features Buffalo-based roots band, Folk Faces. Folk Faces will be wrapping up its Minivan Cowboy Summer Tour with its appearance at HillTap. Opening up for the Folk Faces will be Big J Blues. Big J Blues will perform at 1:00pm and Folk Faces will take the stage at 2:30pm.

Advance tickets are \$25 and include free parking, a lift ticket to Spruce Lake, and a fullday of music. Additionally, a \$40 ticket will be offered for those looking to transport their mountain bike up to Spruce Lake. For tickets and more information on HillTap, log onto www.hilltapfestival.com. Fans are encouraged to purchase their tickets early as capacity to the festival is limited.

Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary

Aviary opening its doors to the public on select Sundays

DELEVAN - Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary is opening its doors to the public! Plan a visit on Sunday, July 25th or Sunday, August 29th from 2:00-5:00pm. See over 750 ducks, geese and swans from all over the world, including two on the endangered list - the NeNe geese from Hawaii and the Red-breasted from Siberia. Lots of baby goslings and ducklings! Guided tours will be offered and guests will enjoy handfeeding the geese and 1,000 Koi fish from Japan. Gooseneck Hill Water-



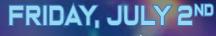
fowl Sanctuary, a 501c3 organization is home to two of the largest covered aviaries in the U.S. with over 78 different species and 750 endangered and protected ducks, geese and swans. For more information call 716-942-6835. Gooseneck Hill Waterfowl Sanctuary is located at 5067 Townline Road, Delevan, NY.

ICOTTVILLE Get Tickets Online at www.ellicottvilleny.com



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 July 2nd-4th. 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 on the Chamber's website. Children 12 and under an entry and the summer and entry and the summer shows a summer weekend in Ellicottville fulled with gravely and entry be and the summer and entry and the summer and the summer shows a summer weekend in Ellicottville fulled with gravely and the summer and the sum 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!

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PICNIC BASKETS WELCOME AT ALL CONCERTS NO PETS PLEASE



GIRLS OF GROSH Friday @ 7:00 PM **Downtown @ The Gazebo**

Megan Brown is an acclaimed vocalist who leaves audiences with no doubt that she was born to perform. Most known for her work in the former Buffalo based bands: Dirty Smile and Whiskey Reverb, Megan brings her powerful alto voice and commanding stage presence to live stages with gusto. Her career accomplishments range from winning the Northeast Region of the National Hard Rock Competition in 2014, gracing the covers of local music magazines and newspapers, touring across the country, to opening for greats like Weezer, Brand New, Sheila Divine, Theory of a Dead Man, Dennis DeYoung, Tea Party, and Ron Hawkins.

Grace Lougen is an accomplished and sought-after guitarist and songwriter from Buffalo, NY. She plays intense, tasteful solos that take listeners on journeys to special places where they never want to leave. Grace was voted "Buffalo's Best Blues Guitarist" by the Buffalo Night-Life Magazine and she is active on the music scene playing out nearly every night. Grace also tours with award-winning bandleader Robert Parker in his band Freightrain, and Grace Stumberg, an incredible artist who also serves as Joan Baez's background vocalist

Grace has shared the stage with many national acts including The Indigo Girls, Albert Cummings, Selwyn Birchwood, Devon Allman, Will McFarlane, and the late Leon Russel. She also travels as guitar tech for folk legend, Joan Baez.



PET PARADE Saturday @ 11:00 AM

Washington Street

One of the most entertaining (and crowd pleas-ing) events of the weekend is the annual Pet Parade, which will march down Ellicottville's main drag to the gazebo where awards will be given in many different and fun categories. If you've never seen this, you're missing out! Pets range from the typical dogs to the more unusual marchers - baby calves, goats, hermit crabs ... everyone is invited to join in!

CONCERT: STEVE AUGERI FORMER LEAD SINGER OF JOURNEY Saturday @ 9:15 PM **Slopes of Holiday Valley**



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Known for his soaring vocals, gritty tenor and powerful stage presence, Steve Augeri brings his signature blend of rock and soul into every event! Singing the songs that made Journey famous...

CONCERT: TOMMY DECARLO CURRENT LEAD SINGER OF BOSTON Saturday @ 7:00 PM **Slopes of Holiday Valley**



Born in Utica, New York, DeCarlo discovered and became a fan of the legendary band Boston at age

12. Years later he began recording covers of himself singing his favorite Boston songs. He posted these recordings on his daughter's Myspace page. Fast forward to March of 2007. Original Boston lead singer Brad Delp unexpectedly passed away at the age of 55. To honor Delp, DeCarlo wrote and recorded an emotional song about his favorite vocalist. His daughter suggested that he post that song as well, on her Myspace page.

Another Boston fan heard DeCarlo's work and suggested that he send his Myspace page link to Boston management. DeCarlo sent the link, and was approached by Boston founder Tom Scholz not long after. At the time, DeCarlo was working at a Charlotte area Home Depot as a Credit Manager. Scholz invited DeCarlo to perform at the Brad Delp Tribute Concert, which was hap-pening soon at the Bank of America Pavilion in Boston, MA. Later in 2007 DeCarlo was hired by Scholz as the lead vocalist of Boston.

He is also the front man for his second band named "DECARLO." The band features his son (and co-founding member) Tommy DeCarlo Jr. on lead guitar, keyboards, and vocals; Dan Hitz on drums; David Netta on bass; and Payton Velligan on keyboards/guitar/bass/vocals. The band officially formed in 2013, playing the Boston classics, DECARLO originals and more. "DECARLO" signed a deal with Frontier Records SRL in October of 2018 and released their first album on January 24, 2020 called "LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE."

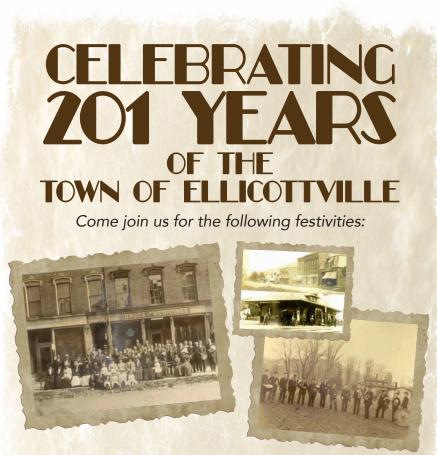
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CONCERT: BUFFALO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA SUNDAY @ 6:30 PM **Slopes of Holiday Valley**





The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra will return to Ellicottville July 4th at the Summer Music Festival. The concert will kick off with O Canada and the Star Spangled Banner and feature classics like *Amazing Grace, Castle House Rag, the St. Louis Blues March*, plus many more. The evening will conclude with everyone's favorite 1812 Overture and Stars and Stripes Forever by the BPO, set to an incredible fireworks display.



FRIDAY, JULY 16TH 7:00-10:00PM - STREET DANCE IN THE SQUARE Town Hall, Washington St. Music provided by Dave Elder and The Party Squad at the Town Hall Gazebo. Dance on the lawn and in Park Square. Bring your own beverages and a lawn chair or blanket, if desired.

SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

10:30AM - PARADE Starting at the Village Park (near the Fire Hall) 2:00-5:00PM REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NY 154TH CIVIL WAR REGIMENT WITH MARK DUNKLEMAN Nannen Arboretum and Town Center 28 Parkside Drive (off Fillmore) Civil War memorabilia and other historical items on display in the

auditorium, including a restored Civil War recruitment flag. The flag restoration was made possible through a grant from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network with conservation work completed by The Textile Network of South Salem, NY.

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH

1:00-3:00PM - WENDEL'S CHICKEN BBQ St. John's Episcopal Church (corner of Washington & Jefferson) Offered on the church lawn under a tent. Seating will be available as well as take-home options.

Contact Dawn Westfall 716-699-6201 or daylight398@gmail.com for more information

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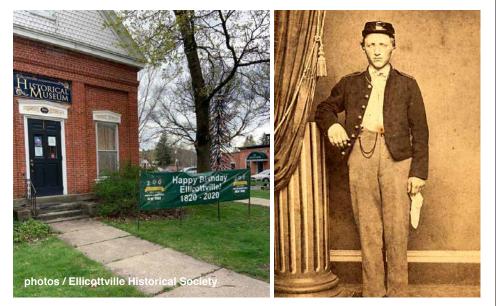
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Historical Society Committee prepares for Bicentennial festivities



BY MARY HEYL

There's no time like the present to celebrate the past, and next weekend is the perfect occasion to honor 201 years of the town of Ellicottville! From July 16th through July 18th, the Town of Ellicottville Historical Society is hosting the bicentennial celebration, complete with a street dance, parade, and so much more!

Dawn Westfall, head of the Town of Ellicottville Bicentennial Committee, is looking forward to both the bicentennial celebration and a full slate of Ellicottville Historical Society events through the end of the year.

"This past year was a quiet one," Westfall recalled of 2020, the year that the town would have celebrated its actual 200th birthday. "Due to the pandemic, we opted to postpone the bicentennial to 2021." She noted that restrictions on gatherings, especially indoors, were an important consideration for committee meetings and planning sessions, and the availability of volunteers was also a challenge. This affected not only the bicentennial planning, which began in January of 2019, but also the historical society's normal event schedule, which includes a monthly speaker series.

"We had speakers lined up for 2020, but with our audience, which includes many older members, we knew that wasn't going to be possible," Westfall explained. The historical society building was also closed to visitors last year and will continue to be closed for the remainder of 2021 due to volunteer availability and the logistical considerations of socially distancing in a small space.

Westfall was pleased to share that despite the pandemic, the historical society is still going strong, as evidenced by members' enthusiastic response to the president's annual membership letter. Plans for the bicentennial have been underway since this spring through meetings over Zoom and the first in-person meeting, which took place in May.

"The bicentennial is all about tying the celebration into the history of a place," Westfall explained. "Over the past year, place has been such an important concept - we've been sheltering in place. Home is where we shelter, no matter what is going on."

Importantly, Westfall noted, this bicentennial will celebrate 201 years of Ellicottville, where generations of residents have persevered through challenges and uncertainty. Referencing the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918, Westfall noted that Ellicottville residents sheltered in place then, too. Even further back, "During the Civil War, people had no idea what the world was going to be like when they got through that," she pointed out. "They - and now we - are warranted to have a celebration of one kind or another!"

The celebration begins on Friday, July 16th with a street dance in the square in front of the Town Hall on Washington Street from 7:00-10:00pm. Music will be provided by Dave Elder and the Party Squad at the Town Hall Gazebo, and everyone is welcome to dance or bring a lawn chair or blanket, as well as their own snacks and beverages.

On Saturday, July 17th, the celebration continues with a parade beginning at 10:30am at the Village Park near the fire hall. (Registration forms will soon be available at Town Hall, the Chamber office, Katy's Cafe, Kwik Fill and Tops.) From 2:00-5:00pm visitors are invited to the Nannen Arboretum at 28 Parkside Drive for the reunion of the descendants of the New York 154th Civil War Regiment, hosted by Mark Dunkelman, whose ancestor, John Langhans, lived on Jackman Hill in Ellicottville and served in this regi-

ALLEGANY STATE PARK: 100 YEARS

An iconic WNY landmark celebrates a Centennial milestone



BY DASH HEGEMAN

For those who don't know, tucked away just outside of Salamanca, NY is a Western New York gem called Allegany State Park. With approximately 65,000 acres of land, three lakes and an abundance of wildlife, Allegany State Park is a fantastic way to spend time in the great outdoors. In fact, the park has been referred to as "the wilderness playground of Western New York."

In May of 1921, an Act of the New York State Legislature approved the purchase of land in the Quaker Run Valley. Upon completing the purchase of the land, the park was formally dedicated on July 30, 1921. So, for those of you doing the math at home, that means this summer is officially the 100 year anniversary of Allegany State Park.

EllicottvilleNOW caught up with Adele Wellman, Environmental Educator 1 at Allegany State Park, to talk about some of the things the park is doing to celebrate the centennial.

eNOW: What exciting plans are there to celebrate the 100th Anniversary? What dates should people put on their calendar?

ADELE: A Virtual Centennial Celebration is currently in production, and is scheduled to be posted on July 30, 2021 on the NYS Park's YouTube channel. Additionally, the Allegany Regional Environmental Education department is planning to host numerous programming opportunities in 2021 with a focus on the storied history of Allegany State Park. Up-to-date programming schedules can be found in our Rental Offices or on Facebook at facebook.com/ alleganystatepark. We will also be releasing a 4-part series of guides highlighting 100 points of interest within Allegany State Park. These guides will provide readers with a wealth of historic details and information on a range of topics and destinations from the early days of the park to its present day. The full series of guides will be available for purchase at the Red House and Quaker Rental Offices this summer.

eNOW: What kind of upgrades/improvements have been made over the past winter that people should look forward to this summer?

ADELE: Opened in fall of 2020, the new Quaker Multi-Use Trail spans approximately 1.6 miles from Taft Cabin to the Quaker Store along ASP Route 3. This key transportation and recreation resource provides safe and enjoyable means for our many visitors to bicycle or hike along the Quaker Run Area. Visitors will notice the early stages of construction for the expansion of this trail, which is planned to extend all the way to Quaker Beach.

eNOW: What, if any, COVID protocols will visitors need to be aware of this summer? **ADELE:** Visitors are asked to keep up to date with all prevailing New York State Department of Health guidelines for face coverings and social distancing, along with all applicable social gathering limitations set forth by NY Forward. Additionally, overnight guests are asked to follow all applicable travel guidelines established by the NYS Department of Health.

eNOW: You're a fantastic advocate of the Park and spend a lot of time there. What is your favorite trail to hike at the Park? And why?

ADELE: Blacksnake is my favorite trail. The 3-mile hike is very scenic with several bridges over picturesque streams, an abundance of wildflowers and huge hemlock, tulip and cherry trees. Along the top of the trail there is a granite marker indicating the PA/NY border. It's fun to hop from side to side. The second half of the loop follows a railroad grade used in the late 1880's by the A&K (Allegany & Kinzua) railroad to haul timber and hemlock bark off the hill and to the mills located throughout the area in the pre-Park days.

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300 Miles for CF: Tough times can blossom into the best outcome for all



BY TREVOR BRACHMANN

In early June, Bradley Poole, a local trainer and business owner, started a run of ultramarathon proportions – 300 miles in 3 short days to raise money and awareness for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that damages lung immunity and can progress, leading to limited lung function over time. 300 miles in 3 days is a notable and impressive feat for anyone, and quite a step up from the 266 miles Bradley completed in a week the year before for the same cause. What's even more astonishing is that Bradley himself was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at the age of 6, and was not expected to live past his teens.

Inspired and ready to take on the challenge, Brad started out on June 9th. He had intended to do the whole run on a loop of local roads around Ellicottville, but heavy rains convinced him to start on the treadmill before the weather broke and he could 'run free'. He pushed himself a little hard, and had some heavy duty fatigue issues at about 60 miles in on the first day. Brad suffered lightheadedness, dizziness, nausea, vomiting and heavy body cramping. After finally resting around 9:00pm, he rose at 2:30am to take on Day Two and continue his challenge. (There is a reason this guy's business is named Warrior Fitness!) He pushed out 12 more miles before the damage caught up to him.

"I felt extremely exhausted and took another couple hours nap. I fueled up and ran another 8 miles. By 80 miles in at around 10:00am Thursday I wasn't feeling very well, and hoped to get an IV to get me back on my game," Brad shares. "The ambulance came and some tests were run."

Turns out his at-rest heart rate was at 100 beats per minute. A formidable increase to his typical rate in the low 40's! It was suggested he go to the hospital, and he obliged with full intent on returning to the run. Knowing Brad and his inability to surrender, this was NOT an easy choice to make, but thankfully he did. He was diagnosed with Rhabdomyolysis (rolls right off the tongue), a condition in which one's muscle tissue breaks down and protein leaks into the bloodstream, potentially causing kidney failure. Facing the decision of leaving the hospital to continue the run and risking his kidneys shutting down, or staying and getting the medical attention he needed, Brad took the wise route and stayed, much to the relief of his support team and wonderful family. But this was only a bump in the road for the movement Brad set up to conquer and to utilize to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

"I was sitting in the hospital scrolling through Facebook and I started seeing all these posts of people running miles for me. As much as I wanted to be out there, I was overjoyed to see people from the community and even outside of the community coming together to help me out and raise awareness for CF. I actually teared up, and was just so thankful for the support."

On Friday, Bradley was able to get back out and hit the pavement to finish what he started. In the fashion of his rebellious spirit, this was against his doctors' orders. But he took it easy and just pushed through another 20 miles to make the 100-mile mark. He mentioned, "I did it safely and didn't push myself as hard."

Altogether, the total mileage was over 1,000 miles from everyone chipping in, and just over \$40,000 was raised for Cystic Fibrosis awareness and research. It reminds me of a statistic I saw recently - a draft horse can pull on average around 8,000 pounds. When paired with a horse of similar ilk, the team can pull around 24,000 pounds (3 times what

COMMUNITY GRANTS

CRCF Fund provides \$9,000 in support for special projects and youth programs



OLEAN - Nine agencies recently received grants - together totaling, \$9,000 - from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation's Community Fund for special projects and programs that support youth development, elder services, an area emergency health care organization and more.

The Chautauqua Cattaraugus Library System received \$2,500 in support of the summer reading program at its 13 Cattaraugus County libraries. Programs throughout the county include story times, educational activities, crafts, and access to all formats of reading materials. According to LJ Martin, coordinator of outreach and special projects, the library system's reading program plays an important role for Cattaraugus County youth development.

"Children and families who continue reading outside of the school year continue to develop reading skills as well as foster a love of reading," Martin said. "The summer reading programs also provide families different actives and a fun way to engage in the library community."

Brookside Community, an Olean senior living facility, received \$1,600 towards a renovation of the facility's outdoor spaces, including a new pergola, gazebo and sidewalk to the facility's gazebo and back yard. The grant will offset the increased cost of lumber and allow the project, which also received a Community Fund grant towards the project and security upgrades at the community in 2020.

Cattaraugus Area Ambulance Service Inc. received \$1,500 to help offset expenses related to the maintenance of a power stretcher/cot that allows the ambulance service to transport obese patients and limits the risks of doing so for the agency's all-volunteer EMT staff.

Healthy Community Alliance received \$1,000 in support of the establishment of a new nonprofit communication hub, a need that according to Healthy Community Alliance CEO Ann Battaglia, was dramatically exposed by the public health crisis.

"The communication hub will initially focus on providing resources on funding, racial equity, and technology, including features like a directory of funders and do-it-yourself audit tools for racial equity and technology," said Battaglia. "Nonprofits will be able to filter information by needs and geographies. This hub will also provide a solution for intermediaries to store, manage, and share resources."

CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit echoed Battaglia's assessment of nonprofit needs in the region. "Over the last year and a half the Foundation has placed much of its focus on leading the philanthropic and charitable response to the pandemic," she said. "One of the things we quickly learned is that there is significant need for increased communication and collaboration among our nonprofits in order to provide for the community's greatest needs, especially in a time of crisis."

Girl Scouts of WNY Inc. received \$500 for the Badge in a Box program, which will provide 25 area girl scouts the necessary materials and resources to complete a badge program from home. According to Tricia Skwieralski, director of the foundation and United Way relations for the Girl Scouts of WNY, the program allows Cattaraugus County girls unique youth development experiences that helps them grow, explore their interests, learn new skills, with multiple ways to participate in girl scouting.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara and the Southern Tier also received \$500 to support mentoring programming and activities through the agency's Be a Friend program in

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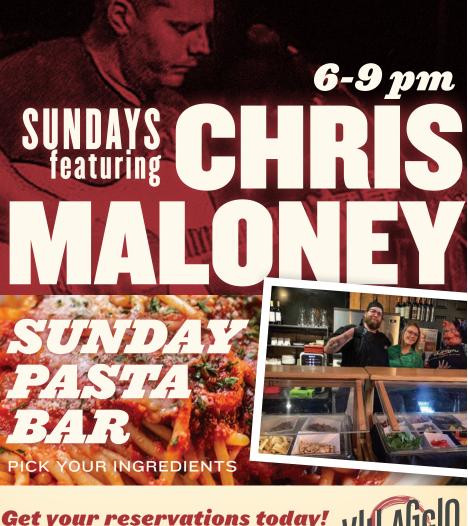
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VISIT OLEAN

TASTE OF OLEAN

Sample a variety of flavors and take in some amazing art at War Veterans Park



OLEAN - Restaurant applications for this year's Taste of Olean have been sent to more than 60 restaurants for the 30th Annual Taste of Olean scheduled for July 25th from 11:00am-5:00pm at the fan favorite location – War Veterans Park, 551 East State Street, Olean. The Taste of Olean is co-sponsored by the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce, its 44 Corporate Sponsors, and National Grid Co. The Taste of Olean is a festival filled with great food and entertainment. Admission to the event is free. Pay as you eat!

For restaurants to qualify, they must be a public eating place whose primary commercial function is to serve food on a retail basis, offers seating at the principle place of business and is open year round in the greater Olean area. Regional and specialty foods, as well as food trucks, if interested in participating, will need to be approved by the Taste committee. For the 'Tastes' segment of the event, the committee is encouraging restaurants to present 'tastes' of foods - not whole meals or sandwiches - smaller portions with affordable costs between 50 cents and \$5.00.

The Taste committee has scheduled activities and entertainment to draw people to the fun-filled event. The Tri-County Arts Council is currently accepting applications from regional artists to participate in the 70th Annual Art in the Park celebration, to be held in conjunction with the Taste.

Olean Theatre Workshop will be hosting a Taste of Talent showcasing local talent entertainment. Eric Jones will be on site with his famous Caricature drawings. Balloon animals and face painting will also be offered.

The fourteenth annual Hospitality Wall of Fame will be awarded at the Taste. The Hospitality Wall of Fame recognizes individuals and/or businesses who have made a significant contribution and given exceptional service to the food service/hospitality industry in the past and who may continue to do so.

The cost for a restaurant to vend at the Taste of Olean is \$225 for GOACC members and \$275 for non-GOACC members. GOACC will not be selling taste tickets for the food/ beverage; each vendor will handle the cash transactions at their booths. Taste of Olean is a festival for the entire family - food, music, activities, art, and fun! For more information, call the GOACC office at 716-372-4433 or email taste@oleanny.com.

FLOAT THE ALLEGHENY

Outfitter and area restaurants team up to offer kayak rental and meal option

OLEAN - Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce has coordinated efforts to get more people out on the Allegheny River and then have some food once they are finished! "With news of a new launch site for the river in Olean and with the increasing number of kayaks and canoes on the Allegheny River, GOACC connected with its restaurant members and member Allegheny Adventures and launched the FLOAT THE ALLEGHENY promo," reported Lisa Carpenter, GOACC Administrative Assistant.

Those interested in renting a kayak from Allegheny Adventures will come into the Chamber and purchase a Float the Allegheny certificate for \$30. The certificate is good for a single kayak trip in the Olean area (retail value \$25) with meal option at a local member restaurant (retail value \$20) for \$30.00 total. The recipient will receive \$45 in rental/food for \$30 – a savings of \$15!

"Float the Allegheny" continued page 21

RICK'S GOLF WORLD

Custom fitting and a personal connection you won't find at big box stores



By Spencer Timkey

Pete Lisi, owner of Rick's Golf World in Olean, NY, sets himself apart by harnessing a passion for the sport with an unmatched level of in-store service. We recently caught up with Pete to talk golf.

eNOW: Give me a little background on the store.

PETE: The store opened in December of 1990 on West State Street in Olean. My dad started the business and I worked through college (a St. Bonaventure alumnus, class of '95) before taking it over in 2000. I purchased the building we're in now (North Union Street location) in 2012.

eNOW: What are some of your key offerings? Brands, services, etc?

PETE: We carry major golf brands like Titleist, Cobra, Callaway, Taylor Made, Ping, Mizuno, Cleveland and Footjoy. The store does service - club repair and regripping - but our main service is custom club fitting.

eNOW: Run me through the process of club fitting. What are some of the things you do to ensure someone is getting the right club fit?

PETE: We use a Flightscope Launch Monitor, which tracks the club and ball flight so it gives us tons of useful data in the fitting process. Utilizing fitting heads from our vendors - which gives us different lofts, lie angles and shafts - allows us to implement that data and find the best fit for the golfer.

eNOW: How does the monitor work? What kind of data does it provide?

PETE: It tracks both the club and ball so it gives us a lot of information, like swing speed, ball speed, launch angle, carry/total distance. To start the fitting, we evaluate the golfer by asking some general questions to learn a little more about them and their game. After watching them hit some shots, I can get a pretty good idea of what I think will work for them. We then try different heads and shafts to find the best combination.

eNOW: The pandemic was tough on retail, but it seemed like small, specialty brick & mortar stores - especially outdoor-centric - seemed to thrive. We've seen the immense increase in golfers over the past year. How did you adapt, and what's it like now?

PETE: People just wanted to be outside and active, and golf was the perfect venue. They started playing a lot more and a lot of new golfers took up the game. We ended up having our best year ever. It's really encouraging!

eNOW: We run into this at our store (The Boardroom in Ellicottville) often - competing with big box stores and online retailers. I'm assuming as a standalone brick and mortar, those same difficulties present themselves. How difficult is it in the current age of digital and online shopping, and what are some of the things you do to combat that?

and online shopping, and what are some of the things you do to combat that? **PETE:** As you and I both know, competing with big box stores and online is difficult but not impossible. I feel like the custom fitting, equipment knowledge and inventory selection in our store is huge ... but the most important is the service and personal touch you just can't get at a box store or online retailer. We have a personal connection with our customers and that goes a long way. If you know what you're doing and what you're talking about, and you treat people well, they're going to have a good experience and tell their friends. Even if they stop in for a bag of tees, I want them to leave thinking "this is a great looking shop, loaded with everything I need when I'm out playing."

Rick's Golf World, located at 228 N Union Street in Olean, is open six days a week. If you're a low handicap or just getting started, Pete and his crew will provide an outstanding experience. For more information, head to their FB page or ricksgolfworld.com.

From Ski to Golf Black Diamonds aren't just a winter thing



With ski season behind us and the green carpet rolled out, the Double Black Diamond Golf Course at Holiday Valley is in full swing

--- > DOUBLE BLACK DIAMOND GOLF COURSE

Nestled in the heart of Holiday Valley, the Double Black Diamond Golf Course tests all aspects of your game. Playing 6,493 yards from the tips (Par 70), it features stunning Par 3s, a ravine on #11 and the signature #13 with elevated tee boxes and views of the entire valley. There are plenty of opportunities to get in trouble trees, fairway bunkers



and water make par anything but easy. While the Front 9 is relatively flat, the Back swiftly changes elevation, and club choice can become tricky (especially on the #15 ... 5 iron or 7?) But as daunting as the course may seem, grab some friends and cold ones from the oncourse beverage cart - you'll have the best round of the summer!



-- > HOLIDAY VALLEY GOLF SHOP

The Golf Shop, located where the wintertime Mountain Shop is, has a full selection of clubs, bags, clothing and accessories. So don't sweat it if you show up to your round having forgotten something. Golf's best brands - Titleist, Callaway, Nike, Ping, FootJoy, Cleveland Golf and others - can be found in the Golf Shop, as well as club rentals and a USGA computer to input your score/find your handicap.

GOLF AND LODGING PACKAGES

Make a trip out of your golf! The Valley offers a myriad of lodging packages specific to golfers. Options include staying at The Inn or Tamarack (both with views of the course) or any of the Holiday Valley Rental Properties. Packages can be tailored to include ad-

ditional rounds, dinner, lunch, or tickets to Sky High Adventure Park. Guests receive complimentary entry to the pool, club cleaning/storage and breakfast.



DRIVING RANGE

Holiday Valley's practice facility, located across the street from the resort, boasts over 50 covered and grass hitting stations, a chipping green and a putting green. Dial your distance in with flags at 100, 150, 200 and 250 yards (and brag to your friends about labeling the tree that's way out). The range is also home to the Mel Sole Golf School and lessons from one of of HV's

lessons from one of of HV's PGA Professionals.

GOLF LESSONS ←-----



Holiday Valley is home to PGA Master Professional Steve Carney and Certified PGA Professional Kyle Benish. They offer group and private lessons, including junior and ladies. There are 8 junior clinics throughout July and August, and clubs/balls are provided. Beginner Ladies Group lessons and on-course play are available every

Wednesday evening through the season. With Steve, you can do a playing lesson, while Kyle will use the V1 video software to break down and analyze your swing.

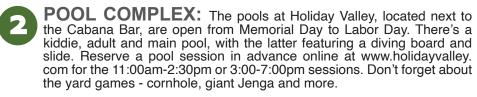
BOOK YOUR GROUP OUTING

Get a group of friends or coworkers together for a 9- or 18-hole golf outing at HV! If group pricing isn't incentive enough, the Valley will do anything from provide lunch or dinner for the group to personalized scorecards. Other options available include contests like longest drive or closest to the pin, parties at Cabana, beverage cart on-course and more to provide an awesome golf-centric experience.

THE FULL OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE There's Much More to Explore at Holiday Valley Resort



CABANA BAR: Whether you're finishing a round of golf, hanging poolside or just want to sit outside, the Cabana Bar makes summertime living easy. Located between the Main Lodge and Tamarack (adjacent to the pool), the Cabana is a fully-stocked bar with food and beverage service from John Harvard's Brew House. Bartenders concoct summer drink specials daily, and a smoothie/daiquiri machine keeps the kids (and parents, depending on the pour) happy.



JOHN HARVARD'S BREW HOUSE: Located inside the Tamarack Club, John Harvard's is the perfect spot to grab a bite pre/postgolf. Harvard's offers daily lunch and dinner specials, 16 brews on tap and poolside service. Enjoy views of the pool and golf course whether you dine inside or on their outdoor patio.

ELLICOTTVILLE OASIS SPA: Also located inside the Tamarack Club is the Ellicottville Oasis Spa. Offering massages, facials and body wraps, the natural sunlight that pours into Oasis will leave you completely rejuvenated. Individual and group packages are available - call or book an appointment online, or pop in to see what times they have open. **SKY HIGH ADVENTURE PARK:** Now in its 10th summer, Sky High has established itself as the go-to adventure activity in the area. Strap on a harness, get your safety briefing and head into the trees ... either 10-15 feet off the ground (yellow courses) or way up near the top of the treeline (blues and blacks). Test your athleticism on the double black diamond Commando Course, or take a zipline across Punch Bowl on Black Storm. After you complete the zipline course back to the bottom, take a breather before hitting the 3D climbing forest. E-bike rentals are available through the Sky High harness shop, and Chairlift rides are offered every Saturday and Sunday from 11:00am-5:00pm for sightseeing or uphill transport for mountain bikes. Call Holiday Valley for details.

MOUNTAIN COASTER: Fly through the trees on the Sky Flyer Mountain Coaster! A combination of an alpine slide and a roller coaster, sleds can carry one or two people. Ride the brakes through the loops or keep them pushed forward to get your adrenaline pumping. Mountain Coaster tickets are available in the Sky High harness shop, where you can buy single or multiple runs.

MOUNTAIN BIKING: There are miles of accessible mountain biking trails at Holiday Valley, which connect to the 35+ miles of WNYM-BA single track trails. The race loop (around 4 to 5 miles) takes you to the top of Cindy's ski slope, then back down singletrack or the easier cross country trails. This summer, because of the Yodeler High Speed Chairlift construction, the flow trail (Senear Valley) has been modified. When mountain biking at HV please be aware that Sky High is off limits and always be cognizant of on-hill operations.

Walk the Tracks Across the Sky

Hidden deep within the forest of northwestern Pennsylvania is an engineering masterpiece

The Kinzua Viaduct once soared 301 feet high and 2,053 feet across - it was the highest and longest railroad viaduct in the world

By Linda Devlin, ANF Visitors Bureau



It was a bridge unlike any the world had ever seen.

In 1882 General Thomas Kane, a Philadelphia lawyer, decorated American Civil War Veteran, and president of the New York, Lake Erie and Western Railroad and Coal Company, had rich coal deposits south of the Kinzua Gorge. But since his customers were to the north, Kane needed to cross the valley. Kane needed a bridge.

Paris-born Octave Chanute, chief engineer for the Erie-Railroad, rose to the challenge. The man who would later help the Wright brothers fly had a bold solution - a bridge unlike any the world had seen.

Chief Engineer Octave Chanute contracted the Pennsylvania firm of Clarke, Reeves & Company to design and fabricate the bridge. Adolphus Bonzano designed a wrought iron bridge using his "Phoenix Column," an engineering breakthrough that enabled tall structures to resist vibration and buckling.

The bridge was pre-fabricated in Phoenixville, near Philadelphia, and transported to the site for erection. Once the sandstone foundation piers were in place, 125 men, working 10-hour days, completed the construction in just 94 days.

Standing 301 feet tall (24 feet higher than the Brooklyn Bridge) the Viaduct quickly became a tourist destination. Walking out on the bridge was the next best thing to flying.

But by 1900, the locomotives and railroad cars hauling coal and timber across the Viaduct became larger and heavier. A stronger steel bridge was required. Using 6.7 million pounds of steel, workers erected a new bridge to replace the original.

THE KINZUA VIADUCT: A BRIEF HISTORY

Not only was the Kinzua Viaduct successful in transporting Kane's coal across the valley, it instantly became a popular tourist attraction bringing sightseers from around the globe to visit. Kinzua Bridge State Park, with the Kinzua viaduct as its centerpiece, was created in 1963. The Kinzua Viaduct was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1977, and the National Register of Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in 1982.

The Kinzua Viaduct spanned the Kinzua Gorge for more than a century before it partially collapsed under the powerful winds of a tornado in 2003.

THE POWER OF NATURE: TORNADO STRIKES JULY 21, 2003

Bridge designer C.R. Grimm predicted his creation would last 100 years. And he was right. Grimm's design used roller expansion bearings where the tower legs were anchored

to the masonry foundation piers. This design allowed lateral expansion in the tower legs under temperature loading. But his failure to replace the original 1882 anchor bolts would have catastrophic consequences.

In July 2003, engineers and skilled bridge builders were hard at work on a \$12 million repair project to reinforce the aging structure. The workers decided to call it a day when the sky went black and the winds rushed in. A tornado tore through the forest, heading straight for the Viaduct. Hundreds of trees were ripped from their roots and 11 of the bridge's 20 towers were lifted, twisted and thrown onto the valley floor. Six towers remained standing on the south end; only three towers remained upright on the north end.

Engineers later confirmed that winds attacked in three directions. The original 1882 anchor bolts and collar coupling assemblies, which mated the old bolts to the later 1900 construction, had failed.

Within 30 seconds, nature had brought the mighty span to its knees.

REINVENTED AS THE KINZUA SKYWALK

The remaining six towers of the original Kinzua Viaduct were stabilized and reinvented as the Kinzua Sky Walk. Towering over the Kinzua Gorge at a height of 225 feet and 624 feet long, the new skywalk has a partial glass floor overlook at the end of the pedestrian walkway which features the historic railroad tracks. Views are breathtaking.

Opened to the public in September 2011, the Kinzua Sky Walk pays tribute to the past while emerging once again as an amazing engineering marvel.

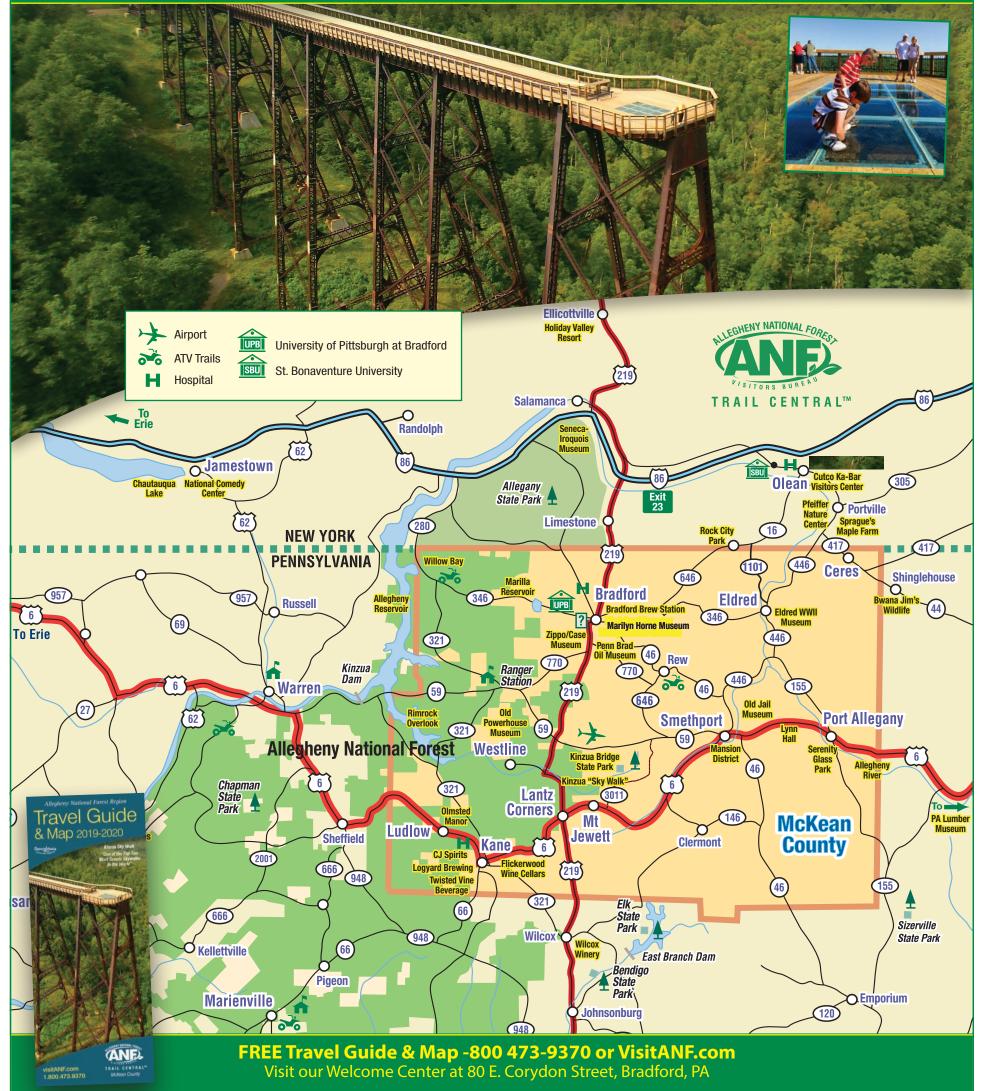
ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP 10 MOST SCENIC SKYWALKS

The Kinzua Sky Walk was named as "One of the Top 10 Most Scenic Skywalks in the World" by The Culture Trip, U.K. Located at the Kinzua Bridge State Park in Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania, the Kinzua Sky Walk is open to the public year round. Admission to the park and the Kinzua Sky Walk is free.

The park includes tree shaded picnic areas, areas for biking and birding, and a park pavilion which can be rented. In addition, there are two trails, the easy 1-mile General Kane trail, and a second more challenging trail, the Kinzua Creek Trail which leads to the bottom of the gorge where the fallen towers of the original viaduct still remain.

The park is open from 8am to dusk each day. Driving address for the park is 296 Viaduct Road, Mt. Jewett, PA. For additional information on the Kinzua Sky Walk, including historic photos and video, go to visitANF.com.

Allegheny National Forest, Pennsylvania Kinzua Sky Walk "One of the Top 10 most Scenic Skywalks in the World"



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YOUR VOICE

PRIDE VICTORY

Salamanca High School shows solidarity and support for LGBTQ+ students



BY ELIJAH GEORGE

In the wake of social activist movements rising to prominence with exponential growth and in support and awareness flooding the past two decades, it's an undeniable observation to say that such movements have made a large impact on greater society. A seed planted within a small niche that was shunned by the larger community has now blossomed into a beautiful flower that is largely accepted by said community. In this, let's visit Salamanca High School. My alma mater, for on this depends, my security in the present, and my success in the future.

Being a student who has attended Sally High for my entire career in education up to this point, I can say that the atmosphere surrounding my high school is nothing short of what you would expect from being around an old friend. They get you and you get them, the language is a connection that is unspoken. For years I've walked the hallways and seen posters in support of the various social activist movements, and I've felt accepted by this small collection of people. Coming out as (a bisexual for me) any member of the LGBTQ+ community can be extremely difficult, and the reception of the people around you can either lessen or worsen that stress.

I can sit in this chair and proudly type that the people at Salamanca High, whether it be my friends, colleagues, acquaintances, or teachers, are all very accepting and understanding. Over the years, the LGBTQ+ population within SHS has grown. So much so that a plethora of organizations have been created within the school to give an accurate representative voice to those LGBTQ+ members within the student body.

It is with this that something special and touching occurred on the 3rd of June in 2021. After much back and forth with the school board of administrators, a group of students made local history. The Salamanca Social Activist group is one of the many organizations within Salamanca High that are geared towards social activism. On June 3rd, a large ceremony took place, wherein the Salamanca High School collectively raised the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag up on a pole in the front of the school. To an outsider, this may seem like an insignificant event. But to all whom were in attendance that day, and to some that weren't but still held immense support, it was a victory of epic proportions after a long and hard-fought battle.

Local SHS student and SSA member Kierstyn Klahn excitedly said, "As a member of SSA it was surreal to know that all of the work we put into this amounted to something and makes an impact on so many people." Indeed, it does. Even as LGBTQ+ and movements like it rise in the ranks to prominence, this doesn't come without opposition or oppression. We all face trials and tribulations in our day-to-day lives, but the flag raising ceremony was a reminder that we can accomplish our goals once we set our minds to them.

Personally, I'm extremely ecstatic and proud of the work that the SSA put into and continues to put into being that voice for the students who cannot be heard. Many members are people that I know and see on a daily/weekly basis. And I can almost certainly say that everyone who may read this knows a member of the LGBTQ+ community to some extent.

It's amazing to know that someone recognizes a struggle and stands in solidarity with you. It's amazing to know that in a world full of obstacles, one doesn't have to run the course alone. To a member of the LGBTQ+ community reading this, no matter where you currently are – we stand with you. We support you and we know how difficult the journey can be. You are not alone on the path, and you won't be alone when you reach the top. Thank you for being you.

STEPPING INTO THE CHALLENGE

Seeing the struggles in our lives as gifts of experience and teachers of wisdom



BY TREVOR BRACHMANN

There comes times in our live when we have little 'bumps in the night'; when things stand up and stand out that serve as a call to attention. A few examples could be: new physical discomforts, noticing our communications and relations aren't coming through clearly, or being without the love and care that we all need, concerns about a loved one's choices, a lump that wasn't there earlier in life, realizing that someone close to us or our own habits are taking an addictive turn.

Often times these things are uncomfortable to begin with, and it seems like addressing the issue will only give focus and power to it. We may make the choice of skimming over the details, ignoring them outright, or convincing ourselves that it is not our responsibility. A while back someone close to me shared this alternative definition of responsibility: Responsibility is your ability to respond appropriately.

The aforementioned hypothetical issues that may arise in our life can turn from a speed bump on our road to the future or they can turn into a burden should we choose to bear it, rather than taking the time to address it so you may move forward a bit more free and easy. The Nike slogan says it all. Address the uncomfortable, the ugly, the stuff that stinks. Remember that manure yields bigger, healthier flowers. Remember that clearing out the old makes room for the new. Remember that old rotted trees are recycled to grow health and nutritive giving mushrooms. Recall that things literally have to die to give life. Basically everything we consume was living previous to us ingesting it. Disease and death can actually serve as torch bearers in our life. They may light the way, showing us parts of ourselves or our experience that we have focused too heartily on, not making time for what is outside of the box.

Every day we make the choice of how to address the things that come up in our life. It's not always easy, and sometimes extraneous circumstances and differing perspectives can leave us with a bit more than what we could consider a simple fork in our decisive roads. It's ok to have to take a rest to consider our direction if we are blessed with the time to do so, and it's wise to consult your 'maps' and 'tools' to direct you and help you find the most beneficial path for all involved. With the internet giving us so much useful information (and certainly some that isn't worth your time), we can really dig deep and gather some insight to decide the best option to take to address the issue at hand. There is, however, one thing that is certain about the direction we want to take: We've got to keep moving forward.

In today's paradigm we may become convinced that we don't have the support or time to take the care we need for ourselves, but I think we all have many examples to see that when the people around us are happy and healthy, it is easier to be in alignment with happiness and health ourselves. When we take the time to find those qualities in and for ourselves, we become a clearer conduit to share health and happiness with those around us. When we are paying it forward, we are pollinating that joy and vitality in the world, and that is a powerful thing.

We all have different capacities to help others, and one should be conscious of their own boundaries and how much energy they may put into a situation. Some have a tremendous ability to hold space and to shed light for others. These are the nurses, the psychologists, the pastors, the guides in our community that we look to for insight and to work out our grief with. But we all carry a spark that may rekindle another's guiding light when their spirit is dampened. Let's not forget that, and that when we take responsibility for the communal spirit, we can each keep one another's light well fed and together hold vigil for a brighter tomorrow.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Daily Core Use

BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

Recently, I wrote an article on how important core stability and alignment are for improving your golf game. Needless to say, I received a lot of positive feedback about this, so I wanted to revisit an article I wrote before about staying cognoscente of your core by bracing it throughout your day while completing daily activities.

Think of your core muscles as the sturdy central link in a chain connecting your upper and lower body. Whether you're hitting a tennis ball or mopping the floor, the necessary motions either originate in your core, or move through it.

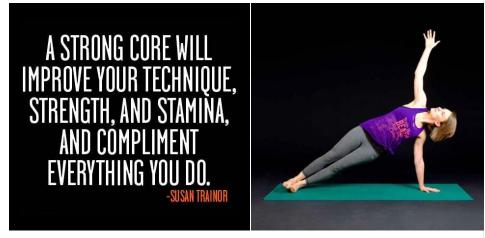
No matter where motion starts, it ripples upward and downward to adjoining links of the chain. Thus, weak or inflexible core muscles can impair how well your arms and legs function. And that zaps power from many of the moves you make. Properly building up your core cranks up the power. A strong core also enhances balance and stability. Thus, it can help prevent falls and injuries during sports or other activities. In fact, a strong, flexible core underpins almost everything you do:

EVERYDAY ACTS. Bending to put on shoes or scoop up a package, turning to look behind you, sitting in a chair, or simply standing still - these are just a few of the many mundane actions that rely on your core and that you might not notice until they become difficult or painful. Even basic activities like vacuuming, mopping, bathing or dressing, for example, call on your core.

ON-THE-JOB TASKS. Our widespread dependence on artificial support, such as chair backs that shoulder us from sitting up straight, have left many of us with weak spines and soft middles. Jobs that involve lifting, twisting, and standing all rely on core muscles. But less obvious tasks - like sitting at your desk for hours - engage your core as well. Phone calls, typing, computer use, and similar work can make back muscles surprisingly stiff and sore, particularly if you're not strong enough to practice good posture and aren't taking sufficient breaks.

BALANCE AND STABILITY. Your core stabilizes your body, allowing you to move in any direction, even on the bumpiest terrain, or stand in one spot without losing your balance. Viewed this way, core exercises can lessen your risk of falling.

GOOD POSTURE. Weak core muscles contribute to slouching. Good posture trims your silhouette and projects confidence. More importantly, it lessens wear and tear on the spine



and allows you to breathe deeply. Good posture helps you gain full benefits from the effort you put into exercising, too.

Weak, tight, or unbalanced core muscles can undermine you in any of these realms. And while it's important to build a strong core, it's unwise to aim all your efforts at developing rippling abs. Overtraining abdominal muscles while snubbing muscles of the back and hip can set you up for injuries and cut athletic provess.

An overall training routine should be what you focus on to develop a strong core. Plank variations are one of my favorite core strengtheners but need to be done with proper alignment and control. Exercises for better core strength can be endless and can meet any individual's specific needs. Talk to an expert to find a routine that is right for you.

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ment. This is the 35th year that Dunkelman has hosted this reunion, which takes place annually in different places throughout Cattaraugus County. Dunkelman is hosting this year's reunion in Ellicottville to coincide with the bicentennial, as the first reunion of the NY 154th regiment was held in Ellicottville in August of 1888. Many who served in the regiment hailed from Ellicottville, including notable residents T.R. Aldrich, Alexander Bird, H.E. Bolles and B.A. Johnston. Civil War memorabilia and other historical items will be on display inside the Rotary Auditorium, including a restored Civil War recruitment flag. The flag restoration was made possible through a grant from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network with conservation work completed by The Textile Network of South Salem, New York. (On Wednesday, July 14th at 7:00pm, Dunkleman will be the featured speaker and will present on "Gettysburg's Costed Avenue: The Brickyard fight and Mural" at Ellicottville Memorial Library.)

The bicentennial celebration concludes on Sunday, July 18th at St. John's Episcopal Church, which is hosting Wendel's Chicken Barbecue from 1:000-3:00pm. Seating will be available on the church lawn under a tent, and take-out options will also be available. Dinner proceeds will benefit the Ellicottville Historical Society.

Fortunately for local residents and history buffs, the fun doesn't end with the bicentennial celebration! On Saturday July 31st at 1:00pm the historical society is hosting an historical walking tour, which begins at the Town Hall Gazebo. Tickets are \$10, and those interested in participating can contact Ellen Frank at 716-699-2276 to reserve a spot. On Wednesday, August 11th, John Burrell will be the featured speaker and will present his family history in Ellicottville. On Wednesday, September 8th, Pam Litchfield will share "A glimpse of the Past": Ellicottville through pictures. The August and September events will take place at the Ellicottville Memorial Library at 7:00pm. Those who are interested in attending a meeting can call Ellen Frank to set up a reservation due to limited space.

Westfall is excited to announce that the historical society's ghost walks, a community favorite, will be resuming in October! Stay tuned for more details by following the EHS on Facebook at @EVLHSM.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

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Cattaraugus County. The grant will help the program offset increased costs of program operation due to COVID-19 safety protocols and allow the program to continue its work with Cattaraugus County youth.

The Reach out and Read program also received \$500 to purchase books for three pediatric care sites in Cattaraugus County – two in Salamanca and one in Olean. The program provides books to low-income families who visit the pediatric care sites, in order to encourage parents to read to their children at home. According to Theresa Egan, corporate and foundation relations officer, children from low-income families often lag 12-14 months behind their peers in early literacy readiness skills by the time they enter kindergarten. The program's intention is to provide early intervention to reverse that trend.

The Ashford Historical Society received \$500 as well, to help the organization purchase a new furnace for their building so that the organization can safely preserve historical items and documents.

"The Foundation's board of directors is happy to be able to provide this diverse support from the Community Fund," said Buchheit. "In particular, we know from our work throughout the pandemic that youth and elderly were the populations that were most impacted. It is essential to provide support for organizations that can help those populations begin to recover."

Donations can be made to the Community Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Olean, NY 14760 or online at cattfoundation.org

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MEETING NOTES

Town Planning Board: Tiny Home Village Project on Fish Hill Road Approved with Conditions

BY KATHLEEN KELLOGG

The Ellicottville Planning Board in a 5-1 vote Monday approved a revised site plan, with conditions, for the Tiny Home Village at 6881 Rt. 243 West (Fish Hill Rd.) The move followed a public hearing in which two residents sought a delay, claiming they just learned about the project and needed to find out how to protect an adjacent resident of a farmhouse.

The single-owner 11-unit development on 1.55 acres was proposed in March and considered for a special use permit as a "cottage-style motel" for nightly rentals under the high-density residential development district provisions in the town's zoning. Plans call for internet reservations and the units, ranging from 280-800 square feet, will be cleaned by an off-site employee between guests, making it the first of its kind in the community.

Vice-chair Cheryl Berrera, who voted against approving the site plan, continued to raise issues regarding the nature of the project to attract high turnover of transient tenants without on-site supervision, the high profitability of short-term rentals, and the possibility that lighting and activities will interfere with neighbors.

Clayton Williams and Bonnie Meacham spoke out on behalf of an elderly adjacent resident Geraldine Meacham during the hearing, complaining of a lack of advance information about the development. They expressed fears of snowmelt runoff very close to the Meacham farmhouse, possible erosion due to a former creek diversion, disruptions due to the nearby parking, and density, along with light and sound pollution.

"We need to know what's happening so we know how to protect ourselves and our investment," said Bonnie Meacham. Clayton Williams requested 48 hours to obtain a consultant's opinion of the project's impacts of the Meacham property.

Town Planner Gary Palumbo assured the couple that the developer has met the town's standards and revised the plan. Board members informed them Tiny Home Village has been on the agenda for several months and notices were published. Chairman Doc Dayton said the Board's consensus was to proceed to close the public hearing comments because an exception to the rules would have to be made to accommodate the request.

The Board had requested additional parking and a spot for a dumpster, a local contact within 25 miles to answer complaints, and minor site plan modifications including a light-tight fence bordering the parking area and driveway, and access to a PRV pit monitored by town

100 YEARS OF ASP

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eNOW: You're an avid bike rider. Should the Park be more renowned for its bike trails? **ADELE:** Allegany State Park has trails for all ability levels. The paved Quaker Multi-Use Trail and Red House Bike Path are very popular for riders of all ages and experience levels. The Art Roscoe Ski and Bike trail system located at the Summit area of the park offers riders a place to experience a more rugged terrain of dirt, grass, and various elevation changes. The Western New York Mountain Bike Association (WNYMBA) has volunteered and been active in adding singletrack trails to the park system. Starting in 2015, a 3.4-mile single-track called Old Thunder Run was hand built by volunteers in cooperation with park staff. WNYMBA continues their work on the second of the two new single-track trails (totaling 9 miles) located off the Stone Tower Road.

eNOW: In your opinion, what is the most underrated thing to do at the Park that more people should be aware of?

ADELE: The night sky is amazing. With little light from the surrounding areas, the stars, planets and comets are easy to see. The park is a magical place in the evening. Some of my favorite places to view the sky are Quaker Beach Road, the Red House Wetland, the Butterfly Meadow or anywhere around Red House Lake.

eNOW: What's your best story of an "animal experience" at Allegany State Park? **ADELE:** There are so many! Lately, it's been the "bird fights" between the osprey and eagles. We were lucky enough to see a juvenile bald eagle harassing an osprey for a fish last week. However, having damselflies land on your arm while paddleboarding, getting a glimpse of an otter and finding tracks, watching a beaver haul sticks onto its lodge during an evening program, seeing young bears foraging for food just off the trail while on a bike ride or sitting in the dark woods watching my favorite creatures, the synchronous fireflies, are all very special. Every experience is unique and if I get to share those with the general public, it is special day.

Make your plans to visit Allegany State Park this summer and enjoy the fantastic outdoor experiences that it has to offer. And if you are looking for a keepsake from your visit, 100 Year Anniversary t-shirts are available at both the Red House and Quaker gift shops. But hurry up because they've been very popular as guests have been buying them up to help celebrate this incredible anniversary.

employees, among other things.

During the public hearing, architect Mark Dean and Town Planner Gary Palumbo ran down a list of revisions submitted June 15th, along with some conditions that must be met to prevent the project from being returned to the Planning Board. It was noted that one of the project's two owners resides in Ellicottville to provide a local contact.

Some recent plan changes include the elimination of loft beds in four of the structures to reduce the need for additional parking, along with provisions for an employee parking spot, snow storage, addition of a dumpster enclosure, 4:1 grade and sidewalk alterations, deeper catchbasins and connections from structures to storm water collection system, lighting to shield the neighborhood, curb stops, a landscape plan, signage noting the local contact person and restrictions on parking on sidewalks and public rights-of-way.

Last week the Cattaraugus County Planning Board returned a finding of no countywide impacts, but the developer will need a sign permit from the Code Enforcement Officer, the Town Board's abandonment of utility plans for a previous project and the town engineer must sign off on various aspects of the plan.

In another matter, the Board approved a final plat revision of the Phase B of Elk Creek Subdivision that was granted in 2005. Prior to receiving permits, the developers will extend an existing sidewalk about 732 feet along Maples Road from Pine Tree Village Road to Elk Creek Drive, with several aspects of the project still under review by the Town Engineer.

The Board also approved a two-sided off-premises sign for the Ellicottville Distillery, measuring 32 square feet, to be located on Route 242 East, about 200 feet from the tubing park sign.

The Board also held a lengthy discussion with Borrego Solar and indicated some flexibility for the methodology of calculating open space and the pending results of a formal slope survey for a 5 megawatt solar energy project on agricultural and forested lands on Simmons Road. The Town's local law governing solar development has not been tested with a completed project and Planner Palumbo is continuing to survey other host communities in New York State for local law provisions. The matter may come up for formal review in July, August or September, developers noted.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR CF

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a single horse can). We are stronger together, and speaking for myself, I was so grateful for this representation of community pulling together.

We all commune with different circles and different communities. Through this event and the humbling and potentially dark turn it took, we see Bradley's Ellicottville, CF, and surrounding communities join together to get the job done, all while supporting his healing as well as his goal. So many lessons can be learned through this story. Don't put everything on your shoulders. Responsibility is important but when we take too much on, our family, community and selves can suffer. We can find so much support through our community, and sometimes if we forget to ask, or take on too much, a little breakdown is what we need to see the parts we were missing fall into place and show us that everything we need is right there for us. Bradley is a public motivational speaker and owner of Warrior Fitness on 5 Park Avenue, right in town. Do yourself a favor and give him a follow for uplifting and supportive messages, and from time to time catch what a comedian he is, too.

FLOAT THE ALLEGHENY

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Ellicottville Historical Society Books Guest Speakers

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.)

• September 8th: Pam Litchfield will show us "A glimpses of the Past." A look at Ellicottville through pictures.



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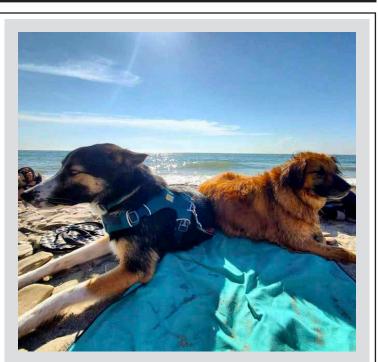
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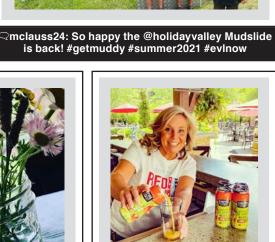
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