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Culture and Celebration Unite in Salamanca

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By JESSICA SCHULTZ

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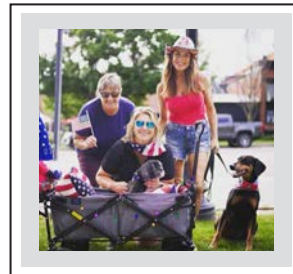
U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced last week a major \$7+ million grant for Cattaraugus County through the U.S. Department of Transportation's highly competitive Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant program to complete the planning, preparation, and design of the Southern Tier Trail. This long-desired project will connect trails between the City of Buffalo and the southern end of the Genesee Valley Greenway in Hinsdale in Catt. County, primarily following the old Buffalo-Pittsburgh rail corridor. The senators said that this significant federal funding will bring new recreation-based tourism traffic to the historic towns and villages across WNY and the Southern Tier ... page 13

2023 Santa Claus Lane Ornament Unveiled

The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce unveiled its newest Santa Claus Lane ornament, a depiction of Angee's Restaurant, Olean, NY. Through these ornament sales, holiday lights are funded and can be lit in Olean from November to early January. "This past January, we had a voting ballot that included four distinct buildings that call the area home. Each year, GOACC has an online voting on what should be the next ornament for Santa Claus Lane," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC ... page 10

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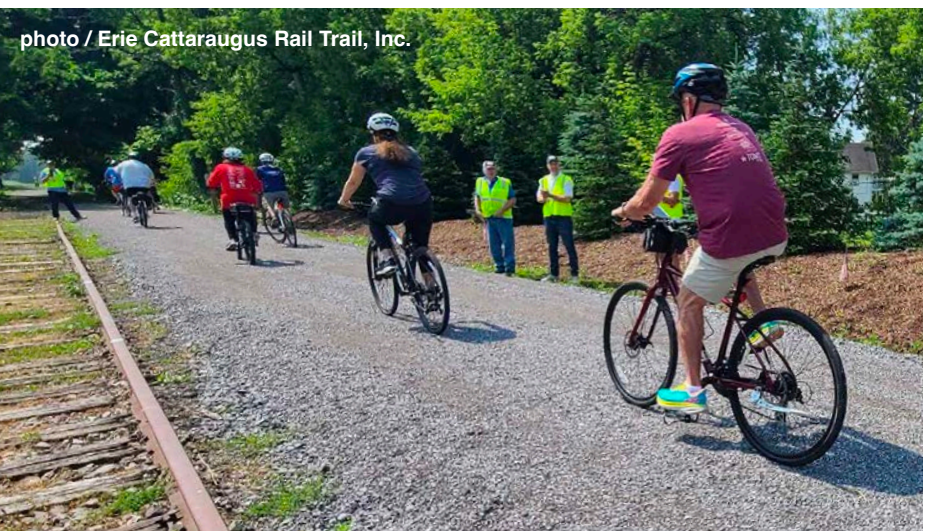
Greater Olean Area Chamber Sets Corporate Golf Classic for July 17th



Olean Chamber members Ledgie DeRose, Jeff Crouch, Frank Higgins and Scott Derwick met with GOACC staff back in 2013 regarding their Corporate Challenge 5K. That day, the 1st GOACC Corporate GOLF Classic was developed. Golf teams would be employees of participating employers like challenge guidelines. The 2023 Classic marks its 10th Annual!

Each year the committee decides on a fund through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to donate to. The Golf Classic has, in the past, selected Meals on Wheels, Swizzy's Cause, Interfaith Caregivers, United Way, McHone Scholarship, Mental Health and Canticle Farm. "The committee decided to give the donation this year to the newly established (in 2022) DW Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of both Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston," added Colleen Taggerty, committee member.

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ERIE-CATTARAUGUS RAIL TRAIL OPENS NEW SECTION OF TRAIL

After three years of preparation by Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc., Village of Orchard Park residents may now enjoy a 1.3-mile multi-use recreational trail for walking, running, biking, and strolling. Opening day was Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the historic Orchard Park Railroad Depot next to the Orchard Park Library. ECRT celebrated this new beginning with a crowd of 100+ members of the community on opening day. Walkers and riders smiled and thank-yous were flowing freely as everyone walked, biked, or ran on this section of the trail for the first time ... page 13



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CULTURE & CELEBRATION UNITE

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The Powwow is an annual tradition with a deep, rich history. ellicottvilleNOW reached out to the Powwow Committee, which shared with us that, "The Seneca Nation has been hosting our annual Powwow for more than 30 years. The Powwow is an important celebration of our culture and a chance to honor veterans who have served. We view it as an opportunity to not only connect and reconnect with friends and family from across Indian Country to celebrate the common bonds we share, but also as a chance to share our culture with our neighbors here in Western New York and to help build a better understanding of who we are as Seneca people and how our history and culture have helped shape our entire region. Last year was our first Powwow after having to cancel for two consecutive years because of COVID. It was great to see so many people return, and we think this year's event will be just as spirited."

DRUMS, DANCE, VENDORS AND FOOD

Salamanca's Powwow boasts one of the largest smoke dances in North America. When asked why the Smoke Dance is such a huge part of the festival, the Powwow Committee explained that it is a traditional Haudenosaunee dance - a very fast and athletic dance, which is incredible to watch. You can't help but be amazed at the footwork of the dancers while they are performing. "It is always one of the more popular dances during the Powwow," said the Committee. "Smoke Dance competitions regularly attract a large number of men and women dancers of all ages from across Indian Country."

The festival also showcases a wealth of vendors peddling not just typical wares but traditional native crafts. Just like the songs and dances at the Powwow, the crafts and artwork you will see help tell the story of Seneca and Native history and culture. Browse traditional beadwork, baskets, carvings, cornhusk dolls - these are all skills that have been passed on from generation to generation throughout history. They were critical to the culture and lifestyle centuries ago, and they are still important to them today. The vendors and artisans at the Powwow share that story through their works and are excited to share it with you. So make sure to peruse each vendor and find some items that speak to you to bring back home.

Another cultural experience at the Powwow is their food and drink. "We are a welcoming culture and society," stated the Committee. "Our Haudenosaunee ancestors lived in longhouses, where they shared what they had with all of the families and family members who lived under the same roof. When we welcome people to our territory, we welcome them as guests and offer to share with them what is ours. So, the foods that people can enjoy at the Powwow - from traditional foods to modern favorites - are part of our spirit of community." (Think fry bread, bean/corn soup etc.) The best way to find out this year's offerings is to follow the "Seneca Veterans Powwow" Facebook page.

The Smoke Dance isn't the only entertainment you'll experience during the Powwow. The Drum Contest is sure to get everyone in rhythm, and there will be dance contests for men, women, teenagers, young adults, and even little children in many different categories, including Grass Dance, Fancy Dance, Jingle Dance, Smoke Dance, and more. Other special dance categories will be on the bill, including a "We Are Still Here" smoke dance that honors the survivors and families of the Indian Residential School era. In addition to all of the dance competitions, they will also hold a social dance where they encourage everyone to participate. "Be sure to stop by our cultural tent which provides live demonstrations throughout both days from local and visiting artists, storytellers, and musicians," added the Committee. We think the area will echo with our traditional songs and the sounds of community, family, and celebration."

I asked what they felt made the Powwow so significant to their culture? The Committee replied, "We have been here since time immemorial, and our ancestors faced countless

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ELLICOTTVILLE - 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; 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!

Thursday, July 6th will welcome alternative pop singer and songwriter Cami Clune to the Gazebo stage. You may recognize the name from Season 19 of NBC's The Voice, where she placed in the semi-finals. She chose John Legend as her coach, but ultimately landed a spot on Kelly Clarkson's team, as she used her only steal for Cami in the knockout round. In the live portion of the show, Kelly used her only artist save to advance Cami into the semi-finals. Having worked with John Legend, Kelly Clarkson, Usher, Miguel, as well as the talented crew behind the scenes of The Voice, Cami felt tremendous growth as an artist.

Following The Voice, Cami has worked with alternative-electronic artist, songwriter, and producer Grabbitz. Together, along with Robby Takac from the Goo Goo Dolls, they recorded the WGRZ "Glad 2 Be Here" jingle. She also recorded two studio covers of songs that she performed on The Voice - "Skinny Love" and "I Put A Spell On You." She is very excited to announce that her first two original singles, "old at 20" and "PARASITE" are out now.

Cami has performed as a featured vocalist with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and has sung the national anthem for various organizations, including the NFL and NHL. She has also acted in short films and commercials.

Cami's performance in Ellicottville on July 6th will certainly be a special treat and is free for all to attend! The show begins at 7:00pm, giving you plenty of time beforehand to explore the downtown village, grab a bite and shop our unique retailers.



Thursday, July 13th will welcome independent country artist Brianna Blankenship, accompanied by Dan Roche. Hailing from the small town of Kane, Pennsylvania, Brianna began performing in 2018, with the opportunity to compete on American Idol in 2019. She then released her first two songs, 'Church' and 'The Good Guy', which have graced major country radio stations Spotify playlists. Since then, Brianna has performed at some of the largest country music festivals with artists including Jimmie Allen, Dan and Shay, Chris Janson, Jason Aldean and many more. In 2021, she performed at The Barefoot Country Music Fest in New Jersey. This past year, she performed at the WE Fest in Minnesota, and then traveled to Florida for the Country Kicks Cancer Benefit Concert where she played the main stage in between Maddie & Tae and the headliner of the night, Walker Hayes. Brianna is looking to continue to make her mark in country music in 2023.

Return to the Ellicottville Gazebo each Thursday evening! The remaining schedule is as follows:

- July 20th: Party Squad
- July 27th: Jess & The Mess
- August 3rd: Amy Frost with ASP



For more information about this year's Gazebo Series, Summer Music Festival, and other Chamber produced festivals and events, go to ellicottvilleny.com and follow the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce's Facebook (@Ellicottville, NY) and Instagram.

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LOST LADYBUG PROJECT

Cornell Cooperative Extension Needs Your Help with Local Ladybug Population



Cornell Cooperative Extension staff recently released nine spotted ladybugs, larvae, and eggs outside of their office site in Ellicottville.

BY SHANNON RINOW, MASTER GARDENER

ELLICOTTVILLE - Cornell Cooperative Extension Cattaraugus County's Master Gardener Program received rare nine spotted lady bugs, larvae and eggs as part of Cornell's Lost Ladybug Project to help reestablish local native populations across New York State.

As a kid, we learned when a ladybug lands on you, it represents good luck and fortune. If you count the spots, you'll have as many years of good luck as the bug does spots. Today, if a ladybug lands on you it is likely their non-native lookalike, the Asian Lady Beetle. There has been a decline in native ladybugs, which are a beneficial insect predator. If you are a gardener, these are welcomed friends of your garden!

Most ladybugs in North America are beneficial as both adults and larvae, feeding primarily on aphids. If aphids are limited, ladybug adults and larvae may feed on the eggs of moths and beetles, mites, thrips, and other small insects, as well as pollen and nectar. Because of their ability to survive on other prey when aphids are in short supply, ladybugs are a valuable natural enemy you want around.

The Lost Ladybug Project is a citizen science that relies on the public to scout for native ladybugs, such as the nine spotted we received in Ellicottville. Volunteers across the country look for ladybugs in their yards, gardens, or other locations. When volunteers spot ladybugs, they upload a photograph and identify the location where the photo was taken for Cornell researchers. Cornell uses this information to learn more about where our native ladybugs are found, how many there might be, and what effect the changing distribution of ladybugs may have on local ecosystems (e.g., increase in garden pests).

Are you interested in joining the cause? Visit their webpage. Information is being updated; please continue to check for updates: www.lostladybug.org.

The Master Gardener Program is one of many programs offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County (CCE- Cattaraugus). CCE- Cattaraugus is a subordinate governmental agency with an educational mission that operates under a form of organization and administration approved by Cornell University as agent for the State of New York. It is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The association is part of the national cooperative extension system, an educational partnership between County, State, and Federal governments.

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challenges and threats just to stay here. Throughout history, Native people have faced every effort to remove us from our lands, to remove our history, our language, and our culture. We have had to fight across every generation just to preserve our identity and our sense of place. Despite every challenge, we are still here. Our culture and our history and our traditions are still thriving. The Powwow is a chance to celebrate who we are, where we have been, what we have endured, and where we are going."

Discover, learn and experience this year's Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Powwow at Veteran's Park in Salamanca, NY July 15-16th. Gates open at 12:00pm each day and single day admission tickets are \$10 for ages 18+, \$5 for students ages 5-17 and \$5 for ages 60+. Active military, veterans and those 4 and under get in FREE. More details about the event including entering contests and requirements for dancers can be found senecapowwow.org.

Let's end with a quote from the Powwow Committee, "We look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new friends, and sharing our culture and our story with everyone for what we hope will be a fantastic celebration."



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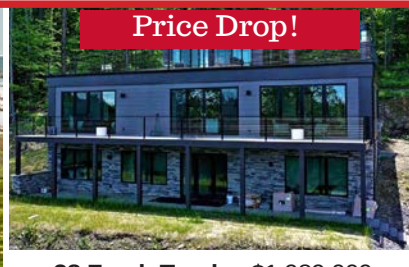


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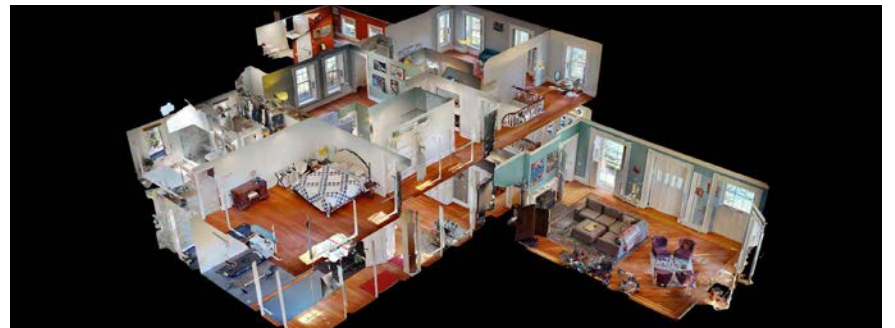
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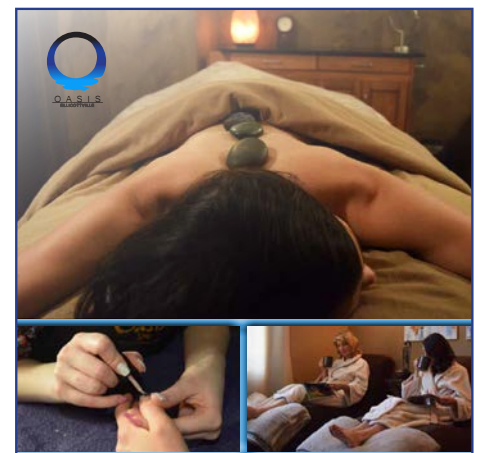
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PHOTO REWIND

Ellicottville Skatepark Grand Opening Celebration

On Friday, June 30th, skateboard advocates and guests of all ages gathered at the New Car Dealers of WNY Ellicottville Skatepark to celebrate its official opening, with members of The Skatepark Project and Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation in attendance. (See more photos on IG: @sk8evl.)



Ellicottville Championship Rodeo 2023

Contestants from all around the world gathered on Sommerville Valley Road June 29-July 2 to compete in a number of disciplines, including bronc and bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing and more. An annual event, the Ellicottville Rodeo always delivers with a buckin' good time!



Summer Music Festival Recap

The long-anticipated Summer Music Festival weekend rocked Ellicottville over the Independence Day holiday weekend. With performances from Barracuda - A Heart Tribute Band, The Players Formerly of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra featuring Jeans n' Classics, not to mention the fireworks display and the most adorable Pet Parade this side of the Mississippi, the festive spirit was everywhere in Ellicottville! For more fun events planned, head over to ellicottvillenyc.com and follow @visitellicottville on IG.

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REGIONAL

CORPORATE GOLF CLASSIC

10th Annual Olean Event to Benefit DW Memorial Scholarship Fund



OLEAN - Chamber members Ledgie DeRose, Jeff Crouch, Frank Higgins and Scott Derwick met with GOACC staff back in 2013 regarding their Corporate Challenge 5K. That day, the 1st GOACC Corporate GOLF Classic was developed. Golf teams would be employees of participating employers like challenge guidelines. The 2023 Classic marks its 10th Annual! The date is set for Monday, July 17th at Bartlett Country Club. The format of the Classic will be a scramble with a limit of 30 teams and no handicaps. The committee has decided to go with mulligans again this year. Registration will open at 11:00am that day with a shotgun start set for 12:00pm. Dinner with awards and cash bar will be at 5:30pm.

Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO stated, "The golf committee made several changes to this year's Golf Classic including the date - it's held a week later than normal to adjust to the Men's Member Guest held during the weekend prior; shotgun start is at its earliest (held) at 12:00pm; an option of hotdog or hamburger at the halfway mark is added; and participants will enjoy Four Mile Brewing Co.'s delicious brews at hole #4."

Each year the committee decides on a fund through the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to donate to. The Golf Classic has, in the past, selected Meals on Wheels, Swizzy's Cause, Interfaith Caregivers, United Way, McHone Scholarship, Mental Health and Canticle Farm. "The committee decided to give the donation this year to the newly established (in 2022) DW Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of both Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston," added Colleen Taggerty, committee member.

The Classic player fee is \$125 per player / \$500 per team and includes greens, golf cart, lunch and dinner. Hole sponsorships will be available to business organizations at \$100 per hole. If you have 120 small items that you would like to place in the bag, please let GOACC know. Items could include pens, koozies, free drink token, etc. For those that can't golf but would like to come for dinner and awards, the fee is \$45. A new division is being added this year to the Challenge. Yvonne McHone, regular Classic participant and sponsor stated, "NEW in 2023... The Chamber Classic will feature a women's division! It will run as other divisions, however, minimum of teams entered into the women's division needs to be at least three (3) to be scheduled. So gals, gather your best buds and get a team in!" A division trophy and pro shop monies will be awarded to the top teams.

The Classic features corporate teams and community teams. Corporate Teams consist of employees within the same physical company with current active employees who are full-time year-round. Community Teams can include friends, family, and non-employment associates captained by a GOACC member.

"Last year, the Classic had 30 teams; we hit our goal after 8 years!" said Yanetsko. "The goal in 2023 is 30. Back again this year: every team member's driver has to be used at

"Golf Classic" continued page 14

ATTENTION ECS ALUMNI

Banquet Reunion Set for This Saturday, with a Few New Events Added In!

ELLICOTTVILLE - This year's ECS Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023 beginning with brunch at the United Church of Ellicottville from 9:00-11:00am. A tour of the school will take place in the afternoon; please gather at 1:00pm in the school lobby to meet your tour guide, Mark Ward.

All ECS alumni are invited to attend the banquet Saturday evening at Holiday Valley's Tannenbaum Lodge beginning at 5:30pm with happy hour cash bar, followed by dinner at 7:00pm. Banquet cost is \$36 per person which includes a choice of spinach stuffed chicken breast, filet mignon, or cedar plank salmon, relish tray, rolls, salad, vegetable, dessert and coffee or tea. Reservations for the banquet can be made on the ECS Alumni website at www.ellicottvillealumni.com or by calling Donna at 716-699-2553.

ECS graduates have had very successful careers and this year we are tapping perhaps one of our more famous alums. Brian Dunkelman, Class of '89, will be coming from California to be our master of ceremonies at the alumni banquet. You may remember that Brian and Ryan Seacrest began as co-hosts for the American Idol TV show. Brian has promised us a fun night! We hope you and your classmates will come and enjoy this fun evening.

NEW ORNAMENT UNVEILED

Santa Claus Lane Committee Announces the Next Olean Landmark Keepsake



OLEAN - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce unveiled its newest Santa Claus Lane ornament, a depiction of the Angee's Restaurant, Olean, NY. Through these ornament sales, holiday lights are funded and can be lit in Olean from November to early January. The ornaments, in a series created by artist Kathleen McDonald, are \$25.00.

"This past January, we had a voting ballot that included four distinct buildings that call the area home. Each year, GOACC has an online voting on what should be the next ornament for Santa Claus Lane," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. Joining the winner were Jim's Park and Shop, Old Library Restaurant, and the Olean Medical Group.

Each ornament contains a brief history: ANGEE'S RESTAURANT | Olean New York: Libratore Angelo Fratercangelo made his journey from Italy to America in 1904. Like most Italian immigrants, Angelo could not speak English when he arrived, however, he successfully made his mark in the restaurant business. With the help of his son, Nicky, he opened a restaurant in 1948 at 475 North Union Street, Olean. Angee's Restaurant remains at the same location today. It is now owned and operated by his grandson, Anthony. The year 2023 marks 75 years of service.

THE STORY OF ANGEE'S RESTAURANT

Nicholas Fratercangelo, also known as "Little Nicky," retired from his job at Clark Brothers in 1948 to assist his father in the management of Angee's Restaurant. In the early 1960s Angelo retired and passed the restaurant on to Nicky. For the next 25 years, Nicky added a personal touch which made the restaurant what it is today. From the introduction of pizza to his trademark white shirts, Nicky's ideas and ideals made Angee's into a favorite meeting and eating place for the hometown crowd.

Nicky retired in the 1980s. His retirement came partly due to ill health, but mostly because he wanted to see his sons carry on a part of his life that he loved so much. Nicky passed away in February of 1998 but up until a week before his death you could find him every morning at the front table in Angee's visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Nicholas Livoto was one of Angee's original employees. He was referred to as "Big Nick" because he was much bigger than Nicky Fratercangelo. Big Nick was the head chef at Angee's for 41 years. He had a flare for serving up many a delicious meals. When he was in the kitchen, you knew it wouldn't be long before your favorite Angee's meal was at your table ready to eat. Big Nick passed away in 1989 but sometimes on a busy Friday night, you can still hear him in the kitchen giving orders.

Angelo L. Fratercangelo is Nicholas Fratercangelo's oldest son. He worked for Angee's for 14 years. In 1988, he left the restaurant to pursue another career. He left the daily operations to his younger brother Anthony.

Anthony Fratercangelo is currently the owner and operator of Angee's Restaurant. Shortly after Anthony took over in 1988, he gave Angee's a new look. A remodeled dining room, an enlarged kitchen, and an expanded menu brought a new generation of loyal Angee's patrons. An added catering business allows people to sample the great taste of Angee's food at home, in the office, or anywhere they choose.

A HOLIDAY TRADITION

Every year, the Santa Claus Lane committee (through voting) chooses the landmarks to be designed on the 3-1/2 inch circular resin ornament. The artist sketches the layout from photos provided by Chamber officials and a prototype is created. Once the prototype is approved, work begins with the process of pouring and hand-painting each piece. The ornaments arrive in Olean, individually boxed, with a brief description of the ornament.

Many of the previously made ornaments are still available with a limited inventory. The first to be unveiled was the Olean Municipal Building. The complete list can be emailed. These past ornaments are available at the Chamber office and can be purchased online at shop.oleanny.com.

The new ornaments are available at the Chamber office, 301 North Union Street, Olean, NY. Ornaments will also be sold at Angee's and will be available there mid-July. Ornaments can also be shipped outside Olean for an additional \$6 for shipping/handling charges per ornament. For more information on the ornament or GOACC activities, please call GOACC at 716-372-4433, stop in the office, or email santa@oleanny.com.

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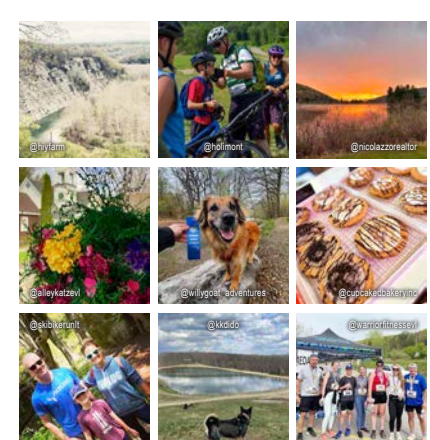
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Southern Tier Trail will Join Erie-Cattaraugus Rail Trail Thanks to RAISE Grant



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced last week a major \$7+ million grant for Cattaraugus County through the U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) highly competitive Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant program to complete the planning, preparation, and design of the Southern Tier Trail (STT). This long-desired project will connect trails between the City of Buffalo and the southern end of the Genesee Valley Greenway in Hinsdale in Cattaraugus County, primarily following the old Buffalo-Pittsburgh rail corridor. The senators said that this significant federal funding will bring new recreation-based tourism traffic to the historic towns and villages across Western NY and the Southern Tier, investing in both growing access to our outdoor resources and economic growth along our main streets.

"The Southern Tier Trail will help increase access to the natural beauty of Western New York, giving a breath of fresh air to our downtowns with a much desired boost for outdoor tourism," said Senator Schumer. "This rail-trail, primarily along what was once one of the central economic corridors of the old Buffalo-Pittsburgh rail, will help hike up much needed economic growth for scenic rural communities across Western New York. I am proud to deliver this major \$7+ million boost, a direct result of the historic increases we secured in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to help bridge the gap in one of the final pieces of the puzzle for the Southern Tier Rail Trail in Cattaraugus County."

"I'm thrilled to be announcing that the Southern Tier Trail will receive over \$7 million in federal funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law," said Senator Gillibrand. "This funding will allow New Yorkers and visitors alike to enjoy the beauty Western New York has to offer. I am proud to have worked to secure the funding for this project and will continue to advocate for Western New York to receive the federal resources it needs to thrive."

Howard VanRensselaer, Chairman, Cattaraugus County Legislature said, "That's wonderful for our municipalities in Cattaraugus County! The increase in tourism will be an exciting boost to the businesses along the trail corridor. It is a great opportunity to bring in a new outdoor tourism destination to our county that will be a catalyst for community revitalization for our small communities here."

Norm Marsh, Cattaraugus County Legislature Chairman of the Development and Agriculture Committee said, "The RAISE grant is a tremendous step forward for the Cattaraugus County trail system in connecting larger systems in the region. This will be a huge economic boost for many of our small municipalities. The Southern Tier Trail system will give many opportunities for the restaurants and retail stores in our communities."

"Thanks to support from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation for the development of the 2021 Southern Tier Trail Feasibility Study and continued capacity through the NYS Department of Health's Creating Healthy Schools and Communities program, GObike has been collaborating with Cattaraugus County along with the towns and villages throughout the corridor to bring this trail to fruition", stated Justin Booth, Executive Director at GObike Buffalo. "Throughout this process, residents and stakeholders consistently expressed a desire for the trail to support active transportation and recreation - creating a safe space for people of all ages and abilities to safely walk and bicycle within their communities."

Schumer and Gillibrand said this over \$7 million in federal funding will go towards Cattaraugus County's "Southern Tier Trail Planning and Design Project," investing in the completion of the planning, environmental, design, and permitting for the construction of an approximate 52 miles of trail that will connect the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail in Erie County with the Genesee Valley Greenway, crossing through 11 small municipalities and the Seneca Nation Allegany Territory. The STT will be the connector between the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail and the Genesee Valley Greenway, creating a regional trail loop in Western NY. Schumer and Gillibrand said the benefits of building a regional trail system have been shown to represent a huge economic return on the money invested into trail projects throughout New York State by bringing significant foot traffic to small businesses and energizing main streets. This model for economic development and revitalization has been successful across Upstate New York, including the Empire State Trail, parts of the Finger Lakes Wine Trail and other areas like Lake Placid that have leveraged natural attractions to spur economic activity, which then spills over to the entire community.

The senators explained that the over \$7 million RAISE grant (formerly known as BUILD or TIGER) that Cattaraugus has just received is a highly competitive national grant program through the U.S. Department of Transportation which funds transportation projects of national and regional significance. The senator secured historic increases for the program in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, at \$7.5 billion over five years, with \$1.5 billion per year. The recent Fiscal Year 2022 spending bill included an additional \$775 million, bringing the total amount for FY22 to \$2.275 billion.

RAIL TRAIL IN O.P. NOW OPEN

Village of Orchard Park Residents Celebrate New Multi-Use Recreational Trail



After three years of preparation by Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail, Inc. (ECRT), Village of Orchard Park residents may now enjoy a 1.3-mile multi-use recreational trail for walking, running, biking, and strolling. Opening day was Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the historic Orchard Park Railroad Depot next to the Orchard Park Library.

"Local residents have been enthusiastic supporters, and this section of the trail was made possible because of their generosity and commitment," said Mary Brummer, ECRT President. "ECRT is transforming this railroad corridor into a community asset we can all enjoy, and we will continue this work over the full 27 miles of our trail."

The transformation is dramatic. An area that previously had become overgrown and unsightly has been cleared, proper drainage has been reestablished, and the trail has been resurfaced to accommodate comfortable and safe use by residents. Neighborhoods beyond the Orchard Park village center and adjacent to the trail now have safe, off-road access to the village parks, schools, library, and shops.

ECRT celebrated this new beginning with a crowd of 100+ members of the community on opening day. People rang bells, sounded train whistles and cheered with enthusiasm as the ribbon was cut by ECRT Board members and trail barricades were removed. Walkers and riders smiled and thank-yous were flowing freely as everyone walked, biked, or ran on this section of the trail for the first time. The sight of three little riders testing out their training wheels on the trail was heartwarming! Kids and 'kids at heart' were treated to frozen treats from ECRT after their trail excursion.

We hope you'll share in our excitement and perhaps even step out and enjoy the trail yourself now that it's open daily from dawn until dusk. Happy trails!

CATTARAUGUS GIVES

CRCF Opens Registration to Area Nonprofits for 24-Hour Giving Tuesday Blitz

OLEAN - Cattaraugus Gives, powered by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation, will return on Giving Tuesday, November 28th this year to raise funds for nonprofits in Cattaraugus County. Registration is open to area nonprofits at cattaraugusgives.org.

Cattaraugus Gives is a 24-hour online fundraising event joining nonprofits from across the Cattaraugus County community in both competition and collaboration. Last year, Cattaraugus Gives nonprofits together raised \$275,447 for their respective missions. Since 2018, Cattaraugus Gives has helped area nonprofits raise over \$1 million to improve the lives of community members. Cattaraugus Gives also allows nonprofits to compete for cash prizes based on their fundraising success during the event.

Last year, participating nonprofits received over \$17,800 in prizes throughout Cattaraugus Gives. Participation in the program is open to any 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization in Cattaraugus County and CRCF funds.

For CRCF, Cattaraugus Gives is an investment in capacity building for community nonprofits, said CRCF Executive Director Karen Niemic Buchheit. CRCF covers the cost of the giving day platform and organizes the program.

"Over the years, we have seen incredible growth in the Cattaraugus Gives program," said Buchheit. "We look forward to seeing what our hardworking area nonprofits can do this year, and we encourage all of the eligible organizations to be involved in a day that is so special for our region. The outpouring of generosity that comes from the community during Cattaraugus Gives is incredible. It is all the more special that every dollar goes right back into the community through the good deeds and work of the nonprofits."

Additionally, CRCF will be offering a training seminar as part of its nonprofit link and learn series on September 22nd from noon-1:00pm, "Cattaraugus Gives by the Numbers," which will take an in-depth look into the analytics and stats from 2022's giving day to help participants form a strategy to get the most out of their giving day campaigns.

CRCF will also again be seeking sponsorships from businesses in the community to provide more prize opportunities. Businesses interested in sponsoring a prize can contact the Foundation at foundation@cattfoundation.org or 716-301-2723. To learn more, call 716-301-CRCF (2723), email foundation@cattfoundation.org, or visit online at www.cattfoundation.org. CRCF is also on Facebook and Twitter (@CattFoundation).

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EMPLOYEMENT

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>.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: Separate sealed Bids for the Village of Ellicottville, Mill Street Parking Lot, will be received by the Village of Ellicottville, hereinafter called the Owner, located at 1 West Washington Street, PO Box 475, Ellicottville, New York 14731, until 2:00p.m. prevailing time on July 27, 2023 and then at that time and place opened and read aloud. The Work shall be performed under a single contract, and shall include, but is not limited to, the following: Construction of an approximately 47,000 sf municipal parking lot, storm water drainage controls and devices, lighting and electrical, perimeter fencing, and sidewalks. This project is located in the vicinity of 23 Mill Street, Ellicottville, NY 14731. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for this project on July 18, 2023 at 2:00p.m. at the Town Center, 28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville, NY 14731. Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend. All BIDS being mailed (including FedEx, UPS, Priority Mail, etc.) or hand-delivered to the Village of Ellicottville shall be directed to Mary Klahn, Village Clerk at the address listed above in a sealed envelope. The envelope shall be clearly marked on the outside "Village of Ellicottville, Mill Street Parking Lot." Failure to follow the above instructions could result in rejection of the proposal. The Contract Documents may be examined at the office of MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC. Anyone wishing to examine the Contract Documents should be advised to call ahead and confirm times in which the Contract Documents can be examined at the office (716) 699-4650. Hard copies of the Contract Documents, accompanied by a digital copy, can be obtained from MDA Consulting Engineers, PLLC for a non-refundable fee of \$50 per set. Digital copies alone of the Contract Documents are available for a non-refundable fee of \$25 per set. Any Bidders wanting to obtain a set of the Contract Documents should contact Jonathan Rogers by phone (716) 699-4650, or email jrogers@mdaengineers.com. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount of the Bid made payable to the "Village of Ellicottville". All Bid Bonds shall be on a form acceptable to the Owner, duly executed by the Bidder as Principal and having as surety thereon, a surety company approved by the Owner. No Bidder may withdraw their Bid within sixty (60) days of the Bid Opening.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Claire Roman Showcases Local Photographs at the Ellicottville Library

ELLICOTTVILLE - A collection of captivating photographs is currently featured at the Ellicottville Memorial Library through August 2023. These charming works created by Claire Roman include landscapes, florals and animals. Claire comments on her artistic journey: "While walking in the many parks we have in Western New York, I started taking nature photos. One of my favorite places to visit year round is Ellicottville, NY. Fall is the season I enjoy the most and the changing colors of the leaves make for beautiful photos. With nature, the restaurants, shops and ongoing activities, Ellicottville is a wonderful place to visit!" The Ellicottville Memorial Library is located at 6499 Maples Road. Hours are 10:00am-5:00pm daily; closed Sunday. Evening hours are 5:00-8:00pm Tuesday and Wednesday. Learn more at ellicottvillelibrary.org.



GOLF CLASSIC

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least twice, a putting contest before tee-off at hole #17 will be held, no mulligans, and a 2-putt rule." Prizes from the pro shop will be awarded for best scores in both divisions. Overall winning teams will take home bragging rights and a traveling trophy to 'show-off' all year. Other specials include skins, closest to the hole and longest drive.

For more information on the Corporate Golf Classic, contact the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com. Information can also be found at www.oleanny.com.

EMPLOYEMENT

THE ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS IMMEDIATE OPENING

The Ellicottville Central School District has an immediate opening for a full-time, 4-year probationary **Special Education Teacher**. Candidates must be certified in Special Education; preference given to candidates certified in grades K-12. Salary based on experience and the current ETA collective bargaining agreement. EOE. The deadline to apply is Thursday, July 13, 2023. Candidates are invited to apply at: <https://ellicottvillecentral.recruitfront.com/JobOpportunities>.

SPECIAL CONDOLENCES

Sherman J. Wilkens: A True Inspiration to Ellicottville



ELLICOTTVILLE - Sherman the man, the myth and the legend, a loved member of our small community passed in Buffalo at the age of 81. Sherman can be remembered as the only person in town that wore shorts year-round. Obviously impervious to the cold which must have come from his hockey playing days when he was reputed to be on the 1980 Olympic team as a sub. Sherman always had a kind word for everyone, which at times became too many words, but kind none the less. His signature 5 finger salute often accompanied a few more words with his great smile.

Sherman enjoyed life to the fullest, whether golfing or sitting in his favorite stool at Balloons heckling the band with his signature vodka on the rocks in hand. Of course, he had his own special candle glass used to maximize the pour. His favorite band, the Strangers, would do a shout out to the "mayor of Ellicottville" regularly. No, Sherman was not the mayor but spent 11 years on the Village board as a trustee for two mayors. He retired reluctantly when he moved to Great Valley where he enjoyed the country living as well as The Pub and Katy's Fly-in. Ellicottville's chief ambassador, you could find him at the Gin Mill for Wednesday Wings and Wagner with his own shout out request to play the Marshall Tucker Band.

Sherman was truly a big music fan and even put pen to paper with his "Beat on the Street" column in the Villager. Sherm captured the essence of Ellicottville's music scene every week and then made it to most venues to see the groups live. He was also known to travel far and wide to see Little Feat or Marshall Tucker or any of his other favs. Sherman was also known for his hospitality. Weekly he made a Monday Meatloaf night for the Ladies Golf widowers. This was a special gourmet event featuring his secret recipe meatloaf. Many a fond memory comes from that enjoyable evening when he would surprise guests with his special gourmet pizza.

There was another side of Sherman that was not known by many as he rarely spoke about it. Sherman ran the local Salvation Army Kettle Drive in Ellicottville for years. His neighbors and bar owners will never forget his weekly can and bottle collecting that helped fund the Food Pantry and Battered Women's Shelter for years. He collected, cleaned and brought them in for redemption with all the funds going to their support.

He also helped form the Foundation for Youth and Family Support to fill the hole left by closure of the ECS Family Support Center and the Kettle Drive in Ellicottville. This Foundation, which became the Bob McCarthy Foundation, continues to help his favorites causes along with many new programs. Sherman truly had a heart of gold and always had a plan to improve the lives of those less fortunate.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 26th from 4:00-7:00pm at the Ellicottville Town Center, 28 Parkside Dr., Ellicottville NY. Donations in his memory can be sent to the Ellicottville Food Pantry, PO Box 417, Ellicottville, NY 14731

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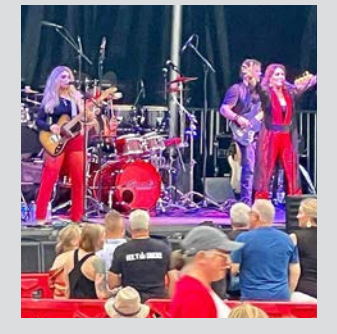
sk8evl: Shoutout to the Ellicottville DPW, Sean Lowes, B&R Landscaping and Julie Tretts for the installation of the new skatepark welcome sign. #newcardealersofwnycharitablefoundation #ellicottvilleskatepark



hamburgskatepark: From the Grand Opening of the new Ellicottville Skatepark! #sk8life #theskateparkproject #builttoplay



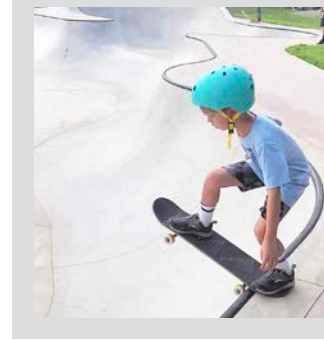
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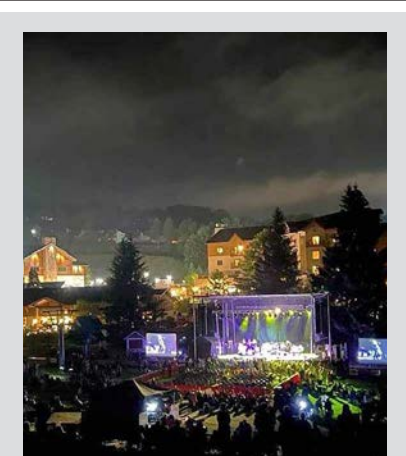
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