

## Give 716 Day Is Back For 2023

Join the Western New York Community in Supporting Your Local Organizations & Charities During an Epic Day of Giving



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This year, there are 534 charities to support; in order to be eligible, nonprofit organizations must be qualified as a tax-exemption 501(c)(3) public charity located within one of the following counties: Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Wyoming, Genesee, Orleans, or Allegany County. Planning to make a donation and interested in supporting your local community? There are plenty of nearby participating nonprofits!

### ELLICOTTVILLE MEMORIAL LIBRARY

From story time to the annual summer reading program to clubs and so much more, for over 60 years, the Ellicottville Memorial Library has served the community with its large collection of books, audio books, e-books, DVDs, and thirteen computers in a welcoming facility that is as functional as it is beautiful. It's not too late to join the summer reading program with new activities weekly through August 6th. Challenge yourself with the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System's Road Trip, which involves exploring the 38 libraries that make up the CCLS to collect stickers, earn prizes and discover what makes each library unique!

### ELLICOTTVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Many a young football fan has learned the fundamentals of the game through Ellicottville Little League Football! With learning experiences in football and cheerleading, the Ellicottville Little League Football program is open to youth ages 6 through 12 and provides the opportunity to grow their physical skills while developing social skills, such as teamwork and sportsmanship. In addition to supporting the Little Eagles online through Give 716, you can also support them in person at their season kick-off barbecue on Saturday, July 29th at the Great Valley Firemen's Clubhouse (6035 Depot Street). Barbecue tickets are available from any Little Eagles player or cheerleader or by emailing ellicottvillelittleeagles@gmail.



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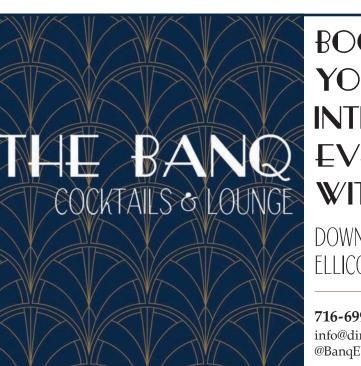
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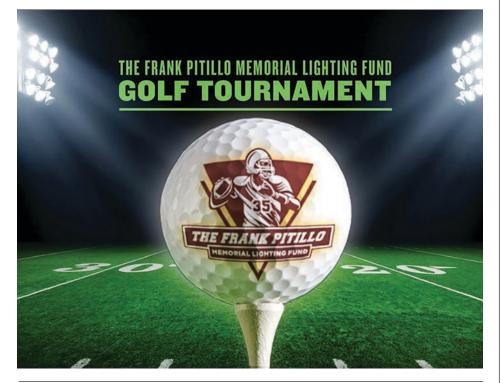
There are several other non-profit organizations outside of Ellicottville in Cattaraugus County that are participating in Give 716! The Tri-County Arts Council, located in Olean, has been an advocate for the arts in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, and Allegany counties for over 30 years and has recently expanded into a 3,300 square-feet facility. With several exhibits per year, classes, and a destination Artisan Market, the TCAC is committed to the creation and appreciation of arts and culture in the region. The Genesis House of Olean provides secure temporary housing and supportive services for homeless adults and families as they transition to more stable housing. In 2022, the Genesis House provided 88 adults and 17 families and their 24 children with housing and services. Case management continues even after residents leave Genesis House; all participants who complete the program obtain safe, affordable housing and assistance with furnishing their new home. To view all the non-profit organizations participating in Give 716, visit www.give716.org.

Throughout the 36-hour giving event, 16 "power hour" sponsors offer special incentives for donors, including a Bills autographed mini helmet, an autographed Sabres jersey, a Bandits signed lacrosse ball and more. The first 3,000 donors who give \$71.60 or more receive a Give 716 t-shirt. For the full schedule of incentives and matching donations, check out the "Event Schedule" on www.give716.org. No matter what pro sports team you support, there's no cause more unifying than a local nonprofit that provides invaluable services to our community! Be sure to support yours during Give 716.

## LOCAL

### GOLF FOR A GOOD CAUSE

1st Annual Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund Golf Tournament Set for Aug. 16th



### BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Let's get out on the green for a good cause this summer! The Holiday Valley Double Black Diamond Golf Course will host the 1st Annual Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund Golf Tournament on Wednesday, August 16th.

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How important is the lighting really, you ask? Well, sport field lighting is actually critical for coaches, players and spectators alike. Teams can't practice in the dark. Players can't take the field if they can't see it. And if teams cannot play, spectators do not get to watch. So what seems like a trivial thing is honestly extremely impactful.

The new system promises to enhance the access to athletic fields by upgrading the ECS Stadium lights to a more environmentally efficient system. This new lighting will last up to 25 times longer than the current bulbs and will increase the number of hours that the field can be accessed. Not to mention the new lights can use up to 75% less energy. But above all, the new lights will increase clarity and reduce blind spots on the field which will help our young athletes play safely.

So now you know what the foundation is doing and what the tournament is helping them accomplish. So how do you enter? Well, lightevl.com has a list of costs and sponsorship opportunities in detail, but cost is \$175 a player, \$600 per foursome, and you receive a \$100 discount if you go in a four person team along with a tee sponsorship sign. There are several levels of sponsorships available if putting isn't for you.



Maybe you aren't gifted at the game of golf or you can't commit to a full sponsorship? No worries, you can donate to the cause directly, as it is a registered non-profit with the Cattaraugus Regional Community Foundation (501c3), in Olean, NY. You can visit and donate to the fund directly or you can pay through the lightevl.com website, and they allocate the funds from there to the proper place.

### JAZZ & BLUES WEEKEND

Chamber Announces Headlining Acts for Annual Event July 28-30



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### **EPIC EAGLES**

Five musicians that make up Epic Eagles will perform the timeless music of the Eagles and Don Henley on Saturday, July 29th from 1:00-4:00pm. Audiences can expect to hear some of the Eagles' biggest hit songs including Hotel California, One of These Nights, Life in the Fast Lane, Desperado, Dirty Laundry, New Kid In Town, Take It Easy, The Boys Of Summer, and more. Epic Eagles is made up of singer Dean Young, multi-instrumentalist Mike Alonzo, drummer Jeff Salem, Dan Bohemia on bass and keys, and Frank Karen on guitar/vocals. Experience and relive an era gone by as it continues into the next millennium.

"Epic Eagles are true professionals in every sense of the term. Our festival was filled to capacity with anticipation and these gentlemen delivered. The harmonies on hit after hit from the first song to the last had our crowd singing along the whole evening. We've already had requests for us to have them back. And we will!" - Bobby Orr, Event Chairman, Brockville Ribfest.

### MARK MAZUR LITTLE BIG BAND

This 10-piece band plays everything from smooth jazz to contemporary easy-listening and American standards. The band features vocals by Lisa Christie, formerly Miss America 1997-1998 and Mrs. NY United States 2011 and 2013. She can belt out tunes from the likes of Anita Baker and Whitney Houston, and has been performing with Mark Mazur for 15 years (some of the band members have been together for over 40 years, having actually been in high school together). Mark himself plays keyboard/piano and also provides vocals. There is a full brass section, vibraphones, a full rhythm section with rhythm guitar, drums, bass and more.

"Our favorite thing about having played for so long with the live concerts is that we are family-friendly and offer an experience that's perfect for young and old alike," said Mark. "We have such an eclectic array of music that it's not repetitive and keeps the audience entertained but also relaxed. We promise to make it a very enjoyable afternoon.

Guests are encouraged to kick up their

The fund has been greatly successful so far. Nick said, "We have currently raised over \$93,000, we have paid out \$60,000 and the lights are expected to be delivered by the end of the month. We were disappointed to learn that we did not receive a large grant we were hoping for, as that would have put us over the top. So we need to make up some ground to finalize the project for the 2023 season. This tournament is how we hope to do so."

But the Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund isn't a one trick pony. While their immediate focus is to get the lights paid for and installed in the upcoming months, any remaining funds will be put to good use. "We have a scholarship fund for ECS students who have strong academics, displayed leadership through athletics, and have a strong entrepreneurial work ethic - The Frank Pitillo Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund has been in place for many years and has provided thousands of dollars worth of scholarships to ECS Students. We also hope to provide proper signage at the field." Nice advised.

So, make your plans to visit 6557 Holiday Valley Road at 11:00am on August 16th and play 18 on the Valley's Double Black Diamond course to support a cause the keeps our local student athletes safe and gives our community something to be proud of. You can register for the Frank Pitillo Memorial Lighting Fund Golf Fundraiser at lightevl.com. Hope to see you all there!

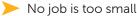
heels and dance along. With an outdoor stage on a closed off street and the energetic atmosphere that Ellicottville is known so well for, this concert will surely be the highlight of your weekend! Mark Mazur Little Big Band takes the stage at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 30th.

Ellicottville will be saturated with great regional Blues and Jazz musicians come the end of July! Make a memorable weekend of it and book your



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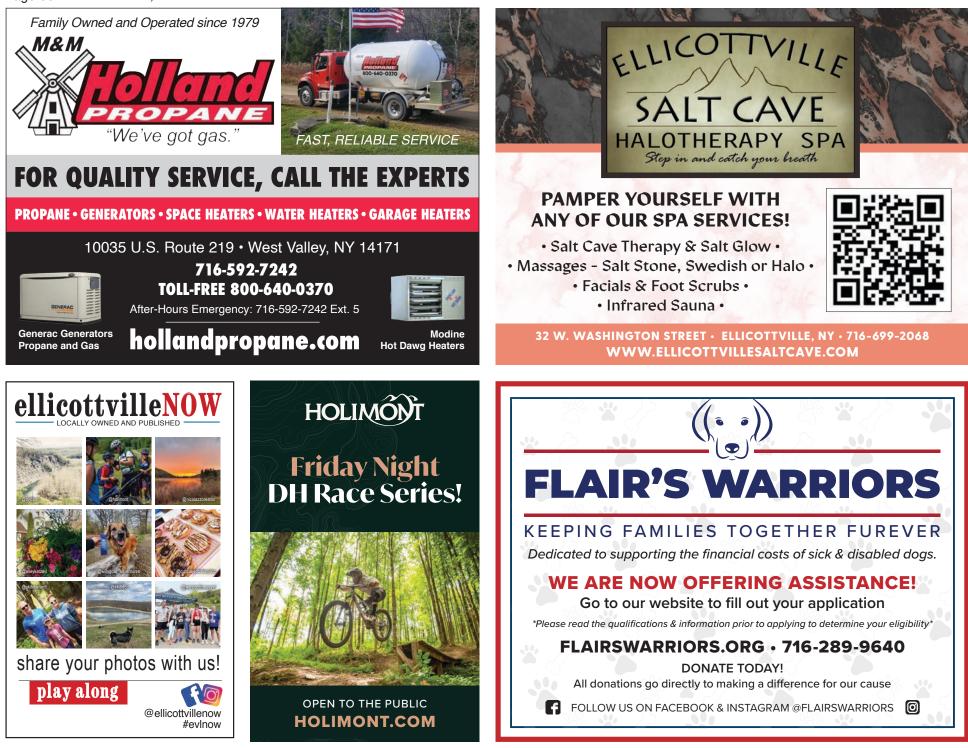
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Lisa returned to school at 31, attending University of Pittsburgh in Bradford where she was fortunate to find an Environmental Studies program. Having interned on the Allegheny National Forest in her Junior year, she was fortunate to continue as a seasonal employee after graduating with her bachelor's degree in 2009. She said, "I was grateful for the Environmental Studies degree that Pitt offered, opening my eyes to conservation, stewardship, and land management. Having the seasonal positions on the Allegheny National Forest right there was a wonderful transition for me when I graduated." Fast forward to 2014 when she was hired as a permanent employee marking timber. That grew into a job doing reforestation and timber stand improvement work. Lisa explains that "this work includes gathering forest data in the field to report back to our foresters to help them determine what needs to be done in those areas to ensure forest regeneration and stand improvement."

Another facet of her job as a technician was her training on the ANF as a wildland firefighter in 2009. She has gone out once or twice a year since then on fire assignments. Examples of the work include hand crew assignments digging handline (a line that follows the contours of a fire) and moving brush to prevent wildfire spread in Idaho, California, Montana, and Colorado. She worked on the chainsaw crew in the Green Mountain National Forest to help clear roads and parts of the Appalachian Trail that were devastated by Hurricane Irene. Lisa also joins the ANF fire engine staff to help other National Forests do prescribed burning. In the process, she ended up assisting in fighting three wildfires in the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri.

In today's environment where we need more people prepared and willing to go where they are sent to fight forest fires at the drop of a hat, Lisa had this to say: "If I would have learned about fighting fire when I was young, I would have gotten into this as a full-time caree It is hard important work that is so fulfilling! It is hard to put into words the feeling you get when you are digging line and working so hard physically, and then mentally, thinking about what the fire is doing and what the weather is doing, the terrain we are working in, the heat, the water we need to be drinking to stay hydrated, your crew mates and how they are doing ... and then walking to your tent or vehicle at the end of the 16 hour shift feeling so tired, but so proud of yourself, and your crew mates...and so much looking forward to doing it all over again the next day. I am thankful to be able to be a part of this hard-working group of people across our nation once or twice a year."



### SUMMER WINE RELEASE

Three New Summer Blends Hitting the Shelves at the Winery of Ellicottville



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Summer is the perfect time (or any time really) to sit down and enjoy a delicious glass of wine. It's even better when you can grab a glass that's made right in your hometown! The Winery of Ellicottville is ready for you and they've got a great event to share their newest blends coming up.

The Summer Wine Release Tasting is on July 28th from 7:00-9:00pm. Your ticket will get you a taste of all three new releases, some light snacks and a full glass of wine of your choice. (Now that sounds like a nice night out right there!) If you need more convincing, maybe the details will help you decided to grab your spot today.

**Rebel's Reserve Dessert Wine:** The Winery of Ellicottville is introducing a new dessert on the menu. Rebel's Reserve Dessert Wine is a barrel aged fortified wine. Made similarly in style to a Port wine, Rebel's Reserve is made exclusively with Teroldego Grapes, which are slowly fermented and when the must is fermented down to about 10% sugar, grape spirits are added to stop the fermentation. The grapes' own sugar provides the sweetness to the wine. The wine is moved to neutral red wine barrels and aged for 18 months. The resulting product is high alcohol, full bodied, sweet dessert wine meant for sipping.

**Bourbon Barrel Cabernet Sauvignon:** This is the Winery of Ellicottville Cabernet Sauvignon with a twist. They age the wine for a minimum of 4 months in a freshly emptied Bourbon Barrel. After aging, the wine is a bit more complex, heavy and has light notes of Bourbon on the nose.

**2021 Marquette:** Their first release from Bob Maranto's Vineyard here in Ellicottville! These grapes were fermented on the skins for dry wine. The resulting wine is fruity but balanced nicely with French oak. Great wine to drink by the glass.

If those sound tasty to you, then head over to wineryofellicottville.com to register for your ticket. It's just \$25 a person for so many great tastes - and don't forget there are snacks involved too!

### ELLICOTTVILLE GAZEBO SERIES

Local Favorite The Party Squad on Deck

ELLICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce continues its Gazebo Series with one standout concert after another! Sponsored by Niagara Label Company, the Gazebo Series invites the community out to the Village Gazebo every Thursday evening for free, live entertainment. A popular celebration on the summer events list, the Ellicot-tville Gazebo Series attracts families (and even their pets) to gather together; bring your blankets and lawn chairs, your frosty beverages and a snack, and enjoy a different musical act each week from 7:00-9:00pm at no charge!

One of her greatest joys is helping to regenerate the forests for future generations to enjoy. Her other greatest pleasures are spending time in the woods surrounding their home, hiking and biking with Jonny and playing with their two pups, Bowie and Edgrr. After a conversation with Lisa, you can't help but believe that she is living a full and satisfied life while doing so much good for our kids, grandkids and beyond. Who knows, perhaps one day she might be called upon to head to Inyo County, California to protect a Great Basin bristlecone pine called Methuselah - known to be the oldest living tree in the world. At 4,854 years old, it likely doesn't have too many competitors for that title. Many thanks to people like Lisa who are willing to do the work, mundane or dangerous, to keep our forests healthy and flourishing for many years to come. Thursday, July 20th will surely be a party with a live performance by The Party Squad featuring Dave Elder, Joe Rozler, Nelson Starr and drummer Rob Lynch. They'll deliver a choice array of classics songs that will feature the voices of Joe and Nelson, the guitar work of Dave supported by Rob's excellent complimentary percussion style. These masterful musicians remain one of Buffalo's favorite, highly recognized and well respected music groups for decades. Ellicottville is a BIG fan of Party Squad, too! Get your most comfortable pair of shoes ready; no doubt you'll be on your feet dancing to music that is bound to move you.

If you haven't had the pleasure of experience this high energy group, add them to your calendar - July 20th. For those that are all too familiar, we'll see you at the Gazebo. This free show begins at 7:00pm, giving you plenty of time beforehand to explore the downtown village, grab a bite and shop our unique retailers.

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

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

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

## **INTERVIEW**

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### JULY 22nd • 7:00PM

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"Elvira". That one word resonates with country music fans, and it brings large smiles to faces as they sing the song out loud or just in their heads. Especially when you get to the part "oom papa oom papa mow mow".

The much celebrated award winning group sings harmonies like no other musical act in the industry today. Grammy, Dove, CMA and AMA awards along with Gold and Platinum records and inductions into the Country Music Hall of Fame and The Gospel Music Hall of Fame, the four friends have decades of sharing their music with the world.

Joe Bonsall, Duane Allen, William Lee Golden and Richard Sterban are making a stop at Seneca Allegany Casino Resort for one show only on July 22nd.

I had the pleasure of talking with Joe Bonsall recently and he had a lot to say about Buffalo, since he was one of us from 1969 to 1973 before he joined the Oak Ridge Boys in October of 1973 when he was 25 years old.

We talked about Covid, their newest album, "Front Porch Singin", what convinced the group they made it, chick flicks and country music.

"Country music's bigger than it's ever been. In our heyday we played arenas... these kids today are playing stadiums and selling them out," said Bonsall.

Describing the show the singer said, "We do the hits... Elvira, Y'alll Come Back Saloon, Bobbie Sue, Thank God for Kids and we add in a little gospel music and a few new songs. We're your All American act that you can bring the kids and grandma to see... it's a great place to be.

here at 75 years old and I've been with the Oak Ridge Boys for 50 years now and here at 75 years old and I've been with the Oak Ridge Boys for 50 years now and we've been at every level in this business that there is... we've worked hard to try and keep a living, we've been the biggest act in country music... we've done everything. We're in the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and I'm in the Philly Music Hall of Fame. What I'm doing right now I'm excited about, which is making new music, because new music always refreshes you. But what I'm into doing at this point in my life is going out there and singing the best I can and coming home. I don't really have any goals except that hopefully next year we can slow down just a little bit. We've always been such a hard working group, we've always played about 150 shows a year most years, which is doable, but this summer's getting a lot busier and then fall is crazy. summer's getting a lot busier and then fall is crazy.

### HULICK: How did Covid effect you guys?

BOSNALL: Everything shut down. They told us to go home because we weren't essential anymore.

**HULICK:** Did you guys get together and write or anything? **BOSNALL:** We got together and recorded "Front Porch Singin" during the pan-demic in August of 2020. We only had the bare bones of what we usually have for recording. There were no friends, no record label, no radio people... no nothing. So we decided to make "Front Porch Singin" and I remember the singing being quite healing. But you know it wasn't just us going through this... everybody was and we had to figure out how to keep this thing going. Thankfully we were able to do that. It was a tough time for everyone... unless you owned a liquor store (laughs)... you couldn't go to church at that time, but you could go to a liquor store.

**HULICK:** Concerts this summer are in full swing again. **BOSNALL:** Everybody in the business is out on tour. You can't lease a bus in this **BOSNALL:** Everybody in the business is out on four. You can't lease a bus in this town no matter how much money you got. Those big tour buses are all gone. It's an insane time really, it has been the last several years to be honest. That's why I'm glad for myself, at my age and in my group I live in a bubble, and I'm happy in my bubble. I concentrate on getting on that tour bus and going and singing and getting my legs going the best I can and coming home and being with my wife and family. I'll tell you one thing Covid did for a lot of us... well I guess it didn't do it for everybody... but it strengthened my family. Some families were strengthened by it and then I think some husbands were probably assassinated by it. (laughs)

HULICK: (laughs) How great is it that you are in a profession that you love so much and it brings so much joy to people and everyone was just waiting for Covid to go away so we could come out and see you again and feel the music and the connection again. BOSNALL: That's very well put.

### HULICK: What was the moment that you guys realized you made it?

**BOSNALL:** In 1977 we knew we were on our way to making it when "You All Come Back Saloon" was on every juke box in the country and you'd stop at a truck stop and sit at the counter... in the old days you had juke boxes on the counter... and that song was on there and you'd see four guys feeding the boxes quarters so they could play the song over and over again. It's a wonder we didn't get beat with a tire iron. (laughs) To me that was like... wow, look at that... we're actually making a living at this now. As Duane Allen always says, "We finally had a big hit about a sa-loon that wasn't a gospel song and we were able to pay off some bills"... he always said, "to them it was a gospel song." (laughs)

HULICK: (laughs) That's funny! Can you sum up the Oak Ridge Boys with a title of

one of your songs? BOSNALL: We haven't done it on stage for a lot of years, but we had a song called "Reach Out And Touch A Hand" (as he sings it over the phone to me). I think that's

HULICK: I'm glad I asked that question because I got to hear you sing it. BOSNALL: (laughs) A little bit.

**HULICK:** I found out something you love as do I and my husband. One of your favorite movies is "We Bought A Zoo"? **BOSNALL:** I love "We Bought A Zoo"!! (laughs) I've probably watched it 10 times!

It isn't your typical guy movie like "Hunt For Red October" or "The Godfather". I just think it's the cutest movie, and the scene in the end when he is showing his kids how he and their mother met at this diner and they show her sitting there... OMG I cry like a girl! (laughs)

**HULICK:** (laughs) That is such a tearjerker. **BOSNALL:** I cry the way my wife cries over the Cary Grant movie "An Affair To Remember". I like chick flicks too!

HULICK: What's the best thing about being Joe Bonsall?

For more info on the Oak Ridge Boys visit oakridgeboys.com. For ticket info visit senecacasinos.com and click on Seneca Allegany.

### A Conversation with Joe Bonsall

HULICK: How is your newest album "Front Porch Singin" doing? **BOSNALL:** It's doing really good... chalk one up for the old guys. Producer Dave Cobb, who's the hottest producer in Nashville right now, had the idea for the album... a simple album with the attitude of four Oak Ridge Boys sitting on the front porch singing harmony on old gospel songs, new gospel songs, old country songs and new country songs. In our show we pull up four stools and sit on them to make it seem like we're on the front porch singing some of those songs. It's pretty cool.

HULICK: I'm sure you've accomplished everything you want in your career by now, but is there anything else you would like to do or is there someone you'd like to work with that you haven't? BOSNALL: You know what? I'll be real honest with you... I'm sitting

**BOSNALL:** I enjoy the singing... I enjoy the friendship with my guys... we've been through so much together. The Oak Ridge Boys and home... that's my bubble. I'm very fortunate. I have a wonderful wife, two great daughters, two great son-in-laws, my grandson is in the Navy and he's a gem of a guy, my granddaughter is wonder-ful, a great grandma and now a great grand kitten and my cats... my Barney. I'll tell you the truth... Joe Bosnall sitting on his couch at night watching the Phillies on TV with my cat in my lap is probably Joe Bonsall more than anything else.

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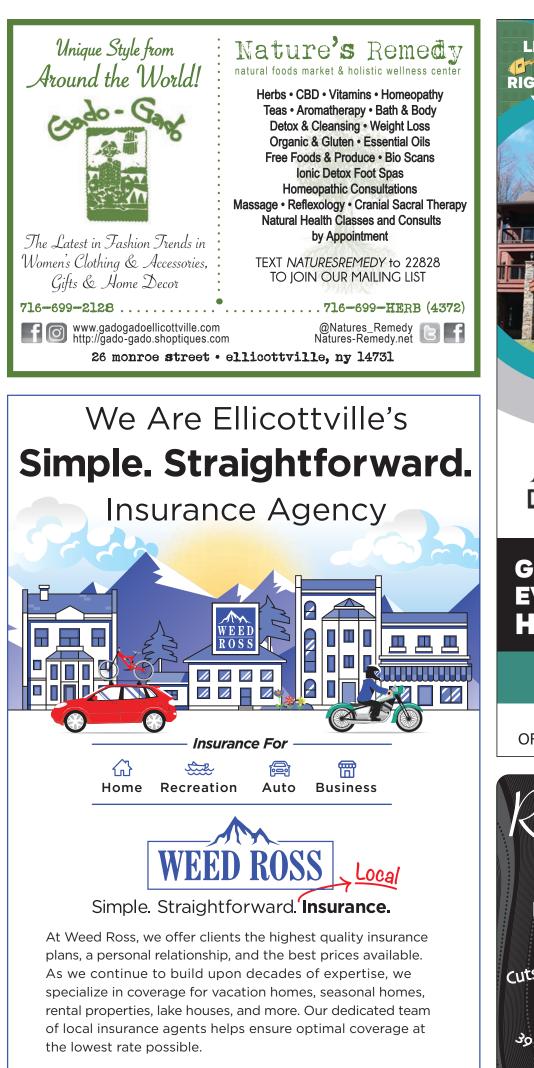
HULICK: You have a huge connection to Buffalo. BOSNALL: I lived in Buffalo from 1969 to 1973. I was living in Buffalo when I joined the Oak Ridge Boys in October of 1973. I was 25 years old.

HULICK: Did you go through any of the snow storms? BOSNALL: Oh yes... it was like every other day! (laughs) I mean that's right there in the buckle of the snow belt.

HULICK: (laughs) That's funny! I never heard the description of the belt buckle of the snow belt.

BOSNALL: You learn things up there... you learn that 50" of snow can fall in one

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## WILD ON THE WATER

### FUN IN THE SUN

Onoville Marina Park Invites You to Enjoy a Day of Summer Fun on July 22nd



By Jessica Schultz

What can \$10 buy you these days? The cost of everything is so high that finding something to do for \$10 or less is almost impossible. (I'm looking at you movie theaters, thirty bucks for popcorn? Really?!) But what if I told you that \$10 would get a carload of people into the Onoville Marina for a day (and evening) of summer fun? You should believe me, because it's true; you can bring a whole carload to OnoFest 2023 for just \$10!

What exactly do I mean by fun? Well, Onoville Marina Park in itself is a beautiful location. Surrounded by rolling hills, covered in green trees, right on the sparkling water. Just having a picnic at the park is a perfect way to spend a summer day - but now toss in their great entertainment plans and it's a real party!



OnoFest promises an array of food and craft vendors and live music from 2:00-9:30pm on July 22nd. Prior food vendors at the events have had such tasty treats as Italian sausage, fresh squeezed lemonade, french fries and so much more... I can't wait to see what this years offerings will be! For arts and craft vendors, you'll find a mix of jewelry, traditional crafts, hats, hair accessories, and more. If you need a break from all of the shopping and exploring, you could always take a moment to sit and watch the boats in the harbor.

Now, the live music is where OnoFest really shines. They are boasting a jam packed line-up of widely-known local favorites. The tentative schedule is as follows:

**Nightshift • 2:30-4:30pm:** This 4-piece band based out of Frewsburg, NY is known to get crowds jumping with their performance of all your favorite Classic Rock hits. (They were a hit at last year's Festival and everyone is excited to see them again.

**The Hootz** • **5:00-7:00pm:** The Hootz is an energetic band from Nashville, TN that has toured the United States, getting festivals going by combining the sounds of pop, rock, rap, punk and country. It's an addictive sound that's created by the four members, each of whom specializes in their specific music genre. They've even recently accompanied huge National acts like Carrie Underwood, Eric Paslay, Justin Moore, and Justin Lynch. They are an impressive group that you need to make sure you hear in person. Everyone is thrilled to have them return!

### IT'S TIME TO "TAME THE TUNA"

Limestone's Annual Regatta Returns for 2023



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

Who wants to spend a day out on the water? Would you want to make a really cool float to go down the river in? What if you could win a prize for doing just that? If you come out to the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department's "Tame the Tuna 3.0" Regatta on July 29th, you could spend the day playing on the water and have a chance to win a cash prize.

This is the third year the regatta is taking place and event coordinator Mike Soper is looking to build the fanbase. He said, "We've not had the response that we've hoped for in year 1 & 2. This year we received a grant from the Cattaraugus County Planning and Tourism to help spread the word and advertise our event. As we've done with past fundraising events, if we can get this event to grow, it'll allow us to add more things to it. I know we'd love to have a camping crowd on Friday night and have music at our club house, but so far the numbers haven't allowed us to do that. We're hoping this year we can step it up!"

Now, this isn't a wild and crazy ride, it's very relaxing with beautiful scenery. You may even get the chance to see black bears, foxes, beavers, hawks, bald eagles, etc. It's very quiet and you forget where you are, just relaxing on the water. The regatta starts near Bootleggers Restaurant (formerly Rock-n-Ricks) and it ends on Irving Mills Crossroad. (Both in Limestone, NY)

Since this is a more leisurely event (this isn't a race, it's a ride), there will be opportunities to stop along the way. Stops will have port-a-johns if someone needs to use them. Food like hot dogs and/or burgers, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. This is a family-friendly event, so no alcohol will be sold or handed out.



Though live-entertainment isn't an option this year, Mike did say, "As I mentioned earlier, at this point we haven't had any entertainment booked for this event, hopefully in the future. We are having a chicken bbq that our fire department puts on. The regatta participants along with anyone else who would like one can purchase one. We take the riders to the starting point and pick them up and deliver them back to our fire station. At that point there is good conversation had by all. So we might not have all of the fanfare yet, but we're working towards it. It's still just great to get together and ride the river."

**The Porcelain Bus Drivers • 7:30-9:30pm:** The last (but definitely not the least) band that will be taking the stage under the tent at OnoFest is very well known in the area for being a super energetic group. They perform a rock music variety that is sure to take you on a musical journey to end out the evening.

Now, the particulars. OnoFest takes place at the Onoville Marina Park, located at 704 W. Perimeter Road in Steamburg, NY. This is a family-friendly festival, so there will be children present. The event is rain or shine, so maybe pack an umbrella or two just in case. There are bench seats and picnic tables, but they tend to fill up fast, so they recommend you bring some blankets and chairs for comfort. Bug spray and sunscreen are also important items to remember so you can enjoy the day without sunburn or insect induced hysteria. (Just kidding about the hysteria, maybe.) Unfortunately there will be no fireworks display this year. (bummer!)

Still, what a perfect way to spend a summer day! OnoFest 2023 is going to be a great time on July 22nd. Remember, it's just \$10 a whole carload, so pack your family and friends in and come on out. For more information as it becomes available, visit ono-ville.com.

Tame the Tuna isn't just about a day of relaxing on the water. It's a great fundraiser that benefits the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department. It was started because they no longer hold their ATV Dice Run, which was a huge money maker for them and they're trying to hold a couple fundraisers to take the place of that.

Here are some finer details of the event: the cost to register is \$20. Chicken BBQ the day of the event is \$15 (\$12 if you pre-order beforehand). Free camping is available. Boats are in the water at 9:00am and are out promptly at 6:00pm. No boats/floats are allowed in after 1:00pm. The best float that makes the entire trip will win \$100.00. (Whoo!)

Mike adds, "As I've said we haven't had the numbers we're hoping for yet, not even close. However, every person who has gone on the regatta has said it's the nicest "ride" they've gone on. It seems like there are groups that have members or others that they canoe or kayak with and they'll have a couple of people in their group that will ride on our regatta, then report back. Each year those people come up to us and tell us how nice of a ride it was and that they'll have more with them next year. We're hoping that word of mouth prevails and our ridership grows."

So give Tame the Tuna a hand and help them build up the event and support the Limestone Volunteer Fire Department at the same time. To register or find out other ways you can help support the event or just the Fire Department directly, contact Mike Soper at 716-474-5428.

## HEALTH & FITNESS

### Core Performance: How to Avoid Gaining Weight During the Summer

### BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

You know how you can't wait for the warmer weather to come after a long, gray and miserable winter that feels like it's actually eight months versus four? You tell yourself that all that extra weight you packed on being a couch potato and binge watching your favorite television shows will automatically fall off once you are able to get outdoors more and exercise. You promise yourself you will eat better because there will be a bounty of fresh fruit and vegetables readily available for you to enjoy. And, now just after the 4th of July you feel fatter than ever? Well, you're not alone. Contrary to what you think, weight gain may be more likely during the summer than in the winter.

In fact, research published in 2016 reported that even young children tend to gain more weight during the summer months versus the months when school is in session. Experts agree that the uptick in sugary summer beverages, summer BBQs, graduation, wedding celebrations and more family gatherings make it easy to be in a celebratory mode and consume more food and calorie-laden beverages than one would on a normal day. And what social gathering does not have a gratuitous amount of unhealthy food choices like chips, pasta salads, pulled pork, hot dogs and burgers, just to name a few. You might find a green salad or a fruit salad, but trust me, those are the last things to get eaten. Also, there is a bounty of alcohol being consumed during these occasions that will pack on the pounds quicker than you can burn them off. Even 'mocktails' are typically filled with sugar. Plus, there's ice cream, which some children and even some adults feel should be eaten daily.

So, what can be done to stave off these dreaded extra pounds and still enjoy the summer? The first important step is to take the focus off "weight loss" and instead get curious about when you eat, what you eat and why you eat. Many of my clients do not feel well after eating foods high in fat/carbs/calories. I advise people to be nice to themselves and try to get a better understanding about why they make the food choices they are making. Is it to fit in with a certain peer group or just because it is presented in a buffet that you can't avoid not taking it? Understanding that is the first step to proactively making healthier choices.

Then I discuss serving sizes. Serving sizes matter when trying to avoid or manage weight gain at anytime of year. That can be hard to gauge for some individuals, so I suggest that you take a small plate/bowl and individualize your serving versus continually digging into the chips and guacamole/salsa. Even fruit - take a serving to enjoy and see if your hunger warrants more. Have a cookie or ice cream on occasion, but don't get the triple scoop with all the toppings just because it's now so readily available. Same with alcohol - know your limits, keep track of how you are feeling. You can go from a light buzz to drunky pretty easily in the summer heat.

### LION'S GATE SPIRITUAL RETREAT

Holiday Valley Hosting Event Led by Suzy Woo, Alternative Medicine Expert

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ELLICOTTVILLE - The Lion's Gate Spiritual Retreat is a powerful weekend for personal transformation, providing a safe, supportive environment for people to explore their spirituality, develop their intuition, and receive substantial energy healing.

The retreat is designed to help people shed childhood and/or societal conditioning, and live empowered, conscious lives. Additionally, it gives participants exposure to a considerable variety of high-end healing tools.

The "Lion's Gate" refers to a 10-day window of time when the brightest star, Sirius, lines up with the earth and the sun, which is traversing the constellation Leo (the lion). Further, these 3 points align with the Great Pyramid of Giza in Egypt. It is believed that during the Lion's Gate portal activation, one is far more sensitive to receive insights, spiritual guidance and soul level connections. The energies peak on August 8th, or 8/8 and is active 5 days prior and post.

The Lion's Gate Spiritual Retreat is taking place August 11-13, at Holiday Valley Resort. It is organized and facilitated by Suzy Woo, a spiritual healer and instructor based in Ellicot-tville. Tickets are available through July 30 at https://www.suzy-woo.com/lions-gate-spiritual-retreat.

Over \$20k in spiritual tools will be on hand for participants to learn about, interact with, and experience in action. Included are sound healing tools like gongs, quartz singing bowls, energy tuning forks, and a large Tibetan singing bowl that one can stand inside. There are crystals and crystal carvings such as Ms. Woo's 49-pound quartz skull carving, Titus; carvings from the world's grand master carver Leandro deSouza. One can sit under a gridded large copper meditation pyramid, feel tensor ring technology, and angel-frequency tools and



Doing a weekly meal prep or menu will also help you and your family maintain a proper diet and stay on track with your health goals.

And let's not forget to exercise. Walking is one of the best and easiest things for the majority. Swimming is another excellent option and is low impact, which is great for those with joint issues. Make it a priority 30-45 minutes per day is optimal.

Lastly, appreciate the bounty of fresh fruits and veggies that are locally grown and savor a sunset from time to time since. As we all know, autumn will be knocking at our door soon enough.

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### CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

Nominees for Tri-County Arts Council Awards Named

OLEAN - Artists, educators and volunteers will be honored in August for their contributions to the region's culture. The Tri-County Arts Council's Arts and Cultural Awards nominees have been named by organizers, and the winners will be presented at the Celebration Of The Arts event. As the TCAC continues to advocate for the entire region, officials announced the event will be held in Chautauqua County this year, at 4:00pm on August 13 at the Pearl City Clay House in Jamestown. The event will continue to honor artists, arts organizations, or arts supporters from Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties.

### AWARDS

**Thomas Barnes Lifetime Achievement:** Named after longtime Arts Council board president, this award celebrates the career of an individual artist, organization, individual at an organization, or individual artist who, among other distinctions, has demonstrated particular commitment to his or her work throughout a long career and has made important contributions regionally, nationally or internationally in his/her field, especially at a milestone marker, such as retirement, job change, posthumous recognition, etc. Nominees are Betsy Cashing of Southern Tier Symphony; Robin Zefers Clark of Brookside Studio Watercolors; Ruth Fuller of Olean Community Theater; Sarah Phillips of Auntie's Place in Rushford; Helen Ruggieri, a poet from Olean; and Glenn Zweygardt, a sculptor from Alfred Station.

**Distinguished Artist of the Year:** This award honors individual artists in any discipline for their creative excellence and superior accomplishments in 2022. Nominees are Lucy Andrus, founder/coordinator of the Art Discovery program in Brocton; Sean Conklin of the St. Bonaventure University Quick Center; Sean Huntington as a painter; Peter Jones for pottery; and Mikel Wintermantel as a painter.

**Excellence in Arts Education:** This award honors an arts educator for their work in providing art instruction that helps to guide the next generation of artists in our region and cultivating lifelong supporters of the arts. Nominees are Laurie Donner, The Dancer's Loft dance studio; Ruth Fuller, Hinsdale Central School; Shelley Greene, director of children studies at Neighborhood School of Dance; Kellie O'Brien, Olean City Schools District; Geraldine Smith of Olean; and Diane Willard of Wellsville Central School District.

have their aura measured.

There will be a cacao ceremony (drinking chocolate), sound healing, quantum healing and guided meditations to help participants meet their spirit guides, to heal inner child wounds, and dissolve negative thought patterns stemming from childhood. During the weekend, participants will experiment with intention-healing, the power of the breath, the power of thoughts and self-realization, and will learn methods to take one's power back, shield one's energy field, and how to heal one's self.

Past participants have ranged in age from 17 to 72, from all walks of life. No prior experience or knowledge is necessary. It is a co-ed event.

"Some drove over a thousand miles to attend," Woo says. "We see people heal right in front of our eyes. Everybody has life-changing experiences. People come for different reasons. Some are seeking deeper understanding. Many walk in heavy, sad, or in pain and they leave feeling free, empowered, happy, hopeful, excited, pain-free and light. This is where the black sheep of the family can find their tribe. New friendships are made. It's such a powerful event, it's the pinnacle point of my entire year!"

Seating is limited to keep the event intimate. Ticket sales will close July 30. If you want to witness miracles, book your seat today. Don't miss this one!

For more information on the retreat and to purchase tickets, please visit: https://www.suzy-woo.com/lions-gate-spiritual-retreat. To contact Suzy Woo, please visit www.suzy-woo. com or email hello@suzy-woo.com. **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Many of the region's arts and cultural organizations rely on volunteers to put on the show. This award recognizes the outstanding volunteer efforts of an unpaid individual or group that has had a major impact on the arts and culture sector. Nominees are Ruth Flood of Allegany, Julie Hamilton of Ellicottville, Melissa Locke of Allegany, Scott Reed of Allegany, and Eric Van Druff of Cuba.

**Program of the Year:** This award will honor the achievement, dedication, and creativity of an individual or organization from each county of the three counties. Nominees are Allegany Artists Association and Palmer Opera House in Allegany County; Artist in Residency Program at Seneca Iroquois National Museum in Cattaraugus County; "Artistic Explorers" at the St. Bonaventure Quick Center for the Arts in Cattaraugus County; the Art Discovery program of Tri-Church Parish in Chautauqua County; and the Darwin R. Barker Library Oral History Project in Chautauqua County.

Tickets are \$45 each or two for \$80, and are available at www.tricountyartscouncil.org/shop/ ticket/cota-2-tickets/.

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### **JOE BONSALL INTEVIEW**

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night, and I've never lived anywhere where people were actually sweeping snow off their roofs so it didn't cave in. And I learned the word "squall"

HULICK: (laughs) It's so funny to have other people's take on Buffalo and WNY. How about "white out"

BOSNALL: Yeah white out... that lake effect. (laughs) You know I enjoyed my days living on the Niagara Frontier. I really did. I was very poor back then, in fact I lived in my car for one full year. It got to be winter time and an Italian family loved the little group I was singing in and they took me in and I lived with this family for about seven months. Those were fun days though.

HULICK: I know you're an avid sports fan and you love from Philadelphia, but is there any chance you secretly root for the Bills since you lived here for a while? **BOSNALL:** Yes I do, but the Music City Miracle down here turned the Bills against us.

HULICK: (laughs) Yes it did. That one's gonna hurt for a very long time. BOSNALL: I loved the Bills when I was up there. It's kind of funny because OJ Simpson had just signed with the Bills when I lived there and I couldn't afford to go to the games. Richard, our bass singer, and myself used to sing together in the Keystones and we went down to the old War Memorial Stadium and actually snuck into a pre-season game and watched OJ Simpson's first game with the Bills. That was when Joe Ferguson was quarterback. They had good teams back then with OJ as the running back... before all the crap that happened with him. I was into the Buffalo Sabres back then too. The French Connection and Roger Cozier in goal. My funniest Buffalo story may be back when we were touring with Kenny Rogers in the late 70s - early 80s and we played the old Aud and Kenny was really late, I don't remember why, but we did our show and they came to us and said Kenny was still 30 minutes out, so we went out and sang some more songs and then I started talking about Buffalo because I knew all about it right? You say the word Scajaquada and you endear yourself to the heart of the Buffalo people and I swear to God I did 15 minutes of stand up about Buffalo until Kenny got there. We played Melody Fair a lot in Tonawanda. I loved those theaters in the round.

### HULICK: That's not there anymore.

BOSNALL: It's not? Really? Oh my gosh... I thought it was still there... I can't believe it! Yes, I love Buffalo and I'm very excited to come back to the area and play. Come see us on July 22nd everyone at Seneca Allegany.

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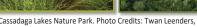


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### SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Rotary Club of Ellicottville Scholarships Given to ECS Graduates



### ALL TOGETHER NOW

### Ellicottville Library's Summer Reading Program Focusing on Kindness



There is still plenty of time to sign up for the Ellicottville Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program! The theme this year is "All Together Now" and we are focusing on kindness and friendship. This program not only helps motivate children to read but it encourages positive attitudes about reading and books. It also helps children maintain their reading skills over summer vacation and inspires regular use of the library.

Thanks to the Elisa B. Hughey Foundation, we have several art classes lined up. The next one is "Friendship Sticks" on Tuesday, July 18th at 1:00pm. Come join us for fun programs and events over the next four weeks focusing on group games, physical challenges, art projects, experiments and more. Of course, summer read-

ing also involves...you guessed it, reading. The more the kids read the more chances they get to win some great prizes including, Legos, a telescope, a scooter, 2 passes to Sky High, etc. Stop in for more details and check out this great program!



The tradition of awarding scholarships by the Rotary Club of Ellicottville continued at this year's ECS graduation. As in the past, these were awarded on the basis of those who demonstrated strong leadership, the ability to work hard and achieve their goals, and the willingness to volunteer and help others through many kinds of community service.

At the graduation ceremony, Rotarian Judy Brown presented scholarships to Katie Krotz, Katrina DeChane and Jacob Ballard.

Katie, Valedictorian, will be attending Cornell University for Animal Sciences. She participated in several extracurricular activities, held down a job and volunteered for many community service projects. The latest was on Earth Day in April helping to clean up the downtown area with several other students and Rotarians.

Katrina DeChane, Salutatorian, will be attending Jamestown Business College for Accounting. Katrina was involved in several school activities, held down a job and volunteered for school, church and community activities.

This year, the Rotary Club established a new scholarship entitled Service Above Self. The first winner was Jacob Ballard, who will be attending SUNY Brockport and majoring in Physical Therapy. Over the past several years, Jacob consistently volunteered to help with many Rotary and community service projects.

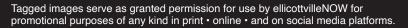
We congratulate these scholarship winners and all the graduates of ECS this past year.

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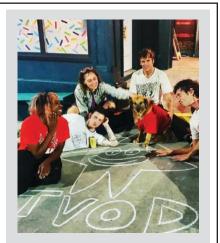


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