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The Ride for Roswell took place earlier this summer, raising \$5,603,901 and counting, with all proceeds going towards cancer research to find a cure. This event is particularly important to our small community in which we rally around any one of our residents who is suffering from this disease. One resident in particular, our own publisher, Brenda Perks, is fighting her third battle with cancer. Community members, including Brenda, along with mental health therapist Laura Widger, have joined forces to launch a therapeutic support group called "Living with Cancer". Learn more and read about Brenda's journey ... page 13

INTERVIEW WITH A JAZZ GREAT

Bobby Militello to headline this year's Jazz & Blues Weekend



BY MELANIE HULICK

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"The Duck Derby Race is such a fun, worthwhile event," said Stephanie Carter, Pool Manager at Holiday Valley. "The excitement on the faces of the guests from the moment they choose their favorite duck to the announcement by the lifeguards, 'It's Duck Derby Time!' is so much fun to watch! Everyone cheers and rushes to the lower pool to get in position to kick the ducks to the finish line. Also, guests love that, by participating in the Duck Derby, they are given the opportunity to help support local charities."

Guests line the sides of the pool with their feet in the water. Once the ducks hit the water, they kick to help create a wave throughout the pool in order to get the ducks moving. The harder the guests kick, the more the wave action creates chaos amongst the ducks as they jockey for the lead position.

Once the lead duck crosses the finish line, one of the Holiday Valley life guards calls out the winning duck's number and the person who sponsored that duck wins the prize for that pool session. The pot is split between the winning person and a charity, which the pool staff chooses. As of this posting on July 26, 2022, \$415.00 has been raised for charity because of this fun event.

The Duck Derby takes place every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30pm throughout the summer. Make sure to check out all the Duck Derby excitement on Holiday Valley's YouTube Channel.

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"This amazing group of volunteers not only maintain the flowers and plants throughout the village, but I am not sure everyone knows, they also pay for the plantings from various donations they receive," noted Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Chamber. To help with costs, the Alley Katz welcome your donations at PO Box 1407, Ellicottville NY 14731.



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TASTE OF ELLICOTTVILLE

Sysco named presenting sponsor; over 20 restaurants on the menu



Pictured: Brian McFadden (left), Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, with Ted Kavanaugh (right), Sysco District Sales Manager.

ELLICOTTVILLE - Join us August 13th and 14th to get a taste for why people keep coming back to Ellicottville year after year for a foodie experience like no other. The Taste of Ellicottville, produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, takes to the streets for its 36th year of culinary enjoyment!

Where else can you come to a village the size of Ellicottville and find over 20 restaurants and eateries featuring some of their best dishes?

"The restaurants take so much pride in what they do, and we believe the Taste of Ellicottville really allows them to showcase all of their hard work that they put in year-round," said Jessica Wallace, Business Development Manager of the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce. "If it's your first time, amazing food, people and atmosphere is what you will experience when you come out for the Taste."

Samples of area restaurants' signature dishes will be served up both Saturday and Sunday from noon-4:00pm. Purchase your food tickets at the event, grab a menu and plan your course of attack. Tickets are \$1 each, with food items starting at \$2.00. Not only will you find a variety of flavors, there will also be gluten-free and other healthy options to pick from.

The Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome back Sysco as the Presenting Sponsor for this year's Taste. The food service corporation is the supplier of choice for area restaurants and continues its mission in giving back to the community.

"As a part of the long-lasting relationship between Sysco and the Ellicottville restaurants, it is always great to have Sysco as a Presenting Sponsor of the Taste of Ellicottville," said Brian McFadden, Executive Director of the Ellicottville Chamber. "Through Sysco's continued support, we are able to continue to provide an exceptional experience for one of Ellicottville's favorite family events.

Adding to the fun, participating restaurants have the option to choose a theme for their booth and decorate it in that theme.

"We're adding a couple of new and fun features to this year's event," explained Wallace. "Voting for the Best Themed booth will take place Saturday along with awards in various food categories, decided upon by our official Taste judges. Staff are encouraged to dress up in theme as well, if they so choose."

Another new feature to this year's Taste: "Chef's Corner". Look for the main stage on Monroe Street, where participating vendors are invited to prepare one of their signature dishes "live" on stage for the crowd's viewing pleasure.

"Local Chef Dean Metzger will lead the charge at Chef's Corner, sizzling up his own culinary masterpiece and emcee'ing for the other chefs during their demonstrations," said McFadden. "Event-goers will have the opportunity to see how some of Ellicottville's signature dishes are made and ask the chefs questions."

The event may be all about the food, but there's so much more going on! Once you have reached your full capacity with all the mouthwatering flavors, the music in many of Ellicottville's legendary hot spots will come alive! Make a weekend out of it and book an overnight stay at any of Ellicottville's accommodations. Check the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce website at ellicottvilleny.com, keep tabs on their FB and IG pages (@visitellicottville) or call 800-349-9099 for the official Taste menu, a full listing of musical performances, and various lodging options.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Town patrol officer chosen; contract in the works



By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

Some staffing and financing issues were fielded by the Ellicottville Town Board during its monthly meeting held Tuesday, July 20th.

The Board is preparing a contract to provide Ellicottville Central School District with a School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2022-2023 year.

An agreement on the arrangement was reached recently after what Councilman Greg Fitzpatrick termed "breakthrough discussions." The contract is drafted but awaits approval by the Great Valley Town Board. Attorney Seth Pullen advised the Board that the Town will invoice the school district for costs in providing the officer.

Police Officer-In-Charge Don Auge said one of his department's officers has been selected as the SRO and he is looking for candidates with training to backfill the slot.

The final contract is expected to be on the Ellicottville Town Board's agenda at the August 17th meeting and the SRO will begin around September 3rd. Details of the employment contract and SRO duties were not made public at this time.

In another personnel-related matter, the Board agreed to hire two part-time temporary Highway Department laborers, Wyatt Taylor and Nathaniel Ploetz. The two are currently in training for CDL certification but will begin on a part-time basis to become familiar with the work. Their education costs may be reimbursed by the Town in the future.

The Board also authorized eliminating residency requirements as the search continues for a replacement for former Highway Superintendent Kevin Woodin. The policy change means candidates for the job must live within a 15-mile radius of the Town barn.

The Board approved an increase in the estimated maximum financing needed for the water improvement project, from \$5,277,096 to \$7 million, due to higher-than-anticipated bids and costs and revisions in the project scope.

There were no comments during a preceding public hearing, so the Board voted to amend its Sept. 6, 2019 bond resolution and expand the bond debt to pay for the project. The Town has been counting on loans and grants from the state of New York and is seeking additional funding sources to make up the additional costs.

The capital project will enlarge the town's water district, 17,000 linear feet of water main, wells and booster infrastructure, and new equipment, installed with web-based controls. Early on, engineers can begin by preparing the water storage tank portion of the project, once the access easements are obtained.

More discussion will be needed in the matter of a property owner's attorney's demand that the Town remove a gate across a Town right-of-way leading to the East Tank, in the vicinity of a wooded area west of Tim Horton's. In a recent letter the attorney stated that if the Town doesn't remove the gate the property owner will remove it.

According to Town Engineer Ben Slotman, a one-lane access road was built with taxpayer funds some time ago by the Town on its right-of-way leading to the fenced-in tank on Town property. The Town maintains the road, which now includes a second lane - without a base - that is also used by the property owners to reach the area beyond the gate.

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INTERVIEW

BOBBY MILITELLO HEADLINING ELLICOTTVILLE'S JAZZ & BLUES WEEKEND



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JULY 29TH - 31ST

By Melanie Hulick

Jazz great Bobby Militello and his quartet will be performing at 12:30pm on the Main Stage come Sunday, July 31st as part of the 23rd Annual Ellicottville Jazz & Blues Weekend, produced by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce.

Bobby Militello is considered one of the greatest saxophone players in the world and we are lucky to call him one of our own from Buffalo. Dave Brubeck and Maynard Ferguson were lucky to call him one of their own when he played and toured with two of the best jazz bands in the world.

Militello has a musical resume that would probably take up more than a full page in this paper - played and recorded with the biggest and best symphonies in the world, worked with all of the "who's who" of the jazz world, recorded many albums (which are actually too numerous to list as you will find out in the following interview), worked with Doc Severinsen as a member of the Johnny Carson Band on the Tonight Show, recorded the theme song to the sitcom "Major Dad", played music in multiple episodes of the hit TV drama "Dallas", worked with Patrick Duffy on the soundtrack of the movie "Vamping" where he was also the technical advisor.

I had a chance to talk with Militello recently about his career and his upcoming show at the Ellicottville Jazz & Blues Weekend and found him to be a great conversationalist and someone who has spent the last fifty years doing exactly what he loves and was made to do.

He credits his mother for his career and love of music. She bought the family's first record, a jazz album, that was played in the house growing up.

His biggest audience was 40,000 people, which Militello said, "Once you get over the stigma of doing that, you're like addicted to it, and you realize you're a live performer and that's what you want to do. Music is a religion to me. It's everything ... it's like I'm preaching when I'm playing. It's a very satisfying feeling. Very few people get to fulfill that honest integrity in what they're doing. I won't sacrifice it for anything."

For more information on Bobby Militello visit bobbymilitello.com. For more information on the Jazz & Blues Weekend visit ellicottvillenyc.com.

A Conversation with Bobby

HULICK: You've moved to many different places throughout your life, but you always return to Buffalo.

MILITELLO: Yes, that was my intention all along. I traveled the world for 40 years and lived in Michigan, Vermont, Florida and California, but I always knew this was home. I didn't want it to be any other way.

HULICK: I love doing research on the artist I'm going to interview, and what amazes me is how connected the different artists are to other artists you would never know about. For example, you worked with Buffalo's own Rick James.

MILITELLO: Yes. He became a really good friend. He got caught up in his own success, which is easy to do when you're in the category he was in. As a jazz musician I've been all over the world a hundred times and have gotten standing ovations and yet when you leave the gig you're just a person now. Your ego comes out when you're on the stage ... that's where it needs to come out, but once you're done playing you're no different than the people around you.

HULICK: I was doing an interview with Donny Osmond and he brought up Rick James. Apparently Rick was going to produce Donny's first solo record and he told Donny to come to Buffalo, get a room and he would contact him to get started. Well Donny waited for three days and never left the room. He ordered room service for all his meals so he wouldn't miss that call and got hooked on soap operas and Rick never called, showed up, nothing.

MILITELLO: (laughs) Well that sounds like Rick without a doubt. I would go into a new recording session with him and they would tell me that Rick was sleeping ... and I had four horn players there ready to go, but he didn't want anything being recorded on his track without him being there. The one time I talked him into letting me record without him there he got mad. (laughs) He ended up using what I recorded but he was still mad I did it without him there. But he was a great guy. He treated me very well. I loved the cook he had in his house. She was a wonderful lady and whenever I was out I would buy her a bushel of tomatoes or peaches or something and bring it to the house because she was always cooking for 15 to 20 people. She would always give me a kiss and make me a sweet potato pie or something. It was pretty cool.

HULICK: You've been a part of enormously popular bands including Dave Brubeck and Maynard Ferguson. The stories you must have!

MILITELLO: Oh, tons of them! I keep getting told I should write a book. (laughs) That's what everyone tells the people that are on the road touring. (laughs)

HULICK: Were you always interested in music?

MILITELLO: Yes. My mother was a huge jazz fan.

HULICK: Did you study music in school?

MILITELLO: Yes, every grade. I had great teachers. They pushed the hell out of me. Every single music teacher gave me immense support and knowledge.

HULICK: Was there someone through the years who had a major influence on you?

MILITELLO: John Sedola. The best saxophone teacher, I think, in the world. He taught some of the greatest players and when you agreed to study with him you agreed to a commitment and that was that you would practice the way he told you to. My lessons used to take me about six hours to complete every day. If you didn't do it he didn't want any part of you. So he became this bigger than life person that you wanted to satisfy under all circumstances. That forced you to raise your level and get stronger and stronger. He was an immense part of my life. If it wasn't for him I don't think I'd be the player I am.

HULICK: With all you've done in your five plus decades of music, is there any one moment that you would call your "pinch me moment"?

MILITELLO: Playing with the London Symphony at Abbey Road Studio for seven days and recording there. There are so many moments though ... I got to play at the Montreux Jazz Festival with Maynard Ferguson. Played at the Apollo Theater and hung out with the greatest jazz players of all time in the greenroom ... I felt like a child. I really did! You feel like all of a sudden you may have arrived, but you're not sure yet ... you don't want your ego to go too far. You can't believe the juice it gives you to be a part of that.

HULICK: I loved it when I looked at your discography on your website and at the end of the very long list you have ... "That's all I can remember." (laughs) Like saying I'm done making this list so there you go!

MILITELLO: (laughs) You know I thought about it and then like you said I just thought I'm done. (laughs) I don't know how many records I did that aren't on there.

HULICK: How would you like to be remembered Bobby?

MILITELLO: As a guy that tried to do the best he could.

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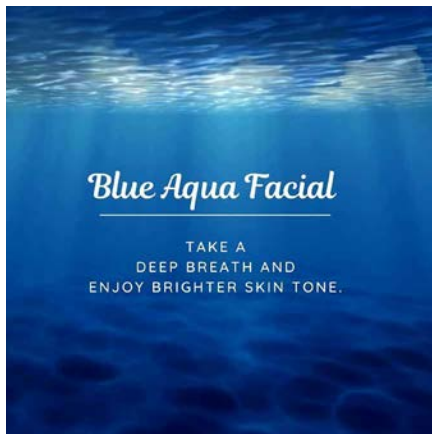



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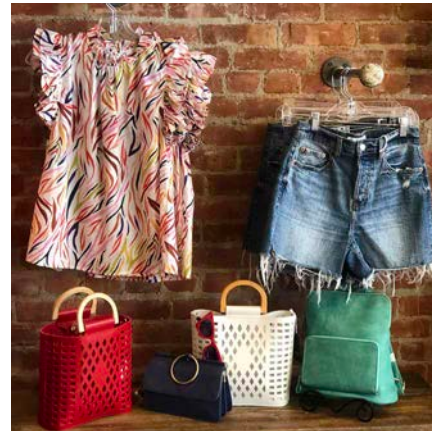
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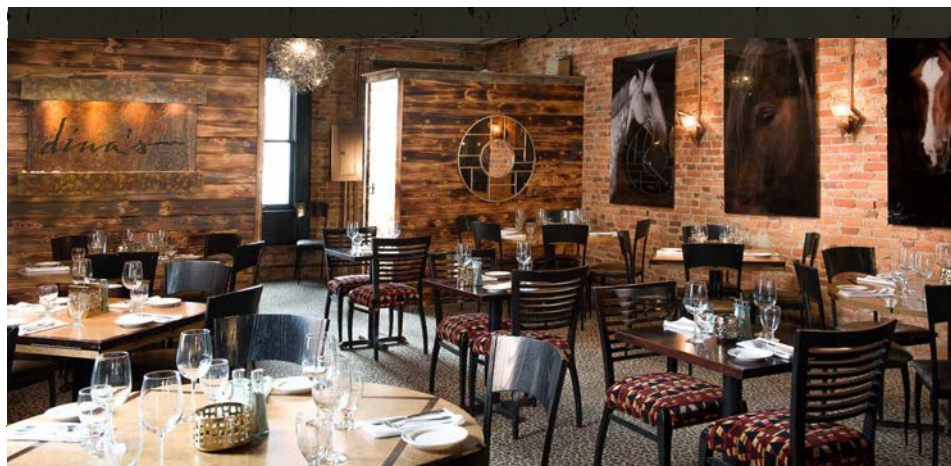
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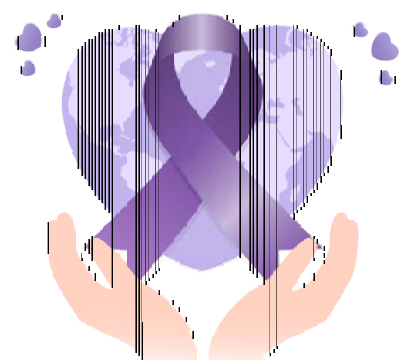
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BY KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

The Ride for Roswell took place earlier this summer, raising \$5,603,901 and counting, with all proceeds going towards cancer research to find a cure. This event is particularly important to our small community in which we rally around any one of our residents who is suffering from this disease. One resident in particular, Brenda Perks (pictured at right with Kim Duke), is fighting her third battle with cancer.

I've known Brenda for many years and have had the good fortune to work with her and for her as a writer for her publication, *ellicottvilleNOW*. Brenda is a transplant who came to Ellicottville back in the late 90's. During those early years, Brenda helped two local publications run their papers. She also met and fell in love with Ellicottville native Chris Perks. Chris and Brenda married in 2003 and together they have a son, Mason and a daughter, Taylor. In 2010, Brenda's business, DesignPerks, launched 'Ellicottville SNOWED-IN' - a wintertime newsprint magazine published monthly during Ellicottville's ski season. Following the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, the publication was transformed into a bi-weekly community newspaper, *ellicottvilleNOW*.

The Perks family loves being outdoors no matter what season it is, and after a minor accident while snowboarding in 2019, Brenda discovered an extraordinary amount of bruising to her legs and glutes. Trying to get to the source of the bruising, Brenda and Chris went to Olean General's ER where Brenda was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL). Brenda was immediately admitted to Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center in Buffalo and endured a 29-day treatment program there. Throughout that journey, Brenda showed strength and courage as she navigated this disease. During her 8 months of outpatient treatment, Brenda began running and felt like she offered hope for other people struggling with leukemia.

However, Brenda's cancer-free days were numbered. In May of 2021, just 1-1/2 years after receiving the "all-clear" from her leukemia battle, a cancerous tumor was discovered in her colon. It was surgically removed and documented as a Stage 2 Low Risk, which thankfully, required no chemotherapy. The end?

Fast forward to Christmas of 2021, and a routine scan uncovered a mass the size of an orange in her right ovary. Her cancer had spread. Brenda was not shy in expressing that bitterness, anger, and a heightened level of fear had set in. How could someone so young and health-conscious be plagued with such deadly diseases rapidly attacking her body all within three years? Brenda found herself yet again fighting for her life, this time enduring 3 days of chemo every other week. As you can imagine, the chemo's side effects

have been debilitating, wreaking havoc on her small body. Starting chemo this past February, Brenda's 12th and final round of chemo takes place today, Thursday, July 28th. Another scan at the end of August will let her know if these treatments worked to rid her of this deadly disease.

This journey has been a rollercoaster for Brenda and her family. She doesn't ask for anything, but expresses great appreciation to all those - family, friends, and her community of supporters - who have provided assistance in any way. Brenda is looking forward to closing this chapter and starting a new one, which includes mental clarity and regaining her strength through personal training at Core Performance Fitness Studio. In the truest sense of the word, Brenda is a warrior. She is fighting a battle with an invisible foe and she is gaining ground.

We may never find a cure for cancer in our lifetime, but as a community, we can surely do our part to help the folks we hold so dear battle this disease. Donations to research are always needed and welcomed, but for the individual/families fighting for their lives, donations such as gas cards, meals and kindness go a long way to ease any individual who is struggling to make it through each and every day. Cancer is an ugly disease, but the beauty of a life after cancer is worth fighting for.

Kim Duke is a certified personal trainer and owner of Core Performance Fitness and Training, located at 55 Bristol Lane, Ellicottville, NY. For more information about her studio visit www.coreperformancefitness.com or reach Kim directly at 716-698-1198.



Inner Peace & Strength: Therapeutic Support Group for Cancer Warriors Offered in Ellicottville

BY LAURA WIDGER, LCSW

A diagnosis of cancer can elicit so many human reactions and responses all weaved into an overwhelming sense of being alone. Some of the most common human reactions following the news of a cancer diagnosis can be: overwhelm, shock, disbelief, fear, anxiety, panic, anger, guilt, shame, loneliness, and a general sense of losing control. The battle or road of having cancer is nothing to be juggling by yourself.

Community members, along with mental health therapist, Laura Widger, LCSW, have joined forces to launch a therapeutic support group called "Living with Cancer." The focus of this group and healing space is to connect and support community members who understand the depths of a cancer diagnosis, as well as hold and gift the blessing of hope, all while learning to implement strategies, tips, tricks, and resources to live in the present moment and soothe those big emotions around the cancer diagnosis.

This "Living with Cancer" group is currently running from July through December bi-weekly. Participants can join in anytime. The August group sessions are scheduled for August 4th and August 18th from 6:30-7:30pm at the United Church of Ellicottville. A few group night topics consist of: being a hope merchant, practicing self-compassion, naming the body's emotional and physical reactions, utilizing movement as a healing agent, and practicing a general sense of support and care towards one another. If you or someone you know is interested in joining this healing space and group, please call Laura Widger at 716-244-0089 for more details.

In conclusion, I leave you with a quote from Desmond Tutu: "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." We hope to see you join "Living with Cancer" therapeutic support group!

Laura Widger is a NY State Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 15 years of experience in the field of emotional wellness and mental health. She operates Inner Peace and Strength and specializes in trauma healing with children and adults.

TOWN BOARD NOTES

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The gate, he said, was installed, at the neighboring property owners' request - but the right-of-way agreement doesn't mention the gate. The property owners are now demanding the Town remove the gate to allow open access. A second property owner may also be affected who is using the right-of-way and gate.

"The point of the gate was to keep people from going there," Slotman said, noting the Town maintains and uses the road and the current configuration is on a set of approved plans. Property owners beyond the gate have been provided keys.

Slotman said he is concerned that the Town must maintain the road to reach the tank, but open access to vehicles could cause damage beyond the Town's responsibility.

It was decided that officials will research the property owners to set up a meeting with them. Officials want to find out their wishes, and if they will be responsible for any damage.

In another matter, Slotman reported that the Poverty Hill culvert has been successfully completed and he praised the method of bidding out culvert work to private contractors who are able to quickly and professionally in tandem with Town crews.

Supervisor Matt McAndrew announced that Councilman Ken Hinman is retiring as EVGV Trail Board President after serving in that capacity for 10 years. He invited attendees to a celebration of Hinman at the Gin Mill at 5:00pm on Aug. 1st.

Also, it was noted that GoBike Buffalo has donated 12 two-bike racks to the Town and Village and asked the municipalities to nominate locations where they will be installed. McAndrew said two bikes could be placed at each location and proposed several, including the Town Center, the Ellicottville Library, and the Village Park.

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GAZEBO SERIES: The Gazebo Series, presented by the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Niagara Label Company, will host Acoustria on Thursday, July 28th. Band members Leah Pinnavaia (vocals, keyboard, clarinet), Scott Helfrich (guitar, vocals), Tim O'Connell (electronic percussion) and John Caruso (bass, vocals, keyboard) play a variety of classic rock/pop/folk and original music with an acoustic spin and abundant harmonies. All veterans of the WNY music scene, they'll join together in Ellicottville for a unique and creative arrangement, performing hits from artists including Fleetwood Mac, Heart, Journey, Jefferson Starship, Joni Mitchell, Genesis, Peter Gabriel, Sarah McLaughlin, Pink Floyd and more. The Gazebo Series is an evening of free entertainment that takes place each Thursday from 7:00-9:00pm in the village square. Lawn chairs, picnic baskets, coolers and even the family pet are welcome! For more information, visit the Chamber's website at ellicottvillenow.com.

EAST OTTO HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Open from 1:00-3:00pm every Sunday during the month of August. Appointments for other days can be arranged with Michelle Gogel, Historian, at 716-257-0654. Items in the museum tell the story of people and businesses that were once a part of East Otto. They include pictures of people and houses, small farm tools, in the kitchen, old obituary clippings, wooden voting booths, and much more. The museum is housed in one of the oldest buildings in town, originally built in 1834 as a Baptist church east of town. Later it was moved to the Corners, which is now considered the center of town. A larger church replaced it and the town purchased and moved the building to its present location. It became the town's first Town Hall. In 1972, after the Town Hall relocated to its present location on East Otto Springville Rd., the Historical Group was given permission to use it as a museum. The Cattaraugus County Historian believes it could be the oldest building in the county! The museum is located at 8982 Reed Hill Rd., East Otto, NY.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: Notice is hereby given that the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2022. The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting begins at 5:30 PM in the second floor meeting room at Town Hall, 1 West Washington Street, Ellicottville, New York 14731. The purpose of this hearing is to consider: VZP2022-071 - an appeal by Michelle and Craig Winters for a Use Variance to allow the expansion of a non-conforming use involving the enlargement of a secondary detached dwelling unit. The site is located at 9 Elk Street, identified as tax map parcel 55.035-1-23. The Zoning Board of Appeals will hear interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Zoning Board of Appeals, 1 Washington Street, PO Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731 or sent by email to greg.keyser@evlengineering.com. Prior to the meeting, application materials will be made available for review at the Ellicottville Village Office or on the Village website: <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village-zoning-board-meetings.html>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, PLANNING BOARD, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: Pursuant to NYS Village Law Section 7-725-b and Sections 5.5, 6.6 and 10.16 of the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, a Public Hearing before the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM to consider: VZP-2022-081 - an application by John and Josette Dickinson for a Special Use Permit, Site Plan Review and Architectural Design Review in order to construct a new single-family residence with an accessory apartment at 23 Parkside Drive, identified as tax map parcel 55.027-2-6.23. The Planning Board will hear interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments prior to the public hearing. Application materials are available for review at the Ellicottville Village Office, 1 West Washington Street, PO Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday or on the Village website: <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village-planning-board-meetings.html>.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, PLANNING BOARD, VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE, NEW YORK: Pursuant to NYS Village Law Section 7-725-b and Section 10.16 of the Village of Ellicottville Zoning Local Law, a Public Hearing before the Village of Ellicottville Planning Board will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 PM to consider: VZP-2022-105 - an application by Kevin Kelly for Architectural Design Review and Approval in order to construct a new two-story addition to the rear of an existing residence at 79 Elizabeth Street, identified as tax map parcel 55.035-1-2.1. The Planning Board will hear interested persons at the public hearing. Persons wishing to do so may submit written comments prior to the public hearing. Application materials are available for review at the Ellicottville Village Office, 1 West Washington Street, PO Box 475, Ellicottville, NY 14731 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday or on the Village website: <https://www.ellicottvillegov.com/village-planning-board-meetings.html>.

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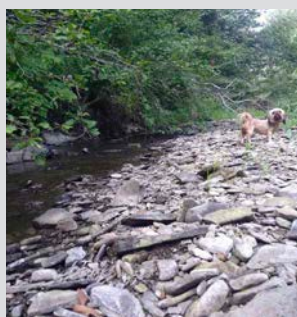
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