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School Resource Officer Appointed

Ellicottville Town Police Department names Amber Graham SRO for upcoming school year

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG



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Terrence & Judith Mark Scholarship Established

Terrence Mark, a former English teacher at Franklinville Central School, and his wife, Judith Mark, recently established a new scholarship fund at CRCF to support students of the Franklinville Central School district.

The Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship Fund will support scholarships for graduating seniors of Mark's adopted alma mater that demonstrate an aptitude and care for English and writing. This scholarship will be for a student who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college. Students must have an overall GPA of 80% or higher and an overall GPA of 85% or higher in English.

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GREATER OLEAN DICE RUN NOTHING SHORT OF MEMORABLE

The inaugural DW Memorial Dice Run was held earlier this month in honor and memory of the event namesakes - Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston. "The committee had goals of \$8,000 in sponsor monies, 200 participants in the dice run and 200 commemorative shirts sold," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce COO. "Although we fell short in both participants and shirts sold, the sponsor monies hit over \$10,000! All committee members agreed that this renewal of the dice run hit a home run and was deemed successful." ... page 08

Local Golf Pro Recipient of Two Awards

Holiday Valley's Kyle Benish recognized by the PGA of Western New York



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Publisher's PICK

Amber Graham Selected as the Resource Officer for Upcoming School Year



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By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

At the Ellicottville Town Board's monthly meeting, board members voted to accept a Co-operative Intermunicipal Agreement to supply a school resource officer to the Ellicottville Central School District for the next two years.

The legal details were finalized over several months and Town Attorney Seth Pullen and Councilman Zerfas assured the Board that the town is protected and indemnified by the agreement, while the costs will be borne by the school district.

Ellicottville Town Police Officer-In-Charge Don Auge said Officer Amber Graham has been chosen to undergo SRO training and has an estimated 9-10 years' experience working in the Department. She will continue to be a Town employee during the school year. He said there are currently 4 full-time officers in the Department and the search is underway to find a fifth officer to replace her.

The school district will be billed monthly by the Town to pay the SRO's annual wages and benefits. The school district will reimburse the town for any additional costs incurred in the arrangement. According to the agreement, in the first year the school district will cooperate with the town to provide the SRO a vehicle when needed.

The goal is to maintain order on school property. The SRO will provide law enforcement, education and first responder services, as well as advice and counsel to students from Sept. 1st through June 30, 2024 during the hours of 7:30am-3:30pm on school days. The SRO is expected to attend meetings and extracurricular activities and sporting events, and if the time exceeds the specified duty hours, flex time or overtime pay rate will be compensated. The agreement may be extended for an additional term to cover the period from Sept. 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026. The Great Valley Town Board has also agreed to be a party in the agreement because the school is located in the town of Great Valley.

The board also announced that a search committee was organized to interview six applicants to fill the Town of Ellicottville highway superintendent's post. The Committee includes Town Supervisor Matthew J. McAndrew, Councilmen Gregory J. Fitzpatrick and John R. Zerfas, Steve Crowley and Town and Village Engineer Ben Slotman.

Kevin Woodin moved up from a truck driver position in April upon the resignation of former Superintendent Thomas Scharf, but in June Woodin submitted his resignation, effective July 8th, to make a career change to accept a Civil Service job offer from another municipality.

When qualified resident candidates could not be found to fill the Superintendent's post, and laborer vacancies followed, past workers volunteered to fill the laborer slots temporarily and Woodin was rehired as a part-time Superintendent. The Board also eliminated town residency requirements to advertise the position to a wider range of candidates living within a 15-mile radius of the Town barn. That move yielded applications for the six candidates now scheduled for interviews.

In another Highway Department matter, the Board agreed to adjust specifications and take delivery of an 18-foot 2023 equipment trailer because the 2022 16-foot trailer requested by the Town was unavailable and the equipment is needed by the Department.

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Holiday Valley's Kyle Benish awarded by PGA of Western New York



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Kyle Benish has been a part of the Holiday Valley team for 19 years now, but this summer marked his first year as the Head Golf Professional at The Double Black Diamond Golf Course. And what a summer it was! By and large, the weather this summer has been very favorable to golfers across New York State. Here at Holiday Valley, that was no different.

For many years, Benish has been the PGA First Assistant Golf Professional under PGA Master Golf Professional Steve Carney, and so upon Carney's retirement, there was no doubt as to who should fill the roll. With some big shoes to fill, not only has Benish been able to keep the momentum that Carney helped establish but he has also started to incorporate his own style and philosophy into the overall management of the course.

Recently, Benish was recognized by the PGA of Western New York for two awards that showcase his love of the game and commitment towards growing the already thriving golf community here in Western New York.

The first award Kyle won is the 2022 WNYPGA Player Development Award. Formerly known as the President's Plaque Award, this recognized the WNYPGA Pro who has shown an ability to help grow the game of golf. There's no doubt that Kyle's various youth initiatives throughout the summer were instrumental in this recognition.

The second award is the 2022 WNYPGA Resort Merchandiser of the Year Award. This award is given to the WNYPGA Pro who has excelled on the merchandising side of promoting golf. Kyle's ability to plan sales, promote products and showcase the sport in interesting ways obviously stood out to the voting committee.

Benish was also nominated for the WNYPGA Golf Professional of the Year Award. And while he did not win it this year, there's little doubt here at Holiday Valley that it's well within his grasp in the near future.

Benish is a Certified PGA Coach/American Development Model Certified, a member of the Western New York PGA Board of Directors, Chairman of the Junior Golf/Growth of the Game Committee and a member of the Tournament and Hall of Fame/Awards Committees. Benish has been recognized as Assistant Golf Professional of the Year a record three times by the WNYPGA and has been featured in the PGA Magazine twice.

For more information about Holiday Valley's Double Black Diamond Golf Course, visit holidayvalley.com or call 716-699-2345.

Ellicottville Historical Walking Tour

The Ellicottville Historical Society will be offering one more Historical Walking Tour around the village. The final tour for this season will take place Saturday, August 27th at 1:00pm. Participants will learn about some of the founding fathers and the houses they lived in. The walk takes about one to one-and-a-half hours and participants are asked to meet at the Village Gazebo. Cost is \$10 per person; cash or check accepted. For more information or to register ahead of time, please contact Ellen Frank, Vice-President of the Ellicottville Historical Society, at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528.

THE SUN SETS ON TUSCAN MOON

Rotary Club of Ellicottville looks back at annual fundraiser



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ELLCOTTVILLE - The Rotary Club of Ellicottville's annual fundraiser dinner started in 2010 as "Another Day in Paradise". It then was renamed to "Voodoo Moon" in 2012. Finally, from 2014-2021, Tuscan Moon was Ellicottville's favorite summer party. After 20+ years, it's time to look back and express many thanks to the volunteers, restaurants, and the community that supported this great event.

Local businesses and restaurant owners/chefs amazed attendees with over-the-top food and merchandise. Student volunteers helped run food and clean up. Holiday Valley's pool complex was a perfect venue blooming over with incredible floral displays. The management and staff of Holiday Valley went above and beyond to make the event a success.

When asked about the end of Tuscan Moon, club president Doug Anderson said, "It was time for a transition. The local restaurants and businesses are awesome and have given so much of their time and talent over the years, but it's time for a break. I'd like to personally thank the Rotarians, "Friends of Rotary", and the countless volunteers that made this event so successful. Our annual sponsors were the backbone of the event. We appreciate their long-standing support and we look forward to the continued backing of our club's efforts."

Tuscan Moon has provided the funds needed to support many projects for Family Support and the Foundation for Youth such as:

- Donations to the Ellicottville Food Bank
- Summer intern and educational reading programs at the Ellicottville Library
- Donation to the Ellicottville Skatepark project
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- Dinner for families during the COVID-19 Pandemic with the help of ECS
- Teen Slapshot Leadership Training Program
- ECS and BOCES student scholarships for outstanding graduates
- Alley Katz village beautification projects
- Annual support for student school supplies
- Rotary Auditorium at the new Town Center
- Picnic tables at the Village Park

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Summer Reading Camp, sponsored by the Rotary, a great success!

ELLCOTTVILLE - Twenty-two of Ellicottville's finest students worked with ECS teacher Leah Farnum for six weeks over the summer. The reading summer camp was held at the Ellicottville Memorial Library and is supported by The Rotary Club of Ellicottville. The goal of this program was to help students keep their fluency and comprehension skills at their current grade level to avoid the dreaded "summer slide." Through this camp, students were able to maintain current reading rates, and more than half of the students increased their reading rate.

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MEETING NOTES

Ellicottville: Officials Plan Expanded Revitalization in the Village

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

Ellicottville officials expressed the hope for continued Village revitalization and have notified the State of New York they will apply for the upcoming round of NY Forward and Restore NY funding initiatives. Consultants are also starting work on an application for the 2023 Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Mayor John Burrell told Board members during the Aug. 16th Village Board meeting that several local projects might attract grants. “Smart lighting” could be part of an application for a NY Forward grant serving communities with small downtowns, while restoration possibilities at 24 Rockwell and the 1887 Building fit the Restore NY criteria for joint municipal and private property improvements.

Another option for NY Forward funding is the Iskalo Property, the location of the former Signore industrial manufacturing facility on Jefferson Street, which has been cleared and cleaned and could be redeveloped.

“We definitely want to be a part of it,” Burrell said, noting that Iskalo has pressed for construction of a public street there.

Improvements in and around the Ellicottville Village Park are the focus of the Town and Village Engineering Department’s planning efforts to accommodate more activity and recreation in and through the Village Park. Engineer Ben Slotman has been meeting with consultants to come up with conceptual design to manage traffic and pedestrian flow, parking, a focal entrance point, trails access and the new skatepark. Officials told Slotman they’re interested in coordinating the design with an eye toward long-term management of the flow of auto, pedestrian and bicycle movements, with parking and encouragement for alternatives to auto travel. Placement of a dozen bike racks, donated by GoBike to accommodate up to 24 bicycles, was part of the discussion.

Public-private partnerships for shuttle access options should be examined, suggested Burrell, pointing to the existence of seven current private shuttles now in use. He also noted there are about 3,000 workers who commute to support businesses in the area.

“It’s our job,” said Trustee Sean Lowes, who urged Village Board involvement in planning and who chairs the Parks, Beautification and Sidewalks Committees. He urged future budgeting for traffic flow plans.

Trustee Doug Bush, who heads the Streets, Parking and Special Events Committees, agreed plans should refine access to the Skatepark which has a target date of completion in October.

“Parking, walkability, cycling,” Bush listed as priorities, noting, “we need to look at what our residents need.”

“Summer is becoming more important to the community,” commented Trustee Jolie Newpher, adding that more people are riding bicycles on the trail.

“We need to think about how to get (visitors) off the trails and into the village,” said Slotman, pointing to the need to connect the trail system and skatepark with access to the business district, and an organized system of shuttle stops to move visitors, workers and residents in and out of the business district, the large parking lots at the ski areas and to amenities such as nearby trails, green space and other attractions.

He said he would be meeting with consultants on this topic to rough out a concept and cost estimates. He urged the Board to plan infrastructure that would open the door for future funding and proposals to support the variety of activities the community is hosting.

Several asked about routing through the Park and trailhead locations for the EVGV and GoBike Trails. In general, the EVGV trail will lead to the Ellicottville Library, Elizabeth Street and points beyond. The Ralph Wilson-funded GoBike Trail will route cyclists from Buffalo to Parkside Drive.

The new Village Park signage, to prohibit parking on the south side of Parkside Drive and create diagonal parking adjacent to the north lane, has eased traffic flow between the Park entrance and Fillmore. Mayor John Burrell said he received one citizen complaint that a sign had been placed too close to a hydrant, but he has been informed by the Water Superintendent that it poses no problems.

Discussion turned toward Village Planning Department issues, including needed updates for the Village Master Plan, which should reflect current zoning regulations. Planner Greg Keyser said he anticipates the “very busy” summer calendar will slow in the fall with fewer applica-

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Great Valley: Open Comment Period Extended on Proposed Ordinance Governing Short-Term Rentals

By KATHLEEN KELLOGG

The Great Valley Town Board and a committee updating the town’s 17-year-old Comprehensive Plan may revise a proposed short-term rental ordinance, aimed at protecting the town’s residential neighborhoods without discouraging visitors and extra income for residential owners.

A professional planning consultant and Town Attorney Pete Sorgi helped prioritize short-term rental regulations because Great Valley’s neighborhoods, like those in Ellicottville and other small towns, can be disrupted when non-resident landlords rent to weekend visitors who have no ties to the community.

The objectives of the “base-level” ordinance would:

- avoid conversion of traditional residential neighborhoods into commercial tourist areas to the detriment of long-time residents;
- ensure regulation doesn’t negatively affect property values;
- have minimal impact on the supply of affordable long-term housing;
- minimize risks to public safety and avoid pressure on Town staff, emergency responders and law enforcement due to noise, disruptive behavior, trash, and parking problems that accompany short-term rentals.

The resulting draft was aired in a public hearing Monday, Aug. 8th, attended by about a dozen residents. The ordinance allows short-term rentals anywhere, but regulations are aimed at the denser residential areas and not the agricultural-residential zone with larger lots. The short-term rental business should avoid creating a commercial hotel in a rural neighborhood, a use that was not anticipated when the Comprehensive Plan was written, he said.

The Code Enforcement Officer would issue annual licenses to owners paying fees between \$125 and \$400. Rental would be limited to 120 days a year in the rural-residential (RR) and the hamlet residential-commercial (HRC) zoning districts.

Licensees would be required to provide a designated local contact person within 25 miles of the rental and provide proof of short-term or vacation rental insurance coverage. Compliance with the county’s bed tax and state sales tax must be confirmed. The operator also must maintain the property, limit guests to two adults or less per bedroom, and comply with on-site parking, trash disposal, noise and signage rules.

There are stiff penalties for noncompliance and repeated violation: \$500 for renting an unlicensed property; \$250 for not having a local contact; \$1,000 for over-occupancy and parking violations; \$200 for garbage violations; \$500 fine for a verified neighborhood complaint. After a third complaint, the license will be revoked.

An ordinance allows more fines and violators appear in the Town Court, Sorgi said. After hearing some comments, he suggested a zoning amendment may be more appropriate, asking, “What do you want the town to look like? Maybe we need to discuss (zoning) districts.”

“With these fines, as they will find out, we’re not kidding around and we will enforce it,” said Councilwoman Sandra Goode, who supported regulations but objected on a couple of key points. She said the town “has no density” in any of its zones, making limits seem unfair. She also pointed out the 120-day limitation will not stop the partying and loud gatherings and industrial noise, which will also carry to homes outside the two zones.

Town Councilwoman Becky Kruszynski commented that insurance coverage is hard to enforce because it may be valid for only a short time.

“This is not the way we want to live,” said Sam Capizzi, who with his wife Michelle, has been a homeowner on Bonne Ridge north of Sugartown Road since 2006. Capizzu said they’ve seen the arrival of several short-term rental homes in their neighborhood. He described these as “purely commercial endeavors” by non-resident investors. They said the weekend-long “frat parties” are tiresome and residents have no choice but to endure noise, clean up garbage, and plead with the visitors to remove parked cars from their yards. They favored an ordinance to require the owners to be responsible.

“I don’t want to be penalized if someone else is doing wrong,” said Shirley Otto, who operates an Airbnb rental in Great Valley, adding she agrees with many of the comments favoring responsible short-term rental owners.

Most agreed that short-term rentals are expanding and attracting larger gatherings and supported more public involvement. Supervisor Dan Brown stated after the discussion that he

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ART ON DISPLAY

New exhibit by Fileve Tlaloc explores the history and culture of the Creole people



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OLEAN - An opening reception was held last Friday for the current Tri-County Arts Council exhibit, "Coloured Pots (Izinkamba kwamaKhaladi)" by Fileve Tlaloc, which is on display through September 24th. The TCAC building is located at 110 W. State Street, Olean.

As an artist, Fileve Tlaloc was 2 when her paternal grandmother placed a paintbrush in her hand and dipped the brush into oils. Since then, Fileve has remained inspired to involve her life in art. She uses her artistic skills to render something beautiful and thought provoking.

Coloured Pots (Izinkamba kwamaKhaladi) is an example of pottery inspired by the izinkamba style of the amaZulu ethnic group, which in part, makes up Fileve's maternal line. By transposing family photographs and snippets of scholarly work based on race onto these pots, the work explores the history, culture and identity of creole people in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa who are known as "Coloureds." This work connects the past and the present by exploring family photos of individuals and communities that played a role in the creation of the creole ethnic group. Through the combination of clay, photography and scholarly research, Fileve unpacks notions of race, purity, science, and law in relation to creole individuals and communities who are combinations of indigenous Africans, settler Europeans, and immigrant Asians.

Coloured Pots (Izinkamba amaKaladi) contributes to artistic and cultural diversity by showing the exchanges and intimate relationships across cultural and geographical borders. Although the focal point builds upon Fileve's personal heritage living abroad and her

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NEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship to support Franklinville students

OLEAN - Terrence Mark, a former English teacher at Franklinville Central School, and his wife, Judith Mark, recently established a new scholarship fund at CRCF to support students of the Franklinville Central School district.

Mark taught English at Ten Broeck Academy/Franklinville Central High School for 33 years before retiring in 2000. A native of Elmira, Mark moved to Olean to get his master's in English literature at St. Bonaventure University after receiving his bachelor's degree at Niagara University. Mark's fond memories of his days teaching at Franklinville and his love for the English language were the driving force behind establishing this scholarship.

"I very much enjoyed teaching in Franklinville. I enjoyed the small community atmosphere. Two of the reasons I stayed there were my colleagues - I had a lot of respect for them and was always impressed with their dedication - and second, I've always wanted people to communicate with some sort of proficiency," said Mark. "I simply tried to pass on [to my students] what I knew about good grammar, syntax and spelling."

For Mark, Franklinville became a home during his 33 years of teaching. "I went to a private high school in Watkins Glen that has since dissolved," said Mark. "So I have kind of adopted Franklinville as my alma mater, and I always root hard for Franklinville."

The Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship Fund will support scholarships for graduating

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DW MEMORIAL DICE RUN RECAP

Dennis and Wayne shining down on a great day!



photo / Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce

OLEAN - The inaugural DW Memorial Dice Run was held earlier this month in honor and memory of the event namesakes - Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston. "We believe that they were looking down on us as more than 156 participants - mostly in motorcycles and a few cars - took to the 105-mile dice run start/stop in Olean and throughout north-western Pennsylvania," reported David "DJ" Dick, Rally organizer since early 2010's and current member of the DW Dice Run committee added.

Dice run stops included American Legion Post 530, Shinglehouse, Pa.; Vinny's Bar & Grill, Coudersport, Pa.; and Tack's Inn, Lewis Run, Pa. The rollers headed back into Olean with their last roll and turned in their cards at Angee's Restaurant.

"The committee had goals of \$8,000 in sponsor monies, 200 participants in the dice run and 200 commemorative shirts sold," stated Meme K. Yanetsko, GOACC COO. "Although we fell short in both participants and shirts sold, the sponsor monies hit over \$10,000! All committee members agreed that this renewal of the dice run hit a home run and was deemed successful."

The Winners of the Shults Auto Group Dice Run were Marcia Reynolds of Hornell and Deb Slawiak of Olean - both tied for 1st place with a score of 112 (out of a possible 150 points); 3rd place went to David Shoff (105) of Olean; Tom Witter Jr. of Cuba and Debbie Freeman of Olean tied with a score of 103; Mark Peterson (unknown) won the special dice roll of 95; and Samantha Hochadel (unknown) and Tim McDivitt of Duke Center, Pa. tied for best lowest roll score of 66 (out of 25) points.

The benefactors of this 1st annual dice run will be students from Archbishop Walsh Academy and Olean High School.

"The Enchanted Mountain Motorcycle Enthusiasts, with assistance from GOACC worked with the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation to establish a scholarship fund, named The Dennis Jones and Wayne Johnston Memorial Scholarship Fund," said Mr. Dick. "It's our plan to continue to donate to the fund until it generates two scholarships a year for a student at Walsh and one at OHS; Wayne's and Dennis' children went to school there, and we thought it would be a great memorial helping future students prosper after their high school years."

Yanetsko added, "We will wrap up the event in early October and will present back to the community what funds will be added to the scholarship fund."

Next up for GOACC is the 3rd Annual Allegheny River Running Fest which includes both a half marathon and 10K, and now also includes a 5K. For more information on Chamber events, call Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce at 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

Nominations Sought for Annual Dinner

OLEAN - The Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce has set the date of Thursday, November 3, 2022 for its 116th Annual Dinner. GOACC will again recognize one prominent citizen as well as a fixture of the local business community. The chamber is currently accepting nominations for its two most prestigious awards, the Love of Olean United in Enterprise (L.O.U.I.E.) Award and the Enterprising Business Award. For more info call 716-372-4433 or email events@oleanny.com.



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HEALTH & FITNESS

Core Performance: Struggling with Belly Fat?

By KIM DUKE, CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER

While I enjoy training a variety of people with various fitness goals, one issue stands out between both my female and male clients: how to reduce and/or get rid of belly fat. And to be clear, these clients are not “fat”; however, they do tend to store their extra weight around their middle. So, what gives? How can you be seemingly fit, but still struggle with belly fat?

Dr. Sara Gottfried, Harvard-trained MD and one of the leading experts on hormones, says, “When you gain weight - particularly at the waist - your body’s biochemistry plummets downward. You create more inflammation and oxidative stress and promote even more fat storage. The result is a vicious cycle of hormonal misfires, symptoms, and disease that will drag you down unless you flip the switch.”

First, let us differentiate between the two types of fat you will find around your belly: subcutaneous and visceral. I know, I know. That’s a mouth full. Let’s break it down a little bit. Subcutaneous is external. It’s the typical type of fat that you can grab with your hands or pinch between your fingers. Visceral fat is internal, and you can find it stored around the inside of some of your organs like your liver, kidneys, intestines, and pancreas.

Research shows the following will help you reduce or rid your body of belly fat:

1. Lay Off the Alcohol: Drinking alcohol is a favorite pastime for humans, both socially and culturally. However, alcohol plays a large role in weight management. Alcoholic drinks are often referred to as “empty calories”. This means they provide your body with calories but contain very little nutrients. Also, when alcohol is consumed, it is burned first as a fuel source before the body uses anything else. This includes glucose from carbohydrates or lipids from fats and excess glucose and lipids ends up as adipose tissue or fat.

2. Cortisol Levels: In 2009, I experienced an extremely stressful event in my life. I developed a “life preserver” around my waist. I soon discovered my cortisol levels were way out of whack. I immediately looked for a miracle pill and discovered there was no such thing. An increase in stress means an increase in your cortisol levels. If you’re stressed, your cortisol levels will break down muscle and store fat. What works best is a daily practice of 30 minutes to reset stress levels in the body. Try listening to a guided meditation, a hike in nature, getting a massage, or walking your dog around the block. Figure out what works for you and do it as often as you can!

3. Get Your Beauty Sleep: Your body needs 7 to 8.5 hours of uninterrupted sleep to burn visceral fat. Sleep keeps cortisol levels and insulin levels in check. It couldn’t be easier to burn fat! Get yourself tucked under those covers.

4. Remove Gluten and Dairy: You probably already know someone who follows a gluten-free or dairy-free diet. Well, it’s not just a fad. And they’re not doing it just to be more hipster and trendy. Research suggests that going gluten/dairy-free can reduce inflammation and insulin resistance. Food intolerances tend to raise stress hormones, such as cortisol, trigger inflammation, and over-activate the immune system.

6. Interval Training: Many of my clients are long distance runners. They are of the mindset that frequent long-distance running was the best way to burn fat. Running actually raises cortisol levels to almost three times the normal amount. Burst training or interval training is highly recommended by many athletic trainers as the most effective way to lose weight and burn fat. There are a variety of ways to perform interval training. For someone who is just starting out, try a jog/walk (push) at a brisk pace for 30 seconds and then jog/walk at a slower pace (reset) for 2 minutes. Continue until you get tired or after ten “push/reset” intervals.

7. Protein: Higher protein intakes tend to provide more satiety and less hunger. Be aware of how much protein you are consuming, currently. Most evidence suggest that 0.73 grams of protein per pound is a recommended daily target. Protein is more than just meat, fish and eggs. High protein foods also include a variety of beans, vegetables like broccoli, brussel sprouts and asparagus, chickpeas, quinoa, nuts and seeds, just to name a few. Try eating more: Dark, leafy greens, organic chicken, grass fed beef, cold-water wild caught seafood and wild meats like venison and buffalo.

8. Limit Fructose: Fructose is a type of sugar that makes up around 50% of table sugar and high-fructose corn syrup. Scientists are concerned that excessive intake may cause metabolic disorders such as obesity, type II diabetes, heart disease and even cancer. While some sweet fruits and vegetables contain fructose, they provide relatively low amounts.

I know there is a lot of information here and many folks are reluctant to change. What I have always suggested is to start small. Start with adding 30-minute walks at least 6 days/week. Reduce alcohol consumption and increase protein intake. Instead of drinking orange juice, eat an orange. Small changes can be habitual and good habits equal healthier results.

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Suzy’s Star Readings: September Astrology ... Watch Your Words, Practice Patience, and Be Kind

By SUZY WOO, B.Msc



Hello friends and happy birthday to all the Virgos! Virgo is represented by the virgin (purity), grains, our health and daily routine. Often, this can be a time of year where after late nights, sleeping in, the picnicking and partying that comes with the summer months, we get back to a routine and tend to our health better.

Virgo people are usually sweet and a great friend to lend an ear or a shoulder, but often it is not reciprocated. They can suffer from not good enough-ness, can overthink and overanalyze, and can suffer from analysis paralysis (never feeling ready enough can cause inaction). This energy strives for perfectionism. This sign tends to be a bit anxious, especially as it pertains to health. Organization and cleanliness is a king to a Virgo.

There has been a running tension in the skies. You likely have had a blowout in one area of your life, and other things seem to be falling away. Though it may hurt, allow for it, because it is necessary to make room for greater things. All types of relationships - friendships, family, peers and coworkers can really become strained this month. Extra consideration and patience are needed. Walk away if you are being disrespected.

The month of September features most planets in retrograde motion so it’s a time of reflection, reviewing and sometimes, redoing. Mercury goes retrograde September 9th through October 3rd so expect communication mishaps, crossed lines, scheduling errors,

travel delays, and be sure your vehicle is in good repair.

What you’ve been pouring your energy most of this year, should reward you this month and going into October. Expect to see the fruit of your labors.

You cannot do everything and be everything to everyone and still have time for self-care. Start paring things back, and lean in to your top priorities. Take care of your health this month. Get good rest and be mindful of what you put into your mouth (and what comes out of your mouth, too). Notice what vibe you send out when you speak - for both inner and external dialogue. Mars is normally in a sign 6-8 weeks, but this time he will have a retrograde, too. He will be in Gemini (Mercury’s home sign) for seven months! Expect wars of words, aggression in media, even false flag events and ‘fake news.’

Watch for gossip and drama. Do your best to hold on to your truths and rise above any gossip. Go within for your guidance. The truth is inside you, not what the external world is trying to convince you of.

Lily Dale is holding their second annual conference, “The Astrology Gathering”, September 15-18th. World renown astrologer Rick Levine will be presenting, with many other amazing astrologers, including me! I am sooo excited to be on the same ticket as Rick Levine. Find out more at <https://www.theastrologygathering.com/>.

In summary: Watch your words, practice the pause, and be kind. Til next month my friends! Your sister from the stars,

- Suzy Woo

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In other matters, the Board received an update on the water project from Slotman, who said property transfers need to be filed, but are otherwise final to allow contractors to work on two of the water tanks. McAndrew pointed out that all other property owners have received an initial contact regarding the needed easements to reconnect water customers. They will be asked to come to the Town Clerk's office to finalize documents.

Slotman said a bond resolution for the water project's electrical component is on hold. He and Pullen then reported on continuing preparations for work in Elk Creek Subdivision and the dedication of a sidewalk on Maples Road.

Work on the construction punch-list at the Town Center was expected to be completed by the end of the week and cleaning will allow offices to reopen, he said. Beginning in September, Planning and Zoning Boards for both the Town and Village will again hold open meetings there.

Slotman warned the Board that there may be additional "incidental expenses" as offices are getting set up again in the Town Center. Some details remain to complete construction, including some work that may be needed on the floor in the Cornell Cooperative Extension portion of the building. He estimated a \$1,200 tax-free cost for blinds in the common area windows that will match the Extension window coverings. He said these would be purchased at Lowe's and can be installed in-house. Slotman said he plans to continue to contract out rug cleaning for the building. A cleaner will be assigned to the building one day a week and continue cleaning the Town Hall one day a week.

The Board received a \$10,000 funding request from the Nannen Arboretum Board of Directors and will consider it during budget talks which are soon to begin. McAndrew said he met with the Arboretum representatives, who asked for a professional landscaping service in mulching under trees, weeding and upkeep on the garden equipment storage building located on the grounds and used by volunteers.

In other matters, the Board has received bids for an updated phone system and may consider a third bid. Slotman also updated the Board on the Village Board's plans for further improvements around the Village Park to focus on the alignment of the EVGV Trail and the GoBike Trail location. Walkability, sidewalks, and traffic flow are topics of future planning. Officials are participating in the new round of Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding applications.

The Board will next meet at 6:00pm on Sept. 21, 2022 in the second-floor conference room of the Village Hall, 1 W. Washington Street.

TRI-COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL EXHIBIT

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intentional, personal maintenance of her familial relationships in South Africa, the subject matter and her local experience opens a forum for discussion of similar instances of creolization in America as well as engaging timely issues of privacy, policy and agency.

Fileve is a multigeneration, creole South African American artist born and raised in NYC. She has a doctorate in anthropology from Indiana University in Bloomington that focuses on the identity formation and creole communities in KwaZulu-Natal province, South Africa. The recent ceramic pieces were influenced by these studies and completed with the support of a Statewide Community Regrant. She is currently volunteering with the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum.

For more information on this and any other exhibits at the TCAC, visit www.tricounty-artsCouncil.org or call 716-372-7455. The Tri-County Arts Council has updated and reorganized their Artist Market and is open to the public Tuesday through Friday from 2:00-6:00pm and Saturday from 12:00-5:00pm.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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seniors of Mark's adopted alma mater that demonstrate an aptitude and care for English and writing. This scholarship will be for a student who will be attending a 2- or 4-year college. Students must have an overall GPA of 80% or higher and an overall GPA of 85% or higher in English. Students must be in good academic standing and have participated in a minimum of 2 extracurricular activities. Students must also provide two references letters with one specifically from an English teacher and one from a social studies teacher.

It was important to Mark that the scholarship support students who are not only academically driven but actively involved in extracurriculars as Mark, too, found community in school extracurricular activities. One of his pet projects and proudest accomplishments is organizing teams of Franklinville students to compete on the TV show and quiz game, 'It's Academic'. Later, Mark would help organize the scholastic challenge for students of Allegany and Cattaraugus counties and coach Franklinville participating teams that won a number of trophies in that competition. He also served as a student council advisor, a 7th and 8th grade class advisor, and coached cross country for a time.

The true motivating factor behind the scholarship though, said Mark, is his wife, Judith, a native of the Olean area. "She is the real brains of the family," he said of his 'better half'. "She is the one with all of the common sense, and she holds me together."

Donations can be made to the Terrence and Judith Mark Scholarship Fund at CRCF, 301 North Union St., Suite 203 or online at cattfoundation.org.



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ROTARY CLUB NEWS

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Each day started with a high frequency word poem. High frequency words are words that appear most often in our written language. This served as a warm-up and a review of important words learned from the previous school year. Arguably the most fun part of the camp was the literacy/stem connection. The "hook" for the summer was a weekly challenge that supported literacy as well as science, technology, engineering, and math. Each week a picture book was read that had a STEM connection.

Each student left the summer program with a folder full of tools to continue to practice until their return at ECS with the expectation that family members will "take the torch" from here and practice these passages with their child. In addition, the library experienced increased foot traffic because of this program. Several of the parents stayed while their kids were at the camp. Even some older siblings stayed in the library and then walked their younger siblings over to the Park Program when the reading camp program ended for the day.

The Rotary Club of Ellicottville is proud to support the library and this reading camp. The Rotary Club would like to thank ECS teacher Leah Farnum and library director Laura Flanagan for their dedication to this program and the literacy of our children.

Clerks Assoc. Donates to WNY Heroes

The Cattaraugus County Municipal Clerks Association met on Wednesday, August 17th. The association chose a charity and decided to have an auction of fun items. All of the donations (\$724.00) went to the Western New York Heroes Program. The mission of WNY Heroes is to provide veterans, members of the armed services, and the widows and children of deceased veterans with access to essential services, financial assistance and resources that support their lives and sustain their dignity. If you would like to donate to this cause, please go to wnyheroes.org or call 716-630-5020. Pictured standing L-R: JoElla Emborsky, Deryl Pinney, Gretchen Hind, Ann Carr, Rebecca Grimmelt, Deanna Bowen, Mary Klahn and Sherry Rupp. Kneeling: Sue Koch, Sherry Lennon and Patricia Dashnaw.



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tions for Planning and Zoning Board. Keyser said customer service could be improved with an update of the 1100-page Village Zoning regulations that amount to a cumbersome PDF download from the Village website at ellicottvillegov.com. He said he hopes to have more time to devote to the update, which he has already begun.

"The bicycle thing is huge, said Lowes. "Other villages and towns are moving ahead with it. I want to commend the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Boards. Both are doing a very good job. They are extremely important, and they make some very tough decisions and listen to the facts and follow the law."

In other matters, updates to the Town Center on Parkside Drive are nearing completion, and the offices for Planning, Engineering and Code Enforcement have returned to operations there. Beginning in September, Planning and Zoning Boards for both the Town and Village will return to open meetings there, with a few details remaining to complete construction.

Officials reported that the Mill Street speed limit signs are correct, at 30 miles per hour on the Village side of the bridge, and 40 miles per hour on the Cattaraugus County side of the bridge. Slotman reported that a large excavator will be brought in to remove and replace materials that have caused longstanding drainage problems beneath the underpass and the nearby knoll. Repairs will be made to problematic drainage ditches along the railroad tracks. Finally, the County will repave the area and drivers could see the road closed from time to time while this work is completed.

During the meeting, the Board approved the Mayor's attendance at the New York Council of Mayors (NYCOM) fall training, and accepted a check for \$124,320.98, which is the local share of Cattaraugus County Sales Tax for the second quarter of 2022. The payment is an increase of \$494.68, or .4%, over the same quarter in 2021.

Also approved were the Chamber's Sept. 16-18th Rock N' Roll Weekend and Car Show, and the Ellicottville Half Marathon and 5K in October. There will be a Route 219 detour from 5:00am-7:00pm to accommodate the Fall Festival Oct. 8-9th. Traffic will be detoured around Washington, Monroe and Jefferson Streets.

The Board will next meet at 6:00pm on Sept. 20, 2022 in the second-floor conference room of the Village Hall, 1 W. Washington Street.

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would favor a town-wide regulation in all zoning districts.

The Board sent the measure back to the committee for further study at a special meeting, to be scheduled by the Planning Board in late August. Comments may be submitted until the next Town Board meeting Sept. 12th when the public hearing will continue. Brown urged the public to attend meetings and expressed frustration that residents are unaware of some of the issues. "The most important board is the planning board. That's where we deal with the future," he said.

In a related matter, Planning Board Chairman Chris Schena announced tiny homes regulation is on the Planning Board agenda, along with two area variances. That meeting was set for 6:00pm Wednesday, Aug. 10th.

District 5 Cattaraugus County Legislator David M. Koch, the county's lone Democrat, reflected on the Legislature's recent 14-2 passage of a redistricting measure that will cut the number of representatives from 17 to 15 and combine parts of District 5 with District 3. Koch and James J. Snyder, a District 5 Republican, voted against the plan. Several Great Valley officials attended a standing room-only debate and joined in opposition to the plan. They complained of little opportunity for public input. The resolution came in an 11th-hour move to get in under a state-imposed deadline and sends the matter to voters for a referendum in November.

"People from Delevan, Yorkshire, Franklinville will be your representative," said Koch, predicting Republican primaries will decide future representation. "You will have a difficult time getting anyone to represent you."

The plan separates representation of Salamanca and Great Valley, splitting the area's minority constituencies, he said, and cementing Republican dominance throughout the county.

"I hope to educate people about what this will do," said Koch. If the plan is rejected by voters in the November referendum, the Legislature will keep its 17 representatives, with weighted voting, while forcing a new redistricting plan.

In other matters, Kruszynski reported that about 15 children have attended the five weeks of the Youth Program, which ended Aug. 18th. Also, Highway Superintendent Jack Harrington reported that a tractor, brush hog, York rake and fire engine have been sold at Tietsworth Auction for \$4,069.97.

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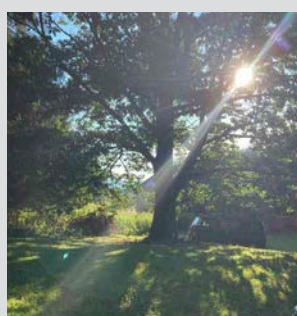
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