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Get Ready. Get Set. Get Learning!

Kids Keep Their Reading and Math Skills Sharp During Summer Break in Preparation of a New School Year



BY BRENDA PERKS

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Another organization that's passionate about supporting our local youth is the Bob McCarthy Foundation. Over the summer break, young students attended a special program at the Ellicottville Memorial Library as part of a Summer Learning Camp sponsored by the foundation. These bright and curious learners took part in various activities led by ECS teacher Leah Farnum, that were not only fun but helped them to maintain their reading and math skills. As we enter into a new school year, no doubt they are ready!

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OLEAN PLANS TAILGATE PARTY IN LINCOLN PARK

"Tailgating is unique to American culture and a fun experience." From an idea generated from the events committee, the Greater Olean Area Chamber will host its First Tailgate Thursday event on October 26th in Olean from 4:30-8:00pm. Everyone is invited to join in the fun!

"What is a better combo than football, wings, outside, music and the Buffalo Bills?" asked Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO. Plans include a tailgate pass for \$35 which includes 10 wings, 2 brews, a tailgate cap and entry into one of the two tournays also being held that day. Brews will come from Four Mile Brewing Co., with some non-alcoholic options available. Included in your tailgate pass is an option for either entry into the Olean Cornhole Club tourney or the Twin Tiers Disc Golf Association's Putting Game '21'.

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DINA'S & E-VILLE SPIRITS TEAM UP FOR BOURBON PAIRING EVENT

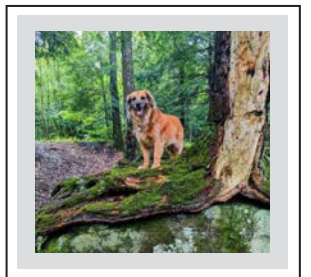
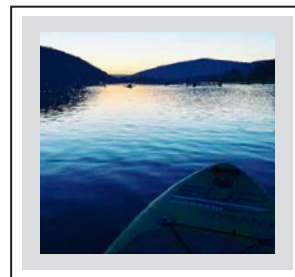
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New Bigfoot Park Golf Coming to Ellicottville

If you've been to Ellicottville even once, you know that we've got skiing/boarding in the winter and in the summer we have biking, hiking and golf. But you know what we don't have? A Park Golf course. (Actually, there are only a few in the whole U.S., and not many people are familiar.) So what is Park Golf and why is it important to Ellicottville? Chad Neal, Ellicottville native and long-time Madigan's bartender, is beginning his first business venture by creating a Park Golf park next to the Ellicottville Distillery on Robbins Road, and he gave us the lowdown on what we can expect when we hit the green ... page 09

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Prepare for a Rockin' Good Time

Ellicottville Chamber Making Plans for 25th Annual Rock n' Roll Weekend

BY MARY WEISER

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ELLICOTTVILLE TO HOST FINE ART & CRAFT MARKET

The Tri-County Arts Council is pleased to welcome the community to the inaugural Ellicottville Fine Art and Craft Market on the lawn of the 1887 Building on Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd-3rd from 11:00am-5:00pm, both days. This juried show features the work of some of the region's best known artists and fine craftspeople. An intimate evening of fine arts and crafts, this is an opportunity to add to or begin an art collection, purchase a one-of-a-kind gift, and meet the artists and makers behind an impressive collection of works ... page 08

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Publisher's PICK

BACK TO SCHOOL

Cheers to a New School Year, to Fall Weather, and to Pumpkin Donuts!



Pictured: ECS senior art instructor Deborah McGowan (right) with former art student Felicia Elom during May's Spring for the Arts fundraiser.

By BRENDA PERKS

Love me some summer, but I also love the excitement of a new school year approaching. I'm excited to see that big yellow bus come roaring to a stop at the end of our driveway. Excited for my kids to meet their new teachers, make new friends, and reconnect with old ones. Excited for first day photos, class fundraisers, and fall athletics. I'm excited to get back into routine (as most parents are, I'm sure).

I've got one kid heading into his senior year, and another moving up to modified - the first focused on his future, and the latter focused on her soccer career. A pivotal year for both of them... Like I said, I'm excited!

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Last May, our team worked alongside senior art instructor Deborah McGowan to organize a unique fundraiser to support the arts at ECS. Named "Spring for the Arts", a dozen oversized wooden paint palettes were distributed to local artists who created beautiful works and then returned them for silent auction. These artists included Barbara Fox, Jenna Hadley, Felicia Elom, Cathy Lacey, Jenn Powers, Garret Lapi, Cole Lapi, Allie Cessna, Sara Goode, Samantha Stock, and Randy Zahm. To add to the local showcase, many of Ms. McGowan's students created their own masterpieces on 8"x10" canvases.

An opening reception held at the Ellicottville Memorial Library invited the public to come preview the palettes and student canvases, and meet some of the artists. With silent bid sheets in place, it was exciting to see the interest from our community build as the evening moved along. Following the opening reception, art palettes were relocated to various businesses throughout downtown, opening up opportunity for even more bidders to vie for a beautiful piece to call their own.

Fast forward to the present... As we head into the 2023-'24 school year, Ms. McGowan is excited to announce that \$800 was raised from Spring for the Arts. She plans to use these funds to purchase art supplies for her classroom and organize art-related field trips for her students. Yet another wonderful example of community coming together to help one another.

The arts are very much alive at Ellicottville Central School, thanks to the passionate efforts of Ms. McGowan and her students, and thanks to those in the community who share her passion by supporting school-related fundraisers such as Spring for the Arts. Whether or not you have school-aged children, you can find many opportunities to support ECS academics, athletics and other programs by keeping your eyes peeled for the monthly ECS newsletter, mailed to all district residents, or search Ellicottville Central School District and Ellicottville Sports Boosters on Facebook.

SPEAKING OF SCHOOL

What else am I looking forward to? EVERYTHING FALL! The change of colors, the cool nights, comfy hoodies, football (both my Steelers and your Bills), and something I always eat too many of - pumpkin donuts! Pumpkinville will be opening for the season on September 16th and you can bet I'll be near the front of the line to purchase my first dozen of many through the season.

What's your favorite Pumpkinville attraction? From the corn maze and Pumpkinville Express train to the jumpin' pillows and apple blasting, Pumpkinville is a true family attraction that we as locals are so privileged to have right in our backyard. If you love Pumpkinville as much as I do, perhaps you'd like to work there. They are currently hiring part-time and full-time seasonal workers in all areas - cashiers, grill cooks, bakers, field workers, etc. It's a great opportunity for teens looking for their first job experience, or for adults looking for a fun way to make some extra cash. (Come to think of it, the amount I spend on just donuts, pies and fresh apple cider alone, I may consider applying!) Check their FB page for the application link. I'll see you there!

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A BANQUET WITH BOURBON

Dina's Restaurant and E-Ville Spirits Team Up for Pairing Event



BY JESSICA SCHULTZ

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We caught up with Jessica from Dina's and Tanya from E-Ville Spirits & Wines about what guests can expect during this delicious evening out and they had some great insight to share.

"We approached Dina's as a means to hold an event for our huge Bourbon Club members and to get the word out about how well bourbon and certain foods really do pair well," said Tanya.

Jessica added, "We loved the idea of collaborating with E-Ville Spirits and their amazing staff. Many only know Dina's for their food and will recall an outstanding meal they had here; most don't know about our extensive bourbon list that we offer. You pair our bourbons with the creative culinary team at Dina's and Dina's at the Mont and you surely are in for one unforgettable evening."

So what's on the menu for Sept. 9th? "The menu for the event was thoughtfully created by chef David Seitz from Dina's at the Mont and executive chef Ethan Zalwsky at Dina's," explained Jessica. "Our four-course meal will start with an appetizer - a bacon wrapped horseradish stuffed shrimp with a bourbon white BBQ sauce, followed by a grilled peach and goat cheese arugula salad dressed with olive oil and lemon vinaigrette alongside French onion bread. The main course will be baby back ribs, cubed brisket, cornbread stuffed poblano and smoked gouda mac & cheese. We'll end with a chocolate bourbon walnut pie. Tanya, the bourbon master from E-Ville Spirits, has carefully chosen four bourbons to pair with each course. These include Angels Envy, Window Jane, Horse Soldier, and Old Forester 1910. Each one of these bourbons highlights their oaky and spicy notes."

This all sounds so good! People in this town love to gather, eat and drink, and events like this give local businesses the opportunity to team up and support one another, while showcase to the public their products and services. "We're excited to introduce some of our locals to our club members and other bourbon lovers," said Tanya.

Jessica also wanted to state that the event isn't just an average dinner and drink evening. "This event is very unique to Ellicottville and rare to come by in this region. It allows our love of food to shine and to pair it with bourbons is a win-win. We would love to offer more pairings in the future and look forward to collaborating with E-Ville Spirits again." Tanya concurred with the idea of another pairing opportunity.

Cost for Sept. 9th's dinner and bourbon pairing is \$80 per person. The event is being held upstairs at Dina's and space is limited, so it is recommended you call 716-699-4474 and reserve your spot before they're all claimed! Keep your eyes on both E-Ville Spirits & Wines and Dina's Facebook pages for additional details and updates.

A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST

Ellicottville Historical Society VP to Give Special Presentation at Next Meeting

ELICOTTVILLE - The Ellicottville Historical Society hosts meetings every 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Ellicottville Memorial Library, 6499 Maples Road. Only two meetings remain for this season. All meetings are open to everyone and are free to attend.

On Wednesday, September 6th, Ellicottville Historical Society Vice-President Ellen Frank will be presenting "My Father's Journey to the Past." She will be talking about her father, Dan Sirianni and how in 2006 he returned to Germany where his plane landed in World War II. If you would like more information about this meeting or about the Ellicottville Historical Society and Museum in general, contact Ellen Frank at 716-699-2276 or 716-474-8528, check the Ellicottville Historical Society Facebook page, or email ellicottvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

ROCK N' ROLL WEEKEND

Classic Cars, Pin-up Girls and Elvis... What More Could You Want?



BY MARY WEISER

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For music lovers, this is a must-attend event, as 15 regional bands will be performing throughout Ellicottville's bars and restaurants, all free of charge. On Saturday, Queen tribute band "Queen City" will be performing live outdoors at 1:00pm, and on Sunday, local favorite Terry Buchwald will be performing as Elvis at 1:30pm. Both concerts are free of charge.

On Sunday, the annual car show, which typically includes over 200 vehicles, takes place from noon-5:00pm. McFadden said, "We have a team from out of town that comes in to do the judging, and they also help promote the event. We have participants from New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and southern Ontario."

A unique feature of this car show is that all vehicles are parked in category order: eight categories, one per block. Categories include Classic (all stock vehicles from 1960-1989), Late Model (all stock vehicles from 1990 and later), Sports Cars, Rods, Convertibles, Custom, Trucks, and Antique. Registration is open now at ellicottvillenyc.com. "We always sell out," said McFadden. "There are only so many cars allowed in each class because space is limited. Once a class is full, we take it off the website."

McFadden noted another unusual feature about the car show that draws many visitors. "We're one of the few regional car shows that's set up in the business district," he said. "Most are in a field or a large parking lot. Here, the ladies and families like to come, too! They can go for lunch, go shopping, and you don't have to walk far to do that." McFadden reminds visitors that this is a family-friendly event, and Ellicottville does have an open-container law.

This year's event includes the 2nd Annual Ms. EVL Rock & Roll pinup contest at the gazebo on Sunday, September 17th. Alicia Pearl of Ava Grace Fashions will be hosting the event, which is one of several she has organized over the years. While Pearl has participated as a contestant in past pinup contests, her true passion is hosting them. "I really like that our event gives a platform to ladies who don't necessarily do this all of the time," she said.

So what exactly is a pinup contest? "Basically, it's like a pageant where women show off their vintage style," Pearl explained. "Some people confuse it with a 'centerfold,' but that's not what it is at all! Everyone is fully clothed. My kids will be there," Pearl laughed. "Think 'old Hollywood!'" All contestants must be at least 18 years of age and identify as female. As this is a vintage pinup contest, 1930s to 1950s attire is recommended. Though the outfit doesn't need to actually be vintage, the look and overall style should suit the time period. Props such as gloves, glasses, jewelry, small handheld items, and more are acceptable.

The goal of the contest is to help women feel good about themselves and feel celebrated - both of which are important to mental health. Toward that end, the pinup contest helps raise money for the National Alliance on Mental Illness and Out of the Darkness Walk, a local chapter in Cattaraugus County. Those who register for the contest are asked to bring an item for the silent auction in addition to their \$10 entry fee. Proceeds will benefit NAMI and Out of the Darkness. To register, stop by Ava Grace Fashions or go online to bit.ly/3YWHhIX.

Pre-registration is from 11:00-11:30am at the gazebo, and the contest begins at noon. There will be first, second and third place winners of the contest, and the first place winner will receive a two-night stay in Ellicottville. The silent auction will be held from 11:30am-1:00pm; winners will be announced just after the crowning of Ms. EVL Rock & Roll.

If you have questions about Rock n' Roll Weekend, call the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce at 800-349-9099 or email info@ellicottvillenyc.com. Find other events, shopping, dining and lodging options at ellicottvillenyc.com.



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Tri-County Arts Council Presents Outstanding High School Senior Scholarship



Paula Bernstein, Executive Director of the Tri-County Arts Council with Samantha Stock, Outstanding High School Senior Award winner.

OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council recently announced Samantha Stock from Ellicottville Central School as the winner of the Outstanding High School Senior award. The award recognizes an outstanding high school senior graduating in 2023 who will be continuing their education at any college or university and pursuing studies in dance, fine arts, graphic design, music, or theater.

“Samantha Stock is a very talented artist who has put in a lot of time and effort into her artwork,” said Tammy Eddy, 8-12 Counselor from Ellicottville Central School. “I feel Samantha is very deserving of this award. She is always kind to others and has a smile on her face daily. Samantha is well respected here at ECS by her peers as well as her teachers. She has been a positive role model for others throughout high school. Samantha plans to pursue her passion for art in college and would greatly benefit from this award.”

This award comes with a \$250 scholarship sponsored by Hedley Brook Insurance and Christie’s Boutique.

“To say that we are living in an unprecedented time would be an understatement, and without the support of Hedley Brook Insurance and Christie’s Boutique, this scholarship would not be possible,” said Paula Bernstein. “Many thanks to these businesses for being community inspiration, in all its forms, is needed now more than ever before. We are hoping with additional business sponsorships from Allegany and Chautauqua counties, we can add two additional scholarships. TCAC will be having a scholarship for each county we serve as Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua.”

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 is located at 110 W. State Street, Olean, NY.

IT’S TAILGATING SEASON!

Greater Olean Area Chamber Organizes Bills Party in Lincoln Park

OLEAN - The definition of tailgating (sporting event): “To build excitement for their team’s home game, they have elaborate parties in the parking lot of the stadium. From the back of their cars and trucks, football fans eat, drink, and play games for hours. Tailgating is unique to American culture and a fun experience.”

From an idea generated from our events committee, the Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce will host its First Tailgate Thursday event on Thursday, October 26th at Lincoln Park in Olean. The event will run from 4:30-8:00pm.

“What is a better combo than football, wings, outside, music and the Buffalo Bills?” asked Meme Yanetsko, GOACC COO. Jason Crisafulli, both Chamber President and Committee member suggested that the Chamber host the event this past January with the Bills and their playoff run. However, logistics, planning, plus the uncertainty of weather outside in January pushed the event to October 2023.

Plans include a tailgate pass for \$35 which includes 10 wings, 2 brews, a tailgate cap and entry into one of the two tournaments also being held that day. Yanetsko stated, “We have many member restaurants that serve up scrumptious chicken wings – we have asked five or six of them to partake in this event.” Attendees will have 10 wing tickets which they can sample/taste from the variety of wings that will be available. Brews will come from Four Mile Brewing Co., with some non-alcoholic options available.

Yanetsko continued, “Yes, it’s a home game and we have a GREAT fan base that attends home games in Orchard Park, but we feel that the turnout will be great! With the timing of the event, we encourage friends, folks, and families to attend the tailgate and then go home, to friends or to a local member restaurant/tavern to watch the actual game.”

Both cornhole and disc golf organizations are members of the Chamber. Included in your tailgate pass is an option for either entry into the Olean Cornhole Club tourney or the Twin Tiers Disc Golf Association’s Putting Game ‘21’. More information to come.

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SUMMER LEARNING CAMP

Bob McCarthy Foundation Provides Kids with Learning Activities Over Break



ELLICOTTVILLE - The Bob McCarthy Foundation sponsored a Summer Learning Camp for ECS students. Over the past six weeks, 24 of our community’s bright young learners attended sessions with Mrs. Leah Farnum at the Ellicottville Memorial Library. While in session, students worked diligently to maintain their skills learned during the school year pertaining to reading and math. Each week students worked collaboratively to solve a science and engineering task, putting their problem-solving skills to the test - like utilizing comprehension strategies, building an endangered animal enclosure and working on their reading and grammar skills.

Some examples include:

- During rotations, students practiced grammar and reading skills by playing games and working on the Osmo.
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- Students also learned how to code.

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to keep their reading and math muscles working over the summer break. This empowered group of kiddos are now ready to face the challenges of a new school year in a few short weeks. Many thanks to Laura and the Ellicottville Memorial Library for hosting and the Bob McCarthy Foundation for funding this opportunity and continuing to support our community by putting our youth first! Thanks to Leah for making this a great interactive summer activity.

LUNCH AND LEARN SERIES

Master Gardeners Announce Upcoming Classes



ELLICOTTVILLE - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County Master Gardeners is excited to announce our free upcoming hybrid Lunch & Learn mini-series! Join us in-person (28 Parkside Drive, Ellicottville) or via Zoom from noon-12:30pm to learn about various horticulture or food preservation topics. Bring your lunch or join us on zoom during your lunch break. Fall 2023 Topics & Classes are as follows:

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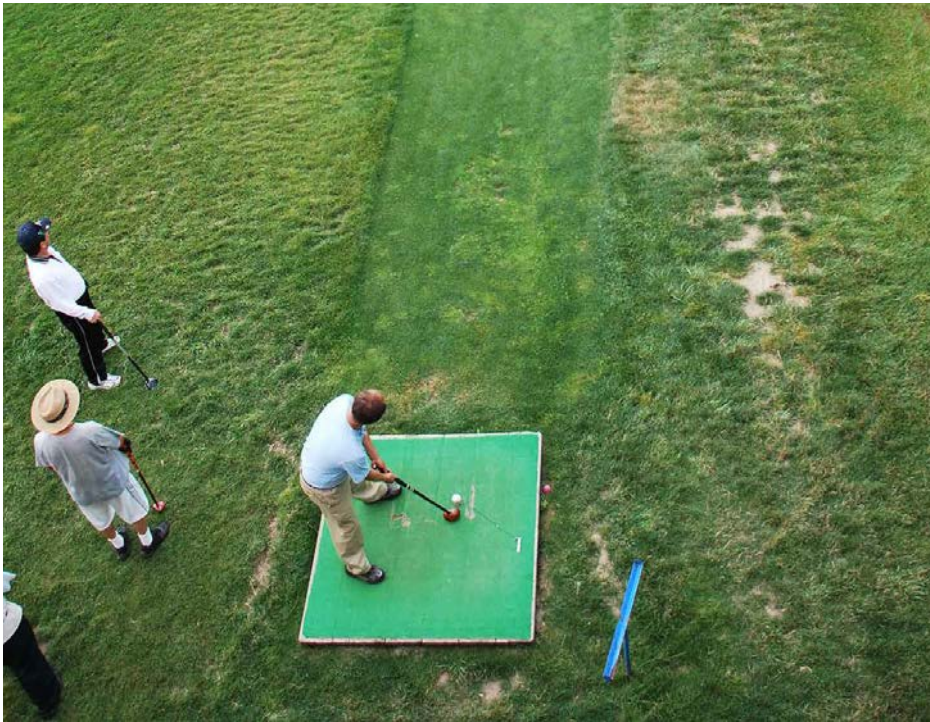
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BUSINESS

BIGFOOT PARK GOLF

Ellicottville Bartender Swinging into the Recreation Scene with New Adventure



By JESSICA SCHULTZ

If you've been to Ellicottville even once, you know that we've got skiing/boarding in the winter and in the summer we have biking, hiking and golf. But you know what we don't have? A Park Golf course. (Actually, there are only a few in the whole U.S., and not many people are familiar.) So what is Park Golf and why is it important to Ellicottville?

Chad Neal, Ellicottville native and long-time Madigan's bartender, is beginning his first business venture by creating a Park Golf park next to the Ellicottville Distillery on Robbins Road. He took the time to talk with ellicottvilleNOW about this unique and fun outdoor game, his motivation to introduce it to Ellicottville, and when we can expect to be hitting the green to play!

"It's called Park Golf. Mine is called Bigfoot Park Golf," said Chad. "It's similar to traditional golf and mini golf. It's a Japanese invention using smaller amounts of land. The fairways are shorter and the holes and balls are bigger. And there's only one club, which is like a mallet. The head is like a driver but the angle and length are smaller. There are 18 holes to play. (Though a typical round of park golf is just 9 holes.) There are only a couple of these parks in the U.S. right now, and the flagship is in Akron, New York called Destroyer Park Golf."

Chad came up with the idea of making a course in Ellicottville two years ago when he and his sons were returning from Destroyer Park Golf. "We all thought it was a lot of fun!" he said. "I started seeking out property. I finally found a great spot at the Ellicottville Distillery just outside of the village. I officiated Bryan and Renee Scharf's wedding there and saw it was perfect for what I wanted to do. I asked Bryan about it and he and his father Don thought it might be a good idea. As spring came along I started working on the land to make it course-worthy. I box scraped it and rolled it to make it less choppy. It was a meadow that had been tilled so it took some work. I brush hogged it several times to get it looking like a large lawn. I've been building holes and tee boxes and flags and many other things mainly alone, but with help as well."

Almost nine holes are completed so far, and Chad admits that it's been a "one step forward two steps back" experience. "I've been a student of trial and error a lot during the process, but I love it! My goal is to have a grand opening next spring, but to have it playable this fall."

Cost of admission and other fine details are currently being considered. To help keep costs affordable, Chad is currently looking for sponsors to help with the park's creation and said that those who hop onboard with sponsorship will be recognized "in a really cool way".

"I am currently in the process of drafting sponsorship letters to send to businesses," said Chad. "Sponsorships will include advertising on the tee box sign, flag and in the scorecard." In other words, your sponsorship means you'll have one of the holes named after you/your business. What a wonderful way our businesses can support each other!

Park golf is a game for all ages and abilities, though it is an outdoor sport in a grass field and walking is required. It's less aggravating than the traditional version of the sport, as the ball doesn't fly too far, so it's less likely to get lost, but still provides a challenge and plenty of entertainment. "I've gone up to Destroyer Park Golf a bunch of times with my kids; they love it and it's a great way to spend time together. I think more families could use that opportunity, so I thought with the community's help, we can do that out here in Ellicottville."

Chad admits that it's a lot of work, but well worth it. "I've been bartending at Madigan's going on 28 years now and I love my job there, but I felt I needed more, something of my own. And this idea came and I've been pursuing it headstrong. I've been working diligently any chance I get to build Bigfoot Park Golf and it's coming together slowly but surely. I believe Ellicottville needs more reasons for visitors to enjoy themselves. We are always doing new things here and I think this will be a hit amongst not only tourists but the locals as well."

Our conversation ended with Chad stating, "I've never worked this hard for something that is mine and it is a great journey I am taking on my own. The help I get from my friends and family is grand as well, and I want to be a part of the local business community. As I make mistakes and figure out problems as I build Bigfoot Park Golf at the Ellicottville Distillery, I find solace knowing I am making something... quite big, too!"

Our team at ellicottvilleNOW wishes Chad all the best of luck in his venture and we can't wait to see it in operation come fall. If you're curious or have any questions, you can reach out to Chad by texting 716-541-4059 or by emailing him at chadski27@gmail.com.

FINE ART & CRAFT MARKET

Support Local and Regional Artists at Ellicottville Showcase Sept. 2-3



OLEAN - The Tri-County Arts Council is pleased to welcome the community to the inaugural Ellicottville Fine Art and Craft Market in Ellicottville NY, on the lawn of the 1887 Building (corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets) on this Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd-3rd from 11:00am-5:00pm, both days. This event is a partnership between the Tri-County Arts Council (TCAC), Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Ellicottville.

This juried show features the work of some of the region's best known artists and fine craftspeople, many of whom also have international reputations in galleries and fine art shows throughout the United States and abroad. An intimate evening of fine arts and crafts, Ellicottville Fine Art and Craft Market is an opportunity to add to or begin an art collection, purchase a one-of-a-kind gift, and meet the artists and makers behind an impressive collection of works.

Indeed, the Tri-County Arts Council is composed of member artists and craftspeople who reside in Allegany, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties. Many of those members will be part of the Ellicottville Fine Art and Craft Market, including fine artist Sean Huntington, TCAC Exhibitions Coordinator. "We want to expose the residents and visitors of Ellicottville to the amazing talent that this region has to offer. Plus buying from local artists that you can actually meet and form a relationship with is so much more satisfying than getting some anonymous art from a big box store. Fill your home with pieces that mean something to you!"



The TCAC, in collaboration with the Ellicottville Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club of Ellicottville, welcome the public to this new event where people who appreciate real creative talent will have the opportunity to meet local fine artists and craftspeople whose works play an important role in promoting economic growth in their communities.

Approximately 20 artists and crafters from Allegany, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua counties, as well as Wellsboro, Pa. are par-

"Fine Art & Craft Market" continued page 12

GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE

Application Window for Cattaraugus County Non-profits Now Open

OLEAN - Applications for the next cycle of grant funding from the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation's Community Fund are due October 15th.

The Community Fund makes possible unrestricted, responsive grantmaking to support projects and initiatives led by nonprofit organizations that impact the changing needs of Cattaraugus County residents. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations or a government entity or school district.

CRCF's board reviews applications based on the applying organization's stability, the impact its work has on the community, the feasibility of the project proposed in the grant application and the role a grant from the Community Fund would play in the overall project, said CRCF Executive Director Kirk Windus.

In the most recent Community Fund grant cycle, the CRCF board of directors approved \$11,340 in grants for projects that supported educational programming at Cattaraugus County libraries, upgraded handicap accessibility at an area food pantry, summer camp sponsorships for disadvantaged area youth, hygiene kits for those in area homeless shelters and more.

The online grant application is available at cattfoundation.org/grant-seekers/grant-opportunities/. Grant requests should not exceed \$2,500. Applicants will be able to complete the grant application entirely online through the Foundation's online grant application system.

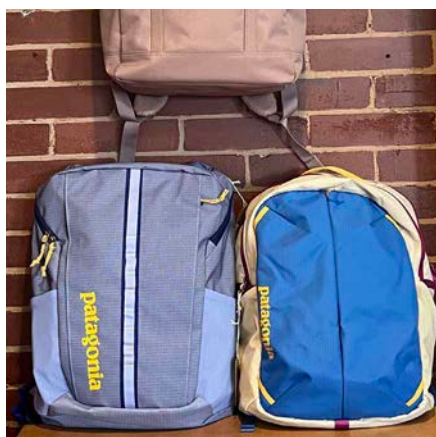
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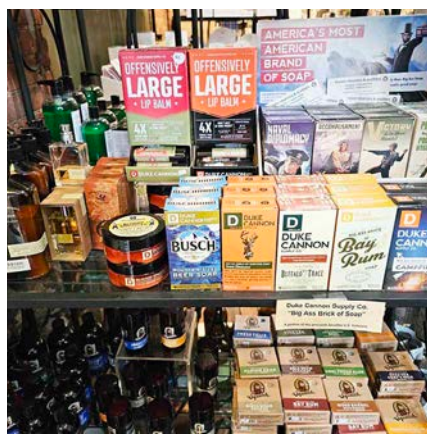
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INTERVIEW

Singer/Songwriter Gary Allan Returns to Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino



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By Melanie Hulick

Country singer/songwriter Gary Allan is making a stop at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino on Saturday, September 30th at 7:00pm.

Selling out venues all across the country, Allan's tours had have him playing live to over one million people and this time around isn't going to be any different. With a strong connection to his fans and his love of playing live, the singer has no plans to slow down anytime soon and is loving getting back out there on the road in support of his latest album, "Ruthless".

While putting the album together, the songwriter put the track names on different shapes of pieces of paper towels and set them on his kitchen counter, and as he walked by them multiple times a day he would switch the order of the songs to put a flow together. "I viewed all that countertop work as putting a show together... you can't start out with something sad or slow, because that establishes initially the whole night." Adding, "You do have to come out and set the tone... then stand back and tell your story."



"The Ruthless Tour: 25 Years The Hard Way" is getting rave reviews as he brings to life the songs from the album that tells his story. "This is a montage of everything I have done since my last album, 'Set You Free,'" said Allan.

Signing his first record deal in November 1995, he released his first single, "Her Man" in July 1996. His first album, "Used Heart For Sale" was released in September of 1996. From there the singer/songwriter has garnered multiple Platinum and Gold albums and singles, and has had his share of those going to the number one spot on the charts as well as debuting in the top spot.

I had the pleasure of catching up with Allan to talk about the album, tour, a family business that is far different from his musical career, his success in working with female songwriters, the two years of the "shut down" and staying true to himself.

Allan is thrilled to have Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino on his list of stops for the tour and being back with his fans saying, "I feed off the crowd response, so come on out and let's get back to the fun!"



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For more information on Gary Allan please visit garyallan.com. For more information on tickets go to senecacasinos.com and click on Seneca Allegany.

A Conversation with Gary Allan

HULICK: When I spoke with you last in 2014, we talked about your album, "Set You Free" and your new approach of working with female songwriters. I see that your newest album, "Ruthless" includes some female songwriters. That experience must have worked well.

ALLAN: My songwriting group was always focused around a few friends who would bring other writers to the group. I didn't realize I had not written with females until my manager mentioned it. Once I did, it brought a new perspective to writing. I have enjoyed writing with females and wish I had done it sooner.

HULICK: A lot has happened since then in all of our lives because of the pandemic. The world shut down immediately and all musical artists were blown off course. I've talked to many artists this past year that expressed their songwriting took on a whole new meaning. What was your experience during those difficult two years?

ALLAN: To be honest, I didn't write during the pandemic. I shut down then, but I have just started writing again recently. Getting back in the process has been great, and I am excited about creating new music.

HULICK: I know when I go to a concert now the artist has a sense of appreciation that you can really see and the audience seems like they are really enjoying the experience right along with them. There is a difference all the way around. How has this related to you?

ALLAN: I have always loved and appreciated my fans. Without them, I could not do this for a living. I feed off the crowd response, and the more they are into it, the more excited I am. It definitely makes a difference in the show.

HULICK: You are known for staying true to yourself, which you demonstrated after graduating high school while you and your band at the time, "Honky Talk Wranglers" were playing in bars and a promoter tried to sign you into bigger bars but with the stipulation that you could not cover any "old country" artists and their songs. You refused. Do you think that was a pivotal moment in what has been a very successful career?

ALLAN: It was a little of that, but more the advice from my Dad. He wanted me to find my voice and not imitate other artists. Once I found my voice and decided how I wanted to sound, I wanted to stay true to that.

HULICK: Music isn't your only talent. You design and sell jewelry with your daughters under Gary Allan Custom Jewelry. This has become a successful venture you enjoy. What's it like working with your daughters?

ALLAN: Working with my daughters is a great experience. Before starting the jewelry business, I had a clothing store, The Label. My daughters worked there while they were in school. Once we closed the store, two of my daughters decided to go to jewelry school with me. My oldest is the only one who works full-time for the jewelry line now, but we all pitch in and help during the holidays. I enjoy having a family business.

HULICK: Your album, "Ruthless" is being released on vinyl, which like you, I believe there is nothing better in music than putting that album on the turntable and setting the needle down and hearing it get into the groove on the album... that very first sound of scratching before the music plays. You are also going to have different colors of vinyl to choose from. A lot of our readers probably remember Elvis Presley's "Moody Blue" album which was one of the first color vinyls in blue. There's something so nostalgic about the experience. Can you talk a little bit about that?

ALLAN: The sound of music on vinyl is different. The sound, the nostalgia of thinking of my Dad playing vinyl albums, it is an experience all around. When we decided to release Ruthless on vinyl, Universal wanted to do the standard black vinyl and two alternate colors. My favorite color is green, so I gravitated to that one first. Then we looked at the album packaging with all the available vinyl colors, and the purple was a good fit. They turned out well, and the fans seem to love them all.

HULICK: The artwork on the cover of "Ruthless" is terrific and will look awesome on the album cover. Who is the artist and have you worked with them before?

ALLAN: We were finishing the packaging for Ruthless during the pandemic. At that time, I had joined a friend on a boat in the Dominican Republic and did not want to return for a photo shoot until Covid had calmed down and vaccines were available. The label needed the cover quickly, so we decided to do something with my skeleton bronc logo. Craig Allen is the designer who created the cover and has designed the packaging for several of my albums over the years. Once we had the cover, we still needed photos, so I had my photographer, Eric Adkins, come to the Dominican and shoot all the images there.

HULICK: How good does it feel getting back to touring and playing live?

ALLAN: It was 452 days between my last show of 2020 and my first one in 2021. I had never gone that long without playing live since I started performing as a teenager. The band and I rehearsed for two weeks before the first show. It took a while to build back up to singing and performing for 60 to 90 minutes. Thankfully, those first shows were great! Walking onto the stage with the fans excited and screaming was emotional, not only for me but for the band and crew as well.

HULICK: Fans surely have more choices of concerts to choose from this summer and fall. Everyone is out on tour this year. Do you have a message for your fans and our readers on what they can expect from your show?

ALLAN: I always say to come out expecting to have a good time. We play the hits and some fan favorites and throw a few newer songs into the mix. I want the fans to hear the songs that made them become a fan while giving them something they were not expecting. I want them to leave the show just as excited as they were coming into it and leave wanting more.

HULICK: What's next for you after your tour?

ALLAN: We have dates booked through the end of this year, and we are already starting to announce shows for 2024. We will break for the holidays and then jump right back into it. I am also writing and hope to have new music out in 2024.

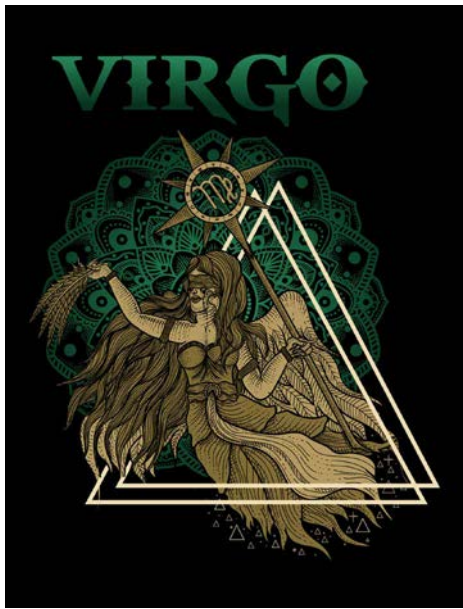
HULICK: Before you go, I would like to thank you for taking time out of your crazy busy schedule to answer a few questions. One last question... What is the best thing about being Gary Allan?

ALLAN: The best thing about being Gary Allan is that I get to do something I love for a living, which brings other people joy. I am very thankful for that.

ASTROLOGY

Suzy's Star Readings: Happy Birthday Virgos... Now Get Back to Work!

By Suzy Woo, B.Msc



After the woo-hoo party energy of Leo season, Virgo is on clean-up duty. The back to work energy of Virgo now is upon us as we prepare for the cooling down time of the year. Virgo is all about work and the feeling of "back to work" (or school).

With 6 celestial bodies in retrograde motion for September during this Virgo season, it's a wonderful time for "getting clean." For some it might mean a reorganization of your living quarters or purging and donating items. It might mean starting a new health routine or detoxing your body or becoming sober. One can function so much more efficiently when running on all cylinders! It is a perfect time to learn about food, grains, herbs and the many benefits of them. Maybe take a class on herbal medicine or nutrition.

Virgo is all about fine details. Planning, schedules, spreadsheets, health, foods, and being of service. Service providers, health-

care workers, cleaning services, and car rental agencies are career areas ruled by Virgo. Virgo's ruling planet is Mercury which is retrograde as we enter the month of September, so those emails might come back undeliverable or sent to the wrong person, so be careful. Check your spam folder if you're waiting for something important.

The new moon is on September 15th, when (hooray!) Mercury will be direct. This is excellent for beginning the things you were considering or planning during the first half of the month. The full moon is on the 29th - going out with a whimsical flare - it's excellent for getting creative, dreamy, and meditative. Avoid drugs you could be very tempted to partake in at that time. I feel there could be a clog in the healthcare flow; I wouldn't be surprised if another wave of something starts to surface.

Psychically speaking, I'd like to offer up how to prepare for the next six months. Get serious about what you consume. You are what you eat, and you become what you think and say. Eat as clean as possible. Grow your own foods when possible, eat locally, utilize the farmer's

markets. Plan for the cold. I'm expecting problems with the grid; if your heat needs electricity I suggest getting a woodburning stove. Stock up on natural foods including teas instead of mass-produced big box supplements. Know your own allergens. Did you know that organic, local honey is a natural antiseptic and antibiotic?

Here is a recipe that I call "An ounce of prevention." Of course, check with your own doctor before starting anything new, because I am not a medical doctor or nutritionist.

- 1-2 tablespoons local, organic honey (that is in glass - NOT PLASTIC and not the kind you get at WM)
- 1 tablespoon colloidal silver
- 1 tablespoon ormus
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- 1 dash (1/8 tsp) black pepper
- Half of the juice from an organic lemon (include some of the pulp if you don't mind it)
- Add 8-16 ounces of living spring water (not tap)
- Blend it however you can - a bullet mixer, blender, etc.
- Have it once a day! I vote for the morning.

Don't leave out having plenty of real fruits and veggies - go for real food grown under actual sunlight and keep your body flowing and cleansed with plenty of fresh water. Top it off with a positive attitude, love yourself, take care of your mental health with healthy connections and support, spiritual well-being and healthy relationships, and you'll sail through cold, flu and whatever variation of name brand illnesses surface!

I am offering my astrology certification course beginning September 10th. All sessions are recorded so if you join late you can watch the lessons at your leisure. If you want to know how to read astrology, understand yourself deeper and help others, too, I hope you'll join me! Sign up by visiting the shop (Good for the Spirit Gifts) or visit my website under 'learn with me' at www.suzy-woo.com. See you next month!

Your Sister from the Stars,

- Suzy Woo

Rev. Suzy Woo, B.Msc, is a Spiritual Healer, Astrologer, and Psychic Medium specializing in Energy, Sound, Light and Crystal Healing. Suzy is the owner of Good for the Spirit Gifts, 11 Martha St., Ellicottville, NY. Follow her on IG/FB, find her at suzy-woo.com or call 716-699-2871.

FINE ART & CRAFT MARKET

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participating in the market including painters Huntington, Judson Brown, Robin Zefers Clark, Denise Drummond and Mikel Wintermantel; Theresa Heinz, mixed media; Michael Weishan, photography; Eileen Weishan, fiber art; jewelry artists Bonnie Hedden, Lisa Hodge and Kaylee Taylor; Keith McKale, wood carvings and sculpture; Michelle Hoff and Karen Fitzpatrick, mosaics and glass; John Crandall, leather; and potters Pam Gifford, Ed Green and Peter Midgley.

The Fine Art and Craft Market will be held rain or shine. There is no admission charge. For more details, visit <https://www.tricountyartscouncil.org/ellicottville-fine-arts/>.

OLEAN LANDMARKS



Also, for years, area residents have admired Marilyn Reynolds' paintings of Olean landmarks and more that are displayed in private homes, businesses, and organizations throughout the community. The well-known Portville artist recently brought in over 50 pieces, some original and some prints, to the Tri-County Arts Council at 110 West State Street in Olean. We currently have prints of the Chuck Wagon, Olean High School, Village Green, Sprague's, and many more. Marilyn and her family have been staunch supporters of the arts and especially the Tri-County Arts Council. We are truly grateful for their support and the endless inspiration Marilyn provided with her boundless spirit.

With support and help from Marilyn, TCAC will be selling her artwork for a short time longer; they are available for sale, as is. Reynolds's watercolors are available for sale including images of Olean and surrounding areas and portraits of nature with fruits, vegetables, and flowers. TCAC will be displaying her work as a pop-up market. Her work will be available for sale in the market and online. All pieces are available online for purchase for pick-up or shipping.

SUMMER AND FALL CLASSES

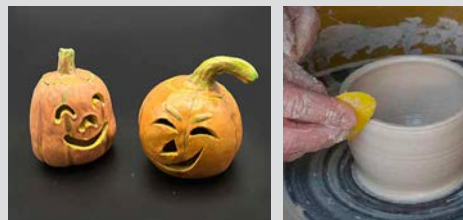
Creative Clay: Pumpkins – September 7 & 21, 2023 (Thursday), Instructor: Violet Nolder, Time: 6:00-8:00pm, only 8 seats, Cost: \$40 Artisan Members & Above and \$50 Basic/Family Members & Non-Members, Age: 16+. Creative Clay Classes are project specific, beginner hand building classes. For September, we are offering a class in hand built pumpkins/Jack-O-Lanterns luminaries. We will hand build the pumpkin in one class and decorate it in the next class

Bookbinding – September 9, 2023 (Saturday) with Susan Doran, only 12 seats available, Time: 1:00-4:00pm, Cost: \$50 Artisan Members & Above and \$60 Family Members & Non-Members, Age Group: 14+. In the Bookbinding Workshop we will work on a variety of binding techniques. Students can choose from perfect bound, pamphlet stitch and accordion bindings with a variety of soft or board covers. Tools and basic paper supplies will be provided, or you can work with the handmade paper or marbled paper you have created in a previous class. Work on your own projects in the company of other artists in a friendly and supportive environment. Participants can work on the highlighted project or get guidance with other skills and bookbinding gadgets. Ideas and questions are always encouraged.

Creative Clay: Spooky Luminaries – September 14 & 28, 2023 (Thursday), Instructor: Abigail Zickefoose, Time: 6:00-8:00pm, only 8 seats, Cost: \$40 Artisan Members & Above and \$50 Basic/Family Members & Non-Members, Age: 16+. Creative Clay Classes are project specific, beginner hand building classes. We will be making some spooky themed ghost, cat or bat luminaries to light up your space this Halloween season! We will hand build in one class and decorate it in the next class.

Calligraphy – September 23, 2023 (Saturday) with Betsy Afton, only 8 seats available, Time: 1:00-4:00pm, Cost: \$45 Artisan Members & Above and \$55 Basic/Family Members & Non-Members, Material Supply Fee: \$3, Age Group: 12+. Learn the art of calligraphy, literally, "beautiful writing," from professional calligrapher Betsy Afton, who has over 40 years' worth of experience in this artform and has been both using it and teaching it for that long. Three different styles - Italics, Gothic and Celtic - will be presented and taught in a relaxed, informative, and accessible way that anyone with any level of art background or even no previous art background will find stimulates and inspires their creative flow. Calligraphy can be done as a stand-alone art form or combined with everything from collage to illustrations, painting, photography, scrapbooking, invitations, gifts, etc. As handy and quick as computer-generated graphics are, hand-written calligraphy surpasses them all in uniquely evoking one's personal artistic expression. Good handwriting is NOT a requirement to learn this art form that has stood the test of time and continues to intrigue and delight modern-day enthusiasts.

Throwing – September 26 & October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2023 (Tuesday), Instructor: Kaitlyn Heins, Time: 6:00-8:00pm, Cost: \$120 Artisan Members & Above and \$ 140 Basic/Family Members & Non-Members, Seats: 8 (THIS CLASS FILLS UP QUICKLY), Age: 12+, The goal of the Wheel Throwing class is to provide students with a general understanding of basic beginner level throwing techniques such as: centering, pulling walls, trimming, and glazing. Participants of the class will gain a broader understanding of wheel throwing and the stages of



making a pot. Skill levels can include someone who has been working with clay for 30 years to someone who has never touched clay. We all have something to learn! If desired, bring your own aprons and hand towels. Sign up for classes online at: <https://www.tricountyartscouncil.org/classes/>.

The Tri County Arts Council, 110 W. State Street, Olean is always adding artists to Artist Market. For more information on the Artist Market, any of the above workshops or other exhibits and services provided at the TCAC, please call 716-372-7455 or visit www.tricountyartscouncil.org.

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Genesee County Park and Forest - Wednesday, July 26; 6 - 7:30 pm

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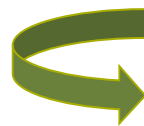
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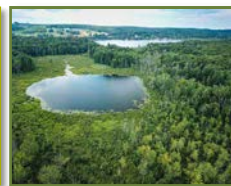


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A Unique Fundraiser in Olean is Looking for Teams of Men and Women

OLEAN - Are you strong? Here's a chance to prove it! Directions in Independent Living and United Way are seeking teams for their Fire Truck Pull fundraiser. The pull will be held on Saturday, October 7th in Lincoln Park in Olean from 2:00-4:00pm. Teams will consist of ten people, mixed evenly between men and women. The teams will be required to pull a fire truck 25 feet. The team with the best time wins. Teams have an opportunity to shorten the pull; for each \$500 a team raises for Directions and United Way, one foot will be taken off their pull length. A team can reduce it up to 5 feet this way.

The cost per team is \$200 and teams must register by Saturday, Sept. 30th. Space is limited, so teams are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. For more information and to register, visit: <https://uwcatco.org/events/truck-pull> or call 716-372-3620.

TAILGATE PARTY

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"The Chamber solicits event sponsorships in January each year in addition to our Corporate Sponsor Program. This year, early sign-ups include Directions in Independent Living with the \$600 Bling Wing Sponsor; Interfaith Caregivers with the \$300 Tailgate Sponsor, and Nick Shembeda Plumbing and Heating with the \$300 Wristband Sponsor," added Yanetsko. The Chamber appreciates all sponsors and was thrilled with these early sponsors of our new event.

The complete roster of events is not firmed up yet, but organizers are hoping to also add music by a local DJ, dog retriever demos, pre-game of the Buffalo Bills vs. Tampa Bay on the radio as well as a showing of a football movie on the High Point Federal Credit Union's big screen.

Tickets will go on sale September 7th online at shop.oleanny.com and at the Chamber office, 301 North Union Street, Olean. For more information, please call 716-372-4433 or email info@oleanny.com.

SUGGEST YOUR FAVORITE BOOK

Ellicottville Memorial Library Plans Art Project; Asks Community for Help

ELLICOTTVILLE - Help the Ellicottville Memorial Library promote arts in the community by submitting your book title ideas! We are pleased to partner with the Elisa B. Hughey Fund for the Arts to design and implement a painting (mural) on the fence at the edge of our parking lot. Our design, similar to this one seen here from Springville Library, will include various book spines.



Here is where the community comes in. We are looking for book suggestions to include in our mural. If you have a title you would like to recommend, please email it to info@ellicottvillelibrary.org or stop in the library by September 10th and let us know your ideas. We will try and include as many suggestions as we can. Stay tuned for more ways you can help with this fun project!

EAST AURORA TO ELLICOTTVILLE

Ride Your Bike and Help Build the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail

EAST AURORA - Following two sold out years, the Erie Cattaraugus Rail Trail (ECRT) is once again hosting a 42-mile charity bike ride from East Aurora to Ellicottville this fall. The EA2EVL Fondo - a non-competitive bike ride - will take place Saturday, September 30th followed by a finish line party at Holiday Valley. Registration is open at www.ea2evlfondo.com.

The 2021 and 2022 EA2EVL events raised over \$100,000 in donations for the 27-mile ECRT rail trail that runs along a former rail line from Orchard Park to Ashford, NY.

The bike event starts in East Aurora at 42 North Brewery and travels south down scenic Route 240, riding on the road parallel to the ECRT trail from West Falls into Concord. The course continues through the fall foliage and rolling hills to Route 242 into the town of Ellicottville. The event ends at a finish line party at Holiday Valley, open to the public, featuring food, drinks and live music. Transportation will be offered to bring riders back to East Aurora, or riders can get special rates for lodging at Holiday Valley. In addition to the registration fee, riders who fundraise an additional \$100 for ECRT will receive a commemorative shirt and tickets for food and drinks at the post-event party. Participants who raise \$500 or more receive an EA2EVL bike jersey, with a special "yellow jersey" for the top fundraiser. To learn more about ECRT or to register for the upcoming ride, go to www.ecatrail.org.

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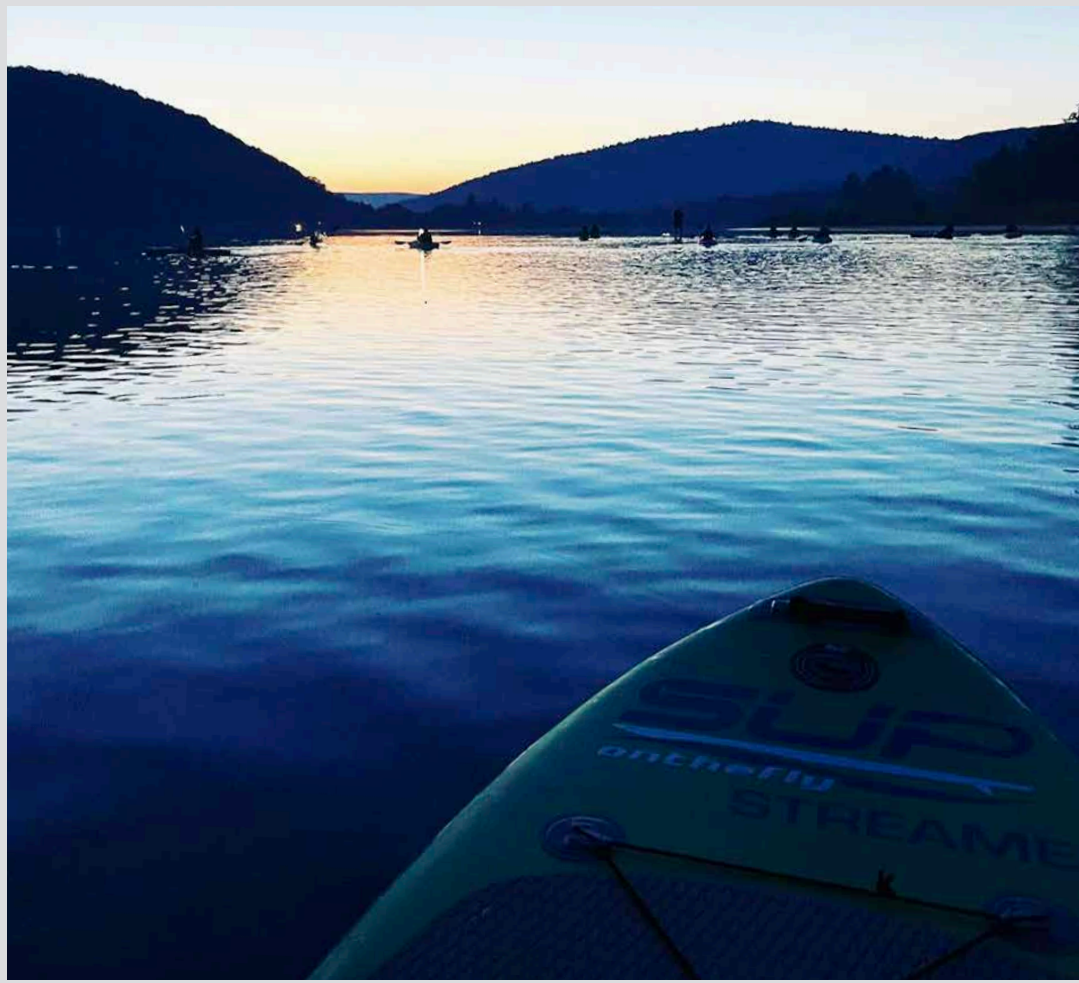
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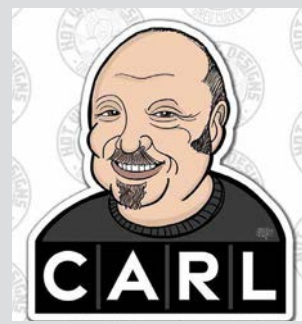
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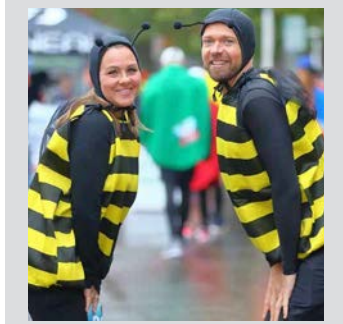
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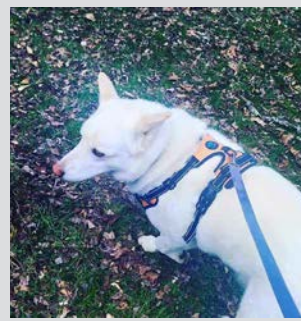
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kclark5750: Everyone say hello to Toby! He's a 4 month old puppy from E.A.R.S.! #rescuedog #newfurbaby #evlnow #socute



bloodunderrazor: Jasper is ready for fall! #evlnow #doglife



suzywohealer: I love to share knowledge! #teaching #astrology



griffissculpturepark: Another great shot from our Summer Festival. It was incredible. #evlnow #iloveny #wnymusic



jd_northrupconstruction: Water Main replacement. #ellicottvilleny



holidayvalley: Slopes and sunsets are always a great combination. Last night's was proof of that. #ellicottvilleny



jenn_barnes: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs Rogers! #ellicottvilleny

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